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Morning, "The two mysteries;" evening, "Christ and the Multitude."
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Services are held every Sunday in the Church, David-street, morning at 11, evening at 7.
Subject for to-morrow :—Morning, "Lord's Supper;" evening, "A glimpse of glory."
Minister—REV. G. CARSON.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Prince of Wales' Bridge, Armadale st., Northcote.

Sunday School at a quarter to 3.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, PRESTON.

Services in connection with above will for the present be held in the Public Library Hall, Preston.
Sankey's Hymns evening only.
Come unto Me (Jesus) all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you Rest.

NORTHCOTE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Preachers for To-Morrow :—Morning, Rev. R. W. Thompson; evening, Rev. S. Harris, subject, "Gambling."
Monday, 8, Mutual Improvement Ass.
Wednesday, 7.30, Doctrinal Meeting.
Thursday, 7.45, Christian Endeavor.

THE FAITH IN GOD EFFORT
For South Preston Wesleyan Church.
Liquidation of the Debt.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3. Rev. S. T. Withington at 11 ; Rev. W. H. Fischett, B.A., President of the Conference, at 7 p.m.; Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service at 3 by Rev. E. H. Sugden, B.A., B.Sc., subject—"Good, Better, Best." Solos by Mr. W. G. Barker and Mr. Bill.
GRAND DEMONSTRATION, Monday, 4th.—Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Addresses by The President, Revs. E. I. Watkin, D.D., W. Williams, B.A., W. L. Blamires, and A. R. Edgar. Solos by Miss Vera Good, Miss Gault, and Miss Moore.
THURSDAY, 7th Nov.—Christian Endeavor Rally. Address by Rev. A. McCallum, of Geelong.
SUNDAY, Nov. 10th.—Rev. S. Adamson at 11, Rev. E. W. Nye at 7. Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at 3. Address, Rev. E. W. Nye, subject—"Holiness as a factor of social life." Solos by Mr. W. G. Barker and Mr. Bill.

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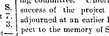

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SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Another well-meant but futile effort was made for the direct railway on Thursday. Two deputations, one from the Northcote Town council, representatives of the Preston and Heidelberg councils, to the number of about 20, assembled at Parliament House for the purpose of requesting the Premier to have the direct line for the northern metropolitan suburbs. Address by Rev. A. McCallum, of Geelong.
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Dressmaker, etc.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. DRESSMAKING.

MISS WOOD begs to inform the Ladies of Northcote, Preston, and surrounding district that she has Removed to the opposite side of Separation St., off High Street, thanking them for past favors, and hoping for a further continuance of the same.
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LOCALISMS.

Derby Day!

Northcote Brick Co. pays a dividend of 3d. per share.

Northcote, Preston, Thomastown, and Epping's contribution to the Hospital Sunday Fund was over £50.

Fifteen of the last 25 Cup winners have been horses of 3 years old and upwards carrying 7st 5lb to 8st 7lb.

Northcote picnics Cup day.—Wyclynyan and Jill Satirist S.S., at Heidelberg; Presbyterian Church and S.S. at Templestowe.

Cr. Bond, though much shaken by his recent severe illness, is now about again and wearing his strength.

The grand Oriental carnival and fair (in aid of the liquidation fund of the East Melbourne Synagogue) will be opened at the Exhibition building this evening.

Star of Northcote Tent's (I.O.R.) social passed off pleasantly on Thursday evening—thanks to the efforts of the new secretary.

Preston Branch A.N.A meet on Monday instead of Tuesday evening next week. Mr. E. Cooper will read a paper on "Charles Dickens."

Northcote was represented at the Governor's first *levee* on Monday by the mayor (Cr. T. H. McEvoy), Crs. Nelson, Parsons, and Hayden, the town clerk, Mr. Sloane, surveyor, Rev. C. P. Thomas, and Mr. Whalley.

Cr. Pearl was not at all satisfied with the anti-vivisecting meeting at the Northcote Town-hall on Thursday evening. The workers, in whose benefit the meeting was called, were not well enough represented for him.

The response to the appeals issued on behalf of the South Preston Wesleyan Church is so far very satisfactory. The amounts enrolled in the first 20 replies received averaged over £1. Considerable speculation is rife as to what the appeal will realise.

On careful reconsideration of the matter the committee representing the Preston Fernery Society have decided not at advisable to discard the date originally fixed for holding sports gathering, viz., New Year's Day. The ground is already at work making arrangements.

An express waggon had to be requisitioned to take the goods which could not be made room for in the Northcote and South Preston Wesleyan Church to the post office. They have been duly patched to all the colonies as well as to England and America.

A Richmond hairdresser has altered the title of his shop to "The Brassey Loan Office" and "The Brassey Arms" has been in existence for some weeks. Opposite the Northcote Town hall we have "The Soulsem laundry."

A *post mortem* was held on the body of the horse which was the subject of a disputed claim before the police-court on Monday. About a bucketful of gravel sand was found, and the amateur dissector came to the conclusion that consumption in the sand in the hour glass of that animal had evidently all run out.

WHISPERED.

That Cr. W. Smith, the newly-elected president of the bicycle club, purposes to give the club a trophy.

That he means to introduce some fresh conditions before it is competed for.

That he is the right man in the right place. He believes in legislation spot, is ever ready to encourage the "boys," and under his guidance better results may be looked for.

That the Preston Friendly Societies have definitely decided on New Year's Day for their sports.

That steps are being taken to present an attractive programme.

That if success is to be attained an energetic secretary and an experienced and enthusiastic committee is wanted.

That there should be no difficulty in obtaining these from such an army of gallant and satisfactory young men.

That the committee expects to be liberally supported by the general public whom they hope to see present in large numbers on New Years' Day.

That the principal of the Northcote Grammar School is organising a first-class concert in aid of the prize fund.

That Cr. Pearl is laying himself out to be Mayor of Northcote on borrowing next Monday evening.

That the Rev. S. C. Flockart hopes to receive at least £1,000 from his self-denial and determination scheme, which will be in full swing during the coming fortnight.

That everyone would be glad to see his bright anticipations realised. How the trustees would rejoice.

That the taste for bicycling is assuming such a rapid increase in the case of lady cyclists is threatened, so the "new" woman in dioxers and rational costume will soon cease to excite attention.

That some changes are to be made in the next Northcote Town Hall.

That if the club is to occupy a prominent position in the Boyle and Scott competition there will have to be a marked improvement in their batting for some matches to come.

That Captain Alexander of the Presbyterian team has been laboring mightily in endeavoring to get a good pitch on Darby's land against Abbotsford one of whom made 143 runs last Saturday.

That the well-known lam and baum caring firm of Smith, Kenihan and Co. have almost a monopoly of the Westralia trade.

That they are sending away tons of prime hams and bacon to their agents in Fremantle and Coolgardie weekly.

That a representative of the firm has just returned well impressed with the Sunset Province trade relations of the golden west.

That if Northcote had a good, live, local Parliamentary representative—like Cr. Yvonans, for instance—deputations would not be housebound and public meetings disappointed as they were this week.

That Mayor McLean is going to fittingly celebrate his year of office as mayors in the council chamber shortly.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The anniversary services of this above were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. R. W. Thompson preached to a large and very attentive congregation, taking the small word "Ask" as his text. In the afternoon at 3 the Rev. T. Hanson Withington, occupied the pulpit, and although not a afternoon service, supposed to be principally for the younger portion of the audience, yet the full and eloquent address was given that the elder ones, as well as the children, thoroughly enjoyed it. The Sunday services and sermons addresses were more frequent. The night service was conducted by the Rev. C. Fischett, of Preston, and there was a crowded congregation to greet him, many being unable to get in. The collections were taken from Jeremiah "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" The Rev. gentleman preached a good sermon. The tea meeting on Tuesday evening was well attended, also a choice array of good things met the eye on entering. These were partakes of by all and thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies who provided the tea gratuitously had such a large supply that a quantity was not consumed. The doors do not with their names published. The speakers at the public meeting were the Revs. R. W. Thompson and S. Adamson, and Mr. Baker. During the evening some very choice musical selections were given, the soloists being Mrs. Harrison, Miss Low, Mrs. Purdy, Miss Parr, and Miss Dennis. The collection rendered by the Sunday school choir was specially good and much enjoyed. Mr. Turvey, the organist of the church, played the accompaniments in his usual capable style. The collections were considerably over last year.

South Preston Bine Ribbon Mission.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held in the Bradford Hall on Saturday evening, Mr. J. Preston in the chair. The following programme was given :—Recitation, sis Miss Devers; recitation. Mr. F. Skinner; song, Mr. Good; recitation, Miss Mitchell; recitation, Mrs. A. Robertson; song, Mr. Lincoln; recitation, Mr. Eunson; song, Miss Sims. A vote of thanks brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. There will be no meeting on Saturday, Nov. 9th, the next meeting being on Nov. 23rd, when Mr. J. C. Nankervis will occupy the chair and provide the programme.

NORTHCOTE'S FINANCES.

A LOAN WITHOUT ADDITION. AN ALTERNATIVE WHERE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIES CAN BE EFFECTED.—HOW TO TO ESTABLISH A PROGRESSIVE POLICY :

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—Being a resident and ratepayer I naturally am concerned about the financial position of the town and read with considerable interest your reports of all council proceedings. In this regard I must admit that I am more often amused than impressed with the deliberations of councillors, and from their discussions it would appear that serious and progressive business is frequently sacrificed for the consideration of ordinary and commonplace topics, which, when solved, can be of little or no benefit to the town. It cannot be gainsaid that councillors have a financial battle to fight, but in spite of this is it unreasonable that ratepayers to look for some scheme being evolved that would lighten their burdens and enable some urgent works to be undertaken, rather than continue, year after year, a stagnation and hoarding their revenue almost for the sole purpose of liquidating overdraft and paying interest, sinking fund and office expenses. This policy has been pursued for years past and all that the present time most of the streets, footpaths and drains are in a most unsatisfactory—not to say, disgraceful—condition, and if allowed to go much further in this direction the worst could be done satisfactorily by an assistant (a youth) while the collector remained in his office and kept his books. Considering into further detail, the undermentioned schemes appear to me distinctly how sufficient money could be saved to meet the interest on a fresh loan.—

Town Clerk & Engineer	£250	per an.
Assistant (junior)	80	"
Engineer (two days)	104	"
Rate Collector	156	"
Assistant (junior)	104	"
Hallkeeper and Nuisance Inspector	104	"
Total—	£798	

ALTERNATIVE.

Town Clerk & Engineer	£250	per an.
Assistant Engineer	156	"
Assistant Clerk	104	"
Hallkeeper and Nuisance Inspector	104	"
Total—	£614	

The present salaries amount to over £2000 per annum, by either of the above schemes the same number of officers would be employed and at present there is sufficient work, with any well-advanced schoolboy could accomplish. This is by no means any progressive work such as drainage, the re-shingling of dangerous footpaths, the making of so-called private, but in reality, public streets, &c. Trusting, sir, that the importance of this subject will secure its insertion, and that our councillors will take the matter up, I am, &c.,

EAST WARD.

PRESTON DISTRICT C.C. CONCERT.

This event came duly off on Wednesday evening, when one of the most attractive concert programmes ever put before a Preston audience was submitted. There was a large audience, but the excellent quantity of the entertainment justified a "record" attendance. Mr. Lathcot is to be congratulated upon arranging such a first-class programme. He opened the programme himself by singing in fine style Adams's "Thecurnival," followed subsequently with the pretty ballad "Adieu Marie," which was tastefully sung. Mr Kentwell's (of the "Curlews") brilliantly played violin solo, "Fantasie on Scotch Airs" met with unbounded appreciation, and he was obliged to respond to an encore. Mr. Thomas gave a most commendable intention of the ballad "Sailing," and Mr. Buck's "When the Heart is Young" and Macfarren's "The Beating of my Own Heart," were the two songs selected by Miss Clara Atherton, who created a very favorable impression by her vocal appearances at Preston. Though not heard over to-night, Mr. Buck's humorous descriptive rendering of the difficult song, "The Fog Bell." The next to appear was Herbie Parker, from whom the audience got the treat which, from her high reputation as a singer, they had a right to expect. Owen's beautiful song "It was a Dream," was the first number, and in singing it with rare expression. In answer to an encore she gave Miss Rosnow rendered with touching tenderness that sweet old ballad "The last rose of summer." Miss Jones's second-part song, Gaul's "Sing Sweet Bird," served to show her high accomplishment as a singer and exhibited the exceptional quality and purity of her voice. A perfect furore of applause followed the rendering of this song, and Miss Rosnow obliged with "Killarney." Miss A. Howard's low musical voice was most agreeable for New Year's Day," and "Oh, Hush thy Bee Sea" and "I dreamed a dream," and the pleasant tenor of Mr. Hill was heard to advantage in "Tell the watch" and "See you rose." Mr. and Miss Edmonds gave a most enjoyable rendering of the pretty duet "I've wandered in dreams," but the same can not be said of their rendering of "The Village Blacksmith." Miss Vera Good, who made her first appearance on the platform was encored for her bright particular stars of the evening. She was in good voice and sang in the ballad "Ada's "The Castle Gate" and Dolly's "The Drum." Her singing was highly enjoyed. Irresistible recalls followed each appearance and Miss Good was good enough to give "Sing Me" on this occasion with "I may or may not," which was rendered in her usual sweet voice, and acquitted herself acceptably with the "Merle Clock." In Mr. Gault's rendering of "Mona" and "Queen of the Earth" he showed that he possesses a voice of considerable power and sweetness. Mr. Gault is a young singer who has a bright future before him if he will only study carefully. Mr. Gault was encored for his rendering of "Queen of the Earth." Mr. Bill's humorous songs, "Ma Angeline" and "Ma Angeline's Ball" were rendered in his usual inimitable style, and he was encored for the latter.

TRAMPING THROUGH THE COUNTRY.

THE MEN WE MEET.

BY A.C.

There is an old saying, "one half the world does not know how the other half lives." Most people have heard of scamping and the "walking tracks," but few have any idea of the thousands of homeless men who are now carrying their swags through the length and breadth of Australia, at least such portions of the continent as are stocked. Nearly all these men are in search of work, although some few are mere loafers, or "sundowners," and others are stealers and town thieves seeking busy centres in which who have earned money and are spending it foolishly.

There can be no question that at this moment, in every squatting district, there are two men idle for every one who is at work. Wages are down to ten immensely, and the stations are employing fewer resident hands. There is absolutely no contract work, such as ringbarking and well-sinking, and even seldom sees a new fence going up. Many good men have been idle since last shearing time, and some even before the season before! A man who gets four or five months' work in the year is considered lucky now-a-days.

It is a fact that the average yearly earnings of the bush workers are not less than £20! Of course, he has his keep, such as it is, while he is working, but his position is a very hopeless one, and I'm not improving the boodles of men who are being forced from the cities and farming districts to compete with him.

At this season shearing is just commencing in Riverina, and at every bridge and pinch on the roads one sees so many men crossing every day. Some are mounted, but the majority are on foot. The horsemen, shearers to a man, are mostly south of Hay, while the poorer selectors are called. They drive in the body of men, principally young and often well mounted, many having quite horses to refit. The former are generally travel in parties of three or four, driving their pack horses before them, camping out every night and paying their rations out of their earnings. They are intent on one thing only, to bring back as much money as possible. Most of these have already secured jobs at more than £1 per action, the great object being to get a start in as early shed, and to secure a chance of a second, or even of a third, before returning to the city or country with the money so hardly earned will be unanimously hailed by their wives and forlorn selectors the yearly shearing in Riverina is expected to be quite as much as will pay the annual instalments due the Government on the land, and many a poor selector's wife looks anxiously down the road, and inquires to see whether there is to be any trouble." In the shed, and during the strike in the squatting districts, which would interfere with the arrival of her husband or "the boys," who are not looking for shearing. There is no fear of that this year, at anyrate on this side of the Darling, as all is very plentiful, and work too scarce, for that sort of thing. If the union officials are able to induce the men to pay for next year's tickets of membership they will be satisfied for the nonce, Indeed, the shearers are not at all inclined to break away from union allegiance, and no wonder, considering how little benefit it has brought them, and how great have been the trouble and disappointments.

But it is not with the mounted selectors we have to deal. He is homeless only for the time, and at the end of the season of the year that such numbers of shearers are to be found in all directions not more than one or two per week, of the men who are "humping" the bush are in possession of horses. The sundowner, of course, has to go on foot. He is easily recognised by his "matilda," his billy-can, and his slouching gait. But for the sunburned face, the billy-can, the swag in the bag, and the carelessly-rolled swag of unjaded men, all have the appearance of city loafers, which hangs on his shoulders, there is nothing to distinguish them from the town loafers of the lower sort, for they are all more or less down and down. His object is to pass the time easily, making as much as he can on the side, and striking a homestead every evening, or every second one, at the outside.

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THE DANCE AT THE FOUR CORNERS.

("LUDGATE MONTHLY.")

CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

Even old Man forgot the discomfort involved in wearing "store clothes," and beamed benignantly on his friends as they entered the room. The general delightfulness, however, did not prevent him from seeing that Sally sharply rebuked for strangeness when they came through the window. Old Man had been rather puzzled by Mrs Pete Harrison's urgent request of the day after her wedding for Sally to be a bridesmaid for Nora, one Melinda Mathews, of Statesmore County, in which there was only two hundred miles away, and therefore well within visiting range of the Four Corners. It was ten years since Melinda had been heard of either by her presence or by Old Man she had quite remembered of her as a bold, bad girl, all sums and legs fatally mixed with astonishment at the sudden respectability loudness young woman. "Wa'al, Mirandy," he said in guarded accents as he shook hands, "d'shouldn't 'a' known 'twas yer f'ast w'en Sally hove in sight, on she wanted a ticket for you. Your voice though is kind of changed like, but it puzzles me how you slim down the gals do grow into such handsome young women. It's one or the Lord's grand facts, I reckon, that women have more pieces than usual when he has cl'ared his somewhat inferior male stock with 'rangleberry's, but so are most womenfolk; I never could understand the reason of it. I reckon you'll be one of the bigges'st."

Miss Mathews, however, in lieu of expressing with feminine ease and suitability the immense pleasure it gave her to see Old Man thus disporting himself, blushed and looked as though herself somewhat awkwardly.

Old Man was rather embarrassed by this chilly reception of his well-meant efforts to be gay, and, as came of the confusion that opposite befalls any opposed to the inadmissible of every day life. Not to be outdone by a comparative stranger, he began to wonder if her which nearly made his back crack did extend to effort. Miss Mathews, much stiffed appointment, for she half-suspected a disinclination on Old Man's part to be burnt by her spirit, said, "Sarter stand still, and you shall see."

Old Man whispered to Sally.

"She is a proud little piece," he chuckled.

"Prique," he said, "Mr Pete Harrison, Esquire, you'll pint out the lady to me, you'll p'int out the lady to me, sir!" Old Man, with a fine assumption of the manners of "The Hill," drew his feet together, and all the while he spoke he waved his hands in the air in a manner quite unlike his usual, homely style. He wore clothes! I got the tailor he got in a peculiar spoke; I reckon if the boys folk her air wanted some help he could get it."

Sally turned pale as old Man moved away. Then she looked at Miss Mathews, and, to quote the elegant words of Old Man, "plum and peach." It is the story of the nothing by the bower perhaps of "The Hill" could be saying, and how not a man in the room dared have to with Miss Mathews to dance. When he had finished the story he again noticed how pale Sally looked for a new suddenly dawned upon her that a plan concocted by the young couple intend to reside until their new house shall have sprung up from the forest primeval.

Miss Mathews cordially declared that had he known what tortures awaited him in consequence he would never have dared to carry out his little plot; but Sally tells him he never looked better in his life than when, clad in a suit of Pete Harrison's and a fair wig, he took the floor at the Four Corners Dance.

(To Be Ed.)

A little meat chopped up fine will bring the chicks on if given occasionally.

BILL'S WIFE.

(CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.)

Well, such a story is soon told. I have no time to go into all the details of the case from first to last; it is enough to say that the result may be summed up in four words: Righteous member had labor. And after that, somehow, Bill Smith's wife was in no way sorry to count round to No. 19 Dollamere road to be comforted in his trouble by good Mrs Mack-ian, and the result of that proceeding was that she now called him quite plain to Jerry. Some one'll get the drop on Jerry.

Constable Wrong came hopping up to the table, and Sally realised that she must take notice at once. Already the constable was beginning to address Miss Mathews as "Miss," which was a bad sign. It was fashioning a little acquaintance with Sally which led to the use of her Christian name—and with ill-thought had alleged partly back into the constable's mind. He was saying, "I wonder—" she heard to herself, when a fellow-guest, who was a new customer had come into the shop. She had left the door open, and Bill, looking through the door to see what was happening, had seen the constable's back, and, with his usual impetuosity, his slight figure which had a pugnacious look about it, had rushed to the scene of unholy struggle.

"I want a couple of bens," she said, half turning from the window, "three if you've got them."

"Why, Ann Eliza!" fal-ed Susan, turning round.

The tall girl turned round with a start, and Susan Bickham! "What, Susan Bickham!" What, have you left Liverpool and come to live in Birkenhead? Why, how ever long since?"

"Oh, we don't live there now, Susan. We've got a farm in Cheshire."

"Yes? Were you? I am glad some-body's got on in the world and got married. And are you happy?"

"Very happy, thank you."

"I am glad of that, too. It is—it is a comfort to see you so well and happy, Ann Eliza." breathed Billy wife, "I have been very happy myself, Susan, for a moment there was a cloud—"

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"Then he—believed it."

"Yes, he believed it," said Susan, rich. "Ah, well, if he believed it he was right all the time, for I am sure you expected it—and yet—and yet—I would have thought that you'd know that he had committed every crime under the sun."

"Did you come in, said Susan.

"Oh, no, I—I—I—I—I've been, I've been a fool to have anything different to what I have had lately. I only come in—Susan, look here, I used to be proud of my hair, it came down to my knees, Susan, I used to be proud of my hands, look at them now." Susan looked. Long ago she would have used to be proud of them—but there, what's the use of saying more about it? Give me my bens and let me go, I—I—I've been a fool."

"They are not for sale," said Susan, half eagerly. "you won't see him. He is in bed now, he always does at this time of the day, he won't be down for an hour or more. It is quite safe. I would like you to see my baby. Would you like to see?"

"Yes, I will come and look at it."

She followed Susan down a very little parlor, turned her sad eyes round the homely little bits of decoration, noted the homely luxuries, saw the air of comfort which pervaded the apartment, and then looked at the baby that soft pink and white atom of human life, and child and all Ann Eliza Bickham broke down.

"Well, I wish you joy, Susan, I wish you joy. I—I—I—I—

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL'S LOANS.

THEIR EXTENT AND COST.

WHAT MR. WADE THINKS.

6s. 9½d. IN THE £ INTEREST.

The hon. secretary of the Northern Ratepayers' Association invited the members thereof to an address on "Loans—their cost and disadvantages" at their meeting on Monday evening. Only a small attendance was present, and the chairman of the association, Mr. Chigwin, presided.

Before calling upon Mr. Wade, the chairman, sanctioned that the deputation, as arranged, had waited upon the Northcote council with reference to the better drainage of the north ward. As full publicity had already been given to the subject in the *Leader*, he would content himself by informing them that a letter had been received from the town clerk to the effect that a special committee of five (one member from each ward) had been appointed to thoroughly consider the question and draw up a report for future consideration. (Applause.)

