

The captain of the steamer ***Indralemma*** which arrived from London at Melbourne the other day, reported strong gales and high following seas during the greater portion of the trip across the Southern Ocean. On August 26th; however, the wind died away, but during the next two days the vessel had a novel experience. It was in the nature of a remarkably heavy north-easterly and southeasterly swell, with a south-westerly under-swell, causing such a prodigious jumble, that, in the absence of airy breeze, Captain Trotter came to the conclusion that the disturbance was due to a seaquake. Whilst this lasted, the speed of the vessel had to be greatly reduced. She pitched, and rolled alarmingly, whilst excessive "racing" of her engines increased the discomfort of life on board. "It was a most, extraordinary experience altogether," said Captain Trotter, "hardly a breath, of wind blowing during the 24, hours that the ocean was in such a state of tumult."