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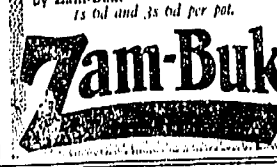


**PRESTON CYCLING CLUB.**  
 On Saturday, February 26th, the Plenty road was the scene of a well-contested road race from Preston to Whittlesea, promoted by Mr. Jones of the Gowerville Hotel, and Mr. Coman, of the Cyclist's Rest, Whittlesea, and run under the auspices of the above club. That the event evoked considerable interest was manifest by the large number of competitors, and by the numerous spectators who gathered cheer the boys as they dashed past. The winner, a large, brawny youth, and a fine specimen of physical stamina, was conceded 7 min. start, and led, practically all the way. The results were—First, M. Sheehan (7 min.) time 57 1/2 min.; second, L. Chapman (1 min.), time 54 1/2 min.; third, J. Ahearne (7 1/2 min.), time 1 hour. Fastest time was set by E. Bainbridge (2 min.) who covered the course in 53 1/2 minutes. H. Goodfellow secured the body prize taking 3 1/2 hrs. to complete the course, and was duly presented with a leather medal. Falls were prevalent and the latter was amongst the unfortunate. Many attended the dance in the evening and had a most enjoyable time. Owing to large bush fires the run to the Caselles had to be abandoned, but up to 5 o'clock on the 27th all considered programme amply and most enjoyably filled, and they turned their "steel steeds" homeward, humming and pedaling to that sweet refrain, "There's no place like home." A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Coman for the timely recommendation afforded to all.

**SOUTH MORANG.**  
 The farmers of South Morang and surrounding districts held their annual picnic and sports in Mr. Crozier's paddock on Wednesday, 23rd Feb. The weather was all that could be desired; there was a good attendance, and everything passed off successfully. In the evening a ball was held in the Unity hall, when there were about 180 present, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The catering was carried out by Mrs. Armstrong in her usual excellent style. The following were the results of the sports:—  
 Boys' race, 10 years and under—R. Nelson 1, A. Harmer 2, A. Page 3.  
 Girls' race, 10 years and under—A. Sheffield 1, B. Harmer 2, J. Williamson 3.  
 Boys' race, 15 years and under—F. Harmer 1, L. Nelson 2, W. Young 3.  
 Girls' race, 15 years and under—O. Harkness 1, V. Young 2, E. Williamson 3.  
 Boys' consolation race—L. Williamson 1, P. Childs 2, W. Cooper 3.  
 Girls' consolation race—H. Smith 1, M. Sparkes 2, V. Williamson 3.  
 Single ladies' race—L. Butcher 1, E. Laidlay 2, M. Auld 3.  
 Single men's race—B. Combe 1, D. White 2, D. McDonald 3.  
 Married ladies' race—Mrs. Sparkes 1, Mrs. Carter 2, Mrs. Harmer 3.  
 Married men's race—O. Andrews 1, Open handicap—J. O'Connor 1, J. Davey 2, D. White 3.  
 Committee race—H. Crozier 1, A. Bodycott 2, J. Nelson 3.  
 Men's handicap high jump—J. Pratt 1, B. Combe 2, H. Harkness and E. Bodycott (equal).  
 Ladies' bottle race—E. Laidlay 2, Miss Bodycott 2, Mrs. Carter 3.  
 Throwing at the wicket—H. Hirt 1, P. Gillian 2.  
 HORSE EVENTS:  
 Tilted at rings—H. Crozier 1, D. White 2, F. Harmer 3.  
 Handicap high jump for horses and ponies—F. Harmer 1, D. White 2, H. Crozier 3.  
 Ladies' driving competition—Miss Irish 1, Miss Anderson 1, Miss Smith 3.  
 Handicap trot—D. White 1, W. Fox 2, F. Ewart 3.  
 Donkey race—F. Harmer 1, H. Crozier 2.  
 Potato race on horseback—F. Harmer 1, J. Waycott 2.

**Preston Cycling Club and the Cricket Club.**  
 TO THE EDITOR.  
 Sir—Kindly permit me space in your journal to reply to the remarks of Mr. Pyfe, which appeared in last week's issue. When our sports secretary interviewed Mr. Pyfe on obtaining park, a meeting was immediately called in the pavilion, with the result that they could not see their way clear to grant the park—hence our remark—"no further action." Mr. Pyfe calls attention to "very scathing report." I might mention that the report was not meant in any way whatever to slight or bring discredit on the Cricket Club. We anticipated coming to an arrangement with Cricket Club for park, and had therefore commenced to advertise sports, but as nothing was forthcoming the public were beginning to enquire and published the facts and the particulars which caused us to abandon our sports. I fail to see why our remarks were unbecomingly—Yours, etc., ERNEST L. CHAPMAN, Hon. Sec. Preston District Cycling Club.

