

Domestic Intelligence.

RUMOUR AS TO LAUNCESTON.—We are happy to announce that letters have been received from Launceston, removing all apprehension of the reported failures in that town.

THE REGATTA.—Preparations are in active progress for carrying on the proceedings of this truly Colonial festival, with all proper spirit and energy; people are busy near the New Wharf, painting their boats, and some beautiful specimens of the whale boat are to be seen on the flat under Government house, which, we understand are intended to race on Friday, so that everything betokens a happy and an enlivening holiday. We observe a splendid model of a whale boat, bearing on the bows the letters "SIR J. E. E. WILMOT," and having the impress "RISBY," on the prow; this, we understand, has been named after our excellent Governor, in admiration of his spirited patronage of the Regatta, and no small pains appear to have been bestowed upon its construction by the clever and industrious builder. We understand that very many of the shore watching parties will be absent, and while we sincerely regret their loss, as greatly curtailing the sports of the day, and as we had hoped to have shown our good Governor what sort of fellows our whalers are, yet we rejoice to learn, that there is a goodly prospect of their success in the taking of whales, which are represented as numerous on the grounds to which they have repaired. As we have said, however, every exertion seems to be making to render the Regatta worthy of the distinguished patronage it has obtained; and, as we have now no cause to apprehend any unnecessary or ill-timed interference from Jacks-in-office, or their followers, we look forward with confident anticipation, especially if the weather be propitious, to a day of glad rejoicing. We call upon the public, therefore, to attend to the friendly admonitions of the Committee, and to show our Governor that they can enjoy a rational recreation, with the good order and happy spirit of rational beings.

Jews' SYNAGOGUE.—This simple but elegant building is advancing fast towards completion under the active superintendence of Messrs. Kirk and Fisher, the well-known builders of our city. The plans, &c., are from the classical designs of Mr. J. A. Thomson, who has with great propriety and adaptation adopted the Egyptian style for the architecture of the temple, which, in all but its imposing vastness (which would be here out of place) Mr. Thomson has accurately followed. The front, with all, but the superincumbent coping, is now finished, and the carving of the pillars on each side of the doorway, as well as of the sides and architraves of the windows is finished off in a style of chaste beauty which we did not think any one in this colony was capable of executing. This part of the work, it will surprise some people to learn, has been done by Mr. Fisher himself, although properly speaking, the province of an accomplished carver; and it affords an illustration of the origin of ornamental architecture deriving its birth from the splendid architecture of nature, as evident in the magnificent and luxuriant trees of the eastern forests. To the Egyptian pillar there is properly no pediment, the base rising, as it were, out of the parent earth, and then expanding into a broad leaf, enclosing or rather clasping the capital. In miniature, the Synagogue is an Egyptian temple of the great and palmy days of the Pharaohs, such as enhanced the gorgeous architecture of those palace-cities of Tyre and Sidon, of Babylon and Memphis, and Thebes—now all laid in the dust—a sad, but monitory example of the mutability of all earthly things; And when the interior is completed, it will present a specimen of colonial architecture at present un-

And when the interior is completed, it will present a specimen of colonial architecture at present unrivalled. When this takes place, we shall give a more full and detailed description of the building, which promises to prove highly creditable, not only to its originators, but to all engaged in its erection, and, above all, as affording to the "ancient people" a befitting temple for the worship of the true God, in the purity and holiness of the ancient faith.

A LAWYER'S OPINION OF AN INSOLVENT.—On Wednesday last, a youngish lawyer of this town, who is in partnership with a gentleman a little older, endeavoured to promulgate a doctrine relative to Insolvents, which the Commissioner very properly and very promptly too, cast from him with indignation; it was this—an Insolvent under examination, was exactly in the same position as a criminal in the dock of the Supreme Court. As this is rather a startling doctrine even from the mouth of a lawyer, we will give this gentleman's precise words, as furnished by our Reporter.—"The Insolvent is here on his trial, just the same as a prisoner in the dock below." And how was this received by the Commissioner? In this way, "I will not allow such a position as that to be held for one moment, it is monstrous to suppose, that a person being insolvent should be compared to a prisoner; is the mere fact of insolvency to place a person who may, for aught that is known to the contrary, be a perfectly upright and honest man, in the same predicament as a criminal? I will never sanction such an opinion in this Court."—Very much surprised should we have been, if Mr. Fleming had sanctioned so disgraceful an opinion; but we think a little wholesome castigation would not have been misplaced, and the learned Commissioner would not have exceeded his duty, if he had bestowed such upon the charitable promulgator of this kind-hearted doctrine. The Commissioner, however, having failed in doing so, we have considered it our duty to publish the fact, in order that the public may know, what opinion this gentleman entertains of such of his fellow-creatures, as may happen in these sad times to become unfortunate, and to commit the heinous crime of Insolvency.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—We have had for some days, a copy of the Report of the Board of Education, to which Sir E. Wilmot referred in Council, as contradicting the assertions and formal statements put forth by Mr. Loch and his clerical friends, in that gentleman's book, relative to the schools of the colony. Well, indeed, might his Excellency say, that those statements were flatly contradicted, for flatter contradiction, it has never been our lot to witness; the matter is one of great importance, and want of room alone prevents our insertion, this week, of the appendix to the Report containing in juxtaposition, the published statements of Mr. Loch, and the contradictions of the schoolmasters; we shall, however, in our next, publish the important document at length, and leave the public to judge how far Mr. Loch and his over-zealous clerical coadjutors were justified in stretching the point as they have done.

COALS.—We learn that Mr. Clues, the whaler, has discovered a bed of coal on one of the Schouten islands, opposite to Swan Port. He has brought a sample to town, which is said to be of the very best quality. This, with the discovery of a similar nature lately made at Western Port, will be of inestimable value and importance as regards steam navigation.

NEW ZEALAND.—We have received the *New Zealand Gazette* to the 23rd September. It would appear the danger apprehended from the natives was not so great as reported. The military sent down from here were not required, and have pro-