

IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

The damage caused by bush fires in other districts is also serious. At Opotiki, Mr. H. R. Hogg lost a large quantity of oaten hay, valued at £250. At Onewhero, near Tuakau, the bush fires are sweeping everything before them, especially at the Opotiki end of the district, and settlers have had to turn their cattle off the sections.

A Dargaville telegram states that the Okapakapa Swamp, at Aoroa, is afire. A large quantity of flax has been destroyed, the property of Mr. Harding. The Oturei Swamp, at Aratapu, is also ablaze, and flax belonging to natives has been destroyed.

At Buckland, as the result of sparks from a passing traction engine, a fire occurred on Mr. J. Hartland's property, and one of the best pieces of bush which remain in the district was destroyed. The fire obtained a firm hold before it could be checked. It swept through part of a paddock of rye grass, which was in stook, destroying it, and would have reached Mr. Hartland's residence had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the neighbours, the flames being stopped within three chains of the house.

Reports from Mokai state that the fine totara bush now being milled by the Taupo Totara Timber Company is in danger of being swept away, and unless the wind ceases the destruction will be very great.

The Kiwitea County Council met at 9 o'clock on Feb. 15th, and sat for only two hours, to enable councillors to get home to protect their properties from the bush fires. Cr. Guthrie stated that in the Ruahine district the fires had put back settlers twelve months in their work, great havoc being wrought. Moore's six-roomed house and outbuildings at Parapara have been completely destroyed. The fire swept in one sheet of flame from the creamery on the main South-road, mopping up everything before it. Settlers in the Kawhataua district had a bad time. The school buildings were saved with the utmost difficulty. The chairman of the County Council, who lives at Waituna, said his property was completely surrounded. Councillor McNeill said practically there was fire everywhere between the Rangitikei and Kiwitea rivers.

RAIN IN HAWKE'S BAY:

NAPIER, February 15.

Light rain, practically the first since Christmas, set in during the night, and gives promise of continuing.

HASTINGS, February 15.

Light rain set in this morning.

A well-known public officer passed away at Motuhi Island on February 16th in the person of Mr. Wm. Galbraith Wylie, chief clerk of the Auckland telephone exchange. Mr. Wylie had been down at Motuhi for his health for a week, and purposed returning to Auckland, and had packed up in readiness. He was sitting on the beach with Mrs. Wylie, and was reading, when he suddenly fell forward to the ground. Mrs. Wylie called the caretaker (Mr. Hill), who tried to resuscitate him, but without avail. He was taken to the custodian's residence, and Dr. Parkes was sent for. He arrived by special steamer in company with Mr. C. H. M. Hawk, officer in charge of telephones, and Mr. McAulay, of the Department, but could do nothing but pronounce life extinct, death having been due to heart affection.

Mr. H. S. Dettmann has been appointed Professor of Classics at Auckland University College. Mr. Dettmann, who is B.A. of Sydney, B.A., M.A., and B.C.L. of Oxford, and Hon. M.A. of Adelaide, was chosen out of thirty-five applicants for the position. He is thirty-three years of age, was for some years assistant master at Sydney Grammar School, and latterly has been sole public examiner to the University of Adelaide in the Higher Classics.

A Press Association telegram states that Mr. Frederick Cooper, seaman and nurseryman, died on Monday night at his residence, Lower Hunt, aged 87 years.

Mr. A. M. Fry, of Fry's Cocoa Works, Bristol, who has been visiting the Dominion, left for Sydney by the Mokoia. Present visitors at Rotorua include Mrs. T. Kennedy Macdonald, of Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hodgson, of England, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dalgety, of Christchurch.

SHARE LIST.