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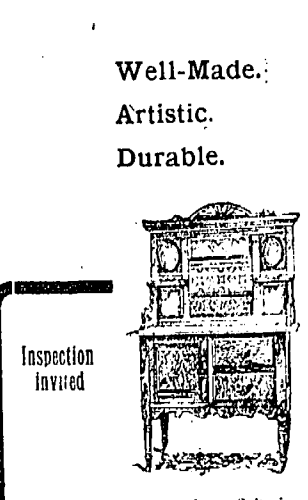


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**DAIRY HERD DESTROYED.**  
**RESULT OF PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.**  
**OWNER TO BE COMPENSATED.**  
 A serious outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia has occurred at a dairy farm in Preston, and as a result the whole of the herd of cows, numbering 78, and apparently healthy, have been destroyed by order of the Department of Agriculture. On post-mortem examination, 65 of the animals were found to be diseased. Neighbouring dairy farms have been quarantined, and the cows inoculated.  
 Referring to the outbreak on Monday the chief State veterinary officer, (Dr. Cameron) said that the disease had apparently existed at this farm for some time, as the owner had lost 19 cows over an extensive period prior to the officers of the department becoming aware that there was pleuro-pneumonia in the herd. The nature of the disease was discovered by a dairy inspector who visited the farm about a fortnight ago. At the first examination five animals were found to be badly infected, and they were immediately destroyed. Then 31 cows were set on one side as apparently recovered from the disease, or affected by it in a very mild form.  
 As every animal once attacked by pleuro-pneumonia acts as a carrier of the disease, even when it appears to have recovered, it was felt that it would be dangerous to allow these 31 cows to live. The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham), on being acquainted with the facts, agreed that the cows should be destroyed. He was impressed, however, with the justice of a claim for compensation by the owner. Mr. Graham arranged with the State Treasurer (Mr. Watt) that the man should be paid at the rate of one-third the value for the animals found to be diseased, and full value for those that proved to be healthy. The 31 cows were consequently killed, and all but one were found to have pleuro-pneumonia.  
 One bull, 16 cows, and seven heifers then remained on the premises, and it was decided that they also should be killed, so that no member of the diseased herd could be left as a possible menace. Post-mortem examinations proved that seven of the cows, three of the heifers, and the bull were diseased.  
 Dr. Cameron declares that no alarm need be caused by the outbreak, as adequate precautions have been taken to prevent a spread of the disease on adjoining farms.

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**PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.**  
MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Present:—Cr. Howe (president),  
Warr, Paterson, Allison, Robertson,  
Crispe, House, and Wilkinson.  
An apology was made for Cr. Stan-  
lake, who is away in Tasmania.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL.**  
A. Robertson, acting agent for the  
owner, Mrs. A. H. Story, wrote intimat-  
ing that he had been instructed to ap-  
pear against her valuations. He would  
plead to meet the council with a  
view to an amicable agreement being  
arrived at.—Received.

**LAND FOR PARKS.**  
E. J. James wrote forwarding for  
completion of a contract of sale in connection  
with purchase of land at High Street  
north for park purposes.  
The London Bank forwarded a simi-  
lar document in connection with the  
three acres of land purchased in Wood  
street.  
Cr. Wilkinson moved and Cr. Crispe  
seconded that the above be referred to  
the committee of the whole with power  
to complete. Carried.  
Cr. Howe thought the matter should  
be dealt with in the open council.

**IMPROVEMENTS IN LIGHTING.**  
The Railway Department wrote in-  
timating that, in reply to the council's  
request, an incandescent gas light would  
be provided in lieu of the existing kero-  
sene light at the Regent street  
crossing, which is a rearrangement of the  
platform lights to be effected so as to  
light Henry street crossing.—Received  
with satisfaction.

**NEW HEMP HOSPITAL BY LAWS.**  
The Fitzroy City Council wrote ask-  
ing the council to oppose the new by-  
laws of the Melbourne Hospital, as they  
took away the right from contributors to  
elect members of the medical and surgi-  
cal staff.  
Cr. Crispe moved that they fall in  
with the views of the Fitzroy City  
Council. To take the place of it in the  
supporters' hands and press it in the  
doctors' hands was anything but desirable.  
Cr. Howe seconded the motion.  
Cr. Wilkinson opposed the motion.  
He thought the new by-laws were a  
more in the right direction. The sup-  
porters have now power to elect the  
committee of management, and in that  
way have the control of the institution  
in their own hands. As regards voting  
for the medical staff they knew what a  
tremendous lot of money was spent in  
building up the staff by some medical  
men, which was very undesirable, as was  
the practice of having medical men toning  
for votes.  
The matter was referred to the com-  
mittee of the whole.

**An Encroaching Fence.**  
Isaac Barrow wrote with reference to  
the surveyor's contention that his fence  
was out of line. Before fencing he  
had a survey made by Mr. Allan Men-  
del, of Queen street, and both he and  
the contractor (Mr. Pepper) found the  
original pegs at the exact spot that they  
were in the new marks. He would re-  
mind the council that there was a foot  
square all round the sub-division.  
The surveyor reported that the differ-  
ence had been adjusted and Mr. Bar-  
row was now shifting his fence back.

**Tuberculosis Conference.**  
The City of Collingwood wrote invit-  
ing attendance at a conference on tuber-  
culosis of delegates of this council to  
consider further liberal proposals made  
by the Government in regard to provid-  
ing homes for the accommodation of ad-  
vanced cases of tuberculosis.  
The secretary reported that he had  
notified Crs. Allison and Stanlake (the  
council's delegates) to attend.

**Pamphlet for Consumption.**  
The Board of Public Health wrote  
acknowledging council's letter relative to  
the case of Mr. Pitt, the subject of a  
complaint by Mrs. Lynch of Hotham  
street, and they forwarded copy of a  
pamphlet of information with regard to  
the treatment of consumption.  
The secretary having read extracts  
from the pamphlet, Cr. Wilkinson moved  
that a copy of same be sent to Mr. Pitt.  
Cr. Paterson seconded, though he  
thought Mr. Pitt took all the precau-  
tions suggested.—Carried.

**Pender's Grove Settlers' Committee.**  
The Northcote Town Council wrote  
forwarding copy of a letter received from  
the Pender's Grove Settlers' Associa-  
tion referring to offensive fumes which  
emanate from establishments within this  
shire, and requesting to know what ac-  
tion the council was taking in the mat-  
ter.—Referred to the committee of the  
whole.

