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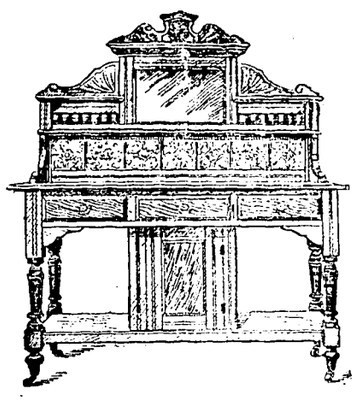

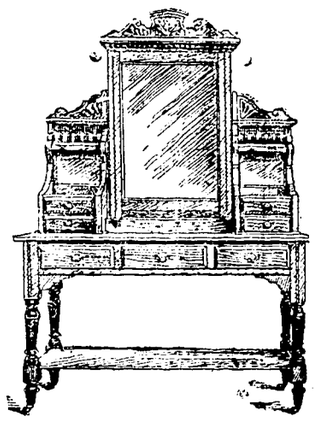

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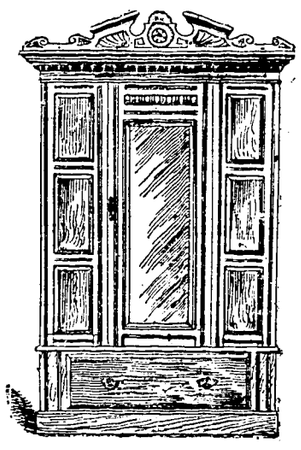

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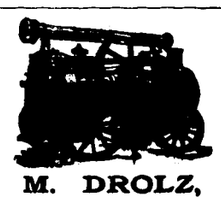

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The meeting of Preston prop-ty-owners, convened by Mr. James Lyon for Thursday evening to consider the action of the council in calling upon property owners to pay the whole cost of concreting private streets, was well attended, the Rechabite hall being well filled. Mr. Lyon was voted to the chair. After discussion, the chairman and Messrs Braithwaite, Walker, and T. Mitchell being amongst the speakers, a subcommittee was appointed to wait on the council with the object of asking them to bear a fair share of the cost, it being deemed inequitable that property-owners should be called on for payment for the work they have paid in years past, and had policy also in preventing settlement which would increase the rates and enable the council to bear the strain of assisting in private street construction. The sub committee appointed was as follows, viz., Messrs. Braithwaite, Lyon, Hattam, T. Mitchell, A. Walker, W. A. Robinson and representatives of the Federal and London Banks.

No doubt the sides of the Northcote town-hall will bulge out a bit when the council will hold a curtain on Tuesday evening next, on the occasion of the annual meeting on behalf of the prize fund, under the auspices of the Board of Advice. Nearly the whole programme, consisting of songs, recitations, dances, part songs, actions songs, club-swinging, &c., will be selected by pupils from the school, which is as it should be. The following will also assist, namely, the Misses Hilda Baker, Lilian Colenso, Rose Plummer, and a number of pupils (dancing). The mayor (Cr. Plant) will preside. Other particulars as advertised.

The Preston ham and bacon curing firms were as usual well to the fore at the Royal Agricultural Show. J. Sellers and Co. getting first and champion for ham, and first for collection of bacon cures' manufactures, the champion ham of the firm of Watson and Paterson kept up its old reputation by taking second honours for both bacon and hams. Mr. H. Dodge, of Northcote, was the successful one to show his roadster stallion, Lord Northcote, and the judges, Messrs J. O. Inglis, J. Redfearn and Herbert Power, (all by the way, owners of former Cup winners) placed it second in a field of 6. *The Age* remarks that "Mr. Gregson's Young Commander, a fine upstanding black horse, was first and Mr. Dodge's Lord Northcote, by Honor Bright, a meritorious second." Mr. C. T. Gregson, Preston, got first for pony under 12 hands and Mr. J. T. Bassingthwaighte for pony between 12 and 14 hands. The Milner and Romney dairy company also put up a splendid collective exhibit, for which they were awarded first prize. James Wm. Zwar and Co's exhibit of feathers was specially noteworthy, and Mr. Carl Oldenberg had a very praiseworthy stand of saddlery and harness in connection with the Whittlesea district exhibit.

Miss Carrie Hasse, the talented young Australian artiste, has decided to give another series of recitals, and announces that her work will be devoted to an exhibition of the principal scenes of the Greek and German dramatists. The first recital will be held Thursday even, September 8th, and will include extracts from Homer's "Iliad," scene from Sophocles' "Antigone," scene from Euripides' 'Iphigenia in Aulis," and a duet between Ulysses and Calypso from Stephen Phillips' "Ulysses." Miss Hasse will assisted by a string quartette. The hall has been partly completed, and specially fitted and arranged by Signor Zelman.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives so soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by storekeepers.

With the view of arriving at a settlement in regard to the St. George's road pipe track complication the Minister of Public Works has written requesting the Northcote council to meet him, together with representatives from the Metropolitan Board of Works, on the 7th inst. in order that the matters in dispute might be discussed. At a special meeting of the council on Monday evening it was decided to comply with the request. It was also agreed that the council's solicitor should accompany the councillors.

Death on Saturday last, Winnie, the second daughter of Mrs. Thomas Preston, aged 15, passed away. In connection with the death a short service was held at the Methodist schoolroom on Sunday afternoon and at the invitation of the superintendent over 100 of the scholars formed in procession at the residence of her class walked to the schoolroom to the Coberg cemetery. The members of her class walked on either side of the hearse and the teachers and officers took part of the procession. The Rev. G. Wong conducted a most impressive service at the grave and the scholars sang "Jesus, Lover of my soul," and "Shall we gather at the river."

More blame than praise, more "kicks than halfpence," is the usual reward of municipal councillors, but there are a few stray exceptions to the rule and the Northcote town council were made happy by such a one when two ratepayers in the south-eastern portion of the town wrote as follows:—"We beg to thank you very sincerely for so much attention to our requirements. Mr. Steane has given us good job indeed, far exceeding our expectations. We consider it a great boon, in fact, a real "God-send, and your action is much appreciated by the patrons of the Fairfield railway station; also the children attending school. Trusting it is the pioneer of many others of like kind in this part of the south ward.—CHARLES G. GLASSON, COLIN FERGUSON.

Mr. Herbert Chappell, who has been for two years past a well assistant clerk in the office of the town clerk, Northcote, has been appointed with the municipal offices to-day, having decided to take up journalistic work with his father, proprietor of the *Gippsland Farmers' Journal* and other papers, Traralgon. Mr. Chappell carries with him the good wishes, for he has been courteous and obliging in his manner and capable and painstaking in the discharge of his duties. The council will be fortunate if they can fill his place with as good a man.

Cr. Pearl met with a nasty accident on Wednesday. In a busy part of the city he was knocked down by a passing cart, the wheel of which passed over his foot. Cr. Pearl has suffered a good deal from the accident, and is finding being a very painful operation. The foot was only badly bruised, however, and he expects that it will be all right in a good s mon.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.W.A.

Mrs. W. Hayes, first president of the above, entertained members and friends at a social evening at the town-hall on Tuesday evening. Throughout the day the weather seemed to rain, and the evening was miserably wet also. Despite this fact, however, there was a good response to the invitations sent out, a company of about 100 assembling. Among the guests were a number of there being also cards, a few songs and recitations, and the other. The evening passed very pleasantly, all appearing to have a thoroughly enjoyable time. The stage had been nicely de-orated with pot plants, arum lilies, &c. Mr. Elliott supplied first-class music, and Mr. Bowden Light refreshments were served about 10 o'clock. During the course of the evening the toast of the health of the president of the A.W.A. was proposed by Mr. W. S. Stott, who suitably acknowledged Mrs Hayes's hospitality and said he understood the A.W.A. was making good headway in Northcote. Mr. Hayes suitably replied on behalf of his wife. Mr. B. E. Johnson also proposed the health of Mr. Hayes, who heartily responded. Stated on being elected to the position of councillor and said from what he knew of it he fully expected that he would justify the choice of the ratepayers. Mr. Hayes heartily thanked the company for their good wishes. The pleasant gathering broke up about midnight.

TOWN HALL EXTENSION.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—In reply to statement contained in the *Leader* of the 27th ult. re the above, I beg to state that it is not a leading and does not at all represent the feelings of the ratepayers in the north ward. Myself, who as a body am solidly against any more money being spent in this direction. And, indeed, when it is remembered the present municipal buildings represent about 4-5ths of our liability, it is not to be wondered at, the only wonder is, that the ratepayers could be found to propose such an unwarranted expenditure, and that at present in such a crisis as ours. We trust that the representatives of the ratepayers at each will strongly oppose any movement in that direction if the matter is brought up again, for if a referendum were taken, there is no doubt those advocating the scheme would be found in an insignificant minority. Practically there is not a road made in either the north or west wards for want of money, and yet several thousands of pounds are to be voted for the gratification of a few.—Yours, &c.,

C.E.L.

Christmas-street.

EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

In connection with the Morang Lodge (Order of St. Andrew) a progressive euchre party and social will be held at the Rechabite hall, South Preston, on Saturday, August 27th, in aid of the Children's Hospital. The success of the movement is due to the willing-hearted and energetic way in which the promoters worked. The promoters were—Agent Chirgwin, Elsie Brassington, Presidents of the Ladies' Committee for the some time previous to the banner the four little girls created quite a lively interest in the project they had in mind, whereby they might help the above institution, and it was not difficult to enlist a number of children and others who willing to do anything on Saturday last. The Rev. G. Wong was opened the banner, considered it an honor conducted the ceremony by the ladies failing him to perform such a pleasing duty. A short address was then delivered by the derived by the workers whose sympathy had been enlisted in the cause, and who had acted as the Children's Hospital, and in the name made the recipient of an inkstand, the gift of the promoters. A vote of thanks was then passed to the ladies for their kindness, which was suitably acknowledged. The presentation of the set of gifts amounted to about £6. The following were the stallholders, viz.—Gods and toys, Agnes Chirgwin, Lucy Coop, Gertie Keller, and Kathie Cowdell; fancy, Ethel, Lily Brassington; fish pond, Faulty and Florrie Mountford; shooting gallery, Bessie Wilkinson; refreshments

A Strange Re-Union.

A BRADFORD STORY.

The name of Beresford is a most unfamiliar one in England generally, but in the busy manufacturing town of Bradford such was not the case, for the bearer of it, Mrs. Beresford, was well known from the highest to the lowest. Scarcely a day passed that she did not visit the poorer parts of the town, helping the destitute, and comforting the sick and sorrowful. People said, however, people usually contrive to have a good deal, that she had seen much trouble in her time; but be that as it may, there was a certain cheerfulness in her presence that gladdened the hearts in many a household. Late one November, in the month of November, her youngest daughter was at the music entry of the Alhambra in Bradford. She got out, and bidding the coachman wait, mounted the flight of stone steps until she came to a door on the second landing. There she stopped, and knocked loudly, and it was quickly opened by a tidy, middle-aged woman of the ordinary working class type.

"Well, Mrs. Parkins, how are you dear?" she asked in a kindly voice.

"I have not been round this way for some time, and I was anxious to hear if your husband is better."

"Thank you, ma'am," the poor woman answered, for I did not wish my wheezebowels to be known."

"Well, John," she said, looking at her watch, "I shall go home now, for I will be late that you should be here alone when she returns. Don't you think so?"

"Yes," perhaps it will, mother," he replied.

"I want you to go and call a cab for me, John, for I am anxious to have my husband's dinner ready when he comes to his bedding.

While he was out she went to the side of the bed on which her grandchild was sleeping peacefully, and, bending down, she gently kissed the little girl who had all unknowingly, even in her dreams of bringing such happiness to her mother, for she was Mrs. Beresford's only downstairs, leaving father and child to-

It was a happy meeting that took place in that same room, later on in the evening, when Gertrude Hardinge was restored to her mother's arms, after a separation of seven years.

"No, mamma," she replied, "but we have a woman lodging with us, and her little girl has had a bad cough for some days, indeed, she was very ill yesterday."

"And what the mother does?" inquired Mrs. Beresford.

"She is an actress, and plays one of the leading parts in the music hall here," Mrs. Hardinge in the answer.

At that moment another woman, full of cooking, was heard.

"Poor thing!" said the lady, "I wonder if she would mind my going in to see them.

"No, ma'am, I'm sure she would not; for I'll go and find out," and she left the room hurriedly. In a few minutes she returned.

"Will you please come this way?" she said, conducted her into a large comfortable parlor-bedroom on the other side of the passage.

As she entered the room, a tall, strikingly handsome young woman stood up to receive her. This is Mrs. Beresford," said Mrs. Parkins; "Mrs. Beresford Gladys coughing, and said she would like to come and pay you a visit.

It is indeed very kind of you, Mrs. Beresford," said the actress, stepping in the proffered hand.

On a bed in a corner of the apartment lay a lovely golden-haired child of about three years of age, and as she moved restlessly eye to eye that no sound

Gladys, rather worse to-day," continued Mrs. Hardinge, "and I was happy that my understand, it was only that I coming, stay away from the theatre, and she gave a deep sigh.

"I am extremely sorry to hear it," said Mrs. Beresford, as she sat down by the bedside, "for it must be very trying for you to be away from the theatre at nights. Mrs. Hardinge, I think I will ask you to allow me to look after Gladys, while you are out this evening. I should have a great pleasure, and you do not say no.

The hardship had left the room, so they were alone.

Two young mother looked at the speaker in surprise, and her eyes filled with tears. "Oh, you really mean it?" she asked. "It is a good of you, and I shall be very glad to leave her, and feel her troublesome, I am sure, and it will be such a relief to my mind.

"Very well, that's settled," said the other, "What time do you go to the theatre?"

"At seven o'clock," she replied.

"Then you may expect me here by that time. Have you been long on the music hall boards?"

"About two years," she answered, "I met him in London, when I was a chorus girl. We became engaged, and were married in the following year. He made no leave the stage immediately, and we settled in a small villa at Norwood. For three years we lived happily together, but one night Jack came home in a very excited state, and he had been on good terms with him, and had been unfaithful to him, and that he was going to live another day with me. I was a vile falsehood, and with all my strength I protested that I was innocent, but in vain. From that day until this I have never set eyes on, or heard from him. I determined to go on the stage again, and fortunate for me, I got a good engagement in a touring company.

"I was with considerable difficulty that Mrs. Beresford restrained her emotion while listening to the pathetic story of the actress as she knelt at her feet—her face buried in her lap, and she gently stroked the lovely soft brown hair.

"I feel deeply for you, dear," she said, in a trembling voice, "for your sad story is not altogether unlike my own. My husband died shortly after our marriage, and for years I was a widow, and I lavished all my love and care, but been lost to me for years. But I cannot speak of it now. I must go, for I have kept my coachman waiting too long already."

Before leaving the room she kissed the actress on both cheeks, saying she would return at seven o'clock.

Late that same evening, while Mrs. Beresford was sitting by the bedside of the little sufferer, she heard the latch key in the outer door in response to a loud knock.

"Now Mrs. Hardinge live here?" asked a deep voice.

"Yes, sir," replied the landlady, "but she is at the theatre just now, and won't be in till eleven o'clock."

"Very well, then," said the man, "I am her husband, and shall wait in her room for her."

At this piece of information the good woman was taken quite aback.

