

Staff-Sergeant-Major Taylor (of the Otago military district), who had been stationed in Invercargill for the past three years, died suddenly on Thursday evening, presumably from heart disease.

An exceedingly happy function eventuated at the Supreme Court on Friday, when the members of the legal profession in Auckland and the court officers gathered in the chamber room for the purpose of recording their esteem of Mr Henry Martin, who recently retired from the position of court clerk and custodian. Mr J. R. Reed, president of the Auckland District Law Society, on behalf of the legal profession and court officers, asked his Honor Mr Justice Edwards to present the testimonial, which took the form of an illuminated address and the accompanying cheque for £125.

His Honor was handed and then read the address, which ran as follows:—
 "On behalf of the legal practitioners in the city of Auckland, we have very much pleasure in presenting to you the accompanying purse as a token of our goodwill and respect, and of our regret that as you have reached the prescribed age limit, you are now retired from the post which you have held for so many years. During the long time that you have been associated with the Supreme Court, you have earned the esteem of all those members of the profession with whom you have come in contact, and they are glad to see that the Government is losing a valued servant of the highest integrity, industry, and zeal. With best wishes to yourself and Mrs Martin, and the hope that you will long enjoy the rest to which you are entitled, we are, Sir, yours very sincerely." Signed by the president, vice-president, and members of the council.

In presenting the tokens, the Judge said that it had given him very much pleasure to accede to the wishes of the Society, although not now a member. Personally, he was exceedingly sorry that Mr Martin was retiring. The experience Mr Martin had gained in past years was experience that would take his successor a very long time to pick up, no matter what his zeal, and he certainly had zeal. And his Honor referred in flattering terms to the manner in which the recipient had been able to fulfil the duties of registrar during the recent illness of Mr Thomas. Exceedingly did he regret the severance, but he was also exceedingly pleased that the legal profession was recognizing Mr Martin's past work, and he concluded by expressing his personal wish for Mr Martin's future happiness and welfare.

Mr Martin acknowledged the presentation in a few well-chosen terms, recalling several incidents in the course of the many years with which he had been associated with the court, during which time the happiest relations had existed between himself and the members of the legal profession and court officers.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., late rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express on Saturday from Wellington. He will be the guest of his Lordship Bishop Lenihan for about a month, after which he leaves for Hastings to take charge of that parish.

In consequence of pressure of business, Mr Harold Beauchamp recently tendered his resignation of the office of Consular Agent for France in Wellington, and this has been accepted by His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Paris. Mr. James Macintosh, the local manager of Messrs. Dalgety and Co. (Ltd.), has been appointed in Mr. Beauchamp's place.

Mr. D. Goldie, who has been elected Chairman of the Auckland Fire Board for the third year in succession, is the nominee of the Government, the other members being three representing insurance companies, and three from the Auckland City Council, who are appointed for two years. All the members have been appointed for an additional term, and at the last meeting the election of Chairman for the ensuing 12 months resulted as stated.

A dance in compliment to two prominent members of the Waikato Golf Club (Dr. Deek and Mr. A. A. Stewart), who are leaving Waikato to take up their residence in Waipawa and Hawera respectively, was held in the Academy Theatre last week (says our correspondent). The attendance was large and representative, and included a number of visitors from Thames, Paeroa, and Waikato. The pupils of the secondary department presented Mr. Stewart with a souvenir yesterday morning as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them.

Mr. J. Strauchon, who has been promoted to the position of Surveyor-General from that of Commissioner of Crown Lands for Auckland, was on Friday morning presented by the staff of the local Lands and Survey Office with a set of six paintings of New Zealand scenery. Mr. C. R. Pollen, chief draughts-

man, made the presentation, and expressed the regret of all at Mr. Strauchon's departure. Messrs. R. Leckie, K. Ballantyne, and P. Kavanagh endorsed Mr. Pollen's remarks, Mr. Strauchon suitably responding. He leaves for Wellington by Monday's train, and his successor (Mr. E. C. Gold Smith) takes up his new duties on the 1st prox.

Mr. H. A. Gordon, F.G.S., A.M.Inst. C.E., consulting engineer to the State Coal Mines Department, who retires from the Public Service on superannuation at the end of this month, was born in Aberdeenshire in 1831, and, after qualifying as an engineer, went out to India, and subsequently came to Australasia, and engaged in mining in Victoria and New Zealand. He was for a number of years an engineer and mine manager on the West Coast. He entered the Public Service in 1874 as Public Works Inspector for Westland, and in 1883 he was transferred to the Mines Department as Inspecting Engineer, a position which he occupied until ten years ago, when he left the service and entered into private practice in Auckland. After the inauguration of the State Coal Mines Department, he assumed his present position as its consulting engineer.

SHARE LIST.

