

## TABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN 1875.

[NOTE.—An epidemic of measles prevailed during the first six and an epidemic of scarlatina during the last two months of this year. For particulars of the mortality caused thereby, see Part VIII., "Vital Statistics," *ante*.]

- Jan. 1.—Sir Redmond Barry (senior Puisne Judge) proclaimed Acting Governor *pro tem*.
- „ 4.—New roll of magistrates for the several bailiwicks published in *Gazette*.
- „ 10.—Sir W. F. Stawell (Chief Justice) returned to Victoria by the R.M.S.S. *Pera*; sworn in as Acting Governor on the following day.
- „ 15.—Statistical Conference in Hobart Town, attended by representatives of Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, commenced its labors, and continued its sittings until the 26th.
- „ 16.—News received of death of Dr. W. B. Wilmot, the first Coroner in the Melbourne district; died 8th November 1874.  
Died, Mr. Lawrence Bourke, at one time M.P. for Kilmore.
- „ 18.—This and the succeeding days to the 22nd mark the period of greatest heat ever recorded in Melbourne. The mean temperature in the shade for the 24 hours on the 18th was 76·2°; on the 19th, 83·4°; on the 20th, 94°; on the 21st, 93·7°; and on the 22nd, 84°. The average for the five days was 86·5°. The highest temperature in the shade was 110·4° on the 20th.
- „ 20.—Died, the Rev. Jas. Yelverton Wilson, aged 63; for 33 years a minister of the Church of England in Victoria.
- „ 23.—Destructive bush-fires in numerous districts of the colony.
- „ 27.—Ruled by the Court of Petty Sessions at Castlemaine that a vigneron need have no license to sell wine of his own making.
- „ 28.—Death of Mr. Sidney Jas. Stephen, aged 53, Registrar of the County Court.  
Sudden death of the Rev. Andrew Robertson, aged 60, minister of West Melbourne Presbyterian Church.
- „ 30.—Died, at Back Creek, near Sandhurst, Mary McCarthy, said to be aged 114. At 99 years of age she left America, where she had four generations growing up around her, and on returning to Ireland is stated to have walked 16 miles from a railway station to her native village. Emigrated to Victoria soon after.
- Feb. 3.—Intensely hot weather all over the country; many bush-fires; severe hot wind and dust storms; weather very oppressive in Melbourne; thermometer marked 100·3 in shade. Heavy showers fell in the evening, extending over a large extent of country.
- „ 4.—The absconding Lands Office clerk, H. J. V. O'Ferrall (arrested at Singapore), brought back in custody of Detective O'Callaghan, per R.M.S. *Brisbane*.
- „ 6.—Yan Yean department placed under the control of Mr. Gordon, Chief Engineer of Water Supply.
- „ 10.—Telegram received from London announcing that Fiji had been gazetted as a British colony.
- „ 12.—Destructive storm of rain in Melbourne; much damage done; the roadways in the streets greatly injured.
- „ 17.—Died, at his residence, Cotham road, Kew, John S. Denbigh, an old officer of the Mining department, aged 49.
- „ 19.—A juror committed to gaol for three months for contempt of court, having, after being sworn in, stated to other jurymen before the trial of a prisoner that the latter was not guilty, to which decision he held out against the eleven, and no verdict was returned.
- 22.—Royal Commission on Friendly Societies held their first meeting at Parliament House; Mr. H. W. Mathewson appointed secretary.

- Feb. 23.—Joseph Israel sentenced to four years' imprisonment for impairing current coin of the realm ; reducing the value of sovereigns by chemical means for the profit on the sale of the portion of gold removed thereby.  
Sale of a draft from the famous Mount Derrimut herd of shorthorns ; 15 bulls averaged £452 18s., and 21 cows and heifers averaged £372.
- „ 26.—Suicide of a patient, Ann Morgan, at the Lying-in Hospital, by throwing herself out of a window 20 feet from the ground.
- Mar. 1.—A rather sharp shock of earthquake experienced at Maryborough, Avoca, St. Arnaud, and districts adjacent.
- „ 4.—A. W. Cruden, late manager of the Rochester branch of the Union Bank, convicted of embezzlement ; two years' imprisonment.
- „ 15.—Police, by a well managed arrangement, within a very short interval of time, visited 623 hotels on north side of Yarra, for the purpose of obtaining samples (for analysis) of the various alcoholic liquors on sale ; the vendors unaware of the object of the authorities.
