

THE IRISH DELEGATES IN WELLINGTON

The Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*, telegraphing on Tuesday evening, says:—The Home Rule delegates are already having a busy time in Wellington. They began the day with a visit to the Mayor, who received them on behalf of the city.

Mr. J. T. Donovan, in referring to their mission, said: 'We came bearing a message of good cheer and hope to the people of New Zealand. We believe that at last, with the assent of the British democracy at Home, and of the British-speaking people throughout the world we are about to attain that measure of national self-government which you so well and wisely enjoy here in New Zealand, and we believe that the solution of the Irish problem, and the attainment of their national rights by the Irish people will tend not merely to the prosperity and pacification of our own country politically, but that it will tend to consolidate and strengthen the Empire, of which it will be pleased to be incorporated as a free unit. If that comes to pass within the next eighteen months or two years we shall have to thank the people of Australasia of all sections and of all creeds and classes for the practical sympathy and support which they have accorded us.'

Mr. R. Hazleton, in the course of his reply to the Mayor's welcome, said that if in every place in New Zealand they met with the same kindness and consideration that they had met with in the city of Wellington their stay in the Dominion on personal grounds alone would not only be a pleasant one, but very useful and instructive also. It was always useful for people from the Old Country to travel as much as possible among the newer countries, such as this, because they could undoubtedly learn a great deal from them. Perhaps it might be beneficial to both parties. As one who had an interest in municipal government at Home, being a member of the council of his own city, he found it very instructive indeed to listen to what the Mayor had said about municipal government in New Zealand. He thought that sometimes they were inclined not to attach too much importance to this branch of government, on which so largely and widely depended the health and prosperity and well-being of the citizens of a community such as this. This, he added, was not the time to make political references, but they looked forward not only to the carrying out of the work on which they had come, but to gaining an experience which might be useful and profitable to them when they again took part in the affairs of their own country.

Later in the day the delegates were welcomed by the women of the Hibernian Society. All three delegates replied to the welcome, Mr. Redmond remarking that in all their political fights the Home Rulers had the women on their side. In some portions of the North of Ireland, where they had the most bitter enemies, victory had been won through the efforts of the ladies. They were under a deep debt of gratitude to women all over the world for the manner in which they had upheld the cause.

Mr. Hazleton said the ground on which the Home Rulers had been attacked was that they desired to set up a Catholic ascendancy in Ireland. That was not so. What they wanted was justice and equality of all creeds and classes, and not a Protestant ascendancy. He was glad to say they were now near the attainment of their hopes.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Mr. J. A. Nash (the Mayor) presided at a meeting held in the Opera House on Saturday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the visit of the Irish delegates (writes our Palmerston North correspondent). A representative committee was set up with Mr. E. O. Hurley, as chairman, and Messrs. W. Devine and M. Kennedy as treasurer and secretary respectively. It is very possible that the delegates will alter the night from May 10 to May 7.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 2.

The St. Andrews bazaar, the proceeds of which go to the new Catholic Church, Timaru, was concluded last week, the net sum realised amounting to £656 2s. This amount was made up as follows:—Mrs. Rae's stall, £246 3s 10d; Miss Stack's, £191 6s 6d; refreshments (Mrs. Scannell), £104 6s 8d; doors, £43 6s 8d; art union, £70 18s 4d. Rev. Father Smyth had charge of the bazaar, which, under his direction, can fully be claimed to have established a New Zealand record in Church fetes, considering the extent of the parish. The St. Andrews Catholics have always been most generous in responding to all calls for the Church, and the manner in which young and old threw themselves into the work of the bazaar speaks well for their zeal and generosity. It is generally considered that the tug-of-war tournament was the great attraction of the carnival. The results of the art union are published elsewhere in this issue. In Timaru on Sunday last, at the instance of the Rev. Father Tubman, complimentary references were made at all the Masses to the liberality of the St. Andrews people.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

April 29.

