

A vote of thanks to Mr Davitt, ably proposed, by Mr J. W. Kelly, M.H.R., and seconded by Mr J. P. Joyce, was carried without dissent.

Mr Davitt expressed his acknowledgements, and the usual compliment to the chairman closed the meeting.

(*Southern Standard*, November 8.)

The Town Hall at Gore was filled with an enthusiastic audience last evening, when Mr Michael Davitt delivered a lecture on "The Trend of the Labour Movement in Great Britain."

His Worship the Mayor (Mr T. H. Brewer) occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform the Rev Fathers O'Donnell and O'Neill, Rev A. H. Wallace, and Messrs M. Carr, D. L. Poppellwell, J. Baker, T. Ambrose, D. Ryan, Fogarty, and others.

In introducing Mr Davitt, the Mayor said that all had read or heard of that gentleman, and it would give them all great pleasure to hear that evening a man who had battled for the welfare of his fellow-countrymen and for the rights of humanity (applause).

A middle-sized man, dressed in a somewhat sombre garb, with a dark complexion, beetling black eyebrows, piercing eyes, sunken cheeks, and a vigorous and impressive manner, stepped forward.

Mr Davitt has been well described as an orator. His voice is powerful and melodious, and he is pre-eminently endowed with those gifts so frequently found in the race to which he loves to belong—an easy and imposing presence, a perfect flow of language, a keen wit, and a vivid imagination.

Mr M. Carr proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Davitt for his address, and expressed sympathy with the words which the lecturer had spoken.

The Rev A. H. Wallace seconded the motion, and eulogised Mr Davitt and the cause of the workers.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and after Mr Davitt had replied, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(*Tuapeka Times*, November 9.)

The lecture delivered by Mr Michael Davitt, M.P., at the Town Hall last evening, was attended by a large and sympathetic audience. The following gentlemen occupied seats on the platform:—Messrs Smyth, J. K. Simpson, Cogan and Arbuckle, and Rev Fathers O'Leary, Coffey, Ryan (Milton), Howard (Dun-dun), and O'Donnell (Gore).

The Mayor (Mr James O'almers) presided, and in introducing the lecturer, said Mr Davitt, at the request of several gentlemen, had decided to speak on the subject of Home Rule, instead of on that previously announced. He had no doubt every person in the large audience present was familiar with the name of Mr Davitt. He had occupied for many years past a distinguished place in British politics, but his greatest prominence had been attained in the political affairs of his own country. Though Mr Davitt might be a stranger personally to the audience, his name and his works certainly were not. He (the Mayor) had heard and read much of Mr Davitt, and believed him to be a very able man and well qualified to deal with the subject of his lecture.

Mr Davitt was frequently applauded during the course of his lecture and resumed his seat amid enthusiastic demonstrations of sympathy and approval.

A vote of thanks to Mr Davitt was proposed by Mr J. C. Arbuckle and seconded by Mr W. F. Smyth and carried by acclamation.

Mr Davitt briefly expressed his acknowledgements, and the usual complement to the Mayor for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

Mr Davitt arrived in Lawrence soon after seven o'clock last evening, having driven from Clinton during the day. He passed through Clydevale, thence through Greenfield estate, and on to Waitahuna, where he was met by a string of vehicles, containing a number of sympathisers, by whom he was accompanied into Lawrence, and taken to Laffey's Railway Hotel.

P.P.P.—The great remedy for Sciatica, Sprains, Neuralgia. To be had from all chemists.—ADVT.

The oldest golf club in the world is the Royal Blackheath, founded by James the Sixth of Scotland and First of England in 1608, it being one hundred and twenty years earlier than any other one. There are now nearly five hundred clubs in the United Kingdom, with half a million of members. Scotland has two hundred and sixty, of which thirty are in and around Edinburgh; England has one hundred and eighty-three; Wales, four; Ireland, five; Channel Islands and Isle of Man, twenty-eight.

Mr Gawne, of Dunedin (says the *Southland Times* of April 13 1891), has just been on a visit to Livercaigill to push business a little. Not that it wants much canvassing, for since he commenced the manufacture of his Worcester'shire Sauce, the demand has kept pace with his capacity to supply it. He makes a really good thing, indistinguishable from the famous Lea and Perrin's, which he places upon one's table at a much lower price, and trusts to that to secure a steadily growing trade. Those who have not yet tried the Colonial article should put their prejudice aside for a time and test the question with a bottle or two.—ADVT.