The chairman then called on Mr. Wade, who said—Although probably it is somewhat premature to discuss the proposed loan of the Northcote town council, as it has not yet passed through committee, I feel almost perfectly assured from the views expressed by several councillors when the project was mooted at the table that it will be carried by them. I characterises the habit of borrowing as pernicious in the extreme, either as regards persons individually or collectively. If a person borrows money he usually finds that it takes him all his time to pay the interest let alone the capital, and has therefore generally to seek relief by becoming bankrupt. If it has this effect as regards an individual it must have a somewhat similar effect as regards a municipality, with this difference, a municipality cannot compound with its creditors or otherwise turn insolvent: it must pay its debts. If we turn to the accounts of our local council for year ending 30th September, 1894, we will find that they have floated loans to the extent of £38,800, the interest on which has amounted to £10,735 16s 6d; whilst the interest on overdraft has amounted to £3070 15s 7d, which means that in the short space of 11 years the ratepayers of this town have had to pay the sum of £13,803 12s 1d in interest alone upon borrowed money (this money being practically thrown away) The amount of rates from the assessment of property last year would be £6350 3s 1d, if every penny of the rate was paid; therefore the interest paid upon borrowed money was about 6s 9½d for every £1 of rates. If we take into consideration the sinking funds of the various loans and add the reducing of the overdraft by £1943 3s in addition to the aforesaid interest, I think you will agree with me when I say that the municipality would not have been able to pay its way if it were not for the Government subsidy which it received. Now, not only is it bad to borrow money because of the expense it entails, but also when any body of public men receive any large amount of money into their hands they grow reckless and proceed to squander it, as probably most of you know, especially as regards our council. As regards the proposed loan I can only sugmestine it as grossly unfair. The proposition that a loan shall be floated for the express purpose of constructing certain so-called private streets, the property-holders in these streets to repay it to the council in deferred payments with the same amount of interest as the council pays the bondholders. Now, as I have previously said, this is most inequitable, for the only thing that directly benefits the resident is the channel or gutter, as the footpaths are for the use of anyone who chooses to use them, and the roads are chiefly for the business men of the town and elsewhere, as a very small percentage of the residents of these districts have vehicles of their own, yet the council expect the residents to put their hands in their pockets and pay for their construction. I may here remark that several streets have had the gutters and footpaths made at the property owners' expense, whilst the roads have not had any metal spread upon them. Therefore the council have broken faith with these residents, and in other instances the council gazetted certain streets, completely constructing them at the public expense, thereby making theft of one and flesh of another, which is socially unfair. Why are the ratepayers expected to pay heavy rates upon inflated valuations? If we must construct our streets ourselves the rate collector should allow us, as in many instances, ratepayers have already paid enough money in rates that would enable them to pay for their portion of the street, and might do so time after time, and I think it is unthinkable to tar-pave any of the streets in the borders wards at the present time, seeing the population is so scanty, the residences being widely scattered, the wandering cattle such a nuisance, and also vehicles are constantly making short cuts from one house to another, which would soon cause the paving to disappear; therefore to tar pave these footways is absolutely wasting money. I believe most of the residents would be content if the council would construct proper drains to take off the water, spread some slag on the footpaths, and fill up the ruts in the roads, the whole to be done out of the public revenue as means will take it. This would indeed people to come and reside amongst us. But if we have to construct our own streets, in addition to the heavy rates which are imposed upon us, it seems such a big outlay that prudent people will be frightened away. It is said that it will only cost £4 to do the work in front of each property, but this estimate is absurd for persons who had similar work done some few years ago had to pay £15 for 40 feet, and therefore even in these depressed times it will cost something like £12 to construct the footways and channels in front of the average allotment in the northern wards (Cr. Pearl's estimate is £14, which was given at our last meeting). I characterise the proposal as quixotic, considering the difficulty that members of the residents have in making both ends meet. We find the ratepayers are summonsed to court every week for their rates. Do you think they would suffer this indignity if they could avoid it. As eventually these rates must be paid it plainly shows they have not the money else they would pay. If they cannot pay their rates they cannot pay for the construction of their portion of the street. One cannot draw blood out of a stone. Therefore it means that a heavier rate will have to be struck to make good the deficiency that would otherwise arise. In conclusion I trust that you will agree with me and try to prevent our council from any further borrowing or at least until they have the permission of the ratepayers as a body to do so. (Applause).

Mr. Bray—Is it a private or a general loan you condemn?

Mr. Wade—I condemn all loans.

Mr. Bray—Do you think the money has been spent to advantage or disadvantage in the past.

Mr. Wade—Absolutely squandered. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Cook—while agreeing with a good deal Mr. Wade had said, did not see how it was possible to undertake securing better drainage if they put their feet on further borrowing. All the money the council could be had of was absorbed in reducing the overdrafts and paying interest on loans. Had the money been spent more judiciously in the past they would have benefited to a much greater extent. Unless a loan was floated he did not see how it was possible to undertake works of this character, and it was out of the question to expect them to wait till the overdraft was liquidated. He thought that by going in for a general loan they would be acting in the interests of the town generally.

Mr. Mulready expressed astonishment at the revelations contained in the secretary's address. It was startling information to him to learn that during the comparatively short period of 11 years £13,000 had been absorbed in interest, £10,000 of which had gone in interest on loans, which aggregated £38,800, and the balance on overdrafts. To think that one-third of the principal had already been paid away seemed to him exturiance. If they were going in for a further loan, he thought, from a common sense point of view, that it wou d be better to float a loan at a lower rate of interest and liquidate the existing loans, which would enable them to make a fresh start on a better basis.

Mr. Wade explained to Mr. Mulready that the law would not allow such a course as he suggested. They could not float a fresh loan to pay off an existing loan.

Mr. Bray favored the floating of a general loan. Why not, he asked, float a general loan at, say, 4 per cent, instead of paying 8 per cent to the bank interest. Money raised in this way could be used for improving streets and constructing drains, etc., and would fall equitably on all ratepayers alike. Rather than see a private loan floated he would prefer to have a penny or twopence added on the rate. They could not afford to have any more additional rates placed upon them, and that is what a private loan would mean. At present nothing was being done in the way of progressive works. All their revenue was swallowed up in paying heavy interest on overdrafts.

Mr. Kelly said that he did not feel much enlightened with what he had heard and asked Mr. Wade where they would have been as a town, had it not been for borrowed money. It was immaterial what had become of the money. They were all certain of this fact that none had been lost, and that none could be recovered & used again (Laughter). If they wished to make the town more important by improving the streets and offering other inducements for people to reside here they would have to do it with borrowed money.

After some further discussion, Mr. Wade asked that he be allowed to reserve his reply till next meeting. This being granted, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The foregoing report was unavoidably held over from last issue.—Ed.

HARRIERS.

The Northcote and Clifton harriers finished the season by holding a handicap road race of 6 miles on a recent Saturday for a handsome silver-mounted cane egg trophy, the gift of the president, Mr. John Anderson. The course was from Anderson's Royal hotel, Clifton Hill, along the Heidelberg road for a distance of two miles and back to the starting post. Of the 18 members entered for the race 14 faced the starter. The race was very seriously affected the competitors and accounts for the time occupied by the winner in completing the distance. The result showed P. Kimberley (24 min), 1st; A. Maggs, do., 2nd; and F. Hedger, do., 3rd. The winners time was 26min. 27sec.

Mills & Sons,

Late Richards & Arnott.

MILLS & SONS having Purchased the good-will and plant of the PARCELS EXPRESS business formerly carried on by Messrs Richards & Arnott, beg to announce to the Public of Northcote and Preston that they are now carrying on the business at the premises formerly occupied by Mr. A. Richards, No. 1, Oliver Street, Preston, and hope by strict attention to business and low charges to merit a continuance of the patronage so constantly bestowed on their predecessors.

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R. H. CHESTER'S

CHEAP

OIL & COLOR

WAREHOUSE,

High Street,
NORTHCOTE,
Next Town Hall.

Always on Hand :
Champion's WHITE LEAD

Blundel and Spence's OILS

Harland's and other VARNISHES
ENAMELLS,

PAPERHANGINGS, WHITING,
GLUE. MIXED PAINTS, etc.

STOCKPORT CAUSIC SODA—
The Universal Cleanser.

TO BEEKEEPERS.
BEESWAX Bought in any quantity for Cash.

ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR
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HIGH STREET,
NORTHCOTE.
Next to Town Hall.

Announcements

MIDDLE NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION
HOUSE, LAND, and ESTATE AGENCY

Corner of Herbert Street and Hawthorn Road (opposite railway gate).

Houses To Let or For Sale. Rents Collected. Insurances Effected. Money Lent.

James Knox

Desires to say that Property-Owners placing Estate of any kind in his hands for letting or sale may rely on every effort being made for their benefit.

The office meets the eye of every person on arrival *immediately the train comes in.*

Kindly let him know at once when your house is empty, with all particulars.

Howse Bros.,

WHOLESALE & RETAIL FAMILY BUTCHERS,

So long and favorably known at Preston,

Beg to intimate that they have COMMENCED BUSINESS in

HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE
(next Sheldon's, Grocer).

Where they will sell meat of the very best quality at the lowest prices for Cash.

SMALL GOODS FRESH DAILY.

SHOPS—High Street, Northcote.
Plenty Road, S. Preston.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

A Long-felt Want supplied at last.—
CHEAP CASH BUTCHER.

S. Steers

Begs to announce to the residents of Preston and surrounding district that he has again opened in the above business at

HIGH ST., PRESTON
(near Regent St.)

Having made arrangements with the best markets he can now offer to the Public First-class Goods at the lowest possible prices. Don't forget that—Cheapest and the Best. Small goods daily. Families waited upon for orders.

Perry & Grey,

TOBACCONISTS AND HAIR DRESSERS,

High Street, Northcote.

TOBACCO & CIGARS of the Finest Quality.

A Choice Assortment of Fancy Goods

WOOLS, STATIONERY, AND CROCKERY.

A Trial Solicited.

Societies

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES Literary & Benefit Association, PRESTON BRANCH No. 61,

Meet every Alternate Tuesday at Reading and Recreation Club Rooms, South Preston.

Every Australian Native should join this the only truly National and Patriotic Society.

Next Meeting—Monday, Nov. 4th.—Essay—Mr. E. Cooper, "Dickens and his works."

Medical attendance and medicine immediately on joining.

Sick Pay 6 months after admission.

First-class Funeral for Deceased Members. Non members, 2s per Qr.

Further information may be obtained from the secretary—

GEO. C. WINNETT,
Derry Avenue, South Preston.

PRESTON GOSPEL TEMPERance and Blue Ribbon Mission.

INTERESTING PUBLIC MEETINGS Held Fortnightly in the Foresters Hall, High street, North Preston.

Next Meeting—November 2nd.
N. THOMAS, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH PRESTON GOSPEL Temperance and Blue Ribbon Mission.

GOOD ENTERTAINMENTS Held every alternate SATURDAY Evenings in Bradford Hall, South Preston, at 8 o'clock.

Next Meeting—Nov. 23rd.
Chairman—Mr. J. C. Naukervis. Programme by Mr. Naukervis.

Members' Tickets, 6d per Quarter
Admission—A Coin.
G. E. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec., South Preston.

I.O.R.

Star of Northcote Tent

No. 217,

MEETS in Wesleyan Schoolroom, Northcote, Fortnightly.

Next Meeting—Nov. 14th. Club Night.

A few of the advantages of the above society are :—

No initiation fees. Graduated scale of payments.

No Levies, largest Benefits grantest Security.

Strictly Temperance principles, and consequently low death rate.

When you join a benefit society, join the best.

Let your boys join the Juvenile branch in connection with the above and be trained in Temperance, Thrift, and Business.

J. G. MEMBREY, Secretary.

Ironmongers

CHANDLER'S

Noted Cheap Depots,

HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE,

AND

247, BRUNSWICK ST., FITZROY,

are the

CHEAPEST AND BEST PLACES

to buy

IRONMONGERY,
CROCKERY,
TINWARE,
GLASSWARE,
BRUSHES & BROOMS,

Leads, Oils, Colors, Varnish, Window Glass, &c.

Champion's Whiteland, 27s per cwt 7s. 2sb. keg. Boiled Oil, 3s 3d gallon. Best Oak Varnish, 10s gallon. Turpentine, Driers, Terebine, Gold size, Redlead, Umbers, Sienna, &c., Ready-mixed Paints, Blundell & Spence's Mixed Paint, all colors, 4½d lb tin.

Make your own Soap.—Stockport 98 per cent. powdered Caustic Soda, This make 3lbs good hard Soap 4½d tin.

Paint and Kalsomine Brushes—a well-assorted stock of best English and Colonial makes to choose from. Harland's Carrin, Varnishes, Graining Combs, Putty Knives, &c., &c.

GLASS cut to any size from 1½d fr.

Crockery.—Cups and Saucers, 3d each; Plates, 2d each; Chambers from 9d each; Ensamelled Chambers, 1s 6d each; Enamelled Mugs, 5½d each; do. Candlesticks, 2d each. Tea, Dinner, and Toilet Sets cheap.

A good stock of Teapots, Enamel, enamel and crockery, from 5d each, to choose from.

Double-barrel Breech-loading Guns from 35s, really good. A good assortment to pick from. Diamond Grain Powder, 2/9 lb.

Ammunition—Cartridges, kangaroo, filled with Curtis & Harvey's Diamond Grain, 1/10 per 100; Excelsior, only 8/- per 100, real good killers; Amherst Rifle, the new smokeless powder, can be loaded in cartridges like ordinary black powder, 7/- per lb; Amherst Cartridges, 11½d per 100; Cartridge Cases, Eley's, 3s per 100; Caps, 3d box; Shot, 3½d lb, Fish Hooks, 1d doz; Lines from 3d each; Reels, Rods, &c.

Knives and Forks from 3s. half-dozen; Teaspoons, from 1s 3d 4-dozen; Dessert and Table Spoons equally low. Ivoroid Table Knives, 7s half-dozen; Ivoroid Dessert Knives, 6s half-dozen; Carvers, 6s pair; Steels, 1s 6d each; look and wear equal to Ivory; made specially in Sheffield to our order. Nickle Silver Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons and Forks never change color —buy them. Pocket Knives—a large variety to choose from. Butchers' Knives, Steels, and Choppers.

Cherry Clusters to make 6lbs., 2½d. All sizes on hand Milk Buckets, 1s, 1s 6d, 1s 10d, and 2s 3d; Strainer Buckets, 2s 3d, and 2s 9d; Strainers, 9d and 1s each; Skimmers, 5d each; Milk Dishes, Butter Pats, Prints, &c.

Galvanized Iron from 1s 3d per sheet. Spotting, Riddling, and Dropping. Wire Nails, 2d lb. Hire Look from 1s each. Lossthead Nails, 2½d lb. Sash fasteners, 4d each. Sash lifts, Cupboard Hinges, &c. Wire Netting, Fencing Wire, Barbed Wire, at lowest advertised prices in quantities to suit purchasers. Closet pans, 2s each. Galvanised Waterpipe and Fittings, Taps, Plain Iron, Zinc, and all Plumbers' Materials at lowest rates. Sole Leather Strips, Boss and Iron Rivets. Hungarian Nails, Boot Protectors, 1d bag. Canary Cages, 2s 6d each. Parrot Cages, 2s each. Halters, 6d each. Harness Oil, 6d bottle. Neatsfoot and Castor Oil, 9d quart bottle, 3s gallon. Axle Grease, 6d tin, 5s 6d 28lb keg. Soft Soap, Dandy and Body Brushes, Curry and Mane Combs, Back Chains, Hames 2s 6d pr; Back Bands 2s 9d, Plough and Leading Chains, 9d lb. Wrabury Dishes, 6d each. Tubs, 5s. Billys, 4d each. Tin Dippers, 2d each. Wringers from 15s. Dynamite Detonators, Fuse, and Blasting Powder. Saucepans, Kettles, and Boilers. Axes and Axe Handles from 6d each. Spades 2s., Shovels 1s 6d, Mattocks 2s 6d, Picks and Pick Handles. Lamps from 1s 6d each. Hoes very cheap. Royal Unions, 1 in., 1s 6d; 2in., 2s. Directors equally low. Wire Dish Covers, Meat Sizes (gauze wire), very cheap.

And no end of other articles, good and cheap.

—AT—

CHANDLER'S,
NORTHCOTE AND FITZROY.

"Advertising is an eloquent and effective salesman"—distinguished from the verbal salesman in this, that while the latter talks to one customer the advertising salesman is talking to thousands."

Announcements

M. A. Rapken,
AUCTIONER.

SATISFACTORY arrangements made with clients. It will pay you to see him.

Private Address—NORTHCOTE.
Daily Sales at
106 SMITH ST., COLLINGWOOD.

DIMMICK'S

CLEARING SALE
OF
BOOTS AND SHOES
NOW ON.

Everybody in Northcote Come!
Everybody that wants a big surprise come!
Everybody that wants a genuine Harpain, come!
Everybody in the District, come!

THIS SALE WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS.

Gent's Calf Gol. Bals, made to measure, 10/6.
Repaire done on the premises.
All Country orders per post forwarded free of cost.

DIMMICK'S BOOT SHOP,
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OF THE
NORTHERN SUBURBS.

Bargains
IN
FAMILY DRAPERY,
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LOW LIST FOR TAILORING.
LOW LIST FOR DRESSMAKING

Selected assortment of Choicest Crepons and other New Materials.
SEND FOR SAMPLES.

SPEND YOUR READY CASH
AT
401 & 403 BRUNSWICK STREET,
FITZROY.

COMPETITION VANQUISHED.
ALL OTHER QUOTATIONS OUT-DONE.
Look out for our RED FLAG.

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HAVING obtained the LICENSE to Sell

Australian Wines

in any quantity, I am prepared to supply the very best article at prices in accordance with the times, viz.—

Port Wine	...	11d, 1s 6d, 2s
Shiraz	...	10d, 1s 6d, 2s
Verdeilho	...	1s 6d, 2s
Hermitage	...	1s 6d, 2s
Madeira	...	1s 6d, 2s
Claret	...	1s 6d, 2s
Constantia	...	1s 6d, 2s
Muscat	...	1s 6d, 2s
Frontignac	...	1s 6d, 2s

IN PULK :

6d per pint, 1s per quart, 3s per gallon and upwards.

To be obtained from

ROBERT WILLIS

Cash Grocer,

And

WHOLESALE

WINE

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High Street, Northcote.

Printed and published by the proprietors, R. J. and J. S. Whalley, at their office, High Street, Northcote, in the colony of Victoria.

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Pure India and China Tea, original packages or blended. Small or large quantities supplied.

The Best Quality for the money at the LOWEST CITY PRICES.

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Fire Risks of all kinds taken.

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ESTATE AND
FINANCIAL AGENTS
HIGH STREET, PRESTON And NORTHCOTE.

Persons in search of Homes with large area of land, consult us.
Poultry breeders and dairymen.—Farms for sale.
Houses to let in all parts of Preston.
Agent for South British Fire Insurance Company.

W. H. EDGAR & COY.
ESTATE, FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE AGENTS,

Irrigation Blocks and Fruit Culture a Specialty,

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 1895.

Produce Merchants.

J. A. BOSTOCK,
HIGH-ST., NORTHCOTE,
HAY AND CORN MERCHANT, WOOD & COAL DEALER,

DESIRES to thank his patrons for their past favors, and begs to inform them that his prices for BEST BOX FIREWOOD are as under :—

Box blocks by the ton, 8d
or 8 ton, 8½d
Smaller Quantities, 9d
Split box, 1d per cwt. more.
Full weight, 112lbs to the cwt.

CASH ON DELIVERY.

Agent for—
Coal Creek, Gippsland,
BLACK COAL
Great Morwell, Gippsland,
BROWN COAL
Best NEWCASTLE COAL.

All kinds of Produce at Melb. Prices.

SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS.

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Prices Unequalled.
Quality Unsurpassed.
A Trial Solicited.

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AND

GENERAL PRODUCE MERCHANTS,
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HIGH-ST., NORTHCOTE.

For the convenience of our customers we have erected an ORDER-BOX at A. S. Whitchilo's, Licensed Plumber, High Street, Northcote, which will be cleared twice daily.

In soliciting the patronage of residents of Northcote, Preston, & neighboring districts the new firm wish it to be fully known that they are determined to keep none but the BEST in ALL LINES, and will sell at the Lowest Margin obtainable.

J. MUNRO, Manager.

NORTHCOTE

CHEAP CASH PRODUCE STORES.

B. E. JOHNSON

TAKES this opportunity to thank the numerous friends and customers he has received since he started him in the past, and wishes to inform them that he has decided to CUT the PRICES for CASH and sell at the lowest possible prices. Having made arrangements to procure

STRAW
HAY
WHEAT
OATS
BRAN
POLLARD, etc.

Direct from the producer, he is able to supply the above at FIRST-CLASS, thus saving all middlemen's profits.

Very best country Chaff kept, and pure Unadulterated Linseed.

Horse, Cow, and Fowl Feed delivered on any part of Northcote and surrounding districts.

WHOLESALE PRICES for large quantities.

B.E.J. hopes the public will give him a trial and satisfy themselves.

Chris. Fry,
(Late Jas. Blair)
PRODUCE MERCHANT & SEEDSMAN,
HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE
(near Clifton Hill),

WISHES to notify that he has on Saleyard, Straw, Chaff, Bran, Pollard, Peas, Maize, Wheat, Barley, Onions, Potatoes, Carrots, Prairie Grass, Rye, White Clover, Red Clover, Cow Grass, Lucerne, Alsayke, and all kinds of farm and garden seeds in grain or packets.

Prime Chaff, Oats, Potatoes, and Saw Chaff specialities.

WOOD, COAL, & COKE
At lowest Rates.

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The Cheapest Place on Earth to
FURNISH YOUR HOUSE.

TO COUNTRY CUSTOMERS AND OTHERS.

Note Address and go where you may but do not miss us or you may regret it.

W. H. PATERSON,
231, 233, 235, 237, 239, Corner of SMITH and MOOR STREETS,
FITZROY.
CASH OR EXTENDED TERMS.

Preston Timber Yard,

HIGH STREET, PRESTON
(Opposite Dr. Wilkinson's).

C. CRISPE & CO.

HAVE pleasure in announcing to the public of Northcote, Preston, Epping Whittlesea, Diamond Creek, Greensborough, and surrounding districts that they have opened a Timber yard at the above address.

Flooring	Lime	Galv. Iron	Oregon	Hardwood, 3 x 2, 4/6
Lining	Cement	Bolts	Deals	5ft. Palings, 10/-
Weatherboards	Spouting	Nails	Oils	6ft. Palings, 4/6
Mouldings	Ridging	Paints	Sashes	Redgum
		AND		

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AT LOWEST MELBOURNE PRICES.

NOTE THE ADDRESS AND GIVE THEM A CALL.

SMALL PROFITS.

SUMMER
SUITINGS

IN GREAT VARIETY AND AT ALMOST EVERY PRICE, AT

INCE BROS.

—All Goods Shrunk through Water.—

The usual standard of EXCELLENCE in FIT and STYLE Guaranteed.

INCE BROS., Tailors, 174 Swanston Street.

BUSINESSMEN SHOULD REMEMBER THAT

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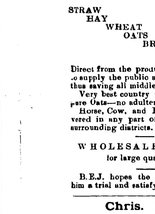
Northcote
Preston
Thomastown
Epping
Whittlesea

8 Pages

And adjacent districts.

It is the OFFICIAL ORGAN of the Northcote Town Council, the Preston Shire Council, and the Epping Shire Council, and contains a full abstract of all matters of interest and importance in these municipalities, together with a varied assortment of well-selected and INTERESTING READING!



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FOR
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SCIATICA, LUMBAGO, NEURALGIA,
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Invaluable as a regenerative Tonic, and Preventative of Illness in either sex.

PRICE—per bottle, or course of 3 bottles for 21/ 1s.

Carriage paid to all parts of the World on receipt of remittance.

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PROFESSOR THULINIUS.

MY DEAR SIR.—I feel I should be wanting in duty did I neglect the opportunity of sending you my testimony as to the wondrous efficacy of your rheumatic specific.