Paid-up.	Liability per Share.	Company	Last Quotation.
£ s. d.	£	BANKS—	£ s. d.
3 5 8	34	New Zealand	9 4 0
2 10 0	15	National	1 11 0
40 0 0	40	Australasia	108 0 0
28 0 0	50	Union of Australia	62 0 0
20 0 0	20	New South Wales	45 10 0
		INSURANCE—	
2 0 0	8	New Zealand, Limited	3 18 6
0 10 0	Unid	National	7 7 6
0 10 0	41	South British	2 10 6
0 1 0	92	Standard	1 1 0
		FINANCIAL—	
0 10 0	81	N.Z. Loan & Mercantile	3 4 0
6 0 0	75	Dalgety and Co.	6 10 0
1 0 0	Nil	N.Z. and River Plate	1 15 0
		COAL—	
0 7 6	2/6	Hikurangi	8 18 6
0 10 0	Nil	Northern Coal Co., Ltd.	0 11 6
2 10 0	14	Taupo Mines	1 0 6
		Westport	6 9 6
		GAS—	
5 0 0	Nil	Auckland (10/- paid)	1 0 6
		Auckland	15 0 0
		Christchurch	9 2 6
		Dunedin	1 0 0
		Gisborne	1 12 0
		Hamilton	3 10 0
		Napier	25 0 0
		New Plymouth	8 8 0
		Thames	1 16 6
		Wellington	16 8 6
		Palmerston North	12 5 0
		7 7 6	
		SHIPPING—	
1 0 0	Nil	Union Steamship	1 16 0
8 0 0	Nil	New Zealand Shipping	7 2 6
0 14 6	Nil	Northern S.S. Co.	0 13 0
0 7 0	7/6	Devonport Ferry	0 8 3
1 0 0	Nil	1 10 0	
		WOOLLEN—	
4 0 0	1	Wellington	3 0 6
5 0 0	Nil	Kaipoi	5 0 0
3 10 0	14	Mosgiel	2 17 0
		TIMBER—	
1 13 0	18	K.T. Co.	1 13 6
0 15 0	Nil	Leyland-O'Brien Co.	0 14 10
0 18 0	21	Mountain Rim Co.	1 2 0
1 0 0	Nil	Parker-Lamb	1 8 0
		MEAT	
7 10 0	21	Canterbury	10 3 6
10 0 0	Nil	Christchurch	2 12 0
5 8 0	Nil	Wellington Meat Ex.	6 8 6
4 0 0	"	"	5 0 0
2 12 4	24	"	1 16 0
1 0 0	Nil	Gear	2 11 9
4 0 0	Nil	Wanganui	10 8 0
5 8 0	Nil	"	6 2 0
		MISCELLANEOUS	
1 0 0	Nil	Aukld. Elec. Tr. Frel.	1 2 6
2 0 0	Nil	"	1 2 0
1 0 0	Nil	New Zealand Drug	2 4 6
1 0 0	Nil	Sharland & Co., Ltd.	1 1 0
1 0 0	Nil	Union Oil	1 1 0
1 0 0	Nil	N.Z. Paper Mills	1 0 0
1 0 0	Nil	N.Z. Portland Cement	2 1 0
1 0 0	Nil	Wilson's	1 10 0
1 0 0	Nil	Consolidated Goldfields	1 18 0
1 0 0	Nil	Donaghy Hope	1 15 8
4 0 0	1	Ward & Co.	4 13 0
		MINING.	
1 5 0	Ltd	Waikato	8 5 8
1 0 0	Ltd	Waikato Grand Junction	2 4 3
0 18 0	Ltd	Talisman Consolidated	2 13 0
1 0 0	Ltd	Blackwater Mines	3 0 0
1 0 0	Ltd	Consolidated Goldfields	1 18 0
1 0 0	Ltd	Progress Mines	0 10 3
1 0 0	Ltd	N.Z. Crown Mines	0 0 0

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

Wellington.

(By Telegraph.—Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

In the senior football matches, played this afternoon, Petone (11) beat Ponoka (6), College Old Boys (9) v. St. James (6), Melbourne (2) beat Wellington (0), Athletic (17) beat Victoria College (5), Oriental (42) beat Southern (6).

The following table shows the positions of the teams up to Saturday last:—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points for.	Points against.	Champ.
Ponoka	0	0	0	172	20	15
Petone	9	7	2	0	167	14
Oriental	8	6	3	0	125	53
Athletic	8	5	2	1	72	35
Melrose	9	5	4	0	82	91
St. James	9	4	4	1	43	75
Old Boys	8	3	5	0	86	82
Vic. Col.	9	1	7	1	43	94
Southern	9	1	8	0	27	175
Wellington	9	1	8	0	43	105

Dunedin.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

DUNEDIN, Saturday.

Despite light drizzling rain, and the greasy state of the grounds, the Otago Rugby Union decided to proceed with the first, second, and third grade matches. Alhambra added to their unbeaten record by defeating Pirates by 18 to nil. It was a runaway game. The winners scored 9 points in each spell. This game was played in four twenties. Port Chalmers and Talieri Rovers played an even game. Each side had a penalty goal, and then the marine representatives settled the issue by nicking a try. Zingari-Richmond (3) defeated Dunedin (5). It was a mud scramble. All the scoring was done in the final spell. Southern (6) beat Union (3). Scenic football was out of the question on the north ground. Kaitiaki (14) beat University (nil). It was not an uninteresting game, but the ball was very greasy.

