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First Month. **JANUARY.** *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 4th, at 11.9 p.m.
Full Moon ..... 12th, at 3.9 p.m.
Last Quarter .....19th, at 10.30 a.m.
New Moon ..... 26th, at 4.34 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	Th	NEW YEAR'S DAY		5 13	7 56	9 33M	10 51A
2	F	Sir Fredk. Sargood died	1903	5 13	7 56	10 31	11 16
3	S	Melbourne Gasworks opened	1856	5 14	7 56	11 25M	11 39
4	☙	**2nd Sunday after Christmas**		5 15	7 56	12 20A	—
5	M	1st N.S.W. Constit. proc.	1843	5 16	7 57	1 14	12 2M
6	Tu	EPIPHANY		5 16	7 57	2 13	12 27
7	W	New Zealand War	1845	5 17	7 57	3 13	12 55
8	Th	Galileo died	1642	5 18	7 57	4 15	1 27
9	F	Railway opd. to Portland	1878	5 19	7 57	5 19	2 6
10	S	Penny Postage intro Engl'd	1840	5 20	7 57	6 21	2 53
11	☙	**1st Sunday after Epiphany**		5 21	7 57	7 20	3 49
12	M	Gold first discov'd in N.S.W.	1851	5 22	7 57	8 9	4 49
13	Tu	Vict. 2nd Contg. to S.A.	1900	5 23	7 56	8 51	6 5
14	W	Great Earthquake in Jamaica	1907	5 24	7 56	9 28	7 17
15	Th	Sandwich Islands discovered	1778	5 25	7 56	10 0	8 28
16	F	Battle of Coruña	1809	5 26	7 56	10 30	9 38
17	S	Telephone introduced Melb.	1880	5 27	7 55	10 59	10 46
18	☙	**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**		5 28	7 55	11 29	11 54M
19	M	Sturt's expedition returned	1846	5 29	7 54	—	1 2A
20	Tu	Burke and Wills funeral	1863	5 30	7 54	12 1M	2 12
21	W	Louis XVI. executed	1793	5 31	7 53	12 37	3 22
22	Th	Queen Victoria died	1901	5 32	7 53	1 21	4 30
23	F	Wm. Pitt (statesman) died	1806	5 33	7 52	2 11	5 32
24	S	King Edward VII. procl'med	1901	5 34.	7 52	3 8	6 27
25	☙	**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**		5 36	7 51	4 11	7 14
26	M	Australian Centenary	1888	5 37	7 51	5 16	7 52
27	Tu	Fall of Khartoum	1885	5 38	7 50	6 19	8 25
28	W	Dstve. bush fires, Wstn. Dist.	1900	5 39	7 49	7 20	8 52
29	Th	Auckland, N.Z., founded	1840	5 40	7 48	8 19	9 17
30	F	"Rontgen Rays" discvd.	1896	5 41	7 48	9 15	9 41
31	S	Collins left Port Philip	1804	5 42	7 47	10 10M	10 4A

This month, in Australia, is generally too hot and dry for cropping operations; but there will be plenty to do in turning up vacant ground, earthing-up potatoes, budding fruit and other trees, and getting rid of insects. The soil should be loosened where it has become much crusted. Take advantage of favourable weather to sow cabbages, cauliflowers, and Brussels sprouts, shading the beds, and mulching with short decayed dung; plant out the strongest of those already up, and water daily. Turnips, onions, and carrots may also be sown. Hoe amongst growing crops, especially mangold wurzel and Swedes; sorghum and millet will be ready for a second cutting; these afford splendid nourishment for milch cattle. Take up all ripe flower bulbs, for store; remove weeds from borders, lay pinks and carnations on the first rain, protect climbing roses from hot winds, remove imperfect buds from dahlias, thin the shoots of exuberant chrysanthemums, &c.

Hardship is the native soil of manhood and self-reliance.

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POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The Hamilton Post Office is open daily (Sundays excepted) from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. First delivery by letter carriers at 8 a.m.; second delivery at 12.30 p.m.; third delivery at 6 p.m. No second or third delivery by letter carriers on Saturday. The Telegraph Office is open from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., and from 9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

COMMONWEALTH.

	s.	d.
Letters—For every half ounce, or fraction thereof	0	1
Letter Cards—Single, each	0	1
,, ,, Reply, each half...	0	1
Postcards—Single	0	1
,, Reply, each half	0	1
Printed Papers, as prescribed, per 2 oz. or part of 2 oz.	0	0½
Books (printed outside Australia), 4 oz. or part of 4 oz.	0	0½
,, (printed in Australia), 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.	0	0½
Magazines, that is to say (*a*), Magazines, Reviews, Serials and other similar publications printed and published in Australia in numbers at intervals not exceeding three months, per 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.	0	0½
(*b*) Magazines, Reviews, Serials and other similar publications (including Newspapers) printed and published outside Australia in numbers at intervals not exceeding three months, per 4 oz. or part of 4 oz.	0	0½
Hansard, that is, reports of Parliamentary debates printed and published by the authority of the Commonwealth or State, per 12 oz. or part of 12 oz.	0	0½
Commercial Papers, Patterns, Samples and Merchandise, as prescribed, per 2 oz. or part of 2 oz.	0	1
Newspapers (published and registered in the Commonwealth)—For every newspaper, up to ten ounces	0	0½
Bulk parcels of Newspapers, posted by a registered newspaper proprietor or newsvendor, twenty ounces	0	1
**Packets*—Commercial papers, for every two ounces or fraction thereof up to 5lbs.	0	1
Packets or Circulars containing printed matter only (the address may be in writing on the exterior of the packet), for every two ounces or fraction thereof up to 5lbs.	0	0½
Book Packets—Books printed and published in Australia, eight ounces, or part of eight ounces	0	0½
Books printed and published outside Australia, four ounces, or part four ounces	0	0½
Registration Fee	0	3
Circulars or other matter not printed in ordinary type, if at least 20 copies, absolutely identical, and endorsed "20 posted" (to be verified at the Post Office) be posted at the same time, for every two ounces or fraction thereof	0	0½
Catalogues, wholly set up and printed in Australia, for delivery within the Commonwealth, four ounces or fraction thereof	0	0½

Postage on large quantities of letters and packets (amounting to not less than £1) may be prepaid in cash.

* Packets containing articles of a saleable value must be sent to Queensland by parcel post.

Second Month. # FEBRUARY. *xxviii Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 3rd, at 8.33 p.m.
Full Moon ..... 11th, at 3.35 a.m.
Last Quarter ..... 17th, at 7.23 p.m.
New Moon ..... 25th, at 10.2 a.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	S	**4th Sunday after Epiphany**		5 43	7 46	11 6M	10 30A
2	M	Sir Edward Braddon died	1904	5 45	7 45	12 2A	10 54
3	Tu	Rail. op. Sydney to Albury	1881	5 46	7 44	1 0	11 23
4	W	1st Vict. war steamer arr.	1868	5 47	7 43	2 0	11 58A
5	Th	Floods in Queensland	1893	5 48	7 42	3 2	—
6	F	Black Thursday	1851	5 49	7 41	4 4	12 41M
7	S	Great Bush Fires Wstrn. Dis.	1901	5 50	7 40	5 2	1 32
8	S	**Septuagesima Sunday**		5 51	7 39	5 56	2 32
9	M	1st wireless m'ss'ge fr'm Melb.	1912	5 52	7 38	6 42	3 41
10	Tu	*Close Season for Duck ends*		5 54	7 37	7 23	4 53
11	W	Melb. Public Library opened	1856	5 55	7 36	7 58	6 7
12	Th	Gold discovered N.S.W.	1851	5 56	7 35	8 29	7 19
13	F	Alliance Gt Brit. and Japan	1902	5 57	7 34	8 59	8 30
14	S	David Syme died	1908	5 58	7 33	9 31	9 41
15	S	**Sexagesima Sunday**		5 59	7 32	10 2	10 51M
16	M	Gov. Collins land'd Tasmania	1804	6 0	7 31	10 37	12 3A
17	Tu	1st wool ship Bris. to London	1851	6 1	7 30	11 18	1 14
18	W	Great coal strike in England	1912	6 3	7 28	—	2 23
19	Th	Severe drought through. Vic.	1881	6 4	7 27	12 7M	3 27
20	F	Cable N.S.W. to N.Z. opened	1876	6 5	7 26	1 2	4 25
21	S	Gov. Gipps arrived Sydney	1838	6 6	7 25	2 3	5 12
22	S	**Quinquagesima Sunday**		6 7	7 23	3 6	5 52
23	M	French Revolution began	1848	6 8	7 22	4 10	6 26
24	Tu	Sydney founded	1788	6 9	7 20	5 11	6 55
25	W	ASH WEDNESDAY		6 10	7 19	6 10	7 20
26	Th	Thomas Moore, poet, died	1852	6 12	7 17	7 7	7 43
27	F	Cronje surrnd. Koodoosrand	1900	6 13	7 16	8 1	8 6
28	S	*Close season for Quail ends*		6 14	7 15	8 57M	8 31A

FEBRUARY is the dryest month of the year in Australia; before its close harvest operations are pretty well over. Attention will be required throughout the month to all kinds of ripening seeds, saving only the finest of each for future sowing. Loosen the soil amongst growing crops, take up early varieties of potatoes as they become ripe, thin out Swedes and hoe those sown last month. The roots of the plants and shrubs must be kept moist by watering and mulching; prune straggling shoots, remove decayed flower stems, tie up annuals, screen carnations, picotees, and the like, from the violence of hot winds. Unless means for watering exist, it will be a waste of time to transplant. Look well to apple and pear trees, and gather the fruit for keeping before it has thoroughly matured. The early morning, when not damp or dewy, or cool evening, will be the best time, as fruit gathered when hot has a dull dry appearance, and speedily shrivels when stored.

