

CORRESPONDENCE

BURRA CABFARES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In regard to cabs and fares at Burra I have driven a cab here for 32 years, and my old friend George March has driven one for about 15 years. Since I started about 20 cabs have put up in opposition at one time and another, but they were all starved out on account of the sixpenny fares. Among them were two single men who had no one to keep but themselves, but they could not keep going at the price. One of them lives at Burra now and can support that statement. We have to get up at 5.30 every morning to meet the first train from Broken Hill, and by the time we get our horses fixed up after the last train at night it is quite 11 o'clock, so I think we earn our fares. We do not want to make a fortune, but we want to live, to keep our horses right, and our harness and cabs in a proper state. I am writing this letter at 5 o'clock in the morning, and am about to put my horses in for their first trip. It is raining heavily and I may not catch one passenger, but I have to go all the same. It may seem as though I am straining the point, but the solid truth is I have been able to keep going because of a little dealing and coltbreaking.

I am Sir, &c.,

T. P. HALLS.

Witness, G. E. March.