Mistaking her hesitation and surprise for incredulity, he took a card from his pocket and handed it to her. She looked at it, and saw that it bore the words, "Mr. John Hardinge."

Come this way, sir," she said, and ushered him into the room in which he little invalid lay. She had already retired to her own room, and on hearing who was the visitor the experienced nurse opened the door of the sick chamber. As soon as the stranger caught sight of the sweet, pale-faced woman sitting by the bed, he seemed as if transfixed to the spot. Jumping up from her chair, she rushed towards him with open arms. "John! my long-lost son!" she cried in tones of joy, but he waved her back, shouting in a voice of agony:

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"Great heavens!" he cried. "it is the child I have been seeking!"

"Is that the name they had given her?" said the lady, "I did not know that."

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Life Assurance for Farmers.

The usefulness to a farmer or his family of the life assurance method of saving money was brought to the writer's notice recently by the action of the executor of a farmer's estate. The estate was not a large one, but it was large to some extent, but as a result of the insurance money the widow was relieved of the more pressing embarrassment, so that the sale of the farm stock and implements took place under circumstances that gave the advantages derived from a more deliberate interest and the consequent saving of anxiety to those left. is sufficient reason for bringing up such a commonplace but important subject.

The clerk or city man without property or plant cannot do without life assurance. His salary is earned upon investments interest on so much capital consequently life assurance stands protection to his family against loss of income in case of premature death, or investment of savings fund for his own old age.

The farmer has a precisely similar need for so much life assurance as the city man, but many farmers whose farm is mortgaged will do well to carry life assurance sufficient to cover at least one half of that mortgage. If a farmer is single-handed, he can obtain a policy for slow a balance annually on the profit system, and the premium on such a policy will suit him, and such will meet the requirements of the case. The married farmer can obtain assurance to the farmer and to his heirs, would be the rendering more easy the settlement of his estate. It is known to many people dwelt in many cases the farmers' daughters come off very badly in comparison with the sons in the will. to help daughters have done as much for the family as the sons, and they are entitled to equal consideration, but in some cases the injustice is perpetrated, and the land left to the sons with only a slight encumbrance on it in favor of the daughters. Sometimes the farmer realizes how hard in some case it is to work off a liability in a given time. All the trouble and injustice could be avoided by a proper life assurance policy to divide among the assurance money. The balance of their share of the estate entailed upon the land would be much smaller, and could be allowed to mature slowly, than rendering the payment of it easier for the sons, enabling them to meet it by their own efforts from the land. Life is uncertain at the best, and the future should be provided for by all right thinking men.

Self-distrust is the cause of most of our failures. In the assurance of strength, there is strength, and that the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers.

The Minister's Baby.

THE ROMANCE OF A MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

The creeper-covered manse stands in its pretty garden at the foot of the hilly road which connects the sleepy little country town with the railway station. It was a grey, old-fashioned house, with many gables and quaint chimneys, and the ample grounds around it were large and shady, and unexpected. Visitors to the manse always lingered there.

The minister's baby was feeling neglected and lonely. Her game of play with "My daddy dear," was unusually called him, had been interrupted by the entrance of a man of the soil, heavy and exuding warmth. He was one of the deacons. Daddy had come on parish business. Daddy had, therefore, as he thought, every excuse for neglecting nursing convenience into a becoming subjection, and had gravely deposited his little daughter on the rug outside the study door, bidding her "go to mother." But mother was not within sight at the moment, and the front door, only a few paces away, seemed to the child's fancy to be unusually inviting. Baby was feeling hungry

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 29TH AUGUST.

Present —Crs. Newton (president), Stanlake, Warr, Robertson, Crispe, Howse, Paterson and Allchin.

Cr. Crawley was present at the earlier proceedings, but had to leave to attend to an urgent matter of business.

NEW COUNCILLORS.

Crs. Crawley, Allchin and Warr, the new members for the west, east and central ridings respectively, were duly introduced by their returning officers and suitably acknowledged their welcome.

THE RAILWAY LAMPS.

The Secretary for Railways wrote stating they proposed re-arranging the lamps at the railway stations and introducing incandescent burners, and it was anticipated that a big improvement would be effected.

POWELL STREET.

The Railway Department intimated their willingness to carry out the drainage work in Powell street at the council's expense.—Referred to the engineer.

PRIVATE STREET INFORMATION.

The Northcote town council wrote asking for information as to the council's private street construction policy.—The secretary had complied with the request.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE SEAT.

J. A. Robinson, secretary Preston Public P. and L. Library Committee, intimated that ex-Cr. Braithwaite had forfeited his seat by non-attendance at meetings.

Cr. Stanlake moved and Cr. Howse seconded that Cr. Crawley, ex-Cr. Braithwaite's successor in the representation of the west riding be appointed to the position.—Carried.

A CRICKET PITCH.

Gilbert E. Robinson wrote asking if the South Preston Methodist C.C. could have pitch in Park if the Preston District C.C. was not going to use it.

Cr. Paterson moved and Cr. Howse seconded that the request be referred to the parks committee.—Carried.

A THREATENED PROSECUTION.

Wm. McKenzie wrote informing the council that he had been served with a notice by the inspector that unless a nuisance at the rear of his premises was abated within 14 days proceedings would be taken. He would like to know if such action had the sanction of the council, seeing they had authorised the construction of a right-of-way to take the drainage away, and his (McKenzie's) share of the cost of the work, viz., £12 6s 9d, had been in the hands of the council since May last. He appealed to the council to carry out the work they had already sanctioned.

Cr. Warr said he was under the impression that the council had undertaken to construct this lane a considerable time ago and from what he had heard Mr. McKenzie, in anticipation of the work, had brought his drainage to the right-of-way fence. Mr. McKenzie having paid his proportion as demanded by the council he would like to know what was the cause of the block in the way of the construction of the right-of-way.

Cr. Howse explained that there were three individuals who had been called upon to pay a certain amount of money, and of these Mr. Webb had told them he was not in a position to pay, from Mr. Nicholas Walsh no reply whatever had been received, and he (Cr. Howse) had been asked to contribute £12 6s 9d towards the construction of a right-of-way which would not benefit him one iota. Till the council receives all the money they could not proceed with the work. If Mr. McKenzie caused a nuisance he should abate it the same as they all had to do.

Cr. Stanlake moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Allchin seconded on the understanding that no proceedings would be taken till the committee had considered the matter.

The president said he had had considerable to do in connection with this matter and was of opinion that it was high time it was settled. Cr. Howse says he will have to pay £12 odd and it will be no benefit to him; but the council, after the fullest consideration, had decided that this work must be done. This was a matter affecting the health of the neighborhood and it behoved them to fix it up before the summer came on. If Cr. Howse or any other ratepayer felt aggrieved at the charge then there was a place where the matter could be investigated. But it was the duty of the council to provide the best means of drainage for the ratepayers so that the health of the community might be upheld.

The motion was carried.

W. L. Webb wrote concerning the same matter stating he expected to be able to pay his contribution in a short time.—Referred to the committee of the whole on the motion of Crs. Warr and Howse.

GARDENS FOR PARK.

H. E. Beard, M.L.A., wrote stating he had only been able to secure the promise of forest trees, the flowering shrubs having all been disposed of.

The secretary intimated that Cr. Cripps had informed him that shrubs were available in the Edinburgh gardens if sent for. He (Mr. Stewart) had sent a cart and got a load and they were now planted in the park.

It was decided to thank Mr. Beard for his efforts in the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Paterson submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £44 1s 10d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Culvert in Cramer street, near Hall's.—Consideration deferred.—Adopted.

3. Bridge over channel in Cramer street, near Hall's.—That a new bridge be constructed.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report recommended that accounts amounting to £24 15s 11d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The report recommended re suggestion in Mr. J. Lyon's letter re construction of private streets that consideration be postponed till next meeting of the committees.—Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Cr. Crispe moved that the various committees be constituted as follows:—

Finance—Crs. Paterson, Warr, Crawley and Allchin.

Works — Crs. Robertson, Howse, Stanlake and Crispe.

Hall—Crs. Crawley, Paterson and Howse.

Parks—Crs. Warr, Stanlake and Allchin.

Legislative—Crs. Howse, Robertson and Crispe.

It was decided that two form a quorum except in committee of the whole, where the quorum shall be four.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Crispe suggested that they should fix a date for the inspection of the private streets they were proposing to construct so as to be in a position to meet the property-owners on Tuesday evening, 6th September.

The inspection was arranged for Monday next, at 1 o'clock.

Cr. Allchin favored taking the whole of the day for the inspection. He would be pleased to provide a trap for such as would be prepared to go and also arrange for dinners.

Cr. Crispe—Yes will find them all there. (Laughter).

Several councillors subsequently handed their names to Cr. Allchin.

Cr. Allchin was appointed to ex-Cr. Kobolt's place on the library committee and Cr. Crawley was appointed the council's representative on the Municipal Association.

The president asked the engineer to give attention to Dodds' Hill, also to the footpath in David street, south side. He also called attention to several matters requiring to be attended to in the park, especially the pavilion. The latter was referred to the parks committee.

Cr. Crispe asked that something be done at the intersection of Murray road and High street, where, after rain, the mud was very bad.

Cr. Robertson reminded the engineer that the footpath at the corner of High street and Oakover road had not been attended to.

The engineer—I thought it would be as well to leave that till the footpaths are being top-dressed.

Cr. Roberts—The holes might be filled up. They are dangerous.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY.

The president moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Cr. Paterson in connection with the death of his brother. Though he was one who suffered a great deal still he was a brother and son the family respected and loved and therefore they should write sympathising with them in their bereavement.

Cr. Howse seconded. Carried.

N.M.T.M.S.

The Northcote Methodist Young Men's Society held their usual weekly meeting in the Methodist schoolroom on Monday evening, the Rev. Bride Barker in the chair. After the general business the office-bearers for the ensuing 6 months were elected as follows:—Honorary president, Rev. Bride Barker; active president, Mr. J. G. Russell; vice-presidents, Messrs G. Little and N. Sullivan; secretary, Mr. M. L. Sullivan; assistant secretary and librarian, Mr. W. Witcomb; treasurer, Mr. R. Horsley; committee, Messrs. Mr. L. Sullivan, executive committee, Messrs V. Price, F. Little and R. Gibson; auditors, Messrs A. L. Sullivan and Hooper. The meeting will be held as usual next Monday evening.

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FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE V. YARRAVILLE.

The above match attracted the biggest attendance, with the exception of the Rose-Northcote match, seen at the Northcote park this season.

Northcote were represented by—Backs, Hoyle, Mason; halves, Gibson, Gilbee, Ogilvie; forwards, Corbett, Wards, Rose; half-forwards—C. Hammond, Harrison, Davis; forwards—J. Hammond, Conroy, Harris; followers—Hellwig, Riley (c); rover, Stanlake.

Yarraville won first to score, a goal being belated to the delight of their supporters. This was their only score this quarter, and Northcote responded to it with a behind and a goal.

The second quarter the visitors more than held their own. Making better use of their opportunities they scored 3 goals to Northcote's 2 goals 2 behinds. Hammond, however, had the bad luck to hit the post with a snap-shot.

After the interval a different aspect was put on the game. Northcote having all the best of the play, putting on 2 goals in quick time. This proved to put a damper on the spirits of the Yarraville boys and the issue was never in doubt afterwards. Northcote adding 3 goals 3 more behinds, before play ceased, while Yarraville failed to add to their score at half-time.

The final result was—Northcote, 8 goals 7 behinds (55 points); Yarraville, 4 goals (24 points). Goal-kickers for Northcote—Conroy (3), Harrison (3), Davis and C. Hammond.

A couple of minutes before time a regrettable incident occurred, two of the opposing players exchanging blows, and the crowd rushing the ground, forcibly removed Hoyle, assisted by members of the committee, happily averted this, and the game was concluded without further incident.

Northcote play Carlton Juniors at the Northcote Park this afternoon.

ROSE OF NORTHCOTE V. COBURG.

This match was played last Saturday on the owner's ground, in the presence of a fair crowd of enthusiastic Rose supporters, who were rewarded by seeing a good game and a great win on the game, making it very popular with them. The Rose were represented by the following:—Barker (2), Billings, Bell, Cooper, Clark, Dickens, Davidson, Dowling, Davis, Gibson, Gibbs, Howse, Bower, Hall, Hammond, Hall, Humphries, McCann, Mackenzie, Pidcock, Pratt, Roberts, Stanlake, Tepping, White, and Weaver.

Northcote Methodist Y.M.S. v. Heidelberg. On Saturday last the Northcote team journeyed to Heidelberg to play the locals. After a good game Heidelberg won by 2 points, the score being 4 goals 10 behinds to 4 goals 8 behinds.

Northcote Methodist Y.M.S. play Fairfield at Northcote this afternoon. Intending players are requested to be on the ground at 2.45 sharp.

UMPIRE LUCAS'S RESIGNATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I am requested to deny a statement that appeared in your columns on the 20th inst., to the effect "That field umpire Lucas resigned owing to the disqualification imposed on him by the League." Such is not correct, as the suspension was only for the fore that case was considered and that his reason for resigning had nothing to do with that case. By denying the statement you will favor the wishes of the delegates of the V.J.F.A.

W. FAWCETT, Hon. Sec. V.J.F.A.

Melbourne, Aug. 29, 1904.

J. Brown, hon. sec. Rose of Northcote football club, also writes—Mr. Lucas has resigned as all on Saturday, 13th August, 1904, and has not been suspended by the League. As he was tired of the job, and as the decision of the delegates was not known till Thursday, 18th inst., his resignation was in 48 hours before.

PRESTON RIFLE CLUB.

[BY VEDETTE].

On account of the football match—Preston v. Port Melbourne—the Preston Park rifle ranges at the Lake Reserve were not used last Saturday to secure members. The best scores for the afternoon were—Mobbs 24, Kupsch 46, Hamilton 42, Bull 41, Leith 40, Saddington 36. The afternoon's shooting was, which made good shooting almost a matter of impossibility. The best performance of those members who arrived at the range early, the targets to be erected at 200 yards for the middle distances, viz., 500 and 600 yards. In these distances have been fired 30, those who have not scored more than 30 points in the two ranges will be asked to make a possible in 7 rounds at the 200 yards range, the prize being 100 rounds of ammunition. Below is the list of the best three shoots ending 1st November.

TENNIS.

The match played on Saturday last between Rucker's Hill and Clarence (Kew) resulted in those clubs having a win for Rucker's Hill.

Mr. Magee and Miss B. Peart v. Mr. Ryland and Wymond, 6—3, 6—4.

Mr. Adamson and Miss A. Thompson v. Mr. Ryland and Miss Wymond, 6—3, 6—3.

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Mr. Adamson and Miss A. Thompson v. Mr. Wymond and Miss M. Wymond, 6—0, 6—1.

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CONCERT AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

[Communicated].

