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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held in the
 shire hall on Wednesday night, 27/3/10
 being present, Cr. Howe, president of
 the club, occupied the chair.
 The annual report was submitted by
 the secretary, from which we extract the
 following:—
 Though unsuccessful in winning the
 premiership, the team is nevertheless to
 be congratulated in attaining a higher
 position on the premiership list than the
 previous season.

During the season long service certificates
 were presented to Messrs P. Hall, D.
 Hall and C. Stankle.
 Last season the club won 5 games
 and lost 13, scoring 753 points against
 1052, and finished 7th on the list. W.
 Punch was the most successful goal
 getter, with P. Ogden next.
 Your committee desire to place on
 record and tender their sincere thanks to
 the ladies who so generously assisted
 during the season.
 Financially the club is not in that
 healthy position we would like it to be,
 owing to the fact of the dividend from
 the final matches being 2/10 less than
 the previous season and expense incurred
 in renovating property of club, ob-
 taining life members' certificates, etc.

BALANCE-SHEET.
 The financial position of the club, un-
 fortunately, is a reverse to last season's,
 when the club carried forward a credit
 balance of £57 10s, this year they are
 on the wrong side to the tune of £17 8s
 1d. The receipts for the season totalled
 £376 7s 1d, the principal items of re-
 ceipts being:—Sale of members' tickets
 and donations, £89 9s; receipts from
 home matches, £84 2s 4d; dividends
 from other grounds, £23 8s 1d; V.F.A.
 fines, £62 13s 2d; profit on socials,
 £17 1s 6d. On the expenditure side
 the principal items were:—Players' ex-
 penses, £162 12s 2d; uniforms, foot-
 balls, &c., £54 10s 11d; umpires, £31
 10s; trainers and first aid men, £14 10s;
 honorarium to secretary and assistant,
 £7 7s; gatekeepers, £13 10s.
 Mr. Mathrick, in moving the adoption
 of the balance sheet, drew members' at-
 tention to the item, players' expenses
 £162 12s 2d. He thought the time had
 arrived when this sort of thing should be
 done away with. It gave auditors avoid
 trouble in going through the books, as
 there were no receipts to show that these
 players had received the money. It was
 said that it would never do for them to
 give receipts, as they would be liable to
 disqualification. If players were to be
 paid it should be done openly. He consid-
 ered it a slur on the Association to allow
 such things as this to go on.
 After a good deal of further discussion
 the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

OFFICERS-MEMBERS.
 The following office-bearers were elected:—
 President, Cr. J. P. Howe; vice-
 president, Crs. Crispe and Albright, and
 Messrs S. McGeorge, W. G. G. W.
 Spratling, J. B. Smith and T. Mitchell;
 secretary, Mr. E. G. Green; assistant
 secretary, Mr. W. Barnes; treasurer,
 Mr. G. Pritchard; committee, Messrs
 L. Cooper, F. Hardenack, J. Williams,
 D. Pritchard, E. Watson, C. Cameron,
 W. Clancy, W. G. Fegent, and W.
 Pouch; auditors, Messrs S. McGeorge
 and J. Thomson.

GENERAL BUSINESS.
 It was decided that it be an instruction
 to the committee to place Messrs W.
 Dickens and W. Hills on the life mem-
 bers' list.
 Mr. W. H. Smith moved that long
 service certificates be prepared for pre-
 sentation to Messrs W. Dickens and A.
 Bovey.
 Mr. T. Evans, secretary of the V.F.A.,
 said he was glad to know that the club
 had risen a little higher on the premiership
 list, but regretted they were not in a
 better position financially. The way
 they had criticized the balance-sheet
 showed they were deeply interested in
 the working of the club. With regard to
 Mr. Mathrick's remarks about the play-
 ers' expenses he regretted that it was not
 £208 instead of £162, but he agreed
 that it would be much better if it was
 done openly instead of behind the sec-
 retary's back. If men had to be paid he
 thought clubs would have to get more
 support from patrons and members'
 tickets. He wished the club every suc-
 cess during the coming season, and
 trusted they would be more successful
 on the field and financially.

The president thanked members for
 his re-election and trusted the coming
 season would be a very successful one
 from every standpoint. He said the team
 had played the games in a fair and hon-
 orable manner, and trusted that the same
 gentlemanly conduct would still continue
 among the men. He hoped that the
 residents would again support the club
 in the same liberal manner as they had
 done in the past, and that the club would
 occupy a higher position on the list than
 last season. (Applause.)
 Cr. Crispe and Mr. T. Mitchell re-
 turned thanks for their election as vice-
 presidents.
 Mr. Green, the newly-appointed sec-
 retary, received a great reception. He
 thanked the members of the club for
 electing him as secretary. He saw by
 the report that there were 246 members.
 He hoped that each one of them would
 be instrumental in bringing along at
 least one new member.
 Mr. J. Thomson moved that the best
 thanks of the club be tendered to the re-
 tiring officers, which was seconded by
 Mr. F. Howe and carried with acclamation.
 Mr. W. H. Smith responded. Al-
 though defeated he was still willing to
 do his share in helping the club along,
 and trusted the club would have a very
 successful season.
 Mr. Mathrick moved that it be an in-
 struction to the incoming committee

that the names of persons receiving
 members' tickets and not paying for
 same be printed on the balance sheet for
 1911.—Carried.
 A gold medal, donated by Mr. T.
 Mitchell for the best player in the club,
 was won by Mr. W. Hendrie.
 A vote of thanks to the chairman
 brought the meeting to a close.

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 one was in bed the rash became bad
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HOW SHALL WE VOTE?

TO THE EDITOR. Sir,—Kindly allow me to briefly reply to the correspondence you, in your last issue, do me the honor of circulating my letter of the 12th.

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Under the auspices of the Northcoote South Ratepayers' and Northcoote 8th Progress Association a public meeting of ratepayers was held in the parish hall, High Street, on Thursday evening with the object of discussing the proposed amalgamation of the east and central wards.

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After several questions had been asked and answered, the first resolution, as follows:—

That in the opinion of this meeting of ratepayers of the town of Northcote, the time is opportune for a re-division of the town. In order that the various areas may be as nearly equal as possible and that the purposes may be obtained by the reduction of the number of wards to four, instead of five as at present, and that for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution the council is hereby resolved to take such steps as may be necessary for the amalgamation of the east and central wards and giving effect to such resolution the ratepayers here assembled pledge themselves to render any assistance in their power.

Mr. Evans said they had no fear in the south ward that they would not be able to keep up their end of the stick. Revenue and population would always keep up with other divisions of the town. They felt they had not been treated properly in regard to drainage works. They had not got a proper drain at all. The trouble over the Green street drain was the primary cause of this agitation. The people who had put up with it for a number of years had just as much as they could bear in other portions of the town who were not compensated. They did wrong to be in mind, not also going for compensation. The south had good representatives, but with the weight of numbers against them all the talk and all the effort in the town was to get the ward to get not a fourth only but a majority of the ratepayers to sign the petition and that they would make out such a case to the Minister that he could not, in justice, ignore it.

Mr. Duffice seconded the motion. He had the present motion in the right direction. They all realized that something was wrong, and must do something to improve the position. He hoped they would go for the resolution half-hearted. (Great laughter, as all eyes were turned towards Mr. T. Evans.)

Mr. W. H. Deane, in supporting the resolution, agreed with Mr. Evans that the fact of Green street drain being out of the schedule at the last moment was the principal cause of that meeting being held. He had been told that feelings had been coming along the channel and those who could not see it without smelling anything—well, they wanted to get their head red. (Laughter.) He believed the time was not far distant when the ratepayers would rise up and say the slaughter-house in the east ward would have to go. He could not for the life of him understand why Mr. Smith was not amongst the very first to sign a drain to carry away the stuff that comes down from the east ward. If there is a conundrum in the Northcote council that conundrum is Mr. Smith. The motion on being put was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. McPherson (St. George's Road and Merri Creek Improvement Association) moved:—

That the chairman of this meeting is hereby authorized and empowered to take the necessary steps to petition the Governor in Council to have the amalgamation of wards and sub-division effected.

Mr. McPherson said he could see that the grievances in the south end of the town were much the same as those in the northern end at the time of the agitation for severance. They lost the severance movement on a technical point. He hoped they would not lose the amalgamation of the two wards in the same way. In the event of the movement failing they had better try and get amalgamation with Fitzroy. (Laughter.)