**Surplus Metal.**  
Dywan Bros. wrote asking the council  
to take 17 yards of surplus metal  
they had on their contract Plenty road.  
—Referred to the works committee on  
the motion of Crs. Howe and Paterson.

**Finance.**  
The treasurer reported a debit balance  
on the general account of £742 15s 1d,  
while No. 1 special improvement ac-  
count was in credit £50, and No. 2 in  
credit £102 2s 1d.  
Cr. Crispe—So there is no interest  
chargeable just now?  
The treasurer—That's so.

**Public Works Committee.**  
Cr. Robertson (chairman) submitted  
the report, recommending—  
1. That accounts amounting to £106  
10s 10d be passed for payment.—Adopted.  
2. Pitching right-of-way between  
Gower street and Town Hall avenue.—  
That the necessary steps be taken to  
have the lane graded under the provi-  
sions of the Health Act.—Adopted.

**Finance Committee.**  
Cr. Warr (chairman) submitted the  
report, recommending—  
1. That accounts amounting to £44  
10s be passed for payment.—Adopted.

**Committee of the Whole.**  
Cr. Paterson (chairman) submitted the  
report, recommending—  
1. Letter from H. G. Lowe in refer-  
ence to house in Wood street.—That  
the report of the inspector be referred to  
the health officer to report on the state  
of the house.—Adopted.  
2. Letter and plan of sub-division  
from Messrs Darvall and Horsfall.—  
That the matter be referred to the en-  
gineer to make examination.—Adopted.  
3. Clause 2 of engineer's report No.  
5.—That the matter be referred to pre-  
paration of a loan schedule.—Adopted.  
4. Consideration of engineer's report  
re assistance and inspector's report on  
thieves.—That consideration be deferred  
for 14 days.—Adopted.

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At Holy Trinity, Thornbury, on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. W. W. Wood, held a service for the people of the vicarage.

Miss Violet Day, daughter of Mr. W. Day, Park street, Northcote, who is now in the third year of her course at the Northcote State School.

The employees of J. C. Hutten held a social evening at the club hall on Wednesday evening.

Patrons at the Croton concert on Thursday evening, promulgated by Mr. Dalby, had more than usual interest.

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Localisms.

Keep Wednesday night free for the great entertainment at Northcote park arranged by the mayors and committee on Women's Hospital.

The Local Press.—'Though' said the Northcote meeting of the Northcote Board of Advice.

A parent was, because he did not obey a subpoena to appear at the Preston court on Tuesday for sending his son to school.

The Highway Commissioners wrote to the Preston Council on Monday informing them that they had received a letter from the request for a brick station at Hill, same could not be accepted.

By a singular coincidence the farm at Northcote on which a woolly dairy herd was kept, is the identical place where the disease first broke out in Australia.

The meeting of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society in the hall, Campbell street, Northcote, on Wednesday evening.

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'THE CALL TO WOMEN.'

THE MAYOR'S APPEAL TO THE LADIES OF NORTHCOE. Dear Madam.—Arrangements are being made in Melbourne and suburbs to hold a Bazaar in the Exhibition Building in aid of the funds of the Women's Hospital.

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PRESTON COUNCIL NOBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER. Sir.—I cannot but feel the letter of your correspondent, E. O. Brock, of Arthur's Creek, to be unparliamentary, because what he infers is too serious a character.

As regards persuading my fellow-councillors to pay a visit of inspection to Plenty road, which appears to be the only road in this district which is in a state of disrepair.

The inference that the council misappropriates the public money in the shape of the Government subsidy is very serious.

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NORTHCOE FINANCES.

MR. PLANT EXPLAINS THE POSITION. SOME INTERESTING FACTS. As an acknowledged authority on municipal finance, Mr. Plant was asked to give an address on the subject at the last meeting of the Northcote South Lakes Association.

In the course of a few introductory remarks, Mr. Plant said it was not his intention to reflect either on individual councillors or on the council as a whole.

His object would be to lay before the town, at the same time, explaining the borrowing powers, and let them judge for themselves as to what was best to be done.

He was going to assume that his audience knew nothing about the finances either from a loan or a revenue point of view.

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THE MAYOR'S APPEAL TO THE LADIES OF NORTHCOE.

Dear Madam.—Arrangements are being made in Melbourne and suburbs to hold a Bazaar in the Exhibition Building in aid of the funds of the Women's Hospital.

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think of, but was prepared to give any further information. He hoped the remarks he had made would afford some assistance to those who desired to find out what the real position of the municipality was.

In conclusion, Mr. Plant said he contemplated an early retirement from the council. Things were not made too pleasant for him personally in the council, and he did not see why he should be subjected to so much unfair criticism and have to put up with the attitude which some councillors displayed towards him.

Mr. Plant resumed his seat amidst hearty applause. The chairman (Mr. C. Jenkins) said Mr. Plant had given them some valuable information. Some of the facts mentioned by Mr. Plant were of a nature to give them a new idea how to stop the drift.

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A Millionaire's Wooling.

The door of the state room swung sharply back on its hinges, then closed. He heard the girl's heart thump guiltily beneath her bosom as she covered with her back up against an open door. Daphne Langford realized that for her there could be no escape.

"What do you conceive to be mine?" Sending to the captain to hand you over to his cabin mercies." Daphne uttered as though fazed by the silver of a chilling blast.

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Northcote State School. OPENING OF NEW BUILDINGS. VICE-REGAL VISIT.