- „ 19.—Supreme Court trial of *Cameron v. Hughes*, involving explanations of how plaintiff sustained great losses in the *Express* and *Town and Country* newspapers.  
Certificate in insolvency refused by Judge Pohlman to Henry Morgan Murphy, some time a member of the Legislative Council.  
Mr. James McKean elected member for North Gippsland in place of Mr. F. L. Smyth, resigned.  
National Labour Bureau commenced operations.  
Important and extensive sale of pure bred and pedigree stock at the station of Messrs. Robertson Brothers, Colac. Very high prices realised.
- „ 20.—Telegram received from London announcing that the Ultimate Court of Appeal in England had reversed the decision of the Supreme Court in the Mount and Morris case, and declaring that the prisoners, convicted of manslaughter, had been improperly discharged from custody.
- „ 21.—Died, in Melbourne Hospital, Mr. W. C. Weekes, aged 55, for one Parliament a member for the Ovens district.
- „ 24.—Telegram received from London showing rise of 1¼d. per lb. generally in the price of wool.
- „ 31.—Supreme Court decided that a municipality could recover from its rate-payers their proportion of expense for patent composition "pavement," as for any other kind of pavement.
- Apr. 2.—Supreme Court, in *ex parte Bagshaw*, ruled that a Court of General Sessions must "state a case" for the Supreme Court on a point of law, on the application of an appellant ; mandamus issued.  
Died, Thomas Knight, aged 80, a Waterloo veteran, well known in Melbourne.  
Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the present condition of the Volunteer Force ; Mr. Septimus Martin, secretary.
- „ 9.—Mr. G. F. Belcher elected a member of the Legislative Council for the Western Province.
- „ 10.—Telegram received from London announcing collapse of the Australian Direct Steamship Company. The *Victoria*, which had been laid on for Melbourne, withdrawn. Compulsory liquidation subsequently ordered.
- „ 13.—Sale of Albert Park frontages commenced at St. Patrick's Hall ; a protest entered against the Government disposing of them, and law proceedings subsequently taken unsuccessfully.
- „ 14.—Died, the Honorable J. F. Strachan, M.L.C., aged 65 years.
- „ 15.—Meteor of extraordinary size and brilliance observed in Melbourne, St. Kilda, Anderson's Creek, Avoca, and Castlemaine ; also noticed in several other parts of the colony, accompanied by phenomena resembling an earthquake shock.

- Apr. 16.—News (received from New Zealand) of death of Mr. Wilson Gray, at one time an active politician in Victoria.
- „ 19.—On the voyage from Sydney of the R.M.S.S. *Ellora*, Captain Dundas, in command, showed symptoms of insanity, thereby endangering safety of ship and passengers.
- „ 24.—New Mint Regulations issued lowering charges for coining.
- „ 26.—Jno. R. Tipper, an insolvent, committed to gaol for fourteen days for contempt of Court; but discharged next day on medical evidence.
- „ 28.—H. R. H. Prince of Wales installed Grand Master of Freemasons of England.  
 Death of Mr. D. S. Campbell, aged 63, a well known and respected old colonist; and of Mr. Montgomery, aged 71, one of the earliest practising solicitors in the Port Phillip district.  
 Mr. Gordon, Chief Engineer of Water Supply, reported upon the condition of the Yan Yean Waterworks; and Captain Stanley furnished to Government a lengthy report on the silting up of Hobson's Bay.  
 Opening of the new Williamstown road, shortening the distance between the city and the seaport to  $5\frac{1}{4}$  miles in lieu of 9 miles.
- „ 29.—Death of Mr. Joseph Sutherland, aged 74, one of the earliest colonists of the Port Phillip district, and for some time a representative of the Southern Province in the Legislative Council.  
 Died, Mr. John Jones Thomas, a well known linguist and scholar.
- „ 30.—Banquet in London to His Excellency Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G., the present Governor of Victoria, H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh presiding.
- May 1.—Dr. Thornton, Bishop of Ballarat, consecrated in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
 Information received that Mr. (now Sir Julius) Vogel, the Premier of New Zealand, had arranged for submarine cable to be laid between Australia and New Zealand.  
 Foundation-stone laid of Hotham new Town Hall.
- „ 2.—Lives of two children, aged 12 and 6 years, saved from drowning at Stony Creek by a lad (Alfred Hugh McCracken) aged 16.
- „ 3.—Return of Judge Hackett, and arrival of Mr. A. Trollope (on second visit to Australia) by R.M.S.S. *Golconda*.
