

OPENING OF THE CENTRAL CITY MARKET.

The Central City Market, which has been in use since the beginning of last year, to the mutual advantage of buyers and growers, was formally opened, for the purpose of bringing it under the market regulations of the city, this (Saturday) morning by the Mayor and City Council, of whom the following members were present:—Messrs. Raphael, Wright, Bartels, Garlick, King, and Tidemann. The citizens must have been pleased to notice such a general manifestation of the interest by the Council, seeing that not many months ago two Councillors at the most were all who could be found to advocate the cause of the "Citizens' Market." The exertions of Councillor Raphael, steadfastly supported by Councillor Wright, have, however, borne their fruit, and the Council now seem resolved to take the matter in hand earnestly, while at the same time justly, as will be seen from the remarks in the proceedings, of which an account is here appended.

There was a large attendance of both growers and customers, who had made a good commencement with their business before 7 o'clock, when the Artillery Band, whose services were provided by some private citizens, put in an appearance, and celebrated the occasion with some music. At 7 o'clock or a few minutes afterwards His Worship the Mayor mounted a chair at the south end of one of the sheds, and being surrounded by the Councillors, Town Clerk, and other Corporation officers, said it was his pleasing duty to declare open the first City Market within their Municipality. The City Council having established a market on Acres 389 and 380, in pursuance of Act of Parliament, he, as Mayor, together with the Council, declared the market to be open, and subject to all the regulations which had been printed and were placed on a board for general information. He declared the name to be the Central City Market, and having read the description of the boundaries, called for three cheers for the Queen.

That having been responded to, another round was given for the Mayor and Councillors, and another for Mr. Raphael, who had carried on the market.

Mr. Councillor RAPHAEL said he felt exceedingly obliged to them. He had but one reason for doing what he had done, and that was that he believed the City Market would be a

that he believed the City Market would be a benefit to the city. (Applause.) He could honestly assure them the City Council had no intention of putting down any market. The Council had only one desire, and that was to promote the interests of the citizens by bringing a revenue into the treasury, and in that way keeping down taxation. Those who came from the country and cut up the roads and streets had as much interest in maintaining them as those who lived in the city. Many persons said they wished to crush Mr. Vaughan. It was nothing of the kind, only they had a duty to perform to the citizens, and they should fearlessly do so. (Applause.)

The Mayor and Councillors subsequently, together with the officers of the Corporation and one or two other gentlemen, sat down to breakfast at the Metropolitan Hotel. Having finished the substantial part of the repast, champagne was placed upon the table, and

His WORSHIP rose to propose "Success to the Central City Market." He said he had that morning performed a pleasing duty, and one which he hoped would injure no one. When the market question was first mooted after he became Mayor, he saw at once that if any attempt was made to injure a man who had come forward and established a market in the city when there was no market, although the existence of such a market, except under the control of the Corporation, was illegal—yet to attempt to injure that man, who had been the means of providing a convenience to the public, would be unjust. In the course of a conversation he had with Mr. Uhlmann, he appeared to be under the impression, which he was sorry to see gaining ground, that it was the intention of the City Council to injure Mr. Vaughan. He told him that he believed the majority of the Council held the same opinion as his own, and that they would not attempt to crush him, but that if he would place his market under the superintendence of the Corporation, according to law, they would accept some trifling fee in the shape of a licence fee, and enable him to carry on his market under his own superintendence and for his own profit. Mr. Uhlmann said he was not aware that was the feeling of the City Council, but if that was the case he should either urge Mr. Vaughan at once to accede to the offer, or he should leave the affair in their hands. He (Mr. Solomon) drew up a memorandum expressing those opinions, and gave it to Mr. Uhlmann as a private friend, and

gave it to Mr. Uhlmann as a private friend, and told him to submit it to Mr. Vaughan. That he did, and the next day—which was the day the market case came on at the Police Court—Mr. Vaughan told him it was a public matter, and he would defy the Corporation to do what they liked, which he thought very ungracious. (Hear, hear.) He intended asking Mr. Uhlmann to give him the paper, that he might lay it before the Council, and remove an odium which might have rested upon them in regard to their action towards Mr. Vaughan. (Hear, hear.) He asked them to drink "Success to the Central City Market," and in doing so he felt confident there was room enough quite for two markets, situated as they were, and that at not a very remote period they would have one in North Adelaide also. (Hear, hear.) He would couple with the toast the name of Mr. Councillor Raphael—(applause)—through whose hard work and determined spirit they had witnessed the success which they saw that morning. (Cheers.)

The toast having been duly honoured,

Mr. Councillor RAPHAEL thanked His Worship for the manner in which he had referred to his humble exertions for the benefit of the citizens. He felt it a duty to do all that was in his power for their benefit, and having carried out the duty devolving upon him he was proud that the market was the success they had seen. A thing of the kind which was likely to be a great affair hereafter could never have been brought about unless some energetic exertions were used by some one. He took that duty upon himself, though at the same time there was a great deal to be said for Mr. Councillor Wright, who had perseveringly assisted him, and also for some others. He believed the Council had a desire to do justice to all, and it was impossible to do justice to all if they studied the interests of one. After referring to the way in which Mr. Johns and Mr. Lewis had supported the market from the first, he concluded by proposing, the health of the Town Clerk and other officers of the Corporation, who had been always ready to lend their assistance to the market. (Applause.)

The TOWN CLERK (Mr. Worsnop) made a suitable response on behalf of himself and the other officers, stating that they could not wish to have a better set of employers. They hoped success would continue to attend the Central City Market. (Applause.)

Mr. GARLICK proposed "The Health of Messrs. David Johns and William Lewis." He heartily

David Johns and William Lewis." He heartily wished the market success, and also the East-End Market. (Hear, hear.) He was sure the Council would be willing to make matters as equitable as possible, and though no doubt a good deal had been said that had better have been left unsaid, he was sure the Council would never assent to any undue interference with the East-End market. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. D. JOHNS returned thanks on behalf of himself and Mr. Lewis, and stated that the reason he took the action he did was that Mr. Vaughan could not find them all accommodation, and he believed there was room for two markets in the city, and shortly would be for a third. In reference to Mr. Vaughan, he said from what he knew of him as a Chartist leader in London, he was sure it was no use the Council expecting Mr. Vaughan to come to terms with them, because he would never be satisfied until he ruled the city; and the only way of dealing with him would be for the Mayor to maintain his proper power like the "Iron Duke."

His WORSHIP said he would be prepared to do so. It appeared to be a battle now between Mr. Vaughan and the Corporation as to who should rule the city. It should be borne in mind that every citizen formed the Corporation, and it was the determination on their part that they should govern the city.

The health of the Host having been drunk and acknowledged by Mr. Penaluna, the proceedings terminated at half-past 8 o'clock.