A guarantee for payment of a debt must be in writing.

The area of the State of Victoria is 87,884 square miles, or 56,245,760 acres.

INTERCOLONIAL.

	s.	d.
To New Zealand, Fiji, and British New Guinea.		
Letters—For every half-ounce, or fraction thereof	0	1
Newspapers (published in the Commonwealth), under ten ounces	0	0½
Bulk parcels of Newspapers posted by a registered newspaper proprietor or newsvendor, per pound or fraction thereof...	0	1
Newspapers and Magazines (not published in the Commonwealth) 8 ounces or under	0	1
Every additional 4 ounces or fraction thereof	0	0½
Packets—For every two ounces, or fraction thereof	0	1
Book Packets—For every 4 ounces, or fraction thereof up to 5lbs. ...	0	1
Postcards	0	1

UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN.

Letters, per half-ounce, to all British Possessions, Ceylon, Canada, Fiji, Hong Kong and British Agencies in China, India, Lord Howe Island, Natal, Orange River Colony, Straits Settlements, British New Guinea (Papua), United Kingdom, Transvaal, Egypt, Rhodesia, British Central Africa Protectorate, East Africa Protectorate, Gambia, Jamaica, Labuan, Malta, Seychelles, Southern Nigeria, Tristan da Cunha, Wei-hai-wei, Gibraltar, Northern Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Cyprus, Gold Coast, Falkland Islands, Turks' Island and Cayman Islands, Leeward Islands, St. Helena, Somaliland, Trinidad, Tobago, Uganda, Windward Islands, Mauritius, British Guiana, Bahamas, British Honduras, Bermuda, Barbadoes, per half-ounce	0	1
Letters, Foreign rate	0	2½
Post Cards to Hong Kong and British Agencies in China, Natal, Ceylon, Canada, Orange River Colony, Egypt, Transvaal	0	1
Post Cards, Foreign rate	0	1½
Reply Post Cards	0	3
Newspapers, 4 ounces or under	0	1
Every additional 2 ounces	0	0½
To United Kingdom, *via* Naples and Brindisi—		
Not exceeding 8oz.	0	1
Additional 4oz.	0	1
Every additional 2oz.	0	0½
To United Kingdom, wholly by sea—		
Every 16oz., or fraction thereof	0	1
(a) *Commercial Papers*, not exceeding 2 ounces	0	3
Exceeding 2 ounces, but not exceeding 4 ounces ...	0	3½
Exceeding 4 ounces, but not exceeding 6 ounces ...	0	4
Exceeding 6 ounces, but not exceeding 8 ounces ...	0	4½
Exceeding 8 ounces, but not exceeding 10 ounces ...	0	5
Every additional 2 ounces, up to 5lbs	0	1
(b) *Printed Matter* (other than newspapers), every 2oz. up to 5lbs	0	1
Foreign and British possessions, as above, limit 12oz.	0	1
(c) *Patterns and Samples*, every 2 ounces up to 5lbs.	0	1
Registration Fee	0	3
Acknowledgment of Delivery of a Registered Article ...	0	2½

(a) Commercial Papers, under which are comprised all papers or documents written or drawn wholly or partly by hand (except letters or

Third Month. **MARCH.** *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 5th, at 3.3 p.m.
Full Moon ..... 12th, at 2.19 p.m.
Last Quarter ..... 19th, at 5.39 a.m.
New Moon ..... 27th, at 4.9 a.m.

Day of M.	Day of W.		AT HAMILTON. Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	S	**Quadragesima** *(1st Sunday in Lent)*	6 15	7 14	9 52M	8 56A
2	M	(1) St. David's Day	6 16	7 12	10 50	9 23
3	Tu	C'tngt. for Soudan left Sydney 1885	6 17	7 11	11 49M	9 56
4	W	Portland Exhibition opened 1889	6 18	7 9	12 49A	10 34
5	Th	First telegraph used in Vic. 1855	6 19	7 8	1 49	11 20A
6	F	Melbourne named 1837	6 20	7 6	2 49	—
7	S	Lord Collingwood died 1810	6 21	7 5	3 43	12 15M
8	S	**2nd Sunday in Lent**	6 22	7 3	4 32	1 17
9	M	Wm. I., Emp. Germany, died 1888	6 23	7 2	5 14	2 27
10	Tu	King Edward VII. married 1863	6 24	7 0	5 51	3 39
11	W	First daily paper in England 1702	6 25	6 59	6 24	4 52
12	Th	Duke of Edin. shot, Sydney 1868	6 26	6 57	6 56	6 5
13	F	Melb. boundaries proclaimed 1843	6 27	6 56	7 26	7 17
14	S	Queen's College, Melb., opd. 1888	6 28	6 54	7 58	8 30
15	S	**3rd Sunday in Lent**	6 28	6 53	8 34	9 44
16	M	Great flood, Melbourne 1878	6 29	6 51	9 15	10 58
17	Tu	St. Patrick's Day	6 30	6 50	10 2	12 11M
18	W	Ormond College opened 1881	6 31	6 48	10 56	1 19
19	Th	Commonwealth Bill passed 1898	6 32	6 47	11 56A	2 19
20	F	Melb. Hospital founded 1846	6 33	6 45	—	3 11
21	S	*Autumn Begins*	6 34	6 44	12 59M	3 53
22	S	**4th Sunday in Lent**	6 35	6 42	2 2	4 29
23	M	Explosion, Bulli Colliery 1887	6 35	6 41	3 1	4 59
24	Tu	Yongala wr'ked, 141 lives l'st 1911	6 36	6 39	4 2	5 25
25	W	Annunciation—Lady Day	6 37	6 38	5 0	5 49
26	Th	Beethoven died 1827	6 38	6 36	5 56	6 13
27	F	John Bright died 1889	6 39	6 35	6 51	6 35
28	S	Edwd. Henty born Sussex 1810	6 40	6 33	7 46	7 0
29	S	**5th Sunday in Lent**	6 41	6 32	8 43	7 27
30	M	Peace with Russia singed 1856	6 42	6 30	9 41	7 57
31	Tu	1st steamer launched at Sydney 1831	6 43	6 28	10 41M	8 33M

The work of manuring, digging, and trenching should proceed this month as the ground is cleared. Surface-stirring now is essential to growing crops. As soon as plants of the cabbage tribe sown last month are ready, plant them out; sow a few early varieties to use in July and August, and some brocoli and cauliflower for late spring use. Plant kidney potatoes early in the month; sow a few early peas and white turnip for succession. Remove screens from flowering plants and shrubs, to give them full scope of the atmosphere. Towards the end of the month sow hardy annuals for early winter flowering, plant out the earliest flowering bulbs, cut all straggling shoots of bedding plants, and make tidy for autumn flowering; encourage a vigorous growth by cutting off old blooms, surface-stirring the soil, or forking in a little well-rotted manure about the roots. Cuttings of roses should be put in late in the month, leaving but one joint or bud above the ground.

Undisturbed possession of land for 15 years constitutes a title in law.

communications in the nature of letters, or other papers or documents having the character of an actual and personal correspondence, documents of legal procedure, deeds drawn up by public functionaries, copies or extracts from deeds under private seal written on stamped or unstamped paper, way-bills, bills of lading, invoices and other documents of a mercantile character, documents of insurance and other public companies, all kinds of manuscript music, the manuscript of books and other literary works forwarded separately, pupils' exercises with corrections but without any comment on the work. Packets of commercial papers may not exceed 5lbs. in weight, and shall be subject as regards form and conditions of transmission to the regulations prescribed for printed papers, and other papers of a similar description.

☞(*b*) PRINTED MATTER includes periodical works, books stitched or bound, pamphlets, printed sheets of music, machine music for pianola, visiting cards, address cards, proofs of printing, pictures, drawings, plans, maps, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements, circulars, notices, engravings, panoramic cards, photographs, papers impressed for the use of the blind, or cardboard drawing models stamped in relief, and notices of various kinds, whether printed, engraved, lithographed or autographed, and in general all impressions or copies obtained upon paper, parchment, or cardboard by means of printing, lithography, autography, or any other mechanical process easy to recognise, except the copying-press and the typewriter, and anything usually attached or appurtenant to any of the before-mentioned articles in the way of binding, mounting, or otherwise, and anything convenient for their safe transmission by post may also pass at the rate applicable to such articles provided it is contained in the same packet; also printed, engraved, or lithographed circulars, notwithstanding that such circulars may be letters or communications in the nature of a letter. Stamps for repayment, whether obliterated or not, and all printed articles constituting the sign of a monetary value, are, however, excluded from transmission by Book Post to countries of the Postal Union.

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Exceeding £10, but not exceeding £15... ...	1s. 6d.
Exceeding £15, but not exceeding £20	2s. 0s.