The concert given by Miss Mair-Stuart at the Seamen's Institute, on the 22nd ult. was in every sense a record. Miss Ruby Gilmour's "Dream of Paradise" and Miss Violet Pascoe's "Bluebiney" were greatly appreciated. Miss Hortense Fyfe's rendering of "A Japanese Love Song," given with great expression, and Miss Dorothy Stuart's sketch, "The Insanity Selection," resulted in encores. Thereby Miss Marie Stuart and Mr. Frank Howes was well received, as were also the efforts of the Preston All Saints' Quartette Party. Mr Reuben Morgan's violin solo was most artistic and received a well deserved encore. Mr. T. Munro's songs were also enthusiastically received and the recitation by Mr. Gerald Manwaring rounds of applause. Misses A. and M. Wood's mandoline and banjo selections elicited an encore, and the song, "The Waking of Spring," by Miss Lizzie Wood gave general satisfaction. A Highland fling (in costume) by Archie Thomson pleased immensely, whilst Mr Henderson and his infant son literally "brought down the house" with their genuinely humorous songs. The chair was ably filled by Mr W. H. Ford, who is well-known in musical circles, and who takes an interest in the efforts of the Victorian Seamen's Mission, and also to prov de an innement for the sailors when on shore.

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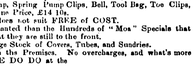

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LOCALISMS.

By a majority of 10 to 5 the Northcote town council decided on Monday evening to rescind the resolution they adopted five years ago fixing the private street construction policy, under which after the owners pay one-third the formation and channelling of streets the council agree to take over and metal at convenience. We feel that the council has done wisely in getting out of a false position, for they were undertaking something they could not perform and consequently were only bamboozling the ratepayers. There will this year be a balance or additional £200 available owing to the paying off of No. 1 loan, but there are expenses which should not be met by appropriations as additional daymen rendered necessary by increase of work owing to the opening up of new streets, which will go far to absorb this. Then the borrowing powers are curtailed—the mayor says £12,000 at most—and further metalling and channelling will be required for carrying out work of more general importance such as a drainage scheme. It is hard, so Cr. Pearl puts it, that the ratepayers in private streets should have had to pay so much and so little to others; but by putting themselves in a position to get a full share of the money available, that is by constructing their streets, they will not only save their own interests but help to open up streets of the town. It is not the intention of the council, of course, to construct streets in so far as the streets already constructed under the old policy is concerned.

Tired of the monotonous routine of police duties and of contemplating the seemingly endless pilgrimage over dead men's shoes to an inspectorship or superintendency our old friend Constable Jones has served his connection with the force received to venture forth on the more alluring paths of economy. "Seeing" as he states in an advertisement elsewhere "the necessity for a butcher's shop in Northcote Jones" is instructed his bolder (Mr Bainbridge) to erect a shop and he'ory man has sons' grocery business at the corner of High and Westgarth streets. The premises are now completed and will be opened for business to day, 10th inst., and "for this occasion only" (as the playbills say) that well-known identity and good citizen of the south ward, Mr. Henry Cornwell will don jumper and apron and cut joints and steaks in a manner outrivalling the late lamented Archie Orton before he became the celebrated Tichborne claimant. The new shop is a credit to the street. It is of brick and its dimensions are 24 feet by 20, fitted with iron pillars and steel ceiling and tessellated throughout. The factory at the rear is 18 x 18 by 12 feet high, built in accordance with the Board of Health regulations.

The monthly meeting of the North Ocheam Horticultural Society was held in the Northcote town hall on Friday, 2nd inst. The president (Cr. Basting) in the chair. Preliminary arrangements were made for the forthcoming rose show. Three new lady members were proposed. The exhibits included 24 pansies by Mr. Crowley, which was awarded 6 points. The evening was brought to a conclusion by a most enjoyable musical entertainment by Mr. Brown, of the Fitzroy Gardens, on "Potting and re-potting of plants." It was intended to move a vote of thanks, but Mr Brown is such a genuine lover of his work that he preferred to go without any such reward for his labours. Mesdames Brown took occasion to acknowledge privately to Mr. Brown the profit and the pleasure they had received.

A notice for bolting seems to have affected horses this week. Sir Reginald Talbot and Mr. Fitzgibbon in connexion with bolting horses have both had a narrow escape from being thrown to an unsteady chaise on Wednesday. Mr James Stephens of Northcote, also had a narrow shave of being precipitated from his vehicle along High street and had reached the Queen's Hill, when beating a bolting horse behind him he thought to overtake it, but the bolter bolted and the bolter followed him there, and the shaft of the vehicle (a traveller's buggy) struck the rear of a bicyclist who offered him his bicycle. Fortunately his injuries were confined to more than a slight bruising and a severe shaking.

Mr. A. Holmes (the secretary) has issued the syllabus of the balance-sheet in connection with the social arranged by the Northcote Collegiate Lodge for the benefit of the widow and family of the late Mr. A. Quenault. The receipts were made up of sale of tickets, £11 19s 5d; and donation I.O.R. Northcote, £5; total, £15 0s 5d and the expenses were £2 10s 3d. The balance, £12 10s 2d, was handed over to Mrs. Quenault.

A social evening is to be tendered to the Rev. Thos. Gray, who has been occupying the Rev. George Carson's pulpit at the Preston Presbyterian Church during the past few weeks. The social evening will take place on Tuesday evening, 13th inst. in the church David street. The anniversary of the church is to be celebrated by an illustrated lecture on Sept. 22nd, entitled Japan and the Japanese by Mr. F. W. Greenwood, who will be of special interest at the present time.

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A dear load of wood.—At the sitting of the Northcote Police Court on August 22nd at Greensborough woodcarter named D. Ireland was charged by Mr. Edmonds, of Darebin-rd., Northcote, for £1 6s 10d for a load of wood. Defendant admitted the debt and an order was given for the amount claimed, with £1 2s costs. The defendant appeared on the charge sheet as Ireland but for a re-hearing on the grounds that he was ill when the summons was served and made a mistake as to the day on which the court sat. The request was granted. He stated the wood was not the kind he ordered, and called evidence to prove that instead of being all box, portion of it was stringy bark and rotten. This evidence was not sufficient to set aside the order, and an order was given for the amount of £1 6s 10d.

OPENING UP THE PIPE TRACK.

The Northcote council have petitioned the Governor-in-Council to proclaim the pipe track as a highway, a public highway, owing to the Metropolitan Board of Works having practically closed it to the use of the public. The council are also threatening to fence it, the Minister of Public Instruction having closed the bridle path on the track.

On Wednesday last, therefore, the mayor (Cr. Pearl), Crs. Fox, Bailey, Basting, Dennis, Hayes, Mitchell, McIntosh, Taylor, the town clerk (Mr. Swift), and Mr. Bainbridge (town solicitor) attended at the public works department on behalf of the council. The chairman (Mr. Fitzgibbon), the secretary (Mr. Wells), and Commissioners Copley and Kinsey, of the board were present on behalf of the Board.

The mayor briefly submitted the case for the council, pointing out that the Northcote people had been using the pipe track for years, but simply that the pipe track be left open at its present width for the use of the public, and in order that this may be done that the council further take up the enclosed of a public highway. Crs. Bastings, Dennis, Hayes, Fox, Bailey and Mr. Herald, as a deputation strongly supported the mayor.

Mr. Fitzgibbon, in reply, said that the Board have submitted the Board's views to the question, and urged the Minister not to consent to the prayer of the council's petition.

Mr Fitzgibbon, by a running fire of interjections, particularly during Mr. Herald's address, endeavored to break up the effect of the council's arguments, but nevertheless they were well put and will bear the closest scrutiny. The Minister stated he would carefully consider the facts and evidence and give his decision on a future date.

SOUTH NORTHCOTE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The above held their usual monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at Allan's parish hall. The president took the chair, and there was an unusually large attendance at the annual meeting and election of officers was to be the chief business. The secretary (Mr. Hume Cook, M.H.R., Mr. H. Russell (Northcote District C.C.), Mr. P. Gillespie (Brunswick C.C., and Mr. A. Hotton (president Northcote Working Men's Club) attended

CRICKET.

The eighth annual meeting of the members of the Rose of Northcote C.C. was held on Friday last, 2nd inst., when the secretary (Mr. Jones) presented the annual report and balance sheet, which was duly adopted on the motion of Messrs. Bowden and Jones. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. Bowden; vice-presidents, Messrs. Jones, Mitchell, Hayes, Dennis, Gibbs; treasurer, Mr. C. Ulett; secretary, Mr. Wells; committee, Messrs. Bowden, Jones, Gibson, Brothers, Cornwell, Trevena, Leach, Hayes, Gibbs, Dennis, and Mr. Bowden. The following were elected delegates to the Rose of Northcote Football Club at the Friendly Society's hall, on Thursday evening next:—

Mr. Geo. Clausen jour., has been elected president of the Northcote Juvenile Pedestrians' Association, and intends signalling his year of office by getting, if he has the assistance of the town council, his association-ground into the first-section of the improvements to High street at the entrance to the town, carried out.

Northcote Board of Advice acknowledges payee as a whole sanction it? That is just the situation.

At the meeting of the Northcote Town Council on Monday evening Cr. Dennis brought under notice the setting of the Northcote South Ratepayers' Association by which it is proposed to beautify the town. The association, with the approval of the council, contemplated doing the work in sections the first lying between Walker and Upchurch streets, opposite the church of England. The plan was on the lines of the St. Kilda road improvements, only not quite so elaborate. It was estimated that this section would require about 75 loads of rocks, gravel, ashes, &c., and that the cost would be about £30. The association desired to know how far the council were prepared to assist in the work, or if they were not prepared to take it on altogether. He (Cr. Dennis) thought it would be wisely getting out of a false position, for they were undertaking something they could not perform and consequently were only bamboozling the ratepayers. There will this year be a balance or additional £200 available owing to the paying off of No. 1 loan, but there are expenses which should not be met by appropriations as additional daymen rendered necessary by increase of work owing to the opening up of new streets, which will go far to absorb this. Then the borrowing powers are curtailed—the mayor says £12,000 at most—and further metalling and channelling will be required for carrying out work of more general importance such as a drainage scheme. It is hard, so Cr. Pearl puts it, that the ratepayers in private streets should have had to pay so much and so little to others; but by putting themselves in a position to get a full share of the money available, that is by constructing their streets, they will not only save their own interests but help to open up streets of the town. It is not the intention of the council, of course, to construct streets in so far as the streets already constructed under the old policy is concerned.

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A MOTION TO RESCIND.

CARRIED BY TEN TO FIVE.

OWNERS IN FUTURE PAY WHOLE COST.

At the meeting of the Northcote town council on Monday evening the council had a full council—the mayor (Cr. Plant) moved—

"That the resolution, passed on the 23rd October, 1899, viz., 'that on the owners of property liable paying the cost of formation and channelling in any private street over 33 feet in width, the council agree to metal such street at its convenience and apply for it to be proclaimed a public highway,' be rescinded."

The mayor said that in moving this resolution he knew its importance and recognised his responsibility. He only regretted that it was necessary to move in this direction. Section 526 of the Local Government Act was mandatory that the owners should bear the whole cost of making the streets. To tinker with the private streets and not owners to make them thoroughly was *sotes eres*. He was backed up in that opinion by a well-known solicitor. The council had £27 streets constructed under the present policy and he had no desire or intention to repudiate the bargain. The council had also passed and promised to metal those streets and he, for one, would support the council carrying out of that agreement when they had the money. The council would only show them how to do it. The mayor then read a list of the policies of 17 other councils having private construction, that in all except two the owners not only had to pay the whole cost of construction but from 2½ to 10 per cent for superintendence. The two councils mentioned formed, channelled and tar-paved and the council metalled. Northcote undertook to metal and keep in repair the roads, which was done and made no charge for supervision, so that it was not fair to compare all the policies. The two exceptions were Essendon and Brunswick and they all knew the position of those two municipalities. To metal full width the 307 chains of streets mentioned would cost £30,000, according to their surveyor, £6,208 per annum for 5 feet wide footpaths. To metal the proposed 428 chains of streets would cost £42,933, or 15 feet £4072. There were also a number of other streets aggregating 237 chains, the owners of which had paid the whole cost borne by the owners. If the council were going on the old principle those streets would have the claim to be metalled first. It would be stated, probably, that the rescinding of this resolution was to be a political injustice to the north wards, but he was prepared to show that the 27 streets constructed and 13 out of the 27 streets metalled were in other wards and in other than the North wards. And then the only borrowing power formed a council. Well, they might borrow up to £12,000, but with sound financing the limit should be £10,700. The present loans, including the tramway loan of £10,500, were costing £1,000 per year, gross borrowing had been £54,960, against £56,000 sinking fund and rates realised £7,900. As he had pointed out before it would be £7,032 to metal the 24 streets constructed and the 27 streets proposed to be constructed 15 feet wide, and could they do that out of £11,000 or £12,000. Because of their present progress making they were ill at very little money. In the present year, with the £1,000 sinking fund money to be provided for, there was only about £400 left for work in the various wards. They had to build, pipe drain, as the revenue was increasing. Well, what did that mean? They had £1,000 for new and exceptional cases when property valued at £1,000,000 and 30 miles of streets to be added to the town each year, yet the average was not even £2 a street. And they must not forget that all these streets would require extra expenditure. A new element had been introduced. An elderly gentleman, Mr. Northcote Lance, had put down a footpath in front of property-owners had to pay 10s a foot on each side.

Cr. Pearl—Not in the streets I metalled.

Cr. Dennis—Those streets were made with the streets of the north were not in existence, when the place where they were lengthened ought to be made, and therefore under no compliment to the people now living in the north for the streets that they were making. (Cr. Dennis) thought there was nothing else for the council to do but alter their policy. It was in the interests of the town and in the interests of the people living in private streets to do so. It was utterly impossible, as the mayor had shown, to go through every by-law and make the streets under the old policy. So that to rescind the resolution would be fair and get on to a sound footing that would be satisfactory to the people. Now was the time when the people who are coming here. Surely the power of debentures would find it no hardship to pay 5 per cent on the money seeing they have got 12 years to pay it off. And surely the council could get an immediate advantage by having a loan. Then all over Northcote property and their property would be enhanced by far more than they would be called upon to pay. It was no use going further into debt, as adherence to the present policy would.

The mayor here explained that the total length of kerb and channel, 15 feet wide, would be under £2 and there would be 12 years to pay it in.

Cr. Bain said he intended to support the rescinding of the resolution. He had just come through an election campaign in the north, and he knew that the majority of the residents there looked on the old policy as a curse. He was the only one who favored it. He had fought his election on this and would have lost on any other issue.

Cr. Mitchell said he had voted for the adoption of the policy but he would not, however, in possession of all the facts have done so. He also would ask Cr. Pearl to add a week to extend to better from her father, which would save his full apprentices to the Council's suit. The Englishman was also in the habit of using Scotch phrases. After much mental arithmetic and comparing of dates, discovered that the letter which this week's *Leader* has written but a week or ten days before the Count's formal application for the position of Consul-General for the two ways probably at the latest, the Count was expected to arrive on or about the 20th inst. at Melbourne. At the end of a week's visit he is also expected to make a thorough investigation of the Consular business, and to report to his government. Before leaving Berlin, however, he will call on the Emperor, and will also be received by the Empress at the corner of the street; we are told that the Count is a favorite in England as soon as we could. I looked at my watch. It was a quarter to four, everybody thought I was his sister being introduced to the Count, and I was to be presented to him. I was not to go in my ordinary clothes as I had to be dressed in a simple white muslin frock, which might be tracked before we escaped. I had been told to wear my hair in a knot, but I was to remain until we are married. I was to be dressed in white, and wished herself a child in short frocks again. Only once I had taken it off, and cried bitterly. Everybody laughed at Matilda, and I was to be crushed up in her arms. Yet, there was a time when I was very much afraid of her. She was a big girl of 15, with gold letters in front and a pigtail behind.

