

## The General Election

The general election which took place on Tuesday was not productive of much excitement, as there was no very burning question of a political character before the electors. The licensing question absorbed the principal attention, and practically eclipsed the political side of the contest. The Government had no programme to place before the constituencies, and they relied mainly for support on the work done by their party for many years in encouraging people to settle on the land, on their labor legislation, and on similar matters affecting the social well-being of the people. The Opposition were practically in a like position: they had no programme for the future, and furthermore they had no record to point to as an incentive to the electors to put them into power. They could not attack the policy of the Government without the danger of raising up serious opposition, and consequently they had to confine themselves to criticism of the administrative acts of the Ministry. How far the public agreed with the criticisms of the Opposition can be judged by the results so far announced—Government 34, Opposition 16, Independents (three of whom might be classed as Liberals) 4. The sensation of the contest was the defeat of the Minister for Lands (Hon. R. McNab) at Mātaura. With this exception all the Ministers were returned save the Hon. Mr. Carroll, who will probably have to run the gauntlet of a second ballot. As we have said, the licensing question altogether overshadowed the political side of the contest, and in many instances entered largely into the choice of a representative, irrespective of his opinions on public matters. There are twenty-two second ballots to be held next week owing to the fact that no candidate received an absolute majority in any of the following electorates: Waitemata, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Egmont, Wanganui, Manawatu, Pahiatua, Palmerston, Wellington North, Wellington East, Wellington South, Wellington Suburbs, Hurunui, Nelson, Avon, Ashburton, Geraldine, Timaru, Dunedin North, Tuapeka. The following are the members who were elected on Tuesday:—Government supporters—Ward, Sir J. G., Awarua; McGowan, Hon. J. Thames; Fowlds, Hon. G., Grey Lynn; Millar, Hon. J. A., Dunedin West; Reed, V., Bay of Islands; Stallworthy, J. Kaipara; Baume, F. E., Auckland East; Poole, C. H., Auckland West; Lawry, F., Parnell; Greenslade, H. J., Waikato; Brown, J. Vigor, Napier; Jennings, W. T., Taumarunui; Remington, A. E., Rangitikei; Hall, C., Waipawa; Hogg, A. W., Masterton; Field, W. H., Otaki; Wilford, T. M., Hutt; McKenzie, R., Motueka; Colvin, J., Buller; Guinness, Hon. A. R., Grey; Seddon, T. E., Westland; Buddo, D., Kaipoi; Davey, T. H., Christchurch East; Ell, H. G., Christchurch South; Witty, G., Riccarton; Laurenson, G., Lyttelton; Steward, Sir W. J., Waitaki; Duncan, Hon. T. Y., Oamaru; Allen, E. G., Chalmers; Sidey, T. K., Dunedin South; Arnold, J. F., Dunedin Central; Mackenzie, T., Taieri; Thomson, J. C., Wallace; Hanan, J. A., Invercargill. Opposition—Massey, W. F., Franklin; Mander, F. Marsden; Bollard, J., Eden; Lang, F. W., Manukau; Herries, W. H., Tauranga; Okey, H. J. H., Taranaki; Hine, J. B., Stratford; Pearce, G. V., Patea; Guthrie, D. H., Oroua; Buchanan, W. C., Wairarapa; Rhodes, R. H., Ellesmere; Hardy, C. A. C., Selwyn; Allen, J., Bruce; Malcolm, A. S., Clutha; Fraser, W., Wakatipu; Anderson, G. J., Mātaura. Independent—Glover, A. E., Auckland Central; Fisher, F. M. B., Wellington Central; Duncan, J., Wairau; Taylor, T. E., Christchurch North.

### OAMARU

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

November 9.

The usual weekly meeting of the Catholic Club on Friday evening was attended by a fair number of members, the president (Mr. T. O'Grady) being in the chair. The programme took the form of a variety evening. The most enjoyable items were humorous readings by Mr. T. O'Grady and Rev. Father O'Neill, both of whom did their items full justice. The club has lost another useful member in Mr. J. de Courcey, who has been promoted to a position in the post office at Wanganui, and left for the north on Thursday. His friends wish him every success in his new sphere.

