

police constables, Messrs. W. McCombie and J. Roxburgh; medical witness, Mr. M. J. Hannon; Crown witnesses, Messrs. T. Cooney and W. Lacroix (seamen), J. McKenzie (civilian), and G. Cartwright (pensioner); foreman of jury, Mr. D. J. Corcoran. The case for the Crown was ably stated by Messrs. Cooney and Collins, and a vigorous defence was made by Mr. Barry, assisted by Mr. Molloy, the cross-examination of witnesses being decidedly good and provocative of unceasing merriment, which the registrar was unable to quell. After two hours' sitting the jury was addressed by Mr. Collins and counsel for defence, the latter's address being good to listen to, and after a brief summing up by the judge, the jury retired. After a short deliberation a verdict was given of 'not guilty' in respect of Johannsen (a Swede)—i.e., Mr. J. Connor—and 'guilty' in respect of Jackson (a colored seaman), impersonated by J. Crowley. Sentence being pronounced, the court adjourned in the customary manner, thus concluding one of the club's most enjoyable evenings.

On Wednesday the members entertained their lady friends at a progressive euchre party, which was well attended, and an enjoyable time was spent by the young people. The prizes were won by Miss O'Connor and Mr. A. Wallace.

### GORE.

(From the club correspondent.)

The Gore Catholic Young Men's Club held their weekly meeting on Monday, July 3, among those present being Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, Rev. Father Tobin, and Dr. A. J. McIlroy. The programme for the evening was a mock banquet. Mr. Patrick Lynch presided, and proposed the toast of the 'Pope and King.' The 'Agricultural and Commercial' toast was in the hands of Mr. Edmund Columb, to which Mr. Patrick Daly responded. The toasts of the 'Clergy,' the 'N.Z. Parliament,' 'Sports,' the 'Press,' and the 'Ladies' were duly honored. Mr. James Holland, jun., responded for the ladies, Mr. Michael Malla for sport. Mr. Wells contributed a serio-comic piece, Mr. A. H. Smith a vocal selection, and Mr. Frank O'Connor a humorous sketch. Light refreshments were supplied by the committee. After the banquet the members took the opportunity of saying farewell to Mr. Frank O'Connor, who is returning home to Australia. The singing of 'Auld lang syne' brought a capital evening's entertainment to a close.

### GREYMOUTH.

(From our club correspondent.)

July 12.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the St. Columba club rooms last Wednesday evening, when the Children of Mary entertained the club members at a social gathering. The hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies with ferns and evergreens. The first part of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre, about one hundred and twenty ladies and gentlemen taking part. The ladies' prizes were won by Misses N. Molloy and M. Moynihan, and the gentlemen's by Messrs. T. Keenan and M. Moriarty. After an excellent supper was served by the ladies, the following contributed items:—Misses T. Burke, K. Braidwood, and J. Braidwood, Rev. Father Lacroix, Messrs. A. Hoult, P. Smyth, J. O'Donnell, and William McGrath. It is the intention of club members to give a return social to the Children of Mary at an early date.

The St. Columba Club representatives at the Greymouth elocutionary competitions to be held next month were selected last week by the selection committee (Rev. Father Finnerty, Brother Alfred, and T. Keenan). Seventeen members of the club are taking part.

She had a tickling in her throat,  
A tightness in her chest,  
A hacking cough, a sneezing fit,  
At night she got no rest.  
She took some Woods' Great Peppermint Cure,  
Hot water added to it,  
And when she tried to cough next day,  
She simply couldn't do it!

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

### DEBATE.

Is the acceptance of titles consistent with the principles of democracy and with the best interests of a progressive community?

Is an Imperial Council, for the discussion of Imperial questions, a desirable and probable outcome of the movement for federation within the Empire?

Which is the most promising and rational solution of the problem of drunkenness—Prohibition or State Control?

### ESSAY.

Sir William Butler: As soldier, writer, and Catholic Irishman. See recently-published *Autobiography*.

## THE LATE FATHER HAIRE KAPONGA

(From our own correspondent.)

The funeral of the late Rev. Father Haire, who passed away on Monday, took place on Thursday. On Thursday morning at nine o'clock a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in the Eltham Church in presence of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, being the celebrant, Rev. Father Eccleton, of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, deacon, Rev. Father Cahill, of Dannevirke, subdeacon. The music of the Mass was sung by a choir of priests. His Grace Archbishop Redwood delivered a very feeling panegyric on the virtues and zeal of the deceased priest, taking for his text the words, 'Be ye therefore ready, for in what hour you know not the Son of man will come.' His Grace described the great works in which Father Haire had been connected since he came as a young priest to the archdiocese. He went on to say that Father Haire was not a man of the world, but a man of God. He spent his time during his whole priestly life in prayer and study, in fact, he never, during the whole of his career spent as much as one idle hour, which was saying a great deal. His zeal for souls was extraordinary, for he never spared himself where the spiritual welfare of his people was concerned. At the conclusion of the Mass the funeral moved on to Kaponga. Arriving at the local church, a short service was held. The funeral procession was probably the largest that Kaponga has ever witnessed, the string of vehicles of every description being apparently endless. The Archbishop read the burial service at the graveside, assisted by the assembled priests. Among the clergy present at the funeral were the Very Rev. Dean John McKenna (Masterton), Very Rev. Dean James McKenna (New Plymouth), Very Rev. Father Power (Hawera), Rev. Fathers Ainsworth, Barra, Bartley, Eccleton, Mahony, and Venning (Wellington), Kelly (Foxton), Cahill (Dannevirke), Dwyer (Feilding), Bowe (Carterton), Duffy (Patea), Tracey (Stratford), McManus (Ingliswood), O'Beirne (New Plymouth), Soulas (Okato), Menard (Opunake), and Bergin (Manaiia).—R.J.P.

### WOOL

Mr. M. T. Kennelly, 217 Crawford street, Dunedin, reports as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does, 17d to 18d; second does, to 16½d; prime bucks, to 16d; incoming and early winter, 14d to 15d; autumn, 12d to 13d; racks, 7½d to 9d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6d to 8d per lb; fine crossbred, 5½d to 7d; coarse do., 5d to 6½d; pelts, 3d to 5d.

Hides.—Sound ox, 6d to 8d; do. cow, 5d to 6½d; damaged ox and cow, 3d to 4½d; calfskins and yearlings (sound), 6½d to 9d. Horsehides, 8s to 14s each.

Tallow.—Best in casks, to 26s per cwt; do., 24s; mixed, 18s to 20s; rough fat, 16s to 20s.

Prompt returns. No commission.

## PORTRAITS ARE OUR FORTE.

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