

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by the Rev. Father Sheehan, leaves Dunedin this morning for the purpose of opening a Church at Tinker's Gulley, in the Ophir district. His Lordship will be absent from Dunedin for about a week.

Owing to the size of our illustration, we are obliged, this week, to alter the appearance of our first page, by returning to our original heading.

We have received a pamphlet entitled "The Laws of New Zealand," by John Curnin, B.A., of the Inner Temple. The publication contains a great deal of information likely to prove useful to members of the bar, and will be found invaluable in a lawyer's office.

We would call particular attention to the history of the origin and publication of Wolfe's famous ode, "The Burial of Sir John Moore," given in another column, and especially written for this journal by a gentleman who, for over half a century, held a high place amongst contributors to the press of Great Britain and Ireland. The sketch will prove interesting, not only in relation to a poem admired wherever the English language is spoken or understood, and which, had its merit not been recognised in time by a discriminating eye, must have shared the fate that, in later days, threatened Dr. Newman's "Vision of Gerontius," and perished in oblivion. It will, as well, serve as an illustration of the enduring powers of a brilliant intellect; the writer being now in his eighty-fourth year.

We rather wonder that we have as yet seen nothing in colonial newspapers of the reported initiation of the Prince Louis Napoleon into the craft of the Freemasons. Suffice it to say that such a report was circulated lately in England, believed by some, and that there was not a word of truth in it.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Mellican has suffered severely by the late fire on her premises in Walker-street, Dunedin. Besides the destruction of her hotel, a large sum of money—in notes and cheques—perished in the flames. Her loss, we understand, amounts altogether to upwards of £600.

We perceive that Mr. Gladstone denies, in the columns of the *Times*, that the Catholic faith is making real progress in England. For disingenuousness and sophistry on the part of the eminent personage referred to we were prepared, but not for childishness. Denial of an evident truth is the feeblest opposition that can be offered to any cause. If an increase in churches, schools, religious orders, and members be not sure proofs of the genuine progress of the Faith, we know not what they denote, and these things he who runs may read in England. As to whether there be a motion Romewards of the Anglican Church as a body, or not, we are not yet sufficiently informed to judge. This we know, that, like all forms of Protestantism, the sect referred to must end, when its course has been duly run, by the submission of its members to the Church, or else in their absorption into some of the various phases of infidelity that now begin to show their heads.

JOHN B. CALLAN, Esq., was on Saturday last admitted and enrolled a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. Mr. Callan is also a member of the Victorian Bar, and for some months past he has been engaged in studying, under the able directions of Messrs. Macassey, Kettle, and Bridges, of Dunedin, the differences that exist between the code of this colony and that of Victoria. The gentleman, to whom we allude, belongs to a family that has gained brilliant distinctions in the world of intellect, and we have every reason to believe him fully qualified to make good his claim to its membership. We are happy to congratulate him on his admission to the Bar of New Zealand, and we trust that a long and successful career of practice in Dunedin lies before him.

The gentleman who "smile a sickly smile" has been gifted with a companion, in the person of the famous Andromache, wife of Hector, who, in a new version of Homer's *Iliad* by Mr. Cayley, is accredited with having smiled "a teary smile." This translation is done in what is called the *homometric* style, and is remarkable for a strange *mélange* of archaic terms, with phrases which, if they be not actual slang, make a very near approach thereto. There are, however, here and there some very fine passages, which really have a flavor of the original.

It appears that there is a difficulty in the labor market of Otago with respect to obtaining employment for married couples with children. Those who are void of "encumbrances" are easily provided for, but the bairns are an insuperable impediment. A more inhuman, immoral, and altogether despicable objection can, we believe, hardly exist. It is alone sufficient to stamp the country with disgrace. The man who would advance it is richly deserving of castigation, and as for the woman who would do so, in Canidia only could she find her counterpart.

The ordinary meeting of the Dunedin Catholic Young Men's Society was held in St. Joseph's schoolroom on Wednesday evening, when there was a fair attendance of members. The furtherance of of the debate and class schemes was postponed until the following meeting night, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Father Crowley through illness. The evening's work consisted of a paper by Mr. J. J. Eager, and several recitations, readings, &c. A full attendance of members is requested for next Wednesday evening, at 7.30, on account of the debates and classes, which questions are to be finally settled.

MESSES. HENDERSON & FERGUS, of George-street, are prepared to supply mantelpieces of elegant design, and various kinds of material, together with flagging and other articles required in building. They have on hand also, a large assortment of monuments and tablets, in marble, Oamaru stone, and granite. Immediate attention will be given to country orders, and all care taken to ensure the satisfaction of customers.

## TELEGRAMS.

(From our Daily Contemporaries.)

London, April 6.

The protocol recognised the necessity of European concert, and favors the desire of Montenegro for the rectification of the frontier, invites the Porte to reduce its army to a peace footing, recognised Turkey's promise of reform, and hopes for its energetic execution. If the Porte disappoints the other Powers they will then consider the best means for securing the well-being of the Christians and the general peace of Europe. The Porte is displeased with the protocol, and will probably refuse to disarm. Montenegro maintains her demands. There is great uncertainty as to the course of events.

