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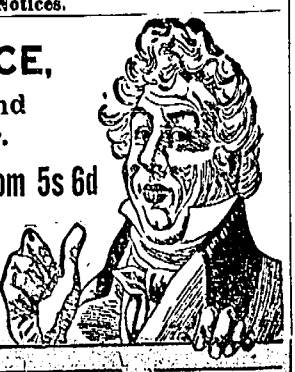
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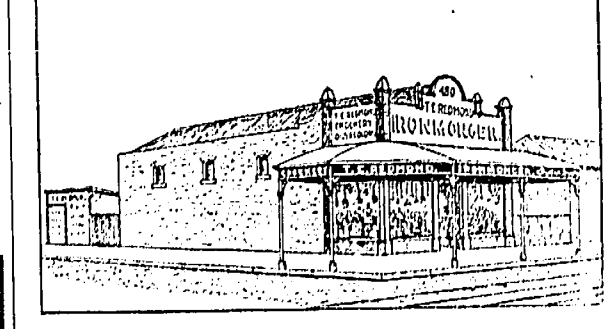
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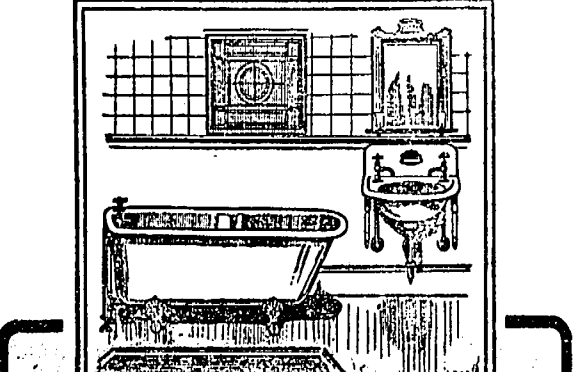
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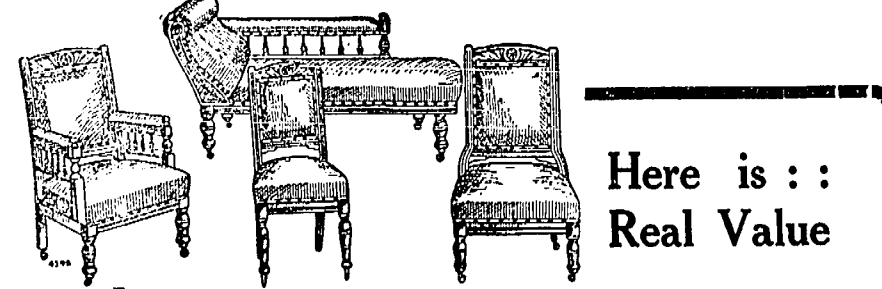
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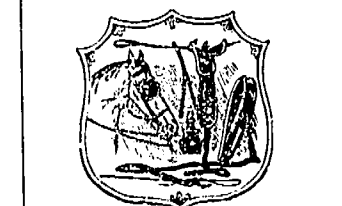
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ENGLAND AND THE WAR

SPECIAL OVERSEAS LETTER.

From the London "Daily Mail."

Carmelite House, London, England. The war is going well and people are walking about London with brighter faces and lighter hearts than for many a day. There has never been any doubt about the ultimate result of the fighting, but now every prospect seems to indicate that complete victory may come earlier than we dared anticipate a month ago. The news of the successful raid by our air men on the Zeppelin sheds at Düsseldorf touched the popular imagination. This is the kind of thing that the public in the street likes to hear about—the bold adventure, the reckless attack on the enemy at a point where he never expected it, and the evidence of power to inflict reprisals for wrongs done to non-combatants. A lot of that we hear of in the satisfactory developments in Northern and Eastern France. The battle on the long front there has proved fiercer and more sustained than anything known in history. The Germans, magnificently entrenched, have revealed the most obstinate powers of resistance. They have tried every device that a desperate courage suggests to destroy the Allies. But their very desperation, their reckless and wholesale sacrifice of life in their attacks and counterattacks, have told every military expert something of their serious danger. They know that they could only escape defeat by superhuman efforts, and they have called up all their forces, everywhere faced by ever-growing British and French armies. Our Indian troops are on them. The great flanking movement around the west coast has steadily developed. They must overwhelm us as retreat.

