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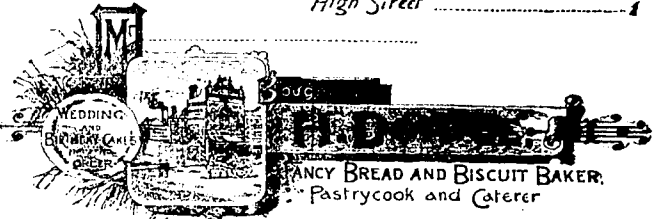
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Rabbits and Game every morning.

Oysters, Crayfish, and Blue Cod
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Poultry killed and dressed to order
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Hundreds of old plans designed and
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One "Welsbach" Burner only consumes
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of 70 candle power. It takes Four
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only 50 candle power. LOOK AT THE
SAVING IN THE GAS-BILLS!

Price of Burners, with mantles and
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Mrs. FRAWLEY, of the Northcote
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J. Denyer,

LICENSED PLUMBER AND
GASFITTER,
TINSMITH & IRONWORKER,

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259 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE
(premises recently occupied by the
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Gas and Water Laid On.

Water Meters Repaired and Fixed.

Estimates given for General Repairs.

One step won't take you very far—
You've got to keep on walking!

One word won't tell folks what you are—
You've got to keep on talking!

One inch won't make you very tall—
You've got to keep on growing!

One little "ad." won't do it all—
You've got to keep 'em going.



Bushell's Grand 1/3 Tea.

284 SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1899.

DETECTIVE SKETCHES.

BY SANDY SHARP
THE FAMOUS GLASGOW
DETECTIVE.

THE CONVICT'S WIFE.

"Sandy, there's a girl of folk going down the next street, and they seem awfully excited about something. I don't know who they are, but I've seen them before. I'll go and see."

THE CONVICT'S WIFE.

"How much money you got for the ticket?" "Why, more than I can carry, Sandy."

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THE DEVIL AND HIS WORKS.

"Mountain devils, writes Mr. H. H. Howell in the 'Northwestern'..."

CONNUBIAL BLISS.

"WOMAN: A PROBLEM. Some things about a woman I could never understand..."

PRAYERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"In no easy matter to its exact date when the reading of prayers in the House of Commons began..."

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

"Miss President, fellow women, and male friends, I have today to thank you for the privilege of addressing you..."

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LOCALISMS.

Another step taken. Council enquire Melbourne Tram Co. export to report on roadway and gully work. The council's inspection yesterday...

NORTHCOLE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society has been long associated with the town hall on Wednesday evening. Nothing so unfortunate has happened...

THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS.

The first social function in connection with Mr. Hastings' term of office was the annual ball on Wednesday evening. Through the title might not seem to indicate it the mayor...

FOR THE PANTIMIME.

CHRISTMAS STORY. Mr. Hastings' term of office was the annual ball on Wednesday evening. Through the title might not seem to indicate it the mayor...

Box Blocks, 91 per ton, 10d cwt.; Split do. 1d cwt. extra. Newcastle Coal, 15 3d cwt - W. SHELDRAKE's Corner High & Mitchell, Sts. Northcote. Furniture Removed.

MY LORD.

It was a London morning, and the day was bright and sunny. The sun shone brightly on the water in the park, and the birds were singing in the trees...

INTERESTED JUSTICE.

The author of "Lord Justice" is a man of letters, and his work is a masterpiece of the art. It is a story of a man who is interested in justice...

ONLY A JOKE.

"Sir," said the young fellow, with a look of surprise, "I have just heard that you are only a joke." "That is a very good joke," said the other...

A DOMESTIC STRIKE.

It was a domestic strike, and the day was bright and sunny. The sun shone brightly on the water in the park, and the birds were singing in the trees...

YOUTHS AND MAIDENS.

It was a story of a young man and a young woman. They were both very beautiful, and they were both very kind. They were both very happy...