Wool is inactive. Money easier. Wheat strong, and stocks reduced; New Zealand, 58s. to 56s. Tallow weak; Australian mutton, 39s to 41s; beef, 38s to 39s. New Zealand hemp depressed; £20 to £23 nominal.

## COMMERCIAL.

MR. HENRY DRIVER (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company) reports for the week ending April 11, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—200 head were yarded at the market to-day, the greater portion being of good to prime quality, and last week's prices were fully maintained. Best pens of bullocks brought from £10 to £13 10s; do cows, from £8 10s to £11 10s—or equal to 30s per 100 lb. for prime quality. At the yards we sold 56 head, on account of Messrs Malcolm Carmichael, Thomas Christie, Lindsay, and others, and have placed 50 during the week at prices equal to the above.

Fat Calves.—Twenty were penned, and readily found buyers at 20s to 65s, according to weight and quality.

Fat Sheep.—1600 came forward, and this number being a rather short supply, prices somewhat improved. Best cross-breds brought from 8s 6d to 11s 6d, and a lot of very prime merinos were sold at 19s—or equal to 24d per lb. for best quality.

Fat Lambs.—The season being now almost over, only a few of medium quality were offered, which sold at 5s 6d.

Store Cattle.—No transactions to report.

Store Sheep.—We have to report a continued inquiry for young merinos of both sexes, and of all classes we have, during the week, sold 4,500 at the following rates:—Merino wethers, two, four, and six tooth, 5s 6d; do, full-mouthed, 3s; merino ewes, two, four, and six tooth, 6s 6d to 7s; do, full-mouthed, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; cross-breds, four-tooth and over, 6s to 7s 6d; two-tooth, 6s to 6s 6d.

Wool.—The latest telegrams from London report wool inactive. In this market, for the few lots offering there is good demand, and prices are well supported.

Sheepskins.—At our usual weekly auction on Monday, we had a full attendance of buyers, who competed freely for all sorts. Pelts sold at 1s 2d to 1s 5d; shearings, 1s 9d to 2s 9d; lambs', 1s 6d to 2s 10d; full-wool, 4s 3d to 4s 5d.

Hides.—A small supply was cleared at 12s to 14s for light inferior; 17s 6d to 20s 6d for heavy weights—or equal to 4d per lb. for wet salted.

Tallow.—None offered. Good inquiry.

Grain.—Wheat:—Good milling samples are firm at 5s; secondary, 4s to 4s 6d; inferior, 3s to 3s 6d. Oats:—Good inquiry for shipping; prices firm at 2s 2d to 2s 3d for good feed; 2s 4d milling. Barley:—Choice malting, none offering; medium samples, 4s to 4s 6d; second quality, 3s 6d to 3s 9d.

MR. SKENE reports for the week ending April 11, 1877:—Businesses of most kind are waking up. The rains are now putting the ground in good ply for the plough, and, consequently, ploughmen are in increased demand. Station couples are moving off, but in most cases the employers prefer couples without children. It is a very unreasonable demand. The building and town trade in general is fairly active. The iron business seems to hang fire more than any other trade. Shopmen and clerks of experience are in fair request. Shepherds are very slack, their busy season being past. Wages:—Couples, £65 to £80; ploughmen, £52, £55, and £60; shepherds, £60; day labor, at bush, road, and rail, 7s, 8s, and 9s; cooks, boots, waiters, grooms, &c., 25s to 50s; hotel girls, 12s, 15s, and 20s; house girls, from 10s, 12s, and 15s; carpenters, 10s, 12s, and 15s; dairy hands, 15s and 20s; boys and girls, 5s, 6s, and 8s; storemen and ordinary clerks, 36s to 60s.

MR. A. MERCER reports as follows for the week ending April 11, 1877, retail prices only:—Fresh butter, in ½ and 1lb prints, 1s 4d to 1s 6d; fresh butter, in lumps, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; powdered and salt butter, 1s 3d. Fresh butter for this season of the year is very plentiful, and the most of the shops in town have to salt down their supplies. Cheese, best quality, 10d to 1s; English, unsaleable, 1s 4d per lb; s de and rolled bacon, 10d to 11d; Colonial hams, 1s 1d to 1s 2d per lb; English hams, 1s 4d to 1s 6d; eggs very scarce, retailing at 2s 6d per dozen.

MR. M. C. FLEMING reports (wholesale prices) for the week ending April 11, 1877, as follows:—Oats (feed), per bushel, 2s to 2s 3d; milling, 2s 6d. Wheat (chicks), 3s to 3s 6d. Barley, malting, 4s to 4s 6d; feed, 2s 6d to 3s. Pollard, scarce. Bran, £3 15s, bags included. Flour, large bags, £13; small, £13 10s. Oatmeal, £12 10s. Potatoes, new, 4s per cwt. Hay, new, £3 15s; old hay, £4 per ton. Chaff, £4 per ton. Straw, £2 per ton.

Mrs. J. VASSEY reports for the week ending April 11, 1877, retail:—Roast beef, 6d to 8d per lb; boiling do., 4d to 5d per lb; stewing do., 4d to 6d per lb; steak, 6d to 9d per lb; mutton, 3d to 6d per lb; veal, 4d to 8d per lb; pork, 6d to 8d per lb; lamb, 2s to 3s 6d per quarter.