The detective descended to the drawing-room. Matilda was sitting on the piano stool. The Frau Gradin had received no letter.

"I think, madam, that there is little doubt as to what has happened to your young lady," said the detective blandly.

"I have no doubt in my own mind that she has gone up to some one's room and gone to sleep, and forgotten all about her promise to come down to breakfast. She is not far away she must be upstairs somewhere. Shall I go and look?"

"Good-day, dear Frau Gradin," she said hastily. "Have you seen Pippa?"

"Pippa! Not come over!" repeated the Frau Gradin in surprise. "I have not seen her all the morning."

"Then, my dear, sir, of my grandchaughter," she said, pulled with wrath. "She is in this house somewhere. She is up to some mischief. She is always up to it. I shall be happy to hear from you soon."

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Captain Andrews, just recovered from a rather severe illness, which had necessitated a two months' stay on shore, was waiting for an interview with his employers, Hardcastle and Sons, the well-known Aberdeen and Dundee Steamship owners, and I, always looking King Williams' Book, he watched the carts and lorries flitting past, the drivers huddled up under a corner of their tarpaulin covers, or sitting with a coal sack cast about their shoulders by way of an improvised overcoat. Looking across and beyond the busy scene, the masts and funnels of the steamers trumping inwards and outwards—but turns the slow moving, practical at last the railway extends his wide open straight before him. A little coasting steamer, which had just finished discharging a cargo of slates, lay all keen the quay, moved quietly onto through the lock-gates and disappeared in the direct passenger-like direction of the river. Then a tug-steamer, with a string of barges in full consortship, especially to one who was little more than convalescent, set, strange to say, it was just then that the call of the sea came upon Captain Andrews with irresistible might. As if in answer to the craving of his soul, the tug's funnel-shaft was flung open, and Mr. Hardcastle, senr., appeared.

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"Never fear for that. I only want a couple of days at sea to be as fit as a fiddle, sir."

"Hum!" meditatively murmured the shipowner, apparently struck by some new idea which occurred to him, and he revolved in his mind. "Now, I wonder if coming over each week's end to Seahorse for a good few weeks yet? Lines in the West Indies just now?"

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A photographer one day was visited by a man who wanted a unique picture taken.

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The photographer was touched at the man's grief, and promised that he would send an assistant with him to the grave, and have the picture taken as he desired.

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In hearing this the lunatics, who were in ignorance of their destination, and supposed themselves to be going to burnt, made a rush for the driver, who happily was very lusty fellow, which ended in his being pitched into the dirty ditch, and the mad men again thrashing to the bargain. He crowed out that he would be glad to see the lunatics to the seaside, a promise he kept, and they left with him.

TO SAVE TROUBLE.

A photographer one day was visited by a man who wanted a unique picture taken.

"I want one, it's like this," the stranger began. "I had a girl that I was makin' love to, and we got married. She'd got all her things made up, and we'd a very lovely home furnished, and took ill and died. Now, what I want is a picture of her a-lyin' in her coffin with me a-kissin' her."

The photographer was touched at the man's grief, and promised that he would send an assistant with him to the grave, and have the picture taken as he desired.

"Very good, sir," explained the visitor, "an' I expect it 'ull cost a lot to get over your traps for what I want."

The photographer acknowledged that it would, whereupon his customer said:

"I thought p'raps as how you could rig up a tombstone here in your shop, to save trouble, an' I could swop on it; it 'ud do just as well. It's no trouble to me to swop anywhere."

The more you say the less people remember.

Going away for the day? Do not forget to give the wife and little folks a kiss all round. It will brighten all the rest of the day.

There is no state so vile but man can reconcile himself to it. The first step is the most terrible, the second less so, and the third is easy.

To believe in men is the first step toward helping them.

If you would not live a person deserve you, be careful not to let him know you distrust him.

Five feet is the minimum height of the Russian conscript.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

JILTSTICK TO MOTHER'S ADVICE COME WHAT MAY.

"Thurra's the lady book, Alfie, you can take to read if you want to. I've just read it, and it's a splendid story."

"Then I should like to read it. I don't care for stories as a rule, but I think books are the best of any. Mother and Tom a now I mean to have stacks of them. Mother and I read them, and we talk over what we've been reading about; so it's twice as good as if I read it alone."

"Is that the way you do?"

"Of course it is. Why shouldn't I? Mother and I are all the family there is left, and we do everything we can to get together. I tell you, my mother is the best companion a girl could have being as good as she can be. She goes singing round the house, making a fellow feel rich, no matter what he has for dinner."

"She's the girl?"

"No, and it wouldn't make any difference if she was, she'd be my mother all the same."

"To be sure you would. But if you take this book you must keep it out of her sight and read it by the sly."

"Why must I?"

"Because she won't like it. My mother'd make a great fuss if she knew I read such stuff."

"Then, what do you read it for? What's the use of my taking the book if you said 'twas splendid?"

"Because I'm your mother wouldn't think so.

"Then it ain't so, for I tell you mother knows I won't read anything on the sly. I don't do things that way, and I advise you not to. My mother knows all I do."

"If you think so, I don't suppose it's any use for me to make you think different."

"No, it ain't, and I advise you to do what your mother wants you to. You'll be glad of it by and by when you think about it as you do, and you'd better turn that page."

So one boy was loyal to his mother in the right way, and not only but two others were found who were more easily persuaded.

They read the book; through, and when they had finished discussed it, and were thus prepared for further adventures. The opportunities were neglected, and occasionally there was a chance of getting into trouble, but the three boys who were constantly together, and who were known as the inseparables of highly sensational books and papers. They were suspected of reading even worse books, and all this told against them.

For their parents' sake they were careful to keep clear of the police court.

Consecration means making little of sacrifices and much of opportuniti

£5000 and installed those and other streets it would be a good investment, as it would be bound to encourage settlement from which sufficient revenue would be got to meet other streets. Cr. Hayes finished by saying he was not in favor of the separation idea.

Cr. Stalwick said he was going to support the motion, and he hoped that before long the streets would be metalled from side to side, as there were cries heard from ratepayers at every council meeting that they could not get into their places for mud. The streets must be made properly, and once for all, and then there would be no grumbling. He thought it would touch him as much as anyone, but he would willingly do it for the sake of the people who lived in the houses.

Cr. Marks said he just wished to say that he would not support the motion at present.

The mayor, in reply, said no arguments had been brought forward to make him change his opinions. Cr. Thompson had the only one he could refer to. He said that if we borrowed money and spent it it could be considered a benefit to the country. They past experiments under this policy had not been satisfactory. Mr. C. K. Jamieson said that he objected to the scheme on the largest land-owners, viz., the Federal bank, and asked, as there was no estate market for them, if they could be sold as cheaply as possible. He asked was it quite fair that the land should be for the purpose of draining other people's property? The cost of the scheme was altogether too big a channel down the centre of the richest-bay instead of making it right and left.

Mr. J. Lyon observed that before going any further in the matter he thought he was there as the representative of a large body of property-owners held on Thursday evening, and desired to ask the council to take a step back into its private street policy, whereby property owners were called upon to bear the whole cost of making the streets in front of their own houses. That was a fair request to make, but the policy of the council was unpractically unfair. It was said that they were going to borrow money, and consequently could afford to pay for making the streets, but he could assure them that he got no cheap land, and even had he done so it would not be cheap to day to pay for it in the course of a few years. Land purchased at £2 per foot to-day would be worth £5 per foot at the present time to avoid loss, so that they need not expect to get off cheaply. He adjourned till Monday next on proposition of Crs. Stalwick and Williams.

Lane No. 8, Tennyson avenue.

Cr. Thompson, after disclaiming any intention to "separate," which he described as "sheer bunkum" said he could not see how the work of installing could be done without rescinding the resolution and treating the portion of the street in question as a separate work altogether.

Cr. Crisp.—Yes.

Mr. Jamieson—I would like to hear the engineer's opinion as to whether the work is practicable.

The engineer.—It is. There are only a few streets which are not paved, and they would better to finish the street in such the straightforward manner.

Mr. Jamieson said that the corporation he represented did not wish to oppose the improvement.

Cr Crawley favored a short adjournment to enable him to get the views of his new councillors to vote before being asked to commit the council to it.

The motion was carried.

Lane No. 9 was next objected to, and was adjourned for adoption or otherwise till the next council meeting on the proposition of Crs. Stalwick and Williams.

Winnifred street, from High street to Liberal avenue.

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NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH.

Present:—Crs. Pigut (mayor), McIntosh, Smith, Bastings, Mitchell, Taylor, Dennis, Candy, Bailey, Edwards, Bain, Hayes, Thompson, Pearl, and Marks.

NEW COUNCILLORS.

Crs. Thompson, Bain, and Hayes, the newly elected councillors, were introduced in a few appropriate words by their returning officers, were welcomed by the mayor, and seriously returned thanks.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

The mayor and Crs. Bastings, Dennis, and Pearl were appointed spokesmen at the deputation before the Minister on Wednesday next re the opening of St. George's road.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

Crs. Dennis and Bailey reported result of deputation to the Minister of Education re providing school accommodation in the southern part of the town, as already published in these columns.

BRICK CO'S. COMPLAINT.

The Northcote Brick Co. wrote complaining of drainage from Reid and David streets coming on to their land. —Referred to works committee.

The mayor remarked that the Brick Company's holes were getting pretty large and it was time the council looked into the matter to see what their position is.

ANOTHER SUBDIVISION.

R. Heron wrote asking for the council's approval of a plan of sub-division of land at the corner of Victoria road and Clarke street.

The surveyor's report being favorable, Cr. Candy moved and Cr. Bailey seconded that the plan be approved.

The surveyor said he was entirely dissatisfied with the plan of Johnson's subdivision as recently approved, and he would suggest that this plan be referred to the works committee.—Agreed to.

ROAD TO A CHURCH.

W. J. Bell wrote asking for a few loads of bricks ash to be placed in Arma dale street, also for a post to be removed so that the footpath might be protected. —Referred to surveyor.

"TIMING IT ON."

A. E. Whitlock wrote stating that he thought that the charge of 4d per pan by the council over and above the contract price, savoured a good deal of "piling it on."

Cr. Thompson explained that this was to cover the cost of collection, stationery, &c., and was the same as was added before.

PACING WRONG WAY.

Neil Rigby, St. George's road, having received a notification that he must shift his horse round, asked that the council should give him a hearing.

Cr. Thompson said it was mighty strange the horse should be finished before finding this out.

Cr. Smith—It is a removed horse.

The matter was referred to the works committee. Mr. Rigby to have a hearing.

RELATIVE BUILDING FEES.

E. J. Whitchell wrote in reference to a memo. he had received from the town clerk, notifying that unless building fees owed by him under the council's regulations, amounting to £10, were paid within 7 days, the master would be placed in the hands of the council's solicitor. He would like to ask if the council intended to enforce payment. His would like to point out the unfairness of it, for, as a builder, he had increased the valuation of the town, which he considered should exempt him from this unfair charge. In some places no fee was charged and where it was something was given for it. In Northcote he was the levels were given and the rest of the council was not affixed. It not abolished altogether, he would suggest that the fee be reduced to, say, 5s, as it caused much grumbling. A pound on a single-fronted house was excessive. If the council intended to prosecute, he would suggest that they begin at the beginning, and treat all offenders (if they were such) alike.

Replying to a question the town clerk said all the other builders had received similar letters.

The mayor—He has not been singled out in any way?

Mr. Swift—No.

Cr. Bailey said the arrears had been allowed to go too long. If anyone was to be exempted from paying building fees he (Cr. Bailey) should be. (Laughter). There was a law. Why did they not abide by it?

Cr. Hayes—Have the plans been inspected by the surveyor?

The town clerk—Yes.

Cr. Hayes—Then I think action should be taken at once.

Cr. Bastings said that the man who paid a building fee at present did not get much for his money. The present regulation did not prevent a house being dumped right down on the ground. The whole regulations ought to be revised.

Cr. Edwards—There are two sides to this question like every other.

Cr. Smith—The side that pays and the side that doesn't.

Cr. Edwards, continuing, said he was dissatisfied with the present building regulations. It should be provided that the floor line of houses built in future be kept high above the ground.

The Mayor—That's not the question just now but the arrears of this individual.

Cr. Pearl said that either Mr. Whitchell must be made to pay up or the fee paid by other builders refunded. He moved that the matter be referred to the legislative committee.

No seconder.

Cr. Dennis thought the finance committee were so blame in not taking action before.

A motion was carried that the action of the town clerk be approved

A WIDE CROSSING.

Jones Bros., High street, Northcote South, wrote asking for a wider and more convenient crossing opposite their premises.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr. Dennis.

NOISE ABOVE.

R. E. Farr requested that some notice be placed in front of his premises.—Referred to works committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Marks (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That accounts amounting to £433 8s 1d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Erection of public urinals.—That the matter be deferred for consideration with the estimates.—Adopted.

3. H. Hunter's application for Separation street to be closed.—That he be asked to put down a proper pitched crossing to the satisfaction of the town surveyor, in accordance with the council's by-law.—Adopted.

4. Right-of-way, east side of Knowles street.—That a conference of the property owners be called to discuss the matter of opening up and constructing a right-of-way. —Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Taylor (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That the sum of £1 10s for gardener's wages, be paid.—Adopted.

2. To report that the sum of 5s 6d, proportion of proceeds of match played on the 30th inst., has been received from the Northcote football club.—Adopted.

3. Tree-planting.—To report that 112 trees were received from the State Nursery, viz., 50 Golden Queen, 12 Sugar (sweet), 50 Golden Bantam, 100 trees in all will be retained till next year. The Grevilleas and Cedars will be planted in the western portion of the reserve to form diagonal walks. A number of Pittosporum have been planted on the southern portion of playing ground to afford shelter for visitors. —Adopted.

4. Wicket gate, Westgarth street.—The gardener has been supplied with the necessary material to construct a wicket gate to take the place of the stile which is against the western end of the picket fence.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. Thompson (chairman) recommending:—

1. That accounts amounting to £347 1s 8d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Meeting of Australasian Universities, report of conference re regulation, etc., of motor car traffic.—That the report and proposed Bill to provide the necessary legislation be approved.—Adopted.

3. Mr. C. B. Yardley, re non-payment of rates and questions re election for north ward.—That he be informed that the matter of rates collecting is for the council's officer to attend to and to take the proper action for the recovery of rates in default thereof, and with reference to the questions he be informed that it is not part of the council's duty to answer technical questions to be asked by voters on local Government Law.—Adopted.

4. Town cable account.—That the repayments having now covered the cost of the first cable, the account be re-opened to repay the cost of the second, as a deficit account only, and that no separate banking account be kept therefor.—Adopted.

5. Annual valuation.—That Mr. James George Mcmbrey be appointed to make a valuation of all rateable property within the town.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Bain moved that the matter of providing a footbridge on the south side of Raleigh street, near High street, be referred to the works committee. Cr. Hayes seconded. Carried.

Cr. Smith moved that the matter of improving the north side of Clarke street, near High street, be referred to works committee.—Carried.

Cr. Edwards moved that the matter of the right-of-way at the back of Salisbury grove be referred to the works committee. Carried.