Fourth Month. **APRIL.** *xxx Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 4th, at 5.42 a.m.
Full Moon.....10th, at 11.28 p.m.
Last Quarter ..... 17th, at 5.52 p.m.
New Moon ..... 25th, at 9.22 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	W	(2) Ld. Hopetoun, Gov. Gen., arr.	1901	6 44	6 27	11 41M	9 15A
2	Th	Railway Melb.-Oakleigh opd.	1879	6 45	6 25	12 39A	10 6
3	F	1st steamer built at Melb.	1841	6 46	6 24	1 35	11 4A
4	S	Oliver Goldsmith died	1774	6 47	6 22	2 24	—
5	S	**Palm Sunday**		6 48	6 21	3 7	12 9M
6	M	Siege of Badajos	1812	6 49	6 19	3 46	1 17
7	Tu	Ballt. to Ararat Rail. opd.	1875	6 50	6 18	4 19	2 28
8	W	(5) Wireless teleg. invented	1899	6 51	6 16	4 51	3 38
9	Th	Ven. Archdeacon Innes died	1880	6 52	6 15	5 21	4 50
10	F	GOOD FRIDAY		6 53	6 13	5 53	6 2
11	S	Bishop Selwyn died	1878	6 54	6 12	6 27	7 16
12	S	**Easter Sunday**		6 55	6 10	7 6	8 32
13	M	EASTER MONDAY		6 56	6 9	7 52	9 49
14	Tu	Titanic wrkd., 1635 lives lost	1912	6 56	6 7	8 45	11 2M
15	W	Port Philip settled	1835	6 57	6 6	9 45	12 8A
16	Th	Melbourne founded	1837	6 58	6 4	10 49	1 5
17	F	(18) Bathurst Rail. accident	1890	6 59	6 3	11 54A	1 53
18	S	Great flood at Bourke, N.S.W.	1890	7 0	6 1	—	2 30
19	S	**Low Sunday**		7 1	6 0	12 57M	3 2
20	M	N.S.W. discov'd, Capt. Cook	1770	7 2	5 58	1 57	3 29
21	Tu	(20) Sunshine Rail. Accident	1908	7 3	5 57	2 55	3 54
22	W	Bombardment of Odessa	1854	7 4	5 56	3 50	4 17
23	Th	ST. GEORGE'S DAY		7 4	5 55	4 46	4 41
24	F	Great Flood at Ballarat	1860	7 5	5 53	5 41	5 4
25	S	1st Post Office, Tasmania	1809	7 6	5 52	6 37	5 31
26	S	**2nd Sunday after Easter**		7 7	5 51	7 35	6 0
27	M	Referen. proposals rejected	1913	7 8	5 50	8 34	6 34
28	Tu	Stand. Bk. of Aus. sus. pymt	1893	7 9	5 48	9 34	7 15
29	W	Peace with Russia	1856	7 10	5 47	10 32	8 2
30	Th	Great fires in United States	1875	7 10	5 46	11 29M	8 58A

APRIL is one of the busiest months of the year in Victorian gardens, which usually present a very gay appearance at this time—roses, especially hybrid perpetuals, being in splendid bloom. Shrubs, ornamental, flowering, and evergreen should now be transplanted; and any requisite alterations made in the laying out of grounds. Plant strawberry-runners, rhubarb, horseradish, shallots, and garlic; look to the herb-bed; divide roots where necessary, and make fresh plantations. Take up those bulbs that have done flowering, and pack them in boxes of dry sand. Any kind of soft-wooded plants may now be propagated by cuttings. For new plantations of roses, the ground should be trenched and well manured; if the soil be light, mix some stiff loam with it. Potatoes should be lifted and stored, as they are liable to a second growth if left in the ground. February sowings of brocoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower, should now be planted out; and sowing made for spring crops.

The death-rate in Russia is higher than that of any other country in Europe. being 41 deaths in every 1000 inhabitants

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Exceeding £12, but not exceeding £15	3s. 0d.
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PREPAYMENT OF LETTERS.

Letters and packets addressed to any place, bearing no postage or insufficient postage, are forwarded, but they are taxed with double the amount of unpaid or insufficiently paid postage, which will be charged on delivery. Books and newspapers must bear some postage or they will not be forwarded.

POSTAL NOTES.

Postal Notes may be obtained at any Post Office in the Commonwealth during the hours the offices are open for the transaction of business, and are payable at all postal note offices during business hours.

The following are the denominations of the Notes, and the poundage, or price charged for them:—6d., ½d.; 1s., ½d.; 1s. 6d., ½d.; 2s., 1d.; 2s. 6d., 1d.; 3s., 1d.; 3s. 6d., 1d.; 4s., 1d.; 4s. 6d., 1d.; 5s., 1½d.; 7s. 6d., 2d.; 10s., 3d.; 10s. 6d., 3d.; 15s., 3d.; 20s., 3d.

Should it be desired to transmit broken sums of pence, unobliterated postage stamps, not exceeding in value 5d., may be affixed to the face of a Note, and the amount of the note and the stamps will be paid. Should the space in a Postal Note, for name of payee and paying office, be not filled up, the note will be payable to the bearer at any Money Order or Postal Note Office in the State. There is no objection to the insertion of the word "bearer" in the space appointed for name of payee. If the sender wishes the Note paid to any specified person, at any specified office, the name of the person and office should be written in the proper places. After these particulars are once filled in, they must not be altered. If a Postal Note be payable to any specified person, that person must sign the receipt, and if a person other than the payee presents the Note, the person

Fifth Month. # MAY. *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter .....3rd, at 4.29 p.m.
Full Moon ..... 10th, at 7.31 a.m.
Last Quarter ..... 17th, at 8.12 a.m.
New Moon .....25th, at 12.35 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.		AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	F	*Close Season for Trout begins.*	7 11	5 45	12 20A	10 0A
2	S	Bank Suspensions of Payment 1893	7 12	5 44	1 5	11 5
3	☿	**3rd Sunday after Easter**	7 13	5 43	1 43	—
4	M	Dr. Livingstone died at Itala 1873	7 14	5 42	2 17	12 13M
5	Tu	1295 immigrants arr. Melb. 1912	7 15	5 41	2 48	1 20
6	W	Duke & D'ch'ss York arr. Melb. '01	7 16	5 40	3 18	2 29
7	Th	Edward VII. died 1910	7 17	5 39	3 48	3 38
8	F	Bank of N.S.W established 1817	7 18	5 38	4 20	4 50
9	S	Op. 1st Com. Parl. of Aust. 1901	7 18	5 37	4 57	6 4
10	☿	**4th Sunday after Easter**	7 19	5 36	5 39	7 20
11	M	Indian Mutiny 1857	7 20	5 35	6 29	8 36
12	Tu	Governor Arthur arrived 1824	7 21	5 34	7 29	9 48
13	W	St. Kilda Railway opened 1857	7 22	5 33	8 33	10 51
14	Th	Sydney Mint opened 1855	7 23	5 32	9 40	11 44M
15	F	Railway Strike ended 1903	7 24	5 31	10 44	12 26A
16	S	Capt. Cook disc. Moreton Bay 1770	7 25	5 30	11 38A	1 0
17	☿	**Rogation Sunday**	7 25	5 30	—	1 31
18	M	Mafeking relieved 1900	7 26	5 29	12 48M	1 57
19	Tu	BurraCopperMines(S.A.)opd. 1844	7 27	5 28	1 44	2 21
20	W	Robbery £5000 s.s. Tarwin 1907	7 28	5 27	2 40	2 44
21	Th	ASCENSION DAY—HOLY THURSDAY	7 29	5 27	3 35	3 8
22	F	SirJohnFranklin sailed last for N.W.P. 1845	7 30	5 26	4 30	3 33
23	S	First Parliament, Queensland 1860	7 31	5 25	5 27	4 2
24	☿	**1st Sunday after Ascension**	7 32	5 24	6 26	4 34
25	M	Ararat-Stawell railway op. 1876	7 32	5 24	7 27	5 13
26	Tu	Mitchell arr. Mt. Dispersion 1836	7 33	5 23	8 27	6 0
27	W	John Calvin died 1564	7 34	5 23	9 24	6 53
28	Th	Great flood at Melbourne 1848	7 35	5 22	10 17	7 54
29	F	Johannesburg taken 1900	7 35	5 22	11 3	8 58
30	S	Batman arrived Port Phillip 1835	7 36	5 21	11 43M	10 5
31	☿	**Whit Sunday.**	7 36	5 21	12 18A	11 11A

HAMILTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During this month all deep digging and trenching, as well as any new walks or permanent beds, should, if possible, be completed. Take advantage of dry weather to extirpate weeds, especially those in beds of cuttings; a good application of the hoe will now save many times the amount of labour hereafter. May is the best month to plant ranunculus and anemone bulbs, giving the beds a dressing of decomposed cow-dung; hyacinth, snowdrop, crocus, and most spring flowering bulbs, may also be planted out on prepared beds. Take care to minutely examine bulb beds, so that the young shoots may not be eaten by slugs. Now is the time to sow lawn grasses and hedge seeds, and to lay down edgings to walks. Transplant freely hawthorn, sweetbriar, roses, arborvitæ, etc.; choose dull days for the purpose, spread out the roots carefully in the operation. Sow a few each of dwarf peas, mazagan and longpod peas, lettuce, onion, radish and spinach.

A codicil to a will must be signed and attested in the same way as the will itself.

who presents it must also endorse the Note. Postal Notes may be crossed (like cheques), when they will only be paid through a bank. Postal Notes containing alterations or erasures, or cut, defaced or mutilated, will not be paid in ordinary course. Special application on the subject must be made to the Postmaster-General. Postal Notes are payable for six months after date of issue. Fresh poundage (the same as that originally charged) must be paid in stamps for every additional six months, or portion thereof, that have elapsed after issue, and before presentation for payment. After once paying a Postal Note, all liability on the part of the Department ceases. Every person to whom a Postal Note is issued should keep a record of the number, date, and name of office of issue, to facilitate inquiry if the order should be lost.

VICTORIAN INLAND PARCEL POST.

Postage—1lb. or under, 6d.; each additional lb., 3d.

Limit of weight—11 lbs.

Limit of size—3ft. 6in. in length, or 6ft. in length and girth combined.