For the past seven years I have been a complete martyr to rheumatism in all its forms. I have tried doctors and hospitals at various times of suffering, and also, I think, every form of advertised remedy, and have followed out the directions of each and all with a view of effecting a cure for this most trying disease. All that I have been able to obtain from them has been a temporary relief, from which I am well known, and scores can testify that at best I could only crawl about with difficulty, and sore suffering at my present age was the best place. After leaving Little Bethel Hospital at the close of last year, I was persuaded to try a bottle of your "Thulinius," and in a week or so afterwards I could get about fairly well. Upon again suffering a relapse last February, I took another bottle, with an equally successful result: in fact I had determined to go through a course of treatment, and have just completed my fourth bottle, with the gratifying knowledge that I am now free from pain, can walk any reasonable distance without fatigue, have an excellent appetite, and feel myself again competent to re-enter my profession, added to which my 68th repeated blacks of [illegible] have become things of the past. I have not dosed myself in any way, so all the credit is due to your wonderful remedy, under Providence, that my wife and family, and other friends, owe my better health and strength. I send you these few lines as a slight acknowledgment of what you have done for me, and shall only be too glad personally to convince fellow sufferers of the benefits to be derived from a course of treatment, as exemplified in my own case after ten years' martyrdom.—I remain yours faithfully,

W. H. NEWTON NEWMAN
Teacher of Elocution, and twenty-five years Actor and Manager.

The Rev. J. D. LARNE St. Paul's parsonage, can say as to original case of Mr. NEWMAN, refer to his taking "Thulinius."

Drapers

Spring & Summer Goods

J. STEPHENS

HAS Opened up a large Assortment of
NEW SEASON GOODS !!

Which consist of all the LATEST NOVELTIES for SPRING AND SUMMER. For prices and quality they cannot be beaten in the trade.

Dress Materials, Tweeds, Crepons, Zephyrs, Muslins, Prints, Nun's Veiling, and Cashmeres in all shades.

In Manchester Goods there is Splendid Value in Sheetings, Shootings, Calicoes, Flannelette, Cottars, Damask, Crecones, and Flannels.

Having secured 40 doz. samples of Ladies' and Children's Straws at London prices without duty and freight added, and all of the newest shapes, the value to be got in this line is extraordinary. There is also a grand assortment of Flowers, Feathers, Laces, Ribbons, Ornaments, &c. Just look at the prices of Ladies' and Children's Underclothing, Pinafore, Aprons, and Blouses. Also in Umbrellas and Sunshades.

In Hosiery there is only the best dye kept. Quality and Price speak for themselves.

MEN'S, YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING.

Men's Colonial Tweed Suits from 17s 6d; Boys' do., at 12s 6d.

Men's Tweed Trousers and Vest from 7s 6d.

Men's Tweed Trousers from 3s 9d.

Moles, 3s 11d ; extra heavy at 4s 6d—this is exceptionally good ; Boys' do, at 3s 6d.

Boys' Boaters and Galateas in great variety. Boys' Galates Suits at 1s 11d, 2s 11d, and 3s 6d. Tweed Knicker Suits, 3s 6d ; Colonial do., from 4s 11d. Men's Working Shirts at 10½d, 1s, 1s 3d, 1s 6d, and 1s 11d. Flannel Unders from 2s 6d. Men's Under Pants, 10½d and 1s ; heavy do. at 1s 6d. Men's Socks from 3d per pair.

Very special value in White Shirts, Undressed at 1s 11d.

There is also a large assortment of Hard and Soft Felt Hats to be sold at almost mill prices. Men's and Boys' Braces, Colars, Ties, etc.

STEPHENS imports as well as buying in this market for cash, and the public would do well to compare values before purchasing elsewhere.

ADDRESS—
HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. R. NOTTAGE,

(220 and 222 Smith-st., Collingwood)

Having been successful in procuring a long lease from the proprietors of the property, is now offering

STOCK
AT
FURTHER
REDUCED
PRICES

Previous to alterations to Building, and hopes to keep his reputation of having

THE
CHEAPEST
CLOTHING
SHOP
IN
THE
COLONY.

A. R. NOTTAGE,
(SUCCESSOR TO KIDNEY BROS).
220 & 222 SMITH STREET,
COLLINGWOOD.

Drapers

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DAVIES & STEEL'S

BEAUTIFUL

DISPLAY

OF

Spring & Summer Goods.

NOW ON VIEW.

ALL THE LATEST GOODS.
CHARMING VARIETY.

Inspection Invited.

117, 119, 121, 123,
BRUNSWICK STREET
FITZROY
(Few doors from Gertrude Street).

MISS JESSIE PITZPATRICK
(Successor to Mrs. Griffiths),
QUEEN'S PARADE,
CLIFTON HILL,
Has First-class Servants waiting on gagement.
Ladies can rely on being faithfully served. Quality guaranteed to.

FRESH FRUIT, CHOICE CONFECTIONERY
SUMMER DRINKS
AND SCHOOL REQUISITES.

Arthur W. Baird,
CABINET-MAKER and UPHOLSTERER
(late of Craig, Williamson's),
Corner RAILWAY & BASTINGS STS., NORTHCOTE.

Bed-Room and Drawing-Room Suites executed to any design.

Furniture Re-Upholstered, Repaired, and French-polished, made equal to new.

Carpets Beaten and Re-laid. Every description of household work done.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Coach Builders.

FOR SALE at CROXTON RAILWAY STATION.

T. MUNRO

WISHES to inform his Customers and the public in general that by addition to his Wood, Coal and Coke Yard he has added that of

TIMBER of all Descriptions, also
PRODUCE of all Sorts.

Please note that all our supplies come direct by truck—we have no second handling ; therefore are prepared to give our customers the benefit of the labor and expense which is incurred in second handling.

In Stock—
WOOD, 6in., 12in., and 2ft. COAL, Korumburra and Newcastle.
COKE, CHAFF (Horse and Cow), BRAN,
WHEAT, POLLARD, MAIZE, STRAW.
Sawn HARDWOOD of all sorts, POSTS & RAILS, PALINGS, 5 ft. & 6 ft.
STUMPS and Redgum of all descriptions.
FLOORING, LINING & WEATHER BOARDS, etc., etc.

Tailors

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PRACTICAL TAILOR,
HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE.

Choicest Patterns to select from.
Fit and Style guaranteed.
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Anniversary Services,

SUNDAY, 10th NOV.

Morning, REV. E. RODDA.
Afternoon, BISHOP OF MELB.
Evening, DEAN OF MELB.

GRAND CONCERT & TABLEAUX, New Shire Hall,

TUESDAY EVENING, 12th NOV.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PREACHERS:—
Morning, Rev. A. Forbes Ferguson, of Donald; evening, Rev. S. H. Ferguson, subject, "The Great Campaign." Sunday School meets Town Hall, 3. No meetings next week owing to the sitting of General Assembly.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRESTON.

Services are held every Sunday in the Church, David-street, morning at 11, evening at 7.
Subjects for to-morrow:—Morning, "Our Lord's Parables." No. 4; evening, "Something to do."
Minister—REV. G. CARSON.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Prince of Wales' Parade, Armadale st., Northcote.

Preachers for to-morrow:—Morning, Mr. Willet Bevan; evening, Mr. Charles Strong.
Sunday School at a quarter to 3.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, PRESTON.

Service in connection with above will for the present be held in the Public Library Hall, Preston.
Preacher, Mr. Turner; morning and evening.
Sunday's Hymns evening only.
Come into Me (Jesus) all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you Rest.

NORTHCOTE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Preachers for To-Morrow:—Morning, Mr. White; evening, Rev. S. Harris, subject, "Conscience."
Monday, 8, Mutual Improvement Association.

THE FAITH IN GOD EFFORT

For South Preston Wesleyan Church. Liquidation of the Debt.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10th.—Rev. S. Adamson at 11, Rev. E. B. Vye at 3, Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at 3. Address, Rev. E. T. Cox, subject—"Hoping in the Lord's Power." Solos by Mr. W. G. Barker and Mr. Bill.

GRAND CHILDREN'S GATHERING, Monday, Nov. 11th. Special programme. Newly elected Ubaldine Queen to be declared. Rev. Cox, Chairman.

Thursday Evening Meetings arranged for, date yet to be fixed.

Admission Free to every meeting, but gold and silver offerings will be thankfully received at all the collections.

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SATURDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

At the suggestion of Cr. Pearl the Northcote council decided on Thursday evening to make another attempt to interview the Premier next week with a view of getting the question of a railway line for the northern suburbs referred to railways standing committee. Cr. Pearl informed the council that the railway committee have not been able to recommend the construction of a single country line which has been before them. It is but true to his past faith, he thinks there can be but one result of an examination into the merits of a northern railway line. The representatives of the Preston and Heidelberg Councils will be asked to take part in the interview, which will likely be arranged for next at the Treasury buildings. Mr. Smith has been very prompt in making the arrangements, and has received instructions on Thursday night.

The town clerk as secretary to the Northcote Public Library, submitted to the town council on Thursday evening a report as to the doings of that institution during the past 12 months. The receipts had amounted to £71 4s 2d, and the expenditure to £64 3s 11d, leaving a credit balance of £7 0s 6d. A considerable number of new books had been added, making the number of volumes now in the library 577. The number of subscribers during the year had been 215 per month. The number of books issued to subscribers was 2191. A communication had been received in connection with the library and had been liberally patronised, no less than 932 visitors having already signed the book. The number of subscribers was not as great as the committee desired, but it was hoped these would increase. The committee consisting of office bearers, cases, &c., and about 1,200 gallons of wine.

Lot 2.—Consisting of 337 acres 2 roods 11 perches, situated on the south side of the Yan Yean Road. The PROPERTY lately known as JOB SMITH'S.

Further particulars can be had from the agent,

ARTHUR S. KING,

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FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

ARTHUR S. KING has been instructed (in consequence of the sale of the above properties) to Sell by Public Auction, immediately after the sale of the above lands, at the Shire Hall Farm, the surplus stock, viz.,—
74 bullocks nearly all fat
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25 pure and half-bred Ayrshire cows, to calve shortly
2 pure pedigreed Ayrshire bulls
350 crossbred ewes, with a large percentage of lambs at foot
60 pure Lincoln ewes, with lambs at foot by Carter's pure Lincoln rams
3 pure Lincoln rams
Pair of heavy horses, by Vagabond and Confusion
2 first-class hacks
Brougham buggy, colts, &c.
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TENDERS invited until Saturday, 16th November, for 68 chains of Fencing on Farm at Thomastown, occupied by Frederick Stevens, to consist of top rail and 5 wires. Alternate Tenders for material and erecting same. Specification on application to ALEXANDER BROCK, 35 Rowe Street, North Fitzroy.

LOCALISMS.

The average attendance at the Northcote State School is now over 900—the highest yet attained.

Several local Sunday school picnics took took place on Tuesday. No mishaps occurred, and enjoyable gatherings were the rule in each instance.

The farcical comedy "Mixed" will be the next production of the Metropolitan Amateurs, at the Preston Public Hall next Wednesday week.

Anniversary services will be held at All Saints' Church, Preston, to-morrow. Special preachers are announced and the gentlemen hope to be favored with liberal collections.

Considering the practice of bicycle riding dangerous to visitors to the park, the Preston Council have resolved to place restrictions upon it.

Preston council have resolved to improve the park by the expenditure of £10. As will be seen by our report Cr. Howden denies that this shall only be a first instalment.

Malcolm McLeon, son of the Northcote mayor, won the Oriental Wheel Race of two miles at the Exhibition grounds last Saturday, time 4 min. 52 and 2-5th sec. A capital performance.

That good old litigant, Henry Schultz, was again in evidence on Monday. What would the Preston Court do without him?

£250 was received in cash during the first two days of the Rev. S. C. Flockart's "Faith-in God" appeal for funds on behalf of the South Preston Wesleyan Church. Splendid!

Mrs. Fitts, the Divorce Court notability, was a witness in the Preston Police Court on Monday.

It is intimated that the final social in connection with the Preston Presbyterian Church will be held at the Braddon Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Fidelity Tent I.O.R. Preston is to have the honor of a visit from the district officers of the public meeting, and it is desired that the tent shall appear at its very best, members are particularly requested to attend.

Ex-Cr. Hutton has just returned from a four months trip to Queensland, looking and feeling quite well. The ex-councillor will be pleased to hear decidedly better of his rest.

On glancing at the well and daintily laid table in the Mayor's room on Thursday evening, the Preston reporter could not help remarking that in this respect they did things "proper" in Northcote.

This is a bad season to meet agriculturalists. Not so to the hay-growers of the district, for they are reaping good crops and high prices are their experience.

Cup-Day, as usual, was a great day for picnics. From early morn till towards noon an endless procession streamed along Heidelberg and Epping and Plenty roads, in gaily-decked vans, four-in-hands, &c., to the syrian retreats beyond. After a threatening morning the sky cleared and the day was gloriously fine, exactly suited to *al fresco* enjoyments. Consequently the annual picnics of All Saints', Trinity, and Presbyterian S.S., and Wesleyan S.S., passed off most successfully. The first-named was at Heidelberg Heights, the second at Ivanhoe, and the third at the showgrounds, Heidelberg. The teachers, as usual, were indefatigable in making the day as pleasant as possible for the children, and no mishap occurred to mar the pleasure of the gatherings.

The sinking funds of the three Northcote loans now amount to a little more than one-eighth of the sum originally borrowed. In 30th September £2666 12s 8d was accumulated. This sum is invested in Government stock, the interest has upon which at 31 October was £2125 6s 6d. This is to be added to the above total.

In connection with their anniversary the incumbent, board of guardians of All Saints', Preston, have hit upon a novel idea of celebrating it. In place of the old-fashioned public meeting invitations have been issued for a grand concert with *tableaux vivant* to be held in the shire-hall on Tuesday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. The musical portion of which has been arranged by Mr. W. C. Wood. Its excellence may therefore be looked for on. Amongst those taking part may be mentioned Miss Morrell, Miss Waugh, Miss Juniper, Miss Styles, Miss Gumett, and Miss Lennon; Messrs. Lennon, Clarke, Lemore, Jones, Day, Donaldson, and quartette party. A feature of the evening will be the display of the Rev. Lonsdale's good crops and high prices are their experience.

The legal difficulties which arose when Mr. Edward Arundel of the stallion Trenton, in the St. Albans lottery were finally settled yesterday, when notice of discontinuance of the actions in the master were served all round. They were in all four actions —Green and others and the Modern Permanent Building Society taking out those plaguey instruments known as writs of foreign attachment, and the Modern Permanent Building Society and Mrs. Arundel contesting themselves with ordinary writs of attachment. Mrs. Arundel obtained a half-share in the lucky ticket which drew Trenton, and Mr Arundel's creditors have agreed to fully recognise her claim. Everything being amicably settled, Trenton will go up for sale at St. Albans on Wednesday next. The solicitors concerned in these interesting proceedings were Messrs. Blake and Riggall for Green and others, Messrs. Davies and Campbell for the two building societies, and Messrs. Maddock, Johnson, and Jamieson for Mrs. Arundel.

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Present:—Crs. McLeod (mayor), Yeomans, Thompson, Rastings, Harry, Marks, Brown, Pearl, Howden, Mellor-tosh, Campbell, Rapken, Candy, and Dennis.

A TANNERY LICENSE.

John Carew made application that the premises occupied by him in Bower's Lane should be licensed as a tannery. He was willing to do anything required to prevent a nuisance at any time.

Cr. Marks moved that the registration be approved, subject to the premises being inspected to the satisfaction of the officers. The adjoining property owners had shown no opposition to the license, and the council need show none.

Cr. Thompson seconded the motion. He was sure Mr. Carew would conduct the premises without offence to anybody. The motion was carried unanimously.

AN UNREGISTERED FACTORY.

The Chief Inspector of Factories wrote stating that as Mr. A. J. Fillingham was still in occupation of premises in High street as a boot factory, he included building a memorandum thereof, but was loth to do so till he had learned from the council that the council's written approval has been withheld because he has failed to carry out the requirements of the sanitary officers.

The town clerk said he had requested the inspector to say his hand till such time as he received the officer's report.

ARTHURTON ROAD.

R. Orford wrote asking for some improvement to the north side of Arthurton road.

The engineer reported that the improvements required would cost £5 10s.

Cr. Thompson moved that the matter be referred to the improvement committee.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Bastings (chairman) submitted the report, showing £45 4s 6d due to the fourth assistant and £379 6s 6d, and that the Dr. Balance at date was £1177 4s 8d.

Also recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £205 9s 7d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Letter from Mr. R. R. Patey, re lease of Lot 1 on plan of Crown allotment 5 on the north side of the Merri Creek, be received, the municipal portion of which has been arranged by Mr. W. C. Wood. Its excellence may therefore be looked for on. Amongst those taking part may be mentioned Miss Morrell, Miss Waugh, Miss Juniper, Miss Styles, Miss Gumett, and Miss Lennon; Messrs. Lennon, Clarke, Lemore, Jones, Day, Donaldson, and quartette party. A feature of the evening will be the display of the Rev. Lonsdale's good crops and high prices are their experience.

Leading diviners.—To-morrow afternoon the Bishop of Melbourne will preach at St. Paul's, Preston, and in the evening service will be conducted by the Dean of Melbourne. The Rev. E. Hoddle will occupy the pulpit in the morning.

Yesterday the mayor and Cr. Candy visited the Fairfield Park commissioners and found that the department's decision was to close the park, which will be always to be letting it on the terms suggested.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried.

A letter from Messrs Cunningham and Doig, re refund of £1, collected as registration fee for dog.—Cr. Dennis remarked that they be informed that such was properly charged.—Adopted.

A letter applicating the use of the Salvation Army for use of hall Sunday afternoon, that Australia would reject calculations.—The committee recommend that the town clerk be directed to reply to the effect that the council have no power to let use of the small hall, but will be pleased to let the large hall for Sunday afternoon and evening at a rental to be fixed.—Adopted.

A letter from Recreation C.C. re use of dressing-room at Park Lodge.—It was generally agreed that the use should be granted subject to the usual conditions.—Adopted.

A letter from Mr. Simmonds re rent Park Lodge.—The committee recommended that the town clerk be directed to give him notice to the effect that he having failed to carry out the conditions as to the lease, the lease to the 31st inst must vacate the premises, and that the shire surveyor take possession of the suitable person to take the lodge.—Adopted.

The committee report that the respective ex-mayors of the town desire to present to the council two enlarged photos and recommend that they be accepted, the town clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the framing of such in the council chamber.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Candy moved, and Cr. Rapken moved that it was the intention of the Railway Commissioners to close the Northcote South station. This would be a great inconvenience to persons wishing to go to Heidelberg or Fairfield, or by rail to Clifton Hill or Fairfield to book. He moved that a deputation wait on the commissioners and urge the necessity of such a proposal being carried out.

Cr. Dennis said this was quite in keeping with the rest of the treatment meted out to these districts in regard to railway matters. (Cr. Pearl—Hear, hear.) It should be protested against.

Cr. Bastings thought no harm would be done if the train stopped at the station as before, and the guard supplied tickets, the same as on other lines.

Cr. Rapken said he would be loth to be party to such a deputation till he had some facts before him. They were all heavily taxed to pay the deficiency of £1000 a day on the railways, and it would never be otherwise if people opposed every economy that slightly affected their convenience. If the returns did not justify it, why should they ask that the station be footpath? He would suggest that information as to returns at the station be asked before any other step is taken.—Agreed to.

In reply to Cr. Rapken the Mayor said that meetings would be arranged for next week of the committees in the north ward drainage scheme and also the loan for private street construction.

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Pursuant to notice, Cr. Pearl moved —"That in all contracts let by this council not less than 8s 6d per day shall be paid for hire of horse, dray and driver, of which sum not less than 6s shall be paid to the driver." He thought it should be met with the objection that boys might do the work; but the council wanted to employ men, and to give them a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. It would also be urged that if they gave 6s to drivers that amount was not enough for pick and shovel men. He (Cr. Pearl) did not think it was and wished the times were such that they could give them 8s per day. There were employers, though the medium of public speeches, had told them that they did not wish anything less than 6s, a day to be paid to workmen.

Cr. Harry seconded the motion.

Cr. Thompson said he must object that the 8s 6d for horse, man and dray was out of all proportion to the 6s a day for a driver. It would take far more than that to keep a dray in the field apart from any considerations of the wear and tear of the dray and the fair return on capital invested therein. All the council had to do was to say the man at the rate of wage and let him put on what he considered a fair thing for the horse and dray.

Cr. Rapken proposed an amendment that the word "must" be inserted before "be" in the first line, and "should" at less rates, if needful. This, he thought, would meet the case.

Cr. Dennis said they must remember that 6s a day was quite as good as 6s a week. Cr. Pearl—I thought they would be treating the drivers very fairly in fixing their remuneration at 6s. They was no justice in giving the man who was sitting on his dray half the time as much as the hard toiler. He knew there were plenty of old men and boys who were glad to get work as drivers. They were now getting a horse, man, and dray at much less than 8s 6d per day. He would be glad to see tenders he supposed all the tenders would be at 8s 6d. He did not think they gave the contract to ? He would move an amendment that the rate be 8s for horse, man and dray.

Cr. Rapken asked the Mayor's ruling as to whether he was in order in moving that they had fixed the minimum wage at 6s a day.

The Mayor said the amendment was out of order.

Cr. Yeomans moved an amendment that the words "of which sum not less than 6s shall be paid to the driver" be struck out.

Cr. Marks seconded the amendment. He did not think they should go and ask the drivers themselves and they would tell them that they should not get less than 6s a day for their labor.

The council had no right to interfere with the rate of wages that should be paid and dray for; and drivers, certainly, were not worth more than 6s a day. Public contractors had to keep to that time, but he whom ; not by the people who paid the rates. He would be the voice of the ratepayers proper, and he for one would bow to it. The cry, however, was a political one, got up by Trades-hall agitators to suit their own ends, and he hoped it was one they would not be drugged away.

Cr. Rapken spoke in support of the amendment.

Cr. Pearl said that he still contended that 6s a day was fair wages for a driver. It would take far more than that to keep a dray in the field apart from any considerations of the wear and tear of the horse and dray. They must remember also that even if a driver's work was a little lighter the expenses of keeping his family was just the same as that of the harder worked man.

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Cr. Rapken said he was nothing in the amendment. If they fixed the wage at 6s a day for horse-drivers, the different contractors employing boys at less than 6s would feel put down. They must remember also that even if a driver's work was a little lighter the expenses of keeping his family was just the same as that of the harder worked man.

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MY LADY HAMILTON

AND THE QUEEN OF NAPLES.

NELSON'S LAST BEHEST.

In the noble palace of Caserta, which the traveller now sees as he looks out of the window of the railroad car between Naples and Capua, on a sunny day of May, 1798, King Ferdinand of Naples held court in the absence of Austria's ruler, his brother-in-law, Maria Theresa. The young lady was tall, handsome, and considered though at 16 her figure had not developed to its full, and the Empress Josephine lip and the resolute Napoleonic mouth. She had given her hand in marriage of her quality to stipulations in her marriage contract which she was to have a seat in the Privy Council from the time of her majority.

Before she was 21 she had ensured the abortion. Her husband was a cool and a libertine, as instinctive to his kind-born as to his wife. Naples was governed by a Tuscan named Tanucci, who had been a professor in the university at Pisa, had risen to be Prime Minister by the favor of the late queen of Madrid, and had been all powerful for forty years. To strip the former of his show of authority was enough to cause to overthrow Tanucci involved a conflict which lasted three years. But the well-skilled woman won; the veteran minister was exiled to Gaeta, where he died in poverty, and Caroline of Austria disclosed-hood was the real power as the sovereign of Southern Italy.

The taste she had exercised was terrible. She was fond of luxury and extravagance, and the Neapolitan treasury was low. There was an annual deficit in the budget, and to provide means new taxes was to risk an insurrection. To resist the queen picked out an Englishman named Sir John Acton. He was a sailor by calling; an Apollo in face; a Hercules in form; and, as he proved over, a man of considerable parts; he knew many things well, and he knew women better than anything. He came to Naples as the shoulder to bear the burden of the details of government and saw to it that the Queen had all the money she needed.

His services soon made him the idol of the queen. General Elgin in the "Grande Duchesse," and Nelson, the Admiral of the fleet. He was appointed Minister of War. He was created Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was elected by Parliament Field Marshal. He was raised to the baronage. He was finally raised to the rank of captain-general of the Kingdom. Honors and titles were showered upon him. Even Ferdinand envied the favorite his success. Wealth poured into his purse. And for twenty-five years he was the master in whom everyone applied when they needed favor at Naples. He was on terms with Charles III., the King's father, and wanted him. For twenty years the prodigy of craft, courage, and unscrupulousness ruled the Two Sicilies through his influence that the political prisoners of 1848 were released from torture; he was partly responsible for the execution of Murat. There was not in all Naples a more bigoted or truculent enemy of liberty than he.

