

VICTORIANS FEAR WORLD'S END.

FASCINATING SIGHT.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Reports were received to-day from various parts of the country of a magnificent display in the heavens late last night. Some people at Shepparton thought that the end of the world was at hand. At about 11 o'clock they observed strange moving lights issuing from what seemed to be a dark mass, extending half-way across the sky, like a pall from east to west. The moon was shining brightly at the time on the western dip, but the lights overshadowed its radiance. The display was most brilliant about 1 o'clock, after which the southern sky was wonderfully tinted with aurora-like colours. The phenomenon was witnessed by a large number of people, who were fascinated and awestricken by the grandeur of the spectacle. In another part of Victoria it was thought to be a comet, while residents of a third town took it to be the Aurora Australis.