Mr. Backhouse, president of the Northcote South Progress Association, in seconding the motion said the amalgamation of the two wards was highly desirable if only from a democratic point of view.

Mr. Mason, in supporting the motion, said the facts put forward by the various speakers warranted them in doing something in the direction indicated. It was not a south ward matter alone; the west and the north were equally concerned, and he hoped they would have their assistance.

Mr. Backhouse intimated that the north association had promised to cooperate in every way.

Mr. McPherson said he felt quite safe in saying that the people from Arthurton road would support the movement.

The chairman remarked that this meeting was only a preliminary to others which would be organized by the other associations in different parts of the town. They had promises from all their executives to do effect.

The resolution having been put and carried the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Property Sales

W. H. Edgar and Mearns & Deane, in conjunction with the auctioneer, have sold the following business blocks at corner of High and Hastings street, Northcote. Particulars are advertised.

OUTWARD BOUND.

Threading down the Channel grey. Churning up the foam. Lips are surely set today. Hearts are sad at home. Something on the distant shores. Hear the lonesome sound. "Make all fast," the boatman roars. We are outward bound. Tramps and lines rolling by. On the homeward track. Deck hand heaves a heavy sigh. Whistle he was back. From the bridge the Yankee mate—"Now that's by around. 'Tain't no time to ruminate." On the outward bound. One by one each Channel light. Dropping out astern. Flung outwards through the night. No we round the turn. Dipping to the Atlantic swell. "Laying for the south." Of the far and wide—"All's well." On the outward bound. Whipping seas across her bow. Driven spray and foam. Heaving through the rollers now. Washed round our feet. Board watch, a grizzly sight. Tearing in half-drowned. No it ain't no bad to-night. And we're outward bound.

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NORTHCOE TOWN COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

Present:—Crs. Hayes (Mayor), Mitchell, Williams, Dennis, McPherson, Tharratt, Bastings, Plant, Mitchell, Lees, Archibald, and Bainbridge.

Westgarth Street Footpath. The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote asking the council to repair asphalt footpath broken at No. 26 Westgarth street through sewerage operations and charge cost to them.—Received.

Westgarth Station. The Secretary for Railways wrote intimating that Westgarth station was to be shifted to the other side of the street, in order that the station platform might be extended to the proper length. He would add that the station would be as close to Westgarth street as the present station.—Received.

St. Helen's Private Hospital. The Public Health Department wrote intimating that they assumed that the council would take steps to prevent the use as a private hospital of the premises of Mrs. Phillips, Merri street, while same are unregretted.—Referred to council's inspector, on the motion of Crs. Bastings and Woodhouse.

A Drainage Matter. The Public Health Department wrote urging the council to take action in the matter of complaint re drainage made by Mr. Cully, at 282 High street, Northcote. If Mr. Cully was responsible he should be made to attend to the matter.—Referred to works committee, inspector to report.

Isolation of Infectious Sick. The Board of Public Health wrote asking what was being done in regard to the isolation and treatment of the infectious sick in this district.—The town clerk had sent the necessary information.

Methodist Sunday School. The Board of Health wrote approving of the opening of the Methodist Sunday School building, Coxton.—Received.

Private Sewer Settlers' Association Complaint. The Preston council wrote forwarding report of their inspector, in connection with complaint of Pender's Grove Settlers' Association re offensive fumes from establishments in the shire. The report was as follows:—Hardenwick's tannery.—The premises generally were in a clean state; drains in good order; and the filter beds in good working order; no accumulation of refuse on the place. Brewster's tannery had not been working for some time. The premises are at present undergoing alterations and repairs; no accumulation of offensive matter. Hutton's factory premises generally well kept; filter beds generally in good working order. Healy's in specially good order and cleanliness. Watson and Peterson's premises thoroughly clean; floors in pig yard, killing shed, and dunging in good order, drains clean and no accumulation of offensive matter. I understand the premises are to undergo alterations in accordance with Board of Health's requirements. These premises seem now to be carried on in the best manner that could be expected of them.

Cr. Archibald said the matter complained of was really not touched upon in this report. It was the fumes that were objected to; and no wonder, they came down from Preston so thick at times that you could cut them with a knife.

Cr. Plant—What do you call fumes? Cr. Archibald—Sulphur. They ought to reply that even members of this council knew that objectionable smells came from these establishments.

Cr. Plant—We sent a copy of the complaint to the Preston council and this is their reply.

Cr. Archibald—Well perhaps we might let the motion go and see the result.

The motion was carried.

Fairfield Drainage Works. The shire secretary, Heilbrunn, wrote advising that owing to the tenders received for the construction of the Fairfield sewer being largely in excess of the estimate it has been decided to postpone re-advertising for fresh tenders until the spring-time.—Referred to finance committee, on the motion of Cr. Plant.

Who's to Pay? Wm. Frost writing complaining that on the night of Sunday, 30th January, while driving a drag loaded with passengers he had the misfortune to get his wheels jammed to the extent of 2 1/2 inches above the blocks. He gave the account to the lessee, Mr. Meakin, who said he would send it to the Insurance Co., but he had heard nothing further, though he wrote again. He would now like to know who is going to pay—the council or Mr. Meakin? The town clerk intimated that he had informed Mr. Frost that he must apply to Mr. Meakin.—Action deferred.

Registration of a Hall. Nicol, Miller and Co. wrote applying to have their premises in High street, Upper Northcote, registered as a public hall. There was a general wish throughout the neighborhood for a hall, as there was none nearer than the town hall, Northcote, or the shire hall, Preston.

Cr. Tharratt moved that the application be granted, subject to the regulations of the Board of Health being complied with.

The town clerk said the matter would have to go before the Board of Public Health before the council could do anything.

Cr. Plant—What objection could we have so long as they comply with the regulations? Cr. Tharratt said there had been objections before and he thought they might give the applicants to understand that they could safely go on with any necessary alterations.

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2. Rifle Range.—That the site and plan of the range be approved subject to the consent of the Lands and Defence Departments thereto, and to the club paying a peppercorn rental therefor.—Adopted.

3. A. W. Cogan, re sewerage of private premises.—That Mrs. Cogan be informed that no further action can be taken therein.—Adopted.

4. Lighting High Street and St. George's Road Bridges.—That the scheme submitted for the lighting of the High Street and St. George's Road bridge with electric arc lamps in agreement with Cities of Collingwood and Fitzroy at an additional cost of £2,000.—Adopted.

5. Right-of-Way between Roberts Street and Clarke Street.—That inasmuch as it is necessary for the formation, completion, and continuation to Roberts Street of the right-of-way between Clarke Street and Roberts Street, the necessary order be made and served on the owner or owners of property through which the continuation of such right-of-way passes, to permit such formation, completion, and continuance.—Adopted.

Ordinary Business. Cr. Williams called the engineer's attention to the fact that the channels in Clarke street were not being properly attended to.

Cr. Williams said in spite of the promise made they were still talking on new telephone subscribers through the Brunswick exchange, which looked like further delay in getting the Northcote exchange established.—It was decided that a letter be written to Mr. Cook asking him to hurry up the matter.

Cr. Tharratt moved that the kerose lamp in Johnson street be substituted for a gas light.—Agreed to.

Cr. Bainbridge said a kerose lamp at corner of Victoria road might also be substituted for a gas light.

Cr. Woodhouse wanted to know why the "stock-yard fence" had been left round the pipe track opposite Shaftesbury parade, while the other portions were getting the benefit of the new and more slightly fence.—It was decided to ask the Board to continue the new fence beyond Shaftesbury parade.

Cr. Plant referred to the numerous, and in some cases unsightly, boardings which were springing up in the town, and moved that the matter be looked into, enquiry to be made at the same time as to see if they were getting sufficient return of them.—Cr. Lees seconded.—Carried.

