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TOWN AND SUBURBAN SECTIONS FOR SALE
BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-mentioned Sections will be offered For Sale by public auction at this Office on TUESDAY, 1st November, 1904; at 11 o'clock a.m. —

TOWN OF WAIKOUAITI.—Sections 17 and 20, Block VII.; one road each; upset price, £5 per section.

TOWN OF PURAKANUI.—Sections 38, 39, 41, and 45 to 49, Block I.; 4, 5, 18, and 41, Block II.; 1 to 25, 40, 60 to 67, and 69 to 77, Block III. Areas range from 36 poles to 2 acres 3 roods 3 poles; and upset prices from £2 14s to £22 3s per section.

TOWN OF MANUHERIKIA.—Sections 2, 7, 8, 10, and 12, Block I.; 5 to 10, Block II.; 1, 8, 14, and 15, Block III.; 2 to 5 and 7, Block IV.; 6 and 14, Block VI.; 2 to 6, 9 to 12, 15, 16, and 22, Block VIII. Areas range from 21 poles to 16 acres 3 roods 5 poles; and upset prices per section from 8s to £33 12s.

Sale plans and full particulars may be obtained from this Office.

D. BARRON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 11th October, 1904.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER OF THE 'TABLET' is anxious to receive information from our country readers acquainted with any district where a good

General Blacksmith Business

could be established. The applicant has a Thorough Knowledge of the Business in all its branches, and would give entire satisfaction. Kindly address letters to

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Dominican Scholarship

Intending Competitors for the Dominican Scholarship should send in names and fee (10s 6d) not later than 8th November next.

St. Patrick's College, Wellington.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Intending candidates are reminded that their application to be examined should reach the College on or before the 10th day of November, 1904.

For further particulars apply to

THE RECTOR.

MARRIAGE.

HANLEY—FORDE.—On October 11th, at the residence of the bride, Heddon Bush, James Hanley, of Gore, son of Matthew Hanley, farmer, to Mamie, only daughter of J. B. Ford, Heddon Bush.

DEATH

SHEPHERD.—At his parents' residence, Ettrick St., Invercargill, on 30th September, 1904, Reginald Leo, beloved infant son of John and Hannah Shepherd; aged 14 months. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.

He was a flower, fresh, fair, and pure, and frail,
A lily in life's morning—God is sweet,
He reached His hand—there rose a mother's wail,
Her lily drooped—his blooming at His feet.

WINDLE.—On October 15, as the result of an accident, Henry Windle, Longridge Village; aged 54 years. Deeply regretted.—R.I.P.



To promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the
ways of Truth and Peace.

LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1904.

A DIAMOND JUBILEE.



more than local interest attaches to the recently celebrated Diamond Jubilee of the historic church of St. Francis, Melbourne. Around it there clustered, sixty years ago, the sparse little flock that developed in later years into the virile and well-organised Church that, in and after the sixties, did so much to strengthen the ranks of the faithful in many parts of New Zealand. Five-and-sixty years ago Father Geoghegan erected a little wooden church on the spot where, later on, arose the loved old building of which the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on October 2. There are those living that remember the rough slab walls of the first little temple that was raised to the Living God in Port Phillip. Only a generation before that day, in the dawn of the nineteenth century, there was no priest exercising the sacred ministry in any part of Australasia's vast expanse. As late as 1824 there were only two; in 1838 there were only four. Three years later—and a year after Dr. John Bede Polding became (as his schoolmates had long before, in prophetic raillery, styled him) 'Archbishop of Botany Bay,' the number of priests was only twelve. They were wholly inadequate for the work of ministering to the spiritual needs of the 17,179 Catholics that were scattered over the vast episcopate of New Holland 'and the adjacent islands'—a territory over twenty times more extensive than the British Isles. There was at that time no roofed church—and only four in course of construction—on the Australian mainland, and four Catholic schools. In Tasmania there was no school, and its solitary church—at Hobart—was described by Dr. Ullathorne as 'a mere temporary shed.' South Australia and the State now known as Victoria had as yet received no regular white settlers. A distressful few sat disconsolate, and without the ministrations of religion, in Western Australia; and in New Zealand a little handful of Catholics—without priest, church, or school—were scattered among a scanty white population in the North Island.

At the official census of 1841 the number of the faithful, in New South Wales (which included the present State of Victoria) had risen to 34,760. Of this number, 2411 were in Victoria. These had only the little old church of St. Francis (built in 1839) to worship in, and two priests to minister to their spiritual wants. 'Sixty-five years ago,' said the preacher of the Diamond Jubilee sermon, the Very Rev. Dean Phelan, 'the first priest in Victoria planted the mustard seed of the Faith on the site whereon had been erected the present beautiful church of St. Francis. That seed had, indeed, grown to a mighty tree. Father Patrick Benaventure Geoghegan and his faithful little flock erected a small wooden church, and two years afterwards, October, 1841—just 63 years ago—the foundation stone of St. Francis' Church was laid. Three years later, October, 1844, High Mass was celebrated by the late Archbishop Polding, and Bishop Murphy of Adelaide, preached on the great occasion. The congregation filled the portion of St. Francis' then erected and the grounds around the

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