WRECK OF THE HOPE SCHOONER. — The Hope schooner, the property of Mr. Hezlett, of Sydney, was wrecked on Wednesday night last, whilst endeavouring to enter Wollongong Basin. The night was intensely dark, and the schooner was proceeding onwards towards the basin with squared yards and propelled by a light easterly breeze, when it is said the wind suddenly shifted and caused the schooner to drive against the projecting stones of the new breakwater, thereby knocking a hole in her bottom into which the water poured at a tremendous rate. A moment or so before the disaster occurred a flash of lightning revealed to those on board the ill-fated vessel their disagreeable proximity to the rocks, and then the most strenuous efforts were made to bring the schooner round but without effect. As a last resource the anchor was let go, but before the cable became taut the schooner was bumping against the rocks. Mr. Edwards, the Captain of the Porpoise, and others, went to her assistance and by means of a couple of kedges and lines the schooner was got off. She, however, filled and settled down on her beam ends. The crew was unable to save even their clothing. On Thursday an effort was made to tow the floating mass across to the beach adjoining the Brighton Hotel, but, we regret to say, without success; for, during the progress of the operations, the schooner slowly settled down and sank. Her works protrude a little above the surface of the water, a melancholy memento of the precarious character of marine property. We believe Mr. Hezlett recently refused £800 for the wrecked ship.

LITHOGRAPH OF WOLLONGONG HARBOUR. — We were shown a drawing of Wollongong Harbour and the adjacent scenery lately, which the artist intends to have lithographed and coloured, provided a sufficient number of subscribers, at a guinea per copy, can be obtained. We have rarely seen a sketch more exactly and minutely faithful than this view of the harbour. In fact it combines the minute portraiture of a photograph, with the breadth and freedom of a water colour drawing. We hope that a sufficient number of subscribers may be obtained to ensure its publication.

SUBSCRIPTION BATHS. — Mr. F. Lannoy, the spirited and enterprising Host of the Queen’s Hotel, Wollongong, has started subscription baths. These baths are arranged in separate rooms, and consist of hot, cold, and shower baths. The charge proposed is only one guinea per annum. We believe a large number of names are already on the list. In a warm climate like ours, the chance of washing the body thoroughly, in warm water, or cold, according to taste and the health of the bather, is a privilege not to be despised. Confessedly, we cannot obtain this privilege in our own homes, without incurring much greater expense than the small charge which Mr. Lannoy proposes to make.

BLANKETS FOR THE BLACKS. — The annual distribution of blankets amongst the blacks will take place at the Court House, on Thursday the 1st of May next.