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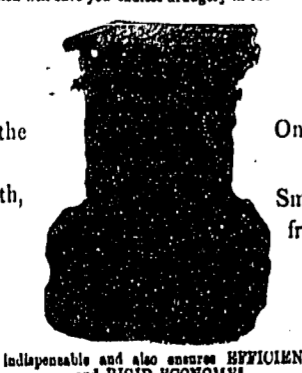
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 (Continued).
 Suva, 17th April, 1907.
 We arrived at Suva yesterday afternoon. It is a very pretty little place, with a very hilly background. The main street is along the sea front. This is the first place we have visited in Fiji, and we feel that we are on British ground. There is only a protestant, though many say that it will be formally annexed very shortly, but Fiji is a possession. There are a few coconut trees about here; in fact, at first sight you would think that there was no cultivation in this small island. In company with the Canadian couple I ascended a flight of steps for a distance of about 100 feet. After leaving these steps we walked still higher; there were many nice houses at this level, and we found the gullies between the hills highly cultivated. The natives gave me some sticks of sugar cane, and one of them offered me an orange corolla for a sovereign.
 This kind of soil is very scarce and valuable, but as they asked a pound for it, I did not like to purchase it, for I am not a judge of soils. The difficulty was to explain that I wanted them to bring it to the "Atua"; but as luck would have it we were in a missionary enclosure, and a colored nurse came past with two dear little white girls, who translated into Fijian, and the native accompanied me to the ship, where a member of our party bought the shell. They took us to the schoolroom, and when we showed them on the map where we came from they understood perfectly, and showed great interest. I had told them that I had come from Victoria, but when the Canadian showed them where he was going to they were more impressed; so I went on better and showed them where I was born in the North of England.
 On this hill there were two small iron structures used as lighthouses, each containing about half-a-dozen fair-lead kerosene lamps. The gullies, with their tropical growth of bananas and sugar cane, looked like botanical gardens, and the damp, humid heat stimulates growth. Here, as in other islands, you are constantly reminded of a hot house. The entrance to Suva is through a small opening in the coral reef. As you stand on the hill you see that the island is surrounded by a reef. Some miles out there is a lighthouse—the first we saw since leaving New Zealand—and I imagined to think that our first entrance to British soil was heralded by a lighthouse. Suva is a thriving little town with large stores, but our time was too limited to browse on it more than a passing notice. We arrived this morning at Suva, the capital, and the largest town in this part of the Pacific. At the other ports we loaded up with copra, of which I am told we have upward of 800 tons on board, but here our principal loading is bananas.
 Latakia, 18th April, 1907.
 We arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning. There is nothing much to see here except a large sugar mill—the largest, I believe, on the island. The boat stayed here only one hour and a half. We went ashore and had a look at the mill and plantation. The mill is very large, containing twelve large tubular rollers. There is also a narrow-gauge railway (2 feet) running into the country to bring in the cane, and we saw five locomotives. Of course everything was at a standstill, as the cane will not be ready for crushing for two or three months. It was very hot ashore, and we were very glad to get aboard again. We passed countless islands, most of them very small. The lava is very large—over 100 miles long—and on this are situated Latakia and Suva. We have one place more to call at, and then farewell to the lovely little of the South Pacific, and "home, sweet home." Suva is a good-sized town with a hilly background, and contains many large stores, which appear to be good for business. There are hotels and boarding-houses, and I dare say you could buy nearly anything you require in a general way. We drove out yesterday about twelve miles to the sugar plantation and sugar mill on the Rewa River. The country is hilly, and the road is constantly rising and falling. You pass extensive banana plantations, also rice fields. Here the rice grows on the hillside like wheat in a normal tract. We saw a lot of mandarin oranges, which were very large and juicy, but a bitter taste after eating. He said that this was caused by the excessive quantity of rain which he has experienced lately, but with a copious rainfall they are said to be very sweet. A young Queensland told us that sheep and cattle thrive well, but that the sheep have to be shorn twice a year.
 We were in a of Hindoo on the road, but saw very few Fijians. The Indian live in rude huts. This must be a safe country to live in, for the Indians carry sovereign necklaces fashion round their necks. The bush here is very thick, and you would have to cut your way through the dense mass of creepers and undergrowth that grow among the trees for a narrow track. We drove past a botanical garden, where the Government grow and propagate all kinds of useful trees and plants, and round the roadside runs a beautiful billiard hedge. It looks as though the cooler, instead of returning to India, remain here and take up land and grow bananas and rice. Their wants are few, and life must be much easier for them than it is in India. Although the women do not wear much clothing, and go bareheaded, they have lots of jewellery—rings on the arms, legs, toes, and nose. Our driver asked when we reached the Rewa River, and we saw the sugar works opposite. Before lunch we climbed a hill and saw there a school for native children, and at the very top the missionary's house. The missionary, Mr. Burton, was away at the Sydney Conference, but his wife showed us the school and church. She was teaching the Hindoo children, and told us that up to a certain age they learn their lessons more quickly than white children; but that with their progress in reading suddenly stopped, and it was impossible to drive any more in. She showed us boys with sovereigns hung round their necks, the fathers making their small sons their bankers. It certainly looks as though they kept their children to hand better than most Europeans. From the hill we had a good view of the Rewa River. It is a fine stream much broader than the Rewa in parts, occupying in an island, the greatest length of which is only 100 miles; there must be a great rainfall. On our return journey, as we had a fair pair of horses, we reached Suva in about an hour and a quarter. The country we passed through

was wild, and had a charm of its own, and is totally different from Samoa or Tonga, being very low coconut trees. The only fruit given in quantity in this part of the Fiji is the banana. I must not forget to mention the beautiful ferns we passed on our Suva drive. They grow in the open, and many of them have stems fully 30 feet high. Also, at the Harion's Missionary Station, they train a large number of Fiji boys, but they are educated apart from the Hindoos, and are taught agriculture and a variety of other useful occupations.
 We hurried back as we were told that the ship would start at 5 o'clock, but she did not leave until half past 8 p.m. We took in a lot of bananas here, and will arrive in Sydney a fairly full ship. It is hard to describe these islands, they are so different to anything in our country. You soon get used to half-baked, barbequed barbecued natives smelling of coconut oil. From what I can gather the Fiji Islands are the prize of this part of the Pacific, and though we are apt to think that the British are too slow in asserting themselves, they seem to have a knack of appropriating some choice spots, and judging by appearances, a good taste is done here, although it is confessedly a pity we did not hold the marvellously fertile Samoan Islands. We have just arrived at our last stopping place (Melb) and quite a fleet of boats are coming out to the ship laden with bananas. Some hours have elapsed, and there are still several boats to be unloaded. We have plenty to eat here, but there are lots of native children with the boat, and there is a continual chatter, though they do not make nearly the noise the same number of Tongans would make. I find there are thirteen boats (cutters) unloading bananas, and I am told that they carry a dead weight of from ten to fifteen tons. Of course the fruit they carry, I should think, would not really weigh this. However, what we took in at Suva and with these in addition, there is no fear of bananas running short. They do not haul them on board like ordinary cargo; but there are doors in the ship's sides through which they are passed, a basket, at a time, although a certain number are in cases, and are stored on deck.
 We have any amount of variety. The natives have evidently brought the women and children to see the ship. There is a very stout lady of color who gets about quite nimbly, but then she does not wear stays. They are all pretty bare from the knees downward. Three of the cutters are owned by a Chinaman, and the rest, the call me, by the native towns some miles from here. I suppose that the natives contribute to them generally, and that they are used for the common good. We are now in the Pacific ocean, out of the sight of land. The dust of the evening the rapidly falling islands passed from our view, and we have, perhaps, lost sight of them for ever; but the pleasant impression will remain—sunny lands, sunny tempered waters. Many of these islands are remarkably fertile, and when you visit these parts you are reminded of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. With the last sight of the islands we saw our first rainbow, and the how of promise was, I hope, a happy omen of the future of these charming lands. Surely the various hues were a beautiful emblem, a poetic farewell and a happy illustration of the many sights we had seen.

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PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Present:—Crs. Home (president), Warr, Stanlake, Crisp, Robertson, Wilkinson, House, Allen, and Paterson.

SHIRE SECRETARY INDISPPOSED. T. J. Withington, shire secretary, wrote stating that on account of severe indisposition he would be unable to attend the meeting.

REPLY FOR GIRLS' GUILD. Rev. Geo. Carson wrote applying for the use of the hall on Monday evenings for the Girls' Guild on the same terms as in previous years.—Request granted on the motion of Crs. Stanlake and Warr.

CONCERNING THE BURNING STREET. Mr. A. Brown stated that the culvert in front of his property in Regent street had been blocked up for some time past. He would like the matter directed to, as the watercourse was situated through his territory.—Referred to engineer for attention on the motion of Crs. Stanlake and Paterson.

