

TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

May 25.

The Rev. Father John McIntosh, pastor of Campbelltown, Argyleshire, and a native of Lochaber, whose death was recently reported in the columns of the 'N.Z. Tablet,' was a brother of the late Mr. Adam McIntosh, of Timaru, and brother of Mr. Walter McIntosh, of Central Otago.

The port of Timaru put up a record during the last week in the number and tonnage of ocean liners berthed at the main wharf—The Aparima (3624 tons), Rangatira (4045 tons), Wakanui (3671 tons), and Essex (4480 tons) were amongst the callers. The last-named vessel is 450 feet long. The steamers were berthed, loaded, and despatched without the slightest hitch. This does not include about half a dozen coastal steamers during the week.

The devotion of the Forty Hours commenced on last Sunday at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Rev. Fathers O'Reilly (Oamaru), Ahern (Ashburton), and Kerley (Temuka) arrived on Saturday to assist the local clergy. Large numbers of the congregation approached the Holy Table at the 8.30 Mass on Sunday. At 11 o'clock the Rev. Father O'Reilly sang a Missa Cantata, and, in the course of his sermon, exhorted the congregation to take advantage of the spiritual graces to be gained during the Forty Hours' devotions. The choir sang 'Weber's Mass in G,' Mrs. Lynch and Miss McGuinness being the sopranos, Misses Egan and McKennah altos, Mr. Jefferson tenor, Messrs. McDonald and O'Leary basses. After the Mass a procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place, the choir singing the 'Pange Lingua.' At Vespers the Rev. Father O'Reilly, of Oamaru, preached an impressive sermon on the Real Presence. The choir sang Rossi's 'O Salutaris' and Murphy's 'Tantum Ergo,' also an exquisitely arranged hymn, 'Soul of my Saviour,' Miss McGuinness taking the leading soprano part. The church was well filled on each occasion, especially in the evening. The devotions were continued on Monday evening, Father Ahern, of Ashburton, being the preacher. Miss E. McGuinness presided at the organ. The devotions close on to-morrow (Tuesday) morning.

A sailor on horseback usually causes much amusement. The amount of space between him and the saddle when the steed moves out of a walk is probably the cause. But Jack on a bicycle is quite another matter, as he sits rather close to the machine. An amusing example occurred during the week on the Moody wharf. A clerk from a business firm 'hung up' his bike on the wharf to go on board ship. A sailor jumped on shore to have a brief cycling experience while the owner of the machine was on board. He was assisted on to the machine and set going, evidently unaware of a bicycle's affection for an embankment, a passing horse or trap, or a deep rut, when carrying a novice. In this instance there was only a railway truck and the end of the wharf, with a drop of about eight feet into the deep blue ocean to select from. True to its instincts the bicycle chose the water, and for the first time he 'went down into the sea' in a bicycle instead of a ship. The whilom cyclist was quickly fished out, but the bicycle was only recovered with the aid of grappling irons. Strange to say the only one on the wharf who could not see the semblance of a joke in the affair was the owner of the bicycle. Some men have no sense of humor.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

A block of land on Lambton Quay, Wellington, adjoining the Union Bank, was sold last week at £270 per foot.

We have to thank the District Secretary, Mr. W. Kane, Auckland, for a copy of the annual report of the New Zealand District Board of the H.A.C.B. Society.

It has been decided by the Government to send either to Canada or to Denmark for the successor to Mr. Kinsella as Dairy Commissioner of the Agricultural Department.

The Government has decided to take steps to establish a cork tree industry in the Whangarei district, Auckland. About 20 acres will be planted with seed obtained from Italy.

It is stated that Parliament will be opened on Monday, June 28. The parliamentary party who are on a visit to the Islands are expected to reach Auckland on Monday next.

We ('Inangahua Times') are pleased to state that the Very Rev. Dean Rolland has sufficiently recovered to admit of his removal from the hospital, of which institution he had been an inmate for more than a month.

The Australian 'Hen' the May issue of which is just to hand, will be found most useful to everyone who keeps poultry. It is up-to-date in every respect, and contains matter of interest to the professional as well as the amateur poultry raiser.

It is stated, according to a reliable authority, that 80 per cent. of the children in the Colony under five years—the most susceptible age for becoming infected with smallpox—are not vaccinated.

A list of the winning numbers in the art union in connection with the bazaar held for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Sacred Heart Basilica, Well-

ington, appears in this issue. The bazaar was highly satisfactory, and resulted in a net return of £1080.

The Marist Brothers' new college at Auckland to which our Auckland correspondent has frequently referred in his letters, is now approaching completion. Another week will find the Brothers in possession. Particulars regarding it will be found in another column.

Hitherto the Department of Agriculture has been defraying about two-thirds of the charges paid by the department in respect to grading butter, exporters paying only 2½d per 56lb box. It has now been decided to ask exporters to pay a larger proportion of the cost, and from July 1 they will have to pay 3½d.

'Accidents,' said the president of the Insurance institute in his annual address in Wellington, 'are now being looked upon in the same light as the drawing of a prize in a sweep, and no doubt will be increasingly looked upon as a certain income in the event of bad or depressed times occurring.'

A case of smallpox has been discovered in Dunedin, the victim being a lady who was a passenger in the 'Gracchus.' The lady in question arrived on the 13th inst. Shortly afterwards she developed a temperature of 104deg., and this was maintained for four days. It then fell, and a rash was noticed, which finally assumed the characteristics of smallpox. The lady had been vaccinated when a child, and has also had a very bad attack of cowpox seven years ago, the scars being still visible. These two facts would very much modify an attack of smallpox. Regarding the case as one of smallpox, the medical authorities have treated it as such, and every possible precaution is being used to keep the patient isolated.

The foundation stone of the Veterans' Home at Auckland was laid by Lord Ranfurly on Monday. The movement to erect the Home was started by his Excellency, who, on the proclamation of peace in 1902, issued a circular letter appealing for funds for the purpose. The response was generous, and to-day a sum of between £8000 and £9000 stands to the credit of the fund. The Home is situated on the Three Kings Estate, near Onehunga. The building will be of wood, and will cover about one-third of an acre of land. It is to be in the form of three sides of a square, with a large open space in the middle. On two sides there runs an extensive verandah, with a balcony overhead. There are four double rooms (evidently intended for married couples), five large dormitories, reading rooms, smoking room, dining rooms, and kitchen. A large hospital on the premises will afford facility for tending to the needs of the sick.

A painful accident occurred to Mr. Cyril Ward, eldest son of Sir J. G. Ward, at Lincoln College, last week. It appears that Mr. Ward, who is a student at the college, was on Tuesday morning climbing a porchway, when a portion of the masonry became detached, and he fell with it a distance of about 25ft to the ground. Had the stone fallen on his body Mr. Ward would undoubtedly have been killed outright; but though he managed to escape this, the block fell on the calf of his leg, smashing it very badly, but most happily not injuring the bone; otherwise amputation would have been unavoidable. As it was, 38 stitches had to be put in the injured leg, and six in a wound on the other foot near the instep. Sir Joseph Ward went to Lincoln early on Wednesday morning, and remained some hours at the college. Dr. Cook, who is attending Mr. Ward, says the symptoms are so far favorable, and the patient is progressing as satisfactorily as could be expected.

An assistant teacher is required for the Stoke Orphanage...

A further list of subscriptions to the building fund of the Christian Brothers' Novitiate, Dublin, appears in this issue...

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