Obituary.

Mr. Thomas Parramore.

The death of Mr. Thomas Parramore, of Beafront, Ross, Tasmania, occurred in April last, and the news was received with deep regret by a very large circle of friends. Mr. Parramore's connection with the Merino sheep industry was unique, because the Beafront stud flock was one of the oldest in the Commonwealth, and it was the source from which many new prominent stud flocks derived their origin. Mr. Parramore's flock deserves special mention in regard to the foundation of the now famous Belle Vue stud, because it was with Beafront rams and St. Johnstone ewes that the great Sir Thomas flock originated.

Mr. Parramore was the eldest son of the late Thomas Parramore, of Wetmore, Ross, who first came to the colony in 1833. He was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1840, in the same cottage where Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, composed his sonnets. Three years later he came to Tasmania with his father, and mother who were returning after a sojourn in the Old Land, living at Wetmore until his father acquired by purchase the Estate of Beafront, at the other side of the Macquarie River. He was educated at the school of Mr. W. E. Hawkes, Franklin Village. On the death of his father, in 1877, he came into possession of Beafront Estate, and so became the owner of one of the oldest and most famous flocks of Merino sheep in Tasmania.

To this estate he added by purchase some years later the adjoining property of Syndal, and successfully carried on the business of sheepbreeding, until little more than a year before his death, when, on account of failing health, he leased the two estates and stock to his son and brother-in-law, who traded under the name of Parramore and Hutchison.

He was a member of the local municipal council for forty-five years, and still held office at the time of his death.

He was a Justice of Peace for Tasmania for forty-five years. He married a daughter of the late Rev. James Hutchison, of Malvern, Victoria. Mrs. Parramore survives him, also two daughters. His only son, Ingle Thomas Parramore, predeceased him by a fortnight.

Mr. Parramore was a sterling, straight-forward man, and he was esteemed and respected by all classes.

Mr. Duncan Robertson.

Mr. Duncan Robertson, of Gooae, Narrandera, N.S.W., who died recently, was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, in 1848. He was only fourteen when he came to Australia, first calling at Tasmania, where he spent nine months. Then crossing to the mainland, his father, the late Mr. Duncan Robertson, purchased Inglesfield, near Balmoral, in Victoria. After two years on that estate, Mr. Robertson, the son, had a variety of experiences in connection with the pastoral industry. For seven years he was at Moy Hall, in South Australia, and managed that property while his brother was abroad. About 1864, with his brothers and sisters, he purchased the Mt. Emu Estate, in Victoria, a property of about 30,000 acres, and five years later went to Riverina, where he took up the management of a property for the Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Company Limited. From there he connected himself with Goree, which he and his brothers purchased in 1872. A successful pastoralist himself, he took an active interest in the industry, doing what he could to help others, especially in his own district. For about thirty-five years he was a member of the Urana Pastures Protection Board, and chairman of it for over fifteen years. He supported the country shows, and took an active part in the erection of chilling works at Narrandera.

The late Mr. Robertson married Alice, the youngest daughter of the late Sir John Robertson, and leaves four sons and two daughters.

Age of the Horse.

The age to which a stallion lives is often asked, says the "Live Stock Journal," and it is interesting to note that three sires who are announced to cover during the coming season—Sheen, Noble Chiefstain, and Carbine—were each foaled in 1885, so that they have reached the age of twenty-eight years. This, of course, is considerably above the average, although the records show that horses have lived much longer. The famous Match "Em (it is recalled by the "Sportsman") was thirty-three years old when he died, and several other early sires reached thirty-one years. Coming to more modern periods, Hermit lived twenty-nine years, and Isonomy only sixteen years, which has been the average for a great length of time. Galopin died when twenty-seven years of age, and Acetie at twenty-six, as did Minting, while St. Simon lived for twenty-seven years. Amphion, Hackler, and Lactantius died at twenty, and Trenton at twenty-four.