

### THE STEAMER TANJIL.

The new paddle-wheel steamer *Tanjil* made her first trip down the bay on Saturday. A party of about 30 gentlemen assembled on board the vessel at 10 o'clock, and soon after a start was made. In the bay there was a strong headwind blowing, and too much sea on to let the company see what the boat could do under more favourable circumstances. The run from Williamstown to the lightship off Queenscliffe was done at the rate of eight knots an hour, and the return trip was accomplished in a little faster time. The *Tanjil* behaved very well, and the visitors were greatly pleased with the trip. The healths of the builders and the owners of the vessel were drunk during the trip, the latter toast being responded to by Mr T. B. Abbott. The *Tanjil* is a wooden vessel built for the Gippsland Lakes Navigation Company, by Messrs Robt. Kennedy and Son, of Yarra Bank. She is about 120ft. long with 16ft. 6in. beam; capacity, 70 tons gross burden. The engines, by Messrs M'Call, Anderson, and Co., Flinders-street, are of 40-horse power, and capable of working up to 160-horse power. She is built for the passenger traffic on the Gippsland Lakes to ply principally between Bairnsdale and Sale. In the cabin she will accommodate 40 passengers, with 16 passengers forward. Besides a fair stock of fuel and water, she will carry 45 tons of cargo, and when fully laden, will only draw 4ft. 6in. The *Tanjil* is well and faithfully built. The frames are of redgum and box, obtained from the neighbourhood of Seymour. The planking is of Tasmanian bluegum, and the top sides of Kauri pine, with iron knees, and copper fastened throughout. She has been classed A1 at Lloyd's for nine years. On Friday last, in her trial trip between the lightships, with smooth water, she made 12 knots an hour. This little vessel should prove extremely useful on

the lakes, and in all probability will be the forerunner of a fleet of similar boats. After the trip on Saturday night the *Tanjil* was handed over to the representatives of the company.—*Argus*.