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NORTHCOOTE TOWN COUNCIL.
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.
 Present:—Crs. Archibald (mayor),
 Williams, Hayes, Johnson, Harry,
 Robb, Woolhouse, Thirrat, Bain-
 bridge, Lees, Dennis, Smith, Meln-
 tosh, and Smith.
 Apology.
 Cr. Johnson apologized for the ab-
 sence of his colleague (Cr. Basting)
 who, he was pleased to say, is recover-
 ing his health fast and hoped to be at
 the council on the following Monday.
 The mayor said he was sure all were
 pleased to hear of Cr. Basting's con-
 valescence.
 Extension of Water Mains.
 The Metropolitan Board of Works
 wrote agreeing to extend the water in
 St. George road and Morley street.—
 Received.
 New Ashby Avenue Repairs.
 The Metropolitan Board of Works
 wrote acknowledging receipt of ac-
 count (£9 13s 6d) for repairs executed in
 Ashby Avenue as the result of
 sewerage work therein, and stating
 that same had been forwarded to Mr.
 W. M. Cerruty, contractor, for the
 sewerage work in question, and with
 whom the responsibility rested.—Re-
 ceived.
 Mary Street Drainage.
 The Board of Public Health wrote
 asking what the council proposed to
 do to minimize the drainage nuisance
 in Mary street, pending works of con-
 struction.—To be considered with the
 next loan schedule.
 Resignation Wanted.
 The Lands Department wrote in
 connection with the proposed appoint-
 ment of Messrs H. W. Evans and A.
 B. Mason as members of the Park
 Management Committee asking to be
 furnished with the resignation in
 writing of Mr. A. O'Leary.—Cr. Plant
 undertook to see that the matter was
 attended to.

Removal of Noxious Trades.
 The Town of Essendon wrote invit-
 ing council to send two representatives
 to a conference to consider the matter
 of arranging for all noxious trades
 from the centre of population. A
 petition favourable to the movement
 had been signed by 10,000 residents of
 Essendon.
 Crs. Dennis and Robb were appoint-
 ed to attend.
 Proprietary of Council's Fee.
 The Preston shire council wrote for-
 warding account (£3 13s) for this
 council's proportion of the cost of get-
 ting the opinion of Mr. Mitchell, K.C.,
 with reference to the Order of the
 Board of Health compelling all councils
 to contribute to the establishment and
 maintenance of the Hospital for con-
 sumptives.—Referred to finance com-
 mittee.
 Morley Street Requirements.
 Ernest W. Rockingham wrote point-
 ing out that the absence of a channel
 in Morley street, and the fact that
 the centre of the roadway was nothing
 but pools of water caused volu-
 taries to come on to and out up the
 footpath, making it unfit to walk on,
 and then when the weather warms
 up the small from the stagnant pools
 is very bad indeed, and a breeding
 place for myriads of mosquitoes.
 Referred to the works committee—
 on the motion of Crs. Thirrat and
 Robb—to see what temporary relief
 can be given.
 Gas for Separation Street E.
 W. Glanfield, Arthur Glanfield, and
 five other residents of Separation street
 wrote applying to have the gas
 extended.
 Cr. Plant moved and Cr. Smith
 seconded that the necessary application
 be made to the Gas Company.—Carried.
 Asphalt Wanted for Latham Street.
 A. E. Whitlock wrote asking that
 the west side of Latham street be
 asphalted, now that Arthurton road
 was carried through.
 Cr. Thirrat moved that the matter
 be considered by the estimates. Cr.
 Woolhouse seconded.—Carried.
 The Normandy Avenue Trees.
 J. Field wrote in reply to coun-
 cillor letter of the 24th November
 stating he was not indebted for
 any tree. A previous letter from the
 council stated that the matter had
 been left to Cr. Woolhouse and others
 to make arrangements. They had
 never made any arrangements with
 him or he with them. Anyhow he
 did not see why Cr. Woolhouse and
 others should dominate the street.
 Cr. Plant moved that the matter be
 referred to the finance committee.
 The mayor seconded.—Carried.
 Renewal of Licenses.
 —Dionex: applied for renewal of his
 piggy license, Station street.—
 Inspector to report.
 Approval of Premises.
 —Waddington applied for approval
 of premises, Cunningham street, to be
 used as a knitting and underclothing
 factory.—Cr. Dennis moved that ap-
 proval be given subject to certain
 conditions recommended by the en-
 gineer being carried out.
 Public Works Committee.
 The report was submitted by Cr.
 Bainbridge, recommending—
 1. That accounts amounting to £211
 9s 2d be passed for payment.—Adopted.
 2. E. Johnson, in paying path west
 side of Kewley Street.—That the
 matter be referred for consideration
 with the estimates.—Adopted.
 3. Northcoote Park, entrance gate at
 East Street.—That the matter be
 referred for consideration with the esti-
 mates.—Adopted.

