A plain and fancy dress social to celebrate the opening of Mr. J. Porter's Pioneer Hall eventuated on Friday, 2nd inst., and, despite the heavy rain previous to the opening, it gas a brilliant success, some 60 couples being present. Mr. J. Reid opened the hall in a short but well chosen speech, eulogising Mr. Porter for the expense he has gone to in building an up-to-date hall, at the same time pointing out the advantages the district should derive from a hall of this kind in its midst. The Rev. Mr. Velvin, in a very neat address, responded on behalf of Mr. Porter. All arrangements for the enjoyment of the visitors were carried out under an active committee, of which Mr. C. Nelson was hon, secretary. Among those appearing in fancy costume were Miss Porter (Forget-me-not), Miss G. Baker as Polly. Both were very much admired, and would do justice to any ballroom. Mr. Murray as Highlander was a most appropriate character, while Mr. H. Fuller as Jack Tar engaged much attention. Various items were rendered by the following—Miss Zeims, recitation; Miss M'Gauran, song, "Way down on the old Swanee"; Mr. W. Seghers, song, "Queen of the Earth"; Mr. Pat Breshnan, comic, "M'Cormack," who fairly brought down the house and had to reappear; Mrs. Davis sang very sweetly "Coming Through the Rye." A most sumptuous repast, prepared by Mr. Gale, was partaken of, and dancing indulged in until the early hours of the morning. Mr. H. Hindmarsh, Coramba, performed the duties of M.C. in a most suitable manner; whilst excellent music was provided by Miss M'Kenzie, assisted by Mr. Gale and Mr. Breshnan, Coramba.