For many years both teachers and scholars at the Northcote State School laboured under great disadvantages. The accommodation was inadequate, and what classrooms there were were ill-lighted and ventilated. But all that has been changed, for during the past twelve months an army of workmen have been busily engaged in erecting new buildings and remodeling the old.

The new addition is a perfect specimen of a modern school building. It contains six fine class rooms and a main hall 70 feet by 30 feet, and neither in exterior nor interior has architectural adornment been spared. A good many would say the building is over-elaborate architecturally, considering the purpose for which it is used.

As was fitting such a handsome addition to our school building. The local Board of Advice, acting in co-operation with Mr. Membery, M.L.A., and the mayor (Cr. Hayes) arranged for a formal opening on Friday, 4th inst., when there were present Lady Gibson-Carmichael, the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. A. Hill), the Director of Education (Mr. Frank Tate, M.L.A.), Mr. Hume Cook, M.P., and Mrs. W. Hayes, and several town councillors and their wives; the chairman (Mr. E. McPherson) and other members of the Board of Advice, and perhaps a couple of hundred parents of the children.

All these were assembled in the new main hall, which, with its fine proportions, high domed fibrous plaster ceiling, artistically ornamented lead-light windows, and special decorations for the occasion, made an excellent setting for the very interesting ceremony and entertainment which followed.

Lady Gibson-Carmichael, on arrival at 2.30, was met at the main entrance by a guard of honor, consisting of the school cadets, and on her entering the room the whole company rose and joined in singing the National Anthem.

The chairman of the Board of Advice having intimated that they were there for the official opening of the new school, said Mr. Membery, M.L.A., had been most active in getting these improvements, and the Board of Advice thought it only right that he should take the leading part in the proceedings, the charge of which he would now hand over to him.

Mr. Membery, in introducing Lady Gibson-Carmichael, said he was delighted to be there to congratulate parents, scholars, and teachers on the splendid addition which had been made to the school. The Northcote school was opened in 1874, with an average attendance of 104 scholars. Now, there was an average attendance of over 1100 scholars. It was therefore necessary to increase extensively the accommodation at the school, and he had to thank the present Minister and also Mr. Tate for hastening the construction of the new building, making the school as a whole one of the most commodious and up-to-date in Victoria.

Lady Gibson-Carmichael, who was received with great applause, and presented with a handsome bouquet, then declared the school open. Her Excellency said she did not think one could be long in Victoria without realizing the successful efforts of the Education department in improving the schools. There was no doubt the new school was a great improvement on the old one. The scholars should be proud of the main hall, which was the best she had seen in the Victorian schools she had visited. She hoped the children would take full advantage of their opportunities in this new school, which she had great pleasure in declaring open.

The Minister of Education, who was invited to speak, said the entertainment that afternoon served to show the mothers and fathers the value of having assembly halls of that character in connection with their new school buildings. That was part of the policy of the department in making improvements to the large schools. In these halls the children would assemble and give their entertainments. He wished to impress on them this fact, that while the Government was paying the cost of the buildings, it was the duty of the State to do its best to give effect to such legislation as would provide for the education of the children between the ages of 14 and 17 years. Next session the Government hoped to pass the Education Bill which was before Parliament last session. That bill was in accord with what was being done in Scotland, Germany and other countries, where they recognized that the period between the ages of 14 and 17 years was the important period in the lives of boys and girls.

man of the Board of Advice, said he had very great pleasure indeed in taking part in this function, as it marked a new era so far as education in Northcote was concerned.

Mr. Membery, in conclusion, said he thought they ought to recognize the thought that the teachers had in making the afternoon so pleasant, and he would congratulate Mr. Bishop on having such an excellent staff.

Mr. Bishop said they had gone through hard times, but now with better accommodation and this hall the work commended and all that he had to say was that he was glad to see the school in such a state of affairs.

Having to attend another function Lady Gibson-Carmichael was obliged to leave early. Before she left, however, she was on behalf of the town council and citizens, assured her of how heartily her visit was welcomed and her assistance appreciated.

Several toasts were honored. The mayor proposed "The King and the Empire." Mr. Membery proposed "The Northcote State School," coupled with the names of Mr. Frank Tate and Mr. E. C. Bishop, head teacher. Mr. Membery proposed "Success to the Northcote State School," coupled with the names of Mr. Frank Tate and Mr. E. C. Bishop, head teacher. Mr. Membery proposed "Success to the Northcote State School," coupled with the names of Mr. Frank Tate and Mr. E. C. Bishop, head teacher.

Mr. Tate commended by saying that this was the first time he had seen the new buildings and he was very pleased with them. The old classrooms were very poor, badly lighted and badly ventilated, and teachers and children had no chance of doing good work in them. Now they had a chance, and Mr. Bishop would be able to make the school worthy of this great and growing suburb. It would be a great stimulus to the teachers if parents showed their interest by going often to the school and giving them the benefit of their intelligent and appreciative criticism. He hoped now that a beginning had been made that the bond between parents and teachers would be a bond of sympathy and mutual respect. He hoped that the school would be a place where the boys and girls would be taught to be good men and women. As the proposer of the toast he said they had a good primary system of education, and there was no reason why every Victorian boy and girl should not get a really good beginning in their school education. But though the law said every boy and girl must go to school till they are 14 they could get a certificate at 12 and could then snap their fingers at the truant officer. They were a well-to-do community in Victoria. Visitors from other lands now well nourished and well dressed and the children are. Yet in poorer countries like Germany and Switzerland children must attend school until they are fourteen, and further in these intelligent communities they did not consider a boy fit for work until he had a certificate of his education ended at 14, and employers were bound and parents were bound to see that boys under their charge attended a continuation school up to 16 and 18. This not only ensured a thorough education but also tided the boys over the most difficult part of their education, and gave them a restraining influence they got into all sorts of mischief and drifted into bad ways. These advanced people knew that if they kept an educational grip on their children during this period they would be repaid a hundred fold. In Victoria, as he had said, they had a fine system of education up to 14, but it there ends.

