

## STURT CENTENARY

### NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

#### UNVEILING MEMORIALS

The Commissioner of Public Works (Hon. M. McIntosh) will leave to-day for Renmark to take part in the celebrations arranged by the Geographical Society of Australasia of the centenary of Captain Charles Sturt's Murray River exploration trip in 1829. He will be accompanied by the Engineer-in-Chief (Mr. J. H. O. Eaton) and Mr. F. M. McMillan, M.P.

The celebrations will also mark the completion of the works within the South Australian border carried out under the River Murray agreement between the Commonwealth and the States of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. This agreement was the result of a conference in 1921, at which South Australia was represented by Messrs. H. S. Taylor, J. H. O. Eaton, W. R. Williams (chairman of the Renmark Irrigation Trust), and F. M. McMillan.

#### Simpson Newland Lock

The first official ceremony will be the opening and christening of the Simpson Newland Lock, the sixth and last lock to be constructed in South Australia, situated about 28 miles north of Renmark. This ceremony will be performed by the Commissioner of Public Works on Tuesday. On the previous day the South Australian party will proceed to Merbein (Victoria) in the morning and in the afternoon to Wentworth (New South Wales.) At both places they will link up with Victorian and New South Wales parties, and co-operate in their ceremonies.

#### Unveillings on Wednesday

After the opening of the Simpson Newland Lock, Sturt memorials will be unveiled at Renmark on Wednesday, Loxton, Cobdogla (Loveday memorial), and Kingston Punt on Thursday; Morgan and Mannum on Friday; Milang and Pt. McLeay on Saturday. Mr. McIntosh will unveil all these memorials with the exception of Mannum, where the ceremony will be performed by the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. J. Cowan), and at Milang and Point McLeay, where Sir Lancelot Stirling will officiate.

On Sunday week his Excellency the Deputy-Governor (Sir George Murray) will unveil a joint memorial to Captains Charles Sturt and Collett Baker at Hindmarsh Island, which will be dedicated by the Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas). The celebrations will be concluded on Saturday, January 25, with the unveiling of the Murray Bridge memorial and the opening of a recreation reserve by the Attorney-General (Hon. H. Homburg).