Military London. No one here, however, entertains the delusion that the retirement of the Germans into the interior of the country will mean that we can slacken preparations or ease down. It really means that the most serious part of the war will have begun, the attack on Germany itself. In London, as through out the country, preparations are going on daily for the completion of an army of a million men to be placed on the Continent in the early spring. One sees the men training everywhere. As you come out of East Station you note that the great enclosed gardens there are crowded with companies and sections of young Territorials, mostly at physical drill. There are so many of them that they have worn out the grass on the lawns with their marching. In every square in Bloomsbury the same sight is to be witnessed. You are held up in Holborn while a strong regiment of young fellows, most of them still without their uniforms, returns after a march of sixteen miles or so into the country. On all the heaths and commons around London the more advanced companies are at work, drilling and practising scouting and field work. St. Albans, quiet, peaceful St. Albans, has today 15,000 to 20,000 young soldiers quartered on it. They fill the streets, they crowd the square, they give a new air of life to the community. What is happening at St. Albans is happening on a larger or smaller scale in fifty other places around London.

"Fight De Germans." We have become a military people. The very children have drilled their other games to play at soldiers. The toddling babe of two years old strains along and informs his proud parents that he is going to "fight De Germans." The street arabs form little corps of their own, with cocked hats made of newspapers, with drums that once were Austrian or German, and with swords of wood. They march through central London as though the place belonged to them. I have not noticed so many companies of Boy Scouts as usual. The reason for this, I believe, is that numbers of the elder Boy Scouts are now being very usefully employed by the Government in office, despatch and patrol work, which they do very well. Their discipline and keenness make them ideal workers. The old-fashioned British attitude of regarding the man in the ranks with contemptuous tolerance has gone. The very civilian has learnt that those of us who knew the Army knew from the first that the regular soldier, orderly, disciplined, clean and well-trained, is well worth our very sincere admiration and emulation.

London at Night. London at night-time still tells us that we are at war. The muted lights were at first a novelty. It took us some days to become familiar with the Strand and the great thoroughfares and Oxford-street lit faintly like country roads. Old men declare that it reminds them of their boyhood, of the days when London was lit with flickering fish-burner gas lamps. Some people thought that this reduction of the street light and the extinguishing of brilliant signs might give criminals their opportunity. It is a police axiom that dark nights always cause an increase of crime. But it seems as though our criminals have been moved by the common impulse of patriotism, for crime, so far from increasing, has decreased to an enormous extent since the outbreak of war. The spectacle of the searchlights draws crowds to the Embankment every evening. There are at least six searchlights operating, two at Charing Cross, two at Marble Arch, and two at Vauxhall Bridge. These sweep the sky hour after hour, their great beams flung across the heavens seem to give all London a new air.

The Belgian Refugees. The Belgian refugees are settling down in London. A large number of them are housed at the Alexandra Palace. Others are being given private hospitality. Many who still have some means have rented furnished houses in London for short terms, hoping then to be able to return home. Many, putting their pride in their pockets, are taking whatever work they can obtain. Some of the younger Belgian women have gone as domestic servants, and from all it can be heard they make very good servants, too. Messrs. Selfridge are endeavoring to find the old Mechlin lace-workers employment here by starting a Mechlin lace section, and are taking on a few of them who apply. It would be sad indeed if the upset of the war led to the break-up of the beautiful Mechlin lace industry. Apart from London, refugees are to be seen in all parts of the country. There has been an outburst of pity and sympathy for them, and thousands of homes have been thrown open to our unhappy visitors. The facts that they are able to tell at first hand are having a very good effect, particularly in out-of-the-way districts.

POSTBAG OF THE WAR.

LETTERS FROM THE FIRING LINE.

German treachery, in its different guises, with flag abuse predominant, is referred to by more than one correspondent to our postbag of the war this week. While the majority of the letters deal with the more terrible side of warfare there are others characteristic of the cheery good humor and inherent philosophy of the British soldier.

STILLNESS OF DEATH.

Corporal's Order of Act of German Treachery.

