

The Hibernian Brass Band, by constant and steady practice, have arrived at that stage of progress as to warrant them in performing in public. They have decided to make their first appearance on August 17, when they will give a musical entertainment in the Municipal Opera House. The proceeds are to be devoted to the uniform fund.

To commemorate their win of the junior football competition, the Athletic Football Club are holding a social on August 5. The club have played 11 matches for the season, winning all, the only score recorded against them being a penalty goal. The third fifteen are also leading in their competition matches, but have several matches yet to play.

WELLINGTON

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

August 3.

Rev. Father Schaefer, S.M., late of Otaki, has taken the place of Rev. Father Moloney, S.M., who has been transferred to St. Mary's, Christchurch.

On Sunday evening, August 30, the choir of St. Joseph's Church, Buckle street, will give an oratorio.

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from last Mass to Vespers on Sunday at St. Mary of the Angels' Church.

The building of the South Wellington Catholic Club rooms has been commenced, and it is anticipated that the rooms will be opened at the end of next month. In the meantime the members meet every Thursday in St. Anne's schoolroom.

The penny collection for the schools in Te Aro parish for July amounted to £26, while for the year ending July 31 it totalled £243, and for the sixteen years this collection has been going on the schools have benefited to the grand amount of £2659.

At the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday evening an organ recital and sacred concert in aid of the organ fund was given by the church organist, Miss May Putnam, assisted by the choir and friends. Vocal items were rendered by Rev. Father Moloney, Misses Jones, and Messrs. Smith and Flanagan.

The Wellington Town Clerk in his annual report stated that there was an increase of 3,208,689 carried on the trams for the past twelve months, compared with the same period last year, making a total of 20,105,723 carried. There are eighty tramcars and seventeen miles of track open for traffic. The total area of the city of Wellington is 9500 acres, or nearly 15 square miles, an increase of 2040 acres during the year.

NAPIER

(From our own correspondent.)

August 1.

Mr. R. P. Clarkson, M.A., delivered a lecture on 'Political Economy' under the auspices of the Catholic Young Men's Society last evening. The Rev. Father Goggan presided, and, owing to the unfavorable weather, there was only a moderate attendance.

Mr. Clarkson said the subject was very popular and everyone knew something of it. It dealt with subjects of paramount importance to society, and with subjects which the people came in contact with in everyday life. It was a science, but unlike other scientific subjects could not be experimented with. It was, however, not without unpopularity. This was due to ignorance or prejudice, and when a science is studied, the mind must be unprejudiced. Referring to statistics, Mr. Clarkson said that figures of recent times only were available, and as far as the present-day economists were concerned, the statistics were practically valueless. The history of economics was very fragmentary and unreliable, but still where applicable was most valuable. Mr. Clarkson proceeded to quote opinions of early day writers on political economy, Adam Smith, Malthus, Ricardo, and John Stuart Mill, and compared their views with those of present-day economists. Dealing with the study of wealth, the speaker said that early writers took wealth as synonymous with the well-being of the people. Prices were considered to rise according to it and it gave rise to three fundamental requisites of production—land, labor, and capital. As to tariff, the returns, he said, do not represent the true trade of a country. The exports, for instance, of England were only one-third of the trade, and that country was represented as exporting less than Germany or the United States. This, however, was wrong, as England's exports were double per head

of the population of those of the two last-named countries. Touching very briefly on Socialism, Mr. Clarkson said this was an important question for economists, who could not satisfy either party. Distribution could not be separated from production. That was where economists called a halt. Socialism found fault with the Catholic Church, because the Church pointed out that Socialism was not desirable.

On the motion of the chairman a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Clarkson, a similar compliment to the chairman closing the meeting.

Interprovincial

Ordinations were held at All Hallows College, Dublin, on the feast of Corpus Christi, the Sunday within the Octave, and the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The ordaining prelate was the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland. Among the students ordained to the priesthood was the Rev. John Carran for the diocese of Auckland.

A writer to one of the Wellington newspapers says that the principal reason that enables the Oregon pine to come into competition with our native product is the time and labor-saving appliances that are used in the American mills. Our New Zealand methods are clumsy, laborious, and expensive as compared with American systems. Further, there is no waste in the American mills.

The gold yield for the Commonwealth and New Zealand for the first five months of this year amounted to 1,463,708 fine ounces, or a decrease of 67,352 fine ounces compared with the figures for the corresponding term last year. With the exception of New Zealand, which shows a larger return, all the contributors to the total show decreases.

All the arrangements (says the Christchurch 'Press') are now complete for the erection of the new house for the Sisters of Nazareth, on the property purchased by them, the Grove, Sydenham. Messrs. Collins and Harman have prepared plans for the new building, which will be in brick and stone, and will cost something like £15,000. The tenders will be called for at an early date.

Labor is organising more and more vigorously (remarks the Wellington 'Evening Post'). Copies of the proposed constitution for a Federation of Labor are being circulated among the 310 unions of New Zealand and the Trades Councils. As soon as the Executive Council receives sufficient replies to warrant it calling the federation into existence it will take prompt action. If the federation becomes an accomplished fact, conferences of Trades Councils will be things of the past. In future there would be a congress of representatives of industries, acting with a standing Federal Council which at all times would have a controlling voice in matters affecting the national and political interests of the labor movement. Similar federations have been established in Australia, America, and Europe.

An optimistic view of the financial horizon was expressed at Wellington on Friday evening by Mr. J. R. Blair, chairman of directors of the Wellington Investment Company. He said he did not think in these electric times it was wise to make any remarks about the state of affairs, but he thought he voiced the opinion of the directors when he spoke on this occasion. They had considerable hope for the future, even taking into account the disturbances that might arise in the money market. The position of the Dominion was different now to what it was in the past. In 1879 nearly everyone lost; they did not know where to turn. In those days the colony relied on wool, and when anything upset the market everyone suffered. Now the Dominion had a variety of products—butter, wool, frozen meat, and flax—and if one door closed another opened. He felt the shareholders had every ground for expecting and hoping a moderately prosperous time, and that prudent people would be able to conduct their business successfully.

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