Undelivered parcels will be retained for delivery one calendar month from date of receipt, and after the expiration of that time they will be forwarded to the Parcel Office, Melbourne, whence they will be returned to the senders as early as practicable, on payment of an additional fee of 6d. each parcel.

No parcel may contain a letter or money (coin or bank note), nor consist of two or more parcels addressed to different persons, but the enclosure of invoices, printed circulars, particulars of contents of or receipted account for such parcel is not prohibited. Live animals, reptiles, game, fish, eggs, butter, or anything likely to do injury to persons or parcels, will not be forwarded. Parcels containing fruit, liquids, or semi-liquids, such as jellies, pickles, varnish, paint, medicines, &c., will be accepted conditionally upon their being so securely packed that the contents cannot escape, and the vessels in which they are contained are sufficiently strong to prevent breakage in transmission.

INTERCOLONIAL AND FOREIGN PARCELS POST.

Limit of weight—11lbs. Limit of size—3ft. 6in. in length, or 6ft. in girth and length combined.

Postage (to be prepaid by Stamps)—

	s.	d.
New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, and New Zealand—1lb. or under	0	8
Each additional 1lb.	0	6
United Kingdom, 1lb. or under	1	0
Each additional 1lb.	0	6
Canada, India, Ceylon, China, Aden, Burmah, 1lb. or under ...	1	0
Each additional 1lb.	1	0

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

A weekly mail, closing on Wednesdays and Thursdays, alternately, is now established between Victoria and Great Britain (by the P. and O. and Orient Companies' steamers alternately), *via* Brindisi. Time between Hamilton and London, 35 days. The times for closing at the Hamilton Post Office are as follows:—

Money Orders, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, alternately, 5 p.m.

Parcels, Tuesdays and Wednesdays alternately, 5 p.m.

Registered Letters, Wednesdays and Thursdays alternately, 5.10 p.m.

Ordinary Letters and Newspapers, Wednesdays and Thursdays alternately, 5.40 p.m.

Sixth Month. **JUNE.** *xxx Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 2nd, at 12.3 a.m.
Full Moon ..... 8th, at 3.18 p.m.
Last Quarter .....16th, at 12.20 a.m.
New Moon ..... 24th, at 1.33 a.m.

DAY	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	M	West Australia colonised	1829	7 37	5 20	12 50A	—
2	Tu	Batman entered Yarra	1835	7 37	5 20	1 19	12 18M
3	W	King George V. born	1865	7 38	5 20	1 48	1 24
4	Th	Fed. Old Age Pen. Bill psd.	1908	7 39	5 20	2 17	2 32
5	F	Pretoria taken	1900	7 40	5 20	2 51	3 33
6	S	(7) Melbourne Mint opened	1872	7 40	5 19	3 29	4 56
7	✠	**Trinity Sunday**		7 41	5 19	4 15	6 11
8	M	Ice an inch thick in Melb.	1853	7 41	5 19	5 10	7 25
9	Tu	Chas. Dickens died	1870	7 42	5 19	6 12	8 32
10	W	Loss of s.s. Taramung	1891	7 42	5 18	7 20	9 31
11	Th	CORPUS CHRISTI		7 43	5 18	8 29	10 19
12	F	Harriet Martineau born	1802	7 43	5 18	9 34	10 58
13	S	Battle of Solférino	1859	7 44	5 18	10 36	11 31
14	✠	**1st Sunday after Trinity**		7 44	5 18	11 35A	11 58M
15	M	Princess Beatrice born	1857	7 45	5 18	—	12 23A
16	Tu	Sturt, explorer, died	1869	7 45	5 18	12 31M	12 46
17	W	War against China by Allies	1900	7 45	5 18	1 26	1 11
18	Th	Battle of Waterloo	1815	7 45	5 18	2 22	1 36
19	F	(23) Prince of Wales born	1894	7 45	5 18	3 19	2 2
20	S	Federal Poll, N.S.W.	1899	7 46	5 18	4 17	2 33
21	✠	**2nd Sunday after Trinity**		7 46	5 18	5 17	3 10
22	M	Coronation of King George V.	1911	7 46	5 19	6 18	3 54
23	Tu	(22) Shortest Day. Winter begins		7 47	5 19	7 17	4 46
24	W	ST. JOHN		7 47	5 19	8 12	5 45
25	Th	First wireless tel., Melb.-Syd.	1907	7 47	5 19	9 1	6 50
26	F	Bke. & Wills d. Cooper's Ck.	1861	7 47	5 20	9 44	7 57
27	S	Massacre at Cawnpore	1857	7 47	5 20	10 22	9 4
28	✠	**3rd Sunday after Trinity**		7 47	5 20	10 52	10 11
29	M	(28) Destruction of Kelly gang	1880	7 47	5 20	11 22	11 17A
30	Tu	Greenwich Hospital founded	1696	7 47	5 21	11 50M	—

A vigilant watch is still required over young crops, to keep down weeds and slugs; where the latter appear, give a light sprinkling of soot over the beds, and lay a ring of it also round the edges. Fruit trees will need attention to free them from red spider, scale, and apple blight. Prune almonds, apricots, cherries, pears, apples, and vines; and let all dividing hedges, as well as gooseberries and currants, be closely cut, and the exhausted canes removed of raspberries. Where new hedges are intended, prepare for them early in the month, and later on get in the plants; the white thorn and Osage orange are far preferable for this purpose to any of the acacias. If the weather be wet and cold, sow very sparingly; but if fine, the garden may be stocked with culinary vegetables for winter and spring use Make a sowing of hardy annuals in the open borders, or under protection, for subsequent transplanting.

The wealth of the United States in 1906 was equal to that of England and France combined, viz.. £23,600,000,0 0.

The pressure of the atmosphere on a man of average size is about 15 tons.

Signatures in lead pencil are good in law

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.

Post Town.	Mails Close at Hamilton.	Mails Arrive at Hamilton.
Apsley .. Harrow .. Edenhope .. Balmoral .. Cavendish .. Pigeon Ponds Loose Bag..	Tues., Thurs., Sat., 4.30 a.m.	Mon., Wed., Fri., 5 p.m.
N. Byaduk L.B. Byaduk ... Macarthur	Daily, 4.30 a.m.	Daily, 2.30 p.m.
Yulecart .. Tahara ..	Daily, 6 a.m.	Daily, 4 p.m.
Koroit .. Warrnambool	Mon., Tues., Wed., 5.40 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. Thurs. and Fri., 10.15 a.m. and 5 40 p.m. Sat., 5.40 a.m. and 5.40 p.m.	Daily, 11.20 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 6 p.m. Wed., 9.15 p.m.
Hawkesdale ..	Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat., 5.40 a.m. Thurs. and Fri., 5.40 p.m.	Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri., Sat., 6 p.m. Wed. 9.15 p.m.
Penshurst ..	Mon., Tues., Wed., 5.40 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. Thurs., Fri., 10.15 a.m., 5.40 p.m. Sat., 5.40 a.m. and 5.40 p.m.	Daily 11.20 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat., 6 p.m. Wed., 9.15 p.m.
Yatchaw .. Tabor ..	Mon., Tues., Wed., 3.15 p.m. Thurs. and Fri., 10.15 a.m. Sat., 5.40 p.m.	Daily, 11.20 a.m.
Port Fairy ..	Daily, 4.30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., 3.15 p.m. Thurs. and Fri., 5.40 p.m. Sat., 5.40 p.m.	Daily, 11.20 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat., 6 p.m. Wed., 9.15 p.m.
Hochkirch ..	Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10.15 a.m., Wed. and Sat., 7.30 a.m.	Mon., Fri., 2 p.m.; Wed., 11.15 a.m.; Tues., Th., 3.30 p.m.; Sat., 1 p.m.
Croxton East	Tues. and Thurs., 10.15 a.m. Sat., 7.30 a.m.	Tues., Thurs., 3.30 p.m. Sat., 1.15 p.m.
Ballarat .. Ararat .. Dunkeld .. Melbourne .. Geelong ..	Daily at 11.30 a.m. & 5.40 p.m.	Mon., Thurs., Fri., 10.15 a.m. Mon., Wed., Th., Sat., 4.45 p.m. Tues., Fri., 5.15 p.m. Tues., Wed. and Sat., 12.30 a.m.
Strathkellar .. Moutajup .. Glenthompson Wickliffe .. Willaura .. Maroona .. Lake Bolac ..	Daily at 11.30 a.m.	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., 4.45 p.m. Tues. and Fri., 5.15 p.m.
Stawell .. Adelaide (S.A.)	Daily, 5.40 p.m.	Mon., Thurs., Fri., 10.15 a.m.; Tues., Wed. and Sat. 12.30 a.m.
Horsham ..	Daily, 5.40 p.m.	Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10.15 a.m.; Wed., Sat., 1 a.m.
Grassdale .. Henty.. .. Milltown .. Myamyn .. Sandford ..	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., 4.10 p.m. Tues. and Fri., 5 p.m.	Daily, 12 noon.

