

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

Don, 21 tons, Buika, from Auckland, with bonded goods.
Hauraki, 73 tons, Fairguhar, from Auckland, with passengers.
Southern Cross, 139 tons, Holmes, from Napier, with sheep and cattle, and passengers for Auckland.

Commercial.

Evening Star Office,
Monday, November 15.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Amount of Revenue collected at the Port of Thames this day, November 15th, 1875:—

Customs Duties	£ 52 11 1
Steam Navigation Act	6 6 0
Total	£ 58 17 1

THAMES STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following are the quotations of the Thames Stock Exchange at 3 p.m. this day:—

SALES, Caledonian	4 2 0
Do	4 5 0
Red Queen	4 2 2
SELLERS, Caledonian	4 7 6
City of London	1 7 6
Core	0 11 6
Red Queen	0 2 2
Union Beach	4 10 0
BUYERS, Manakia	0 10 0
Union Beach	4 7 6

JOHN H. SALMON, SAMUEL TURNER,
M. HENNELLY, D. R. GELLION,
JOHN FRATER, LOUIS MELHOSE.

TIDE TABLE.

NOVEMBER.	Rises.	Falls.	Morn. Evn.
16-Monday	4.46	6.43	8.7
17-Tuesday	4.46	6.44	8.59
18-Wednesday	4.46	6.45	9.50
19-Thursday	4.46	6.46	10.39
20-Friday	4.43	6.47	11.31
21-Saturday	4.43	6.48	0.30
22-Sunday	4.42	6.49	1.16

Moon's Last Quarter—20th; 0h. 16m. p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

For Auckland, per p.a. Rotterpore to-morrow at 9 a.m.
For Southern Provinces, Australian Colonies, India, China, Mediterranean Ports, Continent of Europe, and United Kingdom (via Suez and Southampton and Brindisi), to-morrow at 9 a.m. (Supplementary mails will be made up, if possible, for these places.)
For Sandwich Islands, United States of America, Canada, British Columbia, Central and South America, British and Foreign West Indies, Continent of Europe, and United Kingdom (via San Francisco), on Thursday, the 18th inst.

ALAN LIVINGSTONE,
Acting Postmaster.

Post Office, Mary-street,
November 15, 1875.

*A Post Office having been established at Newcastle (Tairua), mails will in future leave Puriri for that office every Tuesday and Friday at 7 a.m., departing from Newcastle for Puriri on the same days at 1.30 p.m., and commencing Tuesday, the 16th inst. Mails are forwarded to Puriri from Thames by every available opportunity.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents generally should bear in mind that their letters must be authenticated. They are also requested to write on one side of the paper only. See note at the head of "correspondence."

THE

Evening Star.

PUBLISHED DAILY AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

Reprinted.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1875.

Mr W. B. TOSWILL, in an address to the electors at Corderidge on Saturday evening last, announced that his views, as an advocate of what he hoped to gain their votes, were, that the colony of New Zealand should be divided in twain with separate legislatures and a federal government for purely national affairs. Whether these views were put forward by the party to which Mr Toswill belongs with a desire to test the feelings of a people tired of Provincialism, doubtful of Abolition, and hardly prepared to accept Separation, pure, entire and simple, we of course do not know; they may merely be the private opinions of Mr Toswill, unconnected with a view to gain himself a seat in the House of Assembly, and if so, are but of little moment whether they be successful or not, or they may be another of those "feelings" used by the Opposition to test the feelings of various constituencies before issuing what they so ostentatiously term their programme. If it be this latter it seems hardly necessary to point out that Mr Toswill's ideas, if carried out, would only tend to make confusion worse confounded. At present as we have frequently said, we have for each province two Governments to do the work of one, and so we clamor and pray for Abolition. But by Mr Toswill's scheme, if carried out, we should be worse off still, as we should then have no less than three, viz., one for each province, one for each island, and one for the two islands conjointly to debate on what Mr Toswill terms "national affairs." What these national affairs are, or what will be, or is to be the result if the debaters chosen from each island disagree—as is more than possible they will—when some important to the welfare of either island is debated upon, Mr Toswill does not appear to have said. The idea of multiplying governments by twos and threes where one government is all that is sufficient, if properly worked, to do all necessary work when once started, like Virgil's description of rumour, gets strength as it goes on, and perhaps some other advocate equally ingenious, and desirous of a seat

as Mr Toswill, will outdo that gentleman by proposing four governments instead of three, only in his turn to find himself outdone by another proposing five instead of four and so on—

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em.
These fleas have lesser fleas and so on ad infinitum.

