

Islands has been signed. He intends to establish a sheep and cattle station there, to supply whalers, and will also carry on sealing. The Government have not received any information as to Mr O. O. Davis having incited the attack on Mr Mackay, and have not given any instructions regarding the issue of warrants for the arrest of the murderers of Sullivan. At Taupo a great rush of run seekers has taken place, and all the lands are being taken up. All the shares in the Hokitika Gas Company are taken up. The total number of shares in the Albion Coal Co., taken up in New Zealand is 4069, distributed as follows:—Auckland and Taranaki, 1276; Dunedin, 1135; Westport, 500; Nelson, 263; Wellington, 235; Christchurch, 150; besides 50 allotted to the original proprietors. Mr George Turnbull, of Dunedin, has applied for the balance, viz., 715, of the 2000 shares offered in Canterbury and Otago. If the 1000 shares offered in Victoria are taken up, the total number required, viz., 6000 will be complete. Mr Alfred Beetham has left, *en route* for the Ngakawhau mine, finally to clinch the negotiations with the proprietors. The Company will commence operations immediately. Proposals made by the Directors of the Press Association for amalgamation with the Anglo-Australian Press Agency have been rejected by the latter. The revenue of Otago has exceeded the expenditure during the year by £72,253 11s 6d, but as the Province began the year with a debit balance of £44,658 10s the net balance in its favor at the end of the year was £27,595 1s 6d. The Court of Appeal at Wellington is still sitting. The Blue Spur case is going on. The Court pronounced judgment in three criminal cases. In the case of Regina v. Palmer—an appeal from Nelson—the conviction was quashed. In the case of Regina v. Woodman, also from Nelson, the conviction was affirmed. In the case of Regina v. Barclay, from Auckland, the conviction was affirmed. Floods have taken place at Greymouth and communication with Reiton and Hokitika is stopped. Numerous landslips have taken place, but the damage done is not serious. A wagon was swept away in the Little Grey River, near Squarétown, and three of the horses were drowned. William Garitey, the mate of a whaler, lately stabbed at Russell, Auckland, has died from his wounds. Two men, named Joseph Shipwright and William Fisher, have been committed for trial, charged with the crime. Edward Brennan and John Verner, both members of the Armed Constabulary, at Auckland, were "larking" with a pen-knife, when it ran into Brennan's body near the heart, and he died. The latest share quotations from Auckland are:—Caledonian, £15 5s; Cure, 19s; Imperial Crown, £2; Queen of the May, 6s 6d; Bright Smile, £2 10s; South British Insurance, £2 3s; New Zealand Insurance, £2 15s. The last monthly escort which arrived in Dunedin, brought the following quantities of gold:—Queenstown, 1081 ozs; Cardrona, 434 ozs 11 dwts; Arrowtown, 731 ozs 10 dwts; Cromwell, 1402 ozs 1 dwt; Clyde, 500 ozs; Teviot, 710 ozs 15 dwts; Blacks, 600 ozs; St Bathans, 193 ozs 2 dwts; Mount Ida, 1192 ozs 6 dwts; Macraes, 106 ozs 14 dwts; Palmerston, 46 ozs 18 dwts; Waikouaiti 80zs 7dwts; Alexandra, 490 ozs 4 dwts; Total, 7497 ozs 8 dwts. The Ua mine, Grahamstown, has yielded 105 ounces of gold for the fortnight's crushing. The Energy claim, Reeftown, has obtained 136 ounces of gold from a crushing of 118 tons of quartz. The Canterbury Acclimatisation Society, purposing to acclimatise Australian as well as British insectivorous birds, are taking steps to obtain 500 Australian magpies. A movement is on foot at Auckland to organise a team of cricketers to proceed to Canterbury or Otago in the spring, to play against any of the Southern elevens who may be willing to meet them. There is a large exodus from Waipori, and now the idea of an extensive sluice channel at Waipori Flat has been developed and steps are being taken to get a survey made to test its practicability. The amount of revenue collected at the Custom House, Dunedin, during the month ending May 31, was £22,367 14s 4d. The amount for the month of April was £23,174 14s 8d; the decrease being chiefly in goods by measurement, which was £6,206 7s 9d for that period. The heaviest flood ever known at Westport occurred there on Wednesday. All the wharves, save one, were swept away, together with a large number of stores, hotels, and houses. A large number of people have been rendered homeless and are in great distress. Acres of land have disappeared. The loss is estimated at £16,000.

