

The wheat market is inactive. Australian warehouse and on board ship are quoted at 34s to 35s respectively. Several grain ships are in London awaiting orders.

Sir Graham Berry and Sir J. F. Garrick have sent a joint despatch to Earl Granville, expressing the hope that he will urge that France should withdraw from the New Hebrides at the earliest possible moment.

News has been received at New York, that H.M.S. Terror has seized an American fishing vessel in Nova Scotian waters.

The returns now to hand show that 47 Conservatives, 10 Unionists, 13 Gladstonites, and 8 Parnellites have been returned.

Further unopposed returns include Mr. Gladstone for Midlothian, Lord John Manners (Conservative) for Melton, Mr. Henry Raikes and Mr. Bresford Hope (Conservatives) for Cambridge University. The following members have been reelected:—Lord Edward Cavendish (Liberal), Derby West; Hon. Edward Stanhope (Conservative), Brigs; Hon. G. Selator, Booth (Conservatives), Basingtoke; Sir R. J. Mowbray and Mr. J. J. Talbot (Conservatives), Oxford University; Sir John Lubbock (Liberal), London University; Mr. J. H. McDonald (Conservative), Edinburgh University; Mr. James Campbell (Conservative), Glasgow University; Mr. H. J. Trotter (Conservative), Colchester; Mr. Samuel Whitbread (Liberal), Bedford; Mr. W. H. Smith (Conservative), Strand division London; Sir M. Hicks-Beach (Conservative), Bristol, west division; Mr. Herbert Gladstone (Liberal), Leeds, west division, by a large majority; Lord Randolph Churchill (Conservative), Paddington, south division, by a greater majority than at the last general election; Mr. Caine, for Barrow-in-Furness.

#### TUESDAY.

A Maori boy about ten years old fell accidentally into a boiling spring at Rotorua on Saturday evening. The skin all peeled off on the removal of his clothes. He died about two hours after. From Rotoiti reports state that three severe earthquake shocks were felt there on Sunday morning. All day on Sunday the Rotomahana volcano was sending up volumes of smoke and steam. Lake Rotorua yesterday morning presented a milky appearance, evidently showing that considerable disturbances exist underneath. The rise and fall of the lake varies about one foot. From Rotoiti the women and children have all cleared out, and the men are only waiting to gather up their effects.

Great interest centred at Wellington yesterday in the steamer *Triumph*, which arrived from Lyttelton on Sunday, *en route* for Kimberley, having on board 150 passengers and 130 horses, all of them being in good condition. The *Triumph* was joined here by other 97 passengers, 20 of whom belong to Wellington and the rest to Auckland, Napier, Nelson, Marlborough, and country districts; and they shipped 40 horses. The *Triumph* takes in all 247 passengers and 170 horses. The scene at the wharf during the forenoon was an unusually busy one. At 3 p.m. the steamer left the wharf and proceeded to the anchorage, when the Customs authorities and ship's agent made an examination of the passengers; the former with the view of ascertaining whether the vessel was overcrowded, and the latter to see that no stowaways were on board. About 3000 persons were on the wharf, and cheers were exchanged as the steamer moved away.

The Victorian Premier (Mr. Gillies) has forwarded the Governor a communication enclosing a letter received from the Rev. Mr. Macdonald, missionary, regarding the state of affairs in the New Hebrides. The Premier urges that the Secretary of State for the colonies should insist in the early removal of the French forces from the islands.

H.M.S. Terror has seized two more American fishing smacks.

The Duc D'Aumale has been removed from the French army list by order of the Government.

The latest election returns show 118 Conservatives, 26 Unionists, 54 Gladstonites, and 17 Parnellites. The feature of the elections throughout the country is the increased voting on both sides.

In his speech at the Imperial Federation League banquet Lord Rosebery spoke of Mr. Dalley as a man who had the genius to conceive and the patriotism to carry out the recent expedition to the Soudan. He said that the consent of New South Wales to contribute towards the cost of establishing an Imperial naval defence scheme was a step the magnitude and importance of which it would be impossible to over-rate.

Dispatches on the New Hebrides question show that the English Government were not wanting in dignity and strength. Sir Graham Berry demands protection against the armament of the Pacific Islands, on the ground that such is menacing to the colonies, contrary to the treaty, and likely to cause anxiety in times of war.

#### WEDNESDAY.

In the Legislative Council yesterday, the Hon. Mr. Lahmann resumed debate on the question that the Gold Duty Export Abolition Bill be read a second time. He supported the motion for the second reading, and in doing so pointed out that but for the miners the colony would not be so prosperous as it was at present. After discussion, the motion for the second reading went to a division, with the following result:—Ayes, 15; noes, 16. The bill was thrown out.

Word has been received from Mr. Wright's survey party of Tongaruru being active on the night of the Tarawera eruption. The noises in the mountain were so alarming that they expected an eruption every hour. Owing to the weather they have been unable to examine the mountain since.

At the wool sales a catalogue of 13,600 bales was submitted, and met with an animated demand. Scoured wools were fully 4d per lb. higher than at the close of last sales, and medium crossbreds at 1d per lb. higher.

