

## COWRA.

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RAILWAY.—Faithful to the promise made to the contractors by the Minister for Works the Cowra to Young section of the Murrumburrah-Blayney railway was taken over by the Railway Department on Monday last, and the first train run under the new regime reached Cowra at a little after noon on Tuesday. Although no attempt was made at a demonstration in honour of the event several townsmen congregated at the temporary terminus in recognition of its importance, and possibly in memoriam of the hard struggles for victory in days gone by. The platform erected by the Hospital Committee in connection with the demonstration on the Queen's Birthday is being used for landing purposes by the Department, and we presume will remain in use until the line is completed to Blayney. Two portable structures of small dimensions—somewhat after the style of sentry boxes—are made to serve the purposes of ticket and telegraph offices, while a small space between the two is roofed over with galvanized iron for the shelter of passengers in waiting. No provision whatever has been made for the storage of merchandise or produce, and we believe it is not the intention of the Department to make any. Everything in connection with the station is of the most temporary nature, and there is nothing in the surroundings to indicate that an important town on the loop-line is only about a mile distant. Mr. Dixon is the officer in charge of the station, and we can congratulate ourselves on having secured an official of the obliging and intelligent stamp. The want of punctuality as to the time of arrival of the first train (only a matter of 40 minutes) must not, we hope, be taken as a fair criterion of what we are to expect in future, otherwise we will not be very great gainers by the new postal arrangements, and passengers for the west will be considerably inconvenienced by failure to meet the outgoing Carcoar coach. Fully twenty passengers, also a heavy mail and a large number of parcels and luggage, came by Tuesday's train, and we have good grounds for believing that in time the traffic in this direction will increase rather than diminish.