

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME.

The manager of the Adelaide branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank on Friday received the following message from the inspector in Melbourne, which is a transcription of a cablegram from the London office:—

"Capital—15,000 shares, £35 each, £10 credited, £5 payable forthwith, £7 10s. in three equal instalments extending over 18 months; balance £12 10s. liability, making paid-up capital £1,012,500. Old bank's creditors receive 4 per cent. debenture stock in round sums of £10 and upwards, amounting equal to £2,500,000, being half the liabilities, this stock forming the first floating charge on the new bank's entire assets, interest payable on the 1st January and 1st July at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Perpetual deposit stock, £2,500,000, remaining liabilities at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest cumulative payable out of yearly profits; both stocks inscribed optional London and colonies transferable £1 and upwards by ordinary transfer deed.

"The bank may issue debenture stock for new deposits, ranking *pari passu* with the previous debenture stock, interest not exceeding 4 per cent. The bank reserves the right to give three months' notice to pay off debenture stock and deposit stock at 5 per cent. premium and *par* respectively. The bank is obligated to make 50 per cent. advances to original holders of debenture stock issued in respect of current account deposits at interest at current rates.

"The old bank gives the new bank £750,000 excess assets, which on realisation or valuation are to be placed to a permanent reserve fund, such fund not to be available to equalise or for payment of dividend nor to be reckoned as an asset of the new bank. For the purposes of ascertaining the profits available for the dividend on perpetual stock the holders will have power to appoint two directors. Twenty-five per cent. surplus profits after payment of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest on perpetual stock to be carried to special reserve fund for equalisation of interest upon and redemption of the same.

"Preliminary meetings to consider the scheme will be held in London on the 2nd of May, and in Edinburgh on the 3rd of May. Shareholders and creditors will be summoned by the official receiver."