

politics, being for nine years a member of the Ohinemuri County Council, as well as a member of the Paeroa School Committee, Paeroa Domain Board, and other local bodies for a number of years. Mr. Crosby leaves behind a large circle of sorrowing friends, and to his widow and family (three sons and four daughters) we extend our sincere sympathy in their sad affliction. The deceased was a fervent Catholic, and at the evening devotions at St. Joseph's Church, Paeroa, the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett made touching reference to his many good qualities, and particularly his untiring zeal in all movements having for their object the welfare of the Church. The funeral, which was a very large one, was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hackett at the Paeroa Cemetery, where the Archdeacon again paid a tribute to the deceased.—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1914.

The following alterations in, and additions to, ordinary train services will be made:—

EXTRA EXPRESS TRAINS.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 23rd and 24th DECEMBER.

Christchurch-Dunedin.—Express train will leave Christchurch at 9.10 a.m., Oamaru 2.15 p.m., Palmerston 3.55 p.m., arriving Dunedin 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & SATURDAY, 23rd, 24th, & 26th DECEMBER.

Extra express train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 9 a.m. Connects with Lawrence and Catlins Branch trains. Stops at Caversham and Mosgiel to pick up passengers, and at Allanton, Henley, Titri, Waihola, Milburn, Milton, and Stirling to pick up or set down passengers.

Extra express train will leave Balclutha at 4.10 p.m. Connects with trains from Catlins River and Lawrence Branches (will NOT connect with train from Lawrence Branch on Saturday). Stops at Stirling, Milton, Milburn, Waihola, Titri, Henley, Mosgiel, and Caversham to pick up or set down passengers.

THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Express train for Oamaru will leave Dunedin at 12.30 p.m. Connects at Oamaru with trains for Kurow and Ngapara Branches.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Oamaru at 3.13 p.m. will NOT leave until 3.40 p.m.

Express train for Dunedin will leave Oamaru at 4.35 p.m.

Dunedin-Gore-Invercargill.—The Down Mail train leaving Dunedin at 8.30 a.m. will run to Gore only. Will take passengers for Waiwera, Clinton, Waipahi, Tapanui Branch, Pukerau, Gore, and Stations on the Gore-Kingston line and Waikaka Branch, ONLY.

Express train for Invercargill will leave Dunedin at 8.45 a.m. Will take passengers for Mataura and stations south thereof only.

Train for Balclutha will leave Dunedin at 6.25 p.m., connecting with trains for Lawrence and Catlins River Branches.

FRIDAY, 25th DECEMBER.

All trains between Oamaru and Clinton will be suspended, with the following exceptions:—

The Christchurch-Dunedin-Invercargill Mail and Express trains.

Dunedin-Oamaru.—The 8.30 a.m. Dunedin to Oamaru, and the 2.30 p.m. Oamaru to Dunedin.

Port Chalmers Branch.—Trains will leave Dunedin for Port Chalmers at 9.20 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.10 p.m., 8.15 p.m., and 10.30 p.m., returning from Port Chalmers at 10.10 a.m., 3.23 p.m., 5.2 p.m., 9.20 p.m., and 11.15 p.m.

Dunedin-Clinton.—The 9.10 a.m. Dunedin to Clinton, the 6.15 a.m. Clinton to Dunedin, the 2.35 p.m. Clinton to Balclutha, and the 5.10 p.m. Balclutha to Dunedin.

Dunedin-Mosgiel.—Trains for Caversham, Mosgiel, and intermediate stations leave Dunedin at 9.10 a.m. and 8.20 p.m. Trains leave Mosgiel for Dunedin and intermediate stations at 9.52 a.m., 7.38 p.m., and 9.10 p.m.

Otago Central Branch.—The 7.52 a.m. Dunedin to Clyde and the 8.50 a.m. Clyde to Dunedin.

Lawrence Branch.—The 7.15 a.m. Lawrence to Milton, the 10 a.m. Milton to Beaumont, and the 1.55 p.m. Beaumont to Lawrence.

Catlins River Branch.—The 10.40 a.m. Balclutha to Catlins River, and the 2.28 p.m. Catlins River to Balclutha.

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

Express train will leave Dunedin for Palmerston at 9.25 a.m.

Express train will leave Palmerston for Dunedin at 5.10 p.m.

Trains for Palmerston and intermediate stations will leave Dunedin at 8.30 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. Return trains stopping at intermediate stations will leave Palmerston at 4.15 p.m. and 6 p.m.

SATURDAY & MONDAY, 26th & 28th DECEMBER.

The train usually leaving Dunedin for Palmerston at 5.27 p.m. will NOT leave till 7.35 p.m.

SPECIAL NIGHT TRAINS.

Dunedin-Christchurch.

THURSDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.—Dunedin depart 10.45 p.m., Oamaru, 2.27 a.m., Christchurch arrive 8.15 a.m., Fridays.

SUNDAYS, 27th DECEMBER and 3rd JANUARY.—Dunedin depart 8 p.m., Oamaru 11.42 p.m., Christchurch arrive 5.30 a.m., Mondays.

Christchurch-Dunedin.

THURSDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.—Christchurch depart 10.35 p.m., Oamaru 3.57 a.m., Dunedin arrive 7.55 a.m., Fridays.

SUNDAYS, 27th DECEMBER and 3rd JANUARY.—Christchurch depart 8.20 p.m., Oamaru 1.42 a.m., Dunedin arrive 5.40 a.m., Mondays.

Dunedin-Oamaru.

THURSDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.—Dunedin depart 11 p.m., Oamaru arrive 4.12 a.m. on Fridays.

Dunedin-Invercargill.

THURSDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.—Dunedin depart 11.15 p.m., Invercargill arrive 5.45 a.m. on Fridays.

SUNDAYS, 27th DECEMBER and 3rd JANUARY.—Dunedin depart 9.10 p.m., Invercargill arrive 3.35 a.m., Mondays.

Invercargill-Dunedin.

THURSDAYS, 24th and 31st DECEMBER.—Invercargill depart 11.20 p.m., Dunedin arrive 5.48 a.m., Fridays.

SUNDAYS, 27th DECEMBER and 3rd JANUARY.—Invercargill depart 9.20 p.m., Dunedin arrive 4.3 a.m., Mondays.

GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK TRAFFIC will be suspended on 25th and 26th December and on 1st and 2nd January.

For further particulars see Posters and Handbills at all stations.

BY ORDER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

AKARANA.—The latter portion of the article is well written and to the point, but as it deals with an important matter of Catholic policy such a contribution could hardly appear over a *nom de plume*.

CONSTANT READER.—In answer to your inquiry printed in last week's *Tablet*, an ex-Inspector of Fisheries kindly supplies the following information:—'From now onward red cod, groper, kingfish, barracuta, and ling can be obtained from Mr. W. G. Robertson, fish merchant, of Dunedin, at very moderate prices. Conger and rock cod are rarely obtainable in Otago or Canterbury. For curing purposes I can highly recommend the preservative, 'Keeps.' A pamphlet giving details is enclosed.' We are forwarding the pamphlet to your address.