

ESTIMATED AT £50,000

Per Pres. Association.

DUNEDIN, Tuesday.

Loss in the fire which occurred morning in the building in Rattray used by New Zealand Breweries as a house will, so far as can be ascertained, amount to approximately £50,000, which is covered by insurance. The location of business is of course central, and about 40 maltsters will be directly out of employment. Other trades in the building, such as cellarage, are carrying on with salvage work. Men had considerable trouble in getting their way through the steam heat generated by burning grain and had at times to retreat before an avalanche of grain tumbling down the stairs. Fortunately the water supply was adequate. Danger from the proximity of high voltage electric wires carrying 100 volts or more was averted by prompt and efficient assistance of the staff of the electric power and light department of the city corporation.

The cause of the outbreak, which is reported to begin in the roof or upper part of the MacLaggan Street end, is not known. When a watchman made his rounds at 1 a.m. everything was all

PASSENGERS BY AIR

Days passengers to and from New Zealand yesterday were: To Auckland, P. T. Speechley, Mrs. G. Jackson, J. Palmer; from Wellington, Mr. J. J. ton.

"This co-operation can be given is to the local authorities to ascertain the number of persons in their particular localities who are willing to provide homes for these children during their stay in New Zealand."

The Minister said the Government was of the opinion that the work could better be carried on a zone basis, rather than on the basis of individual local authorities taking separate action. For this purpose New Zealand had been divided into 26 zones, and one local authority selected for each zone as the responsible zone authority.

LOCAL BODY CO-OPERATION.

It had been pointed out to each council through the mayor that the council had been selected as the responsible zone authority to take charge of the work and to request that the mayor collaborate with the other municipalities, county councils, town board and road boards (if any) in the particular zone so as to ascertain the names of those people who are willing to provide temporary homes for these children.

allowed the purchase of the Bell Block settlement lands.

ANCIENT KARAKEAS.

Morere then in the picturesque language of the Maori carried out the ceremony of erecting the pole according to Maori custom. He gave greetings to all present and to the Borough Council and the Centennial Committee, whom he thanked on behalf of the Maoris for re-erecting the pole.

He then recited the ancient karakeas or prayers, the language of which, it was stated, was not translatable into English. Those parts of his address which could be translated were by Mr. F. Healy, of Moturoa. The re-erection of the pole, he said, meant that the Maori and pakeha were now brothers and sisters. He then recited other ceremonial words as he placed a large piece of greenstone in the hole under the base of the pole, which he said made a memorial for all time.

SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP.

In the absence of the Mayor, Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour, through indisposition Mr. F. S. Grayling, deputy-Mayor, said it was a great pleasure to the pakehas to see the re-erection of the pole by Morere and they were indebted to him for the ceremony performed and for his words on behalf of the Maori people.

"To-day," he said, "the pole is a symbol of friendship between the two races, and that friendship is now carried beyond this country to overseas countries where the Maori and pakeha are fighting side by side against a common enemy. The people of the district will regard the pole as the symbol of race brotherhood."

The pole is a faithful replica of the original. It was carved from a totara log of about 14 inches in diameter by Mr. Palkea Henare Toka, of Hawera, from drawings of the original. "The carver is now on active service with the Maori Battalion. The pole is sunk 6ft in the ground and reaches to a height of 25ft. to the head of the top figure, making a total height above ground level of 29ft.

The pole is an exquisite piece of rough Maori carving. Squat upon his buttocks with protruding tongue is a Maori, the image of scorn and derision."

There is also a figure of a Maori woman, below that of the man.

The pole faces the east and on the base, below the figures, has been placed a bronze tablet, on which is the following inscription:—

Pou Tutaki

or

The Fitzroy Pole

Replica of the pole erected in this locality by the Maori people marking the boundary beyond which no European was to settle.

Re-erected 1940.

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