

- 5th.—The Town Hall, Christchurch, thrown open as a Corn Exchange. Military Funeral of Sergt.-Major Darby, of the Volunteer Cavalry.
- 7th.—Distribution of Prizes to the Volunteers, by the Rifle Association, in Latimer Square.
- 9th.—Polling for City Councillors at Christchurch.
- 14th.—His Excellency the Governor arrived in Canterbury. Christchurch Illuminated in honour of the Governor's visit.
- 15th.—The Christchurch Races commenced.
- 16th.—The Provincial Council gave a Ball in the Council Chamber.
- 18th.—His Excellency the Governor held a Levée in the Provincial Council Chamber.
- 24th.—The Ladies' Bazaar opened at Lyttelton.
- 25th.—The Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Burns was celebrated by Public Dinners at the Town Hall, Christchurch, and the Queen's Hotel, Lyttelton.
- 31st.—A Dinner was given to Mr. Thomas Cass, the Chief Surveyor of Canterbury, on the occasion of his temporary departure from the Colony.

## FEBRUARY.

- 1st.—School Treat in Hagley Park Cricket Ground to the Sunday Scholars attending St. Michael's and St. Luke's Schools. A Horticultural Exhibition in the Government Domain in honour of the Governor's visit. Mr. J. E. FitzGerald appointed Comptroller of the Public Accounts of the Colony.
- 2nd.—The Governor gave a Treat to the Children of the Miners employed in the Tunnel.
- 4th.—The Governor visited the Theatre Royal, Christchurch.
- 6th.—The Governor visited Timaru.
- 7th.—First day of the Inter-provincial Cricket Match between Otago and Canterbury, being the Fourth Match of the series and the Second in Canterbury.
- 8th.—A Grand Review of the Volunteers by His Excellency the Governor took place in Hagley Park.
- 9th.—The Governor visited Kaiapoi.
- 11th.—The Governor inspected the College and High School, Christchurch. Nomination of Candidates to represent Christchurch in the General Assembly. Rifle Match between No. 8 Company, C.R.V., and the seamen of H.M.s.s. Brisk.
- 12th.—Tea Meeting in commemoration of the Third Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregational Church in Canterbury. First Annual Meeting of the Canterbury Freehold Land Society. The Governor visited the Orphan Asylum, Christchurch.
- 13th.—Competition of Volunteers at Hillsborough for the Cup given by Mr. Luck, Chairman of the City Council. Election of Mr. Travers to represent Christchurch in the Assembly, in the stead of Mr. FitzGerald, resigned.
- 25th.—Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Christchurch Town Hall Company. Public Meeting at Kaiapoi for the establishment of a New Cemetery.
- 27th.—Second Annual Exhibition of the Akaroa Horticultural Society.

## MARCH.

- 1st.—Annual Meeting of the Church Property Trustees.
- 6th.—Soirée of the Canterbury Freehold Land Society, in celebration of its First Anniversary.
- 7th.—Dinner given to Mr. Travers, in Christchurch, by his political friends. The last Horticultural Show of the season in Christchurch.
- 11th.—Election of Mr. Wm. Reeves to represent the Avon district in the Assembly. Public Meeting at Lyttelton, to consider the choice of a Site for the Custom-house.
- 16th.—Opening of the Greymouth and Saltwater Creek Tramway, by his Honor the Superintendent.

- 18th.—Greymouth Races commenced.
- 19th.—Farewell Dinner to Mr. Luck, of Christchurch, on his return to England.
- 23rd.—Capture of a large shark in Lyttelton Harbour.
- 25th.—Meeting of the Shareholders of the Mechanics' Institute, to consider a Proposition by the Government for redeeming the Shares.

## APRIL.

- 1st.—Opening of the New Zealand Post-office Savings Bank.
- 3rd.—The Godley Statue at Christchurch placed on its Pedestal. Annual Dinner of the Christchurch Horticultural Society. The Roman Catholics of Christchurch presented Testimonials to Mr. and Mrs. Weld, on their return to England.
- 4th.—Farewell Dinner to Mr. FitzGerald, on the occasion of his Departure to Wellington.
- 6th.—Great Fire in Colombo street, Christchurch, in the rear of the buildings between Armagh and Gloucester streets. Between £4000 and £5000 worth of property destroyed.
- 12th.—Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society of Christchurch.
- 22nd.—The Second Prize Meeting of the Canterbury Rifle Association commenced.
- 26th.—Farewell Dinner, given by No. 1 Company C.R.V., to Captain Crosbie Ward, on the occasion of his leaving the Province for England.
- 29th.—A Public Dinner given to Mr. Crosbie Ward, at the Town Hall, on the occasion of his return to England.

## MAY.

- 1st.—Bazaar at the Town Hall, Christchurch, in aid of St. Luke's Parsonage Fund.
- 5th.—The Canterbury Freehold Land Society balloted for Allotments.
- 7th.—Annual Meeting of the Acclimatization Society.
- 13th.—The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Canterbury Auxiliary Bible Society.
- 16th.—Formation of the Christchurch Brewing, Maltng, and Distilling Company. The First Public Meeting held at Kaiapoi on the subject of Exporting Grain.
- 21st.—Firing for the Champion Medal given by the General Government to the Volunteers of Canterbury.
- 23rd.—Opening of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch.
- 24th.—The Queen's Birthday. Distribution of Prizes by the Canterbury Rifle Association.
- 25th.—Military Funeral of Captain Fuller at Rangiora.
- 29th.—A Passage was effected through the Moorhouse Tunnel from one extremity to the other.
- 31st.—Death of Mr. H. J. Cridland, one of the earliest Settlers in Canterbury.

## JUNE.

- 7th.—The Second Session of the Fourth Provincial Council was opened.
- 10th.—The Moorhouse Tunnel Illuminated and thrown open to the public.
- 13th.—Death of Mr. John Bealey, brother of the late Superintendent of Canterbury.
- 19th.—The Diocesan Synod met for the dispatch of business. Destruction by fire of the Telegraph Printing Office, Christchurch.
- 20th.—Formation of the Kaiapoi Land, Building, and Investment Society.
- 23rd.—A very destructive fire in Colombo street, between Hereford and Cashel streets.
- 25th.—The Annual Meeting of the Canterbury Bush Mission, held in Christchurch.
- 26th.—Annual Meeting of the Members of the Christchurch Mechanics' Institute.
- 28th.—The Papanui Steeplechase came off. Annual Meeting of the Kaiapoi Mechanics Institute.
- 29th.—A Banquet given to his Honor the Superintendent in the Tunnel, by the miners.