

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

MR SEDDON, with the King's permission, visited the Frogmore Mausoleum, and placed a wreath on Queen Victoria's tomb.

It is reported that the following will probably contest Bruce with Mr Allen at the next election:—Messrs C. R. Chapman (Dunedin), J. A. Scott (Milton), and J. Edie (Haeriet).

THE Canterbury Farmers' Co-operative Association has paid during the last 20 years no less a sum than £23,329 in dividends, and in bonuses £46,302—a total of £69,631.

QUEENSTOWN was lit up by electricity on Tuesday evening of last week. The experiment, in which a considerable amount of interest was taken, was highly successful.

A MOVEMENT is being strongly supported in Wellington to erect a memorial to mark the first landing place in the Colony of Captain Cook, and steps are being taken to secure support from other parts of the Colony.

CONSTABLE DAN RYAN was on Wednesday night presented by the Mayor of Hawera, on behalf of Mrs Watron and members of the Ada Delroy Company, with an illuminated address and gold medal in recognition of the bravery displayed by him on the occasion of the Oriental Hotel fire at Wellington at the end of last year.

THE Christchurch Painters' Union, at a meeting a few nights ago, unanimously resolved that it had entire confidence in the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and that the statements made respecting the act in other parts of the Colony were uncalled for and unjustified.

ANOTHER satisfactory trial was (says the *Press*) made on Saturday morning with a railway motor car built by the Sheffield Car Company, on the north line. The run from Christchurch to Kaiapoi was made in 43 minutes, and part of the time the speed was 50 miles an hour. The car was driven by a gasoline engine, and ran very smoothly.

THE collectors for the memorial to the fallen troopers (writes the *Oamaru Mail*) have made an excellent beginning. On Saturday in half an hour they obtained in 19 donations no less than £137 7s. There cannot be any doubt as to the complete success of the proposal, and we have no hesitation in saying that the monument to be erected will be one that will redound to the credit of North Otago.

At a meeting of the Palmerston North Borough Council it was decided to adopt a scheme of sewage, estimated to cost £35,000. It is not proposed to spend the whole of this sum at first, but the immediate works will probably necessitate the expenditure of £26,000. Subsequent extensions will be made as required.

A DEATH occurred in the Isolation Hospital, Auckland, on Thursday, and the case has been reported by the acting-district health officer (Dr. Frangley) to the department in Wellington as plague. The patient was Edward Walker, a lumper on the wharf. The case had been under observation for some days.

REV. FATHER AINSWORTH, S.M., opened a mission in the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, on Sunday, June 29. He delivered a powerful discourse to a crowded congregation, the church being packed to the doors. The mission (says the *Ihuangahua Times*) will continue throughout the week. Rev. Father Ainsworth is assisted in his missionary duties by Rev. Father Clancy, S.M., and Rev. Father Moloney, S.M.

IN concluding a leading article on the balance sheet of the Bank of New Zealand just presented to Parliament, the *Otago Daily Times* says:—It has recovered its position in a remarkable fashion, and when Parliament again has occasion to discuss its affairs—and that must be at an early date, for in 1904 the institution has to make provision for calling in and cancelling its guaranteed stock, which only has a currency of 10 years—it will have to be admitted that the Colony acted wisely when it decided in 1894 to assist the bank.

THE shipment of American flour by the Sierra, from San Francisco, was 380 tons for Auckland, 20 tons for Wellington, 55 tons for Napier, and 25 tons for Dunedin. She had no wheat on board. There is only one other shipment of American flour expected to be imported to New Zealand, the advance in American prices during the past two months having stopped orders from New Zealand. The shipment, which is due at the end of the present month, was ordered before the advance in the English and American markets.

A CABLE message states that Mr Seddon had a great reception at St. Helens, Lancashire. The borough was decorated, and the freedom of the town presented to him in the Town Hall. In the course of his speech, in response to the welcome extended to him, he said that the universal sympathy expressed on behalf of the King during his illness had gone far to remove any international ill-feeling. If, as a result of that illness, they had a clean slate, all would be well. He asked the people to suspend their judgment regarding the Imperial Conference until the members had been heard.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society Mr. Seal (president) occupied the chair. The programme for the evening (says the *Mail*) was 'A night with British Statesmen.' Two very important motions came up for discussion. The first was moved by Mr J. Moison, and brought forth spirited opposition, and caused a real debate, so much so that the president had to call for a division, which resulted in favor of the motion on the casting vote of the president. The other motion was brought forward by Mr A. J. Muller, which also occasioned much discussion, and was carried by a big majority. The two motions took up the whole evening, and the programme had to be postponed, but a pleasant evening was spent notwithstanding.