Cr. Bailey moved that the matter of improving the roadway from Barry street to the railway, be referred to the works committee. Carried.

Cr. Smith asked for a return of the quantity of metal put on the east ward this year.

Cr. Bain called attention to the bad condition of the footpath in Mansfield street, north side.—Referred to works committee.

Cr. Thompson moved that the engineer be instructed to prepare an estimate for the future construction of footpaths, Cr. Mitchell contending that it would be far more economical in the long run to put down a strip of a-phalt.

The motion was carried, and it was understood that the committee would go into the matter of the cost of a strip of asphalt as well.

Cr. Pearl said it was a great pity to see a great number of new houses being built with the floor line too low, which was very unfortunate both to those who had to live in them and also those who were called to discuss the matter of considering a revision of the building regulations as referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Dennis.

Cr. Taylor moved that the matter of appointing a foreman be considered with the estimates.—Carried.

Returning officers' accounts were passed for payment as follows:—West ward, £3 18s 6d; north ward, £2 10s 6d; do. extraordinary election, £2 8s 6d.

Cr. Thompson asked that authority be given to engage a ploughman to work in the west ward channels. Cr. Marks seconded.—Re-ward to works committee on the motion of Cr. Smith and Mitchell.

Further reply had been received from Northcote Brick Co. re allowing cas of water drain to drain right-of-way off Dennis street. Cr. Edwards moved that another letter be written.—Carried.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH.

(Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Messrs Pigut, Bastings, McIntosh, and Dennis, J's.P.)

DISPUTED DEAL.

Thomas Hicks McLean v. Joshua Pitt. Goods sold and delivered, £2 17s 9d. Candy for plaintiff, Mr. Jamieson for defendant.

Mr Candy, in opening the case, said it was sufficient where goods under the value of £5 are being disposed of for the purchaser to say "I take them," then they immediately pass to his possession. Where the sum considered as actually delivered and he has to take them away.

Thomas Hicks McLean said:—"I was negotiating with Mr Pitt for the sale of some goods and he came to examine them. There were two trucks, a spring cart and a large van. He came to see the goods several times before purchasing and eventually agreed to take them for £2 17s, and said he would send his man for them. Subsequently he sent his man and took the rails away.

Mr Jamieson—Did you see him?

Witness—I have a witness who did. Continuing, witness said:—Afterwards when I found the goods returned I wrote and told him that the goods were there at his risk. Subsequently I sent a man to collect the cheque but he would not pay. I wrote again saying I would have to place the matter in the hands of my solicitor if the amount was not paid, but got no reply.

Mr Jamieson—Do you know if Mr Pitt got the goods?—I did not see him take them away.

Are the goods at your place still?—They are at the tannery.

Do you remember going to Mr. Pitt's on 23rd March and telling him you had rails for sale?—Yes.

Did you tell him the rails you had were as good as the rails he was then using?—Yes.

Did you go out of the office with Mr. Pitt and see the rails he was putting down?—I did not.

Did you say that if the rails did not suit he could return them?—No.

Did Pitt not say "If they are not up to the mark, Mac, I will send them straight back?"—No, because he had examined them before.

When did he see them before?—Perhaps a week before.

What was the day of the week?—I could not say. He was there on two occasions at least.

Wasn't it on account of other goods Pitt was to buy from you?—Yes, and on account of the rails as well.

You were anxious to bring the matter up just before the action?—No.

When did the man Gregory go to Pitt's?—Some weeks after the rails were sold.

What message did he bring back?—That Pitt said I could go to a warm place.

On 23rd March did you ask Pitt for a cheque?—No, but I asked him for a cheque for a sale I sold him.

Did you see Mr Wise at Pitt's on the 23rd March?—No.

George Hibbert said:—I am a laborer living in Northcote. I saw Pitt and another laborer Pepper come to McLean's and take the rails and wheels away and come back in about three-quarters of an hour and put them on the ground again.

Mr. Jamieson—The rails never had time to get cold before they were back on the ground.

Mr. Jamieson, for the defence, submitted that no delivery had taken place. He would like to know if it was necessary for him to say anything.

The P.M.—You had better call evidence.

Joshua Pitt, tanner and leather dresser, said:—I was at the tannery, Bell street, on 23rd March. Mr. McLean came to see me. I gave him a cheque for £2 and three wooden rails I had bought from him. He told me he had a quantity of rails, a trolly and a van and wanted £2 10s for the lot. I said I did not think they were worth it. We argued over the matter, and he went to advise tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm with equally good results. I confidently recommend it to those in need of a good household liniment or embrocation. For sale by storekeepers

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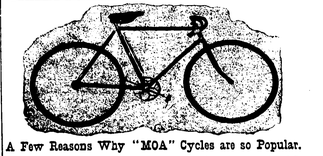

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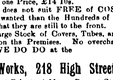

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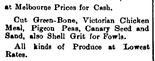

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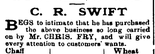

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2lb Flake Oatmeal, 3d	2lb " " Quince " 7½d
Pure Oatmeal, 11 lbs, 1s	2lb " " Gooseberry "
Split Peas, 11 lbs, 1s	2lb Apricot Jam, 7½d
Pearl Barley, 11 lbs; 9 lbs, 1s	2lb Plum Jam, 4½d
Macaroni, 3d lb	3olbs Sifting, 1s
Vermacilla, 3d lb	3olbs Salt, 1s
Tomato Sauce, 2½d	Champion Flour, 3½d
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REV. HECTOR FERGUSON, Minister.
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Preacher:
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Evening, Rev. W. HUNT.

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Services at 7 p.m.
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Minister, Rev. GEO. CARSON.
Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Morning, "The Christian Flag."
Evening, "Heavenly Visitors."
Fellowship Class, 10.15 a.m.
Bible Class, 3 p.m.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK METHODIST CHURCH.
MR. and MRS. WHALLEY, of Geelong, will occupy the pulpit all day Sunday, 18th September. Subjects:—
Mrs. WHALLEY, Morning.
Mr. WHALLEY, Address in Sunday School at 3 o'clock.
Mr. WHALLEY, Evening.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE TENT, I.O.R.
The Brethren of the above Tent and Members of the Order generally are requested to meet at Rechabite Hall, Preston Square, at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday, 18th inst., to attend Divine Service at Preston Presbyterian Church.
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Boarders' Residence, Clarke Street, Northcote, close to tram and train (Heidelberg line). Entire allotment and extensive tree proved conclusively that Germany and the United States were able to use the British merchant by reason of their superior commercial training, as the fact is true of British apples equally to Australia," said Mr Stott. The astounding statement was made that in Manchester alone there are 18,000 German clerks; that the technical and metric system was strongly advocated, and it was shown that the only civilized countries that did not use these systems were Great Britain and Russia. The A.N.A. was commended by Mr Stott having the lack of commercial education in Victoria and devising a scheme for evening classes. The lecture was to be illustrated by about 200 fine lantern views, but owing to the gas generator failing to act this part of the proceedings was only partially successful. Mr. Tobin thanked the lecturer for the evening, and the president of the branch (Mr Lee) presided.

The property known as "Mossbury," consisting of a residence and 8 acres of land, situate at Separation street, Northcote, has undergone a marvellous transformation since it was purchased by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in the early part of the present year. The buildings have been repaired and renovated with a view effect as to new and quite handsome, and gardens have been laid out and drives and walks squared up; also a splendid fence has been put right round the property. The sisterhood, which has its mother house at Sydney, now in occupation. Their special work is teaching and they have already taken charge of St. Joseph's School and there is a prospect of them taking over the Sacred Heart School at Preston before long. The Sisters intimate by advertisement elsewhere that they are opening a high-class day school for young ladies, which will be open to pupils of all denominations. Students will be prepared for the different grades of the University examinations, also for practical and theoretical musical examinations. In musical education the Sisters have met with special success in Sydney and elsewhere.

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The congregation of the Preston Presbyterian Church, in unmistakeable fashion, showed their appreciation of the Rev. T. Gray, who, in order that Mrs. Carson might get the benefit of the milder climate of Horsham, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Carson during the winter months, by entertaining him and Mrs. Gray at a farewell social at the church on Tuesday evening and presenting them with a silver cake dish, inscribed as follows:—"To the Rev. T. and Mrs. Gray, a token of esteem, Preston Presbyterian Church, Sept. 13, 1904." Mr. James Fortune, the chairman, in making the presentation on behalf of the congregation, spoke most appreciatively of the manner in which the Rev. Mr. Gray had conducted his duties. [illegible] Mr. Gray, together with the kind feelings [illegible] appreciated it, and said it would be particularly appreciated on Mrs. Gray's side of the household. Mr. Gray also spoke of his long connection with and admiration for the Rev. Mr. Carson, and expressed the hope that the congregation would give him and Mrs. Carson a cordial welcome on their return. Refreshments, served by the ladies, and songs rendered by Miss Hortense Fyfe, Mrs. Greenhalgh and Messrs Cook and H. Fyfe, helped to make the evening pass pleasantly. Mr. W. Hutton moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who had looked after the refreshments, and to those who had provided the programme.

An able address on "The Need for Commercial Education" was delivered by Mr. Tobin, the secretary of the Northcote branch of the A.N.A., at the town-hall last Tuesday evening by Mr. Stott, of Stott and Hoare's business college. By means of extracts from authorities of commercial education Mr. Stott proved conclusively that Germany

A full house assembled at the town-hall, Northcote, on Thursday evening to hear the Rev. Hector Ferguson's recital of "The Covenanters," and it was evident from the frequency of the applause and the close attention with which the recital was followed that the effort gave complete satisfaction. It was no light task for one person to entertain singlehanded an audience for a couple of hours, yet this was done by Mr. Ferguson himself, but he proved quite equal to the occasion. The stirring scenes of the covenanting days, when civil and religious liberty had often to be won at the point of the sword, were graphically portrayed, the valor and patriotism and religious instincts of Scotchmen were forcibly illustrated, the duel between Sergeant Bothwell and Balfour of Burleigh, together with their last tragic struggle, was dramatically and powerfully depicted; while the humors of Caddy Hodrigg and the withering invective of his aged Mither were a source of constant merriment. The recital throughout was finely given, every character—and there were a score or more—being invested with an individuality of its own. When Mr. Ferguson resumed his seat, the large audience manifested their appreciation in unmistakable terms, the applause being enthusiastic and prolonged.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Marks, late wife of Cr. and ex-Sergeant Marks, of Northcote, which took place at the late residence, Woolton Avenue, Northcote, on Sunday last. The deceased lady, who was 59 years of age, was by a large circle of friends succumbed to paralysis the first symptoms of which manifested themselves about a month ago in loss of memory. The funeral, which took place on Monday last, was very largely attended, amongst those present being a fair number of respect being the Mayor and councillors, the officers and also the workmen of the town council.

A lecture entitled a Review of the Potato Industry will be delivered at the Working Men's College, Melbourne, by Mr. W. J. Capper, on Saturday next, at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will deal with the choice of land, suitable manures, valuable market varieties, why many failures occur locally, and the industry in Europe and America. A potato dip, potato peels, and a collection of potatoes comprising some of very high value will be on view. The lectures will conclude with the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors.

A few friends gathered on Friday evening last at the residence of Mr. Ingleton, Rosemoyne street, to bid him farewell prior to his contemplated journey. Mr. and Mrs. Walker. During an interval Mr. Ingleton, on behalf of the friends, presented Mrs. Walker with a handsome travelling case, and in responding so made some very complimentary remarks. Mr. Walker suitably thanked the donors for their unexpected gift. Messrs Collis and Chirgwin also [illegible] Mr. Ingleton [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A Nocturnal Drama.

As I had expected, the back door was unbarred. I have found that I can nearly always rely upon the inherent carelessness of people for such favors as an unlocked door or an open window.

Pushing open the door, I soon gained the hall on the ground floor. I had brought no lantern with me, since I knew the geography of the house in view of many former visits. Had such been necessary I had, while ostensibly passing the gas meter, transformed myself with the pins of the house, and had duplicated, roughly speaking, measurements in a notebook, presumably as to the amount of gas consumed during the last quarter.

Seeing lights in the lower part of the house were out, except a gas, which the servants were no doubt in bed by, burning dimly, overturning a pair of glasses set in at a level with my shoulders, sprung into the front hall. Through it I was that the lamp near the door was burning dimly, a precautionary measure, evidently, since I knew well aware that all the family were in their rooms.

The basement of the house were but recently occupied by the servants, the master, Mr. Hugh Lodge, a wealthy city merchant, his wife, a charming woman, as report had it, and I had not had the pleasure of meeting, and the servants. Of the latter there were but four, a cook, two maids, and a youth of twenty-two, who looked after the two horses belonging to the family, and had various duties about the house.

From the vestibule I made myself only a few yards from the hall door, I had seen the master and his wife return in the carriage at eleven, slight, and enter the house. Later, I had seen the lights in the two front rooms of the second floor and the front room at about twelve, and seen a handsome woman, whom I took to be the wife of the merchant, a wealthy city merchant, pass the window, and, when, on investigation, I had reason to believe that under the circumstances, she had gone to bed. I had not had the pleasure of meeting, and the servants. Of the latter there were but four, a cook, two maids, and a youth of twenty-two, who looked after the two horses belonging to the family, and had various duties about the house.

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PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.

Present:—Crs. Newton (president), Paterson, Warr, Crawley, Robertson, Crispe, Howse, and Allchin.

PRESTON DISTRICT C.C.

The above club wrote asking for the use of a room at the shire hall on Friday evening for their annual meeting. It was the intention of the club to enter the first-rate matching competition.—The matter was left in the hands of the president.

From same, applying for use of south end of park for pitch.—Referred to parks committee on the motion of Crs. Warr and Paterson.

BOARD OF HEALTH INSPECTION.

A telegram was received intimating that Dr. Greswell would visit Kelly Bros. and Ziebell's premises on the following day.

The secretary explained that this visit was owing to the firm's application to be excluded from the meat area. The Governor-in-Council, to whom the application had been made, had referred the matter to the Central Board of Health.

APPLICATION BY THE FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Preston Football Club wrote asking for permission to plow, harrow, sow with English grass, and roll the playing arena in the Preston Park. If done at once it would not *interfere* with the cricket clubs. They also asked that an auditor be appointed to examine the gate receipts.

Cr. Crispe moved that the first portion of the letter be referred to the parks committee with power to act.

Cr. Robertson seconded.

Cr. Paterson thought if such a thing was going to be done at all it should be done at once. Reference to the committee would mean a week's delay.

Cr. Howse thought so to and moved that the application be granted right away.

Cr. Paterson seconded.

Cr. Robertson thought the cricket pitches should be protected.

Cr. Allchin supported the motion, which was carried, the amendment being lost.

Cr. Warr was appointed to audit the gate receipts.

USE OF PARK.

An application for the use of the park for Nov. 14 by the Christ Church S.S. superintendent, Brunswick, was referred to the parks committee.

LADIES' RECREATION SOCIETY.

The secretary Ladies' Benevolent Society wrote acknowledging council's donation of £5; also forwarding copy of annual report and balance-sheet.—Referred to committee of whole on the motion of Cr. Crispe.

TRANSFER.

Mrs. H. Foley asked that the sum of £5 due to her be paid to H. Fyfe.—Granted.

MORE LIGHT.