- „ 13.—Mr. W. H. Gresham, ship-chandler of Sandridge, a well known public man, unfortunately drowned, along with two other men, by the upsetting of a sailing boat in the bay.
- „ 14.—Agricultural Statistics for 1874–5 published in *Government Gazette*.
- „ 16.—A Progress Report published, containing results of examination of numerous samples of Victorian beers, by appointed chemists and analysts; the result favorable to the character of the local production.
- „ 18.—The Acting Governor publicly presented bronze medal of Royal Humane Society of England to Hugh McGregor, 14 years of age, who, during the last two years, had saved three lives from drowning.  
 A publican at Geelong fined £250 (or in default six months' imprisonment) for allowing gambling in his licensed house; eight gamblers arrested there, fined £5 each.
- „ 19.—Election of Mr. David Gaunson as one of the members for Ararat.
- „ 20.—Death of Mr. Jno. Denham Pinnock, aged 65, formerly Registrar of the Supreme Court, and subsequently, for a time, M.L.C. for the North-Eastern Province.  
 J. C. Morris and T. H. McMurray, who had carried on a partnership business as grocers in Queen street, Melbourne, convicted of fraudulent insolvency, and sentenced respectively to twelve months' and to six months' imprisonment.
- „ 24.—New Picture Gallery at rear of Public Library opened.

- May 24.—First shade trees planted in Melbourne streets, by the Mayor, Mr. Gatehouse, in Collins street east.  
Acting Governor held a levee in honor of the Queen's Birthday.
- „ 25.—Opening of the second Session of the eighth Parliament of Victoria.  
New Regulations under Land Act 1869 laid before Parliament.  
Dr. Dobson, M.L.C., recovers verdict, with damages £10, in a libel action against the *Daily Telegraph* Newspaper Company.
- „ 26.—Correspondence in connection with the placing and disposal of the Victoria 4 per cent. Railway Loan (£1,500,000) laid before Parliament.
- „ 27.—Mr. Coppin's motion for reduction of postage on letters and for abolition of postage fee on newspapers withdrawn after discussion.  
Report of the Conference of Statists (held in Tasmania) laid before Parliament.
- „ 28.—*Gazette* notifies that "Geelong West" has been constituted a borough.
- „ 29.—Mr. Julius Vogel (Premier of New Zealand) appointed a K.C.M.G.
- June 1.—Report of Proceedings taken during the year 1874 under the Land Act of 1869 laid before Parliament.  
New Land Act Amendment Bill introduced by Mr. J. J. Casey.  
Died, Michael Dawson, aged 63, a wealthy resident of Melbourne; property sworn as under £228,500 value.
- „ 3.—Intelligence received of the death of Butler Cole Aspinall, Esq., at the age of 46 years; a prominent and successful member of the bar, and politician, at one time Attorney-General of Victoria; also a brilliant contributor to the public press.
- „ 5.—Mr. Charles Sladen appointed a K.C.M.G.
- „ 8.—Destruction by fire of the Sandridge Sugar-works; loss of property estimated at between £30,000 and £40,000.  
Fatal mining accident at Clunes New Lothair mine; one man killed and another severely injured through fall of earth.
- „ 13.—Died, the Rev. W. Singleton, one of the oldest Church of England ministers in the colony.
- „ 15.—Bill to enable the Council of Melbourne University to confer Degrees in Surgery passed the Legislative Council and transmitted to the Assembly.
- „ 16.—Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill (second reading of), carried by 43 votes against 22.  
Investigation commenced by Board appointed to enquire into the alleged ill-treatment of one Pryor, a patient at Kew Asylum.
- „ 17.—Duncan Longden, a member of one of the earlier Victorian Parliaments, committed for trial on a charge of forging two promissory notes, purporting to have been made by Jas. Major, deceased. At the Supreme Court trial, verdict "not guilty."  
Estimates of Expenditure for year ending 30th June 1876 laid before Parliament.
- „ 18.—Failure of Messrs. McEwan and Co., wholesale grocers in Swanston street. Liabilities, £86,979; assets set down as £41,622.  
John Pryor Barrett, convicted of murder of his wife, and sentenced to be hanged; sentence subsequently commuted to imprisonment for life.
- „ 21.—Extensive fire in King street at stores of T. Luke and Co., tea merchants, extending to store of Francis and McPherson, general merchants; loss of property estimated at over £20,000.  
Fatal explosion of gas at Theatre Royal; one man instantaneously killed, and another died a few hours after from the injuries received.  
Died, Jas. Rattray, aged 43, secretary of the Northern Insurance Company, and a member of the Royal Commission on Friendly Societies.
