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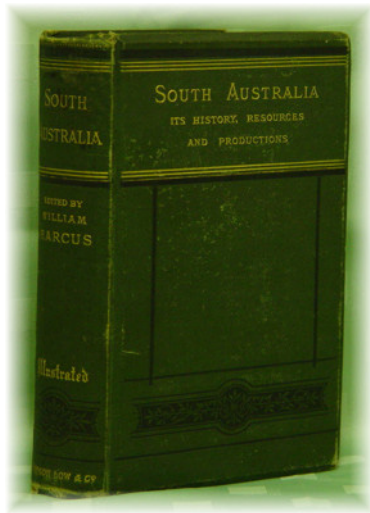
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THE first Governor of South Australia was Captain (afterwards Sir John) Hindmarsh, who received his appointment early in 1836. Mr. James Hurtle Fisher (afterwards Sir James) was appointed Resident Commissioner for the sale of Crown Lands, and Colonel Light was appointed Surveyor-General. Colonel Light arrived at Kangaroo Island in August of that year, and on December 28, 1836, Governor Hindmarsh and his party landed at Holdfast Bay from the *Buffalo*, and under a venerable gum tree, a short distance from the shore, the Members of the Council and other officers were collected, and the Orders in Council creating South Australia a British Colony, and the Commission of Governor Hindmarsh, were read. This is our commemoration day; and on the 28th of December every year very large crowds of persons, from various parts of the Colony, assemble at Glenelg—a marine township which has sprung up in Holdfast Bay—to celebrate the foundation of the Colony.

When the official party arrived, there were considerable disputes as to the site of the capital city. Colonel Light from the first fixed upon the spot where the City of Adelaide now stands; although an influential party were in favour of Encounter Bay, outside the Gulf of St. Vincent. Happily the Surveyor-General carried his point, and subsequent experience



RUNDLE STREET, NORTH CORNER, ADELAIDE.

## CHAPTER XIII.

## THE HILL RIVER ESTATE.

Combining Agriculture with Stock Breeding—Great Farm—The Mechanical Appliances for Working it—Regulations for Workmen on Estate—Success.

HILL RIVER ESTATE, the property of Mr. C. B. Fisher, is situated in the County of Stanley, two miles eastward of Clare, the furthest agricultural township to the north previous to the opening up of the new areas. The total distance of Hill River from Adelaide is 88 miles, and railway communication is obtained by taking the Burra line at Farrell's Flat, 13 miles to the east. The property is 60,000 acres in extent, lying north and south in a valley between two tiers of hills—the eastern tier being, like the country in that direction—treeless; but the western one, together with some of the undulating land in the valley approaching its base, is lightly timbered with sheoak and gum. The valley is on an average about seven miles broad, and the estate extends about 25 miles in length; the Hill River, a permanent creek, which takes its rise to the south, running along the centre. The valley is composed of a rich deep chocolate soil washed from the surrounding high land, which is of slaty conglomerate formation set on edge, and running in reefs mixed with quartz north and south, along the crests of the boundary ridges. The property, which is under the superintendence of Mr. E. W. Pitts (formerly of Victoria), who is general manager for the whole of Mr. Fisher's property in South Australia, and of Mr. J. Emery, who is resident manager, is worked as a

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THE only river in South Australia deserving of the name is the Murray. We owe its discovery to Captain Sturt, one of the bravest and most successful of Australian explorers. In 1828 this intrepid gentleman was appointed by the Sydney Government to trace the River Macquarie to its source. He ran it into another river, which was named the Darling, after the Governor of New South Wales. The following year Captain Sturt was dispatched to follow up the discovery he had made the year before, and fortunately for him and for Australia he diverged from his former route, and instead of following the Macquarie and the Darling, he explored the Murrumbidgee. Mr. Anthony Foster, in his interesting and useful work on South Australia, thus describes Captain Sturt's discovery of the Murray:—"This river (the Murrumbidgee) Captain Sturt and his companions followed down for nearly four hundred miles, where, from its increasing narrowness, they were afraid they were about to lose it, and with it anticipated the loss of all their toil. But just as their hopes had been depressed to the lowest point, and they were about to give way to despair, they found themselves suddenly projected by the contracting current into a magnificent stream, 350 feet wide, and from 15 to 20 feet deep. And this proved to be the

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Staple Industries—Wool, Wheat, and Copper—Meat Preserving—Manufacture of Leather—Woollen Manufactures—Wine-making; Vineyards—Other Industries—Chamber of Manufactures.

I HAVE already mentioned the three great staple industries of the Colony which over a series of years have been the source of our wealth—pastoral, agricultural, and mining pursuits. All these are established on a permanent basis, and bid fair to enrich us for ages to come. The immense tracts of country which lie far away in the interior must be devoted to pastoral occupation with yearly increasing flocks and herds, the source of untold wealth to the squatters or sheep-farmers. The quantity of agricultural land taken up for industrial settlement is increasing year by year, and there are millions of acres which, with the manifest changes now taking place in our climate, will yet be surveyed and purchased for agricultural industry. All that is wanted to open out a large portion of this valuable territory is facile means of communication with a market. Unless carriage of produce be made cheap, we shall soon reach the boundary beyond which wheat cannot be profitably cultivated. The Colony is awakening to the importance of this subject, and there is a determination to build light and cheap lines of railway to various parts of the province, by which the produce can be carried at a moderate rate. Wheat-growing is certain to extend, and we shall have to look more steadily to the old countries of Europe for a market. As the shipping charges for freight to England

social and political advantages now enjoyed by people resident at considerable distances from the seat of Government.

Corporations have been established in the principal centres of population to the number of sixteen, and ninety District Councils, constituted throughout the settled districts. The total annual rateable value of property is £1,045,711, of which £391,929 is within the limits of Municipal Corporations; and £653,782 is within the boundaries of District Councils. The usual rate declared upon the assessment is one shilling in the pound sterling. The total revenue of these local bodies in 1874 was £125,351, and the amount expended on works of permanent utility £80,945.

The following return of the aggregate assessments and receipts of the several Municipal Corporations and District Councils, and the amount expended on local improvements, affords a reliable index of the steady settlement of the country during the last ten years:—

Year.	Rateable Annual Value.	Receipts.	Expended Local Improvement.
	£	£	£
1865 ... ..	684,095	75,296	43,185
1870 ... ..	920,951	86,499	72,865
1874 ... ..	1,045,711	125,351	80,944

Of the total municipal income, about one-fifth was contributed by the State in the shape of grants, and the expenditure on local improvements of a permanent character was two-thirds of the total receipts.

#### POPULATION.

**INHABITANTS.**—The population of South Australia at the close of 1875 was estimated to be 210,442 souls. The last Census was taken on 2nd April 1871, on the same day and in the same manner as those of Great Britain and her other Australian Colonies. A general idea of the social condition of the people at the present time may be gathered from a review of the chief points then inquired into, bearing in mind the fact that whilst the number of the population has increased by one-third, a more than proportionate advance has been made in industrial progress, material wealth, and social prosperity.

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