THE CRAZE FOR OLD VIOLETS.

It was a story of a man who was crazy for old violets. He had a collection of old violets, and he was very proud of them. He was very happy...

SOLDIERS WHO MUST BE SWIMMERS.

It was a story of soldiers who must be swimmers. They were very brave, and they were very kind. They were very happy...

SATAN IN THE PULPIT.

It was a story of a man who was satan in the pulpit. He was very wicked, and he was very kind. He was very happy...

ORDERS BY PIGEON POST.

It was a story of orders by pigeon post. The pigeons were very fast, and they were very kind. They were very happy...

MOULDY BREAD.

It was a story of mouldy bread. The bread was very old, and it was very kind. It was very happy...

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Sunday Services
NORTHCOLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, David Street.

SABATH SERVICES. Christmas subjects. Fellowship at 10.15 a.m.

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LOCALISMS. NORTHCOLE POLICE COURT. MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.

There will be no issue of the Leader next Saturday, 30th inst.

William Harvey, charged with stealing a bicycle lamp, the property of Mr. Michael Lynch, of Preston, on the 21st, 1899.

Michael Lynch (sworn) said that he was a farmer residing at South Preston, in the parish of Northcote.

The committee appointed by the public meeting to dispose of the property of the Preston Reading and Recreation Club met on Monday evening.

The resignation of the Northcote sanitary inspector and health officer (Mr. E. White) having been received, the council on Monday evening authorized the council committee to dispose of the property.

The secretary of the Austin Hospital has addressed a circular to each of the municipal officers throughout the county.

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THE FRENCHMAN'S DILEMMA. MAGIC AT THE BANK. SEEKING FOR ELECTRICITY. PRETTY SOULS.

The death of Herrmann, the famous mathematician, has called out a host of people who were accustomed to play in the streets of Paris.

The talk has been amplified by two Frenchmen, who have written out of their heads a little book on the subject.

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WANTED MORE NOTICE. HOW TO REFUSE. A HINT AS TO TEETH.

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NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

Present—Crs. Bastings (Mayor), Yeomans, Mitchell, Candy, Lightfoot, McIntosh, Plant, Pearl, Thompson, Marks, Parsons, Harry and Hutton.

LOOKING AFTER TRAFFIC.

The Railway Department wrote intimating that it was desired to place finger-posts to indicate the way to the local railway stations, &c., at certain important points in the streets of the suburbs.

COMPLAINTS FROM THE EAST WARD.

J. Shaw wrote calling attention to the insanitary state of the drain in Railway-street. It had received no attention from the daymen for some time. He had to complain also about the number of wasps doing goats.—The engineer reported that the sanitary matter had been attended to.

SURPLUS FENCING.

Donald Smith, Fairfield, wrote offering £2 for certain posts and rails stored in the Northcote Park.—Cr. Pearl moved, and Cr. Plant seconded, that the matter be referred to the engineer, with power to act.

CR. HOWDEN'S GREAT FLUSHING SCHEME.

The Shire of Preston wrote stating that they had not officially been made acquainted with any particulars of the proposal of Cr. Howden to discharge waste water into the main drain.—Received.

A REQUEST.

Mrs. C. Plant wrote asking permission to erect a horse-post in front of her premises in High-street.—Granted.

RENEWAL OF LICENCES.

F. Dickenson, E. J. Dickenson, and Jas. Pitman wrote applying for renewal of their various trade licences.—Granted.

THE TRAMS.

James B. Henderson wrote intimating that during the progress of part of his work (preparing report as to requirements of tram track and supervising work) he would require the services of an inspector whose wages would, of course, be paid by the council.

The town clerk intimated that he had requested Mr. Henderson to have his report ready for the special meeting of the council on the 9th January.

METROPOLITAN BOARD VIGILANT.