Jas. Ryan, secretary Eppingshire, wrote asking this council to request the Railway Department to erect a lamp at the reservoir crossing.

Cr. Warr said there was such a peculiar turn in the road that there was a great necessity for a light. He moved that the request be granted.—Carried.

BILL OF COSTS.

Fink, Best and Hall forwarded their bill of costs.—Referred to finance committee.

ALL SAINTS' C.C.

F. S. Howes, secretary All Saints' C.C., wrote applying for the north end of park for a cricket pitch.—Referred to parks committee.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

The business paper for the annual session of the above was referred to the council's representative, Cr. Crawley.

APPLICATION BY TENNIS CLUB.

W. A. Robinson, secretary Preston tennis club, wrote asking for a piece of the shire-hall grounds, 100 feet x 100 feet, for the purpose of laying down tennis courts. It was proposed to have one asphalt and one turf court.—The matter was referred to the hall committee on the motion of Crs. Crispe and Allchin.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts amounting to £38 15s 2d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Culvert in Cramer street, near Hall's.—That in the next scavenging contract provision be made for cleaning the culvert three times a week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts amounting to £34 8s be passed for payment.—Adopted.

HALL COMMITTEE.

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

1. Requirements by the Board of Health in connection with the public hall. —That a letter be sent to the Board of Health stating that it is not considered advisable to close in the ends to the super room as required by the Board, and asking that this requirement be withdrawn.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. Warr, recommending—

1. Letters applying for the use of the park by cricket clubs.—That consideration be deferred.—Adopted.

2. That an amount of £12 be placed on the estimates for painting pavilion, closets, urinal, seats and the new gates, and for repairs to closets, urinal and pavilion.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

1. Letter from W. Mackenzie re drainage nuisance into 22A.—That further action on the notice to abate the nuisance be held over, and that the secretary consult the council's solicitors as to the next step to be taken to receive from Mr. Walsh and to complete negotiations as to compensation for the land taken by the council.

Cr. Robertson, in moving the adoption of the clause, explained that the inspector had called on Mr. Mackenzie to abate the nuisance caused by drainage coming from his premises, and he felt it to be an injustice seeing he had paid his portion of the cost of the construction of the right-of-way. The council therefore thought it advisable to hold the matter over.

Cr. Howse seconded.—Carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Stewart reported *re* plans of subdivision submitted by Messrs Blake and Riggall. He thought it would be preferable for the drainage to be taken by way of Preston street.—Engineer's report to be forwarded to Messrs Blake and Riggall.

It was also decided, on the suggestion of Cr. Crispe, to ask the vendors to make the streets before selling the land.

The engineer also reported that several contracts would expire at the end of the present month.—Referred to the committee of the whole with power to act.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Hamilton reported having collected £2888 19s 8d, which reduced the arrears to £199 18s 1d.

The president remarked that this was very satisfactory indeed.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Sullivan reported having inspected and branded 94 cattle, 1096 sheep, and 291 pigs.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Howse called attention to the need of repairing the asphalt footpaths of the shire.—The engineer said he was filling up the worst holes now and he proposed to ask the council to make provision in the estimates for some topdressing.

Cr. Crispe moved that a lamp be erected in Mary street, between Bruce and Hall streets.—Cr. Crawley seconded. Cr. Robertson suggested that the matter be considered with the estimates.—Agreed to.

Cr. Warr drew attention to the fact that the gate-house cottages at the Reservoir crossing presented any one seeing up the line, making the distance as how both ways before crossing" partly useless.—He moved that the commissioner's attention be called to the matter. Cr. Crispe seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe reported *re* the Northcote council waiting on the Minister of Public Works re getting the pipe track proclaimed a public highway. The Mayor of Northcote had written to the effect that, indeed from a Town of Northcote standpoint. The Minister reserved his decision, but it looked to him (Cr. Crispe) probable that it would be in favour of the Town of Northcote. So that Preston might not be placed at a disadvantage and laid open to the charge of sleeping on their rights he would move that a letter be written to the Minister asking for the same concessions as Northcote.

Cr. Howse seconded the motion, which was supported by the president and carried.

Cr. Allchin called attention to the obstruction in Fleet street, which was nothing better than a death trap to the children on their way to school.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Crispe called attention to the poor quality of the gas both in the hall and the street lamps.

The president said he hoped that the construction of Station street was being pushed on as rapidly as possible.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

The president having called attention to other matters requiring attention in High street north the meeting closed.

RHEUMATIC GOUT & NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

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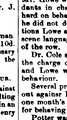

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PRESTON POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.

(Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Mr. J. C. Clinch, J.'s.P.)

BATH CASES.

President and Council *v.* J. Cashman Rates £2 19s 6d and interest to 10d. The collector having given the necessary evidence an order was made for the amount claimed.

ASSAULT AND INSULTING BEHAVIOUR.

Constable Spratling proceeded against Henry Lowe for unlawfully assaulting William B. Howe and for behaving in an insulting manner; also against Henry Potter on the latter charge.

There was no appearance of the defendants.

Wm B. Howe, who described himself as a patent leather dresser working for Wm. Zwar and Co., said that on the previous Tuesday afternoon about half past five he and his father were returning from work, and, as is their custom, called at the Prince Alfred Hotel to have a glass of ale. As they were having the ale premises one of the young men who stood in the doorway made an offensive noise. Witness's father said to Lowe "Did you do that?" and he replied "Yes," making use of a filthy expression. Thereupon witness's father slapped Lowe in the face and a fight immediately followed. Later when witness's father was stooping to pick up his hat Lowe gave him a severe kick in the thigh. There was a general scrimmage and after things had quietened down witness was standing on the footpath Lowe in walking past gave wit ness a severe back-handed blow in the face, blacking his eye.

The P.M.—Your father struck the first blow?

Witness—Yes.

You took no part in the affair?—I went to the assistance of my father.

You are quite sure you were assaulted by Lowe?—Yes.

E. Collins, Mr. Barrow and Mr. C. W. Watcott (the price being a medal donated by Mr. J. C. Nankervis) with a score of 13.16 runs. The bowling average was 1.6 for 7 wickets. A vote of thanks to the secretary and treasurer for his past services was carried unanimously. The prospects for the coming season are excellent, as with last year's success a still some new blood to choose from the club ought to head the list this season.

The annual meeting of the Preston Methodist C.C. was held in the schoolroom on Friday, 9th inst. There was a good attendance of members and others. Mr. H. Hall was voted to the chair. The secretary and treasurer read the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £15. Mr. C. W. Watcott (the price being a medal donated by Mr. J. C. Nankervis) with a score of 13.16 runs. The bowling average was 1.6 for 7 wickets. A vote of thanks to the secretary and treasurer for his past services was carried unanimously. The prospects for the coming season are excellent, as with last year's success a still some new blood to choose from the club ought to head the list this season.

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PRESTON DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB.

The fortnightly meeting of the club was held on Thursday evening last, Mr. Hall in the chair. The action of the committee in connection with the proposed run for Saturday, the 30th inst., was endorsed. On the recommendation of the committee, the following were elected hon. members:—Messrs. Hall, Galloway and Hutchinson. Messrs. Galloway and Hutchinson, C. W. Watcott (timekeeper), Mr. Nankervis; committee, Messrs P. Sale, C. Wallace, E. Nankervis, G. Jones and C. Robinson; delegates to association, Messrs. Galloway and Hall. The club is holding a concert in the North Preston Presbyterian schoolroom on Friday, 23rd inst. A good programme has been arranged and tickets and programmes are now available from any of the members.

FOOTBALL.

V.F.A. PREMIERSHIP.

WON BY NORTHCOTE.

Last Saturday saw the first matches for the junior premiership, Northcote gaining the coveted first place with 10 wins to 18 points, Collingwood 7m. being 2nd with 8 wins, and the Rose of Northcote 3rd with 12 wins and 2 draws. Northcote have scored in premiership matches 93 goals 165 behinds (726 points) and have had 91 goals 82 behinds (501 points) kicked against them. Collingwood have scored 84 goals 98 behinds (602 points), Hartison (12), Harrison (9), Davis (9), and Gibson (8).

Thursday being the Soldiers' Hill Wanderers' premiers at the Soldiers' Hill recreation at Northcote park this afternoon. A complimentary smoke-night will be tendered the visitors at the town-hall in the evening.

Northcote *v.* Melb. Juniors.—Northcote achieved their seventh consecutive win on Saturday last by scoring an overwhelming victory over Melb. Junr., the scores being:—Northcote, 17 goals 21 behinds (123 points); Melb. Juniors, 1 goal 3 behinds (9 points.)

Rose of Northcote *v.* Yarraville.—This match was played last Saturday on the latter's ground, and resulted in a draw after a splendid struggle. The Rose were considerably weakened and places had to be found for Russell, White, Ward, Jenkins, and Pouch, whose number did suddenly on Saturday morning. Both teams scored 4 goals 7 behinds apiece. The Rose announced the season with a draw and finished with a draw.

On Saturday last the All Saints' (Preston) journeyed by rail to Epping to play a friendly game with the local team, but owing to bad management on the part of the Eppingites, none of their players turned up. The latter, however, kindly lent us a few, so as late as the Thursday when All Saints' received a telegram from Epping stating that they had decided to play.

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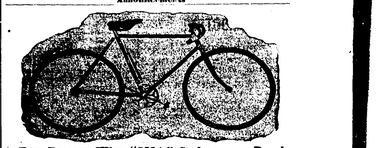

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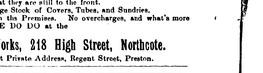

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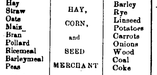

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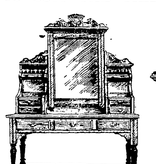

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A re-union of the congregation of the Northcote Presbyterian Church, James street, of an exceedingly pleasant and successful nature took place at the town-hall on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, the building being none too large to hold the company, who were seated in groups round small tables and *vis-a-vis* fashion. The Rev. R. W. Hamilton filled the duties of chairman in genial and breezy manner, putting all in the best of humour and during the evening he had the pleasure of presenting to Mrs. Fraser, the church organiste, on behalf of the choir and congregation, a good watch as a mark of appreciation and esteem. The gentleman could not say too much for the faithful and efficient way Mrs. Fraser had always carried out those duties, and in connection with the events, together with an entertaining programme of songs and recitations and a liberal distribution of refreshments (a large place), in the happiest fashion. Mr. J. H. Ingram, one of the trustees, seized upon the opportunity of the gathering to make an appeal to the congregation to lift a burden off the trustees' shoulders in the shape of a £100 debt on the manse. This fell due in March next, and he said Mr. Melrose, a former member of the congregation who might give £30 if the rest will raise the other £70." That was approving applause at the announcement, and also a smile, several exceedingly suggestive the identity of the donor. During the evening the following programme was contributed:—Duet, "Westward ho," Misses Bennett and Brown; song, "The Yeoman's wedding-day," Mr Reid; recitation, "How Jimmy died the baby," Miss Doris Litsiter; song, "The middy-mite," Mr Gilmour (encore, "The old brigade"); song, "O Sweet spring, all hail," Choir; song, "The toilers," Mr. Sinclair; song, "Did you good bye," Miss Shepherd; song, "A may morning," Mr Harvey; recitation, "The baby sez, she knows," Miss Rutherford; song, "Asleep in the deep," Mr T. Brown; duet, "Pleading," Misses Sinclair. The pleasant evening was brought to a close with the doxology.

To wean the boys and girls away from "Deadwood Dick" and the "Penny Novelette" is, H. Brown, of the Northcote State School, has his opinion, the idea of forming a school library, where the good penny dreadful is not "good enough." Such an idea is worthy of all encouragement, and no doubt the library founder's request to the residents to send along such suitable books as they have now no use for will meet with larger response. Already the library has about 80 volumes.

A resident named James Armytage wrote on Monday evening asking the council to lend him for a few days a road that had broken, a suit of clothes he had outfitted, and [illegible] he received by reason of riding into a hole in Arthur's ton road, between St. George's road and the railway bridge. It was decided, on a motion of Crs. Candy and Smith, to inform him whether that the council could not accept any liability in the matter.

At the meeting of the Northcote town council on Monday evening feeling references to the death of Mr. Hall and the sympathy sustained by Cr. Mark in the death of his wife, and councillors decided to send a letter to their colleague sympathising with him in his bereavement.

A cinderella dance was held in the Northcote town hall last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the local branch of the Australian Women's Association. There was a fair attendance of young people and an enjoyable evening was the result. Refreshments were served during an interval, and an occasional song was given between the dances. The president (Mrs. Hayes), assisted by the secretary and officers, were active throughout the evening in promoting sociability and searching new members.

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LOCALISMS.

Moa road race this afternoon, starting from tram terminus, Preston. It is expected that 40 or 50 riders will take part.

The Rev. A. Isaac, who has been in charge of the Congregational church, Prince of Wales' Park, for some years past, has accepted a call to Williamstown.

The Legislative Assembly have affirmed by 24 votes to 19 the desirability of opening the public library and art galleries on Sunday.

A special meeting of the Preston branch of the Political Labor Council is called for Monday evening, 26th inst., at the Cycle Club's buildings, High street.

In fulfilment of an odd promise which he made to the players of the Northcote Football Club at their social gathering, premiers Cr. Taylor is entertaining them at a smoke night at the Friendly Societies' Hall on Wednesday evening, 5th October.

A concert was held at the Methodist school hall, Preston, last evening in aid of the funds of the Mallard cricket club and passed off successfully.

Mrs. Leonard Baker announces having established a Northcote branch of Music opposite the town hall. At the present University local examinations Mrs. Baker entered one pupil only and this pupil was successful in the senior public grade.

The Railway Department have written to the Northcote town council, giving the number of houses which have been erected since the issue of free tickets by the Railway Department. Information was only granted by the Department so far as the buildings in plant's paddock subdivision is concerned.]

In connection with the anniversary of the Northcote Presbyterian Church, lecture, by W. F. Greenwood, Esq., solicitor, Melbourne, on "Humour" will be given at the Shire-hall, Preston, on Tuesday evening, October 4th. The lecture will be illustrated by over 100 exquisitely colored views prepared by Japanese artists and shown by means of a lime light. The lanternist will be the Rev. T. W. Hamilton, and a musical programme will be conducted on Sunday, October 2nd, when the preacher will be the Rev. W. Macoochie, of Hawthorn.

Members of the Northcote branch of the A.S.A. are notified that the next meeting will commence at 7.30, so as to allow time for members to get to Preston for dance given by the ex-presidents at 8. There has been a large response to Secretary Bastings' circular, and a splendid gathering is expected. The committee with the latter and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

The Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. F. J. Plant) left on Wednesday for a trip to Adelaide, where she intends staying for a few weeks. On Saturday evening last Cr. Edwards and Butler, confessed themselves much annoyed with the non-attendance of councillors, and after discussing the situation resolved to adjourn the meeting till Monday next. They also took advantage of their power under by-law 9, and took charge of the chair, the latter assuming the position, and must extend a welcome so called, or fine him reasonable sense.

PRIDE OF NORTHCOTE TENT, I.O.R.

