

O B I T U A R Y.

MR. JOHN HENRY, ASHBURTON.

An old and respected resident of Ashburton, in the person of Mr. John Henry, passed away on the evening of the 19th inst. Mr. Henry was a native of Coupar Angus, Scotland, where he was born 57 years ago. He arrived in New Zealand in 1863. He resided for a time after his arrival in Christchurch, and then in Geraldine. Later on he took a farm at Woodbury, and was at the same time curator of the Temuka domain. In 1885 he became proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, which he kept for about eight years. About three years ago he retired from business and settled down in private life. The funeral took place on Friday. The *cortège* (says the *Mail*) left deceased's late residence at about half-past ten for the Church of the Holy Name, where the appropriate service was held, the church being well filled, notwithstanding that snow was falling thickly when the service began. After Mass the coffin was carried from the church to the hearse, and the procession proceeded on its mournful way to the cemetery, between forty and fifty vehicles following the hearse. The deceased was laid in a grave beside his late wife, son, and daughter, the Very Rev. Canon O'Donnell conducting the funeral service.—*R.I.P.*

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP CARR.

SPLENDID RECEPTION IN MELBOURNE.

His Grace Archbishop Carr, who arrived in Melbourne on Saturday, July 15, was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. His Grace travelled by express from Goulburn to Seymour, and a special train ran up there in the morning to welcome him, the majority availing themselves of the opportunity being the bishops and priests of the colony, private friends of the Archbishop, as well as the heads of the various Orders and Confraternities.

At Spencer street station, when the train arrived, the Archbishop was welcomed by the priests and leading Catholics of Melbourne, the children connected with the Catholic schools, and a number of Catholic societies in regalia. All marched in procession up Collins street, the whole route being thickly lined with people. His Grace, who rode in a carriage drawn by a hand-spair of greys, was repeatedly and loudly cheered. The procession took over half an hour to pass a given point, and in numbers is said to outdo any previous effort of the kind. Just outside St. Patrick's Cathedral a great triumphal arch had been erected, and as the Archbishop passed beneath this into the Cathedral a great demonstration of welcome was made. It was late in the afternoon before the Cathedral was reached, and here addresses of welcome were presented by the various bodies.

Fully 6000 tickets of admission to St. Patrick's had been issued, and were all used. When the Archbishop and clergy arrived the place was crowded, the vast majority of those present being ladies. The procession of clergy preceding his Grace was headed by the Bishop of Grafton, the Bishop of Ballarat, and the Bishop of Bendigo. The Very Rev. Dean Hegarty presented an address on behalf of the clergy. It was beautifully illuminated and richly bound in morocco.

Archbishop Carr, in returning thanks, remarked on the cordial relations that had always existed between himself and the priests. Wherever he had travelled he had spoken in terms of praise of the priests of Melbourne and Australia generally. He would, he said, speak later on to them on the proposed change in the State system of education. Leaving the sanctuary the Archbishop ascended the pulpit and addressed the large congregation, and thanked them for the spontaneity and cordiality of the welcome. Taking into consideration the cathedrals of the new lands there certainly was not one that he had seen which surpassed in beauty and proportion, and in magnificence, St. Patrick's, Melbourne. He also spoke of his interview with his Holiness the Pope, and his lively interest in all concerning the churches in Australia, and conveyed to the people the Benediction of his Holiness.

When the Archbishop emerged from the sacristy and entered the Cathedral grounds a most affecting scene took place. As he walked along he was surrounded by a crowd of men and women, who kissed his hands in welcome, and one father, with a child in his arms, knelt before him and invoked his blessing. When the priests would have kept back the people, the Archbishop exclaimed: "They are all right; and I am glad to see them all."

A public reception in honour of his Grace was to take place in the Exhibition Building on the Tuesday evening following his arrival.

Arrangements have been made by the gentlemen of Miss Castles concert committee with the National Trustees and Executors Company (says the *Melbourne Advocate*) to take over the funds recently raised on Miss Castles' behalf, and to act with someone to be appointed by her family. Miss Castles' parents have asked the Rev. G. A. Robinson, B.A., to act as co-trustee with the company named, and that gentleman has consented to do so. Mr. L. L. Lewis has paid to the credit of the trustees, in favor of Miss Castles, the sum of £610 3s 1d., the proceeds of the first Melbourne benefit and of the testimonial subscribed by a few admirers. The other moneys resulting from the Exhibition concerts, Bendigo, Ballarat, etc., will shortly be in the hands of the trustees, so that all may be consolidated in one fund and under one administration. Miss Castles' concert at Albury was a great success, the taking amounting to £160. Miss Castles will leave with her mother for Europe by one of the Messageries liners, probably early in August.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

MR. JOHN HUTCHESON was elected Member for Wellington on Tuesday, the numbers being—Mr. J. Hutcheson, 6945; Mr. E. J. Jellicoe, 4771.