The latest returns show 172 Conservatives, 36 Unionists, 76 Gladstonites, and 27 Parnellites.

Funds were received from America by the Home Rule party to enable them to contest all the Ulster constituencies.

The followers of Mr. Gladstone complain of the weakness of the Irish vote in the boroughs.

#### THURSDAY.

A meeting of goldfields members was held yesterday, to consider the action of the Legislative Council in throwing out the Gold Duty Abolition Bill. The following members were present:—Col. Fraser (in the chair), Messrs. Pyke, Guinness, Brown, Menteth, Bevan, Cadman, Grace, Bradshaw, M. J. S. Mackenzie, and Seddon. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Mackenzie—"That a deputation of goldfields members be requested to wait on the Government and urge that they should introduce a bill this session differing sufficiently from that which has been before both Houses of Parliament, providing for the abolition or reduction of the duty on gold." It was further resolved, on the motion of Mr. Seddon—"That inasmuch as the Legislative Council have thrown out the bill, members now present form a deputation to wait on the Government *re* the abolition or reduction of the duty on Gold, and that the Treasurer and Minister of Mines be requested to appoint a time to meet and confer with the deputation.

Hot springs have been discovered at Cook's river, a short distance below the glacier.

The Orange Workmen's Club of Dublin, was attacked on Friday by a body of rioters, when the occupants of the building fired upon the mob, killing one man and wounding thirty-six others. Seventy-five Orangemen were subsequently arrested by the police.

Patrick Egan has summoned the Irish League Convention to meet in Chicago on August 18 to discuss Irish affairs.

The latest returns show 208 Conservatives, 44 Unionists, 101 Gladstonites, and 41 Parnellites elected.

Seats in last Parliament for the following electorates held by Liberals have been gained by Conservatives:—Chester, East Bradford, Dudley, Clapham, Eastern Islington, Stepney Bow, and central division of Glasgow. Gladstonites have secured Conservative seats at West Wolverhampton and Wednesbury, and the Liberals the seats for Blackfriars and one of the Glasgow constituencies.

Mr. Justin McCarthy has been elected for Londonderry by a majority of three. On the declaration of the poll being made, rioting took place.

Mr. Gladstone is writing letters daily to the newspapers which are querulous, arrogant, and almost insulting in their tone. The Parnellites are irritated at the defeat sustained by Mr. Gladstone.

The Russian Government has notified the Powers that Batoum, in the Black Sea, has ceased to be a free port. The European Press consider that this is a prelude to denouncing the Berlin Treaty and is a blow at England.

Sir A. E. Havelock has refused to accede to the Boer's demand in Zululand, and a deadlock has ensued. At the request of the Boers Germany will protect Uppingtonia.

Severe fights have taken place on the frontier between the Turks and Montenegrins.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

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In the *Melbourne Advocate* of the 12th, which is the last number of our excellent contemporary I have seen, I observe that Father Ginaty's presence in the great Australian city has been noticed and commented upon. Amongst other items I saw that our Missionary Rector was one of the three ecclesiastics present at the death of Archbishop Gould; and that he preached in the Episcopal Church one Sunday evening. But the most interesting of the notices was the reference to Father Ginaty's object in visiting Melbourne. I see from the *Advocate* that he was carefully examining the site and places of the Abbotsford convent of the Good Shepherd and attendant buildings, consulting, studying, and getting hold of all the knowledge that experience has accumulated. With Father Ginaty is Mr. F. Petre, the architect of your Cathedral church of Dunedin, and the convent at Christchurch.—The buildings at Mount Magdala, then, we may assume, will be all that the best friends of so good a cause can possibly wish. In connection with this subject, the *Advocate* announced that four Sisters and a mother superior are now on their way out from the parent house at Angers, being expected in Melbourne by the next arriving steamer of the Messageries Maritimes Company. Their destination is Mount Magdala. The arrival of the good nuns here then is a matter of but a few weeks. That they have, in the great demand all over the world for their services, been obtained at all is a fact most creditable to the zeal, perseverance, and skill of the Christchurch Missionary Rector. This news of the approaching arrival of the nuns ought to give great life to the collections, which are still open, for the inauguration of the Magdala Magdalen Asylum.

The report of the contract in Westland (actually or almost let) by the Midland Railway people is now not credited. It has "transpired" that the portion of the railway in question is the least well furnished in the matter of working drawings and necessary information, without those things contractors do not operate on works close at hand. Are they likely to run after vague responsibilities in an unknown country 16,000 miles off? One of our newspapers is, I observe, alarmed lest public indignation should be excited here at the probable decision of the Company to begin the line at the other end. As far as I have been able to ascertain, there is no reason for this fear. However, one must remember that public opinion is one of the things in this world which is liable to explosions of which there is never any notice. Human nature in cities is in this way volcanic, which is only another view of the "fickle multitude" so frequently apostrophised in the pages of historians and romancers.

The Public Works Statement has not given us a very large quantity of public money. But as we have received large accommodation in land, there is no reason to grumble. The grumblers, in fact, to judge from the signs in the political firmament are to the north and south of us. Some of your members, I hear, are very wrath because the Premier has drawn the line for the future at the land grant system. They will probably air their grievance when the House discusses the Public Works Statement.