The Secretary Metropolitan Board of Works wrote asking to be supplied with a list of the wood and coal sidings in the town, with valuations of same.—The town clerk had attended to the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. McIntosh (chairman), recommending—

- (1) That accounts amounting to £43 17s. 11d. be passed for payments.—Adopted.
(2) Letter of Mr. J. Reidy re repair of footpath, Bridge-street, also the erection of a lamp.—That such matters be considered with the estimates.—Adopted.
(3) Lamp Shaftesbury Parade.—That the matter be considered with the estimates.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Yeomans (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

- (1) That accounts (including public works accounts) amounting to £81 16s. 7d. be passed for payment.—Adopted.
2. Christmas holidays.—That the offices be closed from the 23rd inst. until the 2nd prox. inclusive, the same arrangement to be made as on previous occasions for any office matters to be attended to during such period.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Pearl put in another reminder of the promise which had been made re supplying particulars of the wards expenditure.—The town clerk replied that the balance-sheet, which would give the information, was now in the printer's hands.

Cr. Parsons asked the engineer if he was aware that a considerable quantity of water was lying in the completed portion of the north ward drain.

Mr. Steans said he had taken the levels of the drain and found the fall good. If there was any water lying it must be owing to the debris.

Cr. Parsons—There was no debris that I could see.

The engineer—I will look at the drain to-morrow.

Cr. Plant urged that the engineer be instructed to push on with the construction of the east ward portion of the main drain. If there was a block in connection with the south ward portion there was no reason why it should affect the east ward work. It was now two months since the council decided that the work should be done. Only loan money was involved and no further time should be lost.

After considerable discussion it was decided, on the motion of Crs. Plant and McIntosh, that the engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the east ward portion of the drain. In the meantime the finance committee are to look into the council's legal position with regard to the land required for the drain.

Cr. Candy referred to the necessity for attention to the asphalt in Cunningham-street.

Cr. Plant called attention to the condition of Bastings street, from which, at the western end, all the metal had long since worn, leaving the boulders sticking up all over the road as a menace to traffic. He moved that the matter of putting the roadway in proper order be considered with the estimates.—Seconded by Cr. Harry and carried.

Cr. Parsons having called attention to the fact that the park caretaker's cottage was insanitary, the matter of

re-letting same was referred to the finance committee.

It was decided to take precautions against fire in the park by burning the grass around the fence.

The finance committee were authorised to pay any necessary accounts during the holidays.

Cr. Harry moved that the matter of constructing the second portion of the north ward main drain, from Raleigh street to Gooch street, be considered with the estimates.—Carried.

It was decided that the next ordinary meeting of the council be held on the 15th January.

CONTRACTORS' DEPOSITS.

Pursuant to notice, Cr. Plant moved—That in future no deposit be refunded to any contractor who fails or declines to sign the contract for which his tender has been accepted by the council within seven days after notification of such acceptance, as per clause 27 of the printed general conditions of contract.

The mover said his object was to prevent the mistakes which had given the council so much trouble lately. If the penalty was made clear contractors would be more careful in framing their estimates.

Cr. Harry seconded. Carried.

EPHING SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Present—Crs. Bodycot (president) Morgan, McCoy, McCormack, Butler, and Hanson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Government: Statist giving directions re collection of agricultural statistics of shire stating that they must be sent in by 1st March, otherwise a proportion of the bonus allowed would be forfeited.—Referred to the secretary.

From Shire of Boring, asking this council's assistance in raising a fund to be offered as a reward for a scheme for the wholesale destruction of sparrows. It was considered that a contribution of £5 from each shire council and agricultural society in the county would raise a ample fund. In the meantime only a small contribution of, say, 2/6 from each body was asked for to pay the expenses of three practical judges of the schemes submitted.—Cr. Morgan moved and Cr. McCoy seconded that this council contribute a small sum towards the preliminary expenses.—Carried.

