new, which may be of great service in seeuring the advancement of this province and we are glad that an effort is being made in this direction.

ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR.

H.M.S.S. Brisk, which arrived yesterday from Wellington, left his Excellency at the Kawau, where he will remain for the present.
The Rev. Mr. Thatcher, his private Sccre-The Rev. 11 Indicate the following the following the fary, and Major Grey his aide-de-camp, came on to Auckland.
We understand that his Excellency is

somewhat fatigued with his protracted journey through the Southern Provinces, journey through the Southern Froyinces, and will gladly avail himself of a fortnight's repose at the Kawau. He intends, we learn, to come to Auckland on the 20th if there be no urgent reason for his coming sooner.

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It seems a great pity that we should have men unemployed in a new country like this. But this is nevertheless the fact at present, and it becomes of considerable importance what had best be done, not only to relieve the laborer in want, but to utilise his labor. Anckland is by no means singular in having more persons than she has work for at the present time. Distress seems to have hung over most parts of the world like a black cloud.

Those who think therefore that distress or want of employment in Auckland is an exceptional state of things very greatly err.

In the United Kingdom, for instance, in 1866, the number of paupers only, without reckoning criminals, without including tramps and vagrants, was 1,190,217 persons. That is one person in every 22 in the United Kingdom in 1866, was not only suffering from want of work, but was an absolute pauper, being supported on the public earnings. But what a vast number of men and women must there be in addition to the above, who are in very necessitions circumstances, but whose pride and self-reliance, will not permit them to apply for the parish assistance. Let the number of paupers in the United Kingdom was in round numbers six times the European population of New Zealand. The number receiving parochial relief in the town of Liverpool alone, was about 24,000, exclusive of numbers aided by private charity and public subscriptions.

Hard therefore as it is to many in Auckland, they must bear these things in mind. With the honest man who will work but who cannot get it, we have the greatest sympathy, with the loafer, and idler, and drunkard, we have none.

To lessen the hardships which those out of work have to suffer, we are glad to learn that

To lessen the hardships which those out of work have to suffer, we are glad to learn that the Superintendent is devising plans by which he can give labor instead of rations to those requiring relief. Several thousand pounds were roted for the relief of the destitute. Given in rations it will soon melt away, but if that sum could be made largely reproductive, by finding labor, for the people, and paying them for that labor a great gain would be effected. Arrangements are now in progress for finding a certain amount of labour in connection with the New Zealand flax. One place will be fitted up in Auckland, and one in Onehunga we believe, and if men could be put to such work, and even earn a bare maintenance at it, this would relleve the fund for assisting the sick and destitute very considerably.

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Would it be possible to put a number of mer Would it be possible to put a number of men at work to cultivate any government land in the neighbourhood of Auckland. We of course mean by spade husbandry. If this could be done a considerable quantity of produce might be raised, and the men would thus undoubtedly carn their own living and something more. It has often seemed to us a pity that the Barrack-hill, for instance, was not cultivated as cottage

Reverting to the New Zealand flax, however would it not be possible to start a few rope-making concerns. The labour requires no great skil, the machinery is inexpensive, the raw ma-terial we have in abundance, and a ready mar-ket for the rope and twine. Sacking may also be thus made. We must of necessity go out of be thus made. We must of necessity go out of our usual routine. The men are here; they must have food. It is evidently better in all points of view that they should carn the whole or part of that food, rather than that it should be entirely paid for by the public.

OUR PRESENT POSITION. This Province is passing through a period of depression which may be traced mainly, if not entirely, to three causes. First overtrading, stimentirely, to three causes. First overtrading, stimulated by a large war expenditure; our trading interests—(that is to say, that portion of our population employed in the labour of circulation as distinguished from that of production) have outgrown their natural proportions, and now that the artifical stimulus is withdrawn begin like all other hasty growths to languish. The proper proportions between production and circulation has been lost, and must be restored, in order to restore health to the body politic. And concomitantly with hot-house growth of trade, the agricultural and producing interests have been arrested in their progress by the same cause—war—which brought about the undue increase of circulation of labor, so that the latter increase of circulation of labor, so that the latter eril was intensified to an enomous extent, by the impossibility of any counterbalancing extension of country settlement. Lastly, the premature importation of agricultural labour has, like all other injudicious interference on the part of Government with the natural course of social development solve agreement of the orile, which it of Government with the natural course of social development, only aggravated the evils which it was intended to remedy. At a period when the country was totally unprepared for its absorption, a large addition was made to our supply of agricultural labor, in the shape of some thousands of immigrants, who have thus been betrayed in this this manner as much as the public interests

If, however, there be much to cause anxiety in this view of our present position, we may also extract from it no small measure of consolution, inasmuch as it suggests the remedy for the evil there be much to cause anxiety which it indicates, and that remedy is Peace. Like Falkland in his day, every wise politician in New Zealand will find himself compelled, as the result of all his deliberations on public affairs, to echo the cry of "Peace! Peace!" Let us have peace, and the ills which afflict us will right mselves. Trade will immediately shrink to its proper proportions, and agricultural industry, reriving in the same ratio, will quickly change our complaints of a plethora in the labor market into a demand for additional supplies.

our complaints of a plethora in the labor market into a demand for additional supplies.