And there is no knowing where this unhealthy hankering after a number of useless petty governments will end. Surely there is nothing so incompatible in the nature of the two islands as to prevent their being governed well and peaceably by one Government, and if one be enough what need is there for more. Prima facie one Government must cost less, and therefore is desirable to this already sufficiently taxed colony than two, and consequently much less than three or four; then what possible need can there be for three or four if one can be made sufficient for all our needs? That it can be made so must be manifest to all who look at the countries of Europe; and the solitary instance where federation is desirable—America—cannot be applied to the case of New Zealand, because the area of land which makes it desirable in that case does not exist in our own. So long as the people will multiply to themselves rulers, who from having nothing to do interfere with each other, so long will they find progress retarded and the proper development of the Colony's resources brought to a stand still. If Mr Toswill's proposition of retaining provinces but separating the islands be acted on, it will simply be perpetuating provincialism with yet another evil in its train.

We would remind all those who feel interested either in amateur theatricals or the Mechanics' Institute that a performance of the former takes place to-night for the benefit of the latter. The "Heir at Law," a well known comedy which for years was exceedingly popular with London playgoers, and is now drawing large houses there nightly, will be performed, with what we believe will prove to be a judicious cast. We trust the funds of the Mechanics' Institute will be substantially benefited.

The usual sitting of the District Court will be held at the Grahams town Court House to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock. There is one case in the bankruptcy jurisdiction, and one civil action.

On Saturday last we were glad to see Captain Hazard, of No. 2, H. R. V., once more on the river, after his enforced inaction, arising from ill health, during the last two years, and we were highly pleased to know that his hand and eye were as good as of yore. Although firing with a strange weapon, viz., medium Snider, he made the following good score:

300 yards 400 yards 500 yards
4244-17 34443-17 4244-16-50

We sincerely trust that Captain Hazard's health is sufficiently restored to enable him to gain a place for the colonial frigate at Wanganui, and that he may there give a good account of himself. In firing for the Cup between members of No. 2, H. R. V., Sergeant Morrison made the score of 37.

PROFESSOR W. Stanley Jevons, in a treatise on scientific method, asserts "that if the whole population of the world, say one hundred thousand millions of persons, were to deal cards day and night for one hundred million of years, they would not have exhausted one hundred thousandth part of the possible deals of a pack of cards."

The anniversary services of St. James' Presbyterian Church were held yesterday. Mr R. Laisley preached in the morning and the Rev. James Hill in the evening. On both occasions the congregation was large. To-night the celebration soiree will be held in St. George's Hall, when after tea, addresses will be delivered by the Revs. Crump, Hinton and Laisley, and musical selections will be given by the choir. The Rev. James Hill will take the chair.

The Mount Ida Chronicle says it is understood that Mr W. H. Reynolds will shortly retire from the Ministry.