ICE CREAM MANUFACTURE. The Board of Public Health wrote forwarding list of persons in the town who manufactured and sold ice cream. It was suggested that the council take steps to inspect the premises and endeavor to secure clean environment and wholesome conditions.—Referred to inspector on motion of Crs. Warr and House.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS. The Preston P.C. wrote asking that the council make the alterations, &c., to the pavilion as soon as possible owing to the football season starting in a few weeks.—Received.

Cr. Warr stated that the parks committee had had two visits to the park in reference to the above matter, and that he had decided to meet the football club committee on the 12th April.

FOOTBALL AND PARK. W. Gibbs, hon. sec. Preston District F.C., wrote applying for the use of the park for the coming season.—Granted.

REQUEST FOR CLERICAL WORK. Ernest Long wrote stating that he had noticed in the Leader that the council had recently found it necessary to obtain extra clerical assistance. He would like to offer his services at a fair wage. He had passed in all mathematics in the university.—Cr. Warr moved and Cr. Crisp seconded that the writer be informed that the council did not require any extra clerical assistance at present.—Carried.

A S.A. ENTERTAINMENTS. E. C. Scott, secretary A.N.A., wrote asking for permission to erect calico sign at shire hall in connection with their fortnightly boosop entertainments.—Granted.

DEPOSIT ACKNOWLEDGED. The Manager London Bank, Fitzroy, wrote acknowledging cheque for £52 10s being deposit on hand in Wood street the council had purchased for park purposes.—Received.

VISIT TO ESESDON STONE CRUISER. The City Surveyor, Essendon, wrote stating that it would be convenient for the council to visit their stone-crushing plant and quarry on Thursday next.—Cr. Allen moved that the president be requested to refer to the president to consider it would be an education to them in view of their proposal to purchase a crusher. Cr. Stanlake seconded, stating he believed the Essendon crusher was one of the latest and best and their visit would no doubt give them useful information. The motion was carried.

LIBRARY BOOKS ADULT. T. J. Withington and Chas. Stanlake reported that they had completed the examination of the library books and returned, 1909. The work of the collector (librarian) and treasurer had been well carried out. No authority, however, was granted for the following amounts received:—Monthlight fee, £13 4s 6d; Government grant, £50.

The balance-sheet showed a credit of £17 15s.—Received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. Cr. Robertson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—1. That accounts—General, £27 17s 11d, and Special Improvement Charge No. 2, £50—be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Re-consideration of Murray road contract.—That this matter be referred to the committee of the whole council.—Adopted.

LIBRARIAN COMMITTEE. Cr. Stanlake (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—1. That accounts—General, £35 18s 2d, and Special Improvement Charge No. 2, commission, T. J. Withington, first moiety, £25—be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Account from E. Whithead & Co., printing.—That the account be recommended for payment.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE. Cr. Warr (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—1. Report of caretaker prior to handing park over to the football club for season.—That the day men clean up the park and attend to the sporting round the pavilion at once.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. Cr. Paterson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending:—1. Re date for hearing appeals against valuations.—That the date for hearing appeals be fixed for the 2nd May, 1910.—Adopted.

2. Letter from E. Bailey, re park site.—That no action be taken.—Adopted.

3. Report on the recommendation made under the heading of the cutting down of the new line of the east riding were to have £500 for a park site, it seemed as if the central and west ridings were going to gobble up the lot.

4. Cr. Warr said Cr. Home must be only joking. He knew the committee were to discuss this matter, but was evidently not in earnest when he would not wait.

5. Letter from Municipal Association.—That consideration be deferred for 14 days.—Adopted.

6. Report of Tuberculosis Conference.—That the attention of the conference be drawn to the council's letter of the 20/2/09, and that this council is still of the same opinion.—Adopted.

7. Letter from the secretary A.N.A. asking permission to fix a sign in front

of the hall.—That the request be granted.—Adopted.

WRAY INSPECTOR'S REPORT. The inspector reported that he had inspected and branded for the fortnight 23 cattle, 1213 sheep, and 551 pigs.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS. Cr. Crisp moved that Mr. Membrey, M.L.A., be requested to arrange for the deputations to the Minister re new school. Cr. Warr seconded.—Carried.

Cr. House moved that the matter of placing a lamp at the corner of Wood street and Plenty road be referred to the parks committee.—Agreed to.

Cr. Wilkinson seconded, also suggesting that the matter of placing a lamp at the corner of Murray road and Plenty road be considered.—Agreed to.

Cr. Robertson asked that the lamp already decided on for the corner of Murray and High streets be put there as early as possible with a view of urging on the Gas Co. in laying their main between High street and the railway.

Cr. Crisp said the water tables in Cooper street required some attention.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Paterson moved that the engineer attend to the drain from Carlisle to Newcastle street.—Carried.

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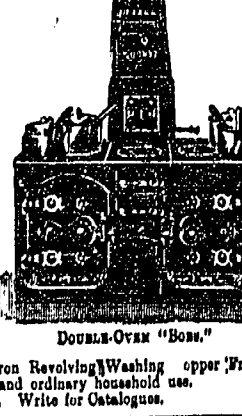
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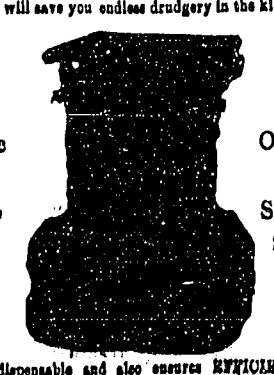
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 By W. W. ROCK.
 [No. 8].
 Hotel Lontes at Metropole, Florence.
 Omar Khayyam, writing many years ago, has said:—"In the four parts of the earth are many that are able to write learned books, many that are able to lead armies, and many that are able to govern kingdoms and empires; but few there be that can keep hotel."
 Well, some of those few live on the continent of Europe, and Italy has its share of them. There be some that can "keep hotel" in Italy, and I've met them. Their management is excellent. Their cooking—they are great masters of the art. The Italian cook understands the use of herbs, and he can concoct a tasty dish out of practically nothing at all.
 We have sampled macaroni on its native heath, served in twenty different ways. The poultry, game, and fish are of great excellence, the sweets would gladden the heart of an epicure. Then there are the thousands and one tony dishes into whose origin you do not inquire, but which you accept in all good faith.
 The system of meals was strange to us. A light breakfast—a mere snack—usually served in bed; a moderate lunch at one. Then the chef puts all he knows into the dinner at 7.30 or 8 p.m.—a huge affair of eight or nine courses. It staggered us a little until we got used to it. Such a long afternoon, of course, means business for the cafes at 5.
 The portiere, who is not a porter, is always at his post in the hotel hall-way. He speaks several languages, and is a walking encyclopedia of useful knowledge. If he cannot give you the information you require first hand (which rarely happens), he gets it for you in five minutes. He is a man you can rely on any mortal thing from catching a train to curing a cold.
 The portiere at this hotel is, I feel sure, the descendant of some grand duke. I stand in awe of his genius, his portly presence, his gold-braided uniform, and his fierce moustaches. Yet, when I leave I shall give him one franc (10s), and he will bow and grovel in his thanks.
 The head waiter, who does not wait, is another institution. He also speaks three or four languages besides his own. Immaculately clad in evening dress he bows you in and bows you out. In the event of a struggle with the foreign man, he is who helps you out. At the close of your stay he presents you with your bill, and him you pay.
 Yes, the continental hotel is a wonderful establishment. Your departure therefrom is a time of great pomp and ceremony. How affectionate are these foreigners! How they become attached to you during your brief visit! The whole staff of the house is lined up in the hall to bid you farewell. The expression on all the faces one of deep sorrow and regret. But when your hand strays in the direction of your pocket you see each face brighten; the eyes light up with keen expectancy, the shadow of a smile plays round the corners of the mouth—the squad is at attention. Then we start on our philanthropic stroll down the long line of out-stretched palms. We often wondered whether the faces changed when we got through, but we never waited to see.
 Works of art in Italy are like the rabbits in Australia—there are a hundred number, and Florence has more than its share of them. Wonderful collections of pictures, statuary, gardens, gems of architecture, the city is full of them. The world is deep in debt to Florence. The names of painters, sculptors, poets, and statesmen are associated with this "city of fair flowers, and flower of fair cities." Every street has reference to some name known in art, poetry, and literature, and the names of Dante, Michael Angelo, Raphael, Savonarola the reformer, and Machiavelli, are all connected with the history of this great city.
 Through the centre of the town runs the Arno, a river whose glories have been sung by many a poet in earlier days. At the present time it is more muddy than the Yarra, and not half so beautiful.
 The Arno is spanned by seven bridges, one of which, the Ponte Vecchio, is the quaintest bridge in the world. It was rebuilt in 1346, and is now lined with shops and stalls that display their tempting wares—jewellery, silver ornaments, pictures and antiques that lure the tourist to financial ruin. A few of the things that are sold there are:
 We met our first wet day in Florence and it somewhat dampened our ardour until we reached the Uffizi Palace. Once inside amongst the pictures, the finest collection in the world, and our spirits revived. Here are some works by the world's masters—Raphael, Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Andrea del Sarto, Titian, Van Dyck and Paolo Veronese. There are a host of others, but this is not a catalogue. We spent the day amongst them, and interested that we forgot all lunch. For once we feasted on art.
 In the Tribune gallery are five masterpieces of sculpture, each of world-wide celebrity. The Venus de Medici, brought to Florence from Hadrian's villa near Rome, is a work of great beauty. The Gracchi, one of the most wonderful pieces of statuary I have ever seen, is supposed to represent a slave awaiting the order of Apollo to slay Marsyas. The figure is in a crouching attitude, and the expression on the face, the lines of the body and the tense muscles, are exquisite.
 From the Uffizi gallery there is an enclosed passage across the river to the Pitti Palace. This palace is the residence of the king of Italy when in Florence. In the left wing is the famous gallery containing the collection of the Medici.
 One of the show places of Florence is the Piazza della Signoria, in the heart of the city. Here, the business men bustle to and fro; here, linger the artist


