

TELEGRAMS.

(From our Daily Contemporaries.)

AUCKLAND, July 8.

The city everywhere showed signs of mourning to-day, and there was a large attendance at Mr. Wilson's funeral.

Rich gold has been obtained in the Kapanga reef at Coromandel, for which an English company has been sinking for four years, and have spent £4000. Great excitement prevails there.

NEW PLYMOUTH, July 8.

The charges of dynamite placed under the Paterson wreck at the Waitara have been fired. The sight was grand, a volume of water being thrown to a great height. On the second charge being fired large plates of iron and pieces of timber were thrown into the air about 100 feet. The third shot fired had a good effect, and little of the wreck was then visible. On Monday the imbedded portion will be blown up.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 8.

At the conference between the Chamber of Commerce and the Lyttelton Borough Council, it was decided to prepare a draft Bill for the constitution of a Harbor Board for Lyttelton.

There are rumors of more disaffection among the employés of the Canterbury railways.

A woman named Sheean was committed for trial yesterday for the murder of her infant child, which was drowned. Mrs. Sheean said that during a sudden attack of faintness she let the child fall into a bucket of water, and was powerless to remove it till too late. The medical evidence went to show that there were no marks whatever on the child, and that it could not possibly have fallen into the bucket. Mrs. Sheean had two children before this, and both were killed—one being smothered in bed, and the other drowned in a well.

ADELAIDE, July 8.

The immigrants by the Lightning were landed safely. They had no food since Wednesday last. The ship is a hopeless wreck. The immigrants broached the cargo on Friday. It is said that the wreck occurred from contradiction of orders given by the captain and mate. The former is blamed.

BLENHEIM, July 10.

Sir David Monro was fined £30 to-day in the Resident Magistrate's Court, for non-compliance with the Marlborough Scab Act as to dipping or dressing, after mustering for shearing, twice before 31st May. Sir David had a flock of 3000 dipped after shearing, but instead of dipping or dressing the whole flock a second time, only those that were actually scabby were dressed. Notice of appeal was given.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 10.

Delegates from various Friendly Societies have adopted a series of amendments to the Friendly Societies Bill, and decided to have copies printed for distribution among the members of the General Assembly.

GREYMOUTH, July 10.

A fire occurred this morning at Hanney's Hotel, Tainui, through a Mrs. Barrett leaving a candle alight on going to bed. She was awakened on finding the place in flames. She was badly burnt, and is now in the hospital. The Fire Brigade worked splendidly, and saved all the house except the upstairs bedroom, which was completely gutted. The house is insured in the New Zealand and National.

HOKITIKA, July 10.

The rush at the Teremakau is progressing satisfactorily. Upwards of forty claims are upon good gold.

BLUFF, July 10.

The Otago arrived from Melbourne, having left there on the 5th. She had light winds and a fair passage, doing the run down in four days fourteen hours. All the news of any interest has been anticipated by cable.

The charge of perjury against Trowell is being held in abeyance. There is a good demand in the market for bank shares.

SYDNEY, July 11.

The Normanby arrived to-day. Reuter's European telegrams from London are to 12th June.

LONDON, June 6.

Abdul Aziz, late Sultan of Turkey, has committed suicide by opening a vein with a pair of scissors.

JUNE 11.

The Eastern Question.—A peaceful statement in connection with the Eastern affairs has been made by Mr. Disraeli. The Berlin Memorandum has been withdrawn. The Porte has consented to an armistice with the insurgents. No new hostilities. Matters are apparently peaceful.

GRAHAMSTOWN, July 11.

There was a conference of borough councillors and chairmen of highway boards to-day, when a telegram from Mr. W. Rowe, M.H.R., was discussed. The telegram referred to the Local Rating Bill, and that a provision was introduced exempting mining property from local rates. A long discussion ensued, during which it was stated that Sir George Grey had been the author of this clause exempting mining property. Ultimately a resolution was carried, to the effect that this meeting is of opinion that mining property should remain as heretofore, and that it would be impolitic and unjust to exempt it from rates.

NAPIER, July 11.

The Harbor Board meeting re-elected Ormond chairman unanimously. The question of a light at the Spit was referred to Kennedy and Vautier to report at the next meeting. The question was raised whether Kennedy was entitled to hold a seat, he being part proprietor of the 'Telegraph' newspaper, in which the Board's advertisements appear and are paid for. No decision was arrived at.

Matthew Talbot, an immigrant, was remanded to the Lunatic Asylum for medical examination.

AUCKLAND, July 12th.

The Kingite Natives have got a printing plant, and intend to start a newspaper. A letter signed by eight Kingites has been sent to the 'Herald' stating that Todd's murderer was at Kaipati when Sir D. McLean arrived, and he remained there till the Native Minister left Auckland.

