

## THE TANTANOOLA "TIGER."

The Mount Gambier correspondent of the *Register*, writing under date August 21, says :—

The general subject of conversation in the town to-night is the shooting of an animal which is supposed to be the famed Tantanooga "tiger." Mr Thomas Donovan came from Mount Salt this afternoon with the carcass of what is pronounced to be a large common European wolf, which he claims is really the Tantanooga "tiger." He says that, accompanied by Mr William Taylor, he left Nelson, on the Glenelg River, yesterday, and in the evening called at Mount Salt, on Mount Schanak Station, and obtained leave from Mr Watson, the Manager, to camp and search for the animal. At Mr Watson's direction they went to a range four miles west of Mount Salt, where the beast was recently seen. Before sunrise this morning, while on the lookout, he saw a lot of sheep showing signs of having been disturbed some 300 yards away, and he then observed this animal worrying one. Creeping stealthily up they got within about 100 yards of it, and Mr Donovan with his rifle fired as it sat on its haunches looking at the sheep. It ran 300 yards before falling dead. They then took the carcass to Mr James Marks, of Mount Gambier, the local taxidermist, to stuff with a view of exhibiting it.

Mr Marks and some other good judges declare that it is a pure European wolf. Others, however, are inclined to doubt as to its species. Its height is about 2½ feet, its length from nose to root of tail 3 feet 9 inches, tail 15 inches, head 13 inches from tip of ear to ear, and its nose pointed. It also has a thick shaggy neck and brushy tail of wolf colour, dark brown along back, gradually lightening to bright fawn. Belly, neck, and legs are smooth. Its paw would make a large track of the character of a dog.

Whether it is the supposed "tiger" or not cannot be said, and how a wolf could have got into the country is a great puzzle to everybody.