Queen Caroline's attachment to and trust in him never wavered. She gave him a confidant in the person of a woman, who was to be his wife.

This is the lady of whom it has been said that her life bordered on romance and reads like a fable. The daughter of an English blacksmith, herself a servant in her youth, she grew up a lovely woman, gifted with an incomparable voice and exceptional talent for acting. She was discovered by the virtuoso, Francis Greville, and was educated by him for his posse. At 17 she was tall, lithe and perfectly modeled, with rich and chestnut hair, liquid blue eyes, a delicate and expressive nose, a dainty mouth, which opened to show a set of pearly teeth, a throat both against pre-graphic line, and a form full of voluptuous curves. The painter Romney raved about her and painted her portrait in twenty different styles.

Harry Greville died. Sir William Hamilton, who had been Minister to Naples for a score of years, was about to return to England. He met Emma. He proposed to her. She accepted his honorable offer and subject, dear to me, and married him.

Lady Hamilton never indulged in libertinism. She was devoted to her political patroness. She morning she learned Italian from Spain, which he had not learned from Italian, and she studied Italian from a teacher. She was a friend the Queen and addressed her as "Carissima." She was a confidante of the Queen's daughters. She was a favorite with the people. She was a companion of the Queen's children. She was a favorite with the people. She was a favorite with the people. She was a favorite with the people

THE HORTICULTURIST.

The Orchard and Fruit Garden.

One of the most important duties at this time is the destruction of weeds. The pernicious fern very numerous advertises, but there are only a limited number who follow it.

In this case of young seeds, pear and peach trees that have been covered with thickness and luxury of growth of young fruit, the practice should be to remove about a dozen of the smallest, leaving the condition of the trees, and particularly if the branches of wood growth are making but slow progress. The annual and vegetable kingdom are very similar as regards reproduction before they arrive at maturity, and it is exceedingly detrimental to a young tree to be allowed to mature too much fruit while it is growing vigorously. The most convenient instrument for thinning out young fruit is a small pair of sharp shears, with which to nip off the stems. One man will be able to thin out the fruit on a large number of trees in a day if he can handle his shears with facility.

When the fruit hangs in clusters always cut out the smallest specimens and do not be chicken - hearted over such a job, although it may appear unattractive to your crop of fruit. Assuming and other fallen fruit will be found to have been well sided with pools up to the size of a walnut. Any fruit of this description, and strong, a larger sized pair may safely be given.

If on the other hand not many pears or peaches have set, it would not be advisable to do so, as a certain number of pears weak or slender, it would not be a bad practice to do so, as a certain number of pear specimens will strengthen the wood. Cyclones, canker, persimmon, aphides, and rhododendrons after they have attained the size of a walnut, or the young vine, should feel proud, and let them remain, not knowing the responsibility of the tree or vine to bring them all to maturity; without a doubt your what possess, the effect of which can be felt for years. It is the limit to be great, but as to the point, and oftentimes it happens that the tree that has made a crop suffers all the sufferers between the thin and the heavy crop, which price in the market. I apparently a tree will set so many fruit that it cannot bring any part of the crop to a size which will command a sale, as a crowded market, when, if only half or even a fourth part of the fruit had been removed the remaining specimens would have sold readily at the best prices of the market.

Again, everybody can notice that the overbearing of a tree one year is likely to result in the barrenness of the next crop the next, and hence the necessity for thinning during the early portion of the trees and keep up a regular annual supply.

Where apples, pears, peaches, or plums are grown for exhibition purposes they are very liable to be attacked by disease and insects, and this should be guarded against by severely thinned when young so as to enable the plants to take or more specimens will touch each other when they attain size.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

The dry season is now showing itself on vegetables, and green crops are not so abundant as usual at this period of year. If rain falls an opportunity will be found to sow a few more small crops, if more of them are required, such as carrot, parsnip, beet, turnip, and salsafy, during the warm weather, it is difficult to get such seeds well over ground without failure, and on this account a piece of small ground should be covered lightly with a light mixture of soil and manure, which will not be inclined to crust and prevent their free germination. It is now no difficulty in raising any of the summer crops, such as the runner beans, marrows, cucumbers, and tomatoes, as their seeds are all of a large and stronger than those of the root crops. This is also a good time to sow seed of Brussels sprouts, red cabbage, Swede and broccis, for raising to have strong plants ready for the mid-summer planting, which will, if not in a good early autumn crop. A large number of handy summer cabbages may now be sown; they will generally mature in a few months, and such vegetables are scarce and high in price. Spinach of the round or summer variety, and also spinach or silver beet seeds should now be sown, as the period between rows of young onions should be well stirred and kept perfectly free from weeds in order to produce a heavy crop of fine, useful vegetables. If the beds are neglected the roots will not be worth harvesting. Hoe in a sharp and sparagus must have plenty of water, and if possible, in connection with liquid manure once a week to keep up a free growth; on the crop evidently depend the quality and yield of the following season's produce. If the tops be pulled from the roots, not cut off with a knife, the former operation can be safely left to nature use, but to obtain any special crop of roots the seed should be sown right into small sets or crowns, each having a bud or eye, and these are well established. Sea kail roots may be grown and forced in the same manner as rhubarb. It is also generally forced by placing a number of roots in a suitable mass of soil, and at the same time covering up the crowns of the leaves with boxes or pots of flower-pots of large size. Asparagus roots should be irrigated if necessary to such an extent that the deepest roots will have a good soaking. The cutting should be done the first year of growth roots are well established. The second year a few of the earliest shoots may be used, but the crop will not be available until the third season after planting. In cutting asparagus, the great skill is required when cutting asparagus, not to injure the remaining shoots yet beneath the surface. The time to cut is before the head of the sprouts or bunches out and looses its compact form.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Flowering plants require close attention at this time, and every care must be taken. At all times the withered blooms and seed pods should be removed promptly, as they not only look unsightly but exhaust the plants of much energy. In fact, many plants when permitted to seed speedily will afterwards perish or cease flowering for several months at the least. The growth of annuals that have been planted this season will now be considerable, and these will require a heavy mulching, with a dressing one week until the next.

As stated before, the watering of shrubs and other permanent plants must be constantly done by pouring the water in at the roots and not merely on the surface. No harm than good is done by merely sprinkling the surface in dry weather, as it does not penetrate to any depth, the object being to keep that the roots are encouraged towards the surface moisture, as they will not be affected by the sun, instances of which may be seen in many gardens.

Perennial rooted flowers, such as penstemons, verbenas, petunias, phloxes, heliotropes and many others of spreading habits may be stipped in, should the growth of wood be at all weak, as it will never give good bloom.

Roses that have flowered may be pruned back, one half their wood being left, they will flower in succession.

Chrysanthemums should be cut back and divided; if the stools are more than a year old, they crowed and exhausted each other, As a rule the most blooms are produced upon young shoots of the current season, on their roots and supply nourishment in the roots and suppliers. Ilies, sunflowers, typical cosmos, hollyhock and rich soil should be staked before they appear heavy from the usual heaviness when well planted are now making good growth, and will require a large quantity during the next four or five months; and in dry weather, however, e of such plants should be restored to either a trellis or wire, which will position in the best way, as most of our beautiful flowering plants do not show off to advantage unless they is range or sprayer should be put in hand, as the insects destruction of aphides or elaborate insecticide, if properly applied, will destroy the pests.

CONSERVATORY AND POT PLANTS.

Young batches of pot plants now in a suitable condition should be repotted as soon as their roots want more space, this is well supplied to fumigate, hydrangeas, azaleas, daphnes and others exhibited by reason of their having been allowed to suffer for want of a little attention. To specially a young plant or specimen of any description, requires repotting, the pot should be selected, and the ball of earth with its roots, very gently knocked out of the old pot, and the roots be carefully teased out with pegs or the point of a small knife or skewer, and the new soil pressed in with moderate firmness, and in a close frame.

Cuttings of geranium and peaches can be made into a wholesome wine in the following manner—As soon as the fruit is nearly ripe remove the stones and strongly bruise the pulp to a pulp. For every 8lb of the latter add 1 quart of fresh soft water, and let the mass stand 24 hours. Then press out the liquor and for every 2 quarts of it put 1lb sugar and allow it to ferment. During fermentation the cask should frequently be thrown a handful of the crushed kernels of the fruit, which will add to the flavour and produce a more spicy flavor.

Cuttings of any kind of useful bedding plants are raised from cuttings of the young shoots, and these will be inserted singly before their roots become all matted together. If the cuttings are allowed to get ready to receive them, a large box or pot of smaller size should be filled with the plants, which may easily be removed.

Cement Your Own Dairy Floor.

The following recipe is from Hoard's Dairyman, "At the recommendation of a civil engineer of large experience, and one who is thoroughly within the means and skill of any ordinary farmer:—

"Take one barrel cement, mix one part hydraulic cement, four parts sharp, clean sand and five parts broken stone; screen the stone so as not to have it over two inches in any measurement—or good clean gravel will do, but not so well. Mix and sand and cement first, then wet and mix with gravel and throughly incorporate and put in place, and throughly tamp. Make a floor having a surface of at least eighty or one hundred square inches. Make this three or four inches thick. The next day top coat with Portland cement and sand, half and half. Trowel thoroughly, and when set, to revive to prevent cracking, sprinkle with dry cement, or something of that kind, and keep moist for a week, and keep traffic off till thoroughly settled.

The above are for stable floors. Of course in dairy rooms a less thickness of concrete will be perfectly serviceable, but the latter must be arranged according to the uses to which the floor is to be put.

In conclusion, it may be asked how say these changes be retarded: Now, in doing so the great enticement is best. Cleanliness is a not possible. Whoever doubts this, let him read the report of the evidence given before the Select Committee on Food Products Adulteration, which has just been printed as a Blue-book. The "Westminster Gazette" gives a few extracts, as follows:—

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Mr. Smith intimated that the government had generously offered to display a series of facsimiles of the bills at the occasion. Mr. Bishop was of opinion that it would be advisable to defer completing arrangements for some months, as the examination of the scholars by the inspector, as the first occasion of the assessment in which they would be actively engaged taking place about that time would probably tend to divert their minds from attention. It was agreed to postpone further consideration of the matter until next meeting. Some minor matters having received attention the meeting adjourned.

THE WHITTLESEA SHOW.

Those who are free for a pleasant outing cannot do better than go to the Whittlesea show. The exhibits of cattle, sheep and other stock, as well as dairy produce, poultry, &c., to say nothing of the bracing atmosphere of Whittlesea will repay a visit. For the convenience of residents of Northcote, Preston, and districts to the north, a special train will run, leaving Spencer street at 9 a.m. Returning from the show grounds at 5 p.m.

"EAST LYNNE."

The above well-known drama was produced at the Public Hall, Preston, on Wednesday and Thursday by the Australian Dramatic Co. before a numerous audience. The performance passed off without a hitch, and, judging by the frequent applause, was much enjoyed. In the part of Lady Isabel Miss Millie Collier fairly took the lead, and elicited much and full sympathy of the audience, especially the feminine part. Mr. Newton Grif- fiths was at his best as Archibald, the part of Archibald Carlyle, and received his full share of applause. Miss Metcalfe acquitted herself well. Miss Marian Norman, as Miss Cornelia Carlyle, was also very good, and received considerable encouragement by her clever acting. Mr. Hales, as Dill, Mr. Carlyle's confidential clerk, kept the house simmering with laughter. Mr. Pyman personated the part of Captain Levison Mr. G. Coppin, jun., was a decided success, and Mr. John R. Haynes, as Richard Hare, did full justice to the part. Mr. J. H. Marsin as Lord Mount Severn was very good. Mr. W. H. Metcalfe in the part of Sergeant Holloway was very amusing; and Miss Lollie Lewis made a good Willie Carlyle, acquitting herself well in the pathetic scene.

Mr. Coppin, in thanking patrons for their attendance, announced that the company would shortly return to Preston, when they would produce the amusing farcical comedy entitled "Mixed."

MARRIAGE.

A large number assembled at the residence of Mr. J. Mengens, "Dovedale," South Preston, to witness the marriage of his niece Miss Gunther with Mr Nantan Lewis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. C. Knox, who is a very old friend. The bride wore a wedding gown of white satin, trimmed with court train and prettily trimmed with lace, and orange flowers, with the usual wreath and veil. The bridesmaids, Miss L. Saunders and Miss Naylor were attired in white cream costumes, relieved with apricot silk and lace, and wore sunflowers. Mr. Lewis was supported by his brother Mr. C. Naumans as best man, also Mr G. Anglow, and Mengens gave the bride away, and the Rev. Mr. Knox very soon adjusted the mystical knot. After the ceremony about twenty persons partook of a wedding breakfast, given by Mr and Mrs J. H. Mengens. The Rev. Mr. Knox proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, to which Mr. Nantan Lewis responded in the best man replied on behalf of the bridesmaids. Mr. Clegg, and Mr. Knox did similar duty for the bride's mother. As the party rose from the table Mrs. Knox gave a very suitable recitation. On returning from a drive the bridal party were met by 90 of their friends, who were invited by the bride's mother, and dancing in a very pretty "ball-room," decorated with evergreens and bridal roses, was continued till morning. The presents are too numerous to mention.

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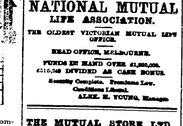

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Lord Brassey.

HIS LORDSHIP'S LITTLE CRITICS.

One of our contemporaries to-day refers to the personal anecdote against himself which Lord Brassey has told in the Liberal Association, but does not give the whole story. Lord Brassey, it appears, has been down in the neighborhood of Harrow to make a friendly speech on behalf of Dr Barnardo's Homes, prior to his departure for Australia. Walking on his way home he encountered a little urchin, who had attended the meeting, and he accidentally overheard their conversation. "Lizzie," said one, "what did you think of Lord Brassey?" "They say he is a very nice man," said the other. "Yes," replied the interlocutor, "that may be; but as for his speech—well, I don't think much of his speech."

Lord Brassey thought over the opinions of his young critics, and determined to profit by them. "From Treasury," he said to himself, "then I shall be free to speak with an important meeting of women voters." Accordingly, on Friday last he set off himself in the duty that falleth upon Lord Brassey: Awake early in the dawn, put on my hat, put my thoughts on paper, so that they expressing fair and well, acquit themself worthily before the members of the Women's National Liberal Association in the fulfilment of the duty incumbent on Lady Bayley, who had invited them to address them on a vital question of the day." It only remains to add that the important part of Lord Brassey's speech at the meeting in question was read from manuscript, which he foolishly had brought prepared in the "early dawn."—"West. minster."

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The above sketch shows a combination poultry house, designed to supply "all the comforts of a home" for fowls. It will accommodate from 100 to 120 birds, its dimensions are 20ft x 20 feet, elevation 6 feet rear, 12 feet front, and 9 feet to the ridge, according to design. Explanation of ground plan:—Scratching shed, 6ft wide; laying boxes arranged on shelves around wall; c—chicken runs open; roosting apartment into laying house; d—four feet door into laying apartment; e e—laying boxes; ff ff—doors to collect eggs from; g—small door with platform where corn is thrown for scratching; h—trap door for removal of droppings.

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AGRICULTURAL.

Some Properties of Milk

The number of changes which are constantly going on in milk are been witness to by the rapidity with which that valuable food sours, coagulates, changes its colour, etc., when kept for any length of time, and changes, many of these, of a very complicated nature, and as yet, little is known their causes, although, however, e of such enormous practical importance for everyone looking to or dealing with dairy produce that no apology is needed for the following remarks on the behaviour of some of the more common changes which milk undergoes under different circumstances. Milk, when new, or in a condition of absolute freshness, is a very sweet fluid, and if it may be said, "what is the exact nature of the sweetness" is a question which investigation has not yet been able to satisfactorily answer, but which has been decided. It seems not to be due to sugar, for milk contains a large proportion of it, at any rate is present in milk in some sort of combination with the curd, and the latter is not sweet. This composed of casein is soluble. When the milk is allowed to stand for some time, composition changes are effected, whereby the casein and the lime are separated, the former being precipitated as a curd, and the latter remaining in solution in the serum. This change is a spontaneous one, and is due to the presence of milk, which on lower quantities of air, and is due to the presence of milk, which on lower quantities of air, and is due to the presence of milk, which on lower quantities of air

SOUTH PRESTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

A DEBT REDUCING SCHEME.

SELF DENIAL AND DETERMINATION EFFORT.

During the present week a scheme has been launched for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the South Preston Wesleyan Church, which amounts to £6,800, carrying interest at the rate of £1 per day. The debt has been a source of continual anxiety to the trustees, and the liability has become so great that its liquidation has more than once been despaired of.

The church was built in 1888 and opened in 1889. It is a fine building, erected on a commanding elevation, and is capable of accommodating some 500 people. At the time it was built the greatest activity prevailed in and around Preston, which promised soon to become a populous city, and the trustees considered they were justified in building the church. The extensive brickyards of the district gave employment to hundreds of men, and consequently the prospects were most encouraging. The collapse, however, of the building trade necessitated the winding up of these large industries, with what result everyone is now only too familiar. Many of the promises of support made at the opening could not be fulfilled, and the difficulties of financing the affairs have been acutely felt by ministers, officers, and congregation for the last five years. Strenuous efforts have repeatedly been made to grapple with the debt, and a band of persevering ladies have again and again done their very best by bazaars, &c., to raise sufficient to meet engagements but have failed, so that instead of the debt being reduced it has been on the increase.

When the Rev. S C Flockart took charge of the circuit in April he was almost overwhelmed with the magnitude of the encumbrance, but within three months he had evolved a scheme in accordance with the laws and regulations of the church, which was subsequently laid before the loan fund committee and approved of, and the scheme also obtained the connectional authority of the president of the conference. Having obtained the authority Mr. Flockart, undaunted by the decreased state of the colony and the financial embarrassment of thousands of inhabitants, commenced work vigorously and with a determination to carry it to a successful issue. The clerical work involved in the scheme has been enormous. Hundreds of private letters have been written, 10,000 circulars have been distributed to Methodists throughout Victoria and Tasmania appealing for support, and numerous collecting cards have been issued to catch the assistance of outsiders. The whole of this work has been done by Mr. and Mrs. Flockart, assisted by members of his congregation.

The main objects of the scheme are: —1. The reduction of interest, which will mean a great deal on so large an amount. 2. Generous assistance from private lenders upon retirement of their loans. 3. A thorough self-denial effort throughout the Preston circuit. 4. A general and direct appeal to the Methodist connection to join in this effort.

This is the first time such a scheme has been resorted to for any individual church in the colony, and the trustees hope to raise a very considerable sum of money.

In connection with the "Faith in God" effort, which was practically inaugurated on Sunday last, special services were conducted by prominent ministers of the church, morning and evening, by Rev. S. T. Withington and Rev. W. H. Fischer, B.A. (president of the conference) respectively, the congregations being very large. At three o'clock a pleasant Sunday afternoon service was held. The church was crowded, and a capital address was delivered by the Rev. A. R. Edgar. Sacred solos were finely rendered by Mr. W. G. Barker and Mr. Bill, and the choir also acquitted themselves well.

The decorations take the form of commanding mottos and Scriptural texts of various sizes and shades, many of which are beautifully worked, the one above the pulpit being specially effective and imposing. This work was carried out by the ladies of the Endeavor society, to whom a word of praise is richly deserved.

On Monday evening a grand public meeting was held, presided over by the president of the conference (Rev. W. H. Fischer) and addressed by such notabilities as the Rev. R. Watkin, D.D., Rev. W. Williams, F.L.S., Rev. W. L. Blamires, and Rev. A. R. Edgar. A very large gathering assembled, and the proceedings were characterised with much enthusiasm. Some choice musical selections were contributed. Miss Vera Goad's rendering of "The Gateway" and "The Toilers" found general favor, so did Miss Gaslin's fine rendering of "Mother's Message," and Miss Moran was warmly applauded for her singing of "The Worker." The church organist, Mr. Morrison, contributed no little to the success and pleasure of the meeting with his finely-played organ solos, and the anthems by the choir were given in their best style.

The Rev. Dr. Watkin spoke on "The common interests of Methodism," and said that Methodists should regard themselves as being members of one another. The more Wesleyans regarded their common interests and realised that they belonged to a connection the more effective and aggressive all their church operations would be. Methodists should realise their unity of interest because of their common creed. It has been said sarcastically that Methodism has the longest creed in Christendom, but it is one which has not required any alteration. (Applause). The polity of Methodism has been modified again and again in the past, but the doctrines preached from its pulpit are the same as those enunciated by John and Charles Wesley and other preachers. In other churches there are varying schools of theological thought. The Church of England has its three divisions of High, Low and Broad church. The Presbyterian church has some ministers who preach Calvinism, as it was taught by John Calvin himself, while there are others whose preaching differs in few points from that of the Methodists. In Methodism the same doctrines are preached in the city and country by presidents and probationers, and the cause of this Unity is ascribed to the fact that the poetical genius of Charles Wesley embodied that theology in immortal verse. The Christian post stands in the front rank of theological teachers. Where there is one Methodist who has learned his theology from Wesley, Fletcher, Watson, or Pope, there are scores who have learned what the teaching of their church is on Repentance and Faith, the witness of the Spirit and entire sanctification from the hymns of Charles Wesley. (Applause). Owing to the system of itinerancy ministers become more widely known to the people generally, and Methodism from the mother country dwell with particularable pride upon the ministers to whom they have listened. Pulpit orators like Robert Newton and Dr. Beaumont; profound preachers like Richard Watson and Theophilus Lessey; great revivalists like John Smith and Robert Young; and ecclesiastical statesmen like Jabez Bunting. In this country, too, the elder Methodists speak with loving memory of William Butters, Daniel Draper, John Eggleston, Joseph Dare, John Harcourt, Spencer Williams and others. And they should never forget, how much the Church owes to the self-denying efforts of local preachers. Every true Methodist who said that the world was his Parish will take the deepest interest in the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the land in which he lives, in the dense city populations as well as sparsely populated country districts. Methodism has always taken the deepest interest in missions to the heathen. among the most successful being the South Sea Missions and the triumphs of the cross achieved in Fiji. Another point, he said, of common interest to all Methodist was the religious education of the young. (Applause). For the extension of this work they were indebted to Sunday Schools with their staffs of voluntary workers. The church of the future will be the church that to-day pays most attention to the children and the young people. (Applause). In conclusion the speaker said that the ministers who came from the old country were rapidly passing away, but if the younger Methodists would remember the interests they have in common, if they will do all in their power to strengthen the connectional spirit, then "the strong will help the weak" and Methodism would continue to be a Church of the Holy Ghost in its Unity, Liberality, and Success. (Applause).

The chairman announced amidst great applause that the cash result of the effort up to that time was £250, and the raising of this sum entitled the trustees to a reduction of interest for 3 years which meant a saving of £115, so that by the movements so far they were practically £365 better off than they otherwise would have been. (Applause).

The "Christian Endeavor Rally," organised by Secretary W. Williams, took place on Thursday night, and proved a great success, some 400 persons attending, one half of whom were members of suburban endeavor societies. The superintendent of the circuit, Rev. S. C Flockart, presided, having on his right his father, who has played a prominent and honorable part in the church, and on his left the Rev. A. McCallum, of Geelong. The latter gentleman delivered a splendid address on the Christian's life and work. At the commencement Secretary Williams, on behalf of the local society, welcomed the endeavor societies from other suburbs, and expressed their gratitude for their liberal response to his invitation. The societies represented were—Ascot Vale, Temperance Township, Brunswick, Burnley, Cremorne street (Richmond), Sackville street (Collingwood), Church street (Richmond), George street (Fitzroy), Gipps street (Collingwood). Letters of encouragement were also received from Footscray, Brunswick street (Fitzroy), Newport, Fairfield Park, Hotham Hill, and North Melbourne, and one of the societies unable to attend sent a contribution equivalent to first-class fares from all their members.