Mr Loudon, brother of Mr Loudon, M.P.C., was seized with a paralytic stroke while driving, and fell over on the road dead.

GRAHAMSTOWN, July 12th.

A severe gale last night from the N.E. caused a good deal of damage. The framework of the new Congregational Church was blown down, entailing a loss of £200.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 12th.

The 'Lyttelton Times' this morning says that the labour market never very brisk at this time of the year, there can be no doubt, is much worse now than for some years past. The number who apply daily at the Domain for work is very great; indeed, not long ago, upwards of 200 applications were made in one day. An instance of the abundance of skilled labour in the iron trade is afforded by the fact that in a very short time applications have been received from 30 men, all out of employment, for the appointment of engineer of the Market Place Fire Brigade Station.

EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF MESMERISM IN SCOTLAND.

MUCH excitement, and not a little indignation were occasioned in Govan, recently, by the conduct of a mesmerist, and there is some talk of a civil action being raised against him for injuries inflicted on a respectable young married man residing in Burndyke street, who was allowed to lie on the cold, damp ground in Napier street, for about twenty minutes, in a state of mesmerism, and had to be conveyed on a barrow to the police station, and the services of a medical man obtained before he was brought to his senses. The mesmerist gave an entertainment in the burgh on the previous evening, and the young man, who is a fitter in one of the ship-building yards, was mesmerized along with several others, and while in that state the mesmerist commanded him to come to the corner of the above street, at a quarter to two o'clock on the following day, and share with him the half of his dinner. The fitter went to his work in the morning all right; but just as he was in the act of taking his dinner, he suddenly left the table, carrying a little jug full of broth, and made his way down Govan road in an excited manner to the place where the "professor" was to meet him. A large crowd soon collected around the poor fellow, who was as if pinned to the wall, holding on tenaciously to his little jug containing the broth. He eventually slid down upon the cold ground, however, and lay there for about twenty minutes. The excited crowd expected the mesmerist to keep his appointment and relieve the poor fellow from his position, but he did not put in an appearance. The police arrived on the scene, and the man was conveyed to the office on a barrow. His limbs were by this time perfectly stiff, and with the exception of a slight movement of the heart and pulse, the body showed very little life. Dr. Barras was sent for, and, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in bringing the young fellow out of his mesmeric sleep, after his wife and brothers, who had come to the office, had been greatly alarmed about his condition. The man's health must have suffered considerably by the exposure, as he shivered like an aspen leaf on awakening, and had to be taken home in a cab.—'North British Mail.'

BRILLIANT SWORDSMANSHIP.

DESCRIBING some sports that took place before the Prince of Wales at Delhi, a correspondent writes—Three sticks, duly prepared, had been driven into the ground, and on the top of these three limes, none of them larger than a respectable pigeon's egg, had been placed. At a distance of three hundred or four hundred yards, a body of swordsmen had been collected, and these, native and English, now waited to try their skill. No mean trial was that to which they were invited. It was simply this—to ride four hundred yards at a gallop, sword in hand, and to cut the three limes in halves as they passed the sticks with a sword. The first man was a trooper of the 11th Hussars; his name was Jones. He carried the ordinary cavalry sabre of the service.

As he came on I noticed that he leaned very much on the right stirrup, with his head lower than the pommel of his saddle. His sword arm was free, and the weapon loosely held. As he came by, the first lemon fell in halves, the second was clipped of its rind, and the third was cut in the middle by a powerful blow, that showed Mr. Jones to be one of the keenest swordsmen living. Three such strokes in less than seventy yards were not easy to deliver. Then there came another hussar of the same regiment, carrying a native sword, curved but sharp. To him the first and second lemon fell, but the third was untouched as he galloped by. A third Englishman came and missed all three, overthrowing, however, two of the stands as he swept on. Then a fourth rode up, and rivalled the feat of Mr. Jones, cutting all three lemons with the ease of a man who was aiming at a world rather than at such a tiny mark.

In this way the trial of skill proceeded; three more Englishmen achieved the feat, but the rest had less success. Then came the native swordsmen dashing along at furious rate, one after another. They, too, were very successful, four of them, as against five Englishmen, clipping the limes in half. A neater feat of horsemanship could not be imagined; Cossacks of the Don would have shuddered to see these Sikh horsemen dash along the plain. The second trial ended no better for the natives; the English carried off the prize, and even Punjabees and Sikhs shouted applause, so great was the feat these soldiers achieved.

On the Catholic missions in India there are 25 bishops, 1735 priests, 1,476,186 Christians, 1134 schools, and 41,014 pupils.