and student. Memories innumerable are associated with this huge square. Here great festivals were held, and the Republican orators delivered their speeches; here also Savonarola, the greatest man of his age, perished at the stake. It was close to this Piazza that we came across the statue of Dante. When questioned as to the state of his health, a man once said that he felt as bad as Dante looked. Poor fellow, he must have been very ill. The expression on the face of the great author would hardly sweeten the cream, but the work "The sculpture is excellent."
 We spent one day around the churches. Commencing with the Duomo, with its magnificent Campanile—a tall square-bell tower which, like many others in Italy, is built close to but quite detached from the church. But this Campanile, built by Giotto in 1334, stands far above all others in beauty of design and structure. It was of this tower that Rubens says—
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 We wandered on to the church of Santa Croce, passing the house where Dante was born. Santa Croce has been called the "Westminster Abbey of Florence." Here are the tombs of many great men—Angelo, Galileo, Machiavelli and Dante. But one gets tired of ancient churches, and the study of architecture produces a kink in the neck. At 5 p.m. we heard the call of the cafe, and obediently we went.
 Three days more and we could afford for "Firenze," as the Italian calls it, and looking up the timetable found we could catch a train at 20 minutes past 13 o'clock, which would land us in Venice at 18.10. The Italian counts the whole twenty-four hours in his railway timetable. I wonder how this system would work on the Preston line. Fancy catching the quarter to 24 home at night! This would suit—but I won't mention names. *OVERSEA.*

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CHAPTER IX.

The Last Word.

Blanca waited for the growing annoyance the coming of Ronald Macleod. There was no sign of him in the heart of the house...

The rose and looked round. There was no sign of sound or living creature. He had no choice but to leave...

He started at a run to go to the hall. He followed the green line into the hall...

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"They are coming from below," cried the doctor. "The doctor and some of the men from the inn came up."

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"If you will let me arrange your coat for you to lean against, I think you might sleep."

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

GOOD-NATURED WOMEN.

Good nature is one of the best assets a woman can have. A good-natured woman is always welcome, even when she is rather slow-witted and a woman of the opposite class is to be dreaded and shunned, because whatever brightness she possesses is of the personal kind.

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A STORY FOR THE CHILDREN.

FOUR CHILDREN IN THE GARDEN.

Mrs. Bell had just finished her four children working in the garden. Mrs. Primrose, who had come to make a call, noted the industrious little fellows.

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PLANTING EVERGREENS.

It is a long time since the soil was in such a capital condition for the planting of evergreen shrubs as it is just now, and the fullest possible advantage should be taken of this fact.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF LIME IN FOOD.

Lime plays an exceedingly important part in the growth of young animals, and a deficiency of lime in their food may produce the morbid condition known as rickets. A rich supply of lime equal to a little more than one per cent of the increment of its weight is necessary to form the skeleton.

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A GRUESOME STORY.

Many years ago, writes Sir Walter Besant, one of the female patients in a madhouse escaped, and was seen at night, and they all wanted to escape.

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THE APPROACH OF HALLEY'S COMET.

Many people seem to be afraid of the fall of the comet, and are talking of their earth and thus causing a general catastrophe. There is a possibility of our earth passing through the tail of Halley's comet.

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THE KING'S SPEECH.

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MAROONED ON THE ISLAND OF ST. HELENA.

A weird story of a marooned seaman's escape from death is told in "The World of Adventure." In the days when the island of St. Helena was an unpopulated waste, long before the coming of the first convict.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER.

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Heard on the Telephone

By L. Lesing. All the world has a lover. Curious, they never hear of themselves. There you have all the philosophical reflections that fit this tale, and with more to add I shall proceed to tell you what happened in Brownsville. The story is so simple and so true that the telephone bell rang, and Mrs. Shiffrin, with greater alacrity than you would have thought she could display - for Mrs. Shiffrin was fat - hastened to take down the receiver.

Sunday night at ten o'clock I'll be waiting for you outside the house in a carriage. You take just what you need and no more and come out. I'll arrange the rest. Now there's no use talking about it. I'll be there, and if you don't come out I'll know you don't love me, Goodbye. Mrs. Shiffrin gasped, and each hastened to her husband and proclaimed the startling news. "They're going to elope next Sunday night at ten o'clock," was Mr. Shiffrin's only comment. "I would mind your own business," said Mr. Shiffrin to his spouse, "and I would mind your own business," said Mr. Shiffrin to his spouse, "and I would mind your own business," said Mr. Shiffrin to his spouse.

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NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY APRIL 11.

Present:—Crs. Hayes (mayor), McIntosh, Plant, Smith, Tharrett, Woolhouse, Archibald, Harry, Bainbridge, Lees, and Dennis.

Consent at Westgarth Crossing.

The Board of Public Health forwarded letter received from Mr. Percy Roulley, as follows:—"The drain at Westgarth street, Northcote, has not been attended to. The stench and mosquitoes are abominable. A case of diphtheria has developed in Knowles street, the first street off Westgarth street from this drain. This child (the patient) has to pass this drain four times a day to and from school... and she often comes in at my gate at the drain and plays near it." The board would be glad to know how the matter is proceeding. The town clerk reported that the matter was being attended to.

Postal Facilities.

J. Hume Cook wrote stating that arrangements had been made to open an office in High street, Thornbury, at Mr. J. C. Watson's place of business. From this office telegrams would be delivered without postage charges. Mr. Cook also informed that the additional fire alarm in the north ward would shortly be installed. But it was regretted that there could be no extension of the midday delivery.

Water for Street Streets.

The town of Camberwell wrote asking the council to assist them in urging the Metropolitan Board to extend the water to all streets which are sewered, so that advantage might be taken of the sewerage system. Cr. Mitchell said Northcote would not be affected at all, as all streets in which there was sewerage would show a return of 3 per cent. for water. Referred to finance committee on motion of Cr. Plant.

Crossings St. George's Road.

Frederick Wilkes, Chas Smith, John Slatyer, Terina Skinner, and thirty other ratepayers of streets extending back to the Merri Creek on the west side of St. George's road, asked for the provision of a footway midway between Arthurton and Beaver's roads across the pipetrack, also one between the two shops above Beaver's road. At slight cost this would be a great convenience to about 100 persons, representing thirty families. Cr. Mitchell said he had interviewed the board that morning and secured a foot crossing between Arthurton and Beaver's roads; also got the fence placed back off the path in Arthurton road; and prevented the fencing off of the metal between Clarke and Charles streets.

