

## PERSONAL

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphed on Tuesday evening:—The Prime Minister spent a few hours in Melbourne to-day, and was treated by Dr. Crivelli, returning by the afternoon train to Point Lonsdale. Mr. Deakin appeared much brighter and better than he did a fortnight ago, but his medical adviser insists that he will have to take great care of his health for some weeks if his progress towards recovery is to continue. The Prime Minister will return to Melbourne at the end of next week, and will attend the House of Representatives for a few hours in the afternoons during the succeeding three weeks.

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday, on the motion of the Hon. A. R. Addison, the Hon. J. G. Bice was granted a week's leave of absence on account of private business.

A public reception was held at Broken Hill on Monday night in the Masonic Hall to welcome the Bishop of Adelaide (Dr. Thomas), at present on a visit to the Barrier. Among those present was the Right Rev. Father Connelly, administrator of the Broken Hill Roman Catholic Cathedral parish.

A large gathering of members of the Caledonian Society waited upon Mr. John W. Sandford on Tuesday afternoon to request him to permit himself to be nominated as chief. The retiring holder of that position (Mr. John Darling) said that Mr. Sandford's name had been prominently before the public for a considerable time, and the council unanimously desired that he should fill the office, because every member had the utmost confidence in him. The Hon. J. H. Howe, and Messrs. G. Fowler-Stewart, Peter Wood, W. T. Paterson, Donald Nicholson, Crawford, D. Gray, H. G. McKittrick, and H. Tassie supported the remarks of the previous speakers. Mr. Sandford, in reply, said he felt it a great honor to be approached by his fellow-countrymen with such a request. Mr. Darling had set a high standard, which he would endeavor to maintain. He would allow himself to be nominated with pleasure, and, if elected, would do his utmost to carry out the duties of the position as they had been carried out in the past.

Messrs. E. A. Roberts, J. Travers, W. Jamieson, and P. Allen, members of the Produce Charges Royal Commission, returned to Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Tuesday morning.

A report was circulated in Adelaide on Monday that Mr. Arthur Chapman, the well-known and highly-respected hotel bro-

well-known and highly-respected hotel broker, had been stricken down by paralysis. However, the report proved to be much exaggerated. Mr. Chapman broke a small blood-vessel in the brain, and though his condition was considered critical on Monday morning the doctor's report on Tuesday was reassuring. His patient is recovering rapidly and expects to be about again in a few days.

Major-General Hoad, Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Forces, was welcomed at Brisbane yesterday morning by the mayor, Mr. Alderman Thompson.

At the last meeting of the council of the Pharmaceutical Society, Mr. A. E. Hustler, of Unley, was elected president. Mr. Hustler is a member of the Pharmacy Board and of the local pharmaceutical formula committee. He was also a member of the committee which was appointed to consider suggested recommendations to the pharmacopoeia revision committee of the general medical council.

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