At the Bisley meeting, England, Mr. F. W. Williams, of New Zealand, won the Armourers' Prize, and he was also seventh in the Alexandra Match.

We have received parcels of used stamps for Rev. Father Kreyborg's mission from Miss Jane E. Hayes, Cromwell, and Miss Annie Dougherty, Gimmerburn.

THE council of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce intends to urge the Government to establish the penny post in the Colony, and a regular fortnightly mail service with England.

MARY Ann Porter, 67 years of age, was killed on the East road, Stratford, on Monday evening of last week, through the overturning of a dray in which she was coming to Stratford.

INFORMATION has been received in Wellington from England that the Hon. John M'Kenzie, Minister for Lands, acting under medical advice, has undergone an operation, which was successfully performed.

It is proposed to form a syndicate in Wellington to purchase land along the Wairarapa Lake on which to erect a sanatorium, and to run steamers of light draught between the lake and Wellington for the carriage of cargo and the conveyance of excursionists.

MR. H. D. BELL, of Wellington, will leave for London next month for the purpose of appearing before the Privy Council on behalf of the Crown in connection with the appeal by the receiver for the debenture-holders in the Midland railway seizure case.

It is said that the new railway station at Oamaru, according to the plans prepared by the Government, will be the finest of its kind in the South Island, if not in New Zealand. It is probable that the department will undertake the work of construction, employing such labour from the district as may be required.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the Labour Department, the number of factories in the Colony for the year ending 31st March last was 6286, and the employes 45,305, an increase of 685 factories and 5633 workers over 1898. An extension of the restriction of the hours of labour, now applying only to women, is advocated as regards men workers.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that native game, excepting species mentioned in the schedule, may be taken or killed until July 31. Following are the schedule species not to be taken or killed. In all districts: Tui, huia, white heron, and crested grebe. In Wellington district: Paradise duck and blue mountain duck. In Marlborough district: Native pigeon, pukeko, and Paradise duck. In Otago district: Wild geese and bittern. In Southland district: Great kiwi (roaroa), morepork, owl (ruru), and bittern.

OTAUTAU residents will be glad to hear (writes our Southland correspondent) that the Government will so arrange matters at an early date that greater facilities will be given for the carrying out of postal arrangements, concerning which so much complaint has been heard. Mr. J. W. Raymond of Wyncham informs me that he will contest the Matura seat in the Opposition interest. A telephone bureau will be opened soon at Lumsden, which township is to be connected with Riversdale and Gore.

MR. Hyde, the Government poultry expert, reports that there is every prospect of the poultry industry assuming large proportions during the coming summer. The importance of the industry is becoming generally recognised, and hundreds of farmers are turning their attention to the rearing of classes of birds recommended by the Agricultural Department. A large farm in Christchurch has arranged to make regular shipments of dressed poultry to London, and it is believed that the example will be followed in other parts of the Colony.

SOME little time ago we (*West Coast Times*) stated that one of our Hokitika boys, Mr. St. Leger Gribben, had taken honours in connection with his medical examination at Edinburgh University. It is gratifying to know that yesterday Mr. H. Gribben, Hokitika, received a cable from Edinburgh from his son stating he had passed the final medical examination and thus obtains degrees of M.B. and B.Ch. Our readers will be pleased with us in noting the success of another of our boys, and will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gribben on it. It is not likely that Dr. Gribben will return to New Zealand for some time. Dr. Gribben was educated at St. Patrick's College, Wellington, from which he matriculated, and then proceeded to the Edinburgh University.

IN his annual report the Government Insurance Commissioner says that the department shared, during the past year, in the general prosperity of the Colony. During the past year there were 4461 proposals for the insurance of £980,804. Of these, 3361 were completed, insuring £713,489, the annual premiums thereon amounting to £23,314. A considerable improvement is shown in regard to lapsed and surrendered policies. The net increase of business for the year was £302,140, which is larger than for many years past. There are now 37,348 policies in existence, insuring £9,304,741, the total annual premiums being £275,965. The net income for the year was £410,148, of which interest amounted to £131,188. The rate of interest is declining, and the department is making full provision to meet the situation by assuming the low rate of 3½ per cent. in the triennial valuation now proceeding. The expenses were less than in 1897, though a greater amount of business was done. The accumulated funds now stand at £2,861,534, an increase of £136,429. The close of the year is expected to show an accumulated fund of three millions.

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