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organised an impromptu torchlight procession in honour of its new member. His own shepherds and musterers carried the news to his waiting wife and, as his buggy was sighted, unharnessed the horses and drew him home in triumph."

### Some Election Posters

Posters from early elections are preserved in the Turnbull Library, and we have reproduced one of the larger ones. Here is a humorous one devised by Francis Bradey, the date uncertain:

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF the City of Wellington

GENTLEMEN,—I have been persuaded at the eleventh hour to put myself forward as a Candidate at the ensuing election as many gentlemen have promised me their votes and intrust to obtain a seat in the Provincial Council about to be assembled in this place & if I should have the honor of being chosen one of your representatives I will do all in my power to serve the best interests of my constituents & my adopted country & I shall be at all times ready to receive advice from my constituents, and vote on that side the majority my dictate & if I cannot carry out their wishes or measures, I will resign my seat and trust in their hands when fillety of them please to call upon me to do so.

I remain your humble and obedient servant  
FRANCIS BRADEY

Tamworth Cottage

You will see by the electoral Role that I am the only gentleman among the Kandidats.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!

OUT of a bundle of two dozen assorted posters, only one ventures beyond the usual mixture of bold types—it is headed "Why is Dr. Featherston so Sheepish?" and the printer has inserted a particularly ineffective-looking sheep from his stock of blocks. The poster goes on to enumerate Dr. Featherston's applications for land, says that he occupies 28,000 acres, or 44 square miles, of the public land at a yearly rent of £29 3s 4d, and that he has paid "only 1½ year's rent up to June, 1857!"

"Wakelin the Poor Man's Friend," if he is the same Richard Wakelin entered in Dr. G. H. Scholefield's Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, appears to have been unsuccessful with his appeal to "the Working Man," to whom he addressed a poster:

"If you wish to have cheap land and small farms . . . few taxes and plenty to do, Public schools and fewer policemen, an Inspector of Weights and Measures, a Public Wharf and

Market House . . . you will not vote for the importers of Chinese slaves, for land sharks, absentee agents, and flour monopolists, but you will Vote for Wakelin, the Poor Man's Friend."

Green paper distinguishes a poster headed "Irishmen! Rally round those liberal-minded Englishmen and Scotchmen who expressed their disapprobation in the strongest terms at the Conduct of Government in Excluding Irishmen from the benefit of passages to this Province. . . . Erin-Gu-Braugh!"

### Appeal to "Working Classes"

Members of the "working classes" only were on the campaign committee of Dr. John Dorset, who addressed himself to Wellington electors in August, 1853, in the following terms:

"Confidence is the soul of all fair dealing between man and man. I will not take the pledge of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Allen, as it infers a want of confidence between the Representative and the Electors.

"My opinion of the pledge is that it is unmanly, un-English, and unconstitutional."

"I have never been—and never will be, a TICKET OF LEAVE MAN."—John Dorset.

P.S. Among the various questions to be brought forward for discussion is that of the return of one of the Working Classes as a Representative.

Some indication of the nature of the issues involved in that same election can be had from a pamphlet distributed by W. B. Rhodes in June, 1853. Looking suspiciously like a blue-police-summons, labelled on the outside "Mr. W. B. Rhodes respectfully solicits your vote and interest," the circular says:

"Without going into details, I am favourable to the reduction of the price of land, and shall use all my endeavours to procure the erection of a lighthouse for the approach of this Harbour without any unnecessary delay and such other public works as may be absolutely requisite for the use of the Colony and the advancement of this Province.

"I have always advocated the education of all classes, and I think some plan should be adopted for the education of the rising Native generation in the English language and habits, with the object of their being beneficially employed in the various grades of European occupation. . . ."

Preserved with that circular is a bulletin headed "The State of the Poll" and bearing a list of candidates, with spaces for progress reports. The votes have been written in in ink, now brown and ancient, and "at the close" has been added to the heading. Charles Clifford topped the poll with 281 votes, then came Dr. John Dorset, 272, Fitzherbert 255, and others.

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