The ladies signalised the first anniversary of the above tent by holding a grand concert in the town hall on Wednesday evening, in connection to enviate the main tent, who in years gone by celebrated their anniversaries by high-class concerts. The ladies managed a really splendid entertainment for the occasion—just such a one as the brethren would appreciate, but, unfortunately, instead of being the case the audience was extremely sparse. Despite this dispiriting fact those who were present were particularly enthusiastic and appreciative. There was scarcely an item on the programme that was not encored. Miss Lily Higgs, a talented young pianiste, gave her performance of Ketten's "Castenette" and also played the accompaniments throughout in a very capable way. The vocal numbers were simply enthralled with Mr. Reuben Morgan's violin selections and responded on additional numbers being given. Mr. G. Chant sang "Anchored" and "Off on Philadelphia" in a manner that afforded the greatest pleasure, and the same can be said of Miss Dorothy Hughes' rendering of "Sunbeam and Rain" and "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Miss Ethel Quong told "How the Chest-nut Horse Came Home" with true dramatic effect and recited in a capricious manner "Fairy Days" by Thackeray. In both instances Miss Quong responded to encores. Madame Mollie McClelland sang a couple of songs with much acceptance, and Mr. Bowen into a [illegible] and "Sing, Sweet Bird," and was encored. Mr. Bowen also played a recall for each. Mr. H. J. Harvey is the possessor of a pleasing baritone voice and sang his two numbers, "A Sailor's Grave" and "An Evening Song," most acceptably, the latter though being slightly marred owing to the singer not having his music in proper order. Mr. Bastings also was programmed for a couple of humorous recitations and gave them in his usual style, but encores for these numbers had to be given. The quartette "Sobbing," by Madame McClelland's quartette party, went splendidly and had to be repeated in part, and "The Singing Lass," by the same company, was equally successful, being heartily re-demanded. The entertainment was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The election of president was to have taken place at the meeting of the Epping shire council on Monday, but no nominations for the office were to hand at the hour of meeting, and consequently the election was postponed to Monday next, the 26th inst., when the nominations will be received between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock in front of the shire hall in the evening. Long and Young's band (piano, violin, and cornet) will be in attendance during the afternoon, and we have no doubt that a good many of the residents will take the time and spend the afternoon of the 7th to kindly notify the president (Mr. Henry) or the secretary (Mr. Hamilton).

LOVELY and artistic spring millinery to be on show to-day at Hattam & Hattam's, High street.—[ADVT.

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IMPROVED RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.

SUGGESTION BY CR. EDWARDS.

At the meeting of the Northcote town council on Monday evening Cr. Edwards moved—

That it would greatly benefit Northcote if improved railway communication be given to the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, and that the suburbs to Camberwell by the now needlessly closed Outer circle line, and that the council importune the Railway Commissioners to endeavor the early opening of the same, and that the Heidelberg Shire, Kew Borough, and Camberwell Council be requested to co-operate with Cr. Edwards to obtain the early opening of the said Line.

The mover contended that the more lights and outlets they could get for Northcote the better. If this line were re-opened residents of Northcote would be able to travel to the eastern suburbs direct without going to the city first.

Cr. Bailey seconded the motion *pro forma*, but he thought such a resolution should have come from Kew. (Laughter).

The mayor.—You mean Kew Council. (Laughter).

Cr. Bailey—Yes. (Laughter).

Cr. Pearl—That's all right.

Cr. Bailey, continuing, said he thought the line would be a good communication—opening the line as soon as there was a prospect of paying. It would probably cost could assist in getting the line opened no doubt they would be only too pleased.

Cr. Candy said there was one school that was travelling on the line when it stopped. Cr. Edwards—And there was three times the population then as now.

Cr. Candy—Just in the same way. Cr. Dennis said the re-opening of the line was a good thing. It would be the signal for many new industries to start up. Cr. McIntosh—Kew did not use the line before.

Cr. Edwards said just the same objection and just the same silly arguments were used when it was proposed to open the loop.

Cr. Bastings—Is Cr. Edwards justified in saying the arguments put forward are silly?

Cr. Edwards—You must agree that the arguments put forward are silly.

Cr. Bastings—Well, I don't agree with the latter and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

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JUVENILE LITERARY TASTE.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—For some time I have regretfully noticed the tendency of our Australian youth to develop an unhealthy taste in literature, that is, when the taste is developed at all. Girls are too prone to confine their reading to the trashy penny novelette, and boys to the "penny dreadful" and the "Deadwood Dick" and "Bugler Bill" type. A degraded taste in literature produces a degraved imagination.

In order to foster a taste for good books—and by good I don't mean "good-goody"—I have started a school library, which consists of at present about eighty volumes.

I am confident that many of your readers will be willing to "help" and appeal to them for gifts of books. Even if the books are somewhat out of repair they will be welcomed. The children will soon put them in good order. If those who have books, or even one book, which they can spare, will let me know I shall be pleased to send for the first parcel addressed to me may be safely entrusted to the care of the guardians of the school.

Will your readers kindly look through their bookshelves, and probably they will find some book never opened now for years, which could be added to our library, will be a source of pleasure to some reader, while to the donor will experience "the luxury of doing good."—I remain etc.,

J. H. BROWN.

State School.

CONCERT AT PRESTON.

At the shire hall, Preston, on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., a concert was given by the Edinboro Quartet party, which, owing to a moderate attendance, is being difficult to muster a good programme, was well carried out, and to benefit some church or charity. The company numbered six, and gave a very satisfactory programme, well pleasing the audience. Since Miss Ida Wassell's last appearance on the platform a marked step was may presume that young lady has taken to heart the advice of her friends, and no doubt she is a very good pianiste, as she played the selected pieces—one humorous ("John and Tibbie's dispute") and one both humorous and pathetic, "Bairnie in Heaven's Door"—in both of which she was exceedingly well received, and encored as desired. Miss Wassell was recalled after her second piece, and responded finely merited. Miss Anderson is a novice compared with the last-named lady, but she proved herself a fairly pleasing and promising reciter. Her piece, "Old Mose's Story," was well and went especially well. The quartet party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Ada Noel and Mr. Charnley gave several numbers, including "The Swanee river," "Sweet and low," "The Lost Chord," "Sobbing" and "Tickling," of which the two last-named were the most popular. Mrs Scott sang well the fine song, "The waking of spring," and also tackled the song with the "Oh, Ee-cawee!" into the broad humour of which she threw herself with a will, singing in her best form. Miss Noel substituted "Come, love, with me" for the more trying "Mia Piccarella," and Mr. J. Scott gave with flute obligato "O promise me." Mr. Charnley, as usual, ably played a flute solo ("La Serenata") and Mrs. Charnley was a reliable accompanist, and a symphonious solo, "The gipsy's warning," by Mr. Frenchard was also included in the programme. The song is not quite Mr. Garrity sang "Queen of earth," and Mr. Scott "The Lord is my Jamieson played a duet on the piano, and Miss Ada Noel and Mr. Charnley accompaniments were nicely played by Miss Jamieson. The National Anthem by the whole company brought the programme to a close.

CLIFTON HILL & NORTHCOTE U.F.S. DISPENSARY

The above named institution was opened on the 12th inst. at Queen's Parade, opposite the Clifton Hill railway station, and by the definition was the outcome of a meeting of delegates from the Clifton Hill and Fitzroy Northcote, and surrounding district, and decided that it was desirable that the Fitzroy dispensary should open a branch. The proposition was appointed to wait on them for the purpose, but a child on the way to their way to comply with the request another meeting was held, at which it was decided to establish a dispensary themselves. With that object an executive committee was appointed, and after many meetings arrangements were completed, and the dispensary was duly established and opened by Mrs. L. Barker as head dispenser. Mr. Wilson, M.L.A., presided, and there were also present Mr. Wanless, U.A.O.D. Clifton Hill; committee, Messrs. Hall, Wyatt, Wilson, Mrs. Hopkinson, G.S.T., Northcote; Mr. Kay, Northcote; Mr. White, I.O.F.G., North Fitzroy; Mr. Cowell, A.F.C. Clifton Hill; trustee, Mr. Crawford, F.A.F.C. Clifton Hill; trustee, Mr. Crawford, F.A.F.C. Clifton Hill; trustee, Mr. Crawford, F.

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The Opening Chapters
OF A
NEW TALE,
IN THIS ISSUE.

THE VELVET HAND,
OR THE
Secret of the Steel Casket,
By the Author of "Decoyed," "The Nine Man," &c.

CHAPTER I.
THE MORNING AFTER.

"I want to see the chief of detectives.

"He is out of the city."

This gentleman, then, will do—David Merritt, one of the oldest inhabitants of New York city, extended a card and the secretary of the police department received it.

Robert Lockee's name read: You seem familiar with my best material, Mr Merritt. I will summon him at once." And the clerk, touched one of the row of electric buttons at his desk, and then added unceremoniously: "And this robbery case of yours comes within my province, and I suppose you want to report it officially—sorry to have you troubled."

The lawyer interrupted the clerk: "Burglary, then?"

"I do not even know that it is that. Why," exclaimed the clerk, in surprise, "you said—"

That a case of that description no longer me here. It is true, but so far it has only developed me a mystery. I like problems and prefer to have the affair investigated under the auspices of a standing of old man who stood nervously twisting his hands, evidently the worse for wear with severe internal emotion.

My old clerk here," proceeded Mr Merritt, "has been in my employ for 20 years, and is absolutely trustworthy and reliable. He makes his bed on the settee yonder nights, and is a light sleeper. I am the only person who has a key to the safe, and the location of the valuables. Nothing has been moved, so they were when I arrived here this morning. There was not a chair out of its usual precise position, nothing to suggest the mystery that confronted me when I unlocked the vault and saw—this!"

With quite a dramatic movement the lawyer advanced to the vault and threw open its door.

The detective glanced in interior. Upon the floor was a disordered heap. The vault was lined with pigeon-holes, and the upper boxes that were filled them lay mixed up with all kinds of documents.

"You have looked them over," asked the lawyer, turning to his clerk.

The latter extended a closely-written sheet, with the words:

"I have verified the schedule here—not a paper missing."

"You understand?" spoke Merritt, addressing the detective quite excitedly. "The room was entered, the vault door unlocked, three boxes ransacked, none taken, the vault relocked—why? How? By whom?"

"That is the case!" inquired Locke, as tranquilly as if an easy sum in arithmetic had been submitted for solution.

"That is the mystery," responded the lawyer. "And I leave it in your hands. Nothing—not even this—must think of the ruin." There are—but think of involving the fortune and reputation of some of the oldest families in the city. Who has pried into them—and why? I would not long hold the inquisitive secret. I believed to be pack guarded behind those massive doors, if the public knew that they had opened it at the will of an intruder as lightly as I myself have unlocked those paper doors."

The detective made no reply. He was thinking.

Merritt was a cheerful man in making statements.

The case as the old lawyer had given it was probably correct in every detail. Some remarkably expert and soon had baffled the opposition of triple locks, iron bars and a vault combination known only to one man.

"You will accept the case?"

"You will accept the methods employed first. Then," spoke Locke, advancing to the door.

He found it open, and lingering at its threshold stood the same man he had signalled at police headquarters.

"You heard me talking, Woolcott," inquired Locke.

The man nodded in assent.

"Then you have already overheard my opinion, but unusual suppleness, should say, that you have also noticed every object in the room, and if they were gimlets."

He drew Locke into the hall and pointed up.

"The man got in there," he said simply.

"By the transom?"

"Who is this?" asked the lawyer, evidently fault of a stranger.

"An assistant detective," said Merritt, "and I will add myself, replied the detective with no small dignity, "that I am not employed to receive directions and Woolcott retired.

Then Locke said to the lawyer:

"The man we shall seek is one has not been out of your employ nights, and I believe he has just terminated a sentence. I know his face perfectly, and will have some word for you by to-morrow.

But what could possibly be his motive? It is impossible," quavered the old clerk, coming forward. "It does not seem—"

"It does not," interrupted Woolcott, positively. "If you will get me a cab, sir, I will find that man. He has been long scenes that hold the sash to a certain window, and there is not even a scratch or a mark. He was a deft, fearless fellow."

He must have been," grumbled the clerk, sceptically, with a touch of the old-world words, and we should have summoned the police."

"Then," spoke Locke, with a touch of sarcasm, "you would have had no clue"; he declared, but possibly a chance to escape. I prefer to preserve his balance, for he was fallible."

The clerk looked straightly. Locke went downward, fast forcement, his hands opening paged edges of a pocket-book, in knew that he had tumbled upon a clue. The space between two partitions of bills.

His descent was less than twelve feet; but it placed him in a most unfavorable position. He was quite lightly squeezed, and he could not even turn his head. The floor overhead was of solid mahogany.

He could hear the hum of voices and distant footsteps in his right.

Evidently only a thin sheet of lath and plaster separated him from the denizens of the place.

He managed to get out his hand to see if the space was obstructed by wire. There was nothing but a loose wire.

He was about to sweep it carelessly aside when it vibrated, and within the partition he heard the sharp rattle of a bell sounded.

He took the loose wire, and the instrument is right in front of my face, and I can hear all I have to say."

"Then you talk over the wires," Rodolphe.

The telephone rang off.

Locke heard the hall door close upon his retreating footsteps. He started to get out of the partition space.

He found that he could not climb up without making considerable noise and disturbing the plastering, and he squeezed along for several feet.

Finally, he came to where the walls joined, and projecting nails or beams rendered an ascent easy.

He climbed up noiselessly, crossed a floor, and feeling over its surface of what seemed to be a door, pushed it open before he was aware of it and stood half-blinded by a glare of light.

You want to go down?" inquired a prompt voice.

And the detective observed a man arise from a stool under a lamp.

He was the colored watchout. Locke had come upon the little entry where Merritt's clerk had been stationed.

"Yes," he said, quickly turning his face away, as the man began moving toward a door.

And he could hear a creaking outside as the latter was lowered.

He moved to their top step, as the man grabbed back a sliding shutter, shutting upon the stairway.

"Hold on! I don't know you—I never saw you before!" exclaimed the watchman. "Say, I'll have to report this, and the same time he had made two steps in the passage.

The man at the telephone opposite Rolfe Watson, alias The Velvet Hand.

The motive of his visit to the lawyer's office is explained previous was a search for 'the Norman documents.'

CHAPTER III.
CLUE UPON CLUE.

The detective had only seen Rolfe Watson twice in his life, and that was three years before the present time.

On the latter of those occasions he had been astonished at the masked burglar in the looks of the man.

He felt somewhat embarrassed.

"Why, I know you—I never—"

"It's Watson. I wouldn't have recognized you, Locke, sharply, giving the watchman a push, and he drew Locke into the hall and pointed up

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19TH.

Present:—Cr. Plant (MAYOR) McIntosh, Smith, Bastings, Mitchell, Taylor, Dennis, Candy, Bailey, Pearl, Thompson, Marks, Edwards, Bain and Hayes.

DARK PATHWAY.

The Railway Department wrote intimating that they could not see their way to put a lamp midway on the path leading from Woolton Avenue to Croxton station.

LEVEL WANTED.

E. J. Whitebell wrote asking for levels of Martin street, so that he could have the floor levels of two houses he intended building there high enough.

FACTORY PREMISES.

W. B. Jones wrote asking the council's approval of his premises at High street as a factory.—Referred to surveyor for report.

DEPUTATION FROM HEIDELBERG.

The Shire of Heidelberg wrote asking the council to receive a deputation re the drainage coming into their territory from Mitchell street.—Agreed to.

AN INVITATION.