But how is this inestimable blessing of peace to be secured? "That is the question" which must at present take precedence of all others whatsoever, in the counsels of our statesmen, for it is one of life and death,—"to be, or not to be?" We think Mr. Williamson has, in part answered this all-important query, when he advises us to show to our Maori fellow-subjects "a millingness to let them come within our institutions." By all means let them be placed, as speedily as may be, on a perfect equality with the Anglo Saxon as regards political privileges, and let us, "holding out to them the right hand of fellowship" commercially, and socially, remove the last remnant of suspicion and distrust from minds which are not naturally prone to either. Of course we must not throw our pearls before swine—we must not make the first advance towards conciliation to those who are in open hostility. The strong hand must put forth all is strength to crush armed opposition, at the same time that the clasp of brotherhood is offered to those who are willing to receive it, for energy in chastising the disturbers of the public peace is only kindness under another name. Much may, porhaps remain to be determined as to whether the political emancipation.

of the Maori race should be immediate and com plete, or gradual, but whatever difference of opinion may exist on this point, we think all wise men will agree on the main question. Were we allowed the management of our own

Were we allowed the management of our own affairs, the application of the proper remedy for the present state of things amongst us would be comparatively free from difficulty. But hampered as we are by the control of a General Assembly, composed, in a great measure, of those who are too much absorbed in their own interests to pay much attention to ours the (latter being not coincident with the former) it would almost appear as if the means of getting rid of that control were among the first things to be considered on our part. The question of the extension of local self-government, therefore, comes in as the necessary complement of that which we have just been discussing. Why should the principle adopted with regard to the colonies on the Australian Continent be departed from in our case? From Sydney as a nucleus, colonization has extended northward and southward, and as the outlying districts have exhibited signs of political viability sufficient to warrant the conclusion of their fitness for self-government, they have been allowed to separate from the parent colony. This is the system which has worked successfully in that part of the empire, and why should the very opposite—that of centralization be forced upon us? It would seem as if the Imperial Government regulated its policy, is this matter on the principle which is said to rule the fulfilment of dreams—that of contrariety. New South Wales grunbles at the subdivision of her territory, and that measur is enforced upon her. Auckland desires localization, and she is compelled to be the victim of centralization. Where is the excuse for this, at least apparent inconsistency and injustice? we see none. We hold that whatever course affairs, the application of the proper remedy for at least apparent inconsistency and injustice; we see none. We hold that whatever course Queensland or Victoria could show why they should be allowed a local government, Auckland can adduce equally strong claims to a simila principle.

· NORTHERN DIVISION ELECTION.

THE nomination for Mr. Cadman's vacant seat in the Provincial Council will take place on Tuesday, and the poll will be taken on the 14th. The two candidates are Mr. Hugh Morrow and Mr. Allan O'Neill. The former gentleman, though untried as a public man, will receive, we understand, a very hearty support throughout the country districts. Mr. Morrow has shown himself anxious on every occasion to support the too-much neglected interests of the country, and if returned will, we believe, ensupport the too-inten hegicited interests of the country, and if returned will, we believe, endearour to secure for the North that due share of attention in the Council which since 1863 it cannot be said to have received.

Mr. Allan O'Neill has occupied a seat in the Province of Council before your and has been been

Provincial Council before now, and has been be-fore the electors of the Northern Division as a candidate for their suffrages on more than one occasion. We have, therefore, no need to refer to his qualifications to fill the position of their representative.

THE NATHAN TROUPE.

THERE was a very excellent attendance yester day evening, despite the counter attraction of the Bazaar in the Odd Fellows' Hall. As usual little Marian was the favourite of the evening little Marian was the favourite of the evening, and really the precocious talent of this child is something wonderful. We have seen nothing like it since the Bateman children made their appearance at Drury Lanc. As Bridget Murphy, in the "Colonial Servant," she drew down the plaudits of the house. Our old friend, Mr. Small, received his usual welcome; but even he came second best when "The Girl from Tipperary" was upon the boards.

On Monday evening next will be performed the Hibernian comedy, entitled "Andy Blake," one of Dion Boucicault's pieces,—the Little Marian as Andy Blake.

Marian as Andy Blake.