Special services will be held to-morrow morning and evening, the preachers being the Rev. S. Adamson at 11 and Rev. E. W. Nye at 7. At 3 o'clock a pleasant Sunday afternoon service will be conducted by Rev. E. T. Cox, and Mr. W. G. Barker and Mr. Bill will render appropriate solos.

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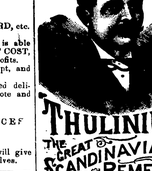

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RESIDENTS of Melbourne must have felt considerably disquieted not to say alarmed on reading yesterday the report as to the food supply. On the other hand satisfaction would be felt that the municipal authorities are so energetically taking up the matter with a view to stamping out the abuses which the investigations of their committee with the assistance of experts have proved to exist, and sickening to read of the committee finding at various private slaughter-houses the carcases of animals of which the diseased parts had been cut out in readiness for the market, and that hundreds of unborn calves passed into human consumption through the medium of "small goods" every week; also that a considerable portion of our milk supply comes from cows dying with tuberculosis, or actually in the throes of disease. After having such things proved to him we are not surprised to hear Cr. Wood, the chairman of Thursday's conference, declaring that he has not enjoyed a night's rest since. The conference of investigation were also impressed with the fact that in all suburban districts cows are depastured on the public streets and unsanitary allotments of land, and are thus allowed free access to the heaps of decayed vegetation and other offensive rubbish tipped on the vacant allotments, in addition to which the cows drink the water from the gutters and the stagnant and filthy water in the stamps and waterholes that abound in the open ground. Certain Northcote councillors could have told of something even more disgusting than all of these, as at the council table that they have seen cows going along High street eating the manure from the road. The conclusions come to by the committee as the result of their enquiries are—

1. The absolute necessity for thorough and efficient inspection and supervision of all dairy cow sheds, slaughter-houses, butchers' shops, meat markets, and all other places where meat is sold, dairy herds, grazing grounds, water supply, dairy premises, and other places where milk is stored or kept for sale.
2. That all inspectors should be approved by the Governor in Council, and appointed by the local councils.
3. That the inspectors should affix a stamp or brand upon all carcases of animal meat passed by them.
4. That all dairy cattle should be inspected once, at least, in every three months.
5. That no pigs be allowed or be kept upon any slaughtering premises.

These recommendations in the main commend themselves to the good sense of the people. Prompt action is certainly necessary to put a stop to the above abominable and health-endangering practices, and we were a good deal surprised to see the municipal conference on Thursday defer consideration of their committee's report for so long a period as a month.

According to the cable message recently published the deferred deposit receipts of the London Bank of Australia amounted at 30th June last to £4,254,350, a sum comparing with £4,347,726 at 31st December, 1894, a reduction of £93,375 having therefore been made during the half-year. On the other hand the current accounts and new deposits have increased from £1,301,415 to £1,322,396. Turning to the assets it is to be noted that the bills in hand amount to £1,651,168 against £1,442,731, an increase of £211,757, being shown. The net profit for the half-year is £7,982, to which the balance of £7,868 brought forward is added, making a total of £15,850 available for distribution. The dividend on the preference share capital absorbs £4,728, leaving a balance carried forward of £10,222, this sum having the balance brought forward by £2,354.

The grand concert and tableaux vivant, to which the incumbent and board of guardians of All Saints' Church, Preston, invited their parishioners and friends on Tuesday evening last proved a most successful and enjoyable affair. Despite the extremely unpleasant evening, the attendance was very large, just comfortably filling the spacious Shire hall, the stage of which had been suitably decorated by the Misses Watson for the occasion. Each guest, on arrival, was met and welcomed by the incumbent (Rev. Marriott Watson). The concert programme was arranged by Mr. W. C. Wood, which is a sufficient guarantee of its quality. Many of the singers appeared before a Preston audience for the first time. One of these was Miss Minnie Waugh, who was given ovation for her charming singing of "Bonnie Dundee" and "Never More." With Miss Juniper Miss Waugh also sang most pleasingly the duet "Sweethearts," the wind blew in from the sea." Mrs Lorne Morrell was another singer who was heard with much pleasure, her songs being "When heart meets heart is sweet" and "Come to Bethlehem." Miss Juniper's contribution to the programme was Cowen's "Promise Divine," the pianoforte solos served the double purpose of agreeably varying the programme and showing to good advantage the lady's genius. In the fine old song "Will o' the wisp," Mr. W. C. Jones fairly excelled himself, and nothing would satisfy but its partial repetition. Mr. Jones was certainly in splendid voice and sang with great spirit. Mr. G. Day sang with a very fair amount of success "When bright eyes glance," the song which has been so popularized by Mr. Wallace Brompton ; and Miss Guinett and Miss Vickery played a violin and piano duet. In fact the recitations "Lascar" and "The Brahmin's Paradise" Mr. Styles proved himself a most capable elocutionist. A Liederkrantz quartette party consisting of Messrs Donaldson, Wood, Day, and Jones, contributed greatly to the success of the concert by singing in their most finished manner a number of their favorite part songs, including "On the Lake," "Hunting Song," "Sailor's Call," "The Knight's farewell," and others. A number of very pretty and vari ant tableaux were presented by the young people of the church, the subjects being "Love at first sight," "Gipsy camp," "Tinker-Tal," "A vision," "Departure of the Crusaders," "Before and after marriage." The collection taken up realised nearly £12—a very satisfactory voluntary contribution.

An alarm was given on Sunday evening last that St. George's Hall, Northcote, was on fire, and many soon fifteen firemen, three hose-carts, and a handreel were on the spot. The police gave the alarm on observing as they thought, flames coming through the roof of the building. It was afterwards discovered that the blaze came from bggots from a bonfire thrown on top of the building by thoughtless and mischievous boys. The police have a good idea who these boys are, but for want of evidence are unable to prosecute. They richly deserve to be made an example of. The Salvation Army were exercising in the building at the time of the occurrence. It did not take the firemen long, of course, to put out all traces of fire.

Miss Ballard, who, with Miss Clanahan, last year organised and successfully carried out a garden fete to provide funds for a Christmas treat for the inmate. of the Austin Hospital for Incurables is arranging a concert for the same humane purpose this month. It will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday, December 3rd. The Mayor (Cr. McLean) will preside and Cr. Yeomans has consented to be chairman. The programme, of which particulars will be published next week, is being arranged by Mr. E. Adcock, and Mr. G. W. Rocke is acting as secretary.

Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting of the above Tent was held on Thursday evening, Bro. T. Hastings, D.R., presided in the unavoidable absence of the C.R. One candidate was proposed and one initiated. The harmony committee reported that satisfactory arrangements were being made for the public temperance meeting on the 26th inst. The names of Bros. H. Hastings, E. Atkinson, D. M. Greer, C. Schwalbach, and B. Travers were added to the committee.

LOCALISMS.

Epping Shire Council meet on Monday.

Tuesday next stautory day for municipal annual meetings.

Still another "illegal detention" case to be heard at Preston Police Court on Monday.

Preston sanit. commenced this week. Expected that a record for quickness will be put up.

Trinity church (Northcote) tea meeting and concert will take place in the Town-hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26.

There are more shops open in Northcote than there ought to be, though possibly not as much business doing.

Northern Ratepayers'-Association have invited their representative to give their opinions on borrowing at Monday evening's meeting.

Northcote cricketers shaped much better on Saturday last. Supposing we believe that once they get "Sly going they will be all right.

The [illegible] Life assurances [illegible] tonic, one of the [illegible] festive forms of [illegible] Rapken.—[ADVT].

Cr. Bond was so far recovered from his late severe illness as to be able to attend the Preston council finance committee on Monday evening.

Inmates of Hospital for Incurables are being thought of—a concert to provide funds for Christmas treat to take place on the Northcote Town-hall on Dec. 3rd.

F. Peart, of the Fidelity Tent, I.O.R., Preston, wishes us to say that he is not the person who was summoned at the Police Court for being drunk and disorderly.

All Saints' invitation concert (Preston) Town Hall, on Tuesday evening. All the churches appeared to be well represented. Even the Rev. S. C. Goodsell, of Fitzroy, put in an appearance and delivered a very good address.

The *tableaux* at All Saints' (Preston) concert on Tuesday evening were among the prettiest and most successful ever given in the district. We remember seeing in these parts. We did not learn who was responsible for their planning.

Passing the hat a fortnight through unanimity about getting the park, Preston Friendly Societies haven't too much left to make entertainments for their sports on New Year's Day. The committee will have to "battle" from the time forth.

An appreciative and thoughtful congregation on Sunday presented the Rev. Geo. Carson with a bicycle. How his great grandparents would have been scandalised at the thought of a descendant of theirs—a "dissenter," too—paying pastoral visits on a "bike."

Messrs Maddock, Johnson, and Jamieson, acting for and as solicitors for Major Braithwaite, of Preston, and Lieutenant W. G. Patterson, have given notice of Messrs Braithwaite and Patterson's intention to apply for letters of administration of the will of the late Sir James Patterson.

The most outstanding there was an absolutely clean sheet at the Northcote Police Court on Monday. There is reason to believe that the Star Brush should be presented with a pair of kid gloves on account of its success, but, if successfully planned by the Herculean brush than the observance on Monday.

The following gentlemen officiated as stewards and judges in the various classes at the Show :—Stewards—Class A.—Messrs. J. Andrews and T. Glover ; judges, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Shaw. Class B.—Stewards, Messrs. W. Thomas and S. Jeffrey ; judges, Messrs. Cowling and Mitchell. Class C.—Stewards, Messrs. C. Creighton and Bowden ; judges, Messrs. Hall and Mitchell. Class D.—Stewards, Messrs. Coulthard and Lodge ; judges, Messrs. Bowden and Hall. Class E.—Stewards, Messrs. McCombie and Bowden ; judges, Messrs. Hall and E. Steere and J. Smith. Classes F and G—Stewards, Messrs. Cockfield and Lodge ; judges, Messrs. Hall and Mitchell and Sec. Class H.—Steward, Mr. Thomas ; judges, Messrs. Adcock and Nicholson ; judges, Messrs. Adcock and Nicholson ; judges, Messrs. Adamson, Mason, and Nelson. Class I.—Stewards, Messrs Walsh and Lobley ; judges, Messrs Boyer, Cheeseman, and Pluck.

The principal awards are as follow :—Class A.—Draught Stock.—Best draught entire : 1st, prize, E. H. Cannon, Bell's Hill, Bacchus Marsh ; 2nd, R. Goss, 2nd ; 3rd, R. Murphy ; 3rd, J. Andrews. Dry mare : 1st, Smith Hall, Master Alfred, Keilor. Mare in foal : 1st, J. Glover ; 2nd, R. Jones ; 3rd, R. Goss. Two year-old filly : 1st, J. Andrews ; 2nd, J. Mason. Pair of draught horses : 1st, J. Andrews ; 2nd, J. Mason. Pair of draught mares : 1st, J. Mason. Hack or harness—Mason, Hand bouquet, Miss F. Draper, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; Miss Draper, 3. Collection of vegetables : R. Taubman, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Draper, 3rd. Collection of cereals : Draper, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Taubman, 3rd. Collection of cheeses : P. W. Murphy, 1. Gooseberries : R. Mason, 1 ; Mrs. Sparkes-Jones, 2. Mason, Hand bouquet, Miss F. Draper, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; Miss Draper, 3. Three varieties roses, Miss Draper, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Rowe, 3rd. Taubman, 1 ; G. Creighton, 2. Six pansies—F. Jackson, 1 ; E. Taubman, 2. Table bouquet, Miss Draper, 1 ; E. Daniel, 2. Collection of ferns—Miss F. Draper, 1st ; Miss Draper, 2nd ; Mason, 3rd. Collection of wild flowers—R. Ottrey, 1 ; Miss Taylor, 2. Home-made jam (3 kinds) —E. Taubman, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; W. Thomas, 3. Collection of bottled fruit—Mrs. Mason, 1.

Class K.—Fancy Work, &c.—Best exhibit of Fancywork—Miss G. Thomas, 1 ; Mr. Atkinson, 2 ; Miss Murcaine, 3. Best exhibit of Needlework—Miss Daniel, 1. Best 12 penn'orth knitted hose—Miss S. Thomas.

WHITTLESEA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW.

The annual show took place on Saturday last (Prince of Wales' Birthday) in the usual semi-tropical, but weather being all that could be desired. For some unaccountable reason the attendance was not as large as in former years, while the entries in a few of the sections were limited. Stock and exhibitors had it much their own way. This was attributed to some extent to the dry state of the country. There were a number of visitors from Melbourne and suburbs among whom might be mentioned Crs. Barrow, White, McIntosh, Messrs T. Agar, W. Young and W. C. Smith. Mr. Secretary J. E. Scurry was desirous itself on the arrival of the Melbourne train, which landed several of the officials as well as a crowd of visitors, and had soon had his name armed with note books and pencils and despatched to their different destinations, with the result that all the [illegible]-gave the hunting competitors [illegible] be fine—

D. M'Callum ; 2nd, N. Fox ; 3rd, P. M'Coy. Pair ponies : 1st, J. Daniels. Two-horses fruit waggon : G. Murphy ; 2nd, Mr. Wood. Abbott buggy, with hood ; 2nd, C. Draper.

Class D.—Dairy stock.—Bull 1st prize, J. Anderson ; 2nd, J. Mason ; 3rd, C. Draper. Dairy cows : 1st, J. Mc-Kendrick ; 2nd, Smith Bros. ; 3rd, Creighton. Dairy heifer : 1st, R. Dunsan ; 2nd, J. McKendrick ; 3rd, R. Bethell. Calves of dairy heifers : 1st, C. Creighton ; 2nd, Smith Bros. ; 3rd, J. McKendrick. Bull : 1st, J. McKendrick ; 2nd, James Ryan. Bull, 1 year : J. McKendrick Cow : 1st, and 2nd, J. McKendrick. Heifer : 1st, Creighton. Heifer : 1st, J. McKendrick ; 2nd, P. M'Coy. Jerseys. Bull : 1st and 2nd, Dunsan. Cow : 1st, W. Dunsan. Heifer : 1st, W. Dunsan.

Class F.—Sheep—All the prizes in the class were secured by Mr. Mason.

Class G.—Pigs.—Best Boar—J. Cocklin, 1. Best sow, with litter—Cockbain, 1 and 2 ; J. Cocklin, 3. Best pen of porkers—C. Creighton, 1 ; E. Taubman, 2. Sow—M. Bethell, 1. Class H.—Poultry.—The oldest exhibitor in this class was Mr. Draper, Sen. Draper, E. Taubman, and F. W. Bowden.

Fancy Poultry.—Pair cock and hen : 1st prize, J. Gibson ; 2nd, S. Jeffrey ; 3rd, —Cocklin, 1. Hen, with chicken—Redbion, 1 and 2 ; J. Cocklin, 3. Best pen of turkeys—C. Creighton, 1 ; E. Taubman, 2. Sow—M. Bethell, 1. Class I.—Pastry.—The oldest exhibitor in this class was Mr. Draper, Sen. Draper, E. Taubman, and F. W. Bowden.

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Class J.—Farm Produce, &c.—Best sheaf of potatoes : J. Cocklin, 1. Best draught entire : 1st, prize, E. H. Cannon, Bell's Hill, Bacchus Marsh ; 2nd, R. Goss, 2nd ; 3rd, R. Murphy ; 3rd, J. Andrews. Dry mare : 1st, Smith Hall, Master Alfred, Keilor. Mare in foal : 1st, J. Glover ; 2nd, R. Jones ; 3rd, R. Goss. Two year-old filly : 1st, J. Andrews ; 2nd, J. Mason. Pair of draught horses : 1st, J. Andrews ; 2nd, J. Mason. Pair of draught mares : 1st, J. Mason. Hack or harness—Mason, Hand bouquet, Miss F. Draper, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; Miss Draper, 3. Collection of vegetables : E. Taubman, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Draper, 3rd. Collection of cereals : Draper, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Taubman, 3rd. Collection of cheeses : P. W. Murphy, 1. Gooseberries : R. Mason, 1 ; Mrs. Sparkes-Jones, 2. Mason, Hand bouquet, Miss F. Draper, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; Miss Draper, 3. Three varieties roses, Miss Draper, 1st ; Mason, 2nd ; Rowe, 3rd. Taubman, 1 ; G. Creighton, 2. Six pansies—F. Jackson, 1 ; E. Taubman, 2. Table bouquet, Miss Draper, 1 ; E. Daniel, 2. Collection of ferns—Miss F. Draper, 1st ; Miss Draper, 2nd ; Mason, 3rd. Collection of wild flowers—R. Ottrey, 1 ; Miss Taylor, 2. Home-made jam (3 kinds) —E. Taubman, 1 ; M. Mason, 2 ; W. Thomas, 3. Collection of bottled fruit—Mrs. Mason, 1.

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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

During their stay in London, Captain Purnell lodged himself and his two girls in a quiet boarding-house situated in a terrace out of Piccadilly. The information is within convenient distance of the time-honoured places of interest which visitors to London seldom care to avoid seeing.

On morning an interested morning was spent in Westminster Abbey where heroes sleep as peacefully unconscious as they would if they lay buried beneath the roof of a village alter.

Of the three—the ancient English Gallery in the British Museum and Westminster Abbey—a journey eastward to study ancient English tapestry and Elizabethan life in the Tower, standing low upon Thames river, was the least interesting, possessing relics of bygone cruelty and famine.

So in many parents and amusements, three memorable days were passed, the business which took Captain Purnell to England was concluded satisfactorily, and the last night of their visit, the most memorable of all, arrived.

The luggage was packed, the boarding-house paid, the farewells duly taken, and all arrangements made for their journey to Southampton and thence to Australia.

At an early dinner, the question as to the way in which that last evening should be spent was discussed.

"You did not tell us your opinion of the scheme we proposed, Evelyn," said Mrs. Purnell, as the meal was nearly over before we left Australia," Lina observed to Captain Somerville.

"No, my dears. The truth was I saw nothing very much in the way of entertaining; nothing which could not have been seen equally well in Melbourne. My poor little child, she must not go to those places any more, she is not strong enough."

She had come to harm already. If I was not strong enough for the excitement and inner circle would have died before I had left the shores of England.

He did not know that she had several times been into a theatre, accompanied by Lina, thus allowing herself to be drawn into a vortex of excitement of kindness of her unrecognised enemies. Unconscious of danger, she said nothing of this.

Her sad fate before he reached home he went to his room without seeing the two girls, carrying with him a terrible half fill of wine and water—a beverage which he never drank except at his bedside on a small table to take in case of sudden illness, which sometimes troubled with sleeplessness.

This night, however, he felt asleep almost directly, leaving the wine untasted.

He slept about two hours, then awoke with a feeling of uneasiness, and the slightly-strung temperaments have experienced one time or another—a feeling that something unusual was about to occur. He was not a man to pay attention to positive conviction, so that he lay down again, believing nothing was the cause of the other's happiness.

It was a long time before he took back upon with fond regret; for it was the last they passed together in peace.

Oh, merciful Hand, that veils the future, as from a child, to be viewed through Hope's vision only!

"Oh, blindness to the future: Kindly it is given."

Upon further invitation it appeared that Lina, too, was tired, and intend to remain, and had not quite completed her preparations for packing.

Guy decided to stay at home with Lina

CHAPTER X.

A SHANCE AND A NIGHT OF HORROR.

So it happened that Everard went by himself.

He walked briskly through London streets, his heart beating high, and his spirits were said to have made some of their most successful speculations.

It was a prosaic-looking private residence, and a most unromantic street. He was admitted into the large front room, and, with a sigh and blessing, a window, when his delicately, keen, olfactory nerves were brought into operation immediately.

"Hemlock," he said to himself. "Can this be the cause of [illegible] Ashes, including typhoid bacilli, are known to contain hemlock, since it left Brussels many years ago to have given a personal attachment to him—since the windows were last opened ? Some very ugly thoughts, taken of bygone days, and fantasies, came to him

How the Man-Eater Was Killed.

Lieutenant Wallace, of the 42nd Bengal Native Infantry, sat moody in his bungalow. He had reason to be moody, indeed, love and reason ever ran in a curricle. But the immediate cause of his moodiness was the following cruelly cutting note from his commanding officer, who, to do him justice, had always been considerate of his feelings:

"Dear Wallace,—I am sorry to have to inform you that I have complied with your request, by placing your name on the list of candidates for the vacant post in the Jungle Reclamation Office, where it stands No. 35. Pray, refer to that number in any further communication you may desire to make."

"Further communication be big D.d.," exclaimed the young officer as he flung the sheet of foolscap into the fireplace.

"What's up a-now?" cried his brother, Subaltern, Wilfred Beaumont, bursting in upon him without ceremony.

"Oh! confound it! Only the old idiom, you know."

"Nothing newer than what would be just enough to keep body and soul together, I'm afraid," said Wilfred, with a mischievous look. "But of course nobody's personal belongings could expect you to know what every one else was talking about from day before yesterday, or even from a week ago."

The Beaumont designed not to notice his little speech; and his friend ran on: "So is another post-runner-ship!—he is such that the matrimonial line exists within the last nine months—and that is three months reckoning. And there's a fellow of a difficulty in getting married to a girl who has a decent income, and no one to say him nay. So we seem likely to be as penniless as ever a subaltern was in this God-forsaken hole. No letters, no newspapers, no nothing. Confound it, Colby-cur Campbell has issued a bandbill offering a reward of a thousand rupees to any wight who'll bring him the tiger's claws."

"Why not?" murmured the Beaumont with facile indifference.

"Why, because of the tiger—he is a man-eater, and has killed and devoured his fellow-beings, to the number of 'leven to-day, I'm told, and 'leven more to-morrow, and so on, I suppose, ad infinitum. He, speedily, recovering his temper, "I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll go and look for him. Come, the second horse-man took him-self off, and the second horse-man, a little puzzled as to who these distinguished strangers might be, went on with his tiger-hunt.

Lieutenant Wallace's sentiment of his taste with the tiger, and the stir and bustle of his preparations for the chase, Mr. Beaumont's chum forgotten the disguise he had assumed, and, with a cheery "Tally-ho!" and Reynard-a-darling hero, of which the Beaumont family boasted a goodly share, chumbers-soon Journal."

A LESSON FOR HUSBANDS.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

The silver eclipse in the thermometer was gradually running from 90 degrees to 100 degrees, and the mosquitoes in the turmeric-like air, and the punkahs were waving with a lazy, sleepy motion, when Lieutenant Charlie Wallace, of the 42nd Bengal Native Infantry, sat moody in his bungalow. He had reason to be moody, indeed, love and reason ever ran in a curricle. But the immediate cause of his moodiness was the following cruelly curt note from his commanding officer, who, to do him justice, had always been considerate of his feelings:

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THE HORTICULTURIST.

The Orchard and Fruit Garden.

Fruit trees, although not so easily troubled with disease, are now beginning to show signs of distress, at the hot, dry, severe nature of the season that will be with us for a month or two to the present. As a rule, fruit trees do well in moderate, but in the same time they are very fond of a good deal of water in the right time, and it is often too early in the season with fruit trees to mulch and it is too late for ripening seed will take so much of it that it will be well nigh impossible to flavour and immense. The proper time to apply water to an orchard is previous to the early stone fruits is from the middle to the end of January, when the fruit is half grown, and the atmosphere is at that time at its hottest and driest. Then is the time to apply it at the right time will generally be sufficient for early stone fruits, such as plums, apricots, peaches, and nectarines, but for late fruits, such as apples and pears, it will be necessary to apply it at least three feet apart. The trees should be planted in rows, double handed cannon, herbaceous borders generally consist of plants that are rather herbaceous, but that increase at their base, can be treated in a similar way, a small piece will do well in every instance make a better plant than the whole of an old plant if they are planted in a bit or rich, deeply worked soil. Pansies, which rarely succeed in hot, dry weather, now will seedling plants of annuals, aster, balsam, marguerite, stocks, and carnations, and sow seeds of mignonette, candytuft, Virginian stock, petunia, double portulaca, stocks, lieria, and other useful rapid growing annuals. A good hardy, showy foliage plant can be raised from seed sown in the autumn, seed of amaranthus tricolor is excellent. The various kinds of sunflowers are also very showy, the miniature kinds being very useful for cutting for home use. Prickly and African marigolds, cosmos, white and yellow salpiglossis, calceolaria chamæmum, double and single chrysanthemum, zinnias, and cockscombs, helichrysum, statice, and many other annuals may be sown now and very shortly. Seed of double white petunias, and dianthus or Indian pinks, flowering verbenas, lantanas, and nasturtiums, are all first-class useful flowers for mixed borders. Roses may be budded with a small insect known as the rose aphis, which is a small green fly that infested buds and soon bloom and remove them to a distance.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

The ground devoted to the cultivation of vegetables will require close attention at this season of the year, particularly during the dry weather that is now prevailing. On heavy soils the surface must be often stirred to prevent cracking and to kill the weeds, if the soil is heavy and deep the dry atmosphere will soon dry through the cracks in the surface and penetrate so deeply that the roots of growing crops will become parched, and when this is allowed to occur, either by soaking or hoeing will be necessary to moisten the subsoil, sprinkling the surface will do but little good in such cases.