- „ 22.—Second reading of Mr. Casey's Land Act Amendment Bill carried by 52 votes against 9.

- June 22.—Judgment against the Crown given on appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in *Winter v. Queen*; in *McMillan v. same*; in *Ettershank v. same*; and in *Glass v. same*.
- „ 23.—Death of B. S. Naylor, aged 80, a well known lecturer on spiritualism.
- „ 24.—Mr. (now Sir) Samuel Wilson elected M.L.C. for Western Province.  
Supply Bill passed for £511,338 8s. 7d., to make good the grant for the year ending 30th June 1875.
- „ 29.—Mining on Private Property Bill read a second time.
- „ 30.—Regulations under the Education Act 1872 gazetted.
- July 1.—Resignation of Capt. Kay, R.N., Clerk of the Executive Council. His death occurred on 17th, aged 60.  
Telegram from Europe with news of disastrous inundations in the south of France; a subscription presently commenced in Victoria in aid of the sufferers.
- „ 5.—Death of the Rev. Irving Hetherington, aged 66, for many years pastor of the Scots Church congregation, Collins street.
- „ 8.—Mr. Justice Molesworth gave judgment in *Argus v. a Gippsland newspaper*, granting injunction to restrain owner of the latter from publishing European telegrams, the property of the Australian Associated Press.
- „ 10.—Foundation-stone laid of new Town Hall, Footscray.  
Supreme Court, on appeal, confirmed magistrates' conviction of Morris Jacobs, fined £50 under the Act for the suppression of betting.
- „ 13.—Return laid on table of Assembly showing the number of estates in excess of 20,000 acres each held by one individual.  
Stranding of R.M.S.S. *Ceylon*, on the outward voyage, at the eastern entrance of the South Channel; not floated off until 11 p.m. on 15th.  
Mary Ann Pope, aged 53, burned to death at Richmond through her bed-clothes accidentally taking fire.
- „ 15.—The Treasurer (Mr. Service) made his financial statement to the Assembly.  
Anticipated revenue £4,287,313; proposed expenditure, £4,488,658.  
New taxes proposed to make up deficiency.
- „ 20.—Death of Lady Franklin announced in London.  
Judge Dunne suspended from judicial functions. His resignation subsequently accepted.
- „ 21.—Death of the Rev. Jas. Lynar, aged 88, incumbent of St. John's, Heidelberg.  
Mr. Berry's motion, "That in the opinion of this House the financial proposals of the Treasurer are unsatisfactory," negatived by 32 votes against 22.
- „ 22.—Michael Byrne Carroll, recently M.L.A. for Ararat, convicted on two separate charges of forgery and uttering; sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment with hard labor—seven years for each offence.
- „ 24.—Wreck of the new barque *Eliza Ramsden*, 395 tons, on the Corsair Rock, Point Nepean; the master's certificate suspended for six months.
- „ 27.—Telegram received stating that the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, President of the Legislative Council, had been knighted.
- „ 29.—First item in Treasurer's budget (proposed increase of 2s. a gallon on spirits) carried by 37 votes against 36.
- „ 31.—H. J. V. O'Ferrall received three years additional sentence on two further charges of embezzlement, to which he had pleaded guilty, making in all 12 years.  
Life-boat, the *Alice*, invented by Mr. F. Stephen, a solicitor in Melbourne, started for Sydney; proceeded as far as Port Albert, and thence returned to Hobson's Bay.

- July 31.—Launch of a new iron screw steamer (the *Sprightly*), built by Messrs. Johnson and Co., at the Tyne foundry, Yarra Bank.  
The Pryor enquiry at Kew Lunatic Asylum closed, exculpating the attendants from imputation of cruelty to patients.
- Aug. 2.—Arrival of the Japanese Commissioners to the International Exhibition in Melbourne.
- „ 3.—Dr. Madden, M.L.A., elected warden of Melbourne University.
- „ 4.—Resignation of the Kerferd Ministry, the Acting Governor having refused a dissolution.
- „ 5.—The Daniel O’Connell centenary celebrated in Melbourne.  
Mr. White, Acting Government Astronomer, reported “one of the severest shocks of earthquake ever recorded in Melbourne.” Next day it was announced that the phenomenon reported arose from the reverberation of sound from the guns of the *Cerberus* at Point Nepean.
- „ 7.—Mr. Graham Berry completes the formation of a Ministry.  
Sudden death of Mr. F. Bayne, aged 69, during thirty years a practising solicitor in the Australian colonies, and at one time proprietor of the Theatre Royal.