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Seventh Month. **JULY.** *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... 1st, at 5.25 a.m.
Full Moon ... . 8th, at 12 a.m.
Last Quarter ..... 15th, at 5.32 p.m.
New Moon ..... 23rd, at 12.38 p.m.
First Quarter ..... 30th, 9.51 a.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	W	*Close season for Duck begins*		7 47	5 21	12 20A	12 23M
2	Th	President Garfield shot	1881	7 47	5 22	12 50	1 30
3	F	Melb. Public Library opd.	1854	7 47	5 22	1 25	2 41
4	S	American Independence	1776	7 47	5 23	2 7	3 54
5	☙	**4th Sunday after Trinity**		7 47	5 23	2 57	5 6
6	M	Hobson's Bay rail.pur.by Gov.	1878	7 47	5 24	3 55	6 15
7	Tu	Ballarat-Maryboro' rail. op.	1874	7 47	5 24	4 59	7 17
8	W	Rt.Hon. J. Chamberlain born	1836	7 46	5 25	6 9	8 9
9	Th	Gold discovered at Clunes	1851	7 45	5 25	7 16	8 52
10	F	Melb. University founded	1854	7 45	5 27	8 21	9 27
11	S	Bombardment of Alexandria	1882	7 45	5 27	9 22	9 57
12	☙	**5th Sunday after Trinity**		7 45	5 28	10 20	10 24
13	M	Ex president Kruger died	1904	7 45	5 28	11 16A	10 48
14	Tu	Earthquake shock, Warr'bool	1903	7 44	5 29	—	11 12
15	W	ST. SWITHIN		7 44	5 29	12 12M	11 36M
16	Th	Victoria won Kolapore Cup	1897	7 43	5 30	1 8	12 8A
17	F	1st Petty Sess. held Victoria	1838	7 43	5 30	2 6	12 31
18	S	Richmond railway accident	1910	7 42	5 31	3 5	1 6
19	☙	**6th Sunday after Trinity**		7 42	5 32	4 5	1 46
20	M	Robbery McIvor gold escort	1853	7 41	5 33	5 5	2 34
21	Tu	Spanish Armada defeated	1588	7 41	5 33	6 2	3 32
22	W	Pilgrim Fathers sailed, Delft	1620	7 40	5 34	6 54	4 36
23	Th	First London newspaper	1588	7 40	5 35	7 40	5 44
24	F	Gibraltar taken by British	1704	7 39	5 36	8 19	6 52
25	S	1st Bendigo Escort, 60,000oz.	1852	7 39	5 36	8 53	8 1
26	☙	**7th Sunday after Trinity**		7 38	5 37	9 25	9 8
27	M	Heavy fall of snow, Hamilton	1901	7 37	5 38	9 53	10 15
28	Tu	First steamer arr. from Eng.	1852	7 36	5 39	10 22	11 23A
29	W	Kg. Humbert of Italy assass.	1900	7 35	5 39	10 52	—
30	Th	Prince Bismarck died	1898	7 34	5 40	11 26	12 30M
31	F	Dep. Naval Cont. for China	1900	7 33	5 41	12 5A	1 43M

Whatever pruning work has been left unfinished from last month, should be completed without delay; taking advantage, for this purpose, of fine days after rain, when the soil is too wet for other work. When finished, dig in weeds and trimmings, leaving the surface of the so rough, so that the air may penetrate it freely. Upon the attention to the proper preparation and cropping of ground this month, will depend the result of the summer products. Avoid sowing while the soil is wet, and cover the seeds now sown more lightly than during the summer months

Plant early potatoes on light or high lands, top dress asparagus with decayed manure, in which a little salt has been mixed; sow plentifully of Brussels sprouts, borecole, brocoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrot, pea, parsnip, and spinach. Continue transplanting and sowing grass and hedge seeds. For early spring blooming, a few gladiolus bulbs may be put in, where the soil is well drained.

To tell the difference between diamonds or crystals and glass or paste, apply to the tongue. Diamonds and crystals feel much colder.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS (continued).

Branxholme .. Condah .. Heywood .. Portland ..	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., 9.45 a.m. and 4.10 p.m. Tues. and Fri., 5 p.m.	Daily, 12 noon. Mon., Wed., Thurs. and Sat., 6.10 p.m.
Merino .. Casterton ..	Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat., 4.10 p.m. Tues. and Fri., 5 p.m. Thurs., 9.45 a.m.	Daily, 12 noon. Thurs., 6.10 p.m.
Wannon .. Coleraine ..	Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat., 4.30 p.m. Mon. and Thurs., 5 40 p.m.	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 11.40 a.m. Sat., 10.15 a.m.

English Mail via. Adelaide, Wednesdays and Thursdays alternately, 5.40 p.m.

Registered Letters and Parcels must be in half-an-hour before closing of mails.

BOX AND PILLAR CLEARANCE.

	Morning.	Afternoon.	Evening.
Scoresby Street	10.30	—	6
Pope Street ...	10.40	3.40	6
Collins Street ...	10.50	3.45	6 Sat. excepted.
Cox Street ...	10.55	5.55	6 Sat. excepted.
Thomson and Co.	11.25	5.25	

Thomson and Co., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 4.5 p.m., Tues. and Fri., 4.55 p.m., Saturday, 1 p.m.

Railway Station—Clearance for ordinary rate, Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9.30 a.m. Daily, 11.20 a.m., 4.0 and 5.20 p.m.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

COMMONWEALTH—Ordinary telegraph rates including address and signature, not exceeding 16 words (town and suburban, within prescribed limits, or within 15 miles of sending station), 6d., additional words, 1d. each ; other places within state (except town and suburban), 16 words, 9d. additional words. 1d. each, name and address included.

INTERSTATE TELEGRAMS, not exceeding 16 words, 1s., each additional word, 1d. Double rates to all places on Sunday, and for urgent telegrams.

NEW ZEALAND—4½d. for each word. Address and signature charged for. All messages must be prepaid.

GREAT BRITAIN—3s. per word. Address and signature charged for as part of message.

Wireless Telegrams.

Wireless Telegraph Stations are available in each State for the transmission of telegrams to or from vessels at sea. These telegrams may be handed in at any Telegraph Office in the Commonwealth. Rate—10d. per word, plus ordinary Telegraph charges within the Commonwealth,

Rates for Telegrams to Europe.

The rate for Telegrams to the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland is 3s. per word.

Lettergrams.

Lettergrams, that is telegrams to be transmitted by telegraph during the night to the place of destination, where they are to be delivered as ordinary letters, by first delivery, or despatched by mail, may be lodged

Eighth Month. # AUGUST. *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... 6th, at 10.41 a.m.
Last Quarter.....14th, at 10.56 a.m.
New Moon ..... 21st, at 10.27 p.m.
First Quarter .....28th, at 2.53 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	S	LAMMAS DAY		7 32	5 42	12 51A	2 55M
2	✠	**8th Sunday after Trinity**		7 31	5 43	1 44	4 4
3	M	Columbus sailed for America	1492	7 30	5 44	2 47	5 7
4	Tu	Gold discovd. at Buninyong	1851	7 29	5 45	3 53	6 2
5	W	Massacre Missionaries, China	1895	7 28	5 46	5 0	6 48
6	Th	Ben Jonson, poet, died	1637	7 27	5 46	6 6	7 25
7	F	City of Melb. Bank closed	1895	7 26	5 47	7 8	7 57
8	S	Canning, Statesman, died	1827	7 25	5 48	8 8	8 25
9	✠	**9th Sunday after Trinity**		7 24	5 49	9 5	8 50
10	M	(9) Coron. King Edward VII.	1902	7 23	5 50	10 1	9 14
11	Tu	J.R. Lowell, Amer. poet, died	1891	7 22	5 51	10 58	9 39
12	W	P.O. opened at Melbourne	1841	7 21	5 52	11 55A	10 3
13	Th	Aus. Fed. Bill assented to	1885	7 20	5 53	—	10 31
14	F	Edward Henty died	1878	7 19	5 53	12 53M	11 3
15	S	Gas first used in London	1807	7 18	5 54	1 52	11 40M
16	✠	**10th Sunday after Trinity**		7 17	5 55	2 52	12 25A
17	M	London Dock Lab. Strike	1889	7 15	5 56	3 50	1 18
18	Tu	Christ Church, Hamilton, opd.	1878	7 14	5 56	4 44	2 18
19	W	Comte de Chambord died	1883	7 13	5 57	5 32	3 24
20	Th	Dunbar wrecked off Sydney	1857	7 12	5 58	6 14	4 34
21	F	Burke & Wills left Melb.	1860	7 10	5 59	6 51	5 43
22	S	Lord Salisbury died	1903	7 9	5 59	7 24	6 53
23	✠	**11th Sunday after Trinity**		7 8	6 0	7 54	8 2
24	M	ST. BARTHOLOMEW DAY		7 7	6 1	8 24	9 12
25	Tu	First church opened in Sydney	1795	7 5	6 2	8 54	10 22
26	W	English victory at Crecy	1346	7 4	6 3	9 27	11 34A
27	Th	Transp'tation to N.S.W. ceased	1840	7 2	6 4	10 4	—
28	F	Riot at Parlt. House, Melb.	1865	7 1	6 5	10 48	12 46M
29	S	American Fleet arrived	1908	6 59	6 6	11 40M	1 57
30	✠	**12th Sunday after Trinity**		6 58	6 6	12 39A	3 1
31	M	*Close Season for Trout ends.*		6 56	6 7	1 45A	3 58M

When the ground is in a friable state, advancing crops should be hoed amongst, the weeds being dug in where admissable. Potato-planting may be continued, and seeds of the general kitchen vegetables sown for the main supply. Make up hot-beds for early cucumbers, melons, vegetable marrows, etc. Tomatoes may be sown in pots in a frame for planting out early in October; onions for late keeping may be sown in low situations, and a few of former sowings transplanted for large bulbs. Mangold wurtzel, both for field and garden culture, may be sown largely; and a few vegetable marrows in frame, for an early out door crop. Thin out the slender shoots of roses, and cut back straggling and old flowering ones; put a few tubers of choice dahlias in a little bottom heat, for propagating, and plant out a few for early flowering, in rows four or five feet apart, or promiscuously in shrubbery borders. Finish planting fruit trees this month.