So delay should be allowed in the planting out or sowing seed of autumn crops, such as cabbage, that should be kept up for five or six months before they are cut down by the first frost in May or June next. When planting tomatoes for sauce making and other culinary purposes, the Fameuse and President Garfield are unsurpassed varieties, the former being smooth and solid and thus making a firmer and thicker sauce. If the tomatoes are grown for marketing or for table use, then medium sized thick-skinned, good keeping sorts are preferable, such as the Acme, Trophy, King Humbert, Excelsior, and Perfection. Where gardening operations are being carried on, cauliflowers and lettuce will be found very profitable crops, and highly recommended which are not only so profitable as the above-mentioned sorts. Another sowing of melon seeds should be made, there are two distinct types, the green flesh and the yellow or orange flesh, both of which deserve a place in the garden, the former is the most delicious flavour, but the latter are the most profitable, as they will keep for a considerable time after being gathered, and will be ready for use when the others are all gone. Both sorts of melons require a rich, light, sandy soil, and a warm, sheltered position, and should be planted on little hillocks of soil, three feet apart. Melons require a strong and a better system of drainage than the early kinds. When brought in pots or boxes trees, never let the water supply be near the surface of the soil or the sun getting upon it will quickly dry up the roots, and the fruit will be fatal to it. Choose a well-drained warm situation should be chosen for these melons to grow in, and keep their roots well in order, hand pollinate the flowers, and thin the fruit when young, and they will grow quite as freely as any others. Daily attention to these melons is necessary, as there is an enormous number of the diseases and insects to which they are subject, and these must be looked after and destroyed at once, or the whole crop will be destroyed.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

Aerating Milk.

Mr. McCrank, chief dairy expert of New Zealand, thus inculcates the importance of aerating milk:—

"It often is the proper cause of the milk reaching the factory in bad condition, and should be aired as soon as possible after being drawn from the cow by exposing it in a thin spray to a current of atmosphere, or pouring, dipping, or by running through perforated strainers. That neglect implies three days when their pail industries to be quality; (3) The peculiar odor which the cow imparts to the milk will be left in it until it becomes fixed in its flavour; (4) the germs of fermentation that exist in the milk and from the air have the best condition for their growth and action when the milk is left undisturbed, and (5) the milk is rendered less digestible, and is therefore less easily digested. Hence it is needful and advisable to aerate the milk.

"First, because by pouring, dipping, straining, or by pickling it over an exposed surface, there is eliminated from the milk a number of very objectionable volatile element that may be present.

"Secondly, because by the same means a considerable amount of animal heat is removed.

"Thirdly, because the aiding seems to have the effect of checking the rapidity of the growth of the germs of fermentation, and thus of the production of lactic acid, and consequently to make strictly speaking, the milk keep sweet longer.

"Thirdly, because the airing seems to have the effect of causing the cream to rise more rapidly, and thus of causing a greater quantity of milk required to make a given quantity of butter.

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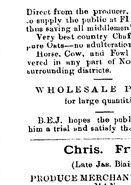

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The revelations recently made public by the committee appointed to inquire into the meat and milk supply of Melbourne have been of a startling character, as regards trading as well as domestic circumstances, and are calculated to injuriously affect the industry of the colony, unless they are the bringing trade. For instance in the Northcote and Preston districts there are three out of four of the largest and most successful butchering firms in the colony, viz., Smith, Kenihan and Co., J. C. Hutton and Co., and Watson and Paterson, all of these establishments, which are equipped with the latest improvements, the manufacture of small goods on a very large scale, and for the committee to report that "stinks" and other questionable and disputed material are used indiscriminately in their manufacture is most unjust and damaging to such firms as these mentioned, and no doubt there are many others who, beside the many hundreds employed, and to whom there are many dependants, are also engaged in the suburbs of Northcote and Preston, and have been carrying on business for years with a high reputation, and to have their character assailed in such a manner as the committee has done, is a thing that is going through the machines, and everything was wonderful and good, and so that the public need entertain no fears in procuring small goods manufactured by this well-known and reliable firm.

The Preston shire council having granted the prayer for New Year's day the Preston Friendly Societies' Union have been making good headway with arrangements for a monster gathering and sports gathering on that day. Already the committee have drawn up a programme which will be issued at the beginning of next week. A very substantial amount is given in prize-money. There will be a district handicap of £2 5s, open to residents of Barkly East and Northcote, and a handicap of £2 10s for members of the local societies ; also a Sheffield handicap of 2s, a bicycle race of £3, and a mile race of £3. All particulars as to entry fees, etc., together with entry forms, will be obtainable at Messrs. Mackenzie's, Plenty-road, Preston, or at the *Leader* office, Northcote. The object of the sports, in addition to providing amusement, is going to benefit three deserving local institutions, viz., the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Reading and Recreation Rooms, and the Friendly Societies' Union. Every ticket purchased—the price being only sixpence—will carry with it a chance in a grazing competition for a clock valued at £3 3s, which will shortly be on view in Preston. The committee meet for further completion of arrangements at the Rechabite hall on Monday evening.

Convinced of the futility of deputations on the direct railway, Cr. Bond proposes a new method of impressing the powers that be. He would get a monster petition signed by Wednesday the 4th, and on the following day the whole shire council, Cr. Mallyon excepted, would proceed to Melbourne in a body, and there wait on the Premier, Mr. Deakin, and Mr. Patterson, and moved that a resolution be placed on the books expressing the council's deep regret at the occurrence, and that a letter of condolence be sent to Sir James's daughter. Cr. Bodycoat said that he always looked upon Sir James Patterson as the ablest man in the House, and he did not think there was any other politician left who could guide the affairs of the country with the same advantage. Cr. McCoy seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Those who were absent from the Wesleyan social on Wednesday afternoon were missed the enjoyment of a very pleasant entertainment. Mrs. Davis, the president of the N.W.P.L., occupied the chair, and a very good programme was carried through. Miss Benson played a pretty solo, after which Miss Shaw gave a lovely recitation entitled "Golden Locks and Apart." Miss Benson recited with much naturalness and feeling "Smiting the neck" and "Help at the right time," giving the latter in response to an encore, and, later, gave a recipe for "Cooking a husband." Miss Bennett followed by singing "Sweet and low" and "The Lord is nigh by the sea." After Mrs. Davis, on behalf of the president and Mrs. Dean, Miss Sutherland unveiled the pattern and the handsome quilt was then begun being a little of her experience among the poor and neglected children. Miss Sutherland also spoke on the care for scholars' evils now so rife in our midst was the "Woman's Friendly." As Miss Sutherland is to speak at the week-night meeting, those who were not present on Wednesday will have an opportunity of hearing her for themselves.

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The revelations recently made public by the committee appointed to inquire into the meat and milk supply of Melbourne have been of a startling character, as regards trading as well as domestic circumstances, and are calculated to injuriously affect the industry of the colony, unless they are the bringing trade. For instance in the Northcote and Preston districts there are three out of four of the largest and most successful butchering firms in the colony, viz., Smith, Kenihan and Co., J. C. Hutton and Co., and Watson and Paterson, all of these establishments, which are equipped with the latest improvements, the manufacture of small goods on a very large scale, and for the committee to report that "stinks" and other questionable and disputed material are used indiscriminately in their manufacture is most unjust and damaging to such firms as these mentioned, and no doubt there are many others who, beside the many hundreds employed, and to whom there are many dependants, are also engaged in the suburbs of Northcote and Preston, and have been carrying on business for years with a high reputation, and to have their character assailed in such a manner as the committee has done, is a thing that is going through the machines, and everything was wonderful and good, and so that the public need entertain no fears in procuring small goods manufactured by this well-known and reliable firm.

The Preston shire council having granted the prayer for New Year's day the Preston Friendly Societies' Union have been making good headway with arrangements for a monster gathering and sports gathering on that day. Already the committee have drawn up a programme which will be issued at the beginning of next week. A very substantial amount is given in prize-money. There will be a district handicap of £2 5s, open to residents of Barkly East and Northcote, and a handicap of £2 10s for members of the local societies ; also a Sheffield handicap of 2s, a bicycle race of £3, and a mile race of £3. All particulars as to entry fees, etc., together with entry forms, will be obtainable at Messrs. Mackenzie's, Plenty-road, Preston, or at the *Leader* office, Northcote. The object of the sports, in addition to providing amusement, is going to benefit three deserving local institutions, viz., the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Reading and Recreation Rooms, and the Friendly Societies' Union. Every ticket purchased—the price being only sixpence—will carry with it a chance in a grazing competition for a clock valued at £3 3s, which will shortly be on view in Preston. The committee meet for further completion of arrangements at the Rechabite hall on Monday evening.

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Local ham and bacon curers—one of the most important manufactures in "small goods"—are highly indignant at being brought by the committee who inquired into the Melbourne meat and milk supply under the category of those who have been using "stinks" in the making up of their goods. Many of them, so far from using it, had never even heard of the nasty thing. Instead of being afraid of the inquiry, as the committee report it, Cr. Smith (of the firm of Smith, Kenihan and Co.) condemns the present local system of inspection as impossible and defective, and favors the appointment of Government inspectors as being a check against the victims of the law complained of. The mayor gave an illustration showing what the Government inspector was like in the wood. Undoubtedly the inspectors appointed must be independent and experienced men.

Midnight was almost reached on Thursday evening when the Northcote council concluded their business. While the chief matter was the private street construction question, Cr. Cody got the question of the cleaning the "urns" laid on the fire. Dunean Fraser ; but the interest on these amounts is more than paid off by the fees of renting tenants, so that the congregation is in no way harassed by these temporary encumbrances, having excellent assets as a set-off against their liabilities. Both reports said that the year under review ended eminently satisfactory, and were unanimously adopted. The annual presentation speeches had been made by some of the gentlemen present, hearty votes of thanks and cordially and heartily following for their admirable services during the past year—including those who so kindly undertook and carried out the sale of gifts, the retiring committee ; the secretary and treasurer (Messrs Nelson and Sinclair) ; the Rev. Hector Ferguson, coupled with the name of his amiable wife, Mrs. Ferguson ; Mr. A. McIntosh ; the precentor (Mr. T. H. Lightbody) ; the organist (Master Geo. Kelson) and the members of the choir ; and the auditors, Messrs. J. R. Drake and J. S. Whalley. Special thanks were proposed and seconded in each instance and carried amidst enthusiasm. The meeting, which was of the pleasantest character, was closed with prayer.

EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

A question of precedence was raised at the Epping shire council table on Monday, when Cr. McCormick strongly objected to the time-honored custom of reading the correspondence received twice. He described it as a waste of time," and declared that by the time the last letter was read the first was forgotten. The president was inclined to support this view, but Cr. McCoy, Bodycoat, and Barry were opposed to the change, on the ground that the dealing with letters on their first reading would lead to hasty consideration being come to, which might land the council in a mess. The secretary also favored the more deliberative method, as the "second reading" gave councillors more opportunity to peruse letters that were of the longer sorts. We may mention that the practice of reading letters twice is not followed in either the Northcote or Preston councils or in any other council that we know of.

The continuous drought has had a ruinous effect on the pastures in the Epping district, and there is scarcely any grass left. The hay crops, however, are very satisfactory, especially about Bonnie-town and Epping. Cr. Morgan and Cr. McCoy have both good crops. The potato, maize, and turnip crops look surprisingly green considering the almost total absence of rain. Owing to scarcity of grass there will not be much hay for sale, so that farmers will not have the benefit of good prices they otherwise would have done.

Residents of the shire and many outside it will be pleased to hear that the Thomastown Race Club have decided the date and a very good programme has been carried through. Miss Benson played a pretty solo, after which Miss Shaw gave a lovely recitation entitled "Golden Locks and Apart." Miss Benson recited with much naturalness and feeling "Smiting the neck" and "Help at the right time," giving the latter in response to an encore, and, later, gave a recipe for "Cooking a husband." Miss Bennett followed by singing "Sweet and low" and "The Lord is nigh by the sea." After Mrs. Davis, on behalf of the president and Mrs. Dean, Miss Sutherland unveiled the pattern and the handsome quilt was then begun being a little of her experience among the poor and neglected children. Miss Sutherland also spoke on the care for scholars' evils now so rife in our midst was the "Woman's Friendly." As Miss Sutherland is to speak at the week-night meeting, those who were not present on Wednesday will have an opportunity of hearing her for themselves.

The Epping shire C.C. has withdrawn from the Metropolitan Association, and will now be able to meet other neighboring clubs who may have vacant dates.

In consequence of numerous requests it has been decided to hold a ball immediately after the concert to be held in shire hall on the 6th Dec., in aid of S.S. prize-fund.

A PROSPEROUS CHURCH.

The Northcote Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, the pastor, Rev. Hector Ferguson, presiding. These events are always in their best spirits, consequently the meeting was characterised by a very harmonious manner and with the utmost freedom. This happy state of affairs was due, no doubt, to the very satisfactory condition of the finances and the continued progress of the church generally. The session's report showed that the church membership (communicants) had improved from 190 to 196, while the Sunday-school and the various organisations associated with it had been maintained in a very flourishing condition. The attendances were the rule at the week-night services, and the Mutual Improvement Society was also in a flourishing state. The treasurer in his report for the committee referred to the progress made during the year under the able guidance of Mr. Swift and Mr. Lee. Mr. Swift, as chairman, also

THE LOST COMPANY.

BY WALTER WOOD.

Author of "Tales of the Service," &c.

It Company of Maude's Light Infantry left camp one morning hale and strong. Their comrades saw them mount a hill and disappear behind the crest as they descended on the other side. From that moment they were seen no more, either living or dead, by white men. To this day no one can tell for certain where they lie; all that is known is that they set out in that direction, where, but neither Bismarck nor the Kaiser nor the Commander-in-Chief ever knew. Not a word came back to camp. This time, unless the Company were lost, there was no call to find a force and get across to the other side. Maude would see what happened. "If we'd a few Engineers with us we might be able to repair a bridge, or at least, or something, and so be independent of fords," was the general opinion.

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MacBurnie drew his sword, and with the last of his strength brought three of the men dead on the ground, and turned back without having a shot to fire. By this time MacBurnie was at the water's edge, and he waved his sword as a signal for united entry into the river.

The men joined closer together and pressed forward, and the water was the same moment. There were neither logs nor fords to be seen.

Rush across as hard as you can," shouted the captain, as a final order, "then get over to the sands there and fall in on the bank."

"I'm just going to test the depth of the water in the bed there. If ever I saw a ford this is one."

"And a good one," said Rowland, "why, sir, from here you can see the bottom of the river. The water is scarcely up to the knees."

"They'll be all the cooler for that," responded the captain, as he walked off, followed by a couple of men, and waded into the river, and then we've missed them. He went some little distance, and then hastened back to the bank. "Now, then, quick march!" he cried, "and keep together!"

"Quick—back!" cried the commander, as he caught sight of the advancing men. "We're caught in quicksands!"

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THE HORTICULTURIST.

The Orchard and Fruit Garden.

The surface of the orchard should be stirred frequently, to prevent the ill effects of drought, but the aim of the cultivator should be to keep the surface as level as a lawn. No furrows should be ploughed up to some distance from the permanent shrubs or trees always reserve the centre of the ridges, and turning the furrows as the planting proceeds to the row, the alternate furrows from both sides of the row will be left with a slight ridge. Where many valuable fruit trees have been closely set by a number of persons, it is usual for all to plough together for four or five years, until they are from eight to ten inches deeper than when they were originally set out, the owners agreeing that their land, as it is ploughed, shall in succession be taken from each in order, which equals the distance had raised about them. The probability is that many of these trees were badly injured by ploughs and harrows, and will be buried; nevertheless, it is a bad practice to cover their roots with earth of the soil than they originally stood in the nursery. Mulching should never be applied with safety in the winter of tan bark, sawdust and chips, coarse hay and wood ashes, so thick that all weeds are prevented from growing underneath. It is folly to expect a heavy crop of grass or grain among the trees and to set an abundance of fruit at the same time. It will pay to carry on both only land of unlimited fertility, three miles when a large load can be obtained, my light sandy soil will also be an excellent plan to spread a ton or more of clay round about the trees, and then after the frost and rains of winter have been thoroughly incorporated by it by the forked into the sand. When mulch is spread on the surface in the spring of the year let it be only thick enough to prevent grass, and this mulch will keep the soil moist, when without it the surface would be dry as dust. It may be laid down as a rule, which is not far from being correct, that the length of the roots which radiate on all sides of a fruit tree is about equal to the height of the tree itself, and that when a young tree is ten feet high, then the roots form a circle of about twenty feet in diameter, the tree or trunk constituting the centre. Over this circumference the finer and more conspicuous roots form a network of fibres, and as all these roots require manure cultivation and mulching a broad surface must be constantly kept and fertilised. The folly of amateurs, who frequently apply a small heap of material close to the foot of the tree, is here plainly evident.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

During the present period of drought it will be difficult to have a supply of vegetables unless a supply of water can be obtained, and it is assumed that every kitchen garden should if possible be laid out with an easy reach of a regular water supply, and within a convenient distance of a tank or reservoir. Every drop of water from which may be obtained should be saved, and the rain which falls on the roofs of buildings, such as wash water, suds, etc., are amounts to a good deal in the course of a year when properly distributed among beds of growing vegetables. Water to be sure from the poultry-house is worth at least one penny per gallon when compared with the price of other commercial manures. It should never be used before using in the garden, and then poured up and around the roots of the plants or fine soil, and dug into the beds. Poultry manure is far too powerful to dig in the garden in a pure state, and will scald and injure any vegetable or root that it may come in direct contact with. When growing watercress, cos, radish, celery, lettuce, horseradish, or other herbs and salads which require plenty of moisture, care should be taken that the soil around them does not dry out. Should rain fall in sufficient quantity to moisten the soil to some depth, it is not safe to plant out or pots a variety of choice hardy shrubs and trees, at the same time being careful to keep the roots moist and covered from the direct rays of the sun from injuring their surface roots. Remember all permanent shrubs or trees always reserve the centre of the ridges, and turning the furrows as the planting proceeds to the row, the alternate furrows from both sides of the row will be left with a slight ridge. Where many valuable fruit trees have been closely set by a number of persons, it is usual for all to plough together for four or five years, until they are from eight to ten inches deeper than when they were originally set out, the owners agreeing that their land, as it is ploughed, shall in succession be taken from each in order, which equals the distance had raised about them. The probability is that many of these trees were badly injured by ploughs and harrows, and will be buried; nevertheless, it is a bad practice to cover their roots with earth of the soil than they originally stood in the nursery. Mulching should never be applied with safety in the winter of tan bark, sawdust and chips, coarse hay and wood ashes, so thick that all weeds are prevented from growing underneath. It is folly to expect a heavy crop of grass or grain among the trees and to set an abundance of fruit at the same time. It will pay to carry on both only land of unlimited fertility, three miles when a large load can be obtained, my light sandy soil will also be an excellent plan to spread a ton or more of clay round about the trees, and then after the frost and rains of winter have been thoroughly incorporated by it by the forked into the sand. When mulch is spread on the surface in the spring of the year let it be only thick enough to prevent grass, and this mulch will keep the soil moist, when without it the surface would be as

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Public Health Department, forwarding report by Mr. Inspector Taylor respecting his inspection of Epping on the 23rd ultimo. The Board desired specially to call the attention of the council to the gross unwholesomeness arising from the want of a proper system of disposal of excretal matter. Special attention was also called to unwholesome conditions prevailing in the premises occupied by Mrs. Henderson. The Board suggested that legal proceedings be taken in this case.—Copy of report to be sent to Mrs. Henderson and inspector to see that cause of complaint is removed.

From Public Health Department, forwarding list of persons nominated for the position of representative on the Board of Health for the Eastern Shires Group.—Cr. Deverman was duly nominated.

From Frederick Dunn, offering to act as public analyst to the Shire of Epping under the following conditions: —That the salary be fixed at £1 per annum, and 10s 6d for each analysis submitted by the council in accordance with the Health Act. If appointed on the above terms any private purchaser, who is a resident of the shire, can have an article of food analysed and reported on at the low rate of 10s 6d.—Barry moved and Cr. McCormick seconded that Mr. Cr. Deverman be appointed on the terms mentioned.

The Under Treasurer wrote forwarding account for £144 being the amount available as a loan to the Shire of Epping under the Municipal Advances Act, 1895. It was stated that the £50,000 provided by the Act was not sufficient to allow of an advance being made to the full extent of the difference between the endowment received during the half-year ended 31st December, 1894, and the sum that would have been received had the total endowment remained at £310,000 per annum.—Received.

From John Seeber, asking that the rates on his premises, Thomastown, be lowered, as it was very difficult, with the low prices ruling, for all produce, to make ends meet.—The secretary intimated that the time for appeal had gone by.

From F. C. Field, Eden Park, complaining that he was rated unfairly in being assessed at 6s. when his neighbors who had been there two years had never been rated at all, and others who had more land and more improvements were rated at less than he was.—Reply to be sent that it is too late to appeal.

From Burwood Road Land and Investment Co., complaining of the excessive amount of rates charged on the Eden Park Estate. As the rent received for the property was only £100, the rate was manifestly unfair. They wished to know if they could appeal.—The secretary had written explaining that the valuation was not based on the rent but on a fair capital value of the land.

From Wm. Timms, giving notice of appeal against the valuation on his property at Woodstock (late Wallace's paddock).—Appeal to be heard on 28th inst. Mr. Timms having been ill on the previous court day.

From E. Pentland, chief inspector of stock, reporting that Wm Holloway, inspector, had inspected 1797 dairy cattle in the shire, 10 of which were found to be affected with tuberculosis and other diseases, which he had destroyed.

From Wm. Holloway, asking for refund of expenses, £1 10s, incurred in connection with the above work. He stated that it was usual for shires to pay such expenditure.

As some uncertainty was felt as to the council's liability in this matter it was decided to allow the matter to stand over pending enquiries.

From Government Auditor, asking as to when the books would be ready for audit.—The secretary said the books would be ready at the end of the week and he would notify the auditors.—Cr. Bodycoat objected to paying for the Government auditor's refreshments: his fees were quite high enough without that.

From the secretary to the effect that he had notified the executors of the late Mr. Raphael that there were arrears of rates on property in the estate in the township of Epping amounting to £16 10s, and the property could now be sold by the council. The rates had been accumulating 14 years, the officers having been unable to trace the owners until recently.

From the executors of the above estate, stating that they were not aware of having any interest in such property.—Secretary to make further enquiries prior to next meeting.

From Henry Madigan asking for refund of rent of Shire hall in connection with C.C. social.—Agreed to.

From C. Grail, P. Stevens, John Creighton, R. Boyle, Wm. Dyer, Geo. Dyer, Walter Prescott, Sidgley and Co., Geo. Sheffield, Alfred Sheffield, John Siebel, A. Kreitling, W. Kreitling, C. Wohlasch, Malcha Bros., and Jacob Grutzner, pointing out that they were severely handicapped as compared with other districts in not being allowed the use of nightsoil to fertilise their land. It was impossible, in fact, to get a living for themselves and their families without the privilege. They therefore prayed that the council would remove the obstacles to their using the manure side Street possible.