MR FRANK WESTON, the "Wizard Oil Prince," announces that he will "dig down" and speak a piece to-morrow night at the Academy of Music. Those who know the character of Mr Weston's entertainments will not need another reminder, and those who don't know and are curious to know may be informed that the charge for admission is nil.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Otago Times writes as follows in reference to the Sniders now being served out to the various corps:—"The name 'Snider' is misapplied with respect to these arms—I can scarcely call them weapons. They are evidently a job lot of old worn-out Enfields, picked up cheap, re-browned, and converted into breech-loaders, called 'Sniders,' and sent to New Zealand, or perhaps converted in the colony. Some have steel, some iron barrels: some date as far back as 1853; others, again, are of more recent origin, and they range from the short Enfield length to the old obsolete pattern of long Enfield. Some corps are armed with the one, and some with the other, and when the next colonial prize firing takes place there will be a lovely row, even if new ones are issued on the ground for that firing alone. To make matters worse, the greater part of these guns, or rifles as the Defence Office is pleased to call them, haven't the ghost of a groove in them—are, in fact, worn out—and for anything like accurate shooting over 200 yards, one might just as well shoot out of a piece of gaspipe. The others have been much used."

YOUNG ladies bent upon having their photographs taken will do well to make sure that the key of the room is within their reach before allowing the operator to leave the room on any pretence whatever. The want of this precautionary proceeding resulted in three young ladies being confined as prisoners in the waiting room of a certain Auckland photographer's studio on Tuesday last, from 10 in the morning until five in the evening, thus completely robbing them of their holiday. The photographer, in his haste to catch the train for the Ellerslie Gardens on Tuesday morning, quite forgot to notice the presence of the girls in the waiting-room, and locked them in. Their endeavours to make good their escape by the window were fruitless, and they were equally unsuccessful by cries and tears in attracting attention from the window

until about five o'clock, when a policeman passing by, guessed from their gestures that some difficulty had occurred, and got a fire ladder sufficiently long to reach to the window, and released them.—Cross.

MR GARLAND, of Southport, describes, in the Pharmaceutical Journal, the method he successfully employed for restoring the legibility of a letter which had been submerged in the wreck of the Schiller, and which was quite illegible until submitted to the process described. The letter was carefully brushed over with a solution of sulphocyanide of potassium (one in 20), and then, still damp, held over a dish containing hot hydrochloric acid. The writing was thus developed of a deep red color. The rationale of the process is this:—"The iron of the ink is precipitated as peroxide upon the fibres of the paper and remains when all other colouring matters are washed away. Being in an insoluble form, however, no effect is produced by the re-agent until the fumes of the acid have rendered it soluble. Probably ferrocyanide of potassium would answer as well as, or better than sulphocyanide."

At a luncheon given to the Victorian Volunteer Commission at Maryborough recently, Colonel Harrington of New Zealand, in responding for the army, stated that he was glad to see that the question of colonial defences had been referred to a Royal Commission. He considered it was a most important matter, and from what he had seen of the Victorian force during his short sojourn in the colony, he thought they would make a good stand if called upon. As an officer who had taken part in the New Zealand disturbances, he took that opportunity of thanking the men of Victoria for the part they had taken in the New Zealand war. He had had 800 men under him in the 1st Waikato Militia, and although they were rough and undisciplined at first, in a very short time he found that he never had a better fighting lot of men under his command.

THE Geelong Advertiser says that a telegraph operator was sadly taken in a few days ago, and caused a deal of amusement amongst the officials in the office in which he is located. For some time previously he had been in the habit of passing jokes, &c., with a lady operator in a distant township, and managing to obtain her name, the friendship was cemented, although the parties were unknown to one another. This state of things continued for some time until one day the lady operator was summoned to be at the door of the office wishing to see the operator who so long kept up so interesting and intimate intercourse by wire. When the young fellow—who had always supposed his female friend to be, as his father painted her, a youthful charmer—viewed her he was thoroughly taken aback, as she was quite old enough to be his mother. Of course, he made himself thoroughly agreeable with her, and referred to the joke they had cracked, and it is needless to add no more messages passed between the two individuals.

