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DUFFY.-At his residence, Ashburton, on November 6, after a short illness, Patrick Duffy, a native of County Mayo, Ireland.—R.I.P.



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LEO. XIII, to the NZ. TABLET

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#### THE EUREKA STOCKADE.



stingy cable message in Tuesday's daily papers ran thus: 'The jubilee of the Hureka Stockade was celebrated at Ballarat and in other mrning centres of the Commonwealth.' The scrappy tale told by the submarine wire recalls the spacious days that followed Esmond's discovery of gold at Clunes and the swift and strenuous life that

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