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Mr. C. G. Millar is expected to return here towards the end of next month.

Twenty-five passengers arrived by the Catterthun for this port, and besides a number of Europeans she had over 100 Chinese.

A meeting of Directors of the Pine Creek Prospecting and Mining Company was held on Monday evening to transact certain business connected with the formation of the Company. There were present Messrs. E. Elphick, R. D. Beresford, G. W. Mayhew, and the Secretary.

Mr. Adam Johns returned by the s.s. Catterthun. The crushing machinery which he intended acquiring for the tin claim owned by himself and Mr. Saunders is to arrive later on. Amongst the other passengers were Dr. Ternan (the successor to Dr. Bovill) and several others whose names will be familiar.

On reliable authority we learn that the South Australian shareholders in the Spring Hill Gold Mining Company have purchased the interests of the English shareholders, and have since determined to work the mine as a purely colonial speculation. A contract has been let to sink the main shaft deeper, and work is once again proceeding vigorously.

We have been requested to notify that a general meeting of the Port Darwin Cricket Club will be held at the Club Hotel on Monday evening next. The chief object of the meeting is to consider the averages and award the trophies of the past season, and as one prize is for the best all-round player, to be chosen by ballot, it is desirable that there should be a large attendance of playing members.

His Honor Judge Pater apparently holds precisely similar opinions to ourselves in the matter of Joe Flick, the half-caste Queensland prisoner. Flick

half-caste Queensland prisoner. Flick was brought up again on Tuesday and a still further remand was asked for by the police, but his honor, in granting the application, gave out that this would be the last postponement that would be granted. It happens, however, that Joe will get no satisfaction from this announcement, for by the s.s. Catterthun Constable Hasenkamp arrived to take charge of the runaway, who will be promptly transferred to Queensland.

Cricket is taking another spurt. A fairly good muster of persons interested turned up at the annual general meeting of the Port Darwin Cricket Club held on Wednesday night, and the affairs of the Club were put on a firmer footing than they have been on for some considerable time past. An energetic secretary was found in Mr. W. Griffiths, a good sound committee was chosen, and all that remains to be done now is for the match committee to get players in the field at once. There is some talk of a team of players from the north-west coast giving the local Club a challenge on the arrival of the steamer Otway early next month, and there is no reason why another match should not be arranged against the railway men before the strength of their team is greatly reduced.

A meeting of the Directors of the Pine Creek Prospecting and Mining Company was held at the Club Hotel on Monday evening last, Mr. R. D. Beresford in the chair. The principal item of business was with reference to filling the position of managing overseer. Applications were received from Messrs. T. Gash, W. Martin, J. Hocking, Main, Cheesbrough, and others, at salaries ranging from £3 up to £8 per week, and after going through the lot in order it was resolved to accept the services of Mr. Gash at £3 per week. In doing this the Directors secure a miner who has passed many years on Pine Creek on claims adjoining the Company's, who still holds a claim there, and who is well known as an honest and reliable practical miner, thoroughly conversant with the nature of the Pine Creek reefing