Cr. Bodycoat said he intended to withdraw his opposition to the use of the nightsoil. An objection had always been with him, though, that in the case of an outbreak of fever where the stuff was used it might lead to innocent persons being blamed.

The president said the permits would have to be for short periods and the regulations very stringent.

The secretary observed they would have to be very cautious.

Cr. McCoy moved and Cr. Barry seconded that the petition be received and considered at next ordinary meeting.—Carried.

Cr McCoy also gave notice of motion that the by-law prohibiting the use of nightsoil within the shire be rescinded.

From Dr. Wilkinson, again recommending to the serious attention of the council the state of the water supply of the township during the ensuing 6 months. He would specially advise that a pure supply be provided for drinking. Owing to the dryness of the season the present supply from the iron tanks is sure to be much polluted by dirt, &c., even if this supply holds out. In the event of it failing recourse will be had to underground tanks, and to this he attributed the outbreak of typhoid fever in the county.

The secretary suggested that a well might be sunk for the township supply on the shire-hall premises.

Cr. Bodycoat—What are you giving us, Mr. Ryan? We would not be justified in spending the ratepayers' money to oblige a few individuals.

Cr Barry—It would be a fine thing if we could get the Yan Yean.

Cr. Bodycoat—Where are you going to get the money?

Cr. Barry—That's the trouble.

Cr. Bodycoat suggested that a 2000 gallon tank might be got if necessary.

From Shire of Preston inviting this council to confer with them re construction and maintenance of road leading to new bridge over Merri Creek, the obstacles in the way of acquiring the land necessary for the approaches being now removed.

Cr. McCoy expressed his pleasure at hearing that this work was at last to be completed and Cr. Bodycoat moved that as many councillors as possible confer with the Preston council on a date that would suit the Preston council—10th December or thereabouts.—Carried.

FINANCE.

The treasurer reported receipts for the month as £77 14s; and the Dr. balance at date £857 6s 8d. The shire was being worked at £100 a year less than last year. Cr. Barry complained of the high rate of interest—7 per cent (not 6 as stated). The Savings Bank commissioners would lend it at 5 per cent.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the month amounting to £72 18s 3d were passed for payment, on the motion of Cr. Bodycoat, seconded by Cr. Barry.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Sheffield recommended Baker's drain that an 8-inch pitcher crossing 3 pitchers wide be put in. Three or four hundred cows now crossed the drain three or four times a day and it was very much cut up. Consequently the drainage was impeded and caused a nuisance. A was duodel—on the motion of Crs. Bodycoat and McCormick—to consult the standing counsel as to whether Mr. Baker had a right to run his drainage out on the road.

Clause 2 recommended that the use of old crossing at Mrs Henderson's, near Burke's, is filled up the water could be drained down the west side.—Work to be carried out.

Clause 3 reported that the contractors for spreading metal had finished their contracts and had been employed for a few days in putting on the metal opposite Mr. Dea's.

Clause 4 reported that Walter Martin had made a mistake in his tender for erection of water closet and wanted to be allowed to withdraw it.—Agreed to.

Clause 5 reported that Kinlochue road culvert required taking up and repairing.—Cr. Bodycoat moved and Cr. McCormick seconded that the work be done.—Carried.

ORDINARY MEETING.

It was decided to call the new road through Cr. Bodycoat's the Kinlochue road.

Cr. Bodycoat moved that tenders be called for 25 yards of spalls, same to be put at Mrs Henderson's and some at Mr. Patterson's. The President seconded. Carried.

Cr. McDonnell moved and Cr. McCoy seconded that the engineer be ordered to bring up a report re Davidson street S. —Agreed to.

Cr. Barry moved and Cr. McCormick seconded that the surveyor report as to the metal required for the Woodstock riding.—Carried.

CRICKET NEWS.

NOTE.—Secretaries must send in their reports of matches played on Saturday by 10 o'clock on Monday, otherwise information is liable to be unreliable.

BOYLE AND SCOTT'S TROPHY.

Northcote v. Footscray. This match was continued at Croxton Park last Saturday, in beautiful weather. On play commencing last Saturday the team stood, Northcote, 1st innings, 211 runs for 5 wickets, Freeman being 111 not out, and W. Hayes 21 not out. The two started the day's play, the latter batting freely from the start. Tom Freeman quickly ran up his total to 156 before being splendidly caught low down by Bruton off Goodwin, the total standing 269 runs for 6 wickets. Frank Dredge partnered W. Hayes and started in something like his old form, rattling up 20 runs in a very attractive style before falling a victim to a catch of Bruton's from the bowling of Fitcher. Seven wickets being down for 310 runs. Jim Howard partnered W. Hayes, who, throughout his innings, was showing that old form so well remembered by followers of the Capulet and Fitzroy clubs. The new comer started merrily with a couple of hits for four, playing a lively and forcible innings, the partnership resulting in an addition of 60 runs to the score, when W. Hayes was caught by Allen off the bowling of Goodwin with the meritorious score of 77 runs to his credit. F. Lamley joined Howard, the score standing 8 wickets for 367. The last two wickets put on 18 runs, the innings closing for the grand total of 385. Jim Howard 30, Lamley 3, and Coomber 4 not out. R. Goodwin 5 for 91; and W. Goodwin, 2 for 30; where most successful with the ball for Footscray. Footscray started their innings, sending Rusden and W. Goodwin to face the Northcote trundlers. At the drawing of stumps for the day Footscray had lost 1 wicket for 35 runs. The victim, being Rusden, who was smartly caught in the slips off the bowling of Tom Paterson. Play will be continued to-day. The Northcote score in this match is understood to be the record for a single innings in this competition.

SPORTS DEPOT TROPHY.

Preston District v. Arlington. This match was continued at Glenferrie last Saturday, the scores then standing:—Arlington 94, Preston 3 for 52. W. Richardson and J. Lemon, the not-out batsmen, brought the score up to 102, when Richardson had the misfortune to play a ball on to his wicket and retired for a well made 10. Thomas then stepped in and started scoring straight away, but lost his partner Lemon who was bowled for 18. A. Rodgers partnered Thomas, but a swift yorker sent the latter to the right-about, after making 11. None of the other batsmen (excepting Rodgers 7) made runs, the innings closing for 126, lasting one man short. R. Richardson being 49. The Arlington then went in for their second innings, and lasting two hours made 70, Juniper playing a very free innings for 37. This left the Preston 29 runs to make to win, but 4 wickets were lost in the attempt, G. Westmoreland playing a splendid innings for 18, while J. Lemon batted very patiently for 126, lasting one man short,

Sunday Services.

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Services are held every Sunday in the Church, Davis-street, morning at 11, evening at 7.

Subjects for Tomorrow :—Morning, "Our Lord's Parables," No. 7; evening, "The Greek's Request."

Minister—Rev. G. Cameon.

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Preacher,—Morning and evening (Sacrament), Mr. Taylor.
Sunday School at 3 quarter to 3.

BAPTIST CHAPEL PRESTON

Services in connection with above will for the present be held in the Public Library Hall, Preston.
Preacher—Rev. F. P. Strickland, morning and evening.
Sankey's Hymns evening only.
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TOWN OF NORTHCOTE

I hereby give notice that it is the intention of the Council of the Town of Northcote at a meeting of the Council in the Town Hall, High street, Northcote, on Thursday, the 5th day of December, 1895, at 7.30 p.m., to CONFIRM a RESOLUTION (passed on the 24th inst.) empowering the Council to make under "The Health Act 1890" for REGULATING the REMOVAL of NIGHTSOIL, from places within the town. A copy of the said by-law may be inspected at the office of the

By order,
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SATURDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

The Northcote churches on Sunday evening last emptied into and filled to overflowing the town-hall with a well-behaved crowd of people, the occasion being who came to hear Miss Sutherland speak on the "Dark Side of City Life." The meeting was announced to commence at 7.30, but long before that hour the building was filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds had to go away disappointed. Mr. Sutherland, the chairman, in opening the meeting, said that she had made a special request that there should be no applause, as she knew by experience that it only distracted the attention from her remarks. A collection was made in aid of the Victorian Neglected Children's Aid Society, of which Miss Sutherland is the agent. Her work is a grand one, and it is to be hoped she will long be spared to carry it out.

The ratepayers' meeting held at the Darebin-hall was unique in its result, or rather want of result. The principal resolution found so little favor with the mover that he could only see his way to move it *pro forma*. The second of the resolution expressed his objection to an essential part of it, and the chairman finally declared there was no motion before the resolution was it carried nothing with it." We understand that there were other resolutions to submit, but these, like the flowers of the wilderness, were destined to waste their sweetness, or, rather, their sweetness on the desert air" of one future meeting.

Now is the time for these whose names are not already upon the electoral rolls to take out electors' rights. Monday next is the last day upon which these are issued for inclusion in the general rolls that compiled. All qualified persons should therefore attend to the matter at once, as no one can tell when a general election may take place before it is advisable for each person applying to provide himself with a voting paper, which must be affixed to the right when issued by the electoral registrar.

A sale of work will be opened by the mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. Strong) at the Northcote town-hall at 3 p.m. on Thursday next in aid of the funds of All Saints' Church. During the past three or four years efforts of this kind have been held, but on a smaller scale. This year it is expected that the stalls will be much more extensive and attractive, and the sale will be open for two days (morning in another column) are greater attention has been paid to the arrangements of the various. The sale will be continued on Friday and Saturday, and good attendances are expected for the first day. It is hoped will repay the promoters for the efforts they have made.

Last week was chiefly remarkable for its series of fires in and around Melbourne, the week the papers have teemed with cases of "juvenile depravity." Miss Sutherland, in her address on "the dark side of city life," when she said that the worst thing was wrong with the training of the children. Another warning was given by Mr. Nicholson, the Northcote Police Court on Monday, when three boys, the youngest only 10 years of age, were charged with stealing on a wood-sale scale. They appeared to feel a great deal of shame at their position. Truly the words uttered in the Town Hall the previous evening were being verified. There was nothing in them to appeal to.

The same sitting of the court a couple of 16 were ordered to face the birch. Why asked the magistrates. "Because I don't believe in it." What next?

A temperance entertainment, given under the auspices of the Star of Northcote Lodge, was held in the town-hall on Tuesday evening, and an interesting programme was gone through. Those who took part were Mrs. Daniel (Mrs. Daniel) was surprised at his opening song, and Messrs. Daniel, Cox, Hopkins, Smith, and Messrs. Bond, Sweetland, Brown, Bonnell, Drake, and Hall. Mr. Brown, the secretary, gave several recitations. The chairman, Mr. John Wilkinson, fully explained the principles of the S. Tyler, Miss Bella Smith, and Master E. Travers. John and Joe Nairn, of Preston, and Miss Bella Wicks rendered considerable assistance in the musical portion of the programme, which was a good one. An address was also given by the Rev. D.D., Bro. Wilson, and Bro. Chamberlain, C.R., presided.

LOCALISMS.

Preston audit expected to be completed to-day.

Cr. Smith has given notice of motion that Station-street be put in decent order council contracts he is a day.

Fairfield Park and that neighbourhood have been overrun with the poultry stealing.

Messrs M. Scully and Walker, South Preston, are off to Coolgardie in a few days.

Northcote council have by a majority of 15 to 2 affirmed the desirability of constructing a tram line from Northcote to the private streets on the deferred payments system.

St. John's (Clifton Hill) Sunbeam fair will be opened in the Albert Hall this evening by the Hon. R. W. Best, M.L.C.

The committee of the Northcote C.C. beg to acknowledge the following donations of £1 1s from Mr J. R. Drake.

The town people will scarcely need reminding of the Guy Fawkes entertainment at the town-hall on Tuesday evening next in aid of the funds of the Home for Inmates of the Austin Hospital for Incurables.

Some allegations by Brunswick against Preston for alleged Merri Creek pollution are to be heard by the Board of Health on Monday evening's meeting of the Preston council.

The high college "speech night" will take place at the Collingwood town-hall on Wednesday next, the 4th prox. An attractive programme is being arranged.

Cr. Thompson told the ratepayers' meeting that Northcote was going to lay out £2,000 in new streets during the present year, after providing for the permanent expenditure. "Where is it to be taken from and go on," and that he had learned that the valuations this year, so far as completed, showed a reduction of 10 per cent. In spite of this he intended a recent motion to have £500 more added as an addition to the rate.

Yet another person fined at the Northcote police court on Monday morning for driving a carriage while the train was in motion. The defendant was a young woman of the name of Woods, who, it was stated, would have to go to the hospital. It appeared that she was on the platform before the train came in she made herself late by running back to the carriage she had left.

The Metropolitan Professional Draughts Club, which has been in existence claim to being "old favorites" in Preston, announce that their fifth appearance there will take place on Wednesday evening next, when they will produce the comic drama "the factory girl," followed by the screaming farce, "the silent woman." Full particulars may be got from the programme circulated with this issue.

The Northcote council have decided to at work, go and see him buying some gifts at the bazaar. Western school-room, 14th Dec.—ADVT.

PRIVATE STREET CONSTRUCTION

THE COUNCIL FAVOR THE FLOATING OF A LOAN.

A committee of the Northcote council having for some time had the above matter under their consideration at the last meeting submitted the following report—

That there are streets and lanes in each ward which require to be constructed, but that it would be of great assistance to the council to be enabled to carry out under the improvement Act in preference to direct payment and therefore does it advisable for the Council to borrow, and procure a loan for the purpose referred to.

Cr. Bastings moved and Cr. Smith seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Cr. Pearl opposed the proposal as likely to saddle owners with an extra rate, which they could ill afford to pay at the present time. The ratepayers at last should be consulted before being committed to such a scheme. Under it more work may be done in the streets than is necessary. Any arbitrary rule in street construction would be bad. The council is not much to ask ratepayers who had paid rates for 9 or 10 years for sewerage before they could be called upon to pay 15s a year or 3d per week as their proportion of the cost of constructing a street. Wouldn't that be getting good value for their money?

Cr. Smith was surprised at Cr. Pearl's opposition. He was one of the principal of advocates of the principle of extended pay ments, and not long since was working hard and well for the £2,000 loan. Where was his consistency?

Cr. Pearl—You printed a circular once.

Cr. Smith—And stuck to it.

Cr. Pearl—Not a day.

Cr. Rudken said the question to be considered that day three months.

Cr. Harry opposed the scheme as being utterly impracticable, and in the words where there were 30 miles of private streets was against it to borrow £2,000. He did not think property-owners should be asked to complete the streets.

Several councillors—They will not be asked.

Cr. Pearl here made remarks re the construction of Garden and other streets long ago.

Cr. Yeomans replied — "You're fairly unjust; you can't be generally unjust," he added.

Cr. Thompson explained how the recommendation of the committee had been arrived at. He had spoken to a number of ratepayers wished their streets constructed and a committee was appointed to go into the matter. It was advisable to float a loan. A general improvement in the streets of the private streets of the whole town was never for a moment thought of. Under the deferred payments system the rate would be talk about? In the west ward there would be no demand for streets to be made. As far as a loan on the general rate was concerned it was absolutely impossible to do that without increasing the rate. The deferred payment system was the very best alternative.

Cr. Bastings said they must either adopt this resolution or submit to further stagnation.

The motion was put and carried, Crs. Pearl and Harry against.

MEETING AT THE DAREBIN HALL.

A public meeting of ratepayers of the northern wards was called at the Darebin-hall on Wednesday evening "to consider the proposed action of the council to impose an extra rate for the construction of our so-called private streets."

There was a fair attendance, but it is evident that many had come to the meeting for much the same reason that they would go to a theatre—for the entertainment they would get out of it.

Mr. B. R. Patey, who was voted to the chair, said he hoped speakers would entirely refrain from blaming this side or that side for what had been done in the past, but simply consider things as they are with a view to their improvement. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Dunn asked who had convened the meeting. There was no name on the circular. Was it under the auspices of the Ratepayers Association?

The chairman said he did not recognise any association in the matter. They were ratepayers and had convened a matter in which they were interested.

Mr. P. B. Kelly was called upon to move the first resolution, as follows—

"That in the opinion of this meeting of ratepayers of the Northcote and Preston ratepayers already paid to construct our streets out of the general rate without any extra rates."

He was in sympathy with the motion, but he saw no remedy for it. (Laughter). Sufficient rates were not collected to allow the council to construct private streets out of the general rate without special improvement rate. He hoped no injustice would be perpetrated.

Cr. Rudken proceeding to go through the list of streets which had been made since 1887, was called to order.

Cr. Bastings rose and suggested to the chairman the advisability of speakers keeping to the point at issue. As far as Cr. Pearl had pretty strong lungs.

Cr. Smith also rose to a point of order.

Cr. Voice—What is your point of order?

Cr. Smith—It's not a "pint o' beer."

Mr. R. Willis—No lubrications here. (Loud laughter).

Cr. Bastings pointed out that when the Assessment Association" we'll deal with Monday night. (Laughter).

Cr. Parsons—Supporting the resolution does not amount to very much, as it simply supports a theory. There is no money to carry it out. For the construction of the streets is quite a secondary consideration. I am heart and soul in the drainage scheme. The streets can come afterwards.

Mr. Dunn objected to such a great amount of interruption that we could not well catch the drift of his remarks. We understood him to say, however, that he was somewhat borrowing in any shape or form at the present time, and that it was no use advocating the making of private streets out of the general rate.

Replying to Mr. Ogilvie, Cr. Pearl said the majority of those who bought land in private streets did not understand that they would have to pay for their construction.

Messrs Dunn and Gooley offered a few words of explanation and criticism.

The chairman said it was no use putting the resolution as it carried nothing with it.

Mr. Kelly—That's what I said and you told me to sit down.

Mr. Patey was against further borrowing and the rate being added to in any way. He hoped the council would make an effort to give them more streets in their own and better drainage. (Hear, hear).

A vote of thanks was heartily carried that made to the chairman for presiding and the meeting terminated.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

This was duly celebrated on Tuesday evening last by a tea meeting and concert in the town-hall. Both features were most successful. There was a large gathering at the tea, the tables being filled almost twice over. The latter were presided at by the following ladies—Jesdames Thomas, Turner, Hooper, Walsh, Jones, Unwin, Agecroft, Neil, Crawford, Rubin, Keteley, Eveleigh, Barnard, and Miss Turner, assisted by a number of young ladies as waitresses. The tea was followed by a concert, which was largely attended, and good attendances were present. The Misses Mitchell opened the programme with a duet, "Bonnie Dundee," given very acceptably, and Miss Brownes sang "The song that reached me heart." Mr. Barnes followed with a recitation "The new baby," which highly amused the audience. Miss Lee sang "Killarney," and the Misses Angier were warmly applauded for their rendering of "Ladies' dress to her." Mrs. Lear was the next to appear, her selection being "Love's young dream," given very nicely. Mr. H. James contributed a recitation "The Bridge-keeper's story," which pleased his hearers so well that nothing would suffice but his appearing for an encore, when he gave "What the mercy would be a charge on the ratepayers." Mr. Hall (the) sang "Silver Bells" in a very pleasing manner, and Mr. Sweetland followed with "Nancy Lee," which was also encored, when he gave "Tommy Atkins." Miss Lochmond sang "The old mariner," and Mr. Hall (the) "Sweet Adelaid" rendered "Golden Love" very nicely. The duet, "Come into the garden Maud," by Miss Lochmond and Mr. Hall (the), was also encored, when they gave "Oft in the stilly night."

THE HORTICULTURIST.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Close attention must be given to new perennials, which are now showing signs of activity owing to the unusual spell of sunshine. Young shrubs and trees should be watered by pouring it in at their roots—the ought not merely to penetrate to the subsoil, and then a light covering of straw or some material should be strewed around the plants to prevent evaporation. Perhaps a good watering three times a week will be sufficient to keep all growing vigorously until a change in the weather with rain sets in. A stock of flowering plants, such as young pentstemons, bouvardias, salvias, verbenas, salpiglossis, larkspurs, dianthus, carnations, fuchsias and others of repellent habit, or sprawling growth, may be turned out of pots into any well-prepared border, and will soon be established and will bloom freely about the end of the year. Wood-ash and half-decayed leaf-mould are most effective plants in this season, and will feed, shield and protect from cutting.

The dwarf blue lobelia is very pretty for small gardens, and the double and single forms of perianthes are also excellent in a sunny aspect, if fully exposed to the sun. Among the autumn flowers, gerbrania splendens is one of the best and hardiest during the summer months the dwarf French marigold, which by very close, in addition to the permanent plants mentioned above, a quantity of things can be grown in pots with advantage. The advantage over a heavy clay soil is that the pots can be moved in order to produce a strong and vigorous growth can be obtained, and can be taken out to crowd the plants too closely.

Seeds are produced freely by all of them, and any plants that show a want of perfectly in size, strength, coloring, or subsequent improvement in habit or character, should be saved for the purpose of seed, and those are a variety that seems to be maintained from year to year. Seeds of annuals may be sown in February, as at present.

CONSERVATION AND LOFT PLANTS.

Ingenious readers, florists, farmers and other occasional foliage plants are now very attractive and beautiful, and in order to preserve them as long as possible in the conservatory, they require quite care in shading and watering. A second average vegetable requires plenty of moisture, in order to produce large, succulent leaves, and the plants required for mid-day shading should be placed in a position where they will receive the early sun, a shade

SERGEANT BOLDS.

Sergeant Bolds of the N Division is a man of no mean reputation in his own part of the world—indeed he is looked upon as quite a celebrity in his way. About twenty years ago he had the good fortune to be present at the capture of the chief man concerned in the great Bremian House burglary. His share in the arrest was but small, though that was of little consequence to the sergeant, who increased it mightily as years passed on, until now anyone hearing him telling the story would suppose that he alone had effected, captured, and brought to justice five of the strongest men the world ever knew. And many, too, are the tales of his prowess which accompanied the telling.

But there is one incident in his professional career that Sergeant Bolds never brings up—at least when he would fain forget. He feels it as a blot on his escutcheon which he would give ten years of his life to wipe off. It was the occasion of the great annual cricket match, Bridgemere versus old, now held in Squire Bracken's grounds. The young Broadhurst were utterly unsuccessful in getting the men, as it caused quite an excitement in the village, and even the local bobby there was most anxious as to the result.

About five o'clock Sergeant Bolds, having finished his tea, mentioned to his wife his intention of going up to the field to see the fun (for cricket was fun to Bolds' way of expressing it). "Cricket was a very interesting game to the sergeant, he said, as a "whole lot is known about it, and according to himself, he knew more than any other person all there were assembled to the ground.

There was a great bill to mount on the way to the cricket field, and when the sergeant had effected the ascent of this full assention that "the day 'as never sorry thing called Sergeant Bolds to stop, and beckoning Evans to join him, he said, "Evans, my lad, I 'ave a mind to 'ave a drop of beer, so I'll go to take it home and read it to your father." Evans replied that his father "dinna tak much account o' books 'cept the Bible," and that if it were "beer" wish that he should read it to his father, he could not do it, as he took home, and so clearly had George Evans no desire to be deprived of the pleasure of reading the paper, or identifying the people in his own neighborhood, and every one of whom he called them out by name.

"Now, then, FARM," Sergeant Bolds at "At Corley, a pretty little village about seven miles from Bridgemere, on Stagrag, the ancient seat of the Ayleys of Ayley Hall, and the property of Sir Charles Ayley, Bart., M.P. Sir Charles took such pride, and at which Alexa Ayley, a young lady of twenty-two, died, every village within a six-mile radius of Bridgemere. The village is to be found in the works of George Eliot, and is called Milby. Here Alexa Ayley lived, and it was here she first met Jack Bolds, as one of the pretty cluster of cottages which go to make up the village. And here it was that the blind never dream of visible objects, and a muse has been observed when dreaming to carry on a conversation by means of his fingers on its writing.

Nobody in the soul of music, while harmony is its mind.

THE DUCHESS'S PENDANT.