Coming to another phase of education, Mr. Tate said he would like to tell them plainly that no technical education could begin before the age of 16. No country had succeeded in anything worthy of the name of technical education which did not begin on something higher than an elementary education. They had in Victoria technical schools which were languishing simply because the pupils who went there had no proper groundwork on which to build such an education. As a rule the pupils who when they came knew much less even than when they left school. They could never build up technical education here till they bridged over that gap between 14 and 16.

In Scotland, Mr. Tate went on to say, where they had always had an "educational conscience," as he termed the people, and he might be pushed forward, they were strong on the point on which he had been speaking. It was found as the result of a recent enquiry into the matter that in a population of four millions every boy between the ages of 14 and 16, except between the ages of 14 and 16, except about 9000, was on the rolls of a school, and even those 9000 included the physically unfit, cripples, etc. In poor poverty stricken Glasgow, where it was common for whole families to live in one room, and where it was not unusual for families to live together in one room till all were unable to take in their own (laughter) they might expect that a good many lads would be leaving school on a labor certificate, in this great city of 900,000 people there were only 75 such exemptions applied for in a year, while in a single school of 1000 in Melbourne about 100 were given in a single year.

The law in Scotland was that every educational authority must establish night schools; if they don't do it six ratepayers could complain, and would if it was not done. It was not so much that the German drovethought they had found the highly trained and educated of other lands.

Continuing, Mr. Tate said they had a fine technical college in the eastern suburbs, and he did not want to read the list of names in the northern suburb. The Working Men's College could not take a third of the pupils who applied for admission, so instead of the people having to spend their

time and energy and money going to the city, they should establish other such schools in the suburbs; a thought which he thought would be a very good chance of it being established here. The effort should be made while they had a sympathetic Ministry to deal with and an energetic member to work for them. (Cheers).

THE HEAD MASTER. Mr. E. C. Bishop, the head master, also responded. He thanked the proposer of the toast for the way he had spoken of the school. He was sorry the accommodation for parents had been so limited that he could not be like to have seen all parents present. He was his intention to have once a month a "parents' day," when some little entertainment would be arranged and parents would have an opportunity of going round and seeing what was going on; and the teachers would be glad to have any hints from them that would lead to improvement. He would like now to suggest, in the presence of the authorities, that the school fees be put in order, so that they could again place the gardens which had been destroyed by goats, dogs and other things.

The mayor then called upon Mr. Cohen, the architect, to say a few words. Mr. Cohen responded in a highly humorous speech, keeping the company merry for 15 or 20 minutes. He said that being deaf as he had not heard a word that had been said, but from "certain signs and indications" he gathered that they were "jolly well pleased with the school." Nobody was more critical of his work than himself, but in this particular he made a reasonable display; but he understood the fathers were running short and their neighbors would have to be satisfied with very much less. But he would like to know if children brought up in barracks were going to be the best sort of men. Those who know say a building has its atmosphere, and every person who comes into it is affected by that atmosphere. It was most important, therefore, that every school building should be the best they could possibly obtain. Mr. E. McPherson, the chairman of the Board of Advice, was also called upon. He said—I have always taken an interest in the children. I have got four of my own, and I have always done my best—(laughter)—to help the children (Applause).

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MRS. HOLLAND, 118, 120, 122 Smith Street, COLLINGWOOD. is now showing all the Latest Shapes in Autumn Millinery.

Congo Prepared Roofing Felt. in rolls 36 inches wide, containing 216 square feet. A Light, High Grade, Permanent, Easily Applied Roofing...

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DENTISTRY. T. WEBSTER, L.D.S. (Licentiate of Dental Society) M.A.O.D. 208 Queen's Parade, CLIFTON HILL.

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JOHN PHILLIPS, VETERINARY SURGEON and DENTIST, 92 BERRY ST., COLLINGWOOD. Open to call at any hour of the day or night.

PRESTON COUNCIL NEGLECT. The road, in places, has been a source of danger to the travelling public for such a long time that it is not surprising that the council and engineer could not possibly be aware of it...

The Clarke Scholarship. WON BY A NORTHGATE LAD. Noticeable citizens will be pleased to know that a local lad has been successful in winning the Clarke Scholarship...

South Preston Methodist Church. On Tuesday evening an All Home and Social reunion of the congregation will be held at the church...

NORTHGATE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. The celebration of the fifth anniversary was joyfully commenced on Sunday last. The school was opened with a very interesting and instructive service...

Northcote Ratepayers' Association Conference. The above conference some months ago suggested that a committee should be elected to consider the various planks recommended by the different societies...

Continental Carnival. Under the above happy banner a public entertainment has been arranged for the afternoon of 11th at night club place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday last...

Excelsior Tea Rooms, Clifton Hill. Mrs. Mabil & Miss M. Adamant. DESIRE to call attention to their NEW TEA ROOMS.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. Heron & Parker, BAND and GENERAL CONTRACTORS, give Notice of Removal from 82 HENRY STREET to 46 HENRY ST., NORTHGATE.

