

**WILL CALL AT AUCKLAND.**

**A Third Vessel to Be Added to the  
Canadian Australasian  
Fleet,**

**So That New Zealand May Be In-  
cluded in the New  
Route.**

From the Australian papers received by the Warrimoo it is learned that the New Zealand government has expressed a desire to participate in the advantages of the Canadian-Australasian mail steamer service and has made a proposition in this direction, offering a liberal subsidy in the event of a third steamer being placed with the Mowlem and Warrimoo on the route, and Anokla

being included in the ports of call. The Sydney Morning Herald notes that Mr. Huddart had some time ago offered to add a third vessel to his Canadian fleet whenever New Zealand would come forward with a subsidy and look after the

thursday, and looks upon the acceptance of the proposition as assured To call at Auckland will make each voyage of the ships about four days longer should they, as it is understood they will, continue to visit Suva, Fiji. The route under the new arrangement will be from Sydney to Auckland direct, thence to Suva, from there to Honolulu, and thence to Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. J. F. Hogan, M.P., who is secretary to the Colonial party in the Imperial House of Commons, was a passenger by the Warimoo from Sydney. The hon. gentleman has been revisiting his friends in the colony of Victoria who gave him a very hearty reception.

Among the bodies that entertained him were the Celtic Club and the Australian Institute of Journalists. To the latter he lectured on "Impressions and Experiences of the London Press." He also spoke at several federation meetings, and delivered a series of lectures on Irish subjects. Mr.

Hogan is proceeding home to London and will spend several days in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal before taking steamer from New York.

Mr. Robert M. Johnstone, the Tasmanian Registrar-General (Hobar), has issued the population statistics of that colony for 1894

The population on the 31st December was 157,457, an increase of 3,033 on the previous year. The births numbered 4 855, and the deaths 1,940; decreases of 361 and 131 respectively on the year 1893. The immigration figures were 1,709; and the emigration 16 801, being decreases of 1 000 and 2 008 respectively on the year 1893.

Mr. Carruthers, the New South Wales minister for lands, who recently visited the Pitt Town and Wilberforce village settlements, is thoroughly satisfied that at neither place is the soil suitable for settlement, and

that there are no prospects of the settlements becoming self-supporting. He now intends giving the experiment of labor settlements another trial under more favorable circumstances. Preliminary steps have been taken by the government of the same colony to create a department of Industry, among

the duties of which will be the promotion of the export trade of the colony. The South Australian government has appointed a Royal commission to report upon the little known "Northern territory," in respect to the future development of its resources, while from the West comes the good news

The Minister for Mines and Agriculture proposes to convene a conference of delegates from the various agricultural societies of New South Wales to meet on the 13th Feb-

February in Sydney. The Minister will preside and the delegates will be invited to discuss the present state of agriculture, the steps advisable to be taken to improve it; the question of irrigation; uses of experimental farms; means by which agricultural societies may co-operate with and assist the

department of agriculture; noxious weeds and legislative and other means of getting rid of them; the dairy industry, its prospects, and the best means of advancing it; the establishment of a farmers' institute for the advancement of knowledge of agriculture; growing new crops more suitable for

the various districts and for commercial purposes; improved methods of packing, transport, and market accommodation for agricultural products. The conference will also be asked to consider the question of appointing a small representative committee

to advise and assist in developing the agricultural resources of the colony, and building up the export trade.

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**ACTIVITY AT THE DRILL HALL.**

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Drill is proceeding with more than usual activity at the drill hall.

activity in anticipation of the approaching inspection of the garrison artillery. No. 3 company drilled last night under Lieut. Gregory's instruction, No. 1 company meet to-night and No. 2 to-morrow night, these being the regular weekly drills, but on their

By the last Militia General Orders the officers of the B.C.B.G.A. who took the

Three months' course recently held here have been confirmed in their ranks from 22nd December, 1894, as follows: Lieutenants A. G. Sargison; Second Lieutenants F. B. Gregory, D. B. McConnan, W. A. Jameson, R. Ross, Monroe and J. P. Hibben. The promotions in rank

will not be made until after the additional month's instruction for officers which is to be commenced shortly. The average percentage of marks obtained by the officers, who have received first class short course grade B certificates, was as follows:

86 4, Sargison 85 1, McConnan 83 8, Hibben  
 80 2, Jameson 76 5.  
 The non-commissioned officers who obtained  
 first class short grade course B certificates  
 and the following average percentages:—  
 Gr. J. Cartmel 82 5, Br. A. P. Mof.

att 821, Gr. W. C. Smith 805,  
Gr. D. G. Kurtz 805, Gr. R. W. Nevin  
78 8, Sgt. W. McConnan 78 8, Gr. E. C. Bour  
78 1, Corp. J. Turner 78, Br. F. M. Russell  
77 1, Gr. A. McLean 77 1, Gr. R. Johnston  
76 5, Corp. A. J. Thomas 76 2 Gr. Wm.  
Russell 75 5, Gr. W. C. Lotties 73 5 Gr. R.

W. O. Savage 733, Gr. W. J. Finlayson  
713, Sgt. W. J. Twiss 70, Gr. E Brammer  
0. The following were the percentages of  
those obtaining second class short course  
grade B certificates: Gr. J. A. Martineau  
82, Gr. H. Jennings, 878, Corp. J. B.  
Northcott 668, Gr. A. N. 82, Gr. W. J.

Yates 65 7, Gr. T. P. Patton 65 1, Gr. F. Galley 64 5, Br. S. H. Howell 64 1, Gr. A. Macdonald 63 3, Gr. J. L. White 59 4, Br. H. B. Bonner 59 2.

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CHATHAM, Feb. 12.—George Dean col.

red, has been sentenced to three years at the Kingston penitentiary for larceny. When his mother heard the sentence she tried to throw herself out of an upper window.