

# Interprovincial

The Premier states that the general election will take place about the last week in November or the first week in December.

The Government has decided to purchase the Manawatu Railway, the price being £900,000, with an additional £10,000 for stores on hand.

The results of the first complete year's operations of the Wellington City Council's electric lighting department show that, after providing for interest, sinking fund, and depreciation, there is a net profit of £6122.

To the list of successes in the musical examination at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby, which appeared in our last issue, is to be added the name of Miss D. White, who passed the higher examination.

The value of the fruit grown in New Zealand is now a million pounds a year, according to a statement made by Mr. T. W. Kirk, Government biologist. Mr. Kirk added that the industry was only in its infancy, and the area under fruit culture was increasing at the rate of over 200 acres a year. A tremendous advance in fruit-growing had been made in this country during the past few years.

The following are the results of the musical examination held at the Convent of Mercy High School, Te Aroha, on August 31, by the representative of Trinity College, London:—Associate Grade—M. Amelia Sullivan, 86. Junior Grade—John Magill, 63. Preparatory Grade—Eileen Magill, 85; Jessie Sweeney, 74; Pearl Bygrave, 74; Bessie Edwards, 71; Francis V. (Rongo) Pilling, 70; John Mackle, 63; Claude Keesing, 62.

There are 532 third class passengers by the Ionic, which was due in Wellington yesterday from London. Of these, 307 (of whom 104 are children) are coming out under the assisted system. The number includes 65 farmers, 15 domestic servants, and 14 farm laborers. The assisted passengers are bringing capital totalling some thousands of pounds. One man has £800, another is bringing £755, two have got £600 each, and many have sums ranging from £260 to £100.

The sheep returns for the year ended April 30 show a net increase of 778,183 in the North Island and of 687,098 in the South Island, making a total net increase of 1,465,281 for the Dominion. The total number of sheep in the Dominion was 22,449,053, there being 10,816,852 in the South Island and 11,632,201 in the North. The number of breeding ewes increased from 10,736,846 to 11,244,041, as compared with the previous year. The grand total of nearly 22½ millions is easily a record for the Dominion.

Mrs. A. Mead, of Christchurch, was the vocalist of the evening at the Philharmonic Society's concert in the Garrison Hall, Dunedin, on Friday evening. Regarding Mrs. Mead's singing the *Evening Star* said:—'The society were fortunate in securing as the singer of the evening such an accomplished lady as Mrs. A. Mead. Unluckily, Mrs. Mead suffered from a slight cold last night; nevertheless, she sang really well, and made it quite clear that her tuition has been from the best sources and her study intelligent. If asked to describe Mrs. Mead's singing in a word we should call it intellectual. The audience were charmed with her exposition of "O Luce di quest anima," from Donizetti's opera "Linda di Chamouni," the florid passages being taken with ease and brilliance, and Mrs. Mead's song in the second part, "Twas a summer garden," by Lohr, was also a treat. An encore being insisted upon each time, Mrs. Mead replied with "Among the roses," by Valerie White, and "Twas April," by Nevin.' The *Otago Daily Times* in its notice of the concert said of Mrs. Mead's contributions:—'Mrs. Mead possesses a soprano voice of agreeable quality, good range, and considerable flexibility. This latter quality was particularly manifest in her rendering of Donizetti's "O Luce di quest anima," which, despite the exacting nature of the solo, was perhaps her best contribution. The vocalist subsequently gave Lohr's "Twas a summer garden," just falling short of complete success in her sustained notes. Mrs. Mead was emphatically recalled after each contribution, and gave two enjoyable additional numbers.'

'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient....

## Taumarunui

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

August 30.

The Very Rev. Dean Gillan, V.G., was in the Taumarunui district during the past week. He visited Te Kuiti, Manunui, and Kakahi, and on Sunday addressed a large congregation at Taumarunui. He congratulated the people on the near completion of their church-school, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, and said he hoped to be present within a few weeks at the opening ceremonies. The priest to take charge of the district until the Bishop's return was to be Father Molloy, and he (Dean Gillan) expected great things from his earnest work, seconded by, as he knew in his experience of them, the whole-hearted co-operation of the people of the district. Father Molloy arrived on Monday evening, and is now residing at Taumarunui.

## Woodville

(From our travelling correspondent.)

September 5.

On Sunday last the Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., brought to a close a week's mission. Despite the long distances which most of the people had to drive, there were crowded congregations at the Masses and evening devotions during the week. A noticeable feature of the mission was the large number of non-Catholics who attended the various services. Large numbers approached the Holy Table at early Mass each morning, and by the time the mission was ended practically every one in the parish had fulfilled their duty in that respect. On Sunday morning a number of boys and girls, who had been receiving instruction during the week, made their First Communion. Very Rev. Father Clune is conducting a mission at Pahiatua this week.

There are many reasons why 'Highlander Condensed Milk' is popular, but the two main ones are that it is a Dominion product, and that it can be relied upon for its richness and purity. It has others, but these mentioned cannot fail to recommend it to all who appreciate a good and wholesome article.

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