Superior Shirts! WE'RE SHOWING THEM NOW. JUST REBORN THEM. As fine a lot of Pretty Designs in Fashion Shirts as were ever shown in Collingwood.

George Wardrop, "TALON OF QUALITY," SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD. We're pleased to show them.

HOW SHALL WE VOTE? TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER. Sir—Will you please give me your attention to what appears in the forthcoming election?

PROPOSED £10,000 LOAN. SCHEDULED CUT DOWN TO £5000. WHOLE THING POSTPONED. At the previous meeting of the Northcote town council the schedule of the £10,000 loan was referred to the committee of the whole for consideration...

PROGRESS OF THE WORK. Towards the close of business on Monday evening Mr. Plant asked if there was any report of the tramway...

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OPEN-AR ENTERTAINMENT. IN AID OF WOMEN'S HOSPITAL. A SPLENDID SUCCESS. The mayors is to be congratulated on the magnificent gathering that attended the open-air entertainment...

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MELBOURNE'S EARLIEST AUCTIONEERS.

AS PROPRIETORS AND "AD." WRITERS. AN ANCIENT PAPER GIVES EVIDENCE.

Before Agnes or Ag were even thought of a little paper 8-page sheet was published by one of Melbourne's founders, old John Pascoe Fawkner, called the Port Phillip Patriot and Melbourne Advertiser.

Mr. Hastings has lent us a copy of this old print, dated October 3, 1839, in which every paragraph, article, and advertisement is of exceeding interest, as indicating the spirit prevailing in Melbourne 70 years ago.

It is to be noted that the first issue of the paper was published on the 3rd of October, 1839, in which every paragraph, article, and advertisement is of exceeding interest, as indicating the spirit prevailing in Melbourne 70 years ago.

Members of the Northcote baseball club are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Swanton street, City, on Monday night, 21st March, at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOLE WANDERING CATTLE NUISANCE.

WORDS IN THE COUNCIL. At the meeting of the Northcote town council the finance and legislative committee submitted the following recommendation:

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NORTHCOLE POLICE COURT.

MURDER, 17th MARCH. (By Mrs. Dr. Cole, P.M., and Mr. James Brown, Plait, Hayes, Bailey, and Lawrence.)

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DENTISTRY. T. WEBSTER, D.D.S. (Licentiate of Dental Society) M.A.O.D.

MISS SIDNEY B. COLE, L.R.A.M.S., R.C.M., London. PROFESSOR OF VOICE PRODUCTION, SINGING AND PIANOFORTE.

MISS QUEENIE PARKER, A.L.C.M., Receives and Visits Pupils for the PLAYBOY CLUB.

MISS V. M. V. M. G. O. U. R. P. (Pupil of Mr. W. A. Larner, University Conservatorium). Registered teacher of PIANOFORTE, THEORY, & HARMONY.

MISS EVELYN ASHLEY. Westleigh College, Northcote, on FRIDAY.

MISS FANNY SCARBROOK. Certified Pupil of Mr. Henry Gartin, Gert. Violin Trinity College, London.

MISS HERBERTA GARR, L.A.M., Member Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London.

MISS EVELYN ASHLEY. Westleigh College, Northcote, on FRIDAY.

J. E. HIPPER, PIANO AND ORGAN REPAIRS and TUNING'S Specialty.

The Leader

Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, MARCH 26.

Technical School will be established at Northcote, on the lines of that at Glenferrie, if an earnest effort were made to secure it.

Preston council have decided to raise a loan of £1500 to carry out the permanent works elsewhere enumerated.

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BOWLING.

THORNHURST NIGHT BOWL TOURNAMENT. THE FINALS. WON BY THE PRESTON MEN.

The final in connection with the Thornhurst night bowl tournament took place on Tuesday evening, under conditions that left much to be desired.

When Preston was 1 and S.M. 2 the latter lay a bunch of 4, but Strahle came with a fine shot and scored one.

At the recreation hall afterwards, Mr. Strahle, as skipper of the winning club, expressed a hearty thanks to Mr. Gilpin for donating such handsome prizes.

Ladies of Northcote who have not yet handed in their returns in connection with the Women's Hospital are requested to leave same with the treasurer (Mr. G. W. Smith) without delay.

The secretary of the Northcote Public Library (Mr. B. J. Whalley) received on Thursday last the following letter from Mr. E. Twyman.

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NORTHGOTE METHODIST S.S.

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PRESTON'S PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

LOAN OF £1500 DECIDED ON. SCHEDULE OF WORKS DRAWN UP.

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NORTHGOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 21st MARCH. [Before Messrs Thurstall (chairman), Brown, Melchior, and Robinson, J.P.]

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EPHING SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 21.

Present:—Crs. McCormack (president), Morgan, McCoy, Bodycost, Brown.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Lands Department forwarding conditions under which Government grants for improvement of parks could be claimed.—It was estimated that the council was not in a position to claim any subsidy.

From Merriam council intimating that application had been made by Mrs. E. Somersdale for right to lease unused road, namely that portion of Boundary road between Epping and Merriam shires, running east from Woodcock road.

Cr. Brown said he never knew this road to be used and would move that the Merriam shire be informed that this council has no objection to the road being leased. Cr. Bodycost seconded.—Carried.

From Shire of Balla intimating that a meeting of the conference re water conservation would meet on March 16. At the meeting held last year it was resolved to form a league to be called the Southern Districts Water Conservation League, to embrace the shires of Bacchus Marsh, Braybrook, Broadmeadows, Bulla, Epping, Gisborne, Keilor, Lancefield, Melton, Ruseby and Werribee. The idea was expressed that the league should meet annually to watch over and promote the interests of the district in the matter of water conservation. They would ask that this council might empower their delegates to confirm the proposal.

