

## **Warrnambool Standard February 1911**

Mr. W.J. James, of Brunswick, through his solicitors, has been granted permission by the Public Works department to use 100 feet square of the foreshore between Port Fairy and Warrnambool, where he claims to have discovered an old Spanish vessel known as the mahogany ship, which was probably wrecked in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

### **The Mahogany Ship**

With regard to the ancient wreck near Warrnambool, supposed to be a Spanish mahogany ship, 300 years old, Mr. E.A. Petherick says:- "If such is in existence to-day it cannot be the wreck indicated by Mr James, and still be seen at low water. Her material is not mahogany. She is also copper bottomed - a sheathing not used before the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The first vessel in the British navy to be sheathed with copper was the H.M.S. Alarm, in 1758. The vessel discovered is said to be named Saphriniana. Can this be the Santa Anna, lost in 1811? She came out from England to engage in fishing trade, and left Sydney in April that year. She was entered as 226 tons, and probably would be like Mr James' vessel, copper bottomed."