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The English mail despatched from Sydney via Vancouver on July 7 arrived at London on the morning of the 10th inst.

The construction of the Wanganui tramway is progressing favourably. It is expected to be completed before Christmas.

A plan of the proposed entrance gates to the Western Park, prepared by Mr Frank Messenger, is on view in Mr G. W. Browne's window, Devon Street East. The estimated cost of the work is £45. This is being raised by voluntary subscriptions and it is probable a dance and also a concert will be arranged at an early date.

Apparently (says the Hawera Star) the demand for good dairy cows in Taranaki is keener than ever. On Saturday, at Mr. John Hume's clearing sale, 160 cows were sold in four hours at prices up to £11 10s, and on Tuesday at Normanby on behalf of Thompson's estate 48 excellent cows were sold, the whole of the herd averaging over £7 per head.

The Taranaki Rifles held a euchre party and dance last night. There was a large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent. The prizes in the euchre tournament were won as follows:—Ladies, Miss Martin 1, Miss Cock 2; men's, Mr. Loveridge 1, Mr. Hearn 2. Excellent dance music was provided by Mrs. George. Messrs.