SALES BY AUCTION.-THIS DAY. MESSES. C. ARTHUR AND Son will sell to-day two tons flour, potatoes, onions, fish, vinegar oats, barley, corrugated iron, glassware, &c.

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Mr. Alfred Byckland will sell to-day, at
the Haymarket, at 11 o'clock, an allotment at
Otahuhu, cottage, stable, the property of Mr.
H. Sneger; also, 8 superior draught horses,
harness, drays, chaff-cutter, &c.; also, 40 acres
of land at Raglan, a handsome Timor pony, 3
heavy draught colts, bean crusher, rye grass.

MR. G. DUNNET AND Co. will sell to-day, at the Durham Sale Yards, 25 hacks, 20 light har-ness horses, 15 medium horses, 10 heavy draught horses, hacks.

Messrs. Jones and Co. will sell to-day, at their mart, at 11 o'clock, 20 barrels beef, maize, potatoes, onions, hams, sundries, furniture, &c.; also tea, ex Regina, 3 superior double-barrelled guns, household furniture.

MR. H. RIDINGS will sell to-day, potatoe MR. H. RIDINGS. will sell to-day, potatoes, onions, turkeys, porter, vinegar, furniture, &c. MR. Gedra Sibbix will sell to-day, at the produce stores, corner of Wyndham street, potatoes, flour, hams, wiues, groceries, &c. MR. C. Stichbur will sell to-day, beef, potatoes, groceries, wine, porter, furniture, watches, &c., at 11 o'clock.

Messys. Turbell and Tokks will hold to-day, their usual sale of sundries, comprising fruit trees, potatoes, tinware, groceries, drapery, &c., at 11 o'clock.

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AUCKLAND NAVAL VOLUNTEERS. — About wenty-four members of this company paraded esterday morning, for the purpose of going hrough their first practice at the big-gun drill to Fort Britomart. An able instructor was in attendance, and the men acquitted themselves very creditably during their two hours and

olf practice.
THE TAIRUA SAW MILLS.—Mr. T. W. Brown

H. M. Roe's Estate.—It is announced by advertisement that a dividend in this estate is now payable at the office of Owen and Graham, Queen-street.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATES.—The Nathan Juvenile Troupe will repeat the performance, consisting of "A Kiss in the Dark," "The Colonial Servant," and the burlesque extravaganza "Codadad," at the Prince of Wales Theatre this evening, when a new break-down will be executed by the Giant Gobbleall and Little Marian.

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MR. YANDLE, the naturalist, announces that he is about to leave the colony, and requests that all parties desirous of having birds stuffed will bring them in without delay.

A. R. V., No. 3 Company.—A meeting of this company is called for Monday evening neat, at 7.30 p.m., in the British Hotel, Queen-street, on urgent and important business. The band of the corps will be in attendance.

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IN RE S. B. HARRIS' ESTATE.—A meeting of creditors in this estate will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday afternoon, at the stores of Mr. W. C. Hill, Fort-street.

Wellington-street Literary Association.

Wellington-street Literary Association. The usual meeting of the above Association took place on Thursday last, when a debate took place on the question—"Would Insular Separation promote the prosperity of New Zealand?" The debate was opened by Mr. Stewart, in the affirmative; and by Mr. G. Bullock, in the negative. The debate was adjourned until Friday next, when it will be resumed by Mr. J. M. Clark.

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Police.—At the Police Court yesterday three persons were punished for drunkenness; Edward Gouch and Richard Farrer were fined each five shillings and the costs for breaches of the Impounding Act, 1867. John Hannigan was fined forty shillings and costs, and in default of payment sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment with hurd labor for using obscene language; John McGuire and William Shields were sentenced to six months imprisonment for larceny; and Jesse Cole charged with embezzlement was remanded until Mondaynext with enlarged bail, Mess. Joy and Maedonald for the prosecutor, Mr. Wynn on behalf of the prisoner.

The Bazaar.—This bazaar was opened yesterday up to past eleven at night, and was moderately patronised considering the counter attractions presented elsewhere. By the kindness of Colonel Hamilton and the officers, the fine band of the 12th Regiment was in attendance, and played some choice selections of music. The thanks of the promoters of the affair are due to Major Hamley, of the Military Store Department, for his courtesy in supplying several requisites for the stalls. The exact

music. The thinks of the products of the Military Store Department, for his courtesy in supplying several requisites for the stalls. The exact amount realised has not yet been ascertained, but we believe, that considering the state of the times, the affair will be found to have been moderately successful.

THE LATE BOAT ACCIDENT AT MANGAWAI.—By advices received last night from Mangawai we learn that the body of the youth, William Seymour, recovered and buried last week, was found about nine miles off the bar, near the spot where he was drowned. The body was entirely destitute of clothing, which is generally accounted for from the fact that deceased was a very strong and expert swimmer, and several times practised divesting himself of his clothing whilst swimming in the river.

