

## SYDNEY YACHT BUILDING

Local yacht builders have for some time past been fairly busy, and workmen of ability are commanding top wages on full time. Yesterday a new schooner-yacht, built for Mr. H. J. Munton, commodore of the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club, Adelaide, was launched at Holmes' Yard, M'Mahon's Point, North Sydney. She is a "wholesome" looking cruiser, 60ft long by 15ft beam, fitted with a wooden centreboard. Provision has been made for installing an oil engine. She will be known as *Alfreda II*.

A small racing-cruiser yacht, for Mr. Barker, is now nearing completion.

At Berry's Bay (Ford's Yard), the keel of a ketch has just been laid down. She is for pearl shell prospecting at Thursday Island. A screw steamer, 130ft long, beam 24ft, is being constructed at this yard to the order of Messrs. Alfred Harran and Son, of Launceston. Mr. Mark Foy is also having built at this establishment a motor launch, fitted with a 5-h.p. Victor engine. Her length is 35ft, with a beam of 5ft, draught 18 inches.

At Glebe Point, W. Reid has laid the keel of a cruising launch (45ft long) for Mr. P. C. Mitchell. A 15-h.p. Union Engine is expected to give her a speed of 10 knots. The same builder has just finished a torpedo-type steam motor launch, for Mr. E. Scharer, of Coraki, 40ft long by 8ft 6in beam, draught 3ft.