Lance-Corporal L. Thomsson, who with the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, writes:— I was bandaging one of the Cameron Highlanders when a bullet passed straight through my hand, so I had to cut off another Cameron, so he is carrying my bullet somewhere. Our troops had retired from the position, and ten of us got into a pit close to, where we stayed until dusk, when a guards' officer made a red cross with blood on a handkerchief which he fastened to his stick. This was seen by a party of Germans, who came up and shot the two officers and then the remainder of our party. I lay quiet, expecting to receive my quietus, but a bullet went right through my arm and shoulder. I waited a while and two or three English soldiers came. One bandaged my shoulder, and there I stayed in the night. I was not allowed to struggle out and attract the attention of some South Wales Borderers. A large party of Germans coming, the Borderers retired to their trenches, and the fighting began again. I was again left to the tender mercies of the enemy, but this time I lay as if dead, and they evidently took it that I was, for they were quite close to me in the same pit. To lie on your back and feign death for any length of time requires a lot more doing than I thought. It appeared to me a week, although it was not more than a few hours. I see there is an officer, Lieutenant Goldie, reported missing. He is not missing in the military sense, because the pig blew his brains out just before they shot me a second time.

IRISH FIGHTING BLOOD.

"No German Shall Trample on the Union Jack."

Private P. O'Hanlon, Connaught Co. Sligo:— The dear old Rangers have their fair share of fighting. Still, they're ready for as much more as the Germans want, and it won't be our fault if every man of ours that has gone to face his Maker with an unshriven soul hasn't at least a dozen German trash to talk him company. There's a lot of talk about the disloyalty of the Irish people, but surely when it comes to the matter of fighting, the Irish are not less loyal than any other race. Representing himself as the deputy of Connaught, on the telephone a person asked a military officer at the barracks if he would care to billet 200 recruits at Connaught. "I've newly erected hostel for working men. The offer was accepted. Shortly afterwards the military officer was ordered over the telephone by "his Majesty's transport officer" to make instant preparation to receive the recruits and provide them with a meat tea.

CROWN PRINCE'S LOOT

SHAMELESS THEFTS BY KAISER'S HEIR.

Despicable behavior is attributed to the Crown Prince by the Baroness de Hays, who, in a letter to the Paris "Matin," states that the Crown Prince passed two days in her chateau near Champaubert, which she alleges he plundered. The text of the indictment is as follows:— "The Crown Prince spent two days in our castle of Hays, near Champaubert. While there he pillaged the museum, where M. de Hays had collected the treasures accumulated by him as a result of 28 years' exploration and archaeological expeditions. Breaking all the windows which decorated the gallery, he carried off 50 yards long, he pillaged everything. He stole armor, unique jewels, medals, valuable vases, chased gold cups, as well as all the superb presents that the Tsar gave M. de Hays as a souvenir of his mission to Russia. In the 1812 museum," continues the lady, "he stole some beautiful bronzes, tapestries, medallions, etc. He took these articles away with him, our most precious souvenirs. He had the furniture and the rest of our treasures packed up. The latter were selected with astonishing good taste for a Vandals; but, in the hurry of his retreat he was forced to abandon the packed cases. To seal his passage he smashed under his dirty boot on the step of the chapel which joins the museum he sacked, the portraits of the Tsar and Tsarina."

KAISER'S FAMOUS ORDER

"WALK OVER 'FRENCH'S' CONTEMPTIBLE LITTLE ARMY."

For the first time a full and authentic version of the Kaiser's famous order to his troops in which contemptuous allusion is made to the British Army, is now given to the public. The following is the text, as given by the "Times":— "It is my Royal and Imperial Command that you concentrate your energies for the immediate present, upon one single purpose, and that is that you shall address all your skill and all the valor of my soldiers to exterminate first the treacherous English and walk over General French's contemptible little Army."

HOW WIRELESS DEFEATED VANITY

Inhabitants of Darkest Africa who doubted in deeking themselves out in brackets of wire proved a constant nuisance to the proper operation of the telegraph because they simply could not let the wire alone. They repeatedly cut down the lines and carried away the wire to make ornaments of various kinds for their persons. Several large military concerns have been obliged to install wireless telegraph communication between the railroad stations and their mines for this reason.

THOUSANDS OF SPIES.

GERMANY'S ADVANCE ARMY.

By G. Ward Price.

Paris, October 3. There is one branch of modern warfare in which I doubt whether the Allied Army will prove to be as well organized when it gets into Germany as the Germans have shown themselves in France. And that is in its system of spying.

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WHAT WAR LOOKS LIKE.

A CIVILIAN'S SENSATIONS.

By J. M. N. Jeffries.

A question that has been put to me particularly since I returned from—well, from Some-of-Tam—a few days ago is: "What is it like out there; how do our men get on?"

"DEAR MUM AND DAD"

Sailor Boy's Cake and Desire for Mouth Organ.