EUGENE SUE was at a party of pel esprits who were arguing as to the safest and easiest manner of riding one's self of a mistress when she no longer charmed. All had given their experience when Sue said, "I will tell you how I served a lady who was too faithful to me. She had read one of my most popular novels, and showered upon me invitations and verses. I went to her house, found her very pretty, very amiable, and very much of me. At last I tired of her; the intervals between my visits became longer and longer; but at last I ceased going to her house. Then was my table inundated by billets begging for an explanation of my conduct. I wrote one day, appointing an interview for the next morning at ten o'clock. Shortly before that time I dressed myself in fantastic raiment—red waist coat, white apron, and a feather brush in my hand, Madame was announced. 'M. Sue; is he at home?' 'Yes, madame; but pray speak in a low key.' Madame looked at me, reddened slightly, and said, 'What means this mystery?' 'I implore you, Madame, speak quietly; I would not for worlds have my master know I practised this imposition on you.' Never shall I forget the effect of my words. She looked me over from head to foot with the most freezing contempt, shuddered, and left the room muttering, 'Un valet de chambre.'"

GENTS' CLOTHES, and every description of Dyeing and Cleaning done on the shortest possible notice at the Thames Dyeing Establishment, Corner of Rolleston and Richmond streets.—ADVT.

STAR TELEGRAMS.

PER PRESS AGENCY.

WELLINGTON.

This day.

H. B. Solomon, traveller for a Dunedin firm, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Empire Hotel on a charge of forging and uttering a cheque for £200 10s 3d purporting to be drawn by Andrew Todd, Wanganui, in favor of Nathan and Co. The accused is said to have got the cheque cashed at the Bank of New South Wales, Wanganui. At request of counsel the case was remanded this morning till next Monday.

The Chief Justice gave judgment in the Vice-Admiralty Court this morning in the matter of the recent collision in Cook's Straits between the Young Dick and the Janet Spiers. The Judge ruled that the schooner Young Dick was alone to blame for the collision. Costs allowed; damages to be fixed by arbitration.

In the Divorce Court the decree nisi for dissolution of marriage in the case of Fouks v. Fouks, formerly of Howick, was made absolute, there having been no intervention since the granting of the decree nisi. Mr Stafford represented the petitioner.

ROSS.

This day.

Mr Tribe, M.H.R., addressed a crowded meeting of his constituents. He was most cordially received, and a unanimous vote of confidence was passed in him.

DUNEDIN.

This day.

In consequence of Mr Rich's intended visit to Europe, Mr Dillon Bell has been requisitioned, and has consented to stand

for Waikouaiti. A committee are now taking active steps to secure his return.

Mr James Copeland, brewer, died this morning rather suddenly. He was at one time partner in Marshall and Copeland's firm. His death has caused a general feeling of surprise and regret.

Mr Murray addressed his constituents at Milton. He commented strongly on the action of a portion of the press, but nothing new was said of a political nature.

ENGLISH.

PER FRANCES GERTRUDE.

WESTPORT.

The Frances Gertrude has arrived here from Melbourne, and brings the following news:—

LONDON.

October 30.
The Official Gazette of St. Petersburg discusses the Turkish promises of reform, and declares the Powers must take steps to strengthen confidence and put an end to the unsatisfactory condition of the Christians in Turkey.
The Prince of Wales has embarked from Suez in the steamer Scarpia.
The Duchess of Edinburgh has been delivered of a daughter.
Money is easier. The market is improving. Appropriations of money being dearer is subsiding. The corn market is easy, and wheat supply abundant. Adelaide is neglected. The price is 55s to 56s.
Wool is unchanged, with restricted inquiry.

AUSTRALIAN.

PER FRANCES GERTRUDE, AT WESTPORT.

SYDNEY.

November 1.
The Macgregor arrived at San Francisco on the 27th ult.

A violent hailstorm occurred at Maitland yesterday, causing much damage to the crops and vineyards.

Two children were drowned near Burnside on the same day.

Treewe has been committed for trial on two additional charges of forgery. There are several other charges of a similar nature to be brought against him.

A woman, 94 years old, hanged herself on Saturday at Tinfild.

The contract for the Pacific mail service is not yet completed between the contracting parties.

November 2.
Shipments of frozen fish sent from Mort's works to Victoria on the 6th and 18th instants, were opened on the 26th, and found to be perfectly fresh. The demand is likely to be great.