COMPANY.	Capital Paid-up.	Reserves & Undivided Profits.	Paid up per share.	Liability per Share.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Last Sale.
<b>BANKS—</b>							
1 New Zealand Government Prof. Stock	1,000,000	500,000	..	..	..	..	..
2 National Shareholders' Stock	500,000	250,000	3 6 8	3 6 8	13 0	..	..
3 New South Wales	2,500,000	1,250,000	25 0 0	25 0 0	..	..	..
4 Union of Australia	1,500,000	750,000	25 0 0	25 0 0	..	61/10/-	..
<b>INSURANCE—</b>							
5 New Zealand, Limited	300,000	350,000	2 0 0	8 0 0	77 0	75 0	..
6 National	100,000	100,000	0 15 0	Unlimited	111 0	28 0	..
7 South British	..	..	1 0 0	Unlimited	..	111 0	115 0
8 Standard	75,000	85,000	0 15 0	Unlimited	25 0	..	..
<b>FINANCE—</b>							
9 Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	298,123	5 0 0	15 0 0	..	..	..
10 New Zealand Loan and Mercantile	1,500,000	157,000	0 15 0	8 10 0	..	..	..
11 National Mortgage	200,000	112,521	0 10 0	10 0 0	..	..	..
12 New Zealand and River Plate	300,000	253,500	1 0 0	8 0 0	51 0	30 0	..
<b>GAS—</b>							
13 Auckland I.	180,300	73,335	6 0 0	Nil	..	231 0	..
14 Thames	19,950	2,100	1 18 0	0 12 0	..	..	..
15 Gisborne	17,000	9,200	1 0 0	Nil	53 0	53 0	..
16 Napier	43,950	..	5 0 0	5 0 0	..	..	..
17 Wellington	..	..	1 0 0	9 0 0	..	..	..
18 Christchurch	121,600	67,930	5 0 0	5 0 0	..	..	..
19 Otago Central L. and P.	160,000	53,037	5 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
20 Palmerston	7,000	415	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
21 New Plymouth	11,000	4,100	4 15 0	0 10 0	..	..	..
22 Hamilton	18,000	5,150	5 0 0	Nil	..	165 0	..
23 Whangarei	7,000	721	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
24 Panatua	6,250	230/10	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
25 Panatua	7,000	6,100	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
<b>SHIPPING—</b>							
26 Devonport Ferry	55,150	7,617	1 0 0	Nil	32 6	31 6	..
27 New Zealand Shipping	475,000	113,100	8 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
28 Northern Steamship	144,015	1,132	0 14 6	Nil	17 2	16 9	..
29 Union Steamship	800,000	472,500	0 7 0	0 7 6	8 1	17 9	..
30 Union Steamship	..	..	1 0 0	Nil	..	33 6	..
<b>COAL—</b>							
31 Hikurangi	11,250	6,772	0 7 6	0 2 6	..	16 4	..
32 Taupiri Mines	85,000	4,600	1 0 0	Nil	21 0	43 0	20 6
33 Westport	280,000	117,216	3 10 0	1 10 0	..	..	..
34 Westport-Stockton	80,000	..	0 6 0	0 4 0	..	..	..
35 Northern Coal Co., Ltd.	29,500	2,852	0 13 0	Nil	..	..	..
36 Dryry Coal Co., Limited	17,500	..	0 7 6	Nil	16 6	16 0	..
37 Dryry Coal Co., Limited	..	..	0 15 0	Nil	4 6	..	..
38 Dryry Coal Co., Limited	..	..	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
<b>TIMBER—</b>							
39 Kauri Timber	635,000	85,715	1 13 0	Nil	26 6	24 6	..
40 Kauri Timber	..	..	0 15 0	0 13 0	10 2	10 0	10 6
41 Kauri Timber	..	..	1 0 0	Nil	45 0	..	..
42 Kauri Timber	..	..	5 15 0	Nil	..	..	..
43 Kauri Timber	..	..	1 25 0	0 18 0	..	..	..
44 Kauri Timber	..	..	5 50 0	Nil	..	..	..
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46 Kauri Timber	..	..	1 0 0	Nil	26 6	25 6	26 6
<b>WOOLLEN—</b>							
47 Wellington	83,000	21,350	4 0 0	1 0 0	..	..	..
48 Kaipara	101,000	32,850	5 0 0	Nil	..	..	..
49 Massey	83,150	17,152	3 10 0	1 10 0	..	60 0	..
<b>MISCELLANEOUS—</b>							
50 Auckland Electric Tramways Co.	500,000	..	1 0 0	Nil	25 0	..	..
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100 Auckland Electric Tramways Co.	..	..	1 0 0	Nil	..	..	..

† Ex Dividend.      † Including Bonus.

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COMPANY.	SHARES.	SELLERS.	BUYERS.	LAST SALE.
Blackwater Mines	250,000, £1	..	..	..
Consolidated Goldfields	250,000, £1	..	..	..
New Zealand Crown	200,000, £1	7 0	6 9	6 10
Komata Reefs	800,000, 5s.	1 5	1 3	1 4
Kurudui Caledonian	300,000, 2s.	0 11	0 9	0 10 1/2
Progress Mines	275,000, £1	..	..	..
Ross Goldfields	80,000, £1; 70,000 issued	..	..	..
Talismans Consolidated	300,000, £1	55 6	55 0	55/6; 55/5
Waikato Grand Junction	300,000, £1; 281,500 issued	23 0	21 0	24 0
Waikato	600,000, £1; 405,907 issued	182 0	180 0	183/-; 181/6
Champion	55,000, pd. 3s; 95,000 cont.	5s. 3d.; 4s. 3d.	4/11; 3/11	..