

- Builders and Contractors*—T. Freeland, J. and W. Avery, Boyce and Pugh.  
*Boat Builders*—J. Walker, W. Crowther.  
*Blacksmiths*—T. Maxted, C. Blizzard.  
*Bricklayers*—T. Bright, E. Renwick.  
*Boot and Shoemakers*—F. Heberley, W. H. Tompkins.  
*Butchers*—D. M'Cormack, Webster and Boon, H. Cuthbertson.  
*Bakers*—W. Sellar.  
*Brickmaker*— — Entwistle.  
*Building Society*—T. Downes, Secretary.  
*Bankers*—Bank of New Zealand, J. T. Warren, Manager.  
*Cabinet Maker*—T. Freeland.  
*Carters*—T. Taylor, T. Freeland, N. Bragg, H. Bonnington.  
*Custom House Agent*—A. Beauchamp.  
*Cricketer Club*— — Cawte, Secretary.  
*Coach Proprietor*— — Bitson, Picton and Blenheim, — Lewis, C. H. Morgan.  
*Innkeepers*—J. L. Moore; W. Crowther, George Hotel; J. L. Neave, Ship Inn; G. James, Tasmanian Hotel; H. Bonnington, Riflemans' Arms.  
*Literary Institute*—T. S. Baillin, Secretary.  
*Livery Stable Keeper*—C. H. Morgan.  
*Merchants*—Beauchamp, McBeth & Co.  
*Marlborough Volunteer Rangers*—Picton Sub-division, T. S. Baillin, Ensign; S. Harris, Drill Instructor.  
*Newspaper*—The "Marlborough Press."  
*Officiating Minister*—Rev. H. Butt, Church of England.  
*Odd-Fellows' Lodge*—"Loyal Picton Lodge," T. Avery, Secretary; T. Freeland, Treasurer.  
*Printers*—Coward and Millington.  
*Painter and Glazier*—T. Bartlett.  
*Private Boarding House*—Mrs. Dunn, T. Price.  
*Surveyors*—J. Green, J. O. Western, J. W. G. Beauchamp.  
*Saw Mills*—Duncan, Dalton & Co.  
*Schoolmaster*—Mr Williams.  
*Schoolmistress*—Miss Goodman.  
*Storekeepers*—Mrs. Fuller, B. Norden, Mrs. Gilchrist.  
*Surgeons*—J. Kilgour, D. Tripe.  
*Turner*—W. Avery.  
*Tailors*—A. Vaughan, W. Ellis.  
*Wheewrights*—W. Overend, — M'Alister, — Hill.

## SOUTHLAND.

## NARRATIVE OF EVENTS.

THE hopeful sentiments entertained in reference to the future of this Province at the date of our last publication have been fully realised by the events that have transpired during the past twelve months. Within that period a complete revolution has been wrought within our borders, until, at the present day, we have advanced from a comparatively obscure, though promising province, to a colonial importance and commercial position, such as could only have been reached in such a short space of time by the exercise of an energetic public enterprise brought to bear upon superior natural advantages. That Southland does possess such advantages remains no longer to be doubted. Its geographical bearing on the one hand places it in the most advantageous position for commanding the trade of the principal produce markets of the Southern hemisphere, while on the other hand its well sheltered ports and harbours afford the shortest and easiest mode of access to the richest gold-fields in the colony. At the same time, its capabilities as a pastoral and agricultural district afford one of the surest guarantees that the advance it has already made will remain permanent, and not, to any very great extent, be affected by the fluctuations always more or less attendant upon a gold-field neighbourhood. That these advantages have not been lost sight of, will best appear from the following figures, compiled from the Customs returns for the port of Invercargill, for the period above alluded to.

For the quarter of the year ending 31st December last, the imports amounted to £52,521, and the duty £3,940; the quarter following, they had increased to £124,016 of imports, and £11,391 of duty. The next quarter they were, imports £206,002, and duty £15,606; and during the last quarter, imports £184,053, and duty £13,551, making a total, for the twelve months ending 30th September last, of £566,592 of imports, and £44,488 of duty. The exports for the same period were £152 for the first quarter, £31,170 for the second, £33,075 for the third, and £1,942 for the last, being a total of £48,339 for the twelve months; and this almost wholly arising from wool and gold.

In estimating the trade of the Province, it should be kept in mind that these figures apply exclusively to the one port of Invercargill, and that while a very fair proportion of the trade has gone by way of the Bluff and Riverton, the returns from neither of these ports are included, so that the above returns can only be viewed as furnishing an approximate to the total.

During the year ending 30th September last, the territorial revenue was as follows:—Land sales, £52,000; gross revenue, £140,000. The total expenditure was £144,000, out of which sum £20,194 was expended up to the 30th of June last in the making and forming of roads alone. And there are still a number of extensive public works on hand, the most noticeable of which is the line of railway between Campbelltown (at the Bluff harbour) and Invercargill, to defray the expense of which a loan of £140,000 was passed at a late session of the Provincial Council, and which has since been assented to by the General Government. The contracts for this work, together with the construction of jetties at the Bluff and Mokemoko, have been taken up, and they are at present in active operation. It is also intended to continue the railway from Invercargill to the Winton district, thus immediately connecting Invercargill with the Wakatip, and other Southland Border gold-fields. A bill to carry out this measure has been passed by the Provincial Council in the present (the fifth) session.