The Government have offered a reward of £50 for the apprehension of the man who attempted to rob the Orange mail.

Mr McElhone's action for libel against the Stockpile will be heard at the forthcoming sittings of the Supreme Court.

M. Blondin opens here in December.

It is reported that the steamer Cyphreus shortly sails for Hongkong.

A large number of persons yesterday visited the steamer Whampoa. A charge of 1s per head was made.

James Thorpe, commission agent, Sydney, and James Williams, of Wallisend, have filed their schedules.

MELBOURNE.

November 2.
The Ministerial programme will embrace the taxation of various kinds of property, but there is no provision for an income tax.

The charge against Tillerage for aiding an illegal marriage has been dismissed.

Latest betting: Derby; 2 to 1 against Maid-of-all-work, 3 to 1 against Richmond, 10 to 20 to 1 against the others.

For the Cup: 5 to 1 against Imperial, 7 to 1 against Kingsborough, 10 to 1 against Richmond, 12 to 1 against Goldsborough and Kingsford, 16 to 1 against Wollemal and Haricot. Goldsborough is coming into favour after to-day's gallop. He is backed at 10 to 1. Kingsborough is at the same price.

Edward Joseph Murphy, a well-known solicitor, committed suicide on Saturday by poisoning in his office. The cause is at present unknown.

BRISBANE.

November 1.
The Customs revenue of Brisbane for October amounts to £24,863.

ADELAIDE.

November 1.
Othen, a diver, proceeds to the Northern Territory by next steamer to try to recover the gold lost there.

Wheat is firm at 5s 7d.

OPENING OF THE ROWING SEASON.

The rowing season at the Thames was opened on Saturday afternoon by a procession of boats from Shortland to Grahams town wharf. There were in all nine boats started—six gigs, one eight-oared whale boat, one wagner boat, and two pair oars. Three clubs were represented—the Thames Rowing Club, the Naval Club, and the Magenta Club. The procession was to have started at 3.30 p.m., but owing to the delay caused by the absence of members of the Thames Rowing Club, it was half-past four before the boats got away. It was originally intended that the procession should start in single file and continue thus to Grahams town wharf, the Thames Rowing Club leading, and the Naval Club following. On arriving at Grahams town the leading boat was to wave a blue flag, and then the procession was to proceed two abreast as far as the Goods Wharf, then the leading boat was to hoist a blue flag and lay on their oars until the remainder had gone round her and taken up their positions on the starboard side, then all were to proceed in line to the lamp post at Shortland; but owing to the rough sea it was found impossible to carry out this programme, and, on arriving at Grahams town wharf, the leading boat hoisted the blue flag, and as soon as the other boats had taken up their places on the starboard side they all proceeded in line to the lamp post, when the order of procession was broken up and all pulled in with a good spurt to the shore. From the shore the procession presented a pretty appearance, and had the wind not risen, or had the boats started at the advertised time, it would have been a greater success and afforded more pleasure to the spectators at Shortland and Grahams town.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Man drowned in the Kauaeranga This Morning.

Another sad accident, which has resulted in the death of a young man named Winter, occurred this morning. Deceased was in the employ of Mr Hulme, butcher, Shortland, and at half-past seven o'clock was seen on the opposite side of the river with a horse, by Messrs. Donovan and Robson, who were bathing in the Kauaeranga. The tide was then full, and finding that the current became very strong as the tide turned, Messrs. Donovan and Robson came out and commenced dressing. While doing so they heard Winter calling to them to show him the ford. Mr Robson did so, remarking at the same time that he was very foolish not to have crossed ten minutes before, when the tide had not turned. They next saw him ride into the river, but after going half way across, the horse seemed to be getting very tired. Seeing this, they called out to him to let the horse's head go, and tried to get a boat loose which was padlocked. Winter then called to them to "come on" twice, and Mr Robson immediately plunged in to his aid, while Mr Donovan ran lower down the river to get a canoe in case they should all be carried down. Before Mr Robson could get to him, however, Winter sank, and was never seen afterwards. The horse swam ashore and was ridden by Mr Donovan into Shortland. The body was recovered in the course of the morning.