Finance Committee.
 Cr. Williams (chairman) submitted
 the report, recommending—
 1. That accounts amounting to £283
 12s 2d be passed for payment.—Adopted.
 2. Meat Inspector's Report, Octo-
 ber 17 to 25th inst.—38 pigs, 377
 cattle and calves examined and bran-
 ded.—Received.
 Ordinary Business.
 Cr. Plant asked if anything had
 been done with regard to trying to
 obtain the grant towards the cost of
 the joint drainage works with Heidel-
 berg shire.
 The mayor replied that nothing
 could be done till the Heidelbergshire
 council met.
 Cr. Harry moved that a lamp be
 placed in front of the new Presbyter-
 ian Church, Thornbury, and the one
 at Pepper's removal to the corner of
 Rossmoyne and High streets. This
 had been agreed to by the ward mem-
 bers.—Carried.
 Replying to Cr. Smith, Cr. Bain-
 bridge said the rats had been filled up
 at the east end of Clarke street, but a
 lamp was wanted badly.
 Cr. Smith.—There is not a lamp
 between Waterloo road and Fairfield
 Park.
 Cr. Plant moved that the matter of
 arranging for lamps out of their ap-
 propriation be referred to the next
 ward members.—Carried.
 Cr. Mcintosh seconded.—Carried.
 In reply to Cr. Plant, the mayor
 said he had seen the New Northcoote
 Brick Co. with regard to the smoke
 nuisance and the directors had given
 instructions which they thought would
 minimize the trouble.
 Cr. Plant said the people in Clarke
 street on the Bay View Estate were
 suffering severely, which, he
 thought, be caused by the smoke car-
 ried by the higher chimneys of The
 Northcoote Brick Co.
 Cr. Mcintosh said a process was
 about to be put on the market that
 would consume all the smoke.
 Cr. Smith said he was putting in a
 suction gas engine with a view of min-
 imizing the smoke nuisance.
 It was carried to—2 1/2 in. hands
 for a month to see if the precautions
 will have the desired effect.
 Cr. Woolhouse moved and Cr. Plant
 seconded that the Gas Co. be asked to
 lay their mains in Stott street.—Carried.
 Cr. Bainbridge moved that the
 attention of the engineer be called to
 the disgraceful way the Metropolitan
 Board have left Victoria road.
 Cr. Dennis said it was a shame to
 see the metal bed in the centre of the
 road rooted up as soon as it was put
 down when the pipe could have been
 taken along between the channel and
 the metal.
 Cr. Smith called attention to the
 wretched water pressure in the east
 ward owing to the pipes being cor-
 roded. If a fire broke out the trickle
 of water they got down there would
 be useless to stop it. He moved that
 the Metropolitan Board be asked to
 renew the mains.
 Cr. Dennis seconded.—Carried.
 Cr. Robb moved that the matter of
 financing the asphalt work in the
 various wards in order that it might
 be done at the proper time—in the
 summer—be referred to the finance
 committee.
 Cr. Harry seconded the motion,
 which was carried to—2 1/2 in. hands.
 Cr. Smith said the recent heavy
 rains had washed all the gravel from
 the paths in Dastings and Mitchell
 streets on the hill. He moved that
 attention be given.—Agreed to.
 Cr. Bainbridge said it was the cus-
 tom at present to only open half the
 railway gate at Westgarth, leaving a
 passage way only 19 feet wide, which
 was altogether inadequate for the
 volume of traffic now traversing that
 street. He had witnessed an unfor-
 tunate accident through it.
 It was arranged that the mayor
 bring the matter before the Railway
 Commissioners, and also the matter of
 Clarke street gates when he interviews
 them re pathway at Croton.
 Cr. Harry moved that gas be
 substituted for kerosene as an illu-
 minant where it was laid in the streets.
 Carried.
 Cr. Lees said he had noticed that
 some person had been placing the
 bridge at High street with posters.
 He moved that the proper officer be
 instructed to remove the posters and
 the bill for so doing be sent on to the
 person owning the posters.
 Cr. Smith seconded.—Carried.
 Cr. Harry moved that the attention
 of the police be called to the practice
 of persons in the north ward riding
 over the footpaths, and in some cases
 destroying the newly-laid asphalt.
 Tramway Trust Scheme.
 Cr. Hayes was prepared to go into
 the Tramway Trust scheme, which he
 said most vitally affected this and
 other municipalities. As councillors
 desired to look further into the report,
 copies of which had been supplied
 them, the matter was deferred for a
 fortnight.
 The Estimates.
 It was arranged to meet to go into
 the estimates next Monday evening.
 Notice of Motion.
 Cr. Plant gave notice of motion that
 the resolution referring the loan
 schedule to the consideration of the
 committee of the whole be rescinded,
 with a view to having the matter
 discussed in open council.

