

NOTES AND NOTICES

Work at the Lithgow Iron and Steel Works, which were closed down suddenly at the beginning of last week owing to the increased railway freights, has been resumed.

With only 508 votes to count, prohibition in the licensing poll in New Zealand is in a minority of 2,968 votes, the totals being:— Continuance, 240,993 votes; State control, 32,148; prohibition, 270,178.

The latest touring party of American boys under the leadership of Major S. S. Peixotto, arrived in Melbourne on January 9, and received hearty welcomes from the Lord Mayor, the Y.M.C.A., other associations, and the general public. The boys have been giving musical entertainments at the Strand Theatre during the week.

At the Austral Colliery, Korumburra (V.), bonuses, amounting to 4 per cent. on the total earnings, are paid, contingent on there being no strikes. The bonuses are payable to employees whether they are union men or not, providing that they have been employed for nine months. Some of the bonuses last year amounted to £10.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Kelly), in a pastoral letter on his forthcoming visit to Rome, pronounces upon the various dangers to the faith, one of which, he says, is the propagation of revolutionary tenets among the workers.

For having hoisted a red flag contrary to the War Precautions Act, on March 16 of last year, John Oucherenko, a returned soldier, who said he was a Russian, was fined £2, with £3/5/6 costs, at Melbourne, on January 10. Proceedings had been delayed on account of Oucherenko being a patient for some months in the Mont Park Military Hospital.

Difficulties have arisen in connection with the proposal of the Melbourne Tramway