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AN ENTERTAINMENT of a novel and amusing character was given on Thursday evening in the Edwardes-street school-room, for the benefit of the Band of Hope meeting in that place, and was well attended, the chair being occupied by Mr. D. Goldie who after singing and prayer, opened the proceedings of the meeting in a lengthy address, showing the need of such institutions for the training up in the paths of sobriety, the rising race, that they may be led to shun the evils and dangers attendant upon the demoralizing practices that obtain in the present day, and to caution them against the results shun the evils and dangers attendant upon the demoralizing practices that obtain in the present day, and to caution them against the results flowing from intemperance. "Now is the month of Maying," by choir. Mr. Wilkes exhibited his magic lantern much to the pleasure and delight of the young and older children present, and many of the droll and amusing sketches took and pleased the audience amazingly. Mr. Chaving incurred considerable expense to bring out several sketches of Cruickshank's, "Whisky Demon," the length of the programme did not allow him full scope to explain and exhibit them. "Come fairies trip it lightly," by choir; a series of recitations by several members of the Band of Hope. We cannot recommend too highly this system of early training up the young mind with what may be profitable to them in after life, instead of the trash and nonsense which abounded in days of yore. "Lightly Tread," by choir. After which a short descriptive lecture was given in illustration of 7 colossal plates of the human stomach in health, and under alcoholic excitement and disease, from the dissections of Thomas Sewall, Esq., M.D., President of the American Institute; and the mammoth plates of the liver, kidneys, and brain: by Dr. F. Lees, F.S.A. Edinburgh; by Mr. J. Graham, who gave the history of alcohol, showing what it is, how produced, exploding the often repeated idea that alcoholic drinks are in any way suitable for the human system, and that they are only injurious and that continually; proving by several instances of sudden death that alcohol is a deadly poison; and by its use even in small quantities irritates the stomach, and by its continued use produces inflammation, ulceration and cancers in the vital parts, as exhibited in these places. It their usual sale of sundries, comprising fruit trees, potatoes, tinware, groceries, drapery, &c., at 11 o'clock.

Serious Accident.—A man namod Gillespie was brought to town yesterday, from the Bay of Islands, by the schooner General Cameron, suffering from a severe compound fracture of the leg. He had been engaged upon a sawing station, and met with the accident through an immense heavy log rolling on him. The sufferer was brought on shore by the water police, and conveyed to the hospital for surgical treatment. KAWAMAWA COAL.—The first shipment of coals (5 tons) from these mines at the Bay of Islands, was brought up from Russell yesterday by the schooner General Cameron; they are consigned to Mr. John McLeod.

Death of Me. John Dwyer.—We regret to notice in our obituary column the name of Mr. John Dwyer, of Albert-street, and late of Wangarei. Mr. Dwyer had been settled in this province since 1840, and was well known and highly respected.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.—About

Act, and that the General Government methods to assume the direct administration of the various gold-fields in the colony. Not the least significant is the reputed appointment of Mr. J. B. Bradshaw, as Minister of Mines, at a salary of £1000 shaw, as Minister of Mines, at a salary of £1000 a year, which appointment although not officially announced is given credence to by too many authorities to be far removed from the truth. Another sympton of an impending change is the withholding the delegation from the new Superintendent of Otago—a circumstance that cannot be accounted for simply as an affront to Mr. Macandrew, because the Ministry had already sanctioned his election as Superintendent, and thus merged his identity into his official character. Besides, the delegated powers of the Governor under the Gold-fields Act are not conferred on the Superintendents personally but in Governor the Superintendents personally but in conjunction with the Executives and the Provincial Councils. The non-renewal of the powers held by Mr. Macandrew's predecessor is a step which deprives both the Provincial Government and Council of all authority in the administration of the gold-fields, and would hardly have been ventured on had there not been an intention on the part of the General Government to assume the full control. The election of Mr. Macandrew may have presented the opportunity of initiating the centralisation of gold-fields administration perhaps a little earlier than was intended, but that is all. We are not aware whether the same course has been followed with regard to the new Superintendent of Nelson two circumstances to which we have alluded. But the action taken at Otago, taken in connecferred on the Superintendents personally but in two circumstances to which we are a connect But the action taken at Otago, taken in connect towards centralisation But the action taken at Otago, taken in connection with the other steps towards centralisation which have been taken by the General Government, induce us to think that it intends assuming the full powers which it already possesses under the Gold-fields Act."

Mr. S. O'Dell, through us thankfully acknowledges the receipt of £2 from A.H. towards

knowledges the receipt of £2 from A.H. towards defraying the expenses of Tuesday's lecture.

