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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EARLY HISTORY OF NEW ZEALAND

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2.—Edendale dairy factory commenced.

4.—Extensive fire at Dee St., Invercargill, destroying about £85,000 worth of property.

16.—Report on Silverstream water supply, by Mr. W. A. Blair, published.

15, 16.—Cricket. All England *v.* Oamaru Twenty-two. Oamaru, 57, 60 = 117. All England, 146.

19.—Libel case. Massey *v.* Allan. Claim, £2000, and £3000 special damage for loss of situation as Town Clerk. Verdict, £5.

23.—Large fire at Queenstown. 10 buildings destroyed. Value of property destroyed, £3000. Philip Waldemar arrested on suspicion of arson.

26.—Arrival of steam dredge No. 222 from Greenock (Sept. 24).

FEBRUARY.

11.—Foundation stone laid of St. Peter's Church, Caversham.

18.—Foundation stone laid of North East Valley public school, to hold 500 pupils.

21.—Mr. Adam Gibson appointed Town Clerk in room of Mr. Massey, dispensed with.

23.—Dunedin Cup: Lady Emma, 1; Libeller, 2; Chancellor, 3.

27, 28.—Sale of licences of 170 Otago runs, comprising more than one and a half million acres.

MARCH.

21.—Dinner to Dr. Hocken on his departure for Europe.

Erection of Shacklock's premises, Crawford St.

APRIL.

4.—Return of Bishop Moran from Rome.

21.—Jury found Hitchcock guilty of publishing a defamatory libel on Mr. Quin, Master of Benevolent Institution.

30.—Lyceum Hall, Dowling St., opened.

MAY.

19.—Erection of Exchange Building, Liverpool St.

30.—Murder at Miller's Flat. Inquest on body of Ruggiero. Jury found John Francis Kitto guilty of wilful murder.

JUNE.

2.—Launch at Port Chalmers of the U.S.S. Co.'s s.s. *Waihi*.

Opening of Alexandra Bridge over Molyneux.

14.—Eighteen Southland runs sold for ten years at Invercargill.

22.—Clutha River in high flood.

26.—Official inquiry into management of Benevolent Institution, before Dr. Giles and Mr. Caleb Whitefoord, and Commissioners.

30.—Fatal fire in Cumberland Street; three lives lost: Susan (11), Sydney (8), and Edith (6), Kitchen, children of Capt. Kitchen.

JULY.

12.—Verdict of wilful murder at inquest on Sarah Beattie, or Adams, by some person unknown on June 7th.

13.—Gas Committee of City Council recommended dismissal of Mr. Genever, gas engineer. Council accepted recommendation.

Meeting for formation of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Office bearers: President, Mr. Justice Williams; Vice-Presidents, Hon. T. Dick and Mr. E. B. Cargill; Hon. Sec., Mr. E. E. C. Quick.

News to hand of arrival in London of first shipment of 5000 frozen sheep per ship *Dunedin*, after 98 days' voyage.

26. —Report published of Commission of inquiry into working of Benevolent Institution exonerating Mr. Quin of charges brought against him.

30.—Heavy floods in Otago.

AUGUST.

2.—Formal testing of refrigerating machinery at Burnside.

16.—Capping ceremony, Otago University. Graduates: A. R. Fitchett, M.A., Alex. Montgomery, M.A., T. C. Farnie, B.A., J. H. Jeffcoat, B.A., Alex. Purdie, B.A., J. W. Salmond, B.A.

28.—Completion of Caversham gas-works, Mr. Stephen Hutchinson, contractor.

SEPTEMBER.

14.—Prospectus issued of the Equitable Insurance of N.Z.

Action by Mr. Massey to compel City Council to pay him £320 16s. salary alleged to be due to him as Town Clerk. Action unsuccessful.

15.—S.S. *Marsala*, first steamer with frozen meat cleared out.

20.—Completion of Union Brewery.

23.—Foundation stone laid of Oddfellows' Hall, Stewart Street.

25.—Roslyn Borough Council authorised Tramway Company to construct line through borough.

28.—Meeting at Milton decided to take steps to promote Woollen Factory Co., Mr. E. Stewart (Mayor) in Chair.

OCTOBER.

1.—Formation of company at Oamaru to make barbed wire.

Foundation stone laid of Presbyterian Church, Caversham.

30.—Presentation to Sergeant Bevan, one of the survivors of the Light Brigade Charge at Balaclava.

NOVEMBER.

1.—Completion of telephone system in City. Presentation of 100 guineas to Mr. Genever.

2.—Shock of earthquake reported from Palmerston, Cromwell and Arrow.

3.—Fifth Annual Competition N.Z. Rifles Association commenced at Musselburgh. Rifle Champion, Sergeant Kennedy, South District Rifles. Carbine Champion, Lieutenant Gordon, Thames Naval Brigade.

12.—St. Mary's Catholic School and Chapel at Invercargill opened.

17.—Address of Mr. Macandrew at Port Chalmers, and subsequent presentation to him of gold watch and chain.

Burke's Brewery destroyed by fire.

18.—Meeting of citizens to protest against removal of Mr. Caldwell, governor of gaol.

23.—Fourth Carnival in aid of Benevolent Institution opened at Donald Reid's new building, Vogel Street.

28.—Presentation of medal to Constable Dwyer for bravery at fatal fire in Cumberland Street, in July.

29.—Mayoral Elections. City: J. B. Thomson, 927; A. H. Ross, 405.

DECEMBER.

1.—Banquet to Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent.

2.—Destruction of Milton Pottery Works by fire.

5.—First A. and P. Show at Gore.

20.—Banquet to Sir Julius Vogel at Garrison Hall. 300 present. Mayor (Mr. J. B. Thomson) in the chair.

26.—First Regatta under united Clubs of Dunedin and Port Chalmers.

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