A sailor boy on a North Sea battleship writes:— Dear Mum and Dad,— If you do not mind I would like another month or two, but if you can't afford it I don't trouble, because I cost you a lot of money, what with stamps and parcels. I reckon I cost you a tidy bit. Dear Mum and Dad, I did my washing to-day and Ginger dried it in the galley for me. Dear Mum and Dad, I hope the foodstuffs has not gone up at all in London. Dear Mum and Dad, I won't eat all the cake yet, but I am enjoying it. I can tell you, Dear Mum and Dad, we have been chipping paint all the evening up till six o'clock. Dear Mum and Dad, every man in this ship is looking forward to the time when we shall meet the German fleet, and they are all sure that it will not last long and that we will win by long chalk. Dear Mum and Dad, about three-parts of the sailors are longing to go to the front, and they would like to be there when the army marches through Berlin. They say they would like to see you, "You can't divide me, old dear," and I bet they would have some sport.

STANDING BY THE FLAG.

Fearless Commander Who Kept His Word.

First-class Stoker C. F. Cattle, one of the survivors of H.M.S. Hogue, says:— Our captain (Nicholson) was one of the best. The last we saw of him was standing on the bridge waving his cap, and pointing downwards with the thumb of his other hand. The vessel was sinking fast, and those who saw him while we were swimming in the sea saw him three cheers. When we were committed for war service he called the crew together and announced his determination not to have his flag lowered to any man. He stood beside that flag until he was washed off the ship.

HUMOR IN WAR TIME

"TRANSPORT OFFICER'S" JOKE.

All Yorkshire is laughing over a trick played by some awful fellow with a sense of humor on a Sheffield (England) hotel and a number of Lord Kitchener's recruits. Representing himself as the deputy of Connaught, on the telephone a person asked a military officer at the barracks if he would care to billet 200 recruits at Connaught. "I've newly erected hostel for working men. The offer was accepted. Shortly afterwards the military officer was ordered over the telephone by "his Majesty's transport officer" to make instant preparation to receive the recruits and provide them with a meat tea.

HUMANE FOES.

SIMPLE NATURE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

One of the finest acts of humanity recorded from the battlefields is the following, reported by a wounded soldier. "The wife of a colonel was making the round of a Liverpool hospital and stopped at the bedside of a wounded Highlander—a very bad case. The gallant fellow, one of whose legs had been recently amputated, was toying with a German helmet, evidently a trophy of war."

"THIS HELL OF FIRE."

British Lines Impelled by Herd of Cows.

An infantry officer with the British force has written some vivid stories of Omaha and La Crosse. He says:— "On battery, apparently on the left of the — Brigade, was burning a helmet with the German insignia, advancing against my front, and as I was about to shoot at them and the smoke cleared away I saw the ground covered with German casualties. I was struck by the fine way the German infantry pushed on under this hell of fire. To my great surprise a large herd of cows appeared in a field of roots in which were some of my trenches, and drew the enemy's artillery fire upon us. I knew that at long range the cows would probably be mistaken for infantry, and I had to take them to my right, and drive the brutes off a most undignified proceeding, and rather unpleasant. However, we drove them off without getting hit. Then I received orders to retire, but they did not do so at once, thinking there had been a mistake, as I saw no reason for doing so. But within five minutes I saw all my regiment with their trenches and fall back upon the village of X, which was by this time a flaming hell, with shells bursting all over it."

THE HERO OF THE BRIDGE.

Daunting Cleaver of German Shell.

A cavalry officer writes thus from near the front:— "The British have had 300 cases have become infected, and that the average time in hospital has been only a little over a fortnight, is a tribute both to the splendid physical condition of the men and to the efficiency of the medical services all the way back from the line of battle to the base hospital."

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

THE HOUSE THAT FRITZ BUILT.

This is the house that Fritz built.

This is the concrete two feet thick, laid to be tickled by spade or pick. That carried the house that Fritz built.

This is the earthwork stuffed with brick. Surrounding, the concrete three feet thick.

This is the earthwork stuffed with brick. Hard to be tickled by spade or pick. That carried the house that Fritz built.

This is the earthwork stuffed with brick. That was going to make the siege a cinch.

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METROPOLITAN BOARD DESIGNING ENGINEERS.

QUESTION OF GERMAN EMPLOYEES. Mr. McNeill, at the Northcote council on Monday evening, said he wanted to know if the office of designing engineer to the Metropolitan Board had been abolished simply because the holder was a German.

B.W.M.U. CONCERT.

