

under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music (London):—Amy Gilligan (Dominican Convent), 96 marks; Margaret Twomey (Dominican Convent), 96; Margaret Ward (Dominican Convent), 96.

The elections passed off quietly in Oamaru, and general regret was expressed at the defeat of our veteran member, Mr. Duncan, after 30 years of faithful service. The result is almost wholly accounted for by the altering of the electoral boundaries, whereby all, or nearly all, of Mr. Duncan's friends and supporters were excluded from his district.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

December 10.

After the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening devotions, when the usual procession took place.

The annual retreat of the Children of Mary began in St. Patrick's Church on last Tuesday night, and terminated this morning with a general Communion at the 7:30 o'clock Mass. The Rev. Father Costello preached the retreat.

The Rev. Father Joseph Herring, who was ordained to the priesthood on December 4, celebrated his first public Mass in St. Patrick's Church this morning. He preached on the Blessed Virgin to a very large congregation in the evening, after which the whole of the congregation approached the altar rails and received his blessing.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

I, HENRY MAXWELL, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin Central, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of Parliament for the said district to be as follows:—

| Candidates. | Votes Polled. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| STATHAM, CHARLES ERNEST ... | 4042 |
| ARNOLD, JAMES FREDERICK ... | 2498 |
| MACPHERSON, DUGALD .. | 1452 |

Total number of valid votes polled ... 7992
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 83

I therefore Declare the said CHARLES ERNEST STATHAM to be Elected.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

H. MAXWELL,
Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, ROBERT PERCY WARD, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin West, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

| Candidates. | Votes Polled. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| BEDFORD, HARRY DODGSHUN ... | 3,635 |
| MILLAR, JOHN ANDREW ... | 3,958 |
| MUNRO, JAMES WRIGHT ... | 778 |

Total number of valid votes polled ... 8,371
Absolute majority required ... 4,186
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 79

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th

day of December, 1911, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., between

BEDFORD, HARRY DODGSHUN,
And
MILLAR, JOHN ANDREW.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

R. P. WARD,
Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, DAVID LARNACH, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunedin North, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

| Candidates. | Votes Polled. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| DOUGLAS, ROBERT RUTHERFORD ... | 2420 |
| LOUDON, JOHN ... | 1751 |
| THOMSON, GEORGE MALCOLM ... | 3793 |

Total number of valid votes polled ... 7964
Absolute majority required ... 3983
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 74

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1911, between

DOUGLAS, ROBERT RUTHERFORD,
And
THOMSON, GEORGE MALCOLM.

The Hours of Polling will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

DAVID LARNACH,
Returning Officer.

Dated at Dunedin this 11th day of December, 1911.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL, AND NOTIFICATION OF SECOND BALLOT.

I, GEORGE GALLOWAY CHISHOLM, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Chalmers, do hereby DECLARE the RESULT of the POLL taken on the 7th day of December, 1911, for the Election of a Member of the House of Representatives for the said District to be as follows:—

| Candidates. | Votes Polled. |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| CLARK, EDWARD HENRY ... | 2850 |
| DICKSON, JAMES MCCOLL ... | 1376 |
| JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS ... | 1476 |
| MCCARTHY, ARTHUR PETER ... | 578 |

Total number of valid votes polled ... 6280
Absolute majority required ... 3140
Number of votes rejected as informal ... 64

And I further Declare that, as no Candidate has received an Absolute Majority of Votes, a SECOND BALLOT will be taken on THURSDAY, the 14th day of December, 1911, between

CLARK, EDWARD HENRY,
And
JOHNSON, JOHN THOMAS.

Dated at Port Chalmers, this 11th day of December, 1911.

G. G. CHISHOLM,
Returning Officer.

A Motueka tomato-grower states that last week a hailstorm swept out of existence his 30,000 tomato plants. He has not sixpence worth left.

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