

## TUESDAY.

The *Daily Times* says.—News from Melbourne states that it has transpired that the object of Michael Davitt's visit to Australia is to induce the Colonies to subscribe to the Irish Payment of Members Fund, initiated by Mr. Parnell. Some American States have promised each to support an Irish member in the House of Commons, and it is hoped that the Australian Colonies will act in the same spirit.

Another case of accidental poisoning has occurred at Christchurch. A man named Foster purchased some beer at the Carlton Hotel, the beer being put into a bottle provided by the barman. After partaking of the beer Foster became very ill, and for some days was in a critical state. He is not able to get about, and will probably recover moderate health, but will always be more or less a sufferer. It appears that the bottle in which the beer was put had previously contained oxalic acid, and had been obtained in the usual way from a dealer in old bottles.

The Government received a telegram yesterday evening from Colonel Roberts, at Opunake, stating that 320 Natives, headed by Titokowaru, arrived at the Opunake bridge yesterday *en route* to the monthly meeting at Parihaka, and were turned back. Titokowaru said: "What are the roads made for? The Government said they were for the Europeans and Maoris, and that there was to be one law for both races. Now to day you stop the Maori. Now be sure and not to hide my words from the Government." After delivering these few words Titokowaru, accompanied by the other Natives, returned to Oeo, a small settlement not far distant from Opunake.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Commissioner of Audit, has adjusted the accounts between Wanganui and Waitotara counties. Both assets and liabilities are to be divided in proportion to the rateable value. One of the liabilities stated by the Wanganui county was that of bridge maintenance for 20 years, a clause in the bill making the maintenance an equal charge on the county, borough, and Harbour Board. The Commissioner doubted his power to make an award on the rateable value for 20 years, but said he would take legal advice.

The *Wakatipu Mail* says:—There is no doubt that the Invincible Co.'s mine is only in its infancy, and that it will every year become more valuable as it widens out.

A deputation of settlers has waited on the Hon. Mr. Mitchelson re damage to property on Kaipara line through sparks from railway locomotives. It appears it arises from the use of local coal; but the use of Newcastle is too expensive for adoption. Mr. Mitchelson promised to see what could be done to remedy the evil complained of.

The piles for the deep-water wharf at Oamaru have been placed in position, and the wharf is expected to be ready for large Home ships in a month or so.

The damage resulting from the Pukekoke railway accident is estimated at £1000. Nine trucks were more or less damaged. A derrick is being erected to hoist the locomotive engine out of the swamp.

The *Dunstan Times* says:—News from the quartz reefs on the Old Man Range are not so satisfactory as could be wished. White's Company are still sinking their underlie shaft between the walls of the reef. The Advance Company, after being driven out of their shaft at 70ft., by an inflow of water, have commenced another shaft close on to Wokey and Gavan's boundary, and in the line of their reef which still continues to look well. This claim is undoubtedly the best on the range, and should turn out a fortune to the lucky owners.

Mr. J. A. Chapman, Dunedin, reports for week ending 17th May:—Welcome Co. during the week reduced about 75 tons of quartz, which yielded 1060oz. of amalgam.—Keep-it-Dark Co. obtained 258oz. of amalgam from about 180 tons of stone.—Globe Co.: 122 oz. of amalgam.—Golden Treasure Co. expect to start a crushing in two or three weeks from date.—United Alpine Co.: The tributers obtained 41½ oz. of amalgam from the last washing-up.

Mr. Osborne, resident commissioner at the Cape, is appealing to John Dunn for troops to assist in repelling the Usutus. The inhabitants of Ekowe are fortifying that district.

M. Ferry has announced that he proposes to largely curtail the powers of the French Senate.

Intelligence has reached Cairo that the Arab rebels near Abubamed have captured M. Cuzzi, the English agent at Berber, who was fleeing northwards.

It now transpires that it is the Turcoman tribes on the Afghan frontier who have tendered their submission to Russia, and not the tribes at Herat, as stated in late telegrams from St. Petersburg.

## WEDNESDAY.

Earl Rosebery states that if the Australian Colonies are prevented from excluding the recidivists from landing on the Pacific islands, the feelings of the colonists, if aroused, will be one of danger to union with England.

Several members of the House of Commons have signed a memorial in favour of the release of the Tichborne claimant, and urging that the man Cresswell, who is at present confined in the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, New South Wales, and who is alleged to be identical with Arthur Orton, should be brought to London.

The French Government have acquired the right of pre-emption over Mr. Stanley's Congo Company.

In the House of Lords Earl Rosebery has announced that he had decided to postpone his motion regarding the recidivist question. His Lordship further stated that he did not intend to protest against the French erecting prisons, but against the setting of the worst classes of criminals at liberty in the vicinity of the Colonies.