The following are the results of the local centre practical examinations, held on November 2 by Mr. Henry Saint-George, at the Dominican Convent:—Senior Division—Florence Reid (singing), 78 (honors); Georgina McKenzie (pianoforte), 69 (honors). Intermediate Division—Maggie Ardagh (pianoforte), 67; Eileen O'Meara (pianoforte), 67. Junior Division—Janie

Pringle (pianoforte), 87 (honors); Doris Potter (pianoforte), 84 (honors); Rita Falconer (pianoforte), 83 (honors); Kathleen O'Donnell (singing), 83; Lily Grant (pianoforte), 73; Elsie Fleming (pianoforte), 70; Eva Miller (pianoforte), 69. Preparatory—Bridget Foley (violin), 82; Honora Rooney (violin), 77; Gretta Cooney (pianoforte), 72. A junior singing class of 25 pupils was also examined, gaining honors with 81 marks. Mr. Saint-George expressed himself highly pleased with this section of the examination, especially commending the clear enunciation, precision, and maintenance of pitch throughout.

November 16.

The Oamaru Catholic Club held its annual competition for the diploma presented by the executive of Federated Catholic Clubs on Thursday evening last, there being a fair attendance. The Rev. Father O'Neill officiated as judge, and awarded first place to Mr. J. R. Wallace, who took for his subject 'Oliver Goldsmith.'

### Milton

St. Joseph's Schoolroom was filled on Tuesday evening of last week (says the *Bruce Herald*), when a representative gathering of friends had assembled to formally farewell Miss E. Scanlan on the eve of her marriage, and to show their recognition of her many years' services. Since her childhood Miss Scanlan had been organist of the Milton Catholic Church, and had always taken a most prominent part in the social work connected with the Church. The first part of the programme took the form of a concert, to which the following contributed items:—Misses E. Coleman, M. Coleman, Scanlan, I. Reid, and A. Wisneski, Rev. Father Farthing, and Messrs. W. Kirby, M. Curran. At the conclusion of the concert a presentation, on behalf of the congregation, was made by the Rev. Father Farthing, who said the gathering had a two-fold object. The first one was to say good-bye to Miss Scanlan, who would leave them next day for her future home in the North Island, and the second to give a tangible recognition of the esteem in which she was held by the congregation and Children of Mary, of which society she was president. Father Farthing said he had only been five months in the district, but during that time he had seen much of what Miss Scanlan had done for the Church, of which she was one of the most faithful supporters, and a true daughter. It was through her zeal and energy that the Church choir had been reorganised, and its present successful state achieved. She had assisted in every way to further the best interests of the Church, and the congregation was under a deep debt of gratitude to her for the efficient and courteous manner in which she discharged her offices. On behalf of the congregation he then presented Miss Scanlan with a full afternoon silver tea service, inscribed: 'To Miss E. Scanlan, from the members of St. Mary's, Milton, in appreciation of her many services.—11/11/08.' The reverend speaker concluded by wishing Miss Scanlan a long, happy, and prosperous life.

The Rev. Father Howard (South Dunedin) said he was pleased to speak relative to the good qualities of Miss Scanlan. She was always obliging and willing at any time to assist in anything for the good and welfare of the Church and congregation. He had much pleasure on behalf of the Children of Mary in presenting her with a silver cake dish and set of carvers. He was sure she would appreciate them, and hoped they would bring her some happy recollections. He was pleased to know she was so highly esteemed. He could not let the occasion pass without a word of praise to Mr. McMurtrie, who was a man of sterling qualities. He was a man whose ambition would certainly be rewarded. Miss Scanlan had endeared herself to the people of Milton, and had a wide circle of friends, and she would be missed by them all. In conclusion, he wished Miss Scanlan and Mr. McMurtrie every joy and happiness, and that prosperity may shine on them every day of their lives.

Messrs. W. Kirby and J. Moroney also spoke eulogistically of Miss Scanlan's many services to the Church.

Mr. Scanlan, responding on behalf of his sister, expressed his gratification at the appreciation of her services. He thanked them all for the handsome presents and for the kindly expressions. Anything which she had done for the Church had been a labor of love, in which she had always been met with whole-hearted co-operation by the congregation.

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