Copper coin is not a legal tender beyond 1s., or silver beyond 20s.; but gold may be tendered to any amount.

between the hours of 7 p.m. and midnight, at offices which are open for the acceptance of ordinary telegrams between those hours, addressed to offices which are open for ordinary or Press business after 7 p.m. Rate—40 words, 1s.; and ½d. for each additional word.

Deferred Telegrams.

Deferred Telegrams, subject to a delay not exceeding 24 hours, may be sent at half the ordinary rates to those countries which have adopted the service. Such telegrams must be written in plain language. Most of the principal countries have adopted this service.

Week-End Cable Letters.

Week-end Cable Letters may be exchanged between the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom. The rate is 9d. per word, with a minimum charge of 18s. The cable letters must be lodged by midnight on Saturday, and will be delivered on the following Tuesday morning.

RAILWAY WOOL RATES.

Stations.	Per Ton.															
	To Geelong.				To Melb'rne, Kensington, S. Kens't'n, Newmarket.				To Portland.				To Port Fairy.				To Warrnamb'l.			
	Gr'sy		Scr'd		Gr'sy		Scr'd		Grs'y		Scr'd		Grs'y		Scr'd		Grs'y		Scr'	
	s.	d.	s	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d	s.	d.	s.	d.
Maroona ..	38	3	43	3	42	0	47	0	35	0	40	0	36	9	41	9	36	6	41	6
Willaura ...	40	3	45	3	43	9	48	9	32	6	37	6	35	9	40	9	35	6	40	6
Glenthompson	42	6	47	6	45	3	50	3	28	6	33	6	31	6	36	6	30	9	35	9
Stavely.. ..	41	9	46	9	44	6	49	6	30	0	35	0	33	0	38	0	32	6	37	6
Dunkeld ..	44	3	49	3	46	9	51	9	24	6	29	6	27	6	32	6	27	3	32	3
Moutajup ..	45	0	50	0	47	6	52	6	22	6	27	0	25	6	30	6	25	3	30	3
Strathkellar ..	46	0	51	0	48	3	53	3	20	6	24	9	23	3	28	0	23	0	27	9
Hamilton ..	46	9	51	9	49	0	54	0	18	6	22	3	21	3	25	6	21	0	25	3
Branxholme ..	48	6	53	6	51	0	56	0	13	6	16	3	26	3	31	3	26	0	31	0
Condah ..	49	6	54	6	52	0	57	0	11	0	13	3	28	9	33	9	28	3	33	3
Myamyn ..	50	0	55	0	52	6	57	6	9	6	11	6	29	9	34	9	29	6	34	6
Milltown ..	50	6	55	6	52	9	57	9	8	9	10	6	31	0	36	0	30	6	35	6
Heywood ..	51	3	56	3	53	9	58	9	6	6	8	0	33	6	38	6	33	0	38	0
Portland ..	53	6	58	6	55	9	60	9	..		..		..		..		..		..	
Grassdale ..	49	9	54	9	52	3	57	3	16	6	20	0	..		..		..		..	
Merino	50	9	55	9	53	3	58	3	19	6	23	6	..		..		..		..	
Henty	51	6	56	6	54	0	59	0	21	0	25	3	..		..		..		..	
Sandford .	52	3	57	3	54	9	59	9	23	0	27	9	..		..		..		..	
Casterton ..	52	6	57	6	55	0	60	0	24	0	29	0	35	6	40	6	35	3	40	3
Bochara ..	47	9	52	9	50	0	55	0	20	9	25	0	..		..		..		..	
Wannon ..	48	3	53	3	50	9	53	9	22	3	26	9	..		..		..		..	
Gritjurk ..	49	0	54	0	51	3	56	3	24	3	29	3	..		..		..		..	
Coleraine ..	49	6	54	6	52	0	57	0	26	0	31	0	28	9	33	9	28	3	33	3
†Warrnambool	37	6	42	6	45	0	50	0	..		...		..		..		..		..	
Illowa	38	9	43	9	45	9	50	9	..		..		5	9	7	0	4	0	5	0
Koroit	39	6	34	6	46	3	51	3	..		..		4	6	5	6	4	0	5	0
Crossley ..	39	9	44	9	46	6	51	6	..		..		4	0	5	0	4	9	5	9
Kirkstall ..	40	0	45	0	46	9	51	9	..		..		4	0	5	0	5	0	6	0
Port Fairy ..	41	6	56	6	47	9	52	9	..		..		..		..		..		..	
Yatchaw ..	46	3	51	3	50	0	55	0	20	6	24	9	19	0	23	0	18	9	22	6
Tabor	45	6	50	6	50	6	55	6	22	3	26	9	17	6	21	0	16	9	20	3
Penshurst ..	44	9	49	9	50	6	55	6	24	3	29	3	15	3	18	6	14	9	17	9
Purdeet ..	44	0	49	3	49	6	54	6	..		..		13	0	15	9	12	6	15	0
Minhamite ..	43	3	48	0	49	0	54	0	..		..		11	3	13	6	11	0	13	3
Hawkesdale ..	42	0	47	0	48	0	53	0	..		..		9	0	11	0	8	9	10	6
Woolsthorpe ..	41	0	46	0	47	6	52	6	..		..		7	9	9	6	7	0	8	6
Warrong ..	40	0	45	0	46	9	51	9	..		..		5	9	7	0	5	0	6	0

† All wool for Warrnambool Pier is plus 6d. per ton on to rate to Warrnambool Railway Station, as shown in foregoing table.

Ninth Month. # SEPTEMBER. *xxx Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... 5th, at 12.1 a.m.
Last Quarter ..... 13th, at 3.48 a.m.
New Moon..... 20th, at 7.33 a.m.
First Quarter ..... 26th, at 10.3 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M
1	Tu	*Close Season for Blackfish begins*		6 55	6 8	2 49A	4 46M
2	W	Battle of Omdurman	1898	6 53	6 9	3 54	5 25
3	Th	Oliver Cromwell died	1658	6 52	6 10	4 57	5 58
4	F	J. P. Fawkner died	1869	6 50	6 11	5 58	6 27
5	S	Termin. war bet. Jap. & Rus.	1905	6 49	6 12	6 55	6 52
6	S	**13th Sunday after Trinity**		6 47	6 13	7 52	7 17
7	M	Whittier, American poet, died	1892	6 46	6 13	8 48	7 40
8	Tu	Sebastopol taken by Allies	1855	6 44	6 14	9 45	8 5
9	W	Battle of Flodden Field	1513	6 44	6 15	10 43	8 32
10	Th	Empress of Austria assi'ntd.	1898	6 43	6 16	11 41A	9 2
11	F	Siege of Delhi	1857	6 41	6 16	—	9 37
12	S	Railway to Echuca opened	1864	6 39	6 17	12 40M	10 18
13	S	**14th Sunday after Trinity**		6 37	6 18	1 38	11 6M
14	M	Duke of Wellington died	1852	6 35	6 19	2 32	12 2A
15	Tu	King, explorer, found by Howitt	1861	6 34	6 19	3 22	1 5
16	W	Robt. Stapylton Bree died	1907	6 32	6 20	4 6	2 12
17	Th	Sydney Internat. Exhib. op.	1879	6 31	6 21	4 45	3 20
18	F	Wills buried, Cooper's Creek	1861	6 29	6 22	5 19	4 30
19	S	British flag hoisted Auckland	1840	6 28	6 23	5 51	5 40
20	S	**15th Sunday after Trinity**		6 26	6 24	6 21	6 50
21	M	Burke's remains found	1861	6 24	6 25	6 53	8 3
22	Tu	Garden Palace, Sydney, burned	1882	6 22	6 26	7 25	9 17
23	W	Battle of Assaye	1803	6 21	6 26	8 2	10 32
24	Th	*Spring begins*		6 19	6 27	8 45	11 45A
25	F	Relief of Lucknow	1857	6 18	6 28	9 34	—
26	S	Sir Henry Barkly left Vic.	1863	6 16	6 29	10 33	12 54M
27	S	**16th Sunday after Trinity**		6 15	6 30	11 36M	1 54
28	M	First Hospital Sunday in Vic.	1873	6 13	6 31	12 42A	2 44
29	Tu	ST. MICHAEL. MICHAELMAS DAY		6 12	6 32	1 47	3 26
30	W	Lord Roberts born	1832	6 10	6 33	2 51A	4 1M

This should be a busy month for the sowing of most of the common vegetables. Potatoes should be planted largely, both of the early and late varieties; a few peas for a summer crop should be sown at intervals. Towards the middle of the month a sowing of scarlet runners, French beans, Canadian Wonder, beet (Carter's Perfection), carrot (Scarlet Intermediate), vegetable marrow, cucumber (long prickly), melons, pumpkins, radish, spinach, lettuce, endive, tomatoes, capsicums, rhubarb, celery, globe, artichokes, asparagus and turnips can be sown. All seed-beds and growing crops should be kept free from weeds. It is a good time to plant out and sow various culinary herbs, such as marjorum, mint, sage, thyme, balm, fennel, savoy, etc. The Dutch hoe should be kept going amongst growing crops on every opportunity.

Pruning should be finished during the early part of this month—if any has yet to be done—especially stone fruits. Planting should also be finished before the hot weather sets in, and a mulching of some long litter placed round newly-planted trees. Grafting ought to be completed during this month.

GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT.

TWENTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

Orders to Galleries obtained from Members of each House. To Body of Council, outside Bar, from President. To Speaker's Gallery, Assembly, from Speaker.

THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley.

THE MINISTRY.

