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SUMMERFIELD - GARLICK.

On Thursday last, September 5th, the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Oxford (writes an occasional correspondent), was crowded to excess, the occasion being the uniting in the bonds of Matrimony of Miss Louisa Garlick, daughter of Mr. Frank Garlick, Oxford, and Mr. Thomas Summerfield, son of Mr. Henry Summerfield, Oxford. The bride, who looked charming in her bridal costume, veil and wreath, was attended by her sister and a sister of the bridegroom, and was given away by her father. The bridegroom was supported by his brother and a brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Hyland, who celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bridal party left the church to the strains of the Wedding March, kindly played by Miss McEwan, and returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a large number of friends were entertained at breakfast. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of valuable wedding presents. The festivities were carried on during the day, and after tea and dance in the Town Hall in the evening terminated an interesting occasion.

Obituary.

MR. MAURICE RIORDAN, GREYMOUTH.

ANOTHER of the old pioneers of the West Coast passed away at the Greymouth Hospital on August 12, in the person of Mr. Maurice Riordan. The deceased was a native of Cork, and arrived on the West Coast in the sixties, when he took part in many of the rushes. He was a general favorite, and many acts of kindness to his fellow-miners in the early days of the goldfields are recorded to his credit. Failing health compelled him a short time ago to enter the local hospital, where he had everything needful placed at his disposal by kind friends. The funeral was representative of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all classes.—R.I.P.

MISS ADA BURKE, DUNEDIN.

We regret to record the death of Miss Ada Burke, daughter of Mr. Richard Burke, which occurred at her parents' residence, Dunedin, on September 4, at the age of 14 years. The funeral took place on Friday. The remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service was read by the Rev. Father Murphy, who also officiated at the interment in the Catholic portion of the Southern Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Burke have our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

NOTES FROM THE HOUSE.

PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT.

(From our special correspondent.)

The House resumed business on Tuesday forenoon when the debate on the Financial Statement was continued by the Hon. Mr. McGowan. Regarding the notes of warning which had been raised by certain members he said that if the Colony required roads and bridges these could not be constructed out of the revenue. He explained that certain apparent increases in the expenditure in his departments were the result of amalgamation.

The Hon. C. H. Mills said that out of the £10,760,895, which was the gross increase of the public debt during the past ten years, £7,794,736 were spent on direct interest returning objects. The other speakers were Messrs J. W. Thomson, E. G. Allen, Willis, Pirani, Massey, Arnold, Flatman, and Haselden.

The Hon. J. G. Ward resumed the debate on the Financial Statement on Wednesday afternoon. He pointed out that the increase in salaries was due in a great measure to the creation of new departments, all of which had the sanction of the members who were now complaining. The increase of £11,220,000 in the public debt was met by an increase of £1,650,000 in the consolidated revenue during the same period. The Government had been charged with having increased the salaries of the highly-paid officers, but he pointed out that outside of the two classified services the increases to heads of departments amounted to only £250. Of the 880 increases granted, 802 were made to officers drawing under £300 per annum, and he contended unless they wanted to knock the spirit out of their civil servants they must give these increases to men in the lower grades. The salaries paid to the principal officers in the New Zealand Railway Department did not compare at all favorably with the salaries paid in the other colonies, and in some cases our officers had refused higher salaries from other colonies. Men drawing £400 in the Railway Department here would get £550 for the same class of work elsewhere. As to the Colony being in difficulties, why, it was absolutely contrary to fact. The customs revenue was now only £11,000 behind what it was this time last year. The postal revenue, despite heavy concessions, was only £8336 to the bad, and the railway revenue was already £65,802 in excess of the revenue for the corresponding five months of last year. Did that look like going to the bad? Of the loans borrowed during the last 10 years, over eight millions were directly interest-bearing.

Mr. J. Hutcheson adversely criticised the statement, and condemned the extravagance of the administration, whilst the land policy of the Government was not benefiting settlers.

Messrs. Atkinson and Lethbridge followed in a somewhat similar strain, and Messrs. Wilford, Barclay, and McLachlan expressed approval of the policy of the Government.

