

**THE TROOPERS' MEMORIAL.**

UNVEILED BY THE GOVERNOR.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

Shortly after noon to-day his Excellency the Governor, Lord Islington, unveiled the memorial fountain which has been erected on Marsland Hill, the fountain, as an inscription on it states, having been erected in memory of the Taranaki men who fell in the South African War, 1899-1902, by the people of the district, in admiration of their patriotism in volunteering to join the Motherland forces on behalf of the Empire.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Captain Shannon, A.D.C., and the Mayor (Mr. G. Tisch) was received, at the dais which was erected by the fountain, by Mr. E. Dockrill (chairman of the Memorial Committee) and other members of the committee. On the dais were several relatives of troopers whose names appear on the memorial. Mr. H. Okey, M.P., was also present. Apologies for absence had been received from Sir Joseph Ward, and from Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P. A guard of honour, 84 strong, was furnished by the Taranaki Rifles and Taranaki Guards, with Captain W. H. Fletcher in command. The battalion staff was represented by Chaplain-Major F. G. Evans, and by Quartermaster Captain Cook. The Garrison Band paraded under Bandmaster Cummins. Between 70 and 80 veterans paraded, under Colonel Ellis. The veterans' muster included the following men who had fought in South Africa:—Sergt. Major Forbes (6th and 10th Contingents), Sergt. Morrin (5th Cont.), Sergt. F. Bowles (East Kent Regt.), Private T. Yeoman (Norfolk Regt.) and Privates T. Richardson and F. Bird (3rd Cont.), A. Lister (5th Cont.), P. C. Gill (Queen's Scarf), and P. Fahey (6th Cont.), and J. Clarke and Geo. Marton (9th Cont.). There were 36 cadets on parade, under Major Sandford and Captain-Adjutant Johnson.

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hope and to anticipate that the sacrifice of the many gallant lives on both sides, both Boer and British, had laid the foundation of a sure and lasting future for both races established and perpetuated in one united people under one government with one king? This memorial would stand not only as a token of past services gallantly rendered, but it would also stand in this conspicuous spot overlooking the town, as an inspiration and an influence to future generations. Each year as the town advanced—and he confidently anticipated a considerable advance for this splendid Dominion—this monument would be there to keep the people to live up to the great traditions that had been built up in this fair land. His Excellency pointed out that local patriotism was recognized elsewhere, and that what interested New Zealand interested the British Empire, and what interested the British Empire interested New Zealand. He dwelt upon the grand ideals of the Empire, the ideals in the service of which those men had laid down their lives, the men whose brave deeds were going to be perpetuated. He ventured to say that it was through and by means of these ideals that New Zealand could be strengthened and the stability of the British Empire maintained and handed on. If so, and he was sure of those who confidently anticipated in those who to-day still mourned the loss of sons or brothers who had fallen in South Africa could console themselves with the belief and knowledge that these brave men did not die in vain.

Amid cheers, his Excellency then unveiled the memorial, after which he inspected with great interest the veterans, the troops, and the cadets.

**THE ATHENIC.**

HER HUMAN FREIGHT.

Per Press Association.

WELLINGTON, Jan. 23.

The Athenic arrived at 4.50 p.m. yesterday bringing 611 passengers, including 50 Sedgwick boys. At one stage of the journey there were 916 passengers on board. Of the New Zealand passengers 158 booked for Wellington, 175 to Auckland, 88 to Lyttelton, 22 to Dunedin, 24 to Bluff, 21 to New Plymouth, and 20 to Timaru. The unbooked passengers number 117, of whom forty-nine are domestic. Twenty-four Irish labourers and eight females came by the vessel, as also did twenty wives rejoining their husbands.

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### NATIONAL DEBT CONVERSION.

LONDON, Jan. 25. The Daily Chronicle states that the British Government will shortly convert part of the National Debt into war bonds as low as £5, for the purpose of attracting small investors.

### THE ARAB REVOLT.

Received Jan. 26, 12.45 p.m.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 25. The Arabs have invested Hodua and ...

### BOXING.

LONDON, Jan. 25. Harry Lewis beat Johnny Summers in the fourth round.

### MURDERER ACQUITTED.

PARIS, Jan. 25. ... who shot dead a man with his wife had run away in September, has been acquitted.

### THE BERON MURDER.

#### A WOMAN'S EVIDENCE.

Electric Telegraph.—Copyright. LONDON, Jan. 25. An inquiry into the Beron murder, ... Morrison's lover, gave evidence that she saw Morrison wearing a five-pound piece as a pendant attached to his watch-chain. ... prisoner in court vehemently denies, and alleged that her evidence is the result of jealousy. He asks: "Do you know you are taking my evidence showed that Beron was wearing a five-pound piece."