The second annual demonstration of the Northcote branch of Baptist Women's Missionary Union was held last Monday evening in the church.

Northern Tramway Extension League.

A largely attended meeting of members was held at the Albion Hotel on Thursday night, the president, Mr. W. Pearl, in the chair.

WARDS' ADJUSTMENT.

At the Pender's grove hall on Saturday last, representatives from the Northcote South Ratepayers' Association, East Ward Progress Association, and Pender's Grove Association met in conference to consider the re-division of the wards in the City of Northcote.

GROXTON METHODIST CHURCH.

BAZAAR FOR EXTENSION FUND. Like other congregations in this progressive district the Groxton Methodists are preparing for extension.

WEDDINGS.

GODFELLOW-JORDAN. A marriage of interest took place at the South Preston Methodist Church on Saturday 21st November.

DINWOODIE-KOLLE.

The marriage of Mr. David Dinwoodie, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dinwoodie, of Northcote, to Miss Ethel Kalle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kalle, of Leicester street, Preston, was celebrated on November 20 at the residence of the bride's parents.

THOMAS-WILKINSON.

On the 19th November, at Wesley Church, Hanks, China, Dr. Isabel Wilkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkin, of Preston, was married to Rev. G. Mathew Thomas, of the British Railways Station, Hanks, China.

Congregational S. ay School Anniversary.

The 23rd anniversary was celebrated last Sunday under good conditions, the day being delightfully cool.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

During the week business has been brisk and the picture program excellent. The Keystone comedies "The Property Man," and "Caught in a Cabaret," kept the audience in a state of merriment from start to finish.

St. Joseph's Schools, Northcote.

A combined play and musical entertainment was given in the Northcote Theatre on Wednesday night. The juvenile performers were pupils of St. Joseph's schools.

Northcote Valuer's Report.

REMARKABLE YEAR'S PROGRESS. The report of the valuer (Mr. F. W. Braiding) presented to the Northcote council on Monday evening, shows a remarkable year's progress.

Table with columns: Valuation, Increase, Decrease. Rows: South, East, Central, West, North.

EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

On Wednesday night 33 points of rain fell at Epping, the result being most beneficial, especially to the young wheat crop.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor. Sir, I note that Mr. Mearns in the declaration of the poll, referring to the small percentage of voters, advocated that one should not be allowed to vote.

Young People's Sunday.

Sunday, November 22nd, was observed at the Preston Presbyterian Church as Young People's Sunday. Special services were held morning and evening, and the attendance on both occasions was very encouraging.

Pender's Grove Association will hold their fortnightly social to-night.

M. H. KNAPP, HELEN STREET, NORTHCOTE, FURNITURE REMOVAL AND STORAGE.

WOOD, COAL, AND COKE. SAND AND GENERAL CARTING, Light and Heavy.

JURISTS ACT 1910.

Information or Complaint for an Offence Punishable Summarily and Summons Thereon.

In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote.

In the Central Bailwick, Attest: By Alfred Thomas, Justice of the Peace, and by the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the City of Northcote, Informant.

Unknown Owner, Defendant.

The information of Alfred Thomas, Mayor of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 27th of November, 1914, at Northcote, in the said Bailwick and State, the said Unknown Owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit, two horses, viz: One grey gelding, branded on near shoulder; One bay gelding, white saddle marks, white star, branded like D16 on near shoulder, like C V 20 on off shoulder, found on certain land of Cunningham Street, Northcote, which land not being a common, and such that there is fence dividing such land from the said road, without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

Alfred Thomas Hutton, Informant to Unknown Owner.

WHEREAS the above information doth say that the said Hutton by the above-named Alfred Thomas Hutton being one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailwick of the said State of Victoria, doth say that he has been informed that the said Unknown Owner is the owner of certain cattle, to wit, two horses, viz: One grey gelding, branded on near shoulder; One bay gelding, white saddle marks, white star, branded like D16 on near shoulder, like C V 20 on off shoulder, found on certain land of Cunningham Street, Northcote, which land not being a common, and such that there is fence dividing such land from the said road, without anyone having charge of the said cattle.

CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE V. COLLINGWOOD.

FIRST ELEVEN. This match was commenced at Victoria Park last Saturday. Northcote won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. F. Yeomans and Spicer being the opening batsmen, and a good start was made, as 80 runs were scored before the end of the first hour.