"Charlie" Ashton, as his friends call him, was Sir Charles Ashton's heir. Due to the world, and there was only one person on which this widespread friendship would not suspect him, and that was matrimony. He had been in nearly all the London clubs, and was popular with them. City Companies, gambling clubs, men's books, sprang with equal facility to a good many other things, including "society." There was only one thing he had never been in, and that was "a good thing," and yet he was always well dressed, and was to be seen almost everywhere a man can go to who can pay his way. Society, which has a witty name for everybody, christened him "The Fifteen Puzzle," and the epithet was a happy one. He was always on the way to do him and to undo him, and yet he did not win too frequently at cards, the horses were not always his friends, and he did not let too often to excite the anger of the Stock Exchange and the public; and he was popular in the sense that people were always glad to see him as "good fellow" and a "jolly companion." He went everywhere, and was welcome everywhere, and yet he had not a friend in the world, in the sense of honesty by making him a friend. Society knew his impecuniosity with a balance of a thousand pounds, a settlement from Sir Charles on his marriage, save him a cheque for fifty pounds occasionally, and he seemed no more so bold as on the occasion to which I am about to refer. He was then early on Saturday afternoon, and when Sir Charles left him he had only left his name account on Monday, and he had not a penny piece in his pocket back. But when Charlie received his Monday morning letters he found that for she had just read his receipt; but there was that Surrey property, "Hazelhead," she took up the morning paper, and there, in the "Agricultural" advertisements, read: "Hedgerow timber, Beckett, Sanfelon, Talbot, etc." The manager was evidently at his expense by cutting out the Christian names of the performing women, he called them. She put on her hat and went out. She called a cab and drove to Broad street. She would inquire of Beckett, the land agent, if the property had been sold. If it had she would feel ashamed, and was about to turn back, but she was in Broad street, and ranged round the walls. She went in, and there was Beckett. Beckett, for, as to ally suspicion, she looked at the name on the door, was not there. She could not find the name of Beckett, but there were two girls' names with the name of Sanfelon, and she bought a box for the Nutty Theatre that night, for she was convinced the girl would be sure to wear Hazelhead.

Sir Charles Ashton was a good many years older than Charlie, and had so very far-able as Jones, and he was a regular old-fashioned gold-headed setting of the old school. He was evidently not in clubs, and spent at the back of the beyond, and he was a man who made his own wine, and was a thing to be proud of. He was a widower, and had only one child, a daughter, Alexa Ayley, who was a beauty, and who was very young and poor, she has been told, and who, it was said, had now called her shabbiness.

Sir Charles was a man by himself, "what is such a sum to me?" and it is exactly what he would have said if it had been much more he is old, it is a pity to leave it to Charlie, and he will not do it.

As if to convince herself of her husband's generosity, and to prove her sanity, she mechanically took up the pulls of the day, and found that Sir Charles's saddlers, clever merchants, and all the other purveyors of man's things. There was also a private notepaper from friends, which she knew to be duplicates made of it in the very best Parisian style. Will you kindly send me a few dozen duplicates were made by a Paris firm. They were very cheap.

It was some days before Sir Charles's

Ironmongers

CHANDLER'S
Noted Cheap Depots,
HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE,
AND
247, BRUNSWICK ST., FITZROY,
are the
CHEAPEST AND BEST PLACES
to buy
IRONMONGERY.
CROCKERY.
TINWARE.
GLASSWARE,
BRUSHES & BROOMS,
Leads, Oils, Colors, Varnish, Window Glass, &c.

Champion's Whiteleaf, 27s per cwt. 7s. 28lb. keg. Boiled Oil, 3s 3d gal. lon. Best Oak Varnish, 10s gallon. Turpentine, Driers, Terebine. Gold-size, Redleal, Umbers, Sienna, &c., equally cheap. Blundell & Spence's Mixed Paint, all colors, 4½d lb tins.

Make your own Soap.—Stockport 98 per cent. powdered Caustic Soda. Tins make 6lbs good hard Soap; 4½d tin.

Paint and Kalsomine Brushes—a well-assorted stock of best English and Colonial makes to choose from. Harland's Carriage Varnishes, Graining Combs, Putty Knives, &c., &c.

GLASS cut to any size from 11d ft.

Crockery.—Cups and Saucers, 3d each; Plates, 2d each; Chambers from 9d each; Enamelled Chambers, 1s 6d each; Enamelled Mugs, 9d each; do. Candlesticks, 9d each. Tea, Dinner, and Toilet Sets cheap.

A good stock of Teapots, metal, enamel and crockery, from 5d each, to choose from.

Double-barrel Breech-loading Guns from 33s., really good. A good assortment to pick from. Diamond Grain Powder, 2/9 lb.

Ammunition—Cartridges, kangaroo, filled with Curtis & Harvey's Diamond Grain, 10/6 per 100; Excelsior, only 8/- per 100, real good killers; Amberite, the new smokeless powder, can be loaded in cartridges like ordinary black powder, 7/- per lb; Amberite Cartridges, 11/6 per 100; Cartridge Cases, Eley's, 3s per 100; Caps, 3d box; Shot, 2¾d lb. Fish Hooks, 1d doz.; Lines from 3d each; Reels, Rods, &c.

Knives and Forks from 3s. half-dozen; Teaspoons, from 1s 3d a dozen; Dessert and Table Spoons equally low. Ivoroid Table Knives, 7s half-dozen; Ivoroid Dessert Knives, 6s half-dozen; Carvers, 5s 6d pair; Steels, 1s 6d each; look and wear equal to Ivory; made specially in Sheffield to our order. Nickle Silver Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons and Forks never change color—buy them. Pocket Knives—a large variety to choose from. Butchers' Knives, Steels, and Choppers.

Cherry Churns to make 6lbs., 21s 6d. All sizes on hand. Milk Buckets, 1s, 1s 6d, 1s 10d, and 2s 3d; Strainer Buckets, 2s 3d and 3s 9d; Strainers, 9d and 1s each; Skimmers, 6d each; Milk Dishes, Butter Pats, Prints, &c.

Galvanised Iron from 1s 5d per sheet. Spouting, Ridging, and Downpipe. Wire Nails, 2d lb, Rim Locks from 1s each. Loadhead Nails, 2½d lb. Sash fasteners, 4d each. Sash lifts, Cupboard Hinges, &c. Wire Netting, Fencing Wire, Barbed Wire, at lowest advertised prices in quantities to suit purchasers. Closet pans, 2s each. Galvanised Waterpipe and Fittings, Taps, Plain Iron, Zinc, and all Plumbers' Materials at lowest rates. Sole Leather Sprigs, Brass and Iron Rivets. Hungarian Nails. Boot Protectors, 1d bag. Canary Cages, 2s 6d each. Parrot Cages, 2s each. Baizes, 6d each. Harness Oil, 9d bottle. Neatsfoot and Castor Oil, 9d quart bottle, 3s gallon. Axle Grease, 6d tin, 6s 6d 28lb keg. Soft Soap, Dandy and Body Brushes. Curry and Mane Combs. Back Chains, Hames 2s 6d pr., Back Bands 3s 9d, Plough and Leading Chains, 3d lb. Washup Dishes, 6d each. Axles, 2s. Billys, 4d each. Tin Saucepans, 4d each. Wringers from 15s. Dynamite and Detonators, Fuse, and Blasting Powder. Saucepans, Kettles, and Boilers. Axes and Axe Handles from 6d each. Spades 2s., Shovels 1s 9d., Mattocks 3s 6d, Picks and Pick Handles. Lamps from 10d each. Hose very cheap, Royal Unions, ¾ in., 1s 6d, 1in., 2s. Directors equally low. Wire Dish Covers, Meat Safes (gauze wire), very cheap.

And no end of other articles, good and cheap.

—AT—
CHANDLER'S,
NORTHCOTE AND FITZROY.

"Advertising is an eloquent and effective 'salesman'—distinguished from the verbal salesman in this, that while the latter talks to one customer the advertising salesman is talking to thousands."

Announcements

M. A. Rapken,
AUCTIONEER.

SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS made with clients. It will pay you to see him.

Private Address—NORTHCOTE.
Daily Sales at
166 SMITH ST., COLLINGWOOD.

DIMMICK'S
CLEARING SALE
OF
BOOTS AND SHOES
NOW ON.

Everybody in Northcote Come!
Everybody that wants a big surprise come!
Everybody that wants a genuine Bargain, come!
Everybody in the District, come!

THIS SALE WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE WEEKS.

Gent's Calf Gol. Bals., made to measure, 10/6.
Repairs done on the premises.

All Country orders per post forwarded free of cost.

DIMMICK'S BOOT SHOP,
High Street, Northcote.

IT
WILL
PAY
YOU
TO
VISIT

Brown & Scott's
Brown & Scott's
Brown & Scott's

Grand
SPRING
SHOW!
THE
TALK
OF THE
NORTHERN SUBURBS.

Brown & Scott's
Brown & Scott's
Brown & Scott's

Bargains
IN
FAMILY DRAPERY,
CLOTHING, Etc.

LOW LIST FOR TAILORING.
LOW LIST FOR DRESSMAKING

Selected assortment of Choicest Crepons and other New Materials.
SEND FOR SAMPLES.

SPEND YOUR READY CASH
AT
401 & 403 BRUNSWICK STREET,
FITZROY.

COMPETITION VANQUISHED.
ALL OTHER QUOTATIONS OUT-DONE.
Look out for our RED FLAG.

Dressmakers, etc.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
DRESSMAKING.

MISS WOOD begs to inform the Ladies of Northcote, Preston, and surrounding district that she has Removed to the opposite side of Westgarth St., off High Street, thanking them for past favors, and hoping for a further continuance of the same.
Terms Moderate.

MRS. AND MISS BELCHER,
DRAPERS AND MILLINERS,
HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE.
Next London Bank.

MISS REDMOND,
Dressmaker,
Begs to inform the ladies of Northcote, Preston, and surrounding districts that she has OPENED a Dressmaking Establishment in the premises formerly occupied by Mr. Tharratt, High Street, Northcote, five doors from the Wesleyan Church.
Dresses stylishly made. Fit guaranteed. Terms moderate.
ADDRESS:—HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE.

Annual Statement of Accounts

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 30th September, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

To Rates	Current, S. Wd.	£1128 3 5		
"	Arrears "	278 16 0		
			£1406 19 5	
"	Current, E. Wd.	664 16 9		
"	Arrears "	136 8 7		
			798 5 4	
"	Current, C. Wd.	775 15 8		
"	Arrears "	133 13 6		
			909 9 2	
"	Current, W. Wd.	817 15 7		
"	Arrears "	223 10 4		
			1041 5 11	
"	Current, N. Wd.	1078 0 7		
"	Arrears "	708 7 11		
			1786 8 6	
				£5942 8 4
"	Interest, South Ward	...	...	2 7 6
"	Licenses—Publican's (pyt.)	...	125 0 0	
"	" Dairy	...	54 0 0	
"	" Noxious Trades	...	3 3 0	
"	" Hackney Carriage	...	28 17 3	
				211 0 3
"	Registrations—Dogs	...	...	56 2 6
"	" Goats	...	...	5 0 0
"	Cesspan Fees	...	...	461 15 3
"	Rent, Town Hall	...	...	108 0 0
"	Building Fees	...	...	8 17 6
"	Private Streets and Lanes	...	...	63 7 1
"	Contractors' Deposits	...	...	50 9 0
"	Plumbers' "	...	...	16 7 6
"	Law Costs	...	...	11 10 4
"	Sale of Cattle	...	...	4 16 10
"	Miscellaneous—Material	...	...	
"	" Fines, Petty Sess.	...	19 3 0	
"	" Rolls	...	1 3 6	
"	" Park Grass	...	15 0	
"	" Loan 2, adjustment	...	26 15 0	
"	" Sundries	...	27 0 0	
"	" Rent, Fire Station	...	6 7 6	
			81 8 1	
"	Transfer from Loans	...	...	1539 0 0
"	Cheque repaid	...	...	6 15 0
"	" cancelled	...	...	25 7 10
"	Lighting fee unchained	...	...	1 0 0
"	Stonebreaker wage unclaimed	...	...	10 0
"	Cash	...	...	1 0 0
	Balance, 30.9.95—	...	...	3765 10 11
				£12,295 19 2

EXPENDITURE.

By	Contractors' Deposits (133)	...	...	£82 19 0
"	Plumbers' " (145)	...	...	12 13 0
"	Sinking Fund (383)—Loan 1	...	2	
"	" 3	...	5	
			...	857 0 0
"	Interest, Loan 1	...	230 0 0	
"	" 2	...	625 0 0	
"	" 3 (389)	...	1060 0 0	
				1915 0 0
"	Advertising, Printing, and Stationery	...	...	145 14 5
"	Interest, Overdraft	...	...	227 8 4
"	Incidental	...	...	55 0 0
"	Audit Fees	...	...	59 17 4
"	Salaries of Officers	...	...	938 0 3
"	Charitable Vote	...	...	20 0 0
"	Election Expenses	...	...	13 18 3
"	Private Street Trust	...	...	42 8 0
"	Fire Board Expenses	...	...	80 3 9
"	Miscellaneous—			
	Guarantee Reticulation	...	7 8 0	
	Cheque Books	...	0 1 8	
	Library Grant	...	30 0 0	
	Accident	...	3 10 0	
	Gas Act Expenses	...	2 12 9	
	Tree Planting	...	3 8 0	
	Fuel, Disinfectant, etc.	...	28 8 3	
	Lighting Town Hall & offices	...	21 17 4	
				102 2 6
"	Tramway Maintenance	...	...	232 7 6
"	Insurance and Guarantee	...	...	79 13 9
"	Contractors	...	...	1415 6 0
"	Lighting	...	...	224 13 11
"	Pay Labor	...	...	199 8 7
"	Public Works—			
	Bitumen	...	11 13 7	
	Smithwork	...	8 16 11	
	Timber	...	19 15 11	
	Plumbing	...	19 2 4	
	Lamp Pillars	...	2 10 0	
	Carpenter Repairs	...	6 6 0	
	Incinerator	...	5 10 0	
	Bricks, Sand, and Ashes	...	12 1 3	
	Gas Clock	...	1 15 0	
	Ironmongery and Kerosene	...	8 19 0	
	Paving Repairs	...	2 17 0	
	Plumbing, Glass, &c.	...	5 10 3	
				147 15 3
"	Law Costs	...	...	179 17 2
"	Mayoral Allowance	...	...	50 0 0
"	Metal Supplies	...	...	246 2 2
"	Cheque dishonored	...	...	6 15 0
"	Rebate Rent Town Hall	...	...	3 6 8
"	Loan Transfer	...	...	1539 0 0
"	Sinking Fund, Investment	...	...	299 17 11
	Overdraft Balance, 30.9.95	...	...	3180 10 11
				£12,295 19 2

Audited and allowed, excepting the following items:—Bank overdraft, £3765 10s. 11d; hire of waggonette, £2 10s.; wreath, 15s.

JAMES H. MOLYNEUX, Government Auditor.
WALTER S. STOTT, Local Auditor.

November 14th, 1895.

W. G. SWIFT, Town Clerk & Treasurer.

Loan Account No. 2.

Statement for the Year ending 30th September, 1895.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
To Bank Balance	...	... £895 2 5	Balance in Bank	...	... £895 2 5
			Paving Due	...	... 73 4 10
			Recoup Municipal Fund	...	... 1482 12 8
Scheduled Works unlet	...	... £2701 0 0			£2451 3 11

Loan Account No. 3.

Statement for the Year ending 30th September, 1895.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
To Balance, Bank	...	... £659 6 10	By Contract Deposits	...	... £7 10 0
Paving	...	... 1 0 0	" Line Town Hall	...	... 37 0 0
			" Dundas Street	...	... 15 15 0
			" Clarke	...	... 7 0 0
			" Balance	...	... 592 1 3
		£660 6 10			£660 6 10
Balance in Bank	...	... £592 1 3			
Paving Due	...	... 254 12 0			
		£846 13 3			
Scheduled Works unlet	...	... £955 14 0			

—LOAN LIABILITY.—

Loan No. 1.

LIABILITIES.

To No. 1 Loan—60 Debentures of £100 each 6 per cent per annum due 1st July, 1904 £6000 0 0
" Balance 990 0 0
£6990 0 0

ASSETS.

By Sinking Fund 6. 3. per cent per annum ... £2193 12 10
" Debentures superchased ... 200 0 0
" Balance 3696 7 2
£6090 0 0

Loan No. 2.

To No. 2 Loan—125 Debentures of £100 each 6 per cent per annum, due 1st April, 1916 £12,500 0 0
£12,500 0 0

By Sinking Fund 6. 2 per cent per annum ... £1960 17 10
" Balance 10,539 2 2
£12,500 0 0

Loan No. 3.

To No. 3 Loan—200 Debentures of £100 each 6 per cent per annum, due 1st April, 1929 £20,000 0 0
£20,000 0 0

By Sinking Fund 6. 2 per cent per annum ... £2162 1 4
" Balance 17,837 18 8
£20,000 0 0

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Rates, Arrears	...	...	... £2237 14 8
Private Streets and Lanes	...	...	... 1670 13 1
Brick Co. Channelling	...	...	... 42 8 1
Balance, Municipal Fund	...	...	... 2677 2 5
			£6628 4 3

LIABILITIES.

Contractors' Deposits	...	...	£57 10 0
Plumbers' "	...	...	1 0 0
Private Streets and Lanes	...	...	723 19 11
Balance Contracts in progress	...	...	49 11 11
Metropolitan Board of Works, repairs		...	25 7 10
Recoup, Loan 2	...	...	1482 12 8
Bank Balance	...	...	3705 10 11
			£6028 4 3

W. G. SWIFT, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Finally examined, settled, and allowed at the adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council of the Town of Northcote, held on the 21st November, 1895.

T. H. McLEAN, Mayor.

Announcements

FOR

Ironmongery
Ironmongery
Ironmongery

Enamelled Ware
Enamelled Ware
Enamelled Ware

Brushware
Brushware
Brushware

Tinware
Tinware
Tinware

Lamps
Lamps
Lamps

Leather & Grindery
Leather & Grindery
Leather & Grindery

GRAND AND CHEAP

GO TO

R. H. CHESTER'S

CHEAP
OIL & COLOR
WAREHOUSE,
High Street,
NORTHCOTE,
Next Town Hall.

Always on Hand:
Champion's WHITE LEAD
Blundel and Spence's OILS
Harland's and other VARNISHES
ENAMELLS,
PAPERHANGINGS, WHITING,
GLUE, MIXED PAINTS, etc.

STOCKPORT CAUSTIC SODA—
The Universal Cleanser.

TO BEEKEEPERS.
BEESWAX Bought in any quantity for Cash.

ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR
all kinds of
REPAIRS TO HOUSE PROPERTY
PAPERHANGING
PAINTING, Etc.

R. H. CHESTER,
HIGH STREET,
NORTHCOTE.
Next to Town Hall.

Agents, etc.

MIDDLE NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION
HOUSE, LAND, and ESTATE AGENCY
Corner of Herbert Street and Hawthorn Road (opposite railway gate).

Houses To Let or For Sale. Rents Collected, Insurances Effected. Money Lent.

James Knox
Desires to say that Property-Owners placing Estate of any kind in his hands for letting or sale may rely on every effort being made for their benefit.
The office meets the eye of every person on arrival *immediately the train comes in.*
Kindly let him know at once when your house is empty, with all particulars.

Northcote Property EXCHANGE.
STOTT & BASTINGS
(E. BASTINGS, W. S STOTT).
HOUSE, LAND, & ESTATE AGENTS.
Auction Sales Arranged.
Insurances Effected.
Loans Negotiated.
Rents Collected.
AGENTS FOR—
New Zealand Fire Insurance Co
Australian Widows Fund.
OFFICE: HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
(3 doors from Town-hall).

NORTHERN PROPERTY EXCHANGE.
HOWDEN & CO.,
ESTATE AND
FINANCIAL AGENTS
HIGH STREET, PRESTON And NORTHCOTE.
Persons in search of Homes with large area of land, consult us.
Poultry breeders and dairymen.—Farms to suit.
Houses to let in all parts of Preston.
Agent for South British Fire Insurance Company.

W. H. EDGAR & COY.
ESTATE, FINANCIAL, AND INSURANCE AGENTS,
Irrigation Blocks and Fruit Culture a Speciality.
13 PREMIER BUILDINGS, 229 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE & PRESTON.

Announcements.
Mills & Sons,
Late Richards & Arnott.
MILLS & SONS having Purchased the good-will and plant of the PARCELS EXPRESS business formerly carried on by Messrs Richards & Arnott, beg to announce to the Public of Northcote and District that they are now carrying on the business at the premises formerly occupied by Mr. A. Richards, No. 1, Oliver Street, Preston, and hope by strict attention to business and low charges to merit a continuance of the patronage so consistently bestowed on their predecessors.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
HAVING obtained the LICENSE to Sell
Australian Wines
in any quantity, I am prepared to supply the very best article at prices in accordance with the times, viz.:—

Port Wine	...	1s 6d, 2s
Shiraz	...	10d, 1s 6d, 2s
Verdeilho	...	1s 6d, 2s
Hermitage	...	1s 6d, 2s
Madeira	...	1s 6d, 2s
Claret	...	1s 6d, 2s
Constantia	...	1s 6d, 2s
Muscat	...	1s 6d, 2s
Frontignac	...	1s 6d, 2s

IN PULK:
6d per pint, 1s per quart, 3s per gallon and upwards.
To be obtained from
ROBERT WILLIS
Cash Grocer,
And
WHOLESALE
WINE
&
SPIRIT
MERCHANT,
High Street, Northcote.

Printed and published by the proprietors, H. J. and J. S. Whalley, at their office, High Street, Northcote, in the colony of Victoria.

Northcote Leader.

Largest Circulation and Best Advertising Medium in the Northern Suburbs.
—CIRCULATING IN—
NORTHCOTE, PRESTON, THOMASTOWN, EPPING, WHITTLESEA, FAIRFIELD, HEIDELBERG, CLIFTON HILL.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 1895.

Produce Merchants.

J. A. BOSTOCK,
HIGH-ST., NORTHCOTE,
HAY AND CORN MERCHANT,
WOOD & COAL DEALER,
DESIRES to thank his patrons for their past favors, and begs to inform them that his prices for BEST BOX FIREWOOD are as under:—
Box blocks by the ton, 8d
" ½ ton, 8½d
Smaller Quantities, 9d
Split box, 1d per cwt. more.
Full weight, 1121bs to the cwt.
CASH ON DELIVERY.

Agent for—
Cool Creek, Gippsland, BLACK COAL
Great Morwell, Gippsland, BROWN COAL
Best NEWCASTLE COAL.
All kinds of Produce at Melb. Prices.

SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS.

HAY
HAY
HAY
CORN
CORN
CORN
CHAFF
CHAFF
CHAFF
WOOD
WOOD
WOOD
COAL
COAL
COAL
COKE
COKE
COKE
AND
GENERAL PRODUCE MERCHANTS,
GENERAL PRODUCE MERCHANTS,
GENERAL PRODUCE MERCHANTS,
J. MUNRO AND CO.
Prices Unequalled.
Quality Unsurpassed.
A Trial Solicited.

Business Notices.

THE NATIONAL MUTUAL
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA Limited.
ESTABLISHED 1869.
The Oldest Victorian Mutual Life Office.
Funds to Meet Claims over - - - £1,500,000.
New Half-Premium Table
To Meet the Times.
SPECIAL AGENT—**Councillor M. A. Rapken**

BUSINESSMEN SHOULD REMEMBER THAT
The Leader
CIRCULATES EXTENSIVELY IN
Northcote
Preston
Thomastown
Epping
Whittlesea
And adjacent districts.
Price 1d — 8 Pages

It is the OFFICIAL ORGAN of the Northcote Town Council, the Preston Shire Council, and the Epping Shire Council, and contains a faithful epitome of all matters of interest and importance in these municipalities, together with a varied assortment of well-selected and INTERESTING READING!

Drapers

Spring & Summer Goods
J. STEPHENS
HAS Opened up a large Assortment of NEW SEASON GOODS!!
Which consist of all the LATEST NOVELTIES for SPRING AND SUMMER. For prices and quality they cannot be beaten in the trade.
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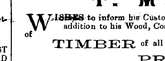

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