The Cutten Jessie.—This vessel is advertised for sale or charter, application to be made to Mr. Weymouth, Wyndham-street.

Newton Hall.—An interesting lecture was delivered in the Newton Hall at 8 o'clock last evening, by his Lordship the Bishop of New Zealand, the subject being "The Western Islands of the Pacific." His Honor the Superintendent occupied the chair, and there was a numerous and influential audience present, who were not disappointed in their expectations of a most interesting and instructive lecture. His were not disappointed in their expectations of a most interesting and instructive lecture. His Lordship displayed an intimate knowledge of his subject, and his rare gifts as a speaker, his extensive personal experience and acute observation, no less than his varied and highly cultivated scholarly attainments enabled him to treat the lecture in a most comprehensive, instructive, and entertaining manner. The lecturer showed an intimate acquaintance with the diversified habits and customs of the inhabitants of the numerous islands of the Pacific.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE J. H.

ROBERTS.
The funeral of the late J. H. Roberts took place yesterday, and was attended by members of the A.R.V., and the brethren of the various Courts of the Aneient Order of Foresters, to both of which the deceased belonged. The funeral cortege left his late residence in Wellesleystreet, at 4 p.m., being composed as follows: The firing party from No. 4 company of the A.R.V., the members of the various companies under Capt. Derrom, next the corpse, preceded by the Band playing the Dead March in Saul, followed by a large number of the deceased's personal relatives and friends, and the brethren of the A.O.F. of the A.O.F.

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The pull-bearers were Brothers Rawdon, C.R.;
A. Windsor, S.C.R..; T. J. Jones, S.B.; and P.
F. Finlay, J.W. A large concourse of people accompanied the funeral cortege to the Church of England Cemetery, Symonds-street, where the body was interred, His Lordship the Bishop of New Zealand reading the burial servicej in a most impressive manner, after which the usual three vollies were fired by the deceased's late comrades. The deceased was much respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

AUCLAND NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

A MERTING of the Clothing Committee was held ast Monday evening when they decided on a leat blue uniform with silver lace; they also inited tenders for supply of work, &c.

The newly formed Band belonging to this orps, held their first meeting in Mr. Cochrane's transport of the company of the control of t

tore on the same evening, when considering here was a fair attendance of members wh there was a fair attendance of members who received their first lesson in the theory of music under the most able instruction of their talented master, Mr. John Chilman, whose abilities are well known amongst us, he having instructed several bands in England. The first he taught was the Hackney Military Band of drums and fifes (afterward attached to the 2nd Tower Hamlets, R.V.), which he did when only seventeen, and for whose proficiency he received high commendations from C. S. Butler, M.P., and others; he afterward taught and brought out the bands of the third London Rille Brigade, which was said to afterward taught and brought out the bands of the third London Rifle Brigade, which was said to be the most profesent of any Volunteer drums and fifes at the first Volunteer Review and Brigade day held at Brighton, in England, on Easter Monday, 1861, healso instructed the drums nd fifes of the fourth City of London (Foresters) Rifle Corps; and was afterwards appointed by Colonel H. Garnet Mann (of the 54th Regiment) to be the drum-major of the 1st City of London Engineer Volunteers. We may also mention the Catholic drums and fifes, St. Georges in the Hast,—the Catholic Band, Moorfields ion in the theory of music at the Roya Lilitary School of Music Knellar Hall, England om where he has certificates from Professor

The second meeting of the members of the Band was again held in Mr. Cochrane's store on Wednesday evening when there was a better

nttendance. We may state there are a few more vacancies, and for the information of intending members we may add that they will (through the kindness of the commanding officer, Captain Guilding) be supplied with their clothing, instruments and instructions free of cost. So we trust it may be the their content of the command of the cost of t instructions free of cost. So we trust it may soon be complete, so that the instructor can give each one the same fair chance—and we feel assured that this being his first effort in this colony, he will leave no stone unturned that may tend to the advancement of the Band.—Commutend

WELLINGTON.

ARRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AT THE KAWAU.

H.M.S. Brisk arrived in harbour yesterday evening, and through the courtesy of the officers we have been put in possession of Wellington papers to the 29th ult.

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The Brisk brought his Excellency Sir George Grey, Major Grey (Aide-de-eamp), and his Private Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Thatcher. Sir George Grey remains at the Kawau until the 20th when he will come on to Auckland.