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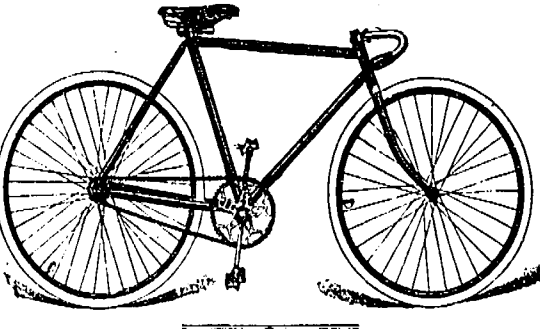
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Death. Harry—On Friday, Dec. 9, at "Carrick," Elm street, Northcote, William Harry, beloved father of Ada M. and W. J. H., and Mrs. W. S. Thomas. Aged 84 years.

In Memoriam. In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Rev. F. R. Anney, M.P., who passed into the Higher Life on the 13th Dec. 1909.

Law. MADDUCK, JAMIESON AND LONIE, SOLICITORS AND CONVEYANCERS. MARKET BUILDINGS, 445 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

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Ladies Nurse. LADIES NURSE (Cert. Licentiate). "Booth," Clarke Street East, Northcote. All notes and letters promptly attended to.

Localisms. Since the Rev. C. W. Wood took charge of Holy Trinity, Thornbury, it has improved its position financially to the extent of £200.

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Deputation from Pender's Grove Settlers. ASK FOR MORE STREET CONSTRUCTION AND BETTER LIGHTING.

A large deputation from the Pender's Grove Settlers Association on Monday evening called on the Northcote Town Council.

The spokesman was Messrs Duffield and Nelson (secretary and president of the association respectively) and Hopkins.

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South Preston and Upper Northcote State Schools. ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT. A CROWDED ATTENDANCE.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Hanco, Mr. Hanco, head teacher of the above schools, is a thorough believer in the school providing an annual entertainment in aid of their own funds.

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The Luck of Ellen Darrel.

By J. Backville Martin.

It was past eleven. The morning... And at their entrance half a dozen... And at their entrance half a dozen... And at their entrance half a dozen...

Turning upon him with sudden fury... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then..."

And he himself unobserved, he would... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then... "You'll be Tom Darrel's girl then..."