An Invitation.

A. H. Delacy, secretary Northcote Gun Club, writes inviting councillors to their opening shoot at Mac's paddock, Thornbury, on Saturday, 16th inst.—Granted.

Ross Street Corner.

W. Hurch wrote asking that a few loads of screenings from the crusher be put on the footpath at the corner of Ross street to his path, as in the winter it had always been very bad. Cr. Dennis moved that the request be complied with.—Carried.

The Accident to Mr. Denyer.

Wm. Brown, solicitor, wrote asking for a copy of the letter written by the council to Mr. Starr on the subject of the accident to Mr. Denyer. [On 26th August last Mr. Denyer, when travelling on a tramcar collided with one of the posts guarding certain sewerage works which were being performed by Mr. Starr and Mr. Denyer is now claiming damages from Mr. Starr.] Cr. Plant moved that a copy of the letter be furnished. Cr. Tharrett seconded. Cr. Archibald said he did not think they should take sides in such a matter till they were forced to. Cr. Harry said he thought the matter should go to the finance and legislative committee, and would move to that effect.—Carried.

Rate Collector Resigns.

H. Chappell wrote resigning his position as rate collector as he had accepted another appointment. He would like to be relieved in a month's time and would ask that the council favour him with a testimonial. Cr. Plant, in moving that the resignation be accepted, said he was pleased to think that Mr. Chappell was going to better himself. He had been a good officer, and he wished him God-speed wherever he went. Cr. Hastings, in seconding the motion, said that as chairman of the finance committee he had come to know Mr. Chappell's good work. While they were pleased to hear of his success they regretted to part with him. Carried.

Public Works Committee.

The report recommended:— 1. That accounts amounting to £210 be passed for payment. —Adopted. 2. Merri Street, paving south side, from Garden Street westerly.—That the Town Surveyor be authorized to carry out the work, one half of the cost to be charged to the East Ward apportionment, the balance to be recovered from abutting owners.—Adopted. 3. Mr. E. Walker, re building regulations.—To report that the matter has been referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.—Adopted. 4. Westgarth Street Lighting, east end.—That the Town Clerk write to the Metropolitan Board with a view to having extra lighting provided in that portion of the street.—Adopted. 5. Crossing, High and Walker Sts.—To report that the Town Surveyor has been authorized to make the necessary alterations to channels and crossings at the said corner.—Adopted. 6. Board of Public Health re drainage of premises, 282 High street.—To report that the matter has been referred to the Sanitary Inspector to take the necessary action to have the drainage properly attended to.—Adopted.

Finance and Legislative Committee.

Cr. Hastings (chairman) submitted the report, showing that the receipts for the month were £1177 10s 7d and that the Dr. balance was £853 2s 8d. Also recommending:— 1. That accounts amounting to £49 be passed for payment.

Adopted.

2. Railway Department re Arthurton Road Crossing.—That the Department be informed that the Council will pay its proportion of the cost of the works on completion of same; also that the Council agrees to construct and maintain the roadway on the west side of the Railway.—Adopted. 3. Trustees, Executors and Agency Co., re filling old drain.—That no further action be taken therein.—Adopted. 4. A. H. De Lacey, re Gun Club.—That permission be granted to the members of the Northcote Gun Club to discharge firearms on land known as Mac's paddock, west of Thornbury station, during the pleasure of the Council, subject to reasonable precautions being taken for the protection of the public, and to the club agreeing to accept all liability in connection therewith.—Adopted, and it was agreed to comply with the club's request for council's patronage at the opening shoot.

5. Hearings, etc.—That the Town Solicitor be instructed to prepare a By-Law to regulate the erection of hoardings; also to restrain persons from erecting any other than brick buildings in High Street.—Adopted. 6. Supplementary Valuation.—That Mr. Herbert Chappell be hereby appointed to make a supplementary valuation of all rateable property within the Town where by reason of the erection or construction of buildings or other improvements the net annual value of any property has been materially increased. Cr. Hastings moved the adoption of the clause. Cr. Plant said the rate collector had given notice that he would be leaving in a month and this was a time when they wanted the whole of his services in getting the rates in. Cr. Hastings.—The rush will not be on till after that. Besides, we have a good assistant. Cr. Plant moved and Cr. Mitchell seconded that Mr. Braiding do the supplementary valuing. Cr. Tharrett.—Do we know if Mr. Braiding will do the work for 5 per cent. The amendment was put and lost and the clause carried. 7. That Mr. Chappell be paid at the rate of five per cent. on the amount of rates collected on the supplementary valuations as payment for making such valuations.—Adopted. 8. Meat Inspector.—Reporting that he had examined and branded 23 pigs and 237 lambs and culls between the 7th and 2nd inst.—Adopted. 9. Batman Gardens.—That the report of the gardener, recommending that portions abutting on Arthurton and St. George's Roads be improved according to the plan adopted, be proceeded with.—Adopted. 10. The Cattle Inspector's report is referred to the Council for consideration. The report was to the effect that 10 persons would be summoned for next court. Cr. Plant said there had been 10 persons before the court that morning, and the minimum fine was 10s. Cr. Archibald.—Which ward were they out of? Cr. Plant.—Pretty well all out of yours. (Laughter). Cr. Tharrett.—Tramway Committee Report. Cr. Williams submitted the report, as follows:— That the tarring of the track has been completed with the exception of some portions which have to receive further attention; that a check rail is to be put in at the curve near the bridge; repairs to rolling stock are proceeding satisfactorily; the supply of new cables has been delayed owing to the ship having met with bad weather.—Adopted.

Ordinary Business.

Cr. Plant said that Merri street had been left in a bad way by the gas pipe. He moved that the matter be referred to the engineer. Cr. Harry moved that the kerosene lamp in Kelvin grow be substituted for a gas lamp now that the mains had been laid.—Carried. Cr. Archibald enquired with reference to the block in the sewerage in the north-eastern portion of the town. The mayor said he had had two interviews with the chairman of the Metropolitan Board, but they did not seem to be much further forward in regard to composition; and looked as if they would be forced to go to arbitration. A conference had, however, been arranged with the legislative committee. Cr. Archibald said that in some instances street lights were obscured by large hoardings. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole. Cr. Dennis moved that a further application of kerosene be made to the Merri Creek, as the mosquitoes had been very bad. The mayor said an application had been made during the past week. Cr. Smith.—You might apply some on the hill as well. They're as big as beans up there. (Laughter). Cr. Bainbridge asked the mayor when he was going to call the building committee together. The mayor.—When I get more time. Cr. Lees.—This is not an adjourned meeting from the mass meeting. Cr. Plant.—I want to know if Green street drain was ever discussed by the Council? The town clerk said the schedule including Green street drain was referred to the committee for consideration. Cr. Bainbridge said he wished to call attention to a gross case of waste of public money on Tucker's Hill. His statement was challenged when he said it was a rotten fence, yet 60 now rails have been put in it. Cr. Hastings raised the point that the matter had been referred to the finance committee and dealt with by them. The mayor ruled against Cr. Bainbridge. Cr. Bainbridge.—Can't I refer to such a gross waste of public money—two men at 10s a day wasting the money of the council when it has an overdraft of £8000? The mayor.—There can be no discussion of the matter. Cr. Harry.—Who is supervising the work? The engineer.—I am. Cr. Harry.—Is it under his instructions that one gardener at 8s and another gardener at 8s 6d is repairing the fence? Cr. Dennis.—The finance committee recommended the gardeners. The matter was referred to the works committee. The mayor reported with regard to the visit of the inspector from the Education Department to Prince of Wales Park State School. From what the inspector said he (the mayor) would not be surprised if the Prince of Wales Park School were enlarged and a site secured in the west ward for a new school. It was reported that Cr. Ross was still too unwell to be present to move his motion for the rescinding of the resolutions re construction of McCracken Avenue and Hartington street. Consequently the motion lapsed. So that no further time would be lost—the matter being urgent.—Cr. Hastings renewed the notice of motion.

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Preston Rifle Club.

