

## SUPERANNUATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

### The Premier's Statement.

Mr. Holman made the following references to superannuation in his budget speech on the 21st ult.:—"With regard to superannuation, our position is this: the measure will be gone on with, I shall not say between now and Christmas, because we do not yet know whether hon. members will be in the humour to sit between now and Christmas. But as soon as we are dealing with business we shall deal with that matter. It will be made applicable by proclamation, and at the moment the financial position permits of its being put into operation we shall give the benefit of it to our public servants.

### PROVISION FOR OLD AGE.

"Caring for the man who has been overtaken by age is a problem which has worried civilization for a long time, and the Pennsylvania Railway system has been one of the first great corporations to make an attempt at a solution.

On November 1st there were added to the honour roll of the Pennsylvania Railroad sixty names. This honour roll is filled with the names of the men who, after long years of service, are placed on the retired list, relieved of further active work, but still kept on the pay roll with provision for the remainder of their lives assured them. Of the new men on the honour roll, the oldest had served the company fifty-one years, the youngest twenty-six.

"The Pennsylvania was one of the first, if not the first, corporations in this country to adopt this honour roll system. In the last fourteen years it

has paid out to its retired employees the sum of \$10,563,537.42. The total number of names placed on the honour roll is 8,416. About half the number have died since retirement, so that the list at present contains 4,290 names of employees.—"Post-Intelligencer."

### "Who is It?"

A suburban housewife relates overhearing this conversation between her new maid and the cook next door:

"How are you, Hilda?"

"I'm well," said Hilda. "I loke my job. We got cremated cellar, cemetery plumbing, elastic bells and a hoosit."

"What's a 'hoosit,' Hilda?" the puzzled cook exclaimed.

"Oh, a bell rings. You put a thing to your ear and say, 'Hello,' and someone says, 'Hello,' and you say, 'Hoosit?'"—"Continent."