The Honourable William Alexander Watt, M.L.A.	Premier and Treasurer.
The Honourable John Murray, M.L.A. ..	Chief Secretary.
The Honourable Sir Alexander J. Peacock, K.C.M.G., M.L.A.	Minister of Public Instruction and Minister of Labour.
The Honourable Donald Mackinnon, M.L.A.	Attorney-General, Minister of Railways, and Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
The Honourable Jas. Drysdale Brown, M.L.C. ..	Minister of Mines, Minister of Forests, Minister of Public Health, and Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works.
The Honourable Fredk. Hagelthorn, M.L.C.	Commissioner of Public Works.
The Honourable H. S. W. Lawson, M.L.A.	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and President of the Board of Land and Works.
The Honourable Wm. Hutchinson, M.L.A.	Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Water Supply.
The Honourable Wm. L. Baillieu, M.L.C. The Honourable W. A. Adamson, M.L.C. The Honourable Thos. Livingstone, M.L.A. The Honourable John Gray, M.L.A.	Ministers without Office.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—34 Members, 17 Provinces.

Period Elected for—Six years. Qualification—Property valued at £50 per annum.

President: Hon. J. M. Davies.

Chairman of Committees: Hon. A. O. Sachse.

Name.	*Province.*	*Name.*	*Province.*
Adamson, W. A.	... South-East	Jones, J. P. ...	... Melb. East
Aikman, J. G.	... Melb. West	Little, Willis	... North-East
Angliss, W. C.	... Southern	Manifold, W. S.	... Western
Austin, A. A....	... South-West	M'Bryde, D. E.	... South-East
Baillieu, W. L.	... Northern	M'Donald, J. Y.	... Wellington
Beckett, Robert	... East Yarra	M'Lellan, Adam	... Melb. East
Beggs, Theodore	... Nelson	M'Whae, John	.. Melbourne
Brawn, Fred.	... Wellington	Melville, Donald	... Melb. North
Brown, J. D.	... Nelson	Merritt, J. K.	... East Yarra
Clarke, F. G.	... Northern	Payne, T. H.	... Melb. South
Clarke, W. L. R.	... Southern	Pearson, William	... Gippsland
Crooke, E. J.	... Gippsland	Rees, R. B.	... North-West
Davies, J. M.	... Melbourne	Richardson, H. F.	... South-West
Evans, W. J.	... Melb. North	Robinson, Arthur	... Melb. South
Fielding, W. H.	... Melb. West	Sachse, A. O.	... North-East
Hagelthorn, F.	... North-West	Sternberg, Joseph...	Bendigo
Hicks, A. ...	... Bendigo	White, E. J.	... Western

Tenth Month. # OCTOBER. *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon..... 4th, at 3.59 p.m.
Last Quarter .....12th, at 7.33 p.m.
New Moon ..... 19th, at 4.34 p.m.
First Quarter ..... 26th, at 8.44 a.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M
1	Th	Melb. Internat. Exhib. opd.	1880	6 9	6 34	3 50A	4 30M
2	F	Fiji ceded to Great Britain	1874	6 7	6 35	4 48	4 56
3	S	Melbourne University opnd.	1855	6 6	6 35	5 44	5 21
4	S	**17th Sunday after Trinity**		6 4	6 36	6 41	5 45
5	M	Captain Cook landed in N.Z.	1768	6 3	6 37	7 37	6 9
6	Tu	Tennyson, poet, died	1892	6 1	6 38	8 34	6 35
7	W	Coal discovered in Gippsland	1872	6 0	6 39	9 32	7 4
8	Th	Dean Macartney died, aged 95½	1894	5 58	6 40	10 31	7 37
9	F	Governor Collins landed	1803	5 57	6 41	11 29A	8 15
10	S	Snowstorm at Hamilton	1910	5 55	6 42	—	9 0
11	S	**18th Sunday after Trinity**		5 54	6 43	12 24M	9 53
12	M	Boers invaded Natal	1899	5 52	6 44	1 15	10 51
13	Tu	(12) Diggers' riots at Ballarat	1854	5 51	6 45	2 0	11 54M
14	W	Deaf and Dumb Inst. opd.	1866	5 49	6 46	2 39	12 59A
15	Th	1st sale of land at Portland	1840	5 48	6 47	3 14	2 7
16	F	Earthquake, Wellington, N.Z.	1848	5 46	6 48	3 47	3 16
17	S	First Victorian Exhibition	1854	5 45	6 49	4 17	4 25
18	S	**19th Sunday after Trinity**		5 44	6 50	4 47	5 36
19	M	(18) St. Luke's Day		5 43	6 51	5 19	6 50
20	Tu	Battle of Glencoe, Natal	1899	5 41	6 52	5 54	8 7
21	W	Battle of Trafalgar	1805	5 40	6 53	6 36	9 24
22	Th	Third Victorian Exhibition	1866	5 38	6 54	7 24	10 37
23	F	Women's Work Ex., Melb.	1907	5 37	6 55	8 21	11 44A
24	S	Metz capitulated	1870	5 35	6 56	9 25	—
25	S	**20th Sunday after Trinity**		5 34	6 57	10 32	12 39M
26	M	(25) St. Crispin		5 33	6 58	11 39M	1 25
27	Tu	Captain Cook born	1728	5 32	6 59	12 44A	2 2
28	W	1st Vict. Cont. left for S. Afr.	1899	5 30	7 0	1 45	2 33
29	Th	Wairapara wrecked	1899	5 29	7 1	2 43	3 0
30	F	Prince Alfred lan. Adelaide	1867	5 28	7 2	3 39	3 26
31	S	1st telegram Melb. to Syd.	1858	5 27	7 3	4 35A	3 49M

This month the Austral vegetable kingdom puts forth its most attractive charms, exhibiting a brilliant intermixture of young foliage with blooms of fruit trees, luxuriant growing crops contrasting with the moist dark soil, whilst the air is laden with the perfume of fruits and blossoms. Although the sun has now attained considerable power, sudden changes sometimes take place, from great heat to very cold, wet, rough weather; against which provision should be made. In dry weather, hoe and earth-up potatoes; look to advancing seed beds, thin and transplant where requisite. If, from drought or other causes, crops look unpromising, sow fresh beds of the leading vegetables, but do not destroy those already sown. Vines should now be staked, and as the shoots advance in height, tie them to the stakes with tailor's list. It is advantageous to thin redundant fruit-buds, not only of vines, but of apricots, peaches, apples, pears, and some kinds of plums.

Sound travels 743 miles per hour; light 192,000 miles per second; electricity 288,000 miles per second.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—65 Members, 65 Districts.

Period Elected for—Three years, but Assembly may be dissolved by the Governor when he considers it expedient.

Speaker: Sir Frank Madden. *Chairman of Committees:* The Hon. Thos. Langdon.

Angus, Henry	Gunbower
Argyle, R. I.	Dalhousie
Baird, Matthew	Ballarat W.
Barnes, Samuel	Walhalla
Bayles, Norman	Toorak
Billson, A. A.	Ovens
Billson, J. W.	Fitzroy
Bowser, John	Wangaratta
Cameron, E. H.	Evelyn
Cameron, James	Gippsl'nd E.
Campbell, H. J. M.	Glenelg
Carlisle, J. J.	Benalla
Chatham, John	Grenville
Cotter, E. J.	Richmond
Downward, Alfred	Mornington
Duffus, J. F.	Port Fairy
Elmslie, G. A.	Albert Park
Farrer, J. F.	Barwon
Farthing, A. A.	East Melb.
Gordon, John	Waranga
Graham, George	Goulburn Valley
Gray, John	Swan Hill
Hampson, A. J.	Bendigo E.
Hannah, Martin	Collingwood
Hogan, E. J.	Warrenheip
Hutchinson, William	Borung
Jewell, J. R.	Brunswick
Johnstone, J. G.	Polwarth
Keast, W. S.	Dandenong
Langdon, Thomas	Korong
Lawson, H. S. W.	Castlemaine and Maldon
Leckie, J. W.	Benambra
Lemmon, John	Williamst'n
Livingston, Thomas	Gippsland South
Mackey, J. E.	Gippsland West
Mackinnon, Donald	Prahran
Madden, Sir Frank	Boroondarra
M'Cutcheon, R. G.	St. Kilda
M'Gregor, Robert	Ballarat E.
M'Kenzie, Hugh	Rodney
M'Kenzie, M. K.	Upper Goulburn
M'Lachlan, J. W.	Gippsland North
M'Leod, Donald	Daylesford
M'Pherson, W. M.	Hawthorn
Membrey, J. G.	Jika Jika
Menzies, James	Lowan
Murray, John	Warrnamb'l
Oman, D. S.	Hampden
Outtrim, A. R.	Maryboro'gh
Peacock, Sir A. J.	Allandale
Pennington, J. W.	Kara Kara
Plain, William	Geelong
Prendergast, G. M.	North Melbourne
Robertson, A. R.	Bulla
Rogers, Alexander	Melbourne
Sangster, George	Port Melb.
Smith, David	Bendigo West
Snowball, O. R.	Brighton
Solly, R. H.	Carlton
Thomson, John	Dundas
Toutcher, R. F.	Stawell and Ararat
Tunnecliffe, Thos.	Eaglehawk
Warde, E. C.	Flemington
Watt, W. A.	Essendon
Webber, G. C.	Abbotsford

Qualification of voters.—Every person 21 years of age (not subject to any legal incapacity), who shall be a naturalised or native-born subject of His Majesty, and who shall have resided in Victoria for twelve months previous to 1st day of January or July in any year, and for one month in one and the same electoral district, is qualified to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly, provided his name is on one of the electoral rolls for the district, under one or other of the qualifications following, if he—(1) Resides in any electoral district, or (2) owns lands or tenements of the clear value of £50, or of the clear yearly value of £5, or (3) is upon roll of ratepaying electors. All persons residing in the cities of Melbourne or Geelong, or in any borough or shire, who pay rates, are entitled, without application, to be enrolled upon a roll of ratepaying electors for division of electoral district in which property is situated, whether the rates due upon such property are paid or not.