The above club held their first shoot in the club and captain's aggregate at Port Melbourne on Saturday last at 200 yds. The young shots did exceedingly well and promise to turn out as keen as in the near future. The following are the scores:—H. Howe 70 (8), R. Broadhurst 70 (11), F. Mitchell 70 (13), J. Kuepsh 70 (10), F. Brooks 69 (13), W. Kuepsh 68 (10), W. Howe 67 (9), J. Gamble 66 (13), E. Kuepsh 65 (9), C. Stephenson 65 (12), J. Crawford 64 (5), T. J. Withington 64 (9), W. Darman 63 (15), E. Hull 62 (21), F. Williams 61 (20). The next shoot in this competition takes place next Saturday, 23rd inst., at Port Melbourne.

Preston A.N.A.

A meeting of the Preston A.N.A. was held last Monday, April 11, in the Bradford hall, the president (Mr. Baker) in the chair. Three new members were elected and introduced by the president and three propositions received per Mr. E. Kuepsh. Correspondence was received from Preston Rifle Club, calling attention to the date fixed for starting shoots, a report of annual conference. Mr. Duran reported at length on the doings of the metropolitan committee. Vice-president Mr. Walker introduced the matter of obtaining better railway travelling facilities for Preston, and quoted the remarkable progress made by other districts when such advantages had been gained. He hoped to see the day when trains would travel through to Footscray and Wilmanslow instead of running into a dead end as at present. He was also supported by Messrs Scott, Duran, and Jones, who bitterly complained of the years of stagnation experienced in the Preston district. The discussion was postponed to next branch meeting.

THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

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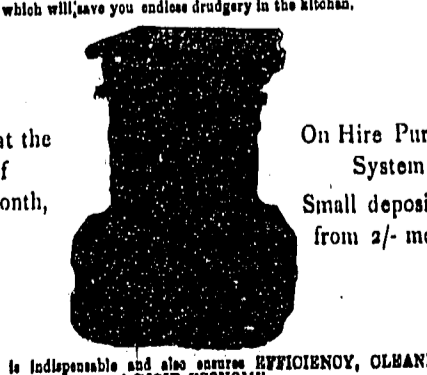
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 Present:—Mrs. McCormack (president), McCoy, Morgan, Bodycott, and Brown.
 CORRESPONDENCE.
 From Under Treasurer, forwarding account for £48, being equivalent under the Licensing Act.—Received.
 From Public Works Department forwarding plan of Wollert with request that unmetalled road occupied by Mr. S. O'Hern be marked thereon.—Secretary to supply information.
 From Elwood Mead, chairman States Rivers and Water Supply Commission, asking council to supply names of farmers or prospective settlers to whom literature could be sent, also the names of any in the shire who contemplate going abroad during the next six months. The information was wanted in connection with the mission of the Minister of Lands and himself to go abroad and induce farmers and irrigators to settle on and develop the irrigated lands under State works, not available by Australia.—Request granted.
 The letter was simply received, councillors being unable to think of any such information they could send along.
 From shire secretary, Broadmeadows, regarding that detailed statement in connection with erection of bridge over Merri Creek at Oragiburn had not been supplied earlier, but it was owing to have copy of any account rendered by Mr. Munnie.
 From City of Bendigo, asking council to send a delegate to conference at Bendigo to discuss question of forming a Decentralisation League with a view to developing country industries, and also considering the advisability of forming a Parliamentary Club Party.
 Cr. Brown moved that it be left to the attention of the president whether he attend or not.
 Cr. Morgan seconded. Carried.
 From J. G. Thompson, hon. sec. Thomastown Small Holdings Progress Association, asking for the loan of the road roller as the settlers had the contract for forming the road through the settlement.—Request granted with the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCoy, on the understanding that somebody is made responsible for returning the roller in good order.
 From H. A. Smith, requesting use of shire hall for Wednesday evening, 18th May, for the annual concert in aid of Presbyterian Sunday school.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCoy.
 From James Pratt, hon. sec. Epping Football Club, applying for use of recreation reserve for coming season.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. McCoy and Morgan.
 From E. J. Des and M. Boyd, intimating that the Quadrille Club in connection with the Epping Football Club, propose holding a series of dances during the winter months, and asking, under the circumstances, that the tariff be reduced as they considered it rather excessive. They thought £1 per night, including piano, would be a fair charge. They would also like to know the charge from 8 to 12.
 Cr. Morgan said a basis of reduction was arrived at last year, 16 per cent, being allowed in the case of a series, the reductions to accumulate and come off after the fourth dance.
 The president said that after all the council had done to improve the hall he did not expect any request for reduction in rent.
 It was decided to inform the applicants as to the above scale of reduction.
 From A. M. Davidson, correspondent Epping Board of Advice, stating he was directed to submit to the council's consideration the advisability or otherwise of holding Empire Day celebrations this year. He might say a majority of his Board favored the celebrations, but he would enclose a reply from Mr. F. J. Andrews to a communication from the Board on the subject.
 Mr. Andrews' letter was as follows: "In reply to yours re Empire Day celebrations, I may say that I have not at any time taken the initiative in regard to Empire Day. I prefer to leave it entirely in the hands of the councillors, who, I think, as a rule, take up the business chiefly to show courtesy to the people of the district. It is somewhat embarrassing to have these annual displays, and would be rather pleased to let the day pass with merely the school children's ordinary programmes. This is the position I have taken up during the past two years. I would not favor thrusting these celebrations upon them if they do not wish to hold them.
 Cr. McCormack did not see that the same arrangements might continue as in previous years.
 Cr. Morgan said it was usual to call a public meeting to decide what was to be done. He would move that the president call a public meeting for Wednesday, 27th April, at 8 p.m.
 Cr. McCoy seconded. Carried.
FINANCE.
 The treasurer (Mr. G. McClelland) reported having received since last meeting £244 15s 10d; present Dr. balance, £379 8s 4d.
 The accounts for the month, amounting to £130 12s 9d were passed for payment on the motion of Crs. Morgan and Brown.
WORKMEN'S REPORT.
 1. Owing to being too busy have been unable to inspect Glendale road, but will do so before next meeting.—Received.
 2. Keating and Drall have 400 yds. metal broken south of shire hall; but at the south end there are about 90 yards yet to break. The quantity broken is sufficient to claim the Government grant of £50.
 3. J. Brall's metal north of shire hall is all broken, and there are 84 yds. over; extra cost, £8 7s 2d.—The extra was allowed on the motion of Cr. Morgan.

A BIRD SUNGUVARY IN NORTH HAMPTONSHIRE.
 BY IRVING OSBORN.
 Thinking that your readers might like to hear something of what is being done here for feeding and caring for the wild birds, I write to tell you about it. Some time ago I took in about four acres of pasture and planted it with every imaginable hardy shrub and tree which bear fruit or berries beloved of the birds. It is now a fascinating tangle of leaves, fruit, berries, seeds, and cones in their season, with wild trails and natural paths leading bare and there in dell, bank, gull or wilderness.
 I got the carpenter to build a little feeding pavilion of oak on oak posts, with a sloping shingle roof to keep off the snow and rain. Inside there are three tiers of open trays, in which I have placed every morning a mixture of chopped fat, suet, weeds, oats, cracked Indian maize, meat and grit. Over this mixture was a tray of water, and when it cooled a little the trays are filled with it. On the ground beneath the pavilion we place a large, very shallow earthenware pan of fresh water. This is renewed twice a day in the frosty weather, and every morning otherwise. Fresh water is as necessary as food to our bird friends, especially in cold weather and when the snow is on the ground.
 This structure I hang occasionally, stuffed with suit. Our acrobatic friends, the tits, when regaling themselves on these, perform wonderful antics.
 This bird-feeding pavilion stands in front of our dining room window, and it is quite delightful to see the joy and contentment of the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCoy, on the understanding that somebody is made responsible for returning the roller in good order.
 In America we always gave the birds a Christmas tree, and I have tried to keep up the custom in my adopted home. Our servants are very good to the birds, and outside the windows many birds feed without fear, or rather, gaily, and sing while the maids are sweeping the paths. One day when I was walking in the garden the birds came so near that I can touch them. They sing to me, and I learn many beautiful secrets from them. Gullborough Hall, Northampton.

