

Moore's Wharf, Miller's Point, Sydney.

ONE of the best-known and oldest wharves in the harbour of Port Jackson is the property of the Hon. Henry Moore, and known as "Moore's Wharf." It occupies a very prominent position on Miller's Point, round which all our steamers turn to their places in Darling Harbour, and has for years been known as the terminus of the Peninsula and Oriental Company's mail boats. For many years Moore's Wharf has been a favourite one with importers on account of the room it offers for cargo and the good road out, but it has laboured under the same disadvantages as the Circular Quay in not being able to accommodate vessels close alongside and in requiring stages from the ship to the shore, and it only afforded room for two vessels. In order to bring the wharf up to modern requirements, Mr. Moore placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Norman Self, who is well known to have given great attention to the shipping accommodation of the port. As the limit line of extension laid down by the authorities only permitted of about seventy feet of encroachment on the harbour, it was not possible to run out jetties in the ordi-

nary way, and Mr. Self has therefore adopted the plan shown in our illustration. By this plan the accommodation is of a very superior class, and affords much greater facilities for getting away cargo. The three new berths are inclined round the curve of the wharf something like the teeth of a circular saw, and give over 150 feet more frontage than was before available, and besides keeping the vessels quite separate from each other, give accommodation for much greater tonnage and deeper water. At the same time these wharves admit of extension to suit still larger vessels if they should be required without encroaching much more into the stream. Several ships, as the Loch Etive, Ascalon, and others, have already discharged cargo at the new wharves, and the berths are secured for some time to come. It is satisfactory to find that Mr. Moore is thus early reaping the fruit of his enterprise, as it will stimulate private wharf-owners to improve their properties. Since the great controversy about the Circular Quay, a few years ago, Messrs. Dibbs, Smith, Parbury, and now Mr. Moore, have provided accommodation for the largest class of vessels, which the Government have neglected to do; and looking to the vast increase in our harbour-steamers' traffic lately, it seems as if it would require the whole of the Circular Quay for their accommodation. If the delay in improving Sydney Cove ultimately results in a noble stone quay being built, the colony in general, and Sydney in particular, will have cause to be thankful. In the meanwhile, our business men and merchants will look out that accommodation for ocean steamers and sailing ships is provided as fast as it is wanted. We congratulate Mr. Moore on this latest improvement at Miller's Point. We may state that the contractors are Messrs. Rankin and Batty, and that two out of the three berths are now completed.