The Inquest.

An inquest on the body of Joseph Winter was held to-day at the Duke of Edinburgh, before Dr. Kilgour, Coroner, and a jury composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Rae (foreman), Warren Packard, Abiet, Nodder, Constant, J. Paul, Franks, G. Thompson, Sharp, Priestley, Denby, and Darrah.
The following witnesses were examined:—Mr Hulme, who deposed that deceased was in his employ and went this morning to work without his seeing him; Mr Donovan who deposed to the facts related above; Mr Robson who corroborated him; and Tupotiki, a Maori who found the body at between 11 and 12 o'clock to-day. The inquiry is still proceeding. Deceased, who is a native of West Croyford, Kent, arrived in this colony about sixteen months ago by the ship James Wishart.

Another Drowning Case.

The Body of a Man found in the Kauaeranga.

Information was given to the police last night that the body of a man was floating in the stream opposite Anderson's farm, about a mile above the booms. This morning Constable Stapleton proceeded to the spot and found the body as reported. It is that of a man from 35 to 40 years of age; about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches in height; fair complexion, whiskers and moustache; dressed in a dark-striped Crimean shirt, with blue serge overshirt, cross-stitched on the back, and dark tweed trousers; laced boots tied with flax. The constable found the body floating face downwards, and the cheek has been grazed apparently by contact with the bottom of the creek or with rocks. The body now lies at the Shortland Police Station for identification, and in order that this may be arrived at, the inquest on the remains will not take place until to-morrow. There are no marks of violence on the body with the exception of the abrasions on the cheek already noticed, and there is but two much reason to fear that the deceased is an unfortunate gum digger—another victim to the dangerous fords of the Kauaeranga River.

RAILWAY FRAUDS.

A rather novel system of robbery on the part of booking clerks in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company has just been accidentally brought to light. It appears that the parties implicated in the fraud are the clerks at the booking office at Birmingham Station and a clerk living at Newbury, Oxford. They had been in the habit of forwarding one of the tickets which had been used, re-dating, and using them again, the proceeds not going to the cash-box of the company. On the first night of the Oxford Races, the Oxford clerk, named Mills, handed a parcel to the guard of a Birmingham train to deliver to the Birmingham clerk, but, having placed it in his basket, he forgot it and took it home. The paper being torn was disclosed to his view, whereupon he went back to the station in search of the clerk, who, however, had gone home. The parcel was then placed in the hands of one of the company's inspectors, and the result was that the clerk was arrested, 45 tickets having been discovered in the parcel. Mills had by this time escaped, but was apprehended on Tuesday evening last at Didcot by a detective officer in the employ of the company, by whom he was at once taken to Birmingham. The other clerk having been apprehended, the pair were brought before the magistrates at Birmingham on Wednesday, but were remanded until Tuesday next, bail, in the case of Mills, being refused.

SELLING A WIFE.—The Sheerness Guardian, of last Saturday, says:—"We are informed that on Wednesday last at the Halfway House, it appears that a man suspected his wife of being unfaithful, and, after a short time, he ascertained that his suspicions were correct. He spoke to the 'more favoured one' upon the subject, and the result was the making of a bargain, in which the husband offered to sell his wife and family and his furniture to the other man for £2. The bargain was struck, the money paid down, and the wife and chattels turned over, the husband shortly afterwards taking his departure from Sheppy by train. We understand the wife expressed herself as perfectly agreeable to the arrangements."

LEGAL AND LOGICAL.—Said the policeman: "Move on!"—said the man: "Can't, I tell you, but you'll find my address in my pocket, and I've paid my police rate and all 't'other rates, so do your duty, will you?"—confounded you!—and see me home!"

QUERY.—When they make an oyster-bed, do they use a seaweed mattress?

Our Navals at Coromandel.