MEETING UNCLE BEN. Why Tootleboom wears a Smile That Will Not Come Off. It isn't often that Tootleboom has... "Dear Toot—dair said the young... "Dear Toot—dair said the young... "Dear Toot—dair said the young..."

A LITTLE THING. A little word. Just letters three. One syllable. It is so simple... GEMS UNDER FINGER NAILS. The theory was put forward in Birmingham... GLASS BRICKS. Glass bricks are attaining such a wide popularity in Europe...

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

(Continuation of report from page 1.) Committee of the Whole.

The mayor submitted the report, recommending—

1. Parks Improvement.—That application be made to the Minister of Lands for a grant for the further improvement of the several Parks within the town.—Adopted.

2. Board of Health re drainage of Mary Street.—That the matter be considered when the loan schedule is being prepared.—Adopted.

3. Edwards Crescent.—That Mr. Hendle and other owners be approached with a view to realign the Crescent.—Adopted.

4. Railway Department re path from Beconsfield Parade to Beaver's Road, west side of the line.—That the Department be informed that the council is prepared to enter into an agreement for the use of same, the Council to maintain the path in good order, but if asphalted the cost to be paid by the Council and the Department in equal shares.—The mayor was authorized to interview the Department on the matter.

5. Nuisance Trades Board re particulars of Noxious Trades within the town.—That the Town Clerk be instructed to supply the information required.—Adopted.

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Also Settings of White Leghorns at 10/6, bred from Champion Egg Laying strain; hens, 31 Kerr's Sunnyhats; Pulman strain, mated with cockerel bred from Roseworthy competition hen (record 356 per hen).

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SHIRE OF PRESTON. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE Year ended 30th September, 1910.

Statement of Rates.

A GENERAL RATE of One Shilling and Nisepence in the Pound Sterling for the 30th September, 1910, was made by the Council on 7th March, 1910.

Table with columns: RIDING, NET VALUATION, AMOUNT OF RATE, ARREARS OF RATE, CURRENT RATE COLLECTED, ARREARS COLLECTED, TOTAL OF ARREARS.

Assets and Liabilities.

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Loan Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1910.

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Table with columns: Balance from last year, Amount of Contract, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

Statement of Contracts under Special Improvement Charge No. 2.

Table with columns: No. of Cds., Contractor, Locality and Description of Work, Amount of Contract, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

The foregoing Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1910, was finally examined, settled, and allowed by the Council of the Shire of Preston this 28th day of November, 1910.

A. F. ROBERTSON, President.

T. J. WITHERINGTON, Shire Secretary.

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IN MEMORIAM. In sad remembrance of our beloved brother, Rev. Hector Ferguson, who passed into the life beyond on December 13, 1910.

PART OF SALE (No. 8718) of Crown Lands, in P. & S. Simple, at the Auction Rooms of Ballie, Patterson & Sons Prop. Ltd., Melbourne, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of December, 1910, at two o'clock p.m.

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Northcote Telephone Exchange. After years of waiting it is coming at last. Mr. Anstey, M.L.A. informs us that the new exchange will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 19th inst.

LECTORAL DISTRICT OF JIKA JIKA. PRESTON DIVISION. The Ratepayers' and General Lists for the above Division are now printed and copies may be inspected, free of charge, until the day appointed for revision, at my office, at every Post Office within the Division.

SHIRE OF EPPING. Notice is hereby given that a Re-occurring Vacancy has occurred in the Woodstock Riding of the Shire of Epping, owing to no nominations having been received for the Extraordinary Vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor J. W. Boyd.

Local Government. The annual meeting of the Northcote Branch of the P.L.C. was held on Wednesday evening, December 7, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. H. Perkins; vice-presidents, Messrs G. Barker and G. Dupree; secretary, Mrs. G. Dupree; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Baynes; committee, Miss Tucker, Mrs. Kearns, Mr. W. Woods, Mrs. H. Tucker, and Mr. N. Nelson.