Of Wellington news there is little. Mr. Stafford is determined to snub Otago. The Wellington papers say:—A New Zealand Gazette, published to-day, contains a proclamation from his Excellency the Governor revoking the proclamations and regulations concerning Gazette, published to-day, contains a protesiant tion from his Excellency the Governor revoking the proclamations and regulations concerning the depusturing of stock on the Otago gold-fields issued by the late Superintendent of Otago under powers delegated to him by the Governor, and instituting in lieu thereof certain other regulations for the depasturing of stock on the Otago gold-fields; a notice to holders of miners' rights and others, warning them against committing any breach of the aforesaid regulations; a proclamation by the Governor revoking the regulations published in the Gazette on the 11th January last, prescribing the mode in which applications may be made for leases of land for agricultural purposes, &c., and establishing a new code in lieu thereof. a proclamation from the Governor vesting in the Hon. E. W. Stafford, President of the Executive Council, all the powers vested in the Governor by the Gold Fields' Act, 1866, except the powers conferred by sections 22, 47, 48, 60, 96, and 107, to be exercised within the province of Otago; a notice of the appointment of Vincent Pyke, Esq., to be Secretary of the Otago Gold Fields.

The Advertiser says a meeting of the share-

Fields.

The Advertiser says a meeting of the share-holders in the N.Z.S.N. Company, opposed to the directors' resolution to wind up the Company, will be held this evening at eight o'clock, in Barrett's Hotel.

The following telegrams appear in the Advertiser of the 27th:—

[PER SUBMARINE AND INTERPROVINCIAL

TELEGRAPH.]

CHRISTCHURCH.

Friday, 4.45 p.m. The Superintendent is expected from West-

Mr. Hargreaves, member of the House of Representatives for Lyttolton, has resigned his land to-morrow.

The Secretary of Public Works has resigned his office.

What riches are those that certainly make them selves wings and fly away? Ost-riches.

THE LATE MURDER AT MONGONUI. By the arrival of the cutter Rob Roy last night from Mongonui, we learn that a bushman (but whose name we were unable to find out), had been arrested there on suspicion of being the perpetrator of the late diabolical murder of Mr. Smith. The man resided near the spot where the murder was committed, and was taken into custody upon information received from the natives, who found some of his clothes spotted with blood.

natives, who found some of his clothes spotted with blood. The prisoner had been brought before the Magistrate and remanded for a week for further At the date of last advices detective Crick

was actively employed ferretting out and glean ing information on the subject.

GREAT FIRE IN WYNDHAM STREET.

NINE HOUSES BURNT DOWN.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY IMMENSE.

3.0 A.M.

This morning an alarm of fire was given, and in a few minutes the whole of the bells gave warning of another fearful conflagration. The fire originated in a back skillion of the Shakespeare (Mr. Clarke's) Hotel, Wyndham-street, and in less ten minutes the flames had reached the upper rooms, and were burning through the roof, and it soon became evident that it would be impossible to save any roution of the buildbe impossible to save any portion of the build-ing from the devouring element. At the time we write the fire is raging with fearful rapidity, and the members of the Auckland Fire Brigade, and the members of the Auckland Fire Brigade, under Mr. Asher, are strenuously exerting themselves in endeavouring to check the progress of the flames. A plentiful supply of water is being obtained from the stand pipe opposite Vaile's new building, and two hoses are playing on the burning premises. The whole of the main buildings and several small outhouses behind it are in flames, and the premises called the Melbourne boarding house are in imminent danger. A third hose is stationed at the back of the adjoining premises and is playing on these, and the building in which the fire originated—the supply of water being obtained from a well. being obtained from a well.

An immense concourse of people is gathered

on the spot, and the police are actively engaged in maintaining order.

The Melbourne boarding house and all the outbuildings near are now completely destroyed, and the house contiguous (a broker's shop), occupied by Mr. Mills, has caught, and is beyond all chance of escape from total destruction. There now seems little chance of arresting the progress of the fire until it has reached the brick premises used as a coffee warehouse by Messrs. Gregg and Co., where the dead wall will, in all probability, stay its further progress. Most unfortunately the supply of water has at this stage sudthe dead wall will, in all probability, stay its further progress. Most unfortunately the supply of water has at this stage suddenly met with some impediment, and the hoses in front have ceased to play. One of the hoses is still, however, playing on the back of the block of buildings. Several of the houses on the north side of Wyndham-street, and opposite the spot where the fire originated, have caught slightly, but are fortunately out of danger. A large quantity of furniture has been removed from the burning houses, and now lies strewn in most admired disorder on the north side of the street. The premises of Mr. Neilremoved from the burning houses, and how less strewn in most admired disorder on the north side of the street. The premises of Mr. Neilson, bookbinder, on the western side, are totally destroyed, but the books and all the materials have been safely removed, with the exception of a bookbinding press, which was too heavy to be carried out. The next house, on the same side, a hairdresser's shop is also consumed, and the spread of the fire in that direction has been impeded by the brick premises occupied by Mr. Cater, bootmaker, and owned by Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Neclson's premises and stock were insured in the New Zealand Insurance Company for £600, and the Shakespeare Hotel in the same office for £150. On the eastern side the premises in the occupation of Mr. Murphy, bootmaker, and those of Mr. Hoggard, wood turner, are totally destroyed. A number of men are engaged on the roof of Messrs. Gregg and Co.'s warehouse, but its safety is becoming every moment more and more precarrious. Mr. P. Martin's premises and stock were insured

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The progress of the fire is now apparently stayed. Every effort has been made to save the premises of Messrs. Gregg and Co., men being busily engaged on the roof in throwing on buckets of water. The wall on the side adjoining the fire is almost red hot, and to add to the difficulty of saving the building, the supply of water from the hose has altogether censed.

