

course is found to answer them best will no doubt be equally conducive to the well-doing of the community. It is a pity that some of our stockholders or merchants do not test the practicability of preserving meat for the home market by the boiling process. The demand there for it appears to be very extensive; and from the price realised for the shipments received from various parts of Europe, we think it would prove a most profitable adjunct to the boiling down system. The process is so simple, that it would not be difficult to make arrangements in the one establishment for preserving the prime portions of the beast, and rendering the remainder into tallow. The subject is well worthy the immediate attention of the graziers, for it might be the means of increasing the value of their fat stock ten or even twenty per cent.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—We have dates from this Colony to the 16th May. Captain Sturt, the Surveyor General, has arrived home on leave of absence.

Large quantities of fish, about twelve inches in length and much resembling the English perch, have lately been taken with nets in the Murray. They are said to be, by many degrees, the best which have been caught in South Australia. A keg of them, pickled, was sent in the other day to a gentleman in Adelaide, and they were in excellent preservation. We do not know if there is any probability of the fishery being followed up, but should imagine it might profitably be so.

New Mines.—We are glad to hear that Captain Hart, one of the oldest Colonists, has discovered good specimens of copper ore on land at Yorke's Peninsula, purchased by him at the recent Government sale. We have also seen excellent specimens of the blue and green carbonate varieties of copper ore discovered in the district of Frank's harbour, 150 miles to the north of Port Lincoln.

Exports of Wheat.—The "Phoebe" will take about 25,000 bushels of wheat for the British market; and the "Kallibokka," for Mauritius, will take nearly as much, making the exports of the season at least 150,000 bushels.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The Colonial Government schooner, "Champion," arrived at Singapore, August 27, with dispatches from Swan River for the overland mail down to July 25. The new

acting governor, Lieutenant Colonel F. C. Irwin, gives much satisfaction to the Colonists. The question of regular communication with India, *via* Singapore, had engaged the attention of the Colonists; the Legislative Council had voted a sum of money for the purpose, but the authorities have referred the matter to the Minister for the Colonies. Singapore was preferred to Batavia not only in reference to the lower rates of postage, but also because the former offered a good mart for sandalwood and other produce from Western Australia. A new Registration and Marriage Act was under the consideration of the Legislative Council, which was considered far from satisfactory. On the 8th of July his Excellency submitted to the Council an order for the appointment of a committee to consider the best method to further the introduction of German immigrants into the Colony—the report recommended that German immigrants should be naturalised. Another committee was appointed to inquire into the means of promoting the appointment of a bishop for the Colony. The probable revenue for the year would be £9,221 18s. 2d.; there has been an augmentation of revenue under the head of "regular duties."

NEW ZEALAND.

Twenty-third Report of the Court of Directors of the New Zealand Company.

"On the 14th of May last, when you held your Annual Meeting in this place, particulars were laid before you of the arrangements which were then in progress between your Directors and Her Majesty's Government; and, in anticipation of the necessary sanction of Parliament, those arrangements received your approval.

"The Act by which the required sanction has been given, intitled, 'An Act to promote Colonisation in New Zealand, and to authorise a Loan to the New Zealand Company (10 and 11 Victoria, chapter cxii.), is now upon the table; your consent is requisite to empower your Directors to give effect to its provisions; and resolutions for this purpose will be proposed for your adoption.

"By the arrangement with Her Majesty's Government, confirmed by the Act of Parliament thus referred to, a most important trust is confided to the New