

A BANK OF N.Z. SHAREHOLDER'S DREAM.

SCENE.—The deepest cellars of the demon Rhino. Attendant sprites bind shareholder to the guillotine and the demon takes his place at the controlling rope.

DEMON—"Ho! W(h)AT'S ON now? my plans shall not be thwarted. The law is clear; calls must be paid, though shareholders be slaughtered."

FAIRY—"I'll WARD th'occasion off!!! I fly at once to Europe, and, pending my return, avaunt; and pull not your rope!"

Demon Arausts and shareholder is reprieved.

NOTE: - The Hon. Mr. Ward has cabled to London that no further call is contemplated .- Vide Cablegram, Daily Press