The debate was continued on Thursday and Friday, but there was little of interest in the speeches.

LOBBY GOSSIP AND NEWS.

The Government have been advised that Colonel Henry has declined to accept the position of Commandant of the New Zealand forces.

Each inquest held in this Colony costs the taxpayer about £1 15s.

On an average every man, woman and child in this Colony posted nearly a letter per week for the financial year ending March 31. The total letters sent by post was close on 37,000,000.

There is on average a telephone exchange connected for every 100 persons in New Zealand.

There was to the credit of depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank on December 31 last £5,809,552.

From a comparative estimate made regarding the increase of letters carried by the Post Office since the introduction of the penny postage the Postmaster-General believes the net loss on postage will be only a little over half the original estimate, which was £80,000.

Last year was a record one in coal mining in New Zealand, the output being over 1,000,000 tons. Of this quantity more than one-third was produced by the Westport Coal Company's mines.

The gold produced in the Colony last year was valued at £1,439,802, and silver close on £39,000.

Attempt on the Life of President M'Kinley.

THE news received by cable on Saturday that an attempt had been made to assassinate the President of the United States on the previous day caused a painful sensation throughout the civilised world. It appears that the President was staying at Buffalo, in the State of New York, and at the time when the attempt was made on his life was holding a reception in the Temple of Music in the Exhibition Building. His assailant approaching offered to shake hands, at the same time firing a revolver, which was concealed in a handkerchief in his left hand. Two shots were fired, one bullet striking the breast-bone and the other lodging in the abdomen. The former was later on extracted, but the latter was not recoverable. Immediately after the shooting, the President walked to a chair and sat down. The would-be assassin has been identified as Leon Czolgoz. He was born in Detroit, in the State of Michigan, and is about 28 years of age. Were it not for the police and soldiers the crowd would have lynched him on the spot. Czolgoz, on being arrested, avowed that he was an Anarchist and had done his duty. He asserts that Anarchist lectures and literature prompted him and that he had no confederates.

A bulletin issued on Tuesday stated that the President had a good night and that his condition was quite encouraging. The doctors believe that the President will recover should not blood-poisoning set in.

INTERCOLONIAL.

The death is reported of Mr. Robert A. O'Toole, of Melbourne, a clever journalist, who had been on the staff of the Herald for many years. A large number of journalists attended the interment, the Rev. Father O'Connell (Carlton) officiating at the grave-side.

Under the will of the late Thomas Daly, St. Augustine's Church, Balmain East, Sydney, receives a legacy of £200. The Balmain Cottage Hospital also receives a legacy of £100. The late Mr. Daly was a generous and constant subscriber to every Catholic movement in Balmain for the past 30 years.

A novelty in the kerosene trade is now to be seen in Melbourne and suburbs. Numbers of handcars containing drums of kerosene and graduated measures are propelled by lads after the fashion of milk vendors in a small way. Purchasers are numerous, as for a small sum a supply of oil can now be obtained at about one-half the erstwhile cost.

Several hundred members of the Australasian Holy Catholic Guild were present at the annual breakfast in St. Mary's Hall, Sydney, Cardinal Moran presiding. The guild was formed 56 years ago, and is therefore the oldest existing Catholic friendly society in Australasia. Since its inauguration it has done great and noble work. The Sydney district alone has funds totalling about £10,000.

At a large and representative meeting, held in St. Benedict's Hall, Sydney, a few days ago, it was decided to erect a memorial to the late Father Timoney. Many suggestions were made as to what form this should take. Some suggested that a monument should be erected over his grave in Ireland, whilst to others a church window or a tablet seemed the fitting thing. But it is now thought that an altar in St. Benedict's Church in the parish where he labored for so many years would be the most graceful memorial. His Eminence Cardinal Moran presided, and among the speakers were Major Freehill, Sir William Manning, Drs. McCarthy and Flynn, Very Father Fitzgerald, Rev. Father P. Byrne and others. A subscription list was opened and £120 handed in.

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