News from London dated on the 26th May, tell of important changes in France. The French Government were defeated by the Legitimist and Imperialist votes, the result of the division being 340 against 344. This is virtually a defeat of the Republican Constitution. Mr. Thiers at once resigned, and Marshal M'Mahon was immediately elected President by 390 votes. M. Gambetta and the Left abstained from voting. Marshal M'Mahon swears to respect Republican Institutions, but it is the universal opinion that his election will lead to Legitimist or Imperialist Restoration. One sign of increased confidence is that French rentes have risen 2½ per cent.

A sixpence saved daily will provide a fund of \$7000—sufficient to purchase a good farm. There are few employees who cannot save daily, by abstaining from cigars, tobacco, liquor, etc. twice or ten times the amount of the six cent piece. Every person should provide for old age, and the man in business who can lay by a dollar a day will eventually find himself possessed of over \$100,000.

If the Papal power had not been adapted to the condition of Europe, it could not have existed. We have only to look at the Abyssinian and Oriental Churches to see what Europe would have been without the Papacy. It was morally and intellectually the conservative power of Christendom: politically, too, it was its Saviour, for in all probability the West, like the East, must have been overrun by Mohammedanism and sunk in irremediable degradation, if, in that crisis of the world, the Roman Church had not roused the nations to a united and prodigious effort commensurate with the danger.—*Southey*

Col. Michael P. Walsh died lately in Shasta county, (California) hospital aged seventy-eight years. In 1832 he went to Chicago and purchased eighty acres of land, for which he paid \$200. This he kept for one year, when, the new town not coming up to his sanguine expectations, and thinking it was not a very healthful place, he sold the lot for the amount he had paid for it, and emigrated to a place of more flattering prospects. When Colonel Walsh went to Chicago, it

was but a mere outpost on the western border of civilization, containing less than 500 inhabitants. That eighty-acre lot is in the very heart and centre of that opulent city of 800,000 inhabitants. Had he kept that piece of property he might have counted his wealth by tens of millions. While he was running out the sands of life in poverty in the Shasta county hospital, the census of 1872, shows that tract of land which he once bought and sold for \$200 represented more wealth than all the broad acres of California from the mouth of Feather River to the Oregon line.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The nomination of candidates for the Otago Superintendency took place on Wednesday. Messrs. Macandrew and J. L. Gillies were nominated. The latter, who is Speaker of the Provincial Council, contests the election on account of what he deems the unconstitutional conduct of the Superintendent in regard to the dismissal of Mr Reid and the circumstances leading up to the crisis of Provincial Council Ministers, and not on the score of administration. Mr Macandrew's address is to be found in our supplement. The nominations for Dunedin are as follows:—Mr Geo. Turnbull, by Mr J. Lloyd, seconded by Mr Ross; Mr G. K. Turton, by Mr N. Wood, seconded by Mr J. Reany; the Hon. W. H. Reynolds, by Mr John Sibbald, seconded by Mr James Brown; Mr R. Rossbotham, by Mr D. M. Spedding, seconded by Mr F. H. Evans; Mr H. S. Fish, jun., by Mr Jas. Black, seconded by Mr Chas. Cooper; Mr B. Isaac, by Mr J. T. Roberts, seconded by Mr A. Baillie; Mr B. C. Haggitt, by Mr E. Nathan, seconded by Mr Geo. Baker; Mr G. E. Barton, by Mr P. Sherwin, sen., seconded by Mr T. Hannigan; the Hon. John Bathgate, by Mr J. Lowry, seconded by Mr J. M. Jamieson; Mr H. J. Walter, by Mr K. Ramsay, seconded by Mr A. Mercer; Mr C. S. Reeves, by Mr A. Mercer, seconded by Mr G. F. Reid; Mr E. Prosser, by Mr A. Anderson, jun., seconded by Mr Thos. Stewart; Mr John Davie, by Mr Robert Wilson, seconded by Mr John Barnes; Mr W. H. Outten, by Mr G. F. Reid, seconded by Mr W. Gilchrist; Mr J. P. Millar, by Mr A. Dunning, seconded by Mr Robert Bennett; Mr E. B. Cargill, by Mr John Barnes, seconded by Mr K. Ramsay.

