

Interprovincial

The Labor Department is advised that a settlement of the Otira trouble has been arrived at through the intervention of Mr. P. Hally, Conciliation Commissioner.

The members of the Dargaville Borough Council are in a unique position. They have held their seats for some time, and a fresh election should have taken place in April last. However, no one thought about it, so it did not come off. The result is that the present members have a new lease of two years.

'Eggs is eggs,' is the opinion of the Wellington Hospital trustees, and with a view to making provision against the time when the price becomes more or less prohibitive, the trustees have adopted the recommendation of the house steward at the hospital that 12,000 eggs should be pickled.

The Dairy Commissioner is establishing a milk-testing scheme in the Carterton district on model lines for the purpose of testing the individual cows in dairy herds. This is to provide an object-lesson, with a view to the general extension of the method by the means of co-operative testing associations. Its cost to the department will be about £100 for the year.

There is a society in Auckland composed of ordinary workers and wage-earners who give their time and talents in providing benefit concerts and performances for deserving cases of stress and unemployment. The society is now known as the Auckland Benevolent Concert Company, and has during the last three years distributed no less than £800.

Monday being the fifth anniversary of the death of the Rev. Father Fauvel (first parish priest of Temuka), a Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's, Temuka, by the Ven. Archpriest Le Menant des Chesnais, the Rev. Fathers O'Connell, Kimbell, and Le Floch assisting at the ceremonies (says the *Press*). There was a large attendance of the congregation.

The Mayor of Napier has given notice to move as follows at the next meeting of the Borough Council: 'That in future no plans of any dwelling house proposed to be erected in the borough of Napier be passed by the Council unless a bath at least 4f 6in long by 2ft 6in broad, with water laid on, be erected in one of the rooms of the said house or some room attached thereto.'

A deputation representing the surviving passengers and crew of the Penguin waited on Mr. W. McMenamin, at Island Bay, on Sunday, and presented him with an address and a silver-mounted pipe in recognition of his kindness on the night of the wreck. It may be remembered that it was at his station, near Terawhiti, that the survivors were welcomed and cared for.

The idea that prices in the retail grocery trade are cut so fine as to leave but a small margin for profit, would seem to be incorrect (says the *Press*). A grocer giving evidence at the Supreme Court recently stated that by careful buying and paying cash for all he got, he made a profit of 20 per cent. It was suggested to him that the retail price of sugar was subject to severe cutting. This, however, he denied, and declared that he made 25 per cent. on handling that commodity.

Addressing the Natives at Nuhaka after the bridge-opening ceremony, the Hon. James Carroll spoke plainly and strongly, declaring that the time had come when their lands must be made liable to rating the same as European lands are. He also stated he would be willing to help the Natives by providing £500 towards the purchase of cows, so long as they left the question of purchasing the stock

in the hands of the Nuhaka Dairy Company, to ensure selection of a good class of cows. He would be glad to give them any reasonable time to repay the amount.

Although the date of Parliament's re-assembling has not finally been fixed, it is now generally understood that the session will commence on October 7, when the formalities will take place, and that business will begin on the following Tuesday. The Prime Minister (Sir Joseph Ward) will leave Vancouver on September 10, and under ordinary circumstances would reach Brisbane on October 2, but owing to the special arrangement for continuing his journey from Suva direct to New Zealand by a warship, he will be able to arrive in Auckland nearly a week before the formal opening of Parliament.

A Gisborne telegram states that a case of interest to farmers was included in the local sittings of the Assessment Court, which was called on to hear the protest of Peter Wright, of Motu, a farmer, against being assessed for the timber standing on his land. It is generally admitted that when the railway reaches Motu, which may be in five years' time, any timber then standing will be worth a considerable amount, and this fact apparently actuated the Government valuer, who seemed to think that the farmer was refraining from clearing part of his land because of the speculative value of the timber. The court ruled that as the timber was of no value at present, there being no means to get it to market, the valuation must be reduced by £390.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD HALLORAN, WREY'S BUSH.

It is with the deepest regret (writes an occasional correspondent) that I have to record the death of Mr. Richard Halloran, who passed away at his residence, Wrey's Bush, on Saturday, August 21. Deceased, who was a well-known farmer and a staunch supporter of the Catholic Church, was a native of County Galway, and came to New Zealand upwards of 40 years ago. Deceased was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. Mr. Halloran had always enjoyed the best of health, and his sudden end, which was due to heart failure, came as a shock to his friends throughout Southland. The funeral, which took place on August 24, was one of the largest ever seen in the district. Residents from all parts were present to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Neill, who, assisted by the Very Rev. Father Walsh, officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

MR. EDMUND CARROLL, MORNINGTON.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Edmund Carroll, who passed away at his residence, Mailer street, Mornington, on August 27. The deceased was a prominent and active member of the Hibernian Society since its inception in Dunedin over 36 years ago. He was the pioneer and founder of the Dunedin branch, which was opened on March 17, 1873, and his name appears first in the constitution book. The establishing of the branch at that time was up-hill work. There had been several meetings in order to obtain the requisite number of names, but through his perseverance and energy the branch was opened in St. Joseph's schoolroom with 26 members, the hall being tastefully decorated for the occasion. The late Brother E. Carroll was elected the first president of the branch—a post which he had well earned; and ever since, until his health failed him a few years ago, he filled most of the offices in the branch, always taking a lively interest in everything relating to the welfare of the branch and the society in general. He was also elected district president of the Otago District, and later on of the Otago-Canterbury District.—R.I.P.

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