### MEXICO.

#### HER REBEL VICTORIES.

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#### ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Per Press Association.

#### WAIHI, Jan.

A young girl in service in a house took a dose of laud, and in consequence is now in the hospital in a precarious condition.

#### KILLED BY A TRAIN.

#### WELLINGTON, Jan.

Horatio M. Lyon, aged sixty, one of Wellington's best known citizens met his death in a tragic manner this afternoon. He had been attending races at Trentham, and left the city to return to the city by an early train. Lyon was crossing the line to reach the platform on the other side, and, as he was short-sighted, did not notice the train was approaching. He was struck by the incoming train, and propped out to pieces. His body was only saved from being crushed by the use of jacks, and it was then found to be horribly mutilated, showing that death must have been instantaneous. The deceased was for many years secretary of the Wellington Race Club, in which capacity he was well known. He was five years secretary of the Wellington Harbour Board. The last few years, until his retirement from the position recently, Mr. Lyon was secretary of the Fire Underwriters Association.

#### A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

#### WHANGAREI, Jan. 25.

On Monday night Norman Kiell, aged 26, of Hikurangi, left a note in his bedroom that he had gone to the doctor, that he was very ill, and would be back as soon as possible. Kiell had not returned yesterday, and further search disclosed another note as follows:—"Life has not been a success in this world and hope for a better time in the next. Good-bye everybody." Search for the missing man being made by the police.

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#### GREYMOUTH, Jan. 25.

Chas. Fineran, caretaker at Waltham School, Christchurch, attempted suicide yesterday by cutting his throat in four places with a razor. He is in hospital in a critical condition.

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### FURTHER REBEL VICTORIES.

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.  
The insurgents have captured the town of Alamos. It is rumoured that the State of Coahuila, the centre of the insurrection, will secede from the Republic and form an independent State. Twenty men were killed in an engagement at Galanes, where the insurgents were defeated.

### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

#### ANOTHER ADVANCE.

Electric Telegraph.—Copyright.  
PERTH, Jan. 25.  
London advises that the Government has projected a wireless station near Point Barrow. This, with the stations on the West Island and at Fremantle will keep our steamers in touch with the land throughout the whole of the voyage from Colton to Fremantle.

### NEGROES IN CANADA.

#### WHITES MAKE OBJECTION.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 25.  
There has been a large influx of negroes to Alberta and Edmonton, and the Board of Trade is approaching the Department of the Interior, complaining that white settlers are deterred from settling owing to the objection to negroes' presence.

An all-attended social was held in Okato on Wednesday evening in connection with the Roman Catholic Church, the object being to raise funds for repairs, etc., to the local school. Everything passed off to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Webster Bros. will sell 750 assorted fruits from Nelson, and Hawke's Bay to-morrow.

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### OKATO.

#### (From Our Own Correspondent)

Jan. 26.—The following tenders received by the Okato Road Board for earthwork and metalling the Hampton and Perth Roads:

Hampton Road.—J. C. Montefiore, earthwork £355, new metal 6s 6d per yard; T. and R. Parkins, earthwork £255, old metal £1 15s per chain, metal 5s 11d per yard; Vickery and Hickey, £325 15s, 12s, and 6s 3d; C. Vincent, £470 16s 4d, 16s 4d, 5s 11d; Caddy and Hurlstone, £43, and 9s 9d; Julian and Day, lump sum, £1108 2s 8d. The tenders were accepted by Messrs. T. and R. Parkins.

Perth Road.—J. C. Montefiore, earthwork £173 16s, metal 6s 6d per yard; T. and R. Parkins, £111 and 6s; Vickery and Hickey, £130 and 6s; W. A. Thomas, £130 and 6s 9d; A. Vincent, £236 13s 4d and 6s 7d; Julian and Day, lump sum, £916 18s. Messrs. Vickery and Hickey's tender was accepted, T. and R. Parkins not being able to complete both contracts in time specified.

Arrangements are being made for a day school picnic to be held on February 3. An energetic ladies' committee is being formed, who will be sure to see things in first-class order.

The drop of a halfpenny per pound in the price of baconers came as a surprise to most pig farmers. Freezing pigs for the Home markets cannot be turning out as well as predicted, as the export companies were the first to reduce the buying price. However, 3d per pound at Okato is a fair price for those who rear their own pigs.

### THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

This is the time of the year when you catch cold the easiest. Take a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and be prepared to stop any cough or cold at once. Every bottle is guaranteed to give results.—Sold by all dealers in medicines.