A Coromandel correspondent says:—"Our people were awakened about 6.30 yesterday morning by the roll of a Fifa and Drum Band; and the measured tramp of a large body of men through the lower township, which caused some people to look out of their windows to ascertain who their visitors were. At first it was currently reported the German man-of-war had arrived and half of the ship's company were ashore, but upon going to find them to be a strong detachment of your Naval Brigade, who had come down during the night in their Gun Boat under the command of a smart looking young luff. The officer in command dismissed his detachment opposite the Court House, with a few words of caution, it being Sunday, and that he intended to be under weigh at 11 a.m., and they might make the best of their five hours' stay. The men really looked well in their white summer suits, which I thought looked of the Royal Navy pattern, and as the officer gave his commands it was evident the men were ruled with the requisite discipline. The place was quite lively five minutes afterwards. I was introduced to the commander of the boat, who I immediately recognized as Lieut. Bennett, who some time since visited this place in a much lighter boat belonging to your company. He seemed to much regret he could not take his men to church on account of the tide not allowing him to stay all day. At 11 a.m. the detachment were all on board their boat, which boat seems to be a credit to its builder, the company, and your district. Previous to pushing off the wharf, Mr Bennett remarked the crowd that had followed his men to see them off, and requested me to apologise to our person if he found they had been the cause of taking any of his congregation away, and he hoped next time his Brigade paid us a visit they would be enabled to assist in filling up our church. The boat started off under a press of canvass and a light breeze, and looked very pretty, crowded with the men. I hope they reached the Thames all well, and shall be glad to see them again."

Our Mining Reporter.

LITTLE LIZZIE.

The shareholders, Prescott and Johnson, have again succeeded in unearthing some rich stone while driving on their reef, which they have cut in a new place; 45 lbs stone yielding 20 ozs 19 dwts 10 grs melted gold. A crushing of general stuff will shortly take place.

MARTIN CLAIM.

The shareholders in this claim, recently taken up, adjoining the Little Lizzie, Karaka, have obtained from one of the rich leaders 12 lbs stone, which on crushing gave 2 ozs 2 dwts 13 grs melted gold.

ALBION.

The gold return for this company has been supplemented by 6 ounces 18 dwts, making the total yield 105 ounces 18 dwts gold. For the tonnage crushed this may be considered good.

CITY OF LONDON.

The week's crushing at Bull's battery is about the same as last week. The amount of amalgam weighed on Saturday was 870 ounces.

THE TAIRUA GOLDMINING COMPANY.

A meeting of the directors of the above company was held at the Pacific Hotel on Saturday night. Present—Mr W. B. Jackson, in the chair, and Messrs Howard, Graham, and Ehrenfried. Captain Daldy was elected a director in room of Mr Walter Sully, resigned. A report from Mr J. B. Beeche, mine manager, was read, giving the amount of stuff crushed recently, and stating that he had discharged all hands working at the mine, and wished to be relieved of the management. Mr Beeche's resignation was not accepted. Mr Ehrenfried, then handed in a report, which was read, and in it was detailed the result of a visit he had recently paid to the company's mine at the request of its directors. He found the shaft from which the rich stuff had been taken covered up and secured with timber and nails, being informed that the rich gold had run out. The report commented most unfavorably on the whole management of affairs at the mine, reflecting seriously upon Mr Beeche, and concluded with noticing the good progress made by Mr Somerville in erecting the new battery. The report having been discussed it was decided that Mr J. B. Beeche be discharged. Mr Ehrenfried expressed his belief that under competent management the mine would prove a good payable one. The meeting then adjourned till Thursday next.

CRICKET.

The way was long, the chariot rolled, And Virgil's horse bore down the road,
The other "but picked up the 'Boy,'
And so got first to the Rob Roy.

We don't know whether it is to be attributed to the fact that they had Whitford on board, that the less slow of two slow 'busses arrived at Parawai first. There certainly is something light some about the vigorous Jack which may gladden the mind of horse as well as man, and enable it to go faster; but, as we said, we know not—nor with Darwin so far away, and Mr Seven bound for Auckland—do we see who is to decide the question, "