

The Canterbury Provincial Council, by twelve votes to eleven has passed a resolution authorising the Government to take steps with a view to establishing a Government printing office at Christchurch.—Miss Aitken has opened at Invercargill to a bumper house.—Steps are being taken to establish a gymnasium at Cromwell.—Town property in Greymouth is increasing in value.—The Board of Enquiry, Wanganui, has acquitted the pilot at Wanganui Heads of all the charges against him.—At the first monthly meeting of the Auckland Institute held lately, Mr Gillies presided, and delivered the inaugural address, in which he urged that papers of a literary as well as of a scientific character should be read at the meetings. He also remarked on the singular absence of geographical papers in the transactions of the New Zealand Institute.—A meeting of the New Zealand Shipping Company is called at Christchurch, for June 20, when it will be proposed to increase the capital from £100,000 to £250,000, make the minimum number of directors ten and the maximum fifteen, and authorise the formation of Boards of Advice in London and in all or any of the New Zealand Provinces.—The funds of the Greymouth Fire Brigade getting somewhat low, Messrs Masters and Greenwood started lately a subscription list, and with no very great trouble gathered about £200.—At Invercargill 700 young salmon have been hatched out, and are thriving. More eggs are yet living.—The Provincial Surveyor, Napier, reports the land sales since July, 1872, at 112,095 acres. The Provincial estate still in the hands of the Province is 800,000 acres, but the surveys are greatly in arrears.—Mr Wilthire, the pedestrian who has set himself the task of walking a thousand miles in 1000 hours, completed his 600th on Saturday last, at three minutes to eight p.m. The attendance is increasing as the time is approaching for the completion of his task, and Mr Wilthire is perfectly sanguine and confident as to his ability to carry it out.—Young Austin, the long distance runner, purposes to attempt in Dunedin what Wilthire is attempting at Christchurch. It will take Austin six weeks less eight hours to accomplish his task; and it is proposed to fill out the time at nights by improvising concerts.—It is said that the result of the concert given by the Colored Opera Troupe, in aid of Mrs Roberts (Miss Polly Leake), widow of the late Mr Roberts, actor, and family, was that the handsome sum of £90 will be presented to that lady.—A public meeting at Wellington has resolved to give a public reception and ball to Governor Ferguson. A large and influential committee was appointed.—The Town Council of Queenstown intend to construct water works for supplying the town with water, and £4000 for that purpose is to be raised by loan.—A domestic servant has been brought up at Invercargill on a charge of infanticide, alleged to have been committed in November last.—The hon. sec. of the Canterbury Temperance Alliance has received sheets containing the signatures of 361 Maoris in favor of the Permissive Bill. The Rev J. W. Stack, in forwarding the sheets, writes: "I may state that a translation accompanied the petitions you sent me, and that all who signed knew perfectly what they were doing."—Very satisfactory intelligence of the progress of the movement continues to be received from different part of the Colony.—The floods on the West Coast appear not to have done much damage at Greymouth. Immense quantities of drift-wood came down the river, including a considerable amount of sawn timber, showing that some of the up-country sawmill proprietors must have suffered. In the Grey Valley district, the river rose rapidly to a great height. The highest flood mark did not come within three feet of the great flood level of last year.—A meeting of shareholders in the petroleum company at Poverty Bay was lately held at Gisborne. According to the estimate read to the meeting, the cost of working the company would be £1,900; the monthly wages, &c., £142; and after they had "struck oil," the cost of constructing the necessary works was estimated at £27,370. The cost of refining and casing the oil, and delivering at the ship's side ready for shipment, will be 9½d per gallon. The price that could be got for the oil in the New Zealand market would be 2s 2d per gallon; this would leave a profit to the company 1s 6½d per gallon.—An official return shows that the number of messages forwarded through the New Zealand telegraph during the March quarter of 1873 was 145,781; for which £9,744 was received in cash; being an excess in messages of 41,671, and in cash receipts of £2,991 over the corresponding quarter of last year. There was a marked decrease in the value of the Government telegrams transmitted during the quarter, which was £2832, while in the March quarter of 1872 it reached the sum of £3325.—A motion has been tabled by the hon. member for the Ashburton district, Mr Sudholme, in the Canterbury Provincial Council, to the effect that the sum of £20,000 be placed on the estimates for the construction of roads in the Ashburton district.—Meetings have been held at Greymouth, condemning the "truck" system on public works, the working men, of whom there are at present great numbers awaiting the commencement of road and railway work at Greymouth, considering that a system which compels them to purchase all they need from their employers lessens materially the value of their earnings. The result of the agitation is considered doubtful.—Mr John Aloo, the Chinese interpreter, has been very unfortunate since his arrival at Queenstown, with his family. One of his daughters had the pupil of her eye cut whereby the sight was lost. His son William, after recovering from a long illness was laid down a second time, an accidental slip causing the breaking of his leg; and about a fortnight ago, another son, Thomas, was thrown from a horse, dragged by it, and severely kicked. He lay insensible during that period, when a change for the better took place.—A fatal accident has occurred at Rielly's gully, in the Arnold district. Two men, named Malichi Conlon and John Dougherty, who have been working in the locality for the last three years, have recently been ground-slipping the bed of the left-hand branch of Rielly's creek. The creek is very narrow, and confined between high and almost perpendicular walls of reef. Conlon was at work by himself, his mate being at his hut, unwell with the effects of an accident at the same place the previous day. At about three o'clock in the afternoon a crash was heard, and on the parties working in the neighbourhood going to where Conlon was last seen alive, they found the place buried under several tons of fallen earth. The stuff came from one of the overhanging banks of the

creek. After a long search, and the clearing away of rubbish, the body of Conlon was found completely smashed, and with the life crushed out of it. The deceased was 32 years of age, and a native of Quin, County Clare, Ireland.—At a meeting of the officers of the Dunedin Journeymen Bakers' Association, the following resolution was carried:—"That on and after Monday, June 16, the following wages will be observed: Fore-hand £3 5s, and second hand £2 15s; hours from five a.m. to five p.m., with 1s per hour for overtime; and no man to be allowed to board or live on the premises."—Constable Lauder, of Dunedin, has died from the effects of an accident which he sustained on Wednesday week.—The Superintendent of Otago has brought under the notice of the Premier the circumstance of the recent sudden rise in the Molyneux, and the consequent enormous losses to the miners—losses which his Honor thinks might have been avoided had arrangements been in existence at the various telegraph stations to forward down the river notices of the commencement of flood or rainfall. His Honor has urged the Government to give instructions that in future directions in the way suggested should be issued by the telegraph department.—Mr Alexander Saunders, Auckland, reports buyers of shares as follows:—Caledonian, £16 10s; Thames, £4; Moanataiari, £2 10s; Tooke's, £3 5s; Sons of Freedom, £10 10s; Tokatea, £1 4s; Bright Smile, £2 12s; South British Insurance, £2 3s.—The last monthly escort brought to Dunedin the following quantities of gold:—Southern escort: Lawrence, 912oz 7dwts; Waipori, 158ozs 3dwts; Switzers, 1860ozs 6dwts; Waitahuna, 234ozs 4dwts; Woolshed, 488ozs 2dwts; total, 3703ozs 2dwts. Northern escort, 7497ozs 8dwts. Grand total, 11,200ozs 10dwts.—Mr Fish, Dunedin, has written to the Minister of Justice charging Mr J. N. Watt, R.M., with giving "a most improper and unjust decision" in a case in which it appeared the defendant, according to plaintiff's (Mr Fish's) statement, called Mr Fish a scoundrel. Defendant admitted having called plaintiff "a mean paltry scoundrel." His Worship, under the circumstances, dismissed the case, and now Mr Fish asks to have him removed from his position or reprimanded.—The Right Rev. Dr Croke, Bishop of Auckland, made a pastoral visit to Onehunga. His lordship received into the Church four adults, who had been for some months in preparation; and 27 candidates, after a rigid examination in the Christian doctrine, received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE ELECTIONS.

The following table shows the result of the elections so far as they have gone:—

Waiholo	...	A. Mollison*	...	O
Waikari	...	H. Driver*	...	G+
North Harbor	...	E. McGlashan*	...	G+
Riverton	...	T. Daniel*	...	G+
Dunedin	...	J. Davie	...	G+
"	...	G. Turnbull*	...	G+
"	...	W. H. Reynolds*	...	G+
"	...	H. S. Fish*	...	G+
"	...	G. K. Turton	...	G+
"	...	B. O. Haggitt	...	G+
"	...	J. Bathgate*	...	G+
Pt. Chalmers...	...	H. McDermid*	...	G
Oamaru Town	...	J. McLean*	...	G

\* Sat in the last Council.

The following are the votes polled by the candidates for:

Dunedin, —			
Davie	...	...	910
Turnbull	...	...	907
Reynolds	...	...	837
Fish	...	...	700
Turton	...	...	623
Haggitt	...	...	564
Bathgate	...	...	553
Cargill	...	...	530
Prosser	...	...	518
Reeves	...	...	507
Walter	...	...	338
Cutten	...	...	321
Barton	...	...	285
Issao	...	...	247
Millar	...	...	123
Rossbotham	...	...	83
Graham	...	...	81

ELECTION CALENDAR:

The following is the election calendar as far as it is at present known:—

ELECTION.	NOMINATION.	POLL.
Superintendency...	June 4	June 18
Clutha.....	" 6	" 14
Tairā.....	" 9	" 13
Matau.....	" 10	" 16
Blueskin.....	" 10	" 20
Port Chalmers.....	" 11	" 14
Oamaru Town.....	" 11	" 16
Waikouaiti North..	" 11	" 14
Oamaru Country...	" 12	" 17
Waitahuna.....	" 13	" 16
Waihemo.....	" 13	" 18
Tuapeka.....	" 14	" 17
Moeraki.....	" 14	" 19
Caversham.....	" 16	" 20
Mount Benger.....	" 16	" 23
Peninsula.....	" 17	" 19
Waimitaka.....	" 21	" 23
Kaikoura.....	" 21	" 24