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Direct Communication With Williamstown Beach. PRESTON COUNCIL ASKED TO AIRRANGE MONSTER DEPUTATION.

J. A. Loring, secretary confederation of Progress Associations and A.N.A. branches between Preston and Williamstown, wrote requesting the council to take in hand the arranging of a monster deputation to the Railway Commissioners to ask for direct communication between Preston and Williamstown beach.

Localists. The State school bascule on Saturday last resulted in the grand total of £120. The total of the bascule on Saturday last resulted in the grand total of £120. The total of the bascule on Saturday last resulted in the grand total of £120.

PRESTON VALUATIONS, &c. GOOD INCREASES. The Preston valuer (Mr. G. H. Hamilton) on Monday evening presented his report, which showed good increases all round.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAIR. A fair was held in the church grounds on Saturday afternoon and evening last and proved a great success, the net profit amounting to £40 10s.

MISS ELSIE BERRY'S RECITAL. There was a large and responsive audience at Miss Elsie Berry's recital in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Tuesday night.

Children's School. The monthly meeting of the Pender's Grove Settlers' Association was held at the old shire hall on Wednesday evening last, the president (W. H. Saxo) in the chair.

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A DEAL WITH DEATH

A LOVE STORY OF THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

By MIFORD VANCE.

The Indian night was by cold, and Dick Marchmont turned on his coat and stepped briskly out across the compound in the direction of Colonel Hargrave's bungalow.

He pulled aside the heavy curtains that screened the verandah. The colonel was crouching over a fire of pungent logs. For an instant the young subaltern hesitated, then he gave a warning cough. Hargrave sprang to his feet, squaring his best shoulders with a visible effort.

"Ah, Dick, my boy!" he extended a lean, bronzed hand. "What brings you here? No trouble, I hope."

"Oh, no, sir," answered the other. "Things are quite quiet up at the village. Now the collector is over, I don't think the blacks will trouble us any more. He spoke with ominous hints of ignorance. 'It's about a private matter that I wish to speak to you about.'"

"The colonel gave a slight relief. 'Sit down,' he commanded. 'What is it?'"

"For a second or two I hesitated. The subject was a difficult one to tackle, but it had to be faced, so he came abruptly to the point. 'About your daughter, sir.'"

"About Violet?" Hargrave's brow clouded. "Well?"

"The colonel's tone was not encouraging. He had looked at her, and she had done me the honor of promising to become my wife. I have come to ask your consent."

BACKING THE WINNER

By Reeves Howe.

Bob Simmonds was, without a shadow of doubt, the best all-round man in the town. He was so immensely round, in fact, that his fellow-bookmakers grumbled incessantly at the enormous amount of space he required in the ring. Just now he was perching himself on a stool, and looking at a crowd of admirers who seemed particularly taken with his talking advantage of his generous terms.

"I'll lay five to two the field!" he bawled. "Five to two! Five to two! Here you go, boys! Here you go, boys! A young man, wearing a dark coat that glistened shamefully where the sun touched it, squeezed his way through the crowd and gazed at him steadily."

Simmonds, suddenly becoming aware of the intensity with which the stranger was regarding him, stepped for a second. "Three to one, you?" he said.

"Taken in thousands," said the stranger. "I'm betting with you, and as a gentleman, you can't let me down. Speak very quickly and firmly."

"We're not on gentlemanly business now, Kynaston, and the ordinary rules don't carry. I dine with you, or none but your thousand in my pocket. Which?"

Kynaston moved across the road, and Simmonds stepped by his side. "Constantly," he was asking gently, "can you tell me the way?"

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THE END OF THE WORLD.

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Creation individuals who are always fearful that some of the ends of the world predicted by sensational prophets may prove to be true will find considerable comfort in the assertion of Professor Lowell that there is good scientific evidence for the belief that mankind will have many years of warning of the great catastrophe that is destined to put an end to all things on this planet.

According to Professor Lowell's statements, there is evidence of a great amount of matter—more a world, but no deal—which is hurling itself toward the earth from the great distance. When the two come together the globe on which we live is destined to cease to exist.

