

Interprovincial

Among the passengers by the 'Oruba,' which arrived in Melbourne on October 31, was the Rev. J. Williams for the diocese of Auckland.

Nine of the 25 workers' homes erected by the Government at Petone have been taken, and others have been applied for.

The Manawatu A. and P. Association has received subscriptions from 1460 members for the current year. This number does not include 110 financial life members.

The Dunedin New Railway Station was officially opened on Monday by Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., in the presence of a large and representative gathering. Sir Joseph Ward delivered an important address on railway progress in the Colony.

A sheep-shearing record was established on the Raukawa station, near Hastings, last week, nine men, working nine hours, shearing a total of 2394 sheep. The highest individual tally was 332, which beats the previous record in the Colony by ten. The other tallies ranged from 223 to 278.

A Christchurch telegram states that the Hon. A. Pitt, Attorney-general, who has been in indifferent health for some time past, has been removed to a private hospital in Christchurch. It is understood that when there is an improvement in his health he will take a trip to the Hot Lakes district.

A painfully distressing accident occurred at the Kaitangata coal mine on Thursday morning, whereby William Lee, engineer, a son of Mr. Robert Lee, managing director of the company, aged 24 years, and Frederick Olive Andersen, aged 46 years, deputy-manager, lost their lives.

The 'New Zealand Times' states that the Executive Committee for the colonial memorial to the late Premier is to be called together in a few days' time to further consider the proposal. Now that the Government has voted a subsidy up to £15,000, it is likely that efforts will be renewed to make a success of the movement. The replies from local bodies and societies as to what form the memorial should take will be before the committee at the forthcoming meeting.

The latest publications by the Australian Catholic Truth Society are 'The Lost Child; or, The Story of Heinrich von Eichenfels,' and 'Religion and Human Liberty.' In the first-named we have a very interesting story of a child who was stolen by gipsies, and was eventually returned to its parents in a most dramatic manner. The second publication is a reprint of a lecture by Rev. James O'Dwyer, S.J. After dealing with the condition of the great bulk of the people in pre-Christian times and comparing it with their state at the present day Father O'Dwyer goes on to show that the real cause of this moral revolution is due to Christianity.

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday the resignation of Mr. J. A. Kinsella, dairy commissioner, was considered. It was decided to appoint to the position Mr. D. Cuddie, who has been next in command to Mr. Kinsella. The appointment is one that will meet with very general approval. Mr. Cuddie having in the past years won golden opinions by reason of his courtesy and intelligence from the factory and dairy people throughout the Colony. At the same meeting of the Cabinet Mr. J. A. Gilruth, chief veterinarian, was granted six months' leave of absence, to enable him to take a course in pathology at Paris. During Mr. Gilruth's absence Mr. C. J. Reakes, the first lieutenant of the department, will be in command.

The Premier, speaking at the opening of the Dunedin Railway Station on Monday, said: Notwithstanding anything you have heard to the contrary, the Christchurch Exhibition is well worth going to see. It is the first concentration of what our people can do in this country in the way of exhibits that has ever taken place in New Zealand. As an educational institution it has exceeded anything that the most sanguine supporter of it could have contemplated; and I do hope that with cheap railway and steamship facilities you will take the opportunity of seeing what in the future will be regarded as a great move forward in connection with our industrial, agricultural, and commercial pursuits. I invite you all to go there and see it.

A very severe frost was experienced at Balclutha on Saturday morning. In many places (says the 'Leader') the potato crops were considerably blackened.

We have received from the Government Insurance Department a copy of the current issue of 'The Government Insurance Recorder,' which contains a good deal of information interesting to those about to insure, or who have already done so. A perusal of a copy of the annual report, which accompanies the current issue, gives a good idea of the substantial progress which the department is making.

Mr. Race, the Canadian Commissioner, considers that the Exhibition is a magnificent and wonderful display of the Colony's industries and resources. He states that his Government is not anxious to encourage settlers to leave this Colony for the Dominion, and therefore he is not pushing the land question at the Exhibition. He thinks that people in a grand country like New Zealand would hardly better themselves by emigrating to Canada to take up land. He would not leave it, he says, if he were a settler here.

In replying to a deputation from the Clutha Closer Settlement League on the question of the Clydevale Estate, the Minister of Lands (the Hon. R. McNab) said he regretted that a deal had not been effected. The Land Purchase Board had, however, offered a price, which was the highest its valuers said it should give. Further than that the Board did not feel justified in going, and it did not look with confidence on having the price fixed by the court. In many cases in the past it had not proved very satisfactory. The difference between the highest the Government was prepared to give and what the company would take was practically 15s an acre. He had, however, not given up hopes that the purchase might eventuate yet.

In the course of his speech at the opening of the Dunedin Railway Station on Monday, the Premier (Sir J. G. Ward) said: The railway business of New Zealand continues to maintain a remarkable buoyancy. For the six months ended September last there have been substantial increases in all classes of business, with one exception, and the indications are that this satisfactory condition of affairs will continue to the end of the financial year, which has every appearance at present of providing a record revenue. When delivering the railways statement this year, in the forecast I estimated that the revenue would be £2,450,000—an estimate altogether unprecedented in our Colony's railway history—and I am pleased to say that, notwithstanding that liberal estimate, the railway revenue, up to October 13 last is £1,093,306 more than for the corresponding period of 1905. The total revenue up to October 13 was £1,296,972, as against £1,187,665 for the same period last year. I feel confident, therefore, that by the end of the financial year we shall find that, notwithstanding the liberality of the estimate which it was my business to forecast during the session, the actual earnings of the Railway Department for the year will exceed the estimate I gave by a very considerable amount. The concessions given on the railways since 1895 amount to the enormous sum of three quarters of a million, in round figures, and the increase of wages to the railway staff amounts to the very large sum of £350,000.

An ex-New Zealander now in China has been writing to a friend in Wellington, giving some very interesting information relative to present conditions in China. In the course of his communications this gentleman sounds a further note of warning on the subject of the 'Yellow Peril.' He states that he knows perfectly well, from close observations, that the Chinese will in the not distant future insist upon the restrictions now in force against their countrymen coming into British dominions and colonies being removed. They threaten, if these restrictions are not abolished, to take steps to make all Europeans get out of China. The same correspondent says, also, that it is well known amongst those who have an insight into these affairs that Japan is backing up the Chinese, though cleverly veiling the fact. He regards the situation as fraught with great menace to Australasia. In conversations with a Chinese mandarin of the very highest rank, one of the most intelligent of his class, and one who is intimate with the Imperial Court—the ex-New Zealander was told by him that the Chinese soldier of the future would be a far different being to the one the people of other countries had been accustomed to reading about in the past. He was also told by the same authority that facilities were now being placed in the way of the Chinese Government for the proper drilling and equipment of its forces, on a standard which would bear comparison with the best European armies.

J. G. CALDER, GARGILL ROAD & CUTTEN STREET, will open Dental Rooms at Gargill's Corner, South Dunedin, on October 8th. All dental work undertaken. Teeth extracted One Shilling.