

the electors in the Omata schoolhouse on Monday night. There was a large attendance despite the rainy weather, fully 50 persons being present. Mr E. Moyle was in the chair. After the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the motion of Mr Jury, seconded by Mr Penwarden.

The new ornamental iron gates that have been erected at the Liardet-street entrance of the Recreation Grounds, are a decided improvement on the primitive structure that used to serve the same purpose. The thanks of the community are due to Mr R. Hughes, sen., for the improvement, as that gentleman warmly took up the matter of erecting new gates, and by a diligent canvass he raised sufficient money to cover all costs. It is now proposed to build a stone wall on the right side, in order to give the gates a finished appearance, and for this purpose Mr Hughes states he has enough money in hand. The plans for the gates were drawn out by Mr Mofflin, architect, who also gave his services gratuitously.

Colonel Trimble has forwarded to us the following copy of a letter received by him in reply to the resolution passed at a meeting of farmers held on November 8th. The Land Department writes as follows:—  
“General Crown Lands Office, Wellington, Nov. 20th, 1890.—Sir,—I am instructed by the Hon. the Minister acting for the Minister of Lands to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, with copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of farmers at New Plymouth requesting that Mr Sawers be allowed to remain in the North Island. In reply, I am to inform you that the services of Mr Sawers are very much needed in the South Island. and