

settlers in the district, and in the whaling days was well known as a daring harpooner. The deceased was the largest landowner in the district. He was one of the first members of the Manawatu County Council, belonged to most of the local societies, and also to several racing clubs. He took part in every movement for the uplifting of the Maori race. The Natives considered him as one of their own, and in their meetings he often impressed them by his eloquence. He was a great friend and supporter of the Maori Mission, and contributed to the success of the Maori meetings held in Otaki by Father Delach. For some time past he had not been in the best of health, yet there was nothing in his condition to lead his family and friends to believe that his end was so near. On Thursday, May 19, he left his home to attend the Wanganui races, and on the same evening, when on his way to visit one of his friends, his hour came. Deceased, who was 56 years of age, leaves a widow and a family of six—four sons and two daughters—and also many sincere friends to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MR. PATRICK TRAYNOR, INVERCARGILL.

By the death of Mr. Patrick Traynor, which occurred at his home in Invercargill on Wednesday, May 19, one of the earliest settlers of the Wyndham township has been removed from our midst. Death came rather suddenly, but deceased had the consolation of receiving the last rites of the Church before he expired. The late Mr. Traynor was a native of County Mayo, and, in company with his wife in the latter part of 1873 crossed over to Glasgow, where he resided for over a year. On New Year's Day, 1875, with their infant son (the late Mr. Andrew Traynor), they sailed from Glasgow in the ship *Timaru* on her maiden voyage, landing at Bluff on April 25, 1875, the voyage taking 121 days. After working at his trade as a wheelwright for two years in Invercargill, he went to Wyndham 39 years ago, and remained until 12 months ago, when, having retired from business some time previous, he decided to spend his declining years in Invercargill. While in Wyndham he was successful in building up a business as general builder and wheelwright, and in this was succeeded by his two sons, Messrs Andrew (since dead) and Edward Traynor, under the designation of Traynor Bros. The deceased was of a retiring disposition; he had very many friends, and no enemies. He was an ardent angler, and was always a familiar figure on the banks of the Mimiwhau during the trout season. He was a member of the Wyndham Racing Club for many years, and was a constant subscriber to the *N.Z. Tablet* since almost its first issue. The deceased is survived by his widow, four sons, and three daughters—Mrs. M. Woods (Invercargill), Mrs. W. Baird (Invercargill), Mrs. F. Delany (Christchurch), Messrs. E. J. Traynor (Wyndham), James Traynor (who is fighting in the Dardanelles), Thomas Traynor (Invercargill, who has offered for the front), and Joseph Traynor (Wyndham),—and eleven grandchildren. The funeral took place at Wyndham on Friday afternoon, and was largely attended. Very Rev. Father O'Donnell (Gore) conducted the burial service.—R.I.P.

Thames

From our own correspondent.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. E. J. Columb on last Tuesday, when a few of his many friends called to bid him farewell, prior to his departure for Gore. Rev. Father Dignan spoke of the many good qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Columb and of their good work during their two years' residence in Thames. Mr. Columb was president of the Hibernian Society, a member of the church and school committees, and a most energetic member of the local working bee which has done much good work in the parish. He wished them a very pleasant voyage south, and hoped that the future would have great things in store for them. Father Dignan then asked Mr. Columb and Mrs. Columb to accept a silver cruet from a few of their

many friends in Thames, who would always have pleasant memories of them. Several of those present also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. and Mrs. Columb, and wished them every happiness in the future. During the evening musical selections were given by Mrs. John Connolly, Mrs. G. Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mullins. The function terminated with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended Tuesday, May 25, 1915, as follows:—Rabbitskins.—We held our fortnightly sale yesterday and offered a medium catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Competition was good and late prices were fully maintained. Quotations: Best winter does, 13d to 14d; bucks, 12d to 12½d; incoming winters, 10½d to 11½d; autumns, 9½d to 10½d; racks, 6d to 7d; runners and suckers, 2d to 2½d; prime winter blacks, 24d to 26d; autumn blacks, 12d to 15d; fawns, to 12d; hare-skins, to 5½d; horsehair, 17d to 20d per lb; catskins, 1d to 3d each. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on Tuesday, June 1. Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday and offered a medium catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Competition was good but prices were a shade easier than last sale. Quotations: Best ox hides, 9½d to 10d; medium, 8½d to 9½d; light, 8d to 9d; best cow hides, to 8½d; light to medium, 8d to 8½d; cut and sloppy, 6d to 7½d; calfskins, 6d to 7½d; calfskins, 6d to 10½d; medium, 8d to 9½d; yearlings, 8d to 8½d per lb. Tallow and Fat.—We held our weekly sale on Saturday, and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. Best rendered tallow, 22s 6d to 24s; medium, 18s 6d to 21s; best rough fat, 18s 6d to 20s; medium, 14s to 16s. Oats.—During the last week the market has improved considerably and prices show a decided advance. Prime milling, 3s 10½d to 4s; good to best feed, 3s 9d to 3s 10d; inferior to medium, 3s 6d to 3s 8d per bushel (sacks extra). Wheat.—The market is quiet and there is very little business to report. Prime milling velvet, 6s 10d to 6s 11d; Tuscan, 6s 8d to 6s 9d; best whole fowl wheat, 6s 6d to 6s 8d; medium, 6s 3d to 6s 4d per bushel (sacks extra). Chaff.—There is a strong demand, more especially for prime samples, which meet with ready sale on arrival. Choice black oaten, £6 10s to £6 15s; good white oaten, £6 to £6 7s 6d; medium to good, £5 10s to £6 per ton (sacks extra). Potatoes.—The market is fully supplied, and prices are a shade easier. Best tables, £4 12s 6d to £4 15s; medium, £4 to £4 10s per ton (sacks included).

ST. JOSEPH'S HARRIERS, DUNEDIN

St. Joseph's Harriers held their annual one mile and a-half novice race at Forbury Park. In the absence of Mr. H. Burke, Mr. C. Collins acted as time-keeper and starter, and had little difficulty in getting away a field of 18 starters. All retained their positions until the second lap, when A. Nelson and T. O'Brien let F. Mullin take the lead. A. J. Tourell, however, soon forced his way to the front, with T. Roughan, who had by this time passed the rest of the field, close on his heels. Coming up the straight the positions were: T. Roughan first, A. J. Tourell second, and J. O'Farrell third. These positions were maintained to the finish. Result—T. Roughan (10sec)—8min 32sec; actual time, 8min 2sec, 1; A. J. Tourell (20sec)—8min 33sec; actual time, 8min 13sec, 2; J. O'Farrell (5sec)—9min; actual time, 8min 25sec, 3. The next four men finished in the following order—L. Marlow (25sec), F. Mullin (30sec), P. Walsh (18sec), C. Whelan (20sec). T. Roughan (the winner) is only a young member, and should improve during the season. A. J. Tourell, who finished one second behind the winner, is also a young member, having joined only this year, and should also be heard of again.