A PART of the speech of Mr Leary, a candidate for the Caversham district, is well worthy of reproduction. Alluding to the educational question, he said he did not wish a better system than the present one. There was one matter with which some of them might not quite agree with him. In populous places like Dunedin, for example, where more school accommodation was required, if it could be shown one section of the community had conscientious objections to either the books or the system, he would provide schools and teachers in accordance with their views.—(Applause.)

THE 'Arrow Observer' says that, when the dissolution was announced, only one opinion was expressed, that our late member, Mr Hallenstein, would stand no chance of re-election, and the delay and inconvenience to public business in consequence of the dissolution was overlooked in view of the opportunity afforded of getting rid of the obnoxious member.

Messrs Reid, Shand, Allan and Webb offer themselves for the Taieri, Mr John McNeill for the Clutha, the Hon. Major Richardson will offer himself for Waitahuna, Mr James Hazlet stands for the Dunstan district, and Messrs Charles Colclough, John Marsh, and Duncan McKellar for the Kawarau; Messrs Armstrong, De Latour, and Mervyn are standing for St. Bathans. Mr Vincent Pyke has determined to stand at Tuapeka. Messrs W. Black and A. Mollison contest Waiholo. Mr Henry Driver announces himself for Wakari. Mr McLean will likely be opposed for Oamaru town. Messrs D. Hutcheson, W. J. Steward, and V. Murrcott have announced themselves for Moeraki, and Mr C. de V. Teschmaker, it is rumored, will stand. Mr Shepherd, Mr W. Greenbank, and Mr J. C. Chapple are spoken of as being in the field for the Dunstan. The Macandrew party are likely to bring forward a candidate to oppose Mr Gillies at Tokomairiro—Mr W. J. Dyer has been mentioned. Should Mr Bradshaw again come forward for Mount Benger, it is said he is certain to have opposition either in Captain Baldwin or some other gentleman. Mr J. C. Brown offers himself for the Tuapeka district, so also does Mr Mount. Mr Lumsden is again standing for Invercargill. Mr M. C. Orbell is a candidate for Waikouaiti. Mr William Barr offers himself for re-election as the representative of the Kaikorai district.

The following is the election calendar, as far as it is at present known:—

ELECTION.	NOMINATION.	POLL.
Superintendency	June 4	June 18
Waiholo	" 4	" 9
Dunedin	" 5	" 10
Milton	" 5	" 11
North Harbor	" 6	" 9
Clutha	" 6	" 14
Wakari	" 7	" 12
Taieri	" 9	" 18
Matau	" 10	" 16
Port Chalmers	" 11	" 14
Caversham	" 16	" 20
Peninsula	" 17	" 19
Kaikorai	" 21	" 24

In consequence of the polling day for the City election and the Presbyterian Fast Day both falling on the 12th, the former has been altered to the 10th, and the polling day for the Wakari election has been altered from the 10th to the 12th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I trust through the columns of your valuable paper you will find space to afford me an answer to the following question:—In the Church of England Common Prayer Book is to be found a "table of the Vigils, Fasts, and days of abstinence to be observed throughout the year;" and in the "form and manner of ordering of priests," the Bishop, with the priests present, lay their hands severally upon the head of the person receiving the Order, the Bishop saying: "Receive