SECOND ELEVEN. The second eleven played at the Northcote Park. Collingwood had first use of a splendid pitch. The first wicket fell at 10 and the second at 16. The batting was made up of Hinly and Naimish, and the score was taken to 108 before Hinly was caught by R. Lupton, B. Rider, and R. Verson, not out.

Northcote Ambulance Brigade.

At a public meeting held at the Northcote town hall recently, details of the formation and control of a division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were explained by the district chief superintendent, Mr. G. G. Cannon.

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Private Greeting Christmas Cards.

We have much pleasure in announcing the issue of our new Private Greeting Cards for season 1914 now ready for inspection. The pattern book contains 100 artistic creations to select from.

Situations Wanted.

DRESSMAKER, competent, wishes to do daily work. Miss Brett, 41 Mansfield St., Northcote.

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Wanted for Draper's Shop. G. F. G. Smith, 245 High St., Northcote.

Notice.

NORTHCOTE SOUTH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION. The Committee invite the Members and Lady Friends to a Function in connection with the Naming of the various portions of the Rockeries.

Auction Sales.

THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1914. At 1.30 p.m. On the Premises, O'Connor's Hotel, Epping.

BOWLS.

The local players who entered for the V.A. president's trophy were not successful. The match was played at Northcote, going out in the first round. It is "Ladies Day" at Thornbury green to-day. There will be rink competition open to all members on both greens.

Northcote Audit.

R. A. Balfour Melville reported to the Northcote City Council on Monday that he had completed the audit of the council's books. It gave him pleasure to say that all the books are well kept, and he had to thank Mr. Swift and the other officers for their courtesy to him and the readiness with which they supplied the information he desired.

Northcote A.N.A.

At the half-yearly meeting of the following officers were elected: President, M. P. J. Duffield; vice-president, Mr. A. Bostock; secretary, Mr. W. J. Williams; treasurer, W. F. Glanville; assistant secretary, F. Evers; auditors, Messrs Haggart and Rowray; committees, Messrs. G. G. Cannon, J. Williams, C. Crouch and Moore.

Croxtan Park Concerts.

There was a good attendance at Croxtan on Saturday night, when the usual vaudeville programme was presented. The excellence of the various turns evoked all-round applause. For tonight's concert the management arranged the engagement of both Bros. Tom Hedley and Mack and Mac, as well as other popular performers on the vaudeville stage.

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Amusements.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT. LOAN NO. 10.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER FOR BORROWING MONEY.

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Northcote, on the 10th day of November, 1914, the Council do hereby agree to the following resolution, that is to say:—

Church entertainments.

PRESTON Presbyterian Church. BAZAAR This Afternoon (Children and Evening) at 3 o'clock. Programme—Highland Piper, Fancy Dancing by Miss E. Connell, &c. Admission Id. Children 5d.

South Preston Methodist Church.

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR. To be opened by the President of the Shire, Cr. Bricknell, in the SCHOOL HALL. THURSDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1914. And continue on Friday, and Saturday Evenings.

Meetings.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE. I shall be pleased to meet LADIES in the Mayor's Room, Town Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday Next, the 9th inst., at 5 p.m., with a view to assist in the movement for providing and forwarding Clothing and Comforts for Sufferers by the present Calamitous War.

Public Meeting.

By request of the President of the Shire (Cr. C. Bricknell, J.P.), I hereby convene a Public Meeting to be held in the Shire Hall on Thursday Evening Next, 10th December, at 8 o'clock, to consider the advisability of making arrangements for a suitable fund for the relief of the unemployed of the Second Australian Expeditionary Force.

Tenders.

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To-Day and following 4 weeks.

Here are a Few Examples:

- One piece Crepe Costumes, latest style in plain colors, including white, cheap at 8/11; Bargain price 3/11. One piece Floral Crepe Costumes, light grounds, very smart, some collars and cuffs. 10's worth 8/11, 12/6; Bargain, 5/11. Ladies' White Organdi Muslin Blouses, floral collar and cuff, cheap at 2/11; Bargain price 1/3. Ladies' Silk Blouses, latest shape, cheap at 4/11; Bargain price 1/11. Striped Crepe Blouses, white ground, turn down American collar, cheap at 3/6; Bargain price 1/11. 5000 yds. White Cambrie Embroidery, numerous designs, cheap at 5d yd.; Bargain price 1/2 doz. 2500 yds. Rollers, consisting of spring roll, 2 yds. Holland, and all complete, regular price 2s each; Bargain price 1/4. SHEETINGS—We secured