

During the year three prominent public men have withdrawn from active participation in politics. The names of Messrs. Weld, FitzGerald, and Ward are inseparably connected with the history, progress, and legislation of the colony. To the first New Zealand owes the assertion and maintenance of the great principle of self-reliance, at a time when long-continued Imperial interference had reduced her to the greatest straits; to the third, the establishment of the Panama service; and to all three, the example of a high-minded devotion to the public service.

One of the events of the year which cannot be passed over in silence is the erection and inauguration of the Godley Statue. This is the first, and as yet the only public statue in New Zealand, and the Province of Canterbury has fitly preserved the memory of a good colonist and devoted public servant.

THE ROYAL FAMILY.

QUEEN (Alexandrina) Victoria, born May 24, 1819; proclaimed June 21, 1837; crowned June 28, 1838; married February 10, 1840, to her cousin, Field-Marshal His Royal Highness Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel, Duke of Saxe, Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K.T.G.C.B., born August 26, 1819; died December 14, 1861.

Issue: Victoria Adelaide Mary Louisa, Princess Royal, born November 21, 1840; married January 25, 1858, to Prince Frederick William, of Prussia. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales and Earl of Dublin, born November 9, 1841; married March 10, 1863, to Princess Alexandra, of Denmark. Alice Maud Mary, born April 25, 1843; married July 1, 1862, to Prince Frederick William Louis, of Hesse. Alfred Ernest Albert, born August 6, 1844. Helena Augusta Victoria, born May 25, 1846; married, Prince Christian. Louisa Carolina Alberta, born March 18, 1848. Arthur Patrick William Albert, born May 1, 1850. Leopold George Duncan Albert, born April 7, 1853. Beatrice Mary Victoria Feodore, born April 14, 1857.

POST OFFICE CANTERBURY.

TABLE OF ARRIVAL AND DESPATCH OF LOCAL MAILS.

Miles from Ch. church.	Miles from Lyttelton.	Service.	Mails close at Christchurch.	Mails close at Lyttelton.	Arrive at Post Town.	Close at Post Town.	Arrive at Lyttelton.	Arrive at Christchurch.
38	30	Akaroa	1 p m M W S a m S	8 a m T Th, 10.30 a m S	4 p m T Th, 6 p m S	8 a m T Th S	4.30 p m T Th, 6 p m S	6.10.30 a m M W F
4	10	Addington	10.30 a m T Th S	8 a m T Th S	11 a m T Th S	10 a m T Th S	3.30 p m T Th S	10.30 a m T Th S
55	63	Ashburton	6 p m M W F	1 p m M W F	11 a m T Th S	13.30 p m M W F	10.30 a m T Th S	7 p m M W F
88	96	Ashburton Forks	6 p m M	1 p m M	5 p m T	5 p m T	10.30 a m S	7 p m F
87	95	Bealey	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	6.30 a m W S	3 p m T F	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
120	128	Blake's Camp	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	12 noon W S	10.30 a m T F	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
123	201	Coal Track	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	7.30 a m T F	3 p m W S	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
76	84	Cass River	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	6 p m T F	10 p m T F	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
31	23	Duvauchelle's Bay	1 p m M W, 8 a m S	8 a m T Th, 10.30 a m S	3 p m T Th, 4 p m S	10 a m T Th S	4.30 p m T Th, 6 p m S	6.10.30 a m M W F
3	51	Fenny Road	8 a m, 1 p m daily	8 a m, 1 p m daily	8.45 a m, 1.45 p m dy	10 a m, 3 p m daily	10.30 a m, 3.20 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy
24	42	Maivern	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	10 a m T F	12.30 noon W S	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
172	178	Grey mouth *	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	4 p m M Th	3 a m M, 4 p m W S	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
33	25	German Bay	1 p m M W, 8 a m S	1 p m M Th, 10.30 a m S	4 p m T Th, 5.30 p m S	9 a m T Th S	4.30 p m T Th, 6 p m S	6.10.30 a m M W F
151	159	Hokitika *	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	8 p m W S	5 p m M Th	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
66	64	Hurunu	8 a m M	1 p m S	6 p m M	9 a m Th	10.30 a m F	4.30 p m Th
101	108	Hawkeswood †	8 a m M	1 p m S	5.30 p m T	8 a m W	10.30 a m F	4.30 p m Th
4	4	Heathcote Station	8 a m, 1 p m daily	8 a m, 1 p m daily	9 a m, 2 p m daily	9.30 a m, 2.30 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy
9	3	Heathcote Valley	8 a m, 1 p m daily	8 a m, 1 p m daily	9 a m, 2 p m daily	9.30 a m, 2.30 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy
16	8	Head of the Bay	8 a m S	10.30 a m S	9.20 a m, 2.20 p m dy	7 a m S	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy
12	20	Kaapoi *	8 a m daily	1 p m daily	5 p m S	2.30 p m daily	10.30 a m daily	4.30 p m daily
25	33	Kowai	8 a m daily	1 p m daily	10.30 a m daily	1 p m daily	10.30 a m daily	4.30 p m daily
40	48	Kowai Pass	6 p m M Th	1 p m M Th	12.45 p m daily	11 a m W S	10.30 a m M Th	6 p m W S
27	35	Leeston	11.15 a m, T S	1 p m M Th	10 a m T F	8 a m F M	10.30 a m T S	6.30 p m, M F
8	8	Lyttelton *	8 a m, 1 p m daily	8 a m T S	4 p m T S	8 a m, 1 p m daily	10.30 a m T S	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy
30	22	Little Akaloa	8 a m T	8 a m T	10.30 a m, 3.30 p m dy	8 a m, 1 p m daily	4.30 p m T	10.30 a m W
46	38	Le Bon's Bay	1 p m M	8 a m T	6 p m T	10 p m M	4.30 p m T	10.30 a m F
28	36	Moeraki Downs	8 a m T F	1 p m M Th	6 p m T F	10.30 a m W S	10.30 a m T	4.30 p m W S
158	166	Oamaru * †	6 p m M W F	1 p m M W F	6.30 p m M W F	8 a m T Th S	10.30 a m T Th S	7 p m M W F

NOTE.—Letters are delivered twice a day at Christchurch and Lyttelton. \* Money Order Offices. † These Offices are in the Province of Nelson. ‡ This Office is in the Province of Otago.