At a quarter to five the fire was eventually under, Mr. Gregg's premises being saved ininjured.

SUPREME COURT.-FRIDAY. SITTINGS IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before his Honor Mr. Justice Moore.)
YESTERDAY was held an adjourned sitting in bankruptey. Seven cases were set down for hearing, but they were devoid of public interest, the examinations being confined entirely to matters of account. matters of account.

RE WM. DONALD, NEWTON.
Mr. Macdonald presented the petition of this insolvent. The politioner is in custody. The liabilities were stated at £205 16s 5d, the assets £183 4s 6d. The learned counsel applied for the petitioner's discharge from custody. Application granted. RE JOSEPH PAUL WALKER.

Mr. Beveridge applied for an order of seques-tration in this case. It was stated that the in-solvent had absconded. The Inspector in bank-ruptcy was appointed trustee to the insolvent's RE GEORGE GINGELL.

Mr. Macdonald appeared for the insolvent.
The liabilities were stated as £135 10s., assets, nil. The bankrupt had been a clerk to Mr. J. Hurst, the opposing creditor, to whom the insolvent had formerly stood in the relation

of clerk and manager.

The insolvent was examined at great length, also the opposing creditor, in relation to the manner in which the books were kept. The insolvent received his discharge. HENRY JOHN WADHAM

Mr. Macdonald appeared for the petitioner, Mr. Brookfield appeared for Mr. Vernon the sequestrator, not, as the learned counsel stated, for the purpose of opposing the insolvent, as for examining Mr. David Nathan, who had come into possession of a portion of the estate.

The further hearing of this case was adjourned to the 23rd instant, for the production of books and papers.

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Mr. Wynn asked for an adjournment of this case to the 22nd inst. Application granted.

CHAS. CREASY CLAYWORTH.

This case was adjourned for six months, as it was considered by the creditors the petitioner might at that time be in receipt of moneys to satisfy his debts—in the event of the petitioner giving evidence of his intention to leave the jurisdiction of the Court protection to cease.

The Court adjourned to the 22nd of May.

POLICE COURT.-FRIDAY. (Before Thomas Beckham, Esq., R.M.)

EREACH OF THE IMPOUNDING ACT.

Edward Gouch was charged with this offence,
y allowing a mule to stray about Mount-street.
He pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s, and the

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OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

John Hannigan, pleaded not guilty to a breach of the 48th clause of the 5th section of the Auckland Municipal Police Act, by using obscene language in High-street.

Fined 40s and costs, or in default, 14 days imprisonment with hard labor.

The defendant was in a most lamentable state of physical prostration from intemperance, and was scarcely able to walk without assistance.

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McGuire (alias) Dillon, John and William Shields were charged with having stolen from the store of Samuel Hague Smith, on or about the 28th April, eight hand saws, value, £2 8s.

They pleaded not guilty.

Alexander Black, deposed: I am foreman in Mr. Hague Smith's ironmongery establishment. On Saturday, the 27th, I left the store between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, it was

eight and nine o'clock in the evening, it was hen all safe. On returning on Monday mornthen all safe. On returning on Monday morn-ing, I found that the store door had been opened. pposite the window were a number of parcels opposite the window were a number of parcels of saws. From the apprearance of these parcels, I should think five or six parcels had been taken away. The parcels now produced are similar to those in the store. The saws are valued at 6s 6d each.

John Arneil, a dealer residing in Albert-street,

deposed, the prisoner McGuire came to my house on Monday evening to sell a hand saw. I gave him 3s for it. He came about a quarter of an hour later with another saw. My suspicions were aroused, and I informed Detective Ternahan. There was another man outside, but I cannot swear to him.

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George Akers, proprietor of the Red Lion Hotel, Drake-street, deposed, between 8 and 3 on Tuesday evening the prisoner McGuire came to my house and sold me a saw for 1s. Immemediately after buying it I informed the police. To the prisoner Shields: I did not see you with him.

Detective Robert Ternahan, deposed: from information received I arrested the prisoner McGuire on Wednesday night, and Shields on Thursday morning. I received the saws produced from the witnesses.