Fortunately for our peace of mind, there is at the present moment no such lead world within dangerous proximity, and yet any day it may appear. Any day it may appear, papers may announce that one of these dark bodies has come within the reach of the telescope—that it may be seen by the light of the sun reflected upon it.

While it would then be certain that the end of the world was in sight, it would not be the inevitable. If the first view of the intruder were caught at the 11th magnitude, it could scarcely come much nearer before it would be visible to the naked eye, and three years more would elapse before it appeared to us as equal in size to a first magnitude star. In two years and three months more, it would have come as near to us as Jupiter, and by that time it would be as bright as the star in the sky. In fact, its effect upon the world would already be felt. Our seasons would change and the days would grow longer.

Finally, just 115 days later, those who were still alive would witness the beginning of the end. The stranger would not strike the earth, but would pass so close to it that the sun and the earth would drop slowly into the sun. "Brother Kynaston," he said, "I'll put this game of mine up and go to bed."

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WHENCE CAME "ASTRACHAN" FURS?

By Miford Vance.

Pillar, the naturalist, describes the sheep of the Ukraine, whence the famous "Astrachan" furs are obtained.

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RECOVERY OF LOST BOOKS.

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A Great Variety of Newly-Trimmed Hats at all prices
Black, Burnt, and White Chip Hats,
large shapes, 4/11.

New Shapes in Untrimmed Hats from 1/11.
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W.B. Corsets with low bust and long hip, 6/11.
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NOTE OUR PRICES IT WILL PAY YOU TO DO SO

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Our Windows for . . .
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We are unable to show every line in the windows
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The Leading Northcote Drapers

DOWN! DOWN! DOWN! LAMB MUTTON BEEF

You go farther and fare worse.
So says C. POWER & SON, The Best-Value Butchers of the district.

We have closely noted the methods of the Meat Jugglers, and for "tricks that are queer and ways that are dark" the Heathen Chinese is not in it with them.

WE have learnt only the old-fashioned business methods: We just buy the Best Meat that can be had for Cash and sell to our customers in the same old-fashioned manner—giving 10 oz. to every lb., at the smallest margin of profit, and our success proves the public appreciate the old-fashioned ways.

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OUR Popular Children's Shoe Departments were never better prepared to serve you.
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The following is a list of the properties we are anxious to place.

Our Clients are hungry for money—MUST SELL.

We are prepared to lend money on the following conditions: 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. small deposits; balance as rent. Call or write us.

Drick Shop (2) and dwellings, 5 large rooms, all good order, good tenants, land 32 x 100; £250; 177; week; no deposit.

Drick House, Wambourne Grove, Northcote, 6 rooms, large hall, magnificent position, every convenience, sowed, land 40 x 100; £200.

Villa, D.E.W.B., Beaconsfield Parade, Northcote, 5 rooms, handy location, gas, sewer, every convenience; £200.

Villa, D.E.W.B., Jankins Street, Northcote, 5 rooms, vestibule, kitchen, wash house, coach house, stable, nice garden, land 60 x 148; £200.

Four Brick and Wood Cottages, "Arthurs Road", Northcote, rental 25s, land 60 x 145; price £275 each.

Four W.B. Cottages, Deaver's Road, Northcote, rental 27s, land 80 x 110; price £275 each.

W.B. Villa, 7 rooms, stable, etc., Darrolo Road and Armadale Street, Northcote, land 48 x 133, rental £30; price £500.

W.B. Cottage, Manly St., Northcote, rental £21, land 34 x 110; price £185.

W.B. Villa, Olver and West St., Preston, rental £18, land 34 x 118; price £225.

Two W.B. Cottages, Olver Street, Preston, rental £30, land 80 x 118; price £350.

Brick Cottage, High Street, Preston, rental £10, land 11 x 95 (retard) 80 x 163; price £350.

Eight Brick Cottages, South St., Preston, rental £120, land 707 x 114; price £200 each.