Miss A. G. Tribe wrote inviting councillors to the opening ceremony in connection with the Holy Trinity Church bazaar.—Accepted on the motion of the Mayor and Cr. Hayes.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Smith (in the absence of Cr. Marks, chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £64 17s be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. R. R. Heron *re* plan of sub-division of land at corner of Clarke street and Victoria road.—That the plan having been favorably reported on by the town surveyor be now approved.—Adopted.

3. N. Rigby, *re* notice to remove building, St. George's Grove.—That on Mr. Rigby undertaking that he will comply with the council's notice within nine months from the date thereof no further action be taken in the meantime.

Cr. Smith moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Dennis explained that Mr. Rigby had built his house to a right-of-way, which depreciated the value of the property of the man who had to fac-hie back premises. As Mr. Rigby was under no compulsion at the time that he was building to a street they did not wish to be hard on him.

Cr. Thompson said that when the plan showed that this house was to face a right-of-way the engineer should have put Mr. Rigby right. Now the building had to be turned right round because of the gross carelessness of some one.

Cr. Smith—That's nonsensical. There was no plan submitted; the house was removed there.

Cr. Pearl contended that when a man built on an allotment of ground he had a right to build all over it.

Cr. Smith—And beautify Northcote.

Cr. Pearl—Yes. Not a question of beautifying Northcote; its a question of right. He would move that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole so as to ascertain the powers of the council.

Cr. McIntosh said Mr. Rigby had told the works committee that he saw the mistake he had made and he would remedy it if they only gave him time.

Cr. Edwards supported the recommendation.

Cr. Bailey—I support the resolution to give him 9 months. (Laughter).

Cr. Smith—Had labour? (Laughter).

Cr. Bailey, continuing, said all the trouble occurred through trying to get out of the payment of of a guinea building fee. How would Cr. Pearl like us to have to face somebody else's back premises. (Laughter).

Cr. Hayes wanted to know whether they were going to establish the precedent of giving every person who broke the building regulations 9 months to rectify it.

The MAYOR—Each case will be treated on its merits.

Cr. Bastings spoke in support of the recommendation and also Cr. Mitchell, who said that Mr. Roberts had informed Mr. Rigby that he was building to a right-of-way.

The clause was then adopted.

4. Lighting.—That the leader of J. Parker for supply of oil, etc., and lighting kerosene lamps for one year from 1st October next at the rate of 22 3s per lamp be accepted.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts amounting to £3 0s 6d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts, including public works accounts, amounting to £130 14s 7d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. City of Richmond *re* valuation of transit, gasworks, &c.—That this council appoint two delegates to attend the conference to discuss the matter.—Adopted.

3. Private street, preparation of plan, etc.—That a qualified assistant be appointed to assist the town surveyor to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, schemes, etc., for the streets and lanes ordered by the council; the cost thereof to be charged to the respective streets or lanes, as on the former occasion.

Cr. Thompson moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Pearl considered there should be no need for an assistant.

Cr. Thompson said Cr. Pearl was on the committee when Mr. Blackie told them that it was utterly impossible with the work he had in hand to cope with these plans.

After a lengthy discussion the clause was adopted, the only dissentients being Crs. Pearl and Hayes.

4. Tram engineers' report.—Track and pulleys in fair order; machinery and boilers in good order; cable well filled; *gears in very fair order.*—Adopted.

OPENING OF THE TYE TRACK.

The Mayor reported result of deputation to the Minister of Lands in support of petition by this council to have the track declared a public highway, as already reported in these columns. Since then he noticed that Cr. Crispe had moved that a request be made to the Minister for a similar concession on behalf of Preston. He took this to be a vindictive act on the part of the Preston Commissioner, as one of Mr. Fitzgibbon's great arguments to influence the Minister against granting the petition had been that if one municipality was granted the concession all the others would be demanding the same.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Taylor suggested that a joint action be taken to get some advantage from the Ivanhoe Lake Scheme by sending some of the water up the Merri creek for flushing.—Any action was deferred till the council decided what to do in order to secure the £400 placed on the Government estimates towards further improving the Merri creek.

Cr. Dennis moved that the surveyor report on the plan submitted by the South Ward Ratepayers' Association for the improvement of the approaches to the town to the next meeting of the works committee.

Cr. Bailey moved that a request be made to Mr. Heron to construct the streets in his subdivision before disposing of the land. Cr. Smith seconded. Carried.

Cr. Taylor said he believed there was a quantity of surplus earth from Plant's paddock street works that would be suitable for top-dressing the park. He moved that the matter be referred to the parks committee. Carried.

Cr. Smith said he had been asked by certain Fitzroy residents to say that they desired the co-operation of this council in getting a motion on the loop line about Hanbidge's Crescent.—Left until next meeting.

PATHS FOR NARROWER ROADWAYS.

The following motion stood in Cr. Edwards name:—"That in order to more effectually and economically construct all feature streets 50 feet in width and upwards, the pathways be made not less than 15 feet wide to allow of treeplanting on footpaths, and to curtail the cost of completely metalling the entire street construction. In the 5½ miles of streets it was proposed to make there would under the new system be a saving in metal of at least £2000.

Cr. Edwards, in moving the motion, thought he thought each street would have to be treated on its own merits.

Crs. Pearl, Candy and Smith considered a roadway of 33 feet, which Cr. Edwards's scheme meant in 50 feet streets, would be too narrow. They suggested that the matter be considered by the committee of the whole.

Cr. Edwards said he was quite agreeable, and for the time being the matter was so disposed of.

[illegible]

Cr. Edwards had a motion on the paper in reference to the opening up of Victoria road to Preston and South Northcote, but in deference to the wishes of the Mayor and other councillors he withdrew it for the time being.

SERIOUS STATEMENT BY A PHYSICIAN.

"I say without hesitation, that the cause of one half of women's ailments is Constipation! Anæmia, headache, derangements, irritability, and a host of other maladies all arise from that one root cause! Cure that and you cure one half of women like me!" So said a leading physician. He continued:—"Take the common complaint many women make, 'Oh, I can't eat!' How can any person hope to have a true appetite who suffers from Constipation? Will the fire which is choked with ashes burn brightly? A system which is constipated is like a fire chocked with its ashes. The same ailment also gives rise to indigestion, pains in the back, occasional dizziness, and depression." The question at once arises:—Can habitual constipation be cured?" It can if Bile Beans are properly applied and persevered with. Nurse Balding, residing at 108 Bourke street, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, writes:—"You have my heartiest thanks for the benefit I have received from Bile Beans. About seven years ago, my health began to break up through over-work and worry. My liver was sluggish in its action, and I suffered from Constipation and Indigestion, and finally Decline. Several doctors prescribed for me, but strange to say, I derived no benefit from their treatment. I also tried several medicines advertised as a cure for my complaint, but failed to improve in health. Bile Beans were recommended by a friend, and although I had little faith in their doing me any good after all the others had failed, I still determined to give them a trial, and purchased a box. Their effect was marvellous from the first few doses, and, continuing the course, I was quickly restored to health. Since that time I have never been without Bile Beans in the house, and have recommended them to scores of my patients, and in each case they have derived great benefit. As for myself, I cannot speak too highly of them." Much more might be written to the same effect. If you suffer from Constipation, or any of its derangements it arises, don't fail to try Bile Beans. Obtainable from all medicine vendors, but refuse all substitutes.

FIGHTING ADULTERATION.

A FOOD SPECIALIST AT WORK

It is only too true that in Victoria, as elsewhere, the adulteration of food has always been more or less prevalent. No longer is this pernicious practice the crude business of former times, but it has developed into a fine art. Sophistications at one period might have been easily detected; now they often require the most experienced of experts to deal with them. About 1890, however, a considerable stir was made by the result of a number of analytical examinations of milk, tea, coffee, confectionery, and other articles of daily consumption supplied to residents of Melbourne and suburbs. These investigations were made by Mr. Frederic Dunn, the present Public Analyst to the City of Melbourne, and published from time to time in the "Argus." They had the effect of arousing public attention, and causing Parliament to adopt measures for the suppression of food adulteration. To gather some information regarding the present condition of affairs, a representative of "The Scientific Australian" recently visited Mr. Dunn at his laboratory. This establishment is not only one of the largest of its kind in Australia, but is also equipped with an extensive and valuable collection of all kinds of chemical apparatus, chemicals, and books.

"It is now," said Mr. Dunn, "many years ago since I first began analysing the food supplies of Melbourne and suburbs, and, ever since, I have strongly urged the necessity of legislation against adulteration. So long as 1876 I examined 25 samples of milk, as supplied to residents of the metropolis, not one sample of which was pure. In one instance, 47 per cent of added water was found, and also a deficiency of two thirds of its cream.

"In the same year I examined 143 samples of confectionery. Of these, 90 per cent of the orange and orange-red coloured lollies contained the poisonous pigments known as chromate of lead. The question as to the presence of the manufacture of poisonous confectionery was then brought before Parliament.

"It is significant," continued Mr. Dunn "that in the first instance, and the publication of the results by the press, that in the following year out of 93 samples of confectionery examined, only about 7 per cent of the coloured yellow and orange-red were found to contain poison. About four years later the colouring matter used in all samples was of harmless nature.

"In addition practised with many classes of foodstuffs and beverages?"

"Yes, in the case," Mr. Dunn, "has been conclusively shown by the researches of myself and others. Mustard, aerated drinks, beer, brandy, cocoa, honey, jams, jellies, pepper, pickles, sauces, vinegar, and wines are only a few of the many articles affected. A sample of ginger wine has proved, on examination, to consist of water, a little artificial preparation, consisting of water, sugar, colouring matter, and flavouring essence, dosed with salicylic acid.

"The boiled drink that was freely doctored, continued our informant, "is limejuice, a sample of which was found to consist principally of water with citric, tartaric, and acetic acids, colouring matter, and a little essence of limes. This thoroughly refreshing drink was being sold as genuine limejuice.

"Bakers have been prosecuted for adding a few grains of alum to the 4 lb. loaf, yet I have found gingerbread, upon investigation, to contain an amount of alum equal to 300 grains to 4 lb of sample. "Coffee has been offered for sale which contained no less than 50 per cent. of chicory. Certain articles sold as genuine chocolate, labelled 'Potted Cocoa,' 'Potted Ham,' 'Devilled Ham,' have contained nothing more appetising than the harmless bunny.

Such are but a few of the many devious ways pointed out by Mr. Dunn, in which the unsophisticated public is imposed on.

"I suppose, then, that all the municipalities recognise the benefit of analytical examinations of the food supply?"

"Well, those that send samples for analysis do, though many neglect this, and very many are ignorant. The secretary (Mr. Strahle) read the annual report and balance sheet, which showed the society to be in a most satisfactory condition. The chief event of the year was the winning two and loosing three. Mr. F. Mathrick was the bowling champion, and also the first rate association prize, with the splendid average of 29.25, followed closely by his club mate, W. Fyfe, who won the batting average for the club. Two of the boards were contaminated. This, alone, shows a saving of many thousands of pounds annually to the ratepayers, who then receive pure milk, instead of milk and water. From a sanitary point of view, the benefit derived from a pure food supply is incalculable. In one case it was found that water from a rough had been added to the milk. The analytic examinations also afford protection to the honest vendor."

"What article is most frequently adulterated?" was next asked, and, as expected, the reply was "Milk." "It had to be," said Mr. Dunn, "stale milk with chemical preservatives in the place of the natural preservatives in the cream, is the cause of the deaths of many infants in Melbourne alone."

"The principal excuse made by the milkmen, who are found selling adulterated milk, is that they have bought it from some other dairyman. In one instance the milk vendor's daughter was said to have sold the innocent cause of his adulteration when watering a flower garden and not noticing an uncovered milk can which had been left among the plants.

The difficulties which Mr. Dunn has had to contend with, in his unwearying efforts to secure a pure food supply for the public, may be better understood by noticing the action of the Central Board of Health in 1876, when Mr. Dunn was giving the result of his analytical examinations of milk and its adulteration. In the "Argus" of April 15 appeared the following paragraph:—"It appears to the Board that, as the law at present stands, the sale in question is sanctioned as all consists merely in the abstraction from the milk of a definite portion of water, neither of which is a deleterious substance, and, therefore, that the case does not, in the absence of any evidence that the sale is injurious to health, afford ground for the intervention of the Board. Now for prosecutions occur almost every day for this offence.

CRICKET.

PRESTON CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above was held in the shire hall (kindly granted by the council) on Friday, 16th inst. Mr. H. Mathrick was voted to the chair in the absence of the above president, (J. C. Newton) who sent an apology. There was a very large attendance. The secretary (Mr. Strahle) read the annual report and balance sheet, which showed the society to be in a most satisfactory condition. The chief event of the year was the winning two and loosing three. Mr. F. Mathrick was the bowling champion, and also the first rate association prize, with the splendid average of 29.25, followed closely by his club mate, W. Fyfe, who won the batting average for the club. Two of the boards were contaminated. This, alone, shows a saving of many thousands of pounds annually to the ratepayers, who then receive pure milk, instead of milk and water. From a sanitary point of view, the benefit derived from a pure food supply is incalculable. In one case it was found that water from a rough had been added to the milk. The analytic examinations also afford protection to the honest vendor."

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FOOTBALL.

THE ROSE'S RECORD.

Victorian Junior Football Association.

For a new club the Rose of Northcote has been very successful. To win third place in the competition is a good performance. In the first year's match the Rose defeated Flora Park by one point, Northcote by 2 points, Preston by 3 points, and were only beaten in the return match by 3 points. The total number of goals was by 10 points only. Undoubtedly their strongest team is that which beat Flora Park by 2 goals, and Northcote by 3 goals, as they have only had 37 goals and 82 behinds scored against them in 15 matches, or a total of 304 points; while they have scored 89 goals 136 behinds, or a total of 670 points, a record-goal for itself, and emphasises the consistency of the team throughout the season. The following are the Rose's best players:—Full back, Bailey; backs, Dalton, Wilson, and Cappelletta; half-backs, Dalton, Wilson, and Cappelletta; centre: Monar, Hewson, Duff, in the ruck, O'Donoghue, Downey, Ward and Peach; forwards, played well throughout. The trainers, Messrs. Chaney, Oliver, Hicks, Rose, Crawford and Stafford always turned the team out very fit, being always well up to the mark in the game. In proof of this our opponents in the first half of the 4 final matches only scored 6 points between them.

Northcote *v.* Soldiers' Hill Wanderers (Ballarat).—This match, which was played at the Northcote Park on Saturday last, resulted in a rather easy win for the local team, the scores being—Northcote, 9 goals 8 behinds (80 points); Soldiers' Hill, 1 goal 5 behinds (11 points). Goal kickers for Northcote—Davis (4), Burrell (3), J. Hammond, and Collins. The visitors were entertained at a smoke-night at the town-hall in the evening, at which there was a large attendance. The inexpitable manner in which they had been treated by the Northcote club was heartily appreciated by the Soldiers' Hill boys.

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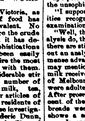

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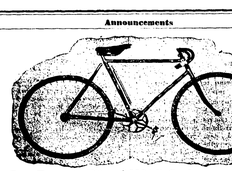

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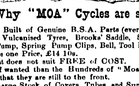

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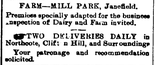

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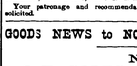

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