From Shire of Kent, asking this council to urge its Parliamentary representatives to take action in inducing the Government to cope with the crime of sheep-stealing, and to consider the inadequate sentences recently passed on persons guilty of that crime; also to support having an Act passed compelling the registration of brands. It was decided, on the motion of Cr. Morgan, to support the latter proposal.

From W. Gardner, asking that attention be given to the drain along his property, as his fence was being washed away.—The president moved that the matter be referred to the engineer for report.—Agreed to.

FINANCE.

The accounts for the month, amounting to £70 19s. 2d. were passed for payment on the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCoy.

The treasurer (Mr. Jas. Dea) reported the Dr. balance at date as £329 0s. 7d.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Clause 1 reported that the material and labor for the repair of the caretaker's cottage would cost about £4.—Cr. Morgan moved that tenders be called for next meeting.—Carried.

Cr. Crossing to Brook's Cr. McCoy moved that the surveyor be asked Mr. Brock when it would be convenient to do the necessary cutting as his share of the work.—Carried.

Clause 2 reported that the crossing to the State School had been delayed pending the daymen completing other necessary work; but the gravelling of Cemetery lane east had been done.

The engineer reported as to cost of and submitted plans for renewing Grant's road bridge and it was decided, on the motion of Cr. Butler, to call tenders for next meeting.

Cr. Morgan moved and Cr. McCoy seconded that tenders be called for 600 yards of spalls for the main road Epping Riding and Cr. Butler moved that tenders be called for 250 yards for the Woodstock Riding (main road).—Carried.

Cr. Butler moved and Cr. Hansen seconded that the engineer have the boulders taken out of the hill at Cameron's and used as spalls.—Agreed to.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Cr. Butler reported that Glen Burnie road was impassable on account of the rank growth of hickies.—The president moved that the daymen be put on to clear the road.—Agreed to.

Cr. Morgan intimated his desire to burn certain grass as a protection against fire in his paddocks on Cragieburn road.—Consent generally expressed approval of the idea but the president informed Cr. Morgan that while the council could not grant him permission they would offer no objection to his burning the grass. He would have to do it at his own risk.

Cr. Hansen asked that the engineer bring up a further report re the drain at Paterson's, Epping township.—Agreed to.

Mr. Lockwood was granted the use of the road-roller in connection with certain road construction on the boundary.

THE DAIRY FEE.

Cr. McCormack in accordance with notice given moved that the dairy fee be reduced from 5/- to 2/6. The fee was not designed for revenue-raising purposes, but simply to secure registration and supervision. A fee of 2/6 would, be considered, simply cover the cost of the extra work.

Cr. Hansen seconded the motion. Cr. Butler thought there should be

a minimum of 2s 6d for small dairies, running up to 7s 6d for the largest, where 200 or 300 cows were being milked. There seemed no equity in charging all alike.

The president said they had tried to get differential fees before but the Central Board of Health would not allow it.

Cr. Butler said he did not think the person who kept two or three cows and who sold a few pounds of butter during a couple of months in the year should be made to pay any fee.

The president said such people would not be charged.

Cr. Butler—Then I'm satisfied. Cr. McCormack in reply said he did not believe in any exemptions being made. It would only lead to confusion.

The motion was carried, with the strict understanding, of course, that the reduction would not apply to this year's fees.

Cr. Butler moved that a letter be written to the Central Board of Health asking whether it was necessary for persons who milked under 5 cows and who sold only a few pounds of butter during the year to register as a dairy. Cr. Morgan seconded.—Carried.

INTEREST ON RATES.

Cr. McCormack moved that all persons who did not pay their rates within six months of striking the rates, be charged interest on same in accordance with the Local Government Act. It was, he said, not fair to ratepayers who paid their rates before the 1st January that other ratepayers should be allowed the use of their money for a year afterwards while the council was having to pay interest on its overdraft. Nothing but carelessness prevented many ratepayers paying their rates at the proper time.

Cr. Butler seconded the motion, which was carried, there being an understanding that the ratepayers should get notice of the council's intention to charge interest.

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