W.B. Cottage, Plenty Rd. and Milton Street, Preston, rental £10, land 30 x 110; price £150.

Preston, David Street, Cottages, two S.F., brick, detached, 4 rooms, each with a wash-house and bathroom, rear 11' wide, a good investment, land 80 x 140; price £300 each.

Villa, D.E.W.B., Raleigh St., Northcote, 6 large rooms, vestibule, off. hall, bath and plaster, metal ceiling, nearly new, yard asphalted, land 42 x 124; £450.

House, D.F. Brook, High St., Preston, 9 rooms, bathroom, bath, wash-house, covered, play, large garden, in good order, land 2 1/2 acres; price £200.

Villa, D.E.W.B., 7 rooms, Mansfield St., Northcote, large garden, good position, near tram and train, land 115 x 110; £200.

Villa, D.E.W.B., Normandy Avenue, Northcote, 6 large rooms, vestibule, kitchen, bath, and plaster throughout, copper, trough, etc., bath and plaster throughout, etc., also lawn, land 85 x 145 to m.c. or m.c. or m.c., sowed, £200.

Three Brick Dwellings, Plenty Rd., Preston, rental 25s, land 80 x 120; price £280.

Queen Anne Villa, Peacock Street, West Brunswick, 7 rooms, vestibule, wash-house, 6 large rooms, average 12 x 18 dining room 24 x 18, nearly new, land 220 x 160; £600.

Villa, D.E.W.B., Normandy Avenue, Northcote, 4 rooms and kitchen, bath and plaster, stable and fowl-house, land 61 x 145; price £370.

House, D.E.W.B., Alexandra St., Northcote, 6 rooms, average 12 x 18 dining room and bathroom, small stable, land 41 x 140 to r.w.; £480.

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Villa, D.E.W.B., Ballantyne St., Northcote, 6 rooms, large hall, every comfort, near Thornbury station, land 66 x 184; £474.

Villa, D.F. Brook, Livingston St., Preston, 8 rooms, kitchen, bath, wash-house, coach house, stable, etc., near tram, land 40 x 120 to 101 1/2; r.w.; price £285.

The Leader

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Surely the oldest Australian has ever seen Christmas ushered in with more boisterous weather conditions—hot winds one day, cold winds the next. These are the first signs of winter, and with occasional glimpses of rain and sleet, with occasional glimpses of rain and sleet, the weather following. But despite all these weather drawbacks, it will be to the great joy of the people of this country, who are so busy with their work, that they will be glad to see the winter weather settle down to its normal state.

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OPENED ON MONDAY LAST. GREATLY IMPROVED SERVICE.

It has been a long wait for the Northcote telephone exchange, but it is now open, and the service is greatly improved.

There was no formal ceremony, as was originally intended, but the opening was a very successful one.

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We draw our readers' attention to the special selection of Christmas stories in today's issue.

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THORNBURY NIGHT RINK TOURNAMENT.

The tournament was completed this week with the winners turning up in a rink led by Oliver of the Etendon club...

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NORTHCOLE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

Present—Crs. Archbold (mayor), Plant, McIntosh, Smith, Lees, Dennis, Hainbridge, Tharratt, Woolhouse, Robb, Hayes, Harry, Johnson, and Williams.

Extension of Water Mains. The Metropolitan Board of Works writes stating that the water supply reticulation would be extended in Waterloo road, from Hastings street to Mitchell street, and in St. George's road from Beaver's road to Morley street, also in Dundas street, east of Newcastle street, and about 29 chains eastwards; and in Kellett street.

Cr. Plant moved and Cr. Smith seconded that the necessary guarantees be given.—Carried.

Impure Drainage. The Public Board of Health wrote stating that its officer had reported on the drain in St. George's road as follows:—The foul drainage referred to as coming from Beaconsfield street runs singly in a rough open earth cut along the north side of that street, past some 7 or 8 dwellings through alleys and yards. There are some water service pipes unprotected and exposed to the filth in the drain, and are liable to a risk similar to that flared in the case of the mains in St. George's road.—Received.

