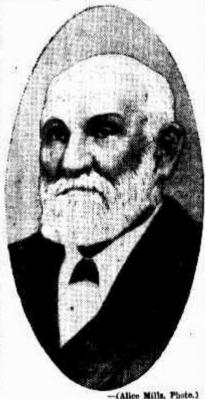
CAPTAIN COOK MEMORIAL. ST. KILDA STATUE UNVEILED. At the invitation of the St. Kilda Foreshore Committee, the Governor (Sir Arthur Stanley) yesterday afternoon un-veiled a bronze statue of Captain Cook, which has been erected on the recently r claimed portion of the west beach at St. Kilda. The statue, which is heroic size, is the work of Sir John Tweed, R.A., and was presented by Mr. Andrew Stenhouse. There were about 200 people present at

the ceremony, among whom were the Minister for Lands (Mr. Lawson), the Chief Secretary (Mr. Murray), the President of the Legislative (ouncil (Mr. J. M. Davies), the Legislative Council (Mr. J. M. Davies), Mr. Watt, M.H.R., Mr. Arthur Rohinson, M.L.C.; Mr. McCutcheon, M.L.A., and the Lord Mayor (Alderman D. V. Hennessy). Councillor H. B. Gibbs (the chairman of the St. Kilda Shore Committee) introduced Mr. Steubouse to the gathering, remarking that it was not his first gift to the people of Victoria. Mr. Steubouse in making His Eventeered

Mr. Stenhouse, in asking His Excellency to unveil the statue, said that they had met there to do honour to the memory of



ANDREW STENHOUSE, MR. Donor of the Statue.

one of the noblest of British seamen, Cap-tain Cook-(hear, hear)-who, some 146 years ago, in the small sailing ship En-deavour, had navigated the unknown sea around New Zealand and Australia, and who had ended by adding Australia to the British Empire. He wished that ceremony could have taken place under happier cir-cumstances. But were they downhearted? (Cries of "No," and laughter and cheers.) When the rising generation came to look

(Cries of "No." and taughter and energy. When the rising generation came to look upon the statue he hoped that they would think of what the pioneers had done, and that those thoughts would make them always resolve to defend their heritage, he it against Turk or Christian or cultured heathers. [Hear, hear.] His Excellency the Governor then un-veiled the statue, amidst much cheering. Sir Arthur Stanley, on behalf of the people of Victoria, thanked Mr. Stenhouse for his gift, and said that every man and woman of Victoria owed a debt of thanks to him for what he had done to beautify the sea front of the city in which he lived. As Mr. Stenhouse bad said, there was room for more gifts of the same kind, and no doubt there were some present who de-sired to commemorate some benefactions in the same way. Captain Cook had not merely been a great explorer. He had been a great and a good man. Love of adven-ture had driven him to sea, first in small vessels and then with the Royal Navy. Most of those present had, no doubt, also read of the good work he had done with Wolffe at Quebec, on the coast of New-foundland, and in every part of the world where the British flag flew ip the great, stirring days of the cipteenth century. Captain Cook was not unrely a great dis-coverer, but he was also a pioneer of humane methods. Captain Cook when he first sighted the coast of New South Wales, had not foreseen the development which would take place in 100 years' time. He homane methods. Captain Cook, when he first sighted, the coast of New South Wales, had not forescen the development which would take place in 150 years' time. He would be pleased and also surprised if he could see the proat cities of Sydney and Melbourne which were growing up on the shore which he looked upon as a place where something might be possible in the inture, but which he little anticipated would grow into the glorious Common-wealth of Australia. Nothing would have given Captain Cook greater satisfaction than to have seen with his mind's eye the youth of Australia in their great argony which had recently sailed from these shores to Egypt. If he could have pictured the Broadmessiows camp and the march past of the second contingent as it would take place on Monday or Tuesday next, be would have fielt that he had discovered something far greater than merely a new country—a land when liberty, freedor and all the qualitiest lich went to make a nation great, could develop and grow. (Cheers.)

a nation great, could develop and grow. (Cheers.) The Minister for Lands (Mr. Lawson) thanked His Excellency for attending the function, and, as they said in another place. for the gracious speech he had been pleased to make. (Laughter.) The statute was not the first gift Mr. Stenhouse had made, and he understood it would not be the last.

(Cheers.) The Chief Secretary (Mr. Murray) said that the people were very proud of Mel-bourne, but there was one thing about which it could boast very little-its statues.

The guests were then conveyed to the Palais de Danse, which had been lent for the occasion, where afternoon tea was erved.