Eleventh Month. # NOVEMBER. *xxx Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon..... 3rd, at 9.49 a.m.
Last Quarter..... 11th, at 9.37 a.m.
New Moon ..... 18th, at 2.2 a.m.
First Quarter..... 24th, at 11.39 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
1	☽	**21st Sunday after Trinity**		5 25	7 4	5 31A	4 13M
2	M	(1) ALL SAINTS' DAY		5 24	7 5	6 28	4 38
3	Tu	Stanley found Livingstone	1871	5 23	7 6	7 26	5 6
4	W	Aust. Ballot intro. U.S.	1890	5 22	7 7	8 24	5 38
5	Th	Battle of Inkerman	1854	5 21	7 8	9 23	6 15
6	F	Princess Charlotte died	1817	5 20	7 10	10 19	6 58
7	S	City of Sydney wrecked	1862	5 19	7 11	11 7	7 48
8	☽	**22nd Sunday after Trinity**		5 18	7 12	11 57A	8 43
9	M	(8) First census (224 whites)	1836	5 17	7 13	—	9 44
10	Tu	Hamilton Competitions inaug.	1903	5 16	7 15	12 37M	10 48
11	W	Vict. Leg. Council first opd.	1851	5 15	7 16	1 12	11 53M
12	Th	Gov. Grey arr. Auckland	1845	5 14	7 17	1 45	12 58A
13	F	Baron Rothschild died	1868	5 13	7 18	2 14	2 4
14	S	Fnd. stone Ormond College laid	1879	5 12	7 19	2 43	3 12
15	☽	**23rd Sunday after Trinity**		5 11	7 20	3 13	4 22
16	M	John Bright born	1811	5 10	7 21	3 46	5 37
17	Tu	1st house erec. on site of Melb.	1835	5 10	7 22	4 24	6 55
18	W	1st Export of Frozen Meat	1880	5 9	7 23	5 9	8 11
19	Th	First Settlement at Portland	1834	5 8	7 24	6 3	9 23
20	F	Hamilton Juv. Exhbn. opd.	1891	5 7	7 25	7 6	10 26
21	S	Great Fire in Melbourne	1897	5 7	7 26	8 14	11 18
22	☽	**24th Sunday after Trinity**		5 6	7 27	9 24	11 59A
23	M	New constitution proclaimed	1855	5 6	7 28	10 32	—
24	Tu	Tasman discovered Tasmania	1642	5 5	7 29	11 36M	12 34M
25	W	Dr. Isaac Watts died	1748	5 5	7 30	12 36A	1 3
26	Th	Parlt. House, Melb., opened	1856	5 4	7 31	1 34	1 29
27	F	Measles epidemic in Vict.	1874	5 4	7 32	2 29	1 53
28	S	Battle of Modder River	1899	5 4	7 34	3 25	2 17
29	☽	**1st Sunday in Advent**		5 4	7 35	4 21	2 42
30	M	ST. ANDREW'S DAY		5 3	7 36	5 19A	3 8M

Most gardens will now present a good appearance of culinary crops, in various stages of growth; the chief business will be to stir the surface soil, and if the ground becomes very dry from drought, mulch all the more important crops, but not in cold showery weather. Continue to thin young crops; prepare for and plant early celery into trenches; cut down flower-stalks of rhubarb as they appear. Still rub off any redundant buds from fruit trees; thinning the fruit now, where too thickly set, will result in increased size and superior flavour. Towards the end of the month, many varieties of rose and shrubs may be propagated by budding, stocks having been provided for them earlier in the year. Clip edgings of walks and hedges, hoe and remove all decaying stems, and thin dahlias. Carefully attend to advancing beds of melons and cucumbers, watering early in the morning.

About 1500 tons of iron and brass wire are yearly manufactured into pins in England. The Newhall Works, Birmingham, make 10,000,000 pins per day. What becomes of them?

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The Right Hon. Ronald Crauford Munro-Ferguson, P.C.

THE MINISTRY.

The Honourable Joseph Cook..	Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs.
The Right Honourable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.	Treasurer.
The Honourable William Hill Irvine, K.C...	Attorney-General.
The Honourable Edward Davis Millen ..	Minister of Defence.
The Honourable Patk. McMahon Glynn, K.C.	Minister of External Affairs.
The Honourable Littleton Ernest Groom ..	Minister of Trade and Customs.
The Honourable Agar Wynne..	Postmaster-General.
The Honourable James Hiers McColl ..	Vice-President of Executive Council.
The Honourable William Henry Kelly The Honourable John Singleton Clemons	Honorary Ministers.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

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Chairman of Committees : Senator the Hon. D. J. O'Keefe.

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Twelfth Month **DECEMBER.** *xxxi Days.*

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon..... 3rd, at 4.21 a m.
Last Quarter..... 10th, at 9.32 p.m.
New Moon..... 17th, at 12.35 p.m.
First Quarter..... 24th, at 6.25 p.m.

DAY OF M.	DAY OF W.			AT HAMILTON. SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON RISES.	MOON SETS.
				H. M.	H. M.	H. M	H. M.
1	Tu	Queen Alexandra born	1844	5 3	7 37	6 17A	3 39M
2	W	St. Francis Xavier born	1695	5 3	7 38	7 16	4 15
3	Th	(1) 1st Melb. civic election	1842	5 3	7 39	8 13	4 56
4	F	Thomas Carlyle born	1795	5 2	7 40	9 6	5 45
5	S	Mozart died	1791	5 2	7 41	9 55	6 39
6	✠	**2nd Sunday in Advent**		5 2	7 42	10 37	7 39
7	M	Dep. of Leichardt on last exp.	1846	5 2	7 43	11 13	8 41
8	Tu	Gold discovered at Bendigo	1851	5 2	7 44	11 46A	9 45
9	W	John Milton born	1608	5 2	7 45		10 49
10	Th	Queensland sep. from N.S.W.	1859	5 2	7 46	12 15M	11 52M
11	F	Pilgrim Fathers land. Amer.	1620	5 2	7 46	12 43	12 57A
12	S	Tasman sighted New Zealand	1642	5 2	7 47	1 12	2 4
13	✠	**3rd Sunday in Advent**		5 1	7 48	1 42	3 13
14	M	Amundsen reach'ed Sth. Pole	1911	5 1	7 49	2 16	4 27
15	Tu	*Close Season for Blackfish ends*		5 1	7 49	2 57	5 42
16	W	Wireless Electric Currents	1896	5 2	7 50	3 45	6 57
17	Th	(14) Prince Albert died	1861	5 2	7 50	4 44	8 5
18	F	Copper discovd. W.A.	1846	5 3	7 51	5 50	9 2
19	S	1st Act Parlt. passed Vict.	1852	5 4	7 51	7 1	9 51
20	✠	**4th Sunday in Advent**		5 4	7 52	7 12	10 29
21	M	St. Thomas' Day		5 5	7 52	9 19	11 1A
22	Tu	Summer Begins—Longest Day		5 5	7 53	10 23	11 29
23	W	Sir Henry Barkly arr. Melb.	1856	5 6	7 53	11 23M	11 55A
24	Th	Christmas Eve		5 6	7 54	12 20A	—
25	F	**Christmas Day**		5 7	7 54	1 18	12 20M
26	S	Boxing Day		5 8	7 55	2 14	12 44
27	✠	**1st Sunday after Christmas**		5 9	7 55	3 10	1 10
28	M	S.A. proclaimed Brit. colony	1836	5 9	7 56	4 8	1 39
29	Tu	(21) Brighton railway opened	1861	5 10	7 56	5 7	2 12
30	W	Rudyard Kipling born	1865	5 11	7 56	6 5	2 52
31	Th	Chief Jus Higinbotham died	1892	5 12	7 56	7 0A	3 38M

Hot winds this month often prove injurious to advancing crops, which should have their growth encouraged by hoeing or forking over the soil, and a *thorough* watering. Take up, as they ripen, early potatoes for seed, and expose them a few days to the sun. Matured onion bulbs should be harvested at once, or the sun will injure them for keeping. Collect herbs as they show flower, and hang them up in bunches under the roof of a shed. Stake and trim sweet peas, nasturtiums, and all climbing plants, before they have grown too much; picotees and carnations should be neatly pegged, and rambling growth prevented by a light loop and pegs. Attention is required to vines, which often sustain injury from the young tender shoots not being kept tied to the stakes; re-tie where necessary, and if any stakes appear loose, drive them in firmly, or the result may be loss of the vine, by the wind blowing down both stake and vine together.

Holidays, 25th, 26th.

To prevent the leaves of plants kept in rooms from becoming brown, sponge them with a little milk.

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AVERAGE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF BOYS.

Age.	*Height in inches.*	*Weight in pounds.*	*Age.*	*Height in inches.*	*Weight in pounds.*
2	33·70	32·5	12	54·99	76·7
3	36·82	34·0	13	56·91	82·6
4	38·46	37·3	14	59·33	92·0
5	41·03	39·9	15	62·24	102·7
6	44·00	44·4	16	64·31	119·0
7	45·97	49·7	17	66·24	130·9
8	47·05	54·9	18	66·96	137·4
9	49·70	60·4	19	67·29	139·6
10	51·84	67·5	20	67·52	143·3
11	53·50	72·0	21	67·63	145·2