

The ringing was kept up all through the afternoon. Shops and other business houses closed at once, and immense crowds gathered in the streets. Flags were displayed at all points, and the crowds cheered themselves hoarse. In the afternoon the Garrison Band and the military, the friendly societies, cyclists and citizens formed a procession. The procession was over a mile long, and after parading the principal streets the crowd massed in front of the post office.

Patriotic speeches were made from a window by the Mayor (Mr. John Hole), Archdeacon Harper, Commandant Laing Meason (who made special reference to the women at Mafeking), Mr. Kent, the Rev. W. Gillies, Mr. R. C. Tennent and the Rev. J. N. Buttle, each taking a different view of the subject. The crowd cheered enthusiastically, especially at every reference to Colonel Baden-Powell and the Queen.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND SPEECHES.

At night there was a great torchlight procession. More speeches were made, and the reading of a telegram from Mr. Ward led to great applause. A huge bonfire was lit, and there was a splendid display of fireworks. Never before was such a happy and magnificent celebration seen here.

The demonstration in connection with the relief of Mafeking began at 3 o'clock in the morning at Omaru, when the "Times" hands rang the bells. In a few minutes six railway engines which were drawn up in line had their whistle valves opened and were shrieking, while every other whistle and bell in the town joined in chorus. No other public demonstration was made till the official news was received, when the towns-people gave up business and went in for jubilation. At night there was a great torchlight procession, the town being illuminated.

On news arriving at Dunedin confirming the report of the statement that Mafeking had been relieved, a large crowd assembled at the Town Hall, where the Mayor gave a brief address. In view of this fine demonstration—over which the people were now self-complacent—no further steps were taken to