

Interprovincial

Some light was thrown on the dairy industry by Mr. Okey, a Taranaki member, in Parliament last week. He stated that the gross return from each cow averaged about £10 a year. Of this amount, about £7 would be absorbed in expenses of production, leaving a sum of £3 per cow to the farmer as profit, and to reimburse him for the risks incidental to his pursuit.

A member of Parliament who cannot find his district is surely entitled to sympathy. This is the unhappy position of Mr. Wilford, the member for Hutt. He notified the Government in Parliament on Friday that he would ask them to prepare a map of Hutt, showing the new electoral district. It seems, he states, almost impossible to locate it from plans or from the description in the *Gazette*. It was stated that the district was bounded on the west by the Napier-Wellington railway; also that it included the boroughs of Petone and Lower Hutt. As the borough of Petone extended beyond the Napier-Wellington railway, it was difficult to find the district.

No one in this portion of the Dominion (telegraphs the Greymouth correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*) can remember a sitting of the Magistrate's Court being held under such extraordinary circumstances as was the case on Monday. The contractors for the removal of the old building had begun work early in the morning, and had their tackle in order by 10.30 a.m. The entire structure had been shifted along the beams a distance of 2ft 6in, and despite the dignity of the court being considerably shaken by the moving structure, the ruthless contractors worked away, the court becoming a 'going concern,' as the auctioneers say. During the sitting the court, with counsel and habitués, of whom there were a good many, was shifted 8ft. Everyone engaged in business there was also subjected to extreme cold, as all the chimneys had been razed to the ground, and, though provision had been made for gas heaters in the building, no connection could be made, and one and all were glad to hurry through the business and resort to more congenial quarters.

The wireless apparatus on the Maitai, which arrived at Wellington on Thursday of last week (says the *Otago Daily Times*), was in frequent use on the run over from San Francisco. Communication was maintained with that port until the steamer was 1200 miles on her journey to Wellington. The Aorangi, which was bound from Auckland to San Francisco, was picked up at a distance of 800 miles when she was getting into Papeete. Honolulu was heard working by the Maitai when the vessel was no less than 2100 miles away from that port. The Marama was spoken about 200 miles the other side of the equator, while bound for Honolulu. Suva was also communicated with, and the night the Maitai left Rarotonga she got in touch with H.M.S. Challenger at a distance of 1700 miles, and gave the time of her anticipated arrival. The operator talked to the Ruahine for three or four days, but experienced great difficulty in picking up Wellington, when only a comparatively short distance away. This he puts down to the bad and shut-in situation of the present temporary station at the General Post Office.

Sir James Carroll was tendered a complimentary social on Monday evening on the occasion of his fifty-fourth birthday. He was presented with an address, accompanied by 4675 signatures (this number will be made up to 7300 when completed). The function was non-political, and most enthusiastic. The maternal relatives of Sir James were much in evidence during the evening, and demonstrated their delight by rendering several old-time Native songs of joy and hakas. Messrs. R. Fletcher, H. S. Wardell, and Dr. Cahill made eulogistic references to Sir James Carroll's past. Sir James Carroll, in responding, said words failed to describe what he felt on receiving such expressions of goodwill on his birthday. It was very hard to find words to describe one's feelings and sentiments on such an occasion. It required all the fortitude in his possession to refrain from exhibiting weakness whilst listening to the expressions of goodwill which he had heard

from his friends that night. He had lived some time in the world of politics, and had graduated until he found himself blushing under the odds. He first represented the Maori race in Parliament, and later was the elect of the Europeans. He had tried to live in a sphere of usefulness and to do his best for Maori and pakeha, and for the great and illustrious Empire. He had tried in his own humble way to live a life of usefulness, and nothing gave him greater satisfaction than to help the poor and needy. It was a work of love. A public man was always prepared to commit many self-sacrifices. He concluded by saying: 'I will never forfeit your esteem and regard.'

WEDDING BELLS

McEVEDY—CAMPBELL.

A great deal of interest (says the *Grey River Argus*) was manifested in the wedding which took place on Wednesday, August 16, in St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth, when Katherine Helena, eldest daughter of our old and highly-respected citizen, Mr. Felix Campbell, and one of Greymouth's most prominent public men, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Dr. Patrick F. McEvedy, third son of Mr. P. McEvedy, Southbridge, Canterbury. The pretty bride was very popular in the town, and her pleasing manner and cheery disposition had won for her numerous friends. The bride was beautifully attired in a handsome trimmed gown of souple satin, the overskirt being inserted with panels of real lace and handsome pearl trimming. She also wore a beautiful Limerick lace veil (the gift of the Good Shepherd Convent, Christchurch). The bride was given away by her father. The altar, in honor of the occasion, was beautifully decorated with flowers, being the loving work of the bride's girl friends. The bridesmaids were Miss Till Campbell (sister of the bride), Miss Antonette McEvedy (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Nellie Griffin (cousin of the bride). The bridegroom was attended by his brother (Mr. Bernard McEvedy) as best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Thomas Campbell (brother of the bride), and Mr. Valentine McEvedy. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Carew, who also officiated at the marriage ceremony, and at its conclusion the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Rita Hannan. The bridal party and guests drove to the residence of the bride's father, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of and complimentary toasts proposed and responded to. The bride, who was one of Greymouth's most popular young ladies, received numerous wedding presents, all being pretty, costly, and useful. The happy couple left by special train for Otago en route to Christchurch, taking with them the best wishes for their future happiness from their numerous friends. The bride's travelling dress was a blue coat and skirt with heavy black braidings. She wore a saxe blue hat with slashings of ribbons, finished with spring roses. She also wore a beautiful set of black seal furs. Their future home will be in Wellington.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

The usual weekly meeting of the Invercargill Catholic Club was held in the clubrooms on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst. The Rev. Father Kavanagh (president) occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance of members and their friends, and also the Very Rev. Dean Burke, V.F. After the routine business had been disposed of the Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, delivered a lecture on 'Socialism and the Home.' The rev. lecturer dealt with his subject in an able and interesting manner, and at the conclusion was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Messrs. Horan and Keaney.

The annual Communion of the members of the Catholic Club took place on Sunday at the 8 o'clock Mass, when there was a good muster of members.