

those coal proprietors who possess stores abolish them, and pay the miners in the current coin of the realm."

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr Redwood, senr., of Nelson. Speaking of him, the 'Nelson Examiner,' says:—"The deceased gentleman was one of our early colonists, having arrived in Nelson in December, 1842, and was a genuine settler in the best sense of the word. A finer specimen of the British yeoman never left England to engage in the task of colonising a new country. Respected by his neighbors and all who knew him, he has terminated a long and useful life without, we believe, ever incurring a reproach. The deceased gentleman has for several months past suffered from a painful illness, and died at eleven o'clock on Thursday evening, 19th inst., having completed his 79th year on Saturday last." He was buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated.

A **BLLENHEIM** paper says that black swans are becoming so numerous on the river below that town, as to rival even the wild ducks. **DIPHTHERIA** has broken out at Kaikorai, and two adults there have already died of it.

In connection with the flourishing Mosgiel tweed factory in Otago and its enterprising proprietors, the Nelson tweed factory, and the factories proposed to be established in New Zealand, it may be interesting to state that at a numerously attended meeting held at Singleton, N.S.W., it was resolved that a company, with a capital of £10,000 sterling in £1 shares, should be formed for the purpose of establishing a tweed factory. Evidently New South Wales is taking a lesson from the younger colony.

UNDER the head "Money that ought to remain here," a paragraph going the rounds of the press points out that during the year over 100,000 tons of coal have been imported into New Zealand from Newcastle, and upon which there must have been expended in New South Wales nearly £100,000. This does not reflect creditably upon the Colony's spirit of enterprise, especially considering the amount of money which awaits investment. The late movements in the matter of starting coal companies afford, however, a hopeful sign that an endeavor will be made, by properly working the immense deposits of coal in New Zealand, to remedy this state of things.

DUNEDIN, St. JOSEPH'S—On Sunday last, which was also the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, there was Pontifical High Mass in the Pro-Cathedral. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. J. O'Connor, Leacon; the Rev. T. Crowley, sub-deacon; and the Rev. J. Lemhan, Master of the Ceremonies. After the Gospel, the Rev. T. Crowley preached an excellent sermon, well arranged, well delivered, interesting, and instructive. His subject was the wonderful dispensation of Divine Providence in reference to the favor bestowed on some nations and individuals in preference to others, and the special obligations that flowed from it. He began by stating an article of Faith, that sufficient means of salvation are granted to all. He then stated that there can be no doubt especial favors are bestowed on some nations and individuals in preference to others. These points the reverend gentleman enforced and illustrated at considerable length and with considerable ability. In the evening, after Vespers, Bishop Moran read the Gospel and Lesson of the Festival of Saints Peter and Paul, and preached a long sermon on the Primacy of St. Peter and his successors in the see of Rome, and made a striking application of the Lesson to the circumstances in which Pope Pius the IX. find himself at present. We were sorry to notice that the gauntlet continues very imperfect. So soon as the lamps in the body of the hall were lighted, those around the altar became extinguished; in fact, the church was very nearly in darkness. On inquiry, we find that it is no defect in the gas fittings; the darkness, therefore, that was so painful on Sunday night is to be attributed to some other cause. We hope a remedy will be applied before next Sunday.

Tax death in Christchurch of a Mr S. B. Stiffe, under very peculiar circumstances, and the connection therewith of several persons, including Mrs Elliott, an actress, who is best known by her stage name of Mabel Herbert, has caused considerable excitement in that city. The deceased who, it appeared at the inquest, was suffering very much from the effects of drink, was bound with ropes for the alleged purpose of restraining him, and died from an effusion of serum on the brain, the result of that treatment. After the jury had deliberated for about half-an-hour with closed doors, they returned a verdict "That John Parker, Mary Ann Elliott, Charles Hill, and Mary Hill, did, on the 22nd of June, feloniously and unlawfully kill and slay Sydney Burrows Stiffe." Mrs Elliott, John Parker, and Charles Hill were then brought before the Coroner, who explained to them that the jury had returned a verdict of manslaughter against them, and they would have to be detained in custody. Mrs Hill was not in attendance, but was subsequently arrested.

THE 'Timaru Herald' was, for the first time, lately printed by steam.

In the review in our last issue of the work on Freemasonry a mistake occurred, by a curious series of printers' errors, which needs correction. In the manuscript the number of Freemasons was stated to be eight millions. The printer set the eight "eighty." The word eighty was deleted in the revise, and eight substituted, but as he put in the latter while he forgot to lift out the former, the article read "eighty-eight millions" instead of eight. As the number was correctly stated lower down in the article, the discrepancy would no doubt be noticed and corrected by any careful reader.

ROBERT MOORE for having at Anderson's Bay, near Dunedin, during the last Provincial Council elections, attempted to personate one Richard B. Heriot, has been committed for trial. A similar case reported from Southland in which the person concerned is prominently connected with the Provincial Government, deserves to be enquired into in order that the facts published may be proved or refuted.

A **TEMPERANCE** movement has been inaugurated at the Cardrona, under the title of the "Upper Clutha Temperance Society." The whole object the initiators seek is to prevent as many as possible of the moderate drinkers, through the exercise of some measure of self-denial, from slipping over into the inebriate ranks." The first rule of the new society allows its members to take two wineglassfuls of alcoholic liquors

in a day, and a fourth imposes a fine of twenty shillings for every infraction of the first rule.

