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The ceremony of unveiling the statuary purchased from the Russell-Thomson bequest for that purpose was performed at the City Gardens yesterday by the Premier of the colony, the Hon. Duncan Gillies. That gentleman arrived by special train from Melbourne at half-past 11 o'clock, and after partaking of the hospitality of the City Mayor proceeded to the gardens. There was a fairly large concourse of people there, notwithstanding that the time was an inconvenient one to many, and the fact that the City Council had not made any arrangements worthy of the name for the ceremony. Mr J. Noble Wilson, on behalf of the trustees of the donor, handed over the statuary to the Mayor of the City, Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, M.L.A. The mayor accepted the gift on behalf of the citizens, and called upon the Hon. D. Gillies to address those present. The statuary having been unveiled, Mr Gillies delivered a brief and pointed address, and the proceedings terminated after three cheers had been given for Mr Gillies, the mayor, the trustees, and Mr Stoddart. Subsequently the Premier visited the School of Mines, and was shown over the establishment. Pie was then driven to the site for the new Fine Art Gallery, where the buildings in course of erection and the plans showing what the appearance of the gallery will be when it is completed were inspected. Mr Gillies expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw, and with the evidences that the School had already given of its great utility. The Premier left for Melbourne again by a special train at 2.45 p.m. A report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere in The Star.