The following table shows the positions of the teams up to Saturday last:—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points for.	Points against.	Champ.
Alhambra	8	5	1	2	94	25
Southern	8	5	3	0	62	38
Zingari	8	5	3	0	62	38
Richmond	8	5	1	2	94	25
Dunedin	8	5	3	0	62	38
Kaitiaki	8	4	4	0	48	63
Port Chalmers	8	3	4	1	48	34
Pirates	8	2	5	1	26	120
Talieri Rovers	8	1	5	2	45	74
University	8	2	4	2	54	102
Union	8	0	6	2	20	73

Professional Football.

The New Zealand team (Northern Union rules) beat Queensland on June 23 by 27 points to 19.

New Zealanders Beaten.

Australia beat New Zealand by 10 points to 5 on June 27. New Zealand was first to score, but did not convert. Australia from this out were mostly on the attack, although the New Zealanders nearly scored several times. A penalty goal increased their total to 5, but the Australians led them when on-side was sounded.

Welsh Rugby Team.

Negotiations are proceeding to bring out a strong Welsh Rugby team next season (says a Sydney cablegram of June 23).

ASSOCIATION.

The Association championship games were continued on Saturday, when the grounds were somewhat sodden. In the first division the Corinthian team continued its unshaken career by beating W.M.L. by 2 goals to nil. Colclough had a good tussle with Y.M.C.A., and won by 4 goals to nil, and Ponsonby had the upper hand at the Rhore, beating the home team by 5 goals to nil.

SECOND GRADE.

North Shore v. Gordon.—After a rather one-sided game, North Shore won by 3 goals to 2. For the winners goals were scored by Macky (4), L. Smith (3), Wallace, and Stewart.

RUGBY.

Auckland.

WINS FOR CITY, PARNELL, AND PONSONBY.

The Rugby Union championships were continued on Saturday. The weather was dull and threatening, but, fortunately, very little rain fell, and the play did not suffer to any great extent. Interest in the various matches was not very keen, and the attendance at both Alexandra Park and North Shore was moderate. On No. 1 ground at Epsom Parnell turned the tables on University, beating the students by 8 to 3, after a dull and uninteresting game. City scored a runaway victory over Newton by 31 points to nil, while Ponsonby registered the cricket score of 61 points to nil against North Shore. At Epsom in the junior division the sensation of the afternoon was the defeat of the Marist Bros. (two were well in the running for the junior cup), at the hands of Newton, the red and white triumphing by 13 points to nil. In the secondary schools' competition only one match was played, King's College maintaining their unbeaten record by running up the large score of 58 points to nil against t. John's.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Parnell, 8; University, 3.
 City, 31; Newton, 0.
 Ponsonby, 61; North Shore, 0.

The following table shows the positions of the teams:—

Matches played.	Points for.	Points against.	Champion.	
Ponsonby	7	228	16	14
City	7	117	59	12
Grafton	7	3	34	75
University	7	3	4	51
Parnell	7	3	4	100
North Shore	7	2	5	44
Newton	7	6	12	160

SECOND GRADE.

Ponsonby beat North Shore by 13 points to 3.
 City won by default from University.
 Parnell defeated Grafton by 16 to 8.
 Newton defeated Marist Bros. by 11 to 0, the winners scoring three tries, one of which was converted. McDevitt was ordered off the field for rough play.

THIRD GRADE.

Ponsonby won by default from Newton B.
 Manukau was by default from Parnell.

FOURTH GRADE.

Parnell won by default from Ponsonby. City beat Grafton, 12 to 0.
 St. Patrick's defeated Clarence by 9 to 6.
 Newton defeated Chelsea by 5 to 3.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

King's College beat St. John's by 56 points to nil. Tries were scored by Walker, Okeson (3), Caughey (3), Pittar (2), Whitney (2), and Barrow (1), Hodgson converting several.

Waikato.

TAUPIRI, Saturday.

The match between Taupiri and Ngarauwahia was won by Ngarauwahia by three points to nil.

HAMILTON, Saturday.

City (seniors) beat Suburbs, 14 to nil. City (Seniors) beat Suburbs by 5 to nil.

RANGIRIRI, Saturday.

Lower Waikato Rugby Union matches resulted: Huntly defeated Rangiriri, Won by 12 points to 3.

Thames.

THAMES, Saturday.

Suburbs beat County in the senior match, 15 to nil. Tries were scored by Lanigan (3), Graham and Fleming. None were converted.

First Juniors.—County and City-Suburbs (combined) had a draw, no score.
 Second Juniors.—County 6, Suburbs 3.

Napier.

NAPIER, Saturday.

Old Boys (8) defeated Kia Ora 6. This was the only game played.

Masterton.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Red Star and Carterton seniors met at Masterton this afternoon. The game ended in a draw, eight points each.