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(BY CABLE).

SYDNEY, May 18.

The S.S. "Miowera," the pioneer vessel of the new service between Australia and Canada, sailed to-day for Vancouver. Mr. F. W. Ward was on board as the representative of Messrs. Huddart, Parker & Co.

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It is pleasant to be able to chronicle an item of news from Australia which is wholly satisfactory. On Thursday last the steamship "Miowera," the pioneer vessel of the new service between Australia and Canada, sailed from Sydney for Vancouver. A correspondent in *The Times* has recently described the events connected with the establishment of a line of steamer communication between the Dominion of Canada and Australia, and has drawn attention to the advantages which it is expected will follow the opening up of direct commercial relations between the two great groups of British colonies. Mr. Hogan, one of the most recent recruits to the ranks of the Irish party in the House of Commons, is apparently not forgetful of his long connexion with the Antipodes, and has developed a praiseworthy curiosity to learn if the Imperial Government is willing to assist in maintaining this new line of communication by granting an Admiralty subsidy to the steamers engaged in this service as armed cruisers. The steamers that ply between Vancouver and Japan are already in receipt of a subvention of this kind, and as the two steamers which have been fitted out for the Australian-Canadian service are extremely fast vessels, it is to be hoped that the Admiralty may see its way to subsidize the new line. This is the more to be desired as at this particular moment it is almost hopeless to expect the Australian colonies to imitate the example of the Dominion Government, which has promised a subsidy of £25,000 a year to the new service.