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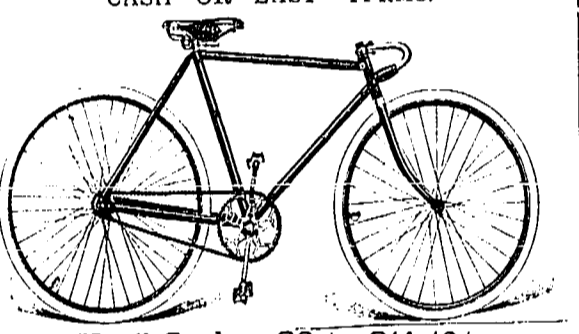
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The Leader. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, APRIL 23. Following upon the letter of Mr. Geo. Lauder which appeared in the Leader a fortnight since as to the high price of the Groves street houses...

Localisms. Dale of Preston Appeal Court has been fixed as Tuesday, 3rd May. Both the president (Cr. Howe) and Cr. Peterson were absent from the Preston court sitting on Monday morning, through illness, the former suffering from influenza.

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By Charles Somerville.

Started and untidily dressed, little white-haired Mrs. Tim Kenny sat in her comfortable room in her apartment in Harlem with the baby that did not belong to her.

that sharily ached in the effort, bore the little stranger up five flights of stairs to Mrs. Horvath's rooms.

sounds, frightened the baby; at any rate, he cried and wailed. Good Heaven! she cried forward, saying "Coo-choo-choo" with a soft, cooing note.

got work, I don't need any more help. "Tim! Oh, Tim! Oh-God have mercy on me, Tim! don't let her go!"

The Circus Child.

By H. J. Biecke.

My warmest congratulations to you, my dear Spencer, my warmest congratulations. A fine old house away from London, a country seat, was the very thing you were given.

did not stay. He strode back to his own home through the cold January air, wondering-wondering.

supply of meat was rationed. Horvath was almost the only kind of meat available, and the allowance per head was first three, then two, and finally one ounce.

Some of the most fashionable restaurants still kept open, but the wealthy might enjoy a feast of omelette, coffee and a slice of pie.

At last, on January 23, 1910, the Government of Paris capitulated. It was a relief to the people of Paris, who had been suffering from the effects of the blockade.

DR. JOHNSON AND HIS DICTIONARY.

The old lady, after reading steadily through Johnson's two great folio dictionaries, remarked that the word "extinguish" was a "harmful" word.

THE BITER BIT.

"The only lesson in slight of hand," says Mr. Davant, "that I ever received was from a man who was giving a party in a small shop."

THE GIRL WHO SMILED.

The wild west and the chimney smoked. And the old brown house seemed to be a part of the old chimney.

WHEN PARIS STARVED.

The latest home papers contain long accounts of the terrible floods which devastated the fertile fields which began to last month.

Necessities Become Rarities.

As the siege progressed, many articles of daily consumption disappeared from the tables of the Parisians.

Butter Unobtainable.

The disappearance of butter was especially hard on the Parisians, who used it in almost all dishes.

Paris in Darkness.

The Parisians did not of course, hear all this misery and gloom.

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.

Present:—Mr. Alchin (chairman), Robertson, Gripe, Wilkinson, Watt, and Stanlake.

Both the president and Mr. Robertson were apologetic for an account of illness.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 18TH APRIL.

Before Messrs McIntosh (chairman), Brown and Redmond, J.S.P.

Trading Without a License.

Charles Spurway was called upon to answer a charge of trading without a license.

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Swiss Milk, 2 tin for 2 1/2	New Eggs, 5d tin	Stover's Horolines, 4 1/2 tin
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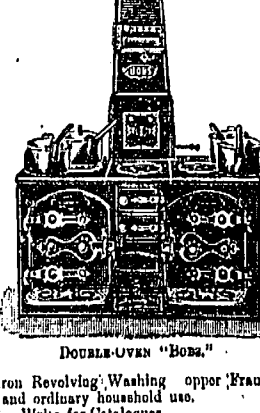
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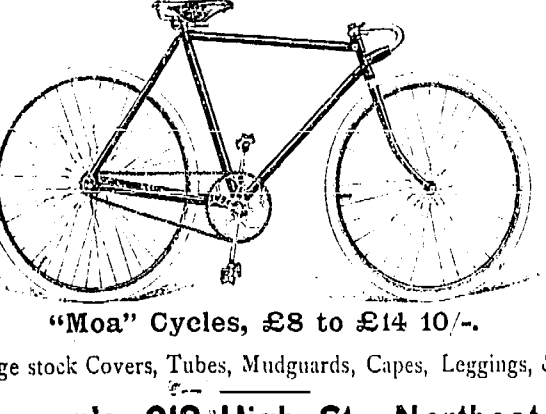


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The Mayor (Gr. Hayes) the convenor of the meeting, said that Mr. Frank Tate, the Director of Education, had told them that a technical school would probably be established in the northern suburbs, and if Northcoote made a move there would be a great chance of getting it. He had called this meeting with the object of making a move in that direction and would move—

That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable to establish a technical college at Northcoote within the town of Northcoote.

At present Northcoote had a population of 15,000 and there were about 5,000 in Preston. Then also there was North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill. Apart altogether from the advantages of technical education, it would be a very great convenience to have a technical school in their midst, for it was rather a heavy strain upon those who after leaving work had to travel into town and then come out again late at night.

Taking into consideration its present overcrowded state the Working Men's College would have to be extended, and in preference to doing this it would be far better to have branches in certain situations in the outer suburbs. There was already a large population here to operate on, and in a few years it would have increased 50 per cent, and such a school would meet a great want.

Mr. Mowbray, M.L.A., in seconding the motion, said there were only two technical schools in Melbourne, the Victoria Technical School and the Eastern Suburbs Technical School. They must not expect the Government to do everything. And they must decide whether they would go for a continuation school to continue the education of boys from 11 to 18, or start on the lines of the Eastern suburbs school, which was fully equipped for technical instruction and was doing admirably well. Mr. Swinburne had given a donation of £2500 towards the foundation of the Eastern suburbs school, and he understood that the municipal councils of Hawthorn and neighboring districts had agreed to contribute something towards the maintenance. It would be better for the school to be established in Northcoote than in Collingwood, as the boys of Northcoote, Preston and Heidelberg might almost as well go to the city as to Collingwood. He was sure the Government would be prepared to materially assist them in the undertaking. If Northcoote would give the site and with the adjoining councils contribute something to the maintenance he believed the Government would do the rest.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. H. Brown then moved—

That an interview be arranged with the members of the Northcoote town council with a view to request them to grant a site for the erection of the necessary buildings for the proposed college or school.

Mr. Brown said they found that the council going in for technical education was the march of civilization. Little Switzerland and Gurnee were making a specialty of it, but the Victoria were doing pretty little. They only spent 13s 6d per head per annum on primary and University education combined. They could do a great deal more without much additional cost. To give technical education, it would be best if they could have one at Northcoote, where they could have classes that would relate to the industries of the district. The council had already granted a site for a public library and the complement of that was a site for a technical college.

Mr. Evans, M.L.C., who seconded the motion, said he noticed that the manufacturers were now urging the council to take up the matter of technical education, perhaps with a selfish view, but the Government should take the matter up. There were over 50,000 men, 50,000 in the metropolitan area, between 14 and 18 years, who should receive either secondary or technical education. If there was to be a technical school in the northern suburbs he thought the arguments were all in favour of having it in this locality.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

The mayor introduced Mr. Anstey to move the first resolution, and asked that as it was his first public appearance in Northcoote since his election that he be given a good reception. There was a hearty response from the meeting.

Mr. Anstey moved—

That, providing that an arrangement is made by the Northcoote town council for a site for the buildings, the members of Parliament for the district be requested to arrange for the reception of a deputation by the Minister of Education in order to submit the proposal, and to apply for a grant for the erection of the buildings.

He only agreed with all that had been said, but there had been some thing left out. The Working Men's College embraced something like 100 classes, and it went without saying that they could not establish another

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At present Northcoote had a population of 15,000 and there were about 5,000 in Preston. Then also there was North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill.

Apartment for the district be requested to arrange for the reception of a deputation by the Minister of Education in order to submit the proposal, and to apply for a grant for the erection of the buildings.

He only agreed with all that had been said, but there had been some thing left out. The Working Men's College embraced something like 100 classes, and it went without saying that they could not establish another

TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR NORTHCOOTE.

A public meeting to consider the advisability of establishing a Technical School in Northcoote was held at the town hall on Friday evening, 22nd inst.

There was only a moderate attendance, but amongst those present were Messrs. Anstey, M.P., Evans, M.L.C., and Mowbray, M.L.A.

