

## THE CITY ELECTION.

To those Gentlemen who proposed to support me with their votes in the present Election, and who had not been made aware until the nomination to-day that I should not contest it, I find that an explanation is due. Being late in the field, I thought it desirable to act on the advice of those amongst my supporters, who appeared likely to have the best information at their command. These gentlemen advised me that my election could not be secured, and that it would be more prudent to withdraw. I have since ascertained that they were mistaken, and that a flattering position on the poll was secure for me. The decision arrived at was at the time a verdict according to the evidence, and I can now only ask my intending supporters to give me their best wishes in a much more difficult and important contest in which I am now engaged at the Taieri, the result of which, it is hoped, will be that Mr Donald Reid, or one of his lieutenants, will not again be returned to the Council.

J. S. WEBB.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TAIERI.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to state that I am a Candidate for your suffrages at the approaching Election of Representatives for your district in the Provincial Council. The kind reception I have received from a large number of gentlemen amongst you, and the promises of support they have given me, lead me to hope that my candidature may also be received favourably in those parts of your large district which I have not yet personally visited. I shall take the first possible opportunities of holding meetings throughout the Electoral District in order personally to satisfy you as to the opinions I hold on all points of public policy at present before the country.

It will be readily understood that when I undertook to contest an election against your late representatives, who have all announced themselves as candidates for re-election, I did so on public grounds alone. In the late Council a very large number of you were virtually unrepresented. Further, your late representatives have joined in taking a course in the Council which is condemned by a large majority of your fellow electors throughout the Province, and, as I believe by a decided majority amongst yourselves, including a great number of those who supported them at the last election, I now ask you to return me to the Council in place of one of them. Those who have been throughout opposed to your late representatives will, I trust, unite as one man to carry my election. Those who have hitherto supported them have now to consider whether they are justified in allowing old friendships, and the respect they accord to those gentlemen as individuals, to prevent them from recording at the polls their disapprobation of the course they have recently chosen to follow in the Council. I appeal to you, gentlemen, to let no personal considerations sway your votes. It is not creditable that the people of the Taieri can have any interests which should bind them to views on questions of public policy, different from those which come naturally to their fellow settlers

in other parts of the Province. But unless such is the case, you cannot consistently send your late representatives back to the Council. I trust to be able to satisfy you that your local interests will not be less actively cared for if you return me as one of your representatives than they could be by the oldest resident amongst you; and that if, as I now write you, you abandon your old neighbours in order to vindicate your political principles by voting for me, you will have at the same time chosen an advocate of all your special interests, who will yield to no one in the Council in his earnestness and persistence in the service of his constituency,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. S. WEBB.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN.

GENTLEMEN—It is my intention to offer myself as a Candidate to represent you in the next Provincial Council.

I will take the earliest opportunity of addressing you on the various subjects of public importance which are likely to engage the attention of the new Council.

Yours obediently,

GIBSON K. TURTON.

MR G. K. TURTON will address the Electors This Evening at White's Hotel, Albany street, at Eight o'clock; Bull and Mouth Hotel; Maclaggan street, at Nine o'clock.

NORMAN WOOD,

Chairman of Committee.

SYDNEY JAMES,

Secretary.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE KAIKORAI DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by a large number of my fellow-settlers, it is my intention to offer myself for re-election as your Representative in the Provincial Council.

Should you do me the honor of again returning me, you will always find me supporting those liberal and progressive measures which I consider are for the good of the District and the Province in general.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM BARR.

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