- „ 9.—Execution of a Chinaman named Ah Cat for murder of Carl Ronzleman, near Maryborough.
- „ 10.—Legislative Assembly adjourned to September 7th.  
Conclusion, after several days’ trial, of the Williamstown case of *Hall v. Blackett*, an action for a malicious prosecution; plaintiff and his principal witness committed for perjury, and the former, on conviction, received eighteen months’ imprisonment with hard labor.
- „ 10.—Died in miserable poverty at Alexandra, John Spencer Smith, aged about 65, at one time Colonial Treasurer at Prince Edward’s Island, and in 1854 Police Magistrate at Amherst, in Victoria.
- „ 12.—Annual municipal elections.
- „ 13.—Criterion Hotel and the block (nearly half an acre) in Collins street on which it stands offered at public auction; reserve price, £40,000. Land purchased originally from the Crown by Mr. Michael Pender for £19.
- „ 14.—Shocking murder of a man and woman at Frankston by Henry Howard, an hotelkeeper at Snapper Point. Howard was tried, found guilty, and on the 4th October was executed.
- „ 16 & 17.—Show and sale of rams and entire horses at the show-yards of the National Agricultural Society, St. Kilda road.
- „ 17.—Sudden death of Mr. John Dunn, a popular comedian, aged 61.
- „ 21.—News received of the treacherous murder of Commodore Goodenough and two of his seamen by natives of Santa Cruz, an island seven or eight hundred miles north-west of the Fiji group.
- „ 23.—Death of Mr. John Winter, a very wealthy colonist, who received £50,000 (which he stipulated should be paid in sovereigns) for the Winter’s Freehold mine.
- „ 24.—Announced that £2,128 in notes had been “lost” by the Bank of Victoria; subsequently found to have been stolen by a very young clerk in their employment, named Ghinn. The property having been restored, the offender, in consequence of his extreme youth and previous good character, received a comparatively light sentence.
- „ 25.—William Woodburn and his two young nephews, John and Stewart Gordon, convicted at the Beechworth General Sessions of wilfully placing a dangerous obstruction on the line of railway; the man sentenced to ten years’ imprisonment, and the boys each to seven years in the reformatory, after one week’s imprisonment in gaol.
- „ 30.—Execution of a Chinaman named Ah Gaa for the murder of a fellow countryman at Vaughan.
- „ 30–31.—Great floods in Beechworth district.

- Sept. 2.—Opening of Intercolonial Exhibition of 1875 in Melbourne; public holiday observed.
- „ 7.—Temporary Supply Bill (£700,000) passed.
- „ 11.—Died, Mr. H. J. Smith, aged 41, for some years well known on the Melbourne Press.
- „ 14.—Mr. Berry made his financial statement for the year 1875–6.
- „ 21.—Sawers, recently receiving teller at the Bank of Victoria, convicted of embezzlement, and sentenced to three years hard labor.
- Oct. 2.—The honor of knighthood conferred upon Captain MacMahon, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and upon Mr. Samuel Wilson, M.L.C.  
 Captain Foster, of the s.s. *Dandenong*, accidentally killed at Duke's Dry Dock, Yarra Bank.
- „ 5.—Bills authorizing the sale of Melbourne Orphan Asylum and Buildings, and of Prahran Church of England land and school, severally passed. The Acting Governor's assent given on the 19th instant.
- „ 6.—Defeat of the Berry Ministry, by 38 votes against 35, on their financial scheme. The Assembly adjourned to the 12th, again to 13th, and further to 19th.
- „ 12.—Announced in Legislative Assembly that Mr. Berry had applied for, and that the Acting Governor had refused, a dissolution of Parliament.
- „ 13.—Mr. Berry's Ministry resigned, and Sir James McCulloch undertook the formation of a Cabinet.
- „ 14.—Two nightmen suffocated while working in a cesspit at East Melbourne. Bentley (manager) and Hughes (accountant), of the Beechworth branch of the Bank of New South Wales, found guilty of embezzlement, sentenced to seven years and nine months' imprisonment, and three years and a half respectively.
- „ 17.—Hospital Sunday in Melbourne and suburbs; about £6,000 realized.
- „ 19.—Temporary Supply Bill for £160,000 passed.
- „ 20.—Sir James McCulloch and the new Ministry sworn in. Their names announced in the Assembly, whereupon an adjournment took place to November 17.
- „ 23.—Writs issued for election of members for the districts whose late representatives had taken office in the Cabinet.