The election of Borough Councillors on Wednesday last excited a great deal of interest. Five members of the late Council were returned, including our worthy representative, Mr. Michael O'Reilly. Messrs. E. L. Broad and T. J. Rodgers, of the 'Citizens' League,' were not placed, but have reason to congratulate themselves on the support they obtained, polling 628 and 487 votes respectively.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood was the guest of the Rev. Father Costello on Friday, and left on Saturday for Dannevirke to open the new convent there to-day. It is his intention to be present at the annual concert of the convent past and present pupils to be held in the Opera House on Wednesday, May 3. The concert, to judge by the programme, promises to be of unusual merit.

The Catholics of Shannon held their first social of the season in the Druids' Hall on Wednesday last, and, as might be expected, was a great success, thanks to the zeal of Mesdames Moynihan and Butler, and Mr. J. Curran.

Waihi

(From our own correspondent.)

April 24.

At the meeting of Home Rule supporters, held at Waihi last Sunday, after the business had been disposed of, the treasurer and secretary of the Hibernian Society made an appeal to all present who were not already members, to become so, either benefit or honorary. Recent happenings had shown the necessity of the Catholics keeping together and being organised, and the Hibernian Society, in addition to its benefits, offered splendid opportunities for spending social evenings together.

OBITUARY

MR. MATHEW M. DEVOY, DUBLIN.

The many friends of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Wellington, will learn with sincere regret of the death of his youngest brother, Mr. Mathew Mark Devoy, who passed away in Dublin on March 10. The remains of this esteemed gentleman (says the *Freeman's Journal* of March 13) were interred in Glasnevin yesterday. Mr. Devoy's life-long connection with the provision trade of Dublin will be held in kindly remembrance by all who came in contact with him. A good husband and father, a loyal friend, and a thoroughly capable and trustworthy business man, he will be missed by many, the tragic suddenness of his decease adding to the sadness of the event. To his widow and children, his brothers, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Wellington, New Zealand, and Mr. John Devoy, Stradbally; his sister, Sister Mary Brigid, Mullinavat, and all other relatives, the greatest sympathy will be extended in their affliction. The chief mourners were Messrs. Patrick and Thomas Devoy (sons), Hugh Shortall, Patrick Shortall, and James McEvoy (nephews). Amongst others the following attended the funeral:—Messrs. P. Garrahan, J. Byrne, E. Burke, staff of Horan and Sons, E. Doyle, E. Carey, P. Murphy, T. Murphy, G. Scully and Son, P. Farnon, J. Doran, J. Farrell, P. Byron, Staff: M. Byrne, Jeremiah Byrne, Joseph Byrne, John Byrne, James Byrne, J. Nolan, J. J. Lawler, R. C. Lawler; Richard Collis; T. O'Brien, T.C.; J. O'Brien, J. Castles, J. Dooley, J. Cullen, W. Doyle, J. O'Donohoe, P. McAsey, J. Carroll, Bookle Bros., J. Latimer, M. Kelly, sen., M. Kelly, jun., Michael Kelly, P. Kelly, J. Kelly, J. Egan, J. Keenan, E. Stanley, B. Hamilton, A. Bracken, J. Devlin, J. McNamee, J. Leech, M. Devitt, H. Fitzpatrick, T. Grogan, J. O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Doyle, W. McCarthy, Peter Keane, J. W. Kenny, James O'Brien, J. Cahill, W. Drury, J. Kirwan, Myles Lawler, Martin Galvin, T. Cummins, S. Dwyer, Simon Byrne, T. Corcoran, H. C. O'Brien, etc.

The last twelve months have been a troublous time for the retail butchers in Auckland. The season is affirmed to be the worst for 25 years, six butchers having been compelled to close down during the last three months. The president of the Auckland Master Butchers' Association thinks the price of meat locally will be dearer than for many years past.

Speaking at a meeting in London in support of arbitration Sir Joseph Ward said that the people of New Zealand appreciated the striking advance that Mr. Taft's proposals were upon the existing treaty. It would seem that hitherto questions of national honor had been uniformly omitted from international treaties. This too often in the past meant that they kept the word of promise to our ear while in the hour of crisis it had been broken to our hope. Underlying the present proposal was a genuine, sincere, and rational love of peace in the two most progressive countries in the world. Speaking on behalf of New Zealand and the other oversea dominions, he heartily supported the motion in the interests of the Anglo-Saxon race, and the world at large.