

NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT

Under the National Registration Act passed during the Session just ended, every male resident in the Dominion is required to furnish to the Government Statistician at Wellington, a personal schedule setting out full particulars as to his age, nationality, occupation, dependents, etc., and also stating whether he is willing to become a member of an Expeditionary Force in connection with the present war, or not. In the case of single men without dependents, this must be answered yea or nay, but for single men with dependents, married men and widowers with dependents, the question is qualified with the words 'if required.'

By notice in our advertising columns, the schedules which are obtainable at any post office in the Dominion, must be furnished not later than Tuesday, November 9.

For the convenience of the public the offices of Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the four chief centres will be open continuously from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the registration period (26th October to 9th November, 1915), for the purpose of affording assistance in the filling up of the schedules to any persons desiring it. It has also been arranged that postal officers at post offices throughout the Dominion during ordinary office hours, will also on application help any persons desirous of assisting in filling up the schedules.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY GARVEY, MABEL BUSH.

A very old resident, and one of the oldest pioneers of this district, passed away at her residence, Mabel Bush, on the afternoon of October 7, at the advanced age of 80 years. The deceased was a native of County Galway, and arrived at the Bluff 52 years ago. After a brief stay of two years in Invercargill, she and her husband (the late Thomas Garvey, who pre-deceased her by 20 years) took up a farm at Mabel Bush on which she resided with her family for 50 years. On her arrival in Mabel Bush there were neither roads nor bridges between her home and Invercargill, and the settlers often formed a working bee to make the worst parts of the swamps passable for traffic. It was acts of this kind that formed a strong bond of sympathy between the old pioneers. The late Mrs. Garvey's homestead was known throughout the whole of Southland for the hospitality extended there to travellers. The deceased received the last rites of the Church from Rev. Father Woods, who was most attentive during the whole of her long illness. The funeral was one of the largest that ever left this district.—R.I.P.

MISS M. J. SHANAGHAN, AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

Miss Mary J. Shanaghan, one of our oldest and most respected inhabitants, passed away on October 7, after a short illness of a few weeks. She was born at Chatham, England, in 1844, and in the following year, with her parents, arrived in Auckland, where she had resided ever since. She was educated at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. Her father was bandmaster of the 58th Regimental Band, and the deceased, imbibing the musical talents of her father, adopted the musical profession. She was one of the original members of the Auckland Choral Society. With the Catholic choirs of the city she had been identified since childhood. She was organist at St. John the Baptist's Church, Parnell, thence she transferred her services in like capacity to St. Francis de Sales Church, Newton. Then she took control of the Cathedral Choir as organist and conductress, and, under her management, the choir attained a very high level, and became famous throughout the Dominion. In the 'eighties she retired from this position. She was head and front of every Catholic and patriotic concert in the city for over a quarter of a century. She was fervently attached to the cause

of Ireland, and kept in close touch with the Irish struggle, and was foremost in assisting the Irish delegates when they visited Auckland. Throughout the city and province her name was a household word. Her remains were taken to the Cathedral, where a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Father Cahill, Adm. At the catafalque the services were conducted by Father Cahill, assisted by Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., and Rev. Father Golden. As the funeral procession left the Cathedral the 'Dead March' from 'Saul' was played by Mr. Harry Hiscocks. The interment took place in the Symond Street Cemetery beside her parents. Rev. Father Forde, assisted by Monsignor Brodie and Father Golden, conducted the service at the graveside. She leaves a surviving sister, Mrs. W. W. Smith, of Gisborne.—R.I.P.

COMMERCIAL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ended October 26, 1915, as follows:—Rabbit-skins.—We held our fortnightly sale to-day, when we submitted a small catalogue to a full attendance of buyers. Competition was keen and prices ruled equal to last week's values. Black skins, with the exception of very prime quality, showed a still further decline. Quotations: Prime winter does, 22½d to 24¼; second winter does, 18d to 20¾d; prime winter bucks, 18½d to 19¾d; outgoing winters, 15d to 18¼d; autumns, 13½d to 15¼d; springs, 10d to 11¾d; prime racks, 8½d to 10d; light, from 8d to 8½d; runners, to 5½d; blacks, to 13d; extra prime winter blacks, to 62½d; prime, from 48d to 55d; second winter blacks, 40d to 46d; fawns, 18½d to 22d; hareskins, 8d to 9½d; catskins, to 4½d each; horsehair, 18½d to 20¼d per lb. Sheepskins.—Our next sale will be held on the 2nd inst. Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday and offered a full catalogue to the usual attendance of buyers. There was keen competition for all descriptions of well-conditioned lines, and prices were, if anything, firmer than those of last sale. Stout heavy ox, 10½d to 10¾d; medium to good, 9¾d to 10¼d; light, 9d to 10d; inferior, 5d to 7d; stout heavy cow hides, to 9½d; medium, 8½d to 9d; inferior, 5d to 7d; yearlings, 8d to 8¾d; best calfskins, 10½d to 10¾d; medium, 9d to 9¾d; inferior, 3d to 7d per lb. Oats.—There is practically no change in the market and prices are on a par with those of last week. Wheat.—The market is still in the same condition as when we last reported and at present shows no signs of a change. Chaff.—There is a fair demand for consignments of good quality, but there is not a great deal offering. Prices are much the same as last week. Quotations: Best oaten sheaf, £6 5s to £6 10s; medium to good, £5 10s to £6; light and discolored, £4 to £5; straw chaff, £2 to £3 per ton (sacks extra).

WEDDING BELLS

FITZGERALD—STAUNTON.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Waikiwi, on September 8, the contracting parties being Miss Sabina Staunton, third daughter of the late Thomas Staunton, of West Plains, and Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, only son of the late Gerald Fitzgerald, of Orepuki. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. Patrick Staunton) was attired in a very pretty cream silk dress, with the usual wreath and veil. She was attended by her sister (Miss Delia Staunton). Mr. Richard Fitzgerald, of Pahia, attended the bridegroom. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Burke. As the bridal couple left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Nellie Maloney, of Makarewa, after which the wedding breakfast was held in Miller's restaurant. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Very Rev. Dean Burke in his usual happy manner. Later in the afternoon the happy couple left by express for the north, where the honeymoon was spent.