- „ 28.—The Acting Governor laid the foundation-stone of two almshouses on the ground granted for that purpose to the Licensed Victuallers Association.
- „ 30.—Suicide of Mr. E. J. Murphy, a leading solicitor in Melbourne; verdict, temporary insanity.
- Nov. 4.—Contested election for councillorship vacant in Albert ward of the city. Mr. Gatehouse, mayor, unsuccessfully opposed on the ground of his having allowed the Town Hall to be let for Sunday lectures.
- „ 5.—The Commissioner of Railways published a report from the Traffic Manager stating there would be a deficit of £75,000 on the current year, owing to the reduction in the goods tariff by Mr. Woods, the Minister previously in office.
- „ 6.—The contested elections affecting the Ministry commenced. Sir James McCulloch re-elected for Warrnambool; Mr. Joseph Jones, Commissioner of Railways, defeated in Ballarat East.
- „ 8.—Dr. Madden, Minister of Justice, defeated at West Bourke. Mr. Ramsay, Minister of Public Instruction, re-elected for East Bourke.  
 Great sale of Mr. W. McCulloch's fine herd of pedigree cattle, at La Rose, near Essendon. High prices realized for many animals.
- „ 9.—Railway accident at Sunbury causing death of a man named George Noy, employed on the line as a greaser.
- „ 10–11.—National Agricultural Society's Spring Show, at their grounds, St. Kilda road.

- Nov. 11.—Telegram from Bombay announces that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales arrived there on the 8th, and spent his birthday in that city, where a most brilliant reception was accorded him.
- „ 17.—Re-assembling of Parliament. Sir James McCulloch, Premier and Treasurer; Mr. MacPherson, Chief Secretary. Australasian Statistics laid before Parliament.
- „ 19.—Railway rates—goods classification and tariff published in *Government Gazette*.
- „ 20.—The notorious convict, John Weechurch, found guilty of attempting to murder Warder Moran. Sentence of death passed, which was carried into effect December 6th.
- „ 23.—Sir James McCulloch introduced the financial plan of the Government, proposing taxes on land, houses, income, and bank notes; also an increase in the amount of the succession duties.
- „ 24.—The Government proposal of land and house taxes affirmed in Committee by 34 votes against 30.
- „ 26.—Pacific Islanders Protection Act proclaimed (Imperial Act 38 and 39 Vict. cap. 51).
- „ 28.—Reported destitution of a number of German immigrants located together near Benalla. Relief promptly sent, but the need was subsequently found to have been greatly exaggerated.  
First real champagne ever made in Australia sampled with approval by a company of acknowledged connoisseurs.
- „ 30.—The Thistle Prevention Statute Amendment Bill rejected by the Legislative Council.
- Dec. 1.—Temporary Supply Bill (£382,500) passed.
- „ 6.—E. L. Bull (manager of the Bank of Victoria at Sebastopol) arrested and subsequently convicted on a charge of embezzlement.
- „ 9.—Telegram published stating that the Premier of New South Wales had, on the previous evening, made his financial statement showing a satisfactory surplus of revenue over expenditure.  
New forms of Crown grants and leases laid before Parliament.  
An importing firm, Messrs. Hufton, Shaw, and Co., of Flinders lane, fined over £2,000 for fraudulent evasion of Customs duties.
- „ 13.—Telegram received from London announcing that the British Government had purchased for £4,000,000 the Khedive of Egypt's Suez Canal shares, representing 177,000 of the 400,000 shares of the company.  
Death of Mr. C. J. LaTrobe, first (Lieutenant) Governor of the colony of Victoria.
- „ 14.—Charge against Mr. J. J. Miller for establishing a lottery (Melbourne Cup sweep of £1,000) heard and dismissed at the District Court.
- „ 16.—The Government financial proposals carried in the Assembly by 43 votes against 28, after a debate prolonged over about three weeks.
- „ 18.—Suicide of a foreigner named Mankiwitz under painful circumstances. His wife, a woman of degraded character, subsequently attempted her own life, as she had done on an occasion before her marriage.
- „ 23.—The Tolls Extension Bill and the Pastoral Tenants Rent Amendment Bill passed and received the assent of the Acting Governor. The Parliament then adjourned to January 11th 1876.
- „ 31.—At the inquest on a man named Robert Berth, who died in the Melbourne Hospital after undergoing an operation for lithotomy, the verdict of the jury negatived the imputation of culpable negligence on the part of the honorary surgeon professionally responsible in the case.