WEST COAST GOSSIP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

October 30, 1895.

ALTHOUGH a purely mining community, we are not forgetful of the higher avenues of life. I notice with pleasure that a museum is to be started in Greymouth. We have no antiquities, from an historic point of view, but we have material enough to let our progeny see of what calibre the pioneers were who opened up the "Golden West." The crude processes by which the old digger used to wrest from nature her golden store are fast giving way to the modern labour saving machinery and appliances of the gold-fields. Why not have these photographed? The tin dish and the cradle that have done so much to build up our country, will be an unknown factor to our children's children. Specimens of these could be retained, and would form an interesting branch of the museum. The promoters will pay due regard to the other branches of museum curios. I throw out my suggestion, in case the matter might be overlooked. May the energetic gentleman meet with all success and co-operation in his praiseworthy undertaking.

The Marist Brothers of Greymouth have started a night school, under the supervision of Brother Charles. Young men who had to leave school before they had time to finish in the higher standards will thus have an opportunity of completing their studies under such competent teachers as the Marist Brothers have proved themselves to be.

The Greymouth Catholic Band took advantage of the phonograph at present exhibiting in the town, to play a selection in the machine. The wax cylinder of the instrument has scrupulously received the selection. This is the first time on the Coast where a band has taken advantage of the marvellous recording powers of the phonograph.

I regret to announce the death of another of our old pioneers in the person of Mr Michael Drennan, who died at his residence at Nelson Creek, on the 20th inst. Deceased leaves behind him a sterling, upright career, and was a splendid type of that "golden legion" who helped to develop the resources of our country. The funeral took place on Tuesday last, and was largely attended, the Rev Father M'Manus, of Abaura, officiating.—R.I.P.

The visit of Mr Michael Davitt to the Coast is looked forward to with much interest. Kumara is the first town in making a move to ask the eminent patriot to come amongst us. It is to be hoped the sister towns will not be long in following in her wake. Mr Davitt will find when he does come, that severed by distance as we are from the old land, the digger is the warmest in his affections for the tried and trusted sons of Ireland. One of Erin's most gifted and noblest sons Mr Davitt undoubtedly is, and we all give him a hearty *ceud mile faillte*.

The roseate hues of Coolgardie and the mushroom growth of the South African goldfields are attracting our stalwart natives. Several have packed their swags, and cried, "Westward ho." Like his fathers, the young Colonial is not afraid to migrate when sufficient inducement offers. Sorry as we are to part with him, he will go. May they all prosper, say I.

The Westland Catholic schools are to be examined by the Government Inspector, Mr Moreton. It is many years since a similar concession was granted. It is to be hoped the Board will repeat the favour, if favour it can be called.

Greymouth seems to be always hedged in with difficulties and obstacles in the internal harmony of her local affairs. The citizens cried out for the pan closet system. They got it, and now they are crying out to have it repealed. They purchased a steam fire engine, which for a long time stubbornly refused to work. When they got over the working difficulty they burned out the tubes of the boiler, and had to get a new set. At the last practice of the fire brigade the horse "jibbed," and the gallant firemen had to take the animal out of the shafts, and trundle the engine along themselves. Truly the fates are abetted against Greymouth.

Beef is at present fetching what is for the Coast a phenomenal figure, 28s a hundred lbs.

The lady bicyclist is becoming strongly in evidence on the Coast of late. The mania will soon be as acute among the daughters of Eve as it is in the opposite sex. An incident that shows how ludicrously the female cyclist may oftentimes be placed occurred in Kumara the other day. One of the fair cyclists was disporting her machine up and down the main thoroughfare, when she came to grief, through her dress becoming entangled in the wheel. Luckily, the young lady escaped without injury. I sound this note of warning for the benefit of intending female bicyclists. However healthy be the exercise, the "new woman" will never be at home on a bicycle.

Footballers and Cricketers use nothing but P.P.P. To be had from all chemists.—ADVT.

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