

RECEPTION OF THE IRISH DELEGATES.

(Greyouth Star, July 18)

A PUBLIC meeting was held last evening in the Volunteer Hall to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the reception of the Irish National League Delegates on their visit to Greyouth. There was a very good attendance, and Mr. T. P. O'Donnell was voted to the chair.

The chairman, in a few suitable remarks, explained the object of the meeting. It was the general opinion that an influential committee should be appointed, to consist of persons in the town and country, and should be composed of Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen, so that they could unite and give the Delegates a right hearty reception. There was nothing in this movement that any gentleman need be ashamed of, and nothing that would tend to disloyalty. Some of the highest intellects of the day were in support of this movement, among the supporters being Sir George Grey, Sir Harry Atkinson, and their ex-Premier Sir Robert Stout. The Delegates had met with great success in the Australian colonies, and thought they would meet with similar success here. Side by side with Mr. Dillon on the platform in one of his lectures were men of the highest rank, including four Ministers. He hoped, therefore, that they would do their utmost to give them a real good reception.

On a suggestion by Mr. Brisbane, Mr. M. Phillips was elected secretary.

Nominations were then taken for a committee, when the following gentlemen were appointed:—Messrs. Daniel Sheedy, M. O'Connor, M. Beardon, W. Boase (chairman of Labour Union), T. Joyce, Rev. Father Carew, James Kennedy, M. P. O'Donnell, M. Kennedy, A. R. Guinness, M.H.R., T. Tynms, T. P. O'Donnell, M. Phillips, John McGain, F. Campbell, M. Shannahan, His Worship the Mayor (J. Mitchell, Esq.), J. Keating, E. A. Bourke, A. Matheson, P. Mahony, W. G. Houston, T. M. O'Brien, P. Griffen, Duncan McLean, W. J. Coates, W. Kane, S. Roulston, J. Clarke, J. Higgins, J. L. Duggan, P. Kemple, and J. Brimble.

Mr. Phillips moved: "That all the centres of population in the Grey Valley, including Paroa, Marsden, Maori Creek, Maori Gully, and Barrytown, be requested to appoint delegates to act in conjunction with the reception committee elected here to-night."

Mr. Sheedy seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. After some further remarks, Mr. Sheedy moved that the Town Hall be the meeting place of the Committee. He thought they could get the use of it. They had to be economical, as they had no money to spare, and what they did have was all wanted at Home. He would also add that the Committee meet on Friday evening next, and that the Chairman and Mr. Phillips interview the Mayor re the use of the hall.—Seconded by Father Carew and carried.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

T E M U K A .

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

July 20, 1889.

THE Rev. Father Fauvel celebrated Mass at St. Mary's, Pleasant Point, on Sunday last, and henceforward services will be held there on every second Sunday in the month. The attendance was large, and it has been found necessary to enlarge the sitting accommodation.

Hopes are being entertained that ere many years have passed over our heads, the battle with regard to the Education question will be won. Of course, our member, Mr. Rhodes, kept his word like a man and voted against us. The person who once said that he would sooner cut off his right arm than support a candidate who was against our claims may well feel proud of him. But he has only acted like Peter.

By invitation as the representative of your valuable paper in this district, I paid a visit to the Temuka Caledonian Society's social gathering, which was held in the Drill Shed on Tuesday evening last. The hall was dressed out for the occasion in a most tasteful and artistic manner, and the *tout ensemble* was very effective. The walls were decorated with evergreens, and on them were also texts. From the ceiling were suspended national flags, among them being the ever dear banner with the harp. The attendance was very large, people coming from far off. The arrangements were very complete, and reflected great credit on the officials. The following programme was gone through in a faultless manner:—Overture, bagpipe music; quadrilles; Highland schottische; song, Miss Connolly; instrumental music (piano), Miss Jefferson; caledonians; waltz; song, Mr. H. Lee (encored); mazurka; scotch reel; song, Mrs. Foster; instrumental music (piano), Miss Jefferson; polka; song, Mr. Early, song and chorus, "Blundered Pipers," Messrs. Clisich, Whitehead, Pinckney, and Mogridge; schottische; march waltz; Reel o' Tulloch; song, Miss McLeod; Highland schottische; lancers; Scotch airs, Mr. F. McLeod; piano solo, Miss Quinn; polka mazurka; chorus, "Bally, ho hi," Messrs. Gaze, Whitehead, Mogridge, and Pinckney (encored); Circassian circle. The selections by Mr. Campbell, the well-known Highland musician, on the bagpipes were excellent, and were much appreciated. Dance music was also supplied by Messrs. Levens and Colville. The singing throughout was good, and, judging from the manner in which each item was applauded, the audience seemed well pleased with the various renditions. The dancing was indulged in with great verve. During the night refreshments were served, which were ample and of a very excellent quality, and were provided by some of the directors. Doubtless it will be gratifying to learn that the Society is gradually gaining strength. Already there are 130 members, and at the next meeting, which takes place in September, this number is expected to be greatly increased. Since the Society has been formed it has had many good effects. In the first place it may fairly be said that it has been the cause of bringing a closer union between classes and sects, which these socials are well calculated to bring about. It will be remembered that on the day the Society held its first sports, the great Catholic bazaar at Temuka was opened, and after the ex-

cur ion train arrived from Christchurch (which was specially put on account of the sports), the members of the Society, headed by three Highland pipers, president, vice-president, etc., went to the train, and marched in procession therefrom, and brought the crowd to witness the opening of the bazaar. This, as well as other things, show that the tendency of the Society is to do away with class and party feeling, and bring about a union between everybody. It is to be hoped that the kindness of the Society on the day of opening the bazaar will not be forgotten, and that at the next meeting all will roll up and become members. There is every reason for believing that the Society's sports will ere long be very popular. Mr. G. H. Mogridge, the indefatigable secretary of the society, deserves a special word of praise for the enthusiastic manner in which he has always performed his duties.