Mary Street Drainage. The Public Board of Health wrote stating that they would be glad to receive a report relative to the drainage in Mary street from the health officer as to whether any measures are practicable towards abating the nuisance.

Cr. Plant said that in view of the fact that this area would be covered in the near future they were not justified in carrying out a scheme involving an expenditure of £50. He moved that the Board be informed that the council had the matter under consideration.

Cr. Robb seconded. Cr. Hainbridge said that while the sewer would take away the domestic drainage there was an area of about 13 acres to drain.

The motion was carried.

Parks Grant. The Lands Department, through Mr. Membray, M.L.A., wrote stating that the council's application for a grant to improve the parks and gardens would receive consideration when the vote was being allocated.—Received.

Weights and Measures. A. Batson, secretary Weights and Measures Union, forwarded copy of the audited statement of receipts and expenses of the union for year ended September 30th, 1910, together with estimate for 1911, showing probable deficiency of £46, also account for Northcote's share of deficiency, viz., £4 17s 6d.—Referred to finance committee.

License Renewal. Messrs Smith and Sons, I. Dickson, E. Bishop, John Jones, J. Pitt, and Thos Hamiltonson applied to have their registrations renewed.—Granted.

Proposal to Acquire Land. Ellen Holden wrote stating that the council request for a strip of land 10 feet 6 inches x 310 feet was asking too much, but if the council would erect a 6ft. paling fence the full length arrangements might be entered into. Referred to committee of the whole.

Smokes from the Brick Company. W. Ahern, "Huntly" Mitchell set, writing complaining of the nuisance created by the black smoke that issues from the brick company's chimneys. Every time a north wind was blowing the house had to be closed down, and the fence once white is now a neutral color. He suggested that the council take some persuasive action under the 15th schedule of the L.G.A. to put an end to a positive nuisance.

Cr. Plant moved that Mr. Ahern be informed that the council had taken action.—Carried.

Public Works Committee. Cr. Hainbridge (chairman) submitted the report, recommending that ac-

counts amounting to £449 12s 6d, be paid.—Adopted.

Finance Committee. Cr. Williams (chairman) presented the report, recommending the payment of accounts amounting to £844 0s 1d, including public works £449 12s 6d.—Adopted.

Ordinary Business. Cr. Tharratt said that the acetylene gas lamp at the corner of St. George's road and Morley street was very unsatisfactory and moved that gas be substituted.—Carried.

Cr. Tharratt said that Arthurton road, west of the railway, was in a very bad state, and moved that it receive early attention. Seconded by Cr. Lees and carried.

Cr. Smith moved that the channel on the north side of Clark street, east end, be closed out.—Carried.

In reply to Cr. Robb the mayor said that the Fitzroy C.O. were in occupation at the Inebriate Retiro ground. Completion of the details had been effected owing to Cr. Hastings' illness.

Cr. Williams moved the suspension of the standing orders and submitted the following accounts, which were passed for payment:—Contract 435, £4 4s 8d; wages, £56 17s 7d.

Cr. Hainbridge moved that the engineer's attention be called to the state of the asphalt in Knowles street. The builder had a permit to go over it, but it was cut up to the extent of 20 feet, and he did not think the pound in hand would cover the cost of repairs.

Cr. Tharratt seconded.—Carried.

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Cr. Tharratt said the crossing from High street should be attended to.

Cr. Dennis said the works committee had already ordered it to be done.

Cr. Woolhouse's motion that all committee meetings be open to the ratapoys except meetings of the legislative committee was ruled out of order.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE. ENTERTAINMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual entertainment and distribution of prizes was held in the 2nd year town hall on Thursday, 15th December, and attracted a large audience.

The Rev. F. Britton presided, and was accompanied by the principal, Mr. H. W. Wainwright, the Mayor of Collingwood (Mr. Treves), and Mr. J. C. Membray, M.L.A. The programme was with a single exception, the play, "The Little Drummer Boy," by Mr. Wainwright.

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