MR HARRY HISCOCKS, organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, has just published a coronation march, which he has dedicated to his Excellency the Earl of Ranfurly. The coronation march is a very creditable production, and the youthful composer may well feel proud of the many encomiums which have been passed on his work by musical critics. Mr Hiscocks has not, we understand, yet attained his twentieth year, so that he has made a good start early in life, and judging from this composition he has a brilliant future before him.

THE first of a series of winter socials was held in St. Mary's Hall, on Wednesday evening (says the *Nelson Colonist*). There was a large attendance. Owing to a number of those who had promised to assist suffering from indisposition, the musical programme was somewhat curtailed, a fact for which the Rev. George Mahony, who presided, apologised. At the same time the rev. gentleman took opportunity to thank those ladies and gentlemen who had assisted, and, furthermore, had done their best to fill the gaps made. The programme commenced with the overture 'Tosca', Miss Duff (piano) and Mr Chas. Trussell (cornet). The singers were Miss K. Scott, 'Remember or Forget' (encored); Mr J. Scott, 'The Carnival'; Mr Jones, 'Flight of ages'; and 'Bid me to love' as an encore song; Mr Chas. Trussell, 'The heart bowed down', with 'The pilot' as an encore song. Mr. Trussell also contributed a cornet solo. After the concert refreshments, which were provided on a liberal scale, were handed round, and the remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent with dancing, Miss Fowler supplying the music.

## WEDDING BELLS.

FENNESSY—MALONE.

On Monday morning, July 7, a wedding which excited a good deal of local interest was celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Roxburgh, the contracting parties being Miss M. Malone, youngest daughter of Mr E. Malone, Roxburgh, and Mr J. Fennessy, second son of Mr. M. Fennessy, Naseby. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Geary, who also celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride-maids were Miss Laloli and Miss Moran, and Mr Frank Laloli was best man. The bride looked charming in a costume of sea green silk, and wore the customary wreath and veil. The bridegroom's gifts to the bride were a gold watch and chain, and to each of the bridesmaids a gold band ring and brooch. After the ceremony a large number of guests assembled at the residence of Mr E. Malone where the wedding breakfast was laid. Several toasts were proposed, and speeches expressive of the high esteem in which the newly-wedded couple was held were delivered. The wedding presents were valuable, and useful, and their number and variety showed the respect in which the recipients were held by their many friends. Later in the day Mr and Mrs Fennessy left for Lawrence on their way to Dunedin where the honeymoon was to be spent, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

## Obituary.

MRS. NOLAN, MARSHALSTOWN, KILDARE.

We (Leinster *Times*) regret to announce the death of Mrs Mary Anne Nolan, Marshalstown, who passed away on May 14. Though expected, as her health had been failing for some time, the announcement came as a painful shock to the people of the district, by whom she was greatly beloved, as during her long life she never omitted a duty to her neighbors, and her door was ever open to the poor, and her hand ever ready to relieve the wants of the necessitous. The funeral took place on May 16, the place of interment being the family burial ground at Moone. A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was said on the morning of the funeral, of which the Rev. Father J. Maher (Monasterevan) was celebrant; Rev. Father Doyle (Athy), deacon; Rev. Father O'Driscoll (Castledermot), sub-deacon; and Rev. Father Duggan (Athy), master of ceremonies. The following clergy were also present:—Rev. M. Walsh (Castledermot), Very Rev. Mgr Burke, D.D., V.F. (Bagninstown), Rev. W. Maher (Myschall), Rev. James Nolan (Dublin), Rev. Father O'Sullivan and Crotty (Athy), Rev. Father Byrne (Moone), Rev. Father Rowan (Athy). The funeral procession was a very large one, the chief mourners being Mr John P. Nolan (son), Rev. J. Maher, Rev. W. Maher, and Mr P. Maher (nephews), Messrs P. J. and L. Nolan (grandsons) Rev. James Nolan, Messrs Francis Nolan and W. F. Nolan (cousins). The Rev. F. Dukay, pastor of Moone, and the Rev. M. Walsh, pastor of Castledermot, conducted the funeral service at the graveside. The deceased lady leaves a daughter (Mrs O'Loole, Fairlie) and two sons in New Zealand to mourn their loss.

## The King's Health.

A BULLETIN issued at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, stated that the King's progress was all that could be desired.

A remark made by the Right Hon. Akers Douglas in the House of Commons is interpreted to mean that the date of the Coronation is not remote. The *Daily Telegraph* mentions that it will be early in August. An official announcement will be made on Friday.

The *Daily News* states that the authorities are considering the third week in August as the date of the Coronation.

A list of the winning numbers in the grand Federal art union, drawn at St. Brigid's Hall, Matrickeville, on June 24, appears elsewhere in this issue.

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