

informs us that the enterprising settlers there are in high spirits at the appearance of the crops, which this season by far exceeds last year's, both in quantity and quality. The country districts had been completely inundated by the copious rains. One part called "the swamp," is now become an immense lake, which has overflowed its banks and caused a trifling injury to some of the crops in its vicinity, but the loss sustained will be more than recompensed to the farmers by the good done them in other parts. Several American and French whalers are cruising about the neighbouring coasts, and it is reported that they have met with unusual success this season. The *Governor Gawler*, on her way to Adelaide, called at Kangaroo Island, where she found two American whalers who were there waiting for supplies, which the *Governor Gawler* was commissioned to bring them from Adelaide, sending by her a considerable quantity of tobacco, as they were informed that there was a good market here for that commodity.—*Adelaide Observer*.

**SADDLERY.**—Scarcely a week elapses which does not bring to light some novel attraction, or into greater prominence some latent capability, we yesterday had the pleasure to inspect some bits and spurs manufactured by our industrious fellow-citizen Mr. Tranter, of Morphett-street. Mr. T. has for some time been quietly prosecuting this branch of industry, combined with the manufacture of certain other articles indispensable to the saddler and harness maker, and he now contemplates the making of stirrup-irons, so that our equestrians who will be content with a complete outfit of highly-polished steel, and are desirous to encourage the make of colonial saddlery and horse-gear, may now follow out their patriotic designs, by selecting saddles and bridles made from well tanned colonial leather, with Tranter's appendages.—*Adelaide Observer*, 14th October.

UPON enamination of the tables just published by the Government, we find that the imports of the last three quarters of 1841 amounted to the enormous sum of £229,925 against £74,195 of exports variously produced, whilst the importations of 1843 have not exceeded £93,148 against £62,645 of exports chiefly of colonial production. But tables No. 3 and 4 exhibit facts still more remarkable. In the last three quarters of 1841, the imports of grain, flour, rice, and potatoes amounted to £53,202, whilst in 1843 the total amount was only £3519 2s.; and of this a considerable portion was rice and seed potatoes. Again, during the first-mentioned periods the exportation of our colonial produce was scarcely worth mention, but in 1843 the exports of South Australian grain, flour, and potatoes will be found to amount to many thousand pounds.

Not the least gratifying feature of these returns is, that the population has been augmented more than a thousand souls by births alone.—*Adelaide Observer*, 23rd December.

The *Southern Australian* announces the finding of a valuable copper lode, by Thomas Burr, Esq., Deputy Surveyor-General, on unsurveyed land in the vicinity of the Sixth Creek. His Excellency the Governor recently inspected the lode and expressed his gratification at the important discovery. We ourselves have seen a specimen of copper ore which is about to be assayed, in order that the results may be transmitted to England by an influential colonist. The 'whereabout' of this new discovery has not been suffered to transpire; but its locale is supposed to be not far distant from town.—*Ibid*.

As the *Madras* will not sail till after we have eaten

our Christmas pie, we beg to assure our friends in England, (who, were the distance less, might be disposed to send us a hamper of poultry by Pickford's Fly or the first railway train) that South Australia abounds with geese, turkeys, and other poultry, quite equal to any we ever dined off at home; and they promise to become, ere long, as cheap as in any part of the British Isles; geese weighing 10 lbs. to 12 lbs. or more, are now exposed for sale at Niner's, the poulterer's and we have seen lots of turkeys fit for any civic entertainment.—*Ibid*.

