

The Irish Delegates

MR. DEVLIN IN INVERCARGILL

A GREAT ORATORICAL TRIUMPH

(From our Special Reporter.)

ARRIVAL AT THE BLUFF.

On Monday morning Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., one of the two delegates of the Irish Party to these countries, arrived at the Bluff by the 'Moeraki'. He was there met and greeted with a 'cead, mile failte' by a number of members of the Invercargill reception committee, headed by their chairman, the Very

a delegate merely asked to exercise the right of self-government which New Zealand already enjoyed, and he felt sure that after the people of this Colony had been addressed on the subject of Home Rule, they would declare it their wish that the same privilege would be extended to another portion of the Empire.

Mr. Devlin afterwards visited St. Mary's school, where the children presented him with an address and entertained him with Irish songs.



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One of the Irish Delegates. Mr. Devlin arrived at the Bluff on Monday, and is now lecturing in New Zealand.

Rev. Dean Bunc. Numerous telegrams of welcome also reached him there and in Invercargill during the day from all parts of New Zealand. After the preliminary greeting on board the 'Moeraki', a number of members of the municipal council and numerous other residents of the Bluff assembled in the Drill Hall and welcomed Mr. Devlin to New Zealand. On behalf of the Mayor (Mr. Whealler, who was suffering from a severe attack of influenza), the senior councillor, Mr. Nichol, bade the distinguished visitor welcome, and, referring to the object of Mr. Devlin's mission, said that the people of New Zealand would be pleased to hear discussed by so able a speaker as Mr. Devlin a question which had exercised the minds of politicians for half a century. In his reply, Mr. Devlin thanked the people of the Bluff for their kind and hospitable welcome, which was as pleasing as it was unexpected. The people on whose behalf he had come as

AT INVERCARGILL.

Mr. Devlin, accompanied by the reception committee, reached Invercargill by the 1.25 p.m. train. On the platform they were met by a gathering of friends and sympathisers, and Mr. Devlin was officially welcomed to the Southland capital by the Mayor (Mr. W. B. Scandrett). The party then proceeded to the handsome new Town Hall and Municipal Theatre, which were greatly admired by the visitor. They then adjourned to the Council Chambers within the building, where an audience had in the meantime gathered, and an address of welcome was read by Mr. M. Gilledder, secretary to the reception committee. The address commended the Nationalist Party's policy of sending out leaders of the Irish people from time to time to explain their methods and aims to the self-governing people of these countries. Small fractions of the population of Ireland, chiefly the landlord and ascendancy party, have had

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