The prisoner McGuire made a long statement to the effect that he had seen the other prisoner commit the robbery, and that the latter had offered him some of the property to sell, but that he had virtuously eschewed all connection with the transaction.

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His Worship: What does the other man say? Prisoner Shields: I say it is all false every word he has said.

The prisoner then called Ann Shields (his mother) who deposed: on Saturdaynight the prisoner was in my company. He had his tea and went to bed at 7 o'clock. We all took tea together. We had tea at 8 o'clock, and he went to bed. I sleepup stairs, and my son downstairs. I know he was in bed all night, because I heard him cough at 1 o'clock.

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By the Bench: The prisoner McGuire was at my house between 9 and 10 cclock that night.

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Mr. Commissioner Naughton said both prisoners had been previously convicted of larceny. His Worship ordered each of the prisoners to be imprisoned for 6 months with hard labour.

EMBEZLEMENT.

Jesse Cole charged with embezzling certain sums of money, the property of his employer, Henry J. Wadham, was again brought up on bail, and at the request of Mr. Wynn who appeared for the defence, he was further remanded until Monday next, with enlarged bail.

Messrs. Joy and Macdonald appeared for the prosecution.

This concluded the business.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDEMT.)

May 1.

Character the 25th

THE concert and ball that came off here on the The concert and ball that came off here on the 25th ult. was a complete success, far exceeding the expectations of all who were present. Many persons who held back, thinking the whole thing would be a failure, now deeply regret their timidity, and wish they had not been so silly as to lose the only chance of enjoying themselves for years again, but we all hope such social meetings will be more frequent in future in this very dull district.

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The concert, considering its being the first, was very successful. Amongst a small community like ours there are not in general many who can either sing well or perform up-n any instrument with success, but up n this occasion we were very fortunate in having the assistance of Mrs. Krippner and Mrs. T. Lloyd, who sung with their usual good taste.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT:—Mr. Smyth, (Overture), Concertina; "When the Swallows Homeward Fly," Mrs. Krippner; Pianoforte, Mrs. T. Lloyd; "Fairy Bells," Mrs. T. Lloyd; "Evening before Battle of Waterloo," (Recitation), Mrs. Gerrard; Solo on Concertina, Mrs. Smyth; "Wreath of Roses." Mrs. Krippner; "Queen's Letter," Mrs. T. Lloyd; "Uncle Tom," Miss Sidwell; Song, Mrs. Moss; "Paddy and the Butter," (Recitation), Mrs. Moffit; "Last Rose of Summer," Mrs. Krippner; "Willio we have missed you," Mr. Hatfield; Fixale—"God save the Queen"

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After partaking of refreshments, dancing commenced and was carried on until near daylight, the evening's amusement concluding with Major Cooper proposing a vote of thanks for Mrs. Krippner's kindness in lending hor pianoforts for the occasion; also thanks of all were due to the musicians for their excellent music during the night.

PAPAKURA.

WEDNESDAY.

(Before Charles Mellsop, Esq., R.M.)

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William John Young, of Point Russell, who was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on Monday last for larceny, was brought up to-day, on the information of Constable McCaffrey for arson, when the following evidence was heard before the Court.

Jones Jones, a labourer, stated that between the hours of nine o'clock p.m., of the 18th, and four o'clock a.m. of the 19th of April last, he saw the man shown to him by the constable going below the Point Russell Hotel, where there was three bags of saw dust standing, and two or three empty bags, he took a ti-tree broom that lay there, and placed it up against the bags, and then struck a light and set fire to it. He then went about twenty yards from the place. I saw the fire was like to go out, and he returned a secend time, and the fire immediately brightened up. He (witness) then went towards the place where the fire was, and met prisoner coming from it. He asked him (prisoner) what light was that. Prisoner said he supposed it would be light in some of the bedrooms. He (witness) said that was a strange place for the bedrooms, but he would see; on oxamining it more closely, and seeing the place was in danger he gave the alarm to the inmates, and proceeded to put out the fire, in which he succeeded before it did any other damage than slightly charring the lower side of the flooring. He then went and lay down near by, to watch the place, and soon he saw the prisoner coming back and examining the place, and then walked away.

James Steward, a bushman, sworn, deposed: That on the night of the 18th or morning of the 19th of April last, he saw a man resembling prisoner coming from below the Point Russell Hotel. He saw that fire was burning under the hotel. Saw previous witness put out the fire. Saw the man return in fifteen or twenty minutes after and look at the place and then walk off. To the best of his belief it was the prisoner, but would not swear to him.

The constable then applied for a remand till Monday first, which

portant evidence.

The Insurance Companies concerned have offered \$50 reward, in addition to a further reward by G. G. Walters, proprietor, which no doubt was the cause of the speedy detection of this daring and malicious