We have again the pleasure to record a continued progress of new building improvements. Messrs. Hamilton & Co., have built a neat end compact counting-house and store upon their premises in King William-street. Mr. Lewis, the clever contractor for Colonel Light's monument, is occupying, on his own account, the *brief pause*, or *relaxation*, in which the committee have indulged him, by running up a new front to his old workshop. It is of massive and handsomely-wrought white freestone; and if we mistake not, will tempt to similar performances some other folk who have a little of the *ready* to spare, and contemplate improvements. Mr. Montefiore's new store and contiguous residence, at the corner of Grenfell and King William-streets, are being proceeded with very rapidly. When the foundations of Mr. Shepherd's new premises, in Hindley-street, were in course of formation, the solidity and importance of the superstructure might be guessed at; but the beauty and aptitude of the whole design could not be fully apparent till the building itself had attained the present stages of completion. Mr. Shepherd has been his own draftsman and surveyor, and the entire erection affords a specimen of architecture as creditable to the enterprising spirit and ability of the founder and builder, as it is ornamental to our reviving metropolis. Indeed we will venture to say, that London itself contains few retail shops at once so elegant and substantial, and South Australia not one. The building is 60 ft. by 36; the height of the shop being 13 feet, and that of the wareroom above, 15 feet.—*Ibid*.

A beautiful specimen of fig blue, of Colonial manufacture, was left at our office a few days ago for inspection, and, as far as we can judge, it bids fair to render any further import of this article altogether unnecessary. The gentleman to whom we are indebted for this addition to our Colonial manufactures does not wish his name to be published, but is quite sanguine as to its being made an article of export.—*South Australian Observer*, Dec. 16th.

**ORES.**—Osmond Gilles, Esq., has received from his correspondents in Van Diemen's Land, a very encouraging report of the quality and yield of the lead ore produced from his valuable mine in this colony. The ore is said to give 80 per cent. of metal, and the spirited proprietor intends to have a quantity subjected to the smelting process here, with a view to its being sent to the British market, in ingots, pigs, or some other merchantable form. A specimen of copper ore, found in the colony, has been brought to us, which corresponds with one description of the like mineral said to have been sent to England from New Zealand.

**CROPS.**—A correspondent who has recently ridden over the valuable country between Adelaide and Capt. Bagot's, describes the appearance of the country in terms almost enthusiastic. The crops in that neighbourhood are, he says, most promising, and in a more forward state than they were a month later last year. A more gratifying sight he never witnessed. The feed in the surrounding country is uncommonly strong, and when the colonists have time and capital for further improvements, they will not find so much lack of pasturage in the nearer districts as they are led to believe. The want of surface water is a great evil,

and the necessity imposed upon shepherds and herdsmen of driving their sheep and cattle many miles to water, necessarily becomes irksome as well as prejudicial; and stations with unfailing water are consequently sought for in distant localities. But when wells are sunk at proper distances in the extensive plains which intervene betwixt Adelaide and Gawler Town, and other similar tracts of country, they will be found to afford sustenance for numerous flocks and large herds during the greater part of the year.—*Adelaide Observer, 7th October.*

AN ordinance to facilitate and regulate conveyances of real estate, is about to be introduced into the Legislative Council.—*Ibid.*

Mr. WILLIAMS, the Auctioneer, effected a sale of three sections on the Sturt yesterday, for one thousand pounds, cash. A pretty tangible proof that things are looking up.—*Ibid.*

The re-action which we lately noticed in the value of Town property, and the evident revival in the building trade, have received gratifying confirmation by the occurrences of the last few days. Mr. Stocks is the purchaser, at £850, of the substantial and well-situated mercantile store, erected at a great expence, and for-

merly occupied by Mr. Snooké. Mr. Roberts, merchant, has taken the eligible premises adjoining Mr. Platts's library, and which he is about to convert into a store; and Mr. E. L. Montefiore is laying the foundation of a new business establishment upon the choice spot of land which forms the corner of King William and Grenfell-streets. That which must add to the satisfaction of every well-wisher of the colony, is, the contemporaneous increase of buildings of a religious character in the country districts, resulting from the voluntary contributions of the settlers during a season of more than pecuniary exigency; and whilst the churches and chapels which date from the period of profusion, are still charged with almost hopeless debt, it seems to be the determination of the founders of our day to act like prudent men, and to build according to their means.

Mr. Newland retires from the management of the Bank of Australasia, and is succeeded by Mr. Gray.

P.S.—The papers and letters by the *Sans Pareille* have been delivered this morning. We have no room for extracts this month, but we are not aware of any information of importance brought by her which has not been already gleaned from other quarters.

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