The president said that as he thought this shire was not interested in such a scheme he had not attended the conference.

From Infectious Diseases Hospital, intimating that Tasma Grant, Thomas, had been admitted suffering from scarlet fever.—It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Cr. Morgan expressed the opinion that the council should make the people interested in these cases pay; as if they might be ruined in case of an epidemic breaking out.

From Jas. D. O'Connor, Epping hotel, applying for a share of the council's patronage.

The president said he had already made an agreement with Mr. Keating so far as the balance of his term was concerned. The council could make what arrangements they liked after that.

Cr. Morgan said he did not feel disposed to make a change.

Cr. Brown moved that the matter be left to the discretion of the president.—Carried.

FINANCE. The treasurer (Mr. G. McClelland) reported having received £299 8s 7d, leaving Dr. balance £18 11s 4d.

The accounts for the month amounting to £28 19s 10d were passed for payment on the motion of Crs. Morgan and Bodycost.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT. Constable Woodhouse reported having visited all the farms in the shire in connection with the destruction of this flea, etc. All had complied but Mrs. Henderson and Mr. H. Henderson. He had served notices on them and they had promised to comply with them.

ROBBERIES REPORT. 1. Keating and Brazil have now got 370 yards of metal broken. There is over 80 yards in excess in the first mile south of the shire hall, 60 yards in the second mile, while on the third portion of a mile there is five yards short.—It was decided—on the motion of Cr. Morgan—to take over the extra metal at schedule prices.

2. J. Brazil has all his spalls out on main road north of shire hall, with about 80 yards of metal broken.

Their being no application for this position it was decided to advertise afresh.

ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Brown moved that a letter be written to the Merriam council asking them to cut the briars and thistles.

An amended account was forwarded by Broadmeadows shire in connection with the construction of the bridge over the Merri Creek at Campbellfield. One of the items was—Interest, £11 5s 7d. The engineer said it was not customary for municipalities to charge interest. They had also charged for work which was never done. Also the clerk of works, whose services were charged, did not even have a copy of the specifications. Under this head alone the charge was £15 12s.

Under protest it was decided to pay the amount claimed, viz., £19 9s 6d. It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Morgan and Brown—that Mr. Hind be informed that if he did not make arrangement for the payment of the accounts of £20 odd for the treatment of the children in the Infectious Diseases Hospital within 14 days proceedings would be taken against him in the local court for his recovery.

Cr. Brown moved that the engineer report as to the condition of the main road to Wallan. Mr. Gardiner was very anxious that it should be attended to. Cr. Bodycost seconded.—Carried.

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 21.

Present:—Crs. Howe (president), Paterson, Warr, Stanlake, Alchin, Crispe, Howe and Wilkinson.

INSPECTOR'S DISEASE CASES.

The Board of Public Health wrote asking if it was the intention of the council to comply with the Health Act in the isolation and treatment of the infectious sick of the district.—Reply to effect that the council had joined in the management of the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

RAILWAY BUILDING TICKETS. The Borough of Oakleigh wrote asking co-operation of this council in getting the Railway Department to extend or make permanent the regulations under which free passes are given to builders of houses in the outside districts.

Cr. Crispe moved that the request be complied with. It was desirable to get an extension to the end of the year at least.—Carried.

CONVICTIONS RE VALUATIONS. E. Bailey wrote complaining that the valuations on the Worthing Estate were too high and he would like to meet the council and talk over the matter. To show his bona fides he was prepared to sell 3 acres of the estate to the council for a park at £50 an acre, terms £167 deposit, balance up to 3 years at 5 per cent.

Cr. Alchin moved and Cr. Howe seconded that a reply be sent that the council would be pleased to meet Mr. Bailey and discuss the matter of the valuations. As for the park offer, Cr. Howe seconded that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

THE ADDITIONAL TRAIN. The Northcote town council wrote agreeing to co-operate with this council in getting an additional train from Heesbrook at 8.30 a.m.—Carried.

J. G. Menzies, M.L.A., wrote stating he would interview the Commissioners on the matter.—Received.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB. The Preston Football Club wrote asking for park for coming season for April 2, 9, 16, and 23, for practice matches, and for 9 premiership matches on April 30, May 21, June 4 and 25, July 9, 16 and 30, and August 13 and 30.

Cr. Warr moved and Cr. Alchin seconded that the application be granted on the same conditions as last year.—Carried.

WATER EXTENSION, MURRAY ROAD. G. A. Beaver wrote asking the council to apply to have the water main extended in Murray road, from Elizabeth street. He intended building on the south side of Murray road, next Mr. Hop's property, and there were several others besides himself waiting to have the water laid on.

Cr. Crispe said that in view of the progress of Murray road, present and prospective, he thought it only a fair thing for them to endeavour to get this extension. He would vote accordingly. The president seconded.—Carried.

RAILWAY MAIL FACILITIES. J. Home Cook, M.P., wrote stating he had interviewed the Deputy Postmaster-General re mail bags for late clearance railway stations and the bags would be supplied as suggested.—Received with approval.

MOTOR CAR ACT. The Municipal Association wrote bringing under notice various points in connection with the Motor Car Act.—Referred to committee of the whole, on the motion of Crs. Paterson and Crispe.

THE PROPOSED TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL. The Tuberculosis Conference wrote to the Preston council on Monday evening forwarding resolutions passed at last meeting of the conference. The offer of the Government to provide £10,000 for erecting and furnishing a building to accommodate 100 of the most advanced cases, and, in addition, to pay half the £5000 required annually for maintenance of the municipalities to provide the other half, was unanimously approved. Preston's contribution would be £18. It was desired to know the council's view in the matter.

