



AN INVERCARGILL BANQUET.

Amongst the most prosperous districts of the colony are without doubt Auckland and southland. Invercargill is the capital of the latter important district, and its inhabitants are enterprising energetic people. Recently there gathered at the Town Hall 500 members of Masonic Lodges to witness the installation of His Excellency the Governor as Grand Master. Auckland was represented by the Hon. George Fowlds, and members from Whangarei to Rotorua and Tauranga attended the ceremony. We here present a view taken during the Mayoral Installation banquet, when Mr. W. B. Scandrett entered on his fourth consecutive term, a record unknown in the South, where the office has previously been considered a rolling one, no less than 30 different citizens having held the position of Mayor from 1872 to 1903. Mr. Scandrett is, however, considered especially well-fitted for the position. He was Town Clerk from 1871 to 1893, and since that time has been in the Council either as Councillor or Mayor. We also give a portrait of Mr. Scandrett.



MR. W. B. SCANDRETT.

Mayor of Invercargill for the fourth year in succession.

Ad Graecas Kalends.

To the author this decisive utterance by the no longer patient lawyer: "But really, sir, I must insist that you will give me some definite idea as to when you will settle." The author consented to lower his eyes and to wave his pipe languidly. "Why, certainly, sir—though there seems to me to be a rather unnecessary commotion about this trifle," he drawled. "I will pay the bill as soon as I think of it after receiving the money which a publisher will pay me in case he accepts the novel which I will write and send him just as soon as I feel in an energetic mood after a really good idea for a plot has occurred to me!"



THE PROGRESS OF THE FERRO-CONCRETE WHARF ACCOMMODATION IN AUCKLAND HARBOUR.

A striking view of the partly completed new ferro-concrete wharf; the piles for further continuation in position, and the old wharf soon to be supplanted. Taken from the Ferro-Concrete Company's offices.