ledge of detail, cool judgment, and undeviating adherence to what he believed to be right, and last, but not least, his determination to be just alike to employer and



Edwards, MR. ROBERT SLATER.

employee, have eminently qualified him for the post he now holds. As a recognition of his services in the cause of labour he recently received, at a most influential meeting in Dunedin, a handsome address signed on behalf of 3,000 Unionists. When returning thanks for the address and kindly remarks made, Mr. Slater concluded by the characteristic remark that he considered the position he now held in the Arbitration Court as the most honourable one a working man could occupy in the colony, and he certainly was not far wrong.

MR. J. A. GILRUTH (Government BacterioTHE SANITARY
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who were appointed by
the Government as a
Sanitary Commission in view of the possi-

bility of the appearance of the Plague in this colony, are both men of high attainments. Mr. Gilruth began his study of bacteriology in the Old Country. On coming out to New Zealand he had frequent opportunities of adding to his knowledge Indeed, the work of his Department is largely bacteriological. Not content, however, with his knowledge of the subject, he recently made a trip to



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Paris, where he spent some considerable time in further study in the Pasteur Institute under some of the most famous investigators living. On his return to the colony he