Telegrams received from Souakim state that the rebels in the neighbourhood are again assuming a hostile attitude, and during several hours continuous firing upon the town was maintained. A body of sailors at length landed from the British war-vessels lying off the town, and the Arabs then fled. The followers of the Mahdi have captured 1000 head of cattle in the neighbourhood of Souakim, and have pillaged the magazine at Abulhamid. The rebels are now advancing on Korosko. The English Government are arranging for the purchase of 1000 camels for service in Egypt.

In the House of Commons the Premier has made a statement regarding the projected conference of European Powers upon the Egyptian question. The Government, Mr. Gladstone said, adhere to the basis upon which the Conference was to be held as originally announced. Parleying is still proceeding on the subject with France, and as soon as an agreement had been come to with that Power concerning the question under consideration, the other European Powers would be consulted.

Major A. Kinson addressed a meeting at the Thames on Monday night. There was, considering the heavy rain which fell during the day and for some hours before the meeting, a large attendance. His speech was largely devoted to an examination into the Native land question in the Colony, and a statement of the Government intentions regarding the same during the coming session. He explained at length his reasons for opposing a land and income tax, and he thought a property tax sufficient to meet the case of New Zealand. He treated the matter of deficit in nearly the same language as he has used regarding it in his other addresses in other parts of the Colony, and attributed the depression to the fall in the price of our main products, and to the reduction of public loan expenditure; but looked upon the depression as only temporary. He would not be a party to financial separation, and took the proposal to really mean the stoppage of the carrying out of the Public Works policy in the North Island. He believed the idea absurd and impossible, and scouted the thought of Mr. Montgomery being able to prove it possible or expedient. He recommended the electors in picking their new representatives to be guided rather by the good character of the man than by the party he allied himself to. The speech also covered a number of other subjects formerly dealt with by him.

The several lodges of Friendly Societies in Auckland have received an intimation from the Government that their request for payment to secretaries for filling in annual forms as to sickness, experiences, and cards of membership has been granted.

The *Mount Ida Chronicle* speaks of Sir George Grey's address at Dunedin as "one of the most foolish, inconsequent, and twaddling speeches ever heard within the Colony." The *Dunstan Times* says that "any other than himself who should venture to talk such utter twaddle as he delivered himself of on Saturday night, would very properly be hooted from the platform."

## THURSDAY.

The Imperial Government has invited tenders for engines to propel 30 river launches which it is understood will be used for conveying troops up the river Nile. There are also other signs in connection with the transport service which indicate that active preparations are being made for the early despatch of an expedition of British troops into the Soudan.

In the House of Commons, the Franchise Reform Bill has been again under discussion. During the debate an amendment excluding Irish electorates from the operation of the bill was rejected by a large majority.

The Dutch Parliament has declined to interfere with the Boer occupation of Zululand.

Information from the Cape has been received that the rebel Zulus are now threatening Natal.

A large and influential meeting, held at Brisbane, has adopted resolutions against the French recidivist proposals.

Early yesterday morning the house occupied by the Rev. Samuel Slocombe, at Christchurch, was destroyed by fire, and the church had a narrow escape. The building was insured for £400, and the furniture for £200.

A petition signed by 350 Roman Catholics, at Blenheim, praying for an amendment of the Education Act, was handed yesterday to Mr. Dodson, M.H.B., for presentation.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Wanganui last night about half-past 7, accompanied by a loud rumbling noise.

The party of prospectors sent up by the Wanganui Prospecting Company have returned to town, not being allowed to go on to the country which they went up to test. The party were very well treated by the Natives, but Wahanui objected to their going into Tahua territory, the proper ownership of which is disputed, and they returned to town. Wahanui accompanied them down as far as Utiipu, and he will come on and confer with Major Kemp on the subject.

A man, named Peter Bailey, was found dead on a bye-road near Maxwelltown (about 15 miles from Wanganui) last evening. He had been working at Maxwelltown Hotel, and the previous evening took his swag and left. Nothing more was seen of him till to-day, when his body was found. The particulars to hand of the affair are very meagre, and nothing is known as to whether marks of violence are perceptible.

Dressmaking Department.—Mrs. Carter is now making dresses for 12s 6d. If you have hitherto been unable to get fitted properly, give us a trial. Perfect fit. Newest styles. Satisfaction guaranteed. Splendid New Stock of Dress Materials and New Dress Trimmings. A really good article supplied at the lowest prices in the city. Carter and Co., Ready-Money Drapers, George Street, Dunedin. —[ADVT.]

The American College in Rome has been saved. The firm and distinct representations made by Mr. Astor, the American Minister in Rome, under instructions from Secretary Frelinghuysen and President Arthur, have convinced the Italian Government that it will need a more authoritative decision than that of its creature, the Court of Cassation, to steal the foreign investments of Catholic-Americans. President Arthur and Secretary Frelinghuysen probably did, so far as the substance of their action goes, only what any other American officials would have done in so gross a case, but the promptness, good judgment and high American spirit which they displayed will invest their action abroad, with a respectability that will serve the country, and which certainly will add to their strength at home, amongst all not blinded by partisan or religious prejudice. Their good offices in this emergency will not be forgotten.—*Catholic Review*.