Cr. Alchin said he had attended the conference and explained that he was fully in sympathy with the project brought before it, and he thought he would guarantee that his council would be prepared to do that far; but he said that he did not think 100 beds would be any good. More like a 1000 beds would be wanted, and if his council would be expected to bear its proportion of the cost of that he would be another matter. He thought it best that the municipalities should have to bear the cost of the whole. He would move that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole so that they could further discuss it.

Cr. Stanlake seconded.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. The report recommended—1. That accounts amounting to £147 6s 9d be passed for payment.—Adopted. 2. Tenders for forming, installing, and channelling Murray road, Special Improvement Charge No. 2, Contract No. 3.—That the tender of P. Lavelle, at the bulked sum of £718 14s, be accepted.

Cr. Wilkinson moved that the clause be adopted.

Cr. Paterson, in seconding the motion, said he was sorry to have to accept a tender at such a price. Some were for holding over the work till after the winter, but what started the council was the fact that the road would be impassable owing to the work already done.

Cr. Crispe asked how much the tender was above the estimate.

Cr. Paterson—£146, and £199 above previous tender.

Cr. Warr said that when it was recommended that £225 worth of the work was already done, this brought the present tender practically up to £738. He thought there was a great probability of them getting the work done much lower than this. At any rate he did not see the force of paying such an excessive price and would move that fresh tenders be called.

Cr. Howe advised that the matter be allowed to stand in abeyance till after the winter.

Cr. Wilkinson said the committee considered the matter very carefully. He for one was against giving such a high price for the work, but that he was forced owing to the knowledge that in the winter the road would be impassable. He understood that the rise in the price

of pitches was almost wholly responsible for the increased price in the tender. Replying to Cr. Alchin the secretary said the conditions were revised, including two outside tenders.

Cr. Stanlake suggested that the work might cost even more at the end of the winter.

Cr. Crispe seconded the amendment.

Cr. Alchin—Perhaps it's worth a trial.

Cr. Howe said the work might be deferred till after the winter without any great inconvenience.

The amendment was carried.

3. Engineer's report, No. 6, clause 1.—That 50 cubic yards of spalls be obtained for stonebreakers' account in the council yard, and that tenders be invited for the supply of maintenance metal as follows:—East riding, 100 cubic yards; central riding, 100 cubic yards; west riding, 200 cubic yards.—Adopted.

4. Letter from Hylan Bros, asking the council to take over 7 1/2 cubic yards of metal in excess on Gen. No. 8. That the metal be taken over at schedule rate, 6/8.—Adopted.

5. That the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works be requested to renew the bridge on the High street footpath at the reservoir where by-wash water crosses same.—Adopted.

6. That tenders be called for Special Improvement Charge No. 2, works:—West street, William street, Oliver street, Station street Extension, and Lane No. 28.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. The report recommended that accounts amounting to £28 19s 10d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PARK COMMITTEE. The report recommended—1. Letter from Secretary for Landers Parks Grant.—That the amount of £20 be accepted on the condition named, and £10 be added out of contingencies and expended on park improvements.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. 1. Letter from Fitzroy council re Melbourne Hospital by-laws.—That the president be authorised and appointed an annual governor to the Melbourne Hospital; and that this council fall in with the views of the Fitzroy council.—Adopted.

2. Letter from Town of Northcote in reference to Pender's Grove Association.—That the inspector make an inspection of the noxious trade premises in a South Preston and report to the council.

3. Plan of subdivision submitted by Davrill and Horstall.—That the plan be approved.—Adopted.

4. Inspector's report re thistles.—That the report be received.—Adopted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT. 1. Writing up of rate notices almost complete and a considerable number served. 2. Rates collected £81 14s 1d. 3. All the notices for the first year's payment of the Special Improvement Charge No. 2 have been written up and £38 8s 7d collected.

FINANCE. The treasurer reported a Dr. balance on general account of £1212 15s 6d; and a credit in Special Improvement Charge No. 1 of £275 17s 3d.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT. The inspector reported having visited Watson and Paterson's, Heaslop's, Hutson's, Hardwick's, and Brewster's noxious trade premises in connection with the complaint of Pender's Grove Sanitary Association. He found all in good sanitary condition and observed no nuisances.

Cr. Alchin moved that a copy of the report be sent to the Northcote council.—Carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Crispe moved that before the park is handed over to the football club the caretaker bring up a report as to the condition of fences, buildings, &c.

Cr. Howe moved that attention be given to the culvert in Douglas street, and also to the culvert north of Short street.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Howe reported having made an inspection of the main (Penny) road to the boundary. He found the only part that could be complained of was near Mr. Smith's gate. The whole of the road is in fairly good repair, especially considering the extra amount of heavy firewood traffic owing to the coal strike.

Cr. Stanlake moved that application be made to the Metropolitan Board of Works to extend the main in Lower street to High street.—Carried.

Cr. Paterson complained that the water pressure was often down as low as 25 lbs. to the square inch. He moved that application be made to the Board for an increased and more uniform pressure.

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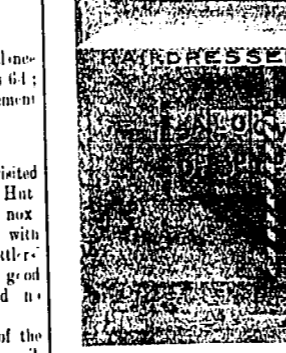
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