Commercial.

MR. DONALD STRONACH (on behalf of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited) reports for the week ending July 24, as follows:—

Fat Cattle.—145 head were yarded. Best bullocks brought £8 10s to £10 10s; medium, £6 15s to £7 7s 6d; inferior and light £3 10s to £5 15s; cows from £3 5s to £3 7s 6d.

Fat Sheep.—4220 were penned, including about 400 merino wethers. Best crossbred wethers brought 14s to 15s; one pen extra heavy, 16s 3d; ordinary, 9s 3d to 13s 6d; best crossed ewes, 11s 3d to 13s 3d; ordinary, 6s 6d to 10s 6d; merino wethers, 5s 9d to 11s 3d.

Fat Lambs.—50 were penned, and sold at 8s to 9s 6d.

Pigs.—89 were penned. Suckers brought 6s 6d to 12s; stores, 17s to 23s; porkers, 25s to 34s; baconers, 41s to 51s; extra heavy to 61s.

Store Cattle.—A few of these change hands; in the meantime, however, there is very little animation in the market. At the Burnside saleyards any offering do not fail to find purchasers, and invariably at prices relatively higher than those obtaining for fat.

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Land Sales.—During the week we sold at a satisfactory price the last agricultural section (130 acres) of the Merino Downs estate. This estate, which comprised in all about 23,000 acres, is now disposed of with the exception of a few small township sections at Pukerua which are still in the market.

Wool.—Since the cablegrams to hand reporting the close of the Colonial wool sales in London last week, there is nothing new to chronicle. The mail via San Francisco confirms the information previously to hand by cablegrams, remarking that the foreign markets are strong and the wool situation at Home and abroad is such as to denote a firm market for some time. At auction this week we placed several parcels of best country greasy wool, and also privately 86 bales washed and slipped crossbreds at a satisfactory price.

Sheepskins.—An alteration has been considered desirable in the mode of submitting these to the trade. Instead of each auctioneer selling in his turn at his own rooms on Mondays, the skins as usual are catalogued on that day, and the buyers have up to 2 o'clock on Tuesday to value; at that hour all the sales are held in one room, each auctioneer taking his turn as he may be placed. Accordingly, the sales were held on Tuesday in the above fashion, when a full attendance of the trade was present. A very good demand was experienced and bidings spirited. All the catalogues were cleared, dry skins fetching equal to late rates, while green skins, with the exception of spot lots, were scarcely so firm. Country dry crossbreds, low to medium, brought 1s 2d to 3s 9d; do do merino, 1s 3d to 3s 7d; medium to full-wooled crossbreds, 3s 10d to 6s 3d; do do merino, 3s 8d to 5s 9d; dry pelts, 2d to 1s 1d; butchers' green crossbreds, 6s 2d, 6s 9d, 5s 7d, 5s 5d, 5s 3d, 5s, 4s 9d; good to medium and inferior, 4s 1d, 3s 11d, 3s 10d, 3s 7d, 3s 6d, 3s 4d. Green merinos, 4s, 3s 9d, 3s 6d, 3s 1d, 3s; lambskins, 3s 7d, 3s 3d, 3s, 2s 9d, 2s 7d.

Rabbit Skins.—An active demand is experienced, but the supply still continues light. There is a market for almost an unlimited number and at equal to late rates. All descriptions are saleable, the auction room being well attended by all in the trade, who compete briskly for all offered. We quote suckers and half-grown, 2½d to 4d; summers, 5d to 8d; black and fawn, 7d to 9d; fair and ordinary to good greys, 10d to 1½d; prime thin pelted, 15s to 16d.

Hides.—The market continues steady. All coming to hand are freely taken up, but in the continued absence of a demand for export, prices show no improvement. The tone is weaker, more especially with respect to indifferently flayed and light hides. We quote dry-salted hides, heavy weights, sound and in perfect condition, 2½d to 2¾d—3d on occasions, but rare; medium, 2½d to 2¾d; light, 2d to 2½d; inferior, 1½d to 1¾d per lb.

Tallow.—There is no alteration to report in the operations of last week. The supply is moderate, and all offering find a ready sale. It is satisfactory to notice the Home market firm and slightly advancing. Our London office advises by cablegram as follows:—"There is a good demand. Good mutton tallow is worth 27s 6d; good beef do, 25s 9d per cwt." We quote—Prime rendered mutton, 19s to 21s; medium to good, 16s to 18s; inferior and mixed, 13s 6d to 15s; rough fat (best caul), 13s to 14s; inferior to medium and good, 9s 6d to 17s per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat: The demand for wheat of any class is exceedingly restricted. Millers are operating with increased caution, and only purchasing in satisfaction of their immediate requirements. Second-class milling has no attention whatever for local use, and it is becoming more apparent day by day that until sellers are prepared to meet buyers for shipments very little head-way can be made in the disposal of this class. Fowls' wheat has a fair demand and all