THE REV. FATHER NORRIS has been appointed to the Thames Mission. On leaving Auckland he was presented by his former parishioners with a purse of sovereigns.

A reference to the Provincial Government's *Gazette* of this week will show that the quarterly sales of township sections will be held in various places in about ten days or a fortnight.

GEORGE CALDER has been committed for trial on the charge of personating a voter at the Kaikorai election.

AT an inquest on Jane Edmonds, whose body was found in a ditch at Forbury Park, with a gin bottle containing beer floating at its feet, and a hat and chignon on the bank, the jury returned a verdict of "Found dead," with the addition that there were no suspicious circumstances.

MINING.

THE monthly Otago Northern escort has brought to Dunedin the undermentioned quantities of gold:—Queenstown, 1,169ozs 7dwts; Arrow, 508ozs 4dwts; Cardrona, 261ozs 2dwts; Cromwell, 2,085ozs 13dwts; Clyde, 250ozs; Alexandra, 336ozs 2dwts; Teviot, 404ozs 3dwts; Blacks, 600ozs; Dunstan Creek, 508ozs; Mount Ida, 1,439ozs 7dwts; Macraes, 169ozs 7dwts; Palmerston, 139ozs; total, 7,920ozs 5dwts.

A number of gentlemen from Greymouth and Hokitika paid a special visit to the Brunner coal-mine lately. The visitors were shown through the underground workings, and those of the company who had not previously visited the mine were surprised at the extent of the coal deposits, and expressed themselves in terms of astonishment at the magnitude and quality of the coal seam. One of the visitors, Mr Dyer, one of the head agents in New Zealand of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, is well acquainted with the principal coal mines in New South Wales, and he says there is nothing to be compared to the Brunner coal deposit in any part of Australia that he is aware of. He was under the impression that the reports he heard of the mine were grossly exaggerated, but he is now satisfied of the great value and extent of the Brunner coal deposits.

It is proposed to hold an exhibition of minerals at Hokitika next Christmas.

The 'Ross Guardian' learns that Mr Lord has been lately engaged making a new survey of the reservoir attached to the Waiwera Water-race; and Mr Cow has been prospecting for a foundation for the dam. The dam at the deepest place will be 40ft high, from 16 to 18ft across, and will supply 40 heads of water for a month, without any water coming in. When completed, this will be the largest water work in New Zealand.

News has been received in Greymouth that the Wealth of Nations Company's washing up for three weeks and two days was 224oz of retorted gold. The manager reports having struck another well-defined reef.

The Tauranga correspondent of the 'Southern Cross' says that the loyal chief Heri Tupaea, who lately visited the Waikato, stated that but for the attack made upon Mr Mackay, he (Heri) "had almost consented to go to Tuhua with Rewi, who told him that there was a large lump of gold there—as he described it—several feet long and very thick. Rewi also said that there was plenty of gold at Hurakia, a mountain belonging to the Ngatiraukawa, who are Heri Tupaea's own people. Rewi described lumps the size of his hand, very heavy. The attack on Mr Mackay, of course, put aside any intention he might have formed of going to either of these places, for he looked on Mr Mackay as one of his own people; so he determined to return to Tauranga, though much disappointed at having to do so."

The Moanatairai (Thames) Gold Mining Company has accepted a tender of Messrs Fraser and Tinne for the erection of a 41-stamper battery.

From the "Cromwell Argus" we learn that several shares in mining properties "on the famous Golden Lead," at Cardrona, have lately changed hands at high prices.

With regard to mining affairs in the Wakatipu district, the 'Mail' has the following unsatisfactory remarks:—"There can be no doubt that the late floods have done serious damage to the mining interest. It is very disheartening to travel through whole districts and have everywhere presented to view a scene of wreck. River claims, covered with debris; tail races made as level as a gravelled pathway; water-races broken away, and large landlips in a number of places, rendering all former operations of no avail or value. In a monetary sense the damage done must be very great. It is so general and complete that sympathy between one party of miners and another is hardly expressed. Every one is more or less a sufferer. Therefore no alleviation is practicable. A visit through the gold bearing regions within the last few days makes us think that that portion of the public who are not engaged in mining have little, if any, conception of the consequences likely to follow from these floods."

A 600lb. boulder from the Westland claim, Inangahua, yielded 7½oz. of smelted gold.

Some prospectors in the Northern Territory (Australia) are asking £4,000 cash for their interest in claims there.—Two tons of quartz, from the Princess Louise mine, shipped per Gothenburg, has been insured at the declared value of £300.—The total yield of one crushing from Krohmann's claim (Hillend, N.S.W.) is 5,400 ounces of gold, obtained from 53 ton of quartz. The quantity hauled was 4,500 ounces; jugs at battery, 500 ounces, and tailings and specimens yielded 400 ounces.—The Geelong 'Evening Times' reports that a suction fan has been invented for ventilating mines. It has been put in practice with complete success at a mine, where it drew out the foul air at a distance of 1,100 feet.

A valuable and accessible discovery of coal at Mangawai is reported in the Auckland papers. The coal is stated to be of excellent quality, the vein very wide, and nothing to prevent it being worked extensively, and in the most successful manner.

Telegrams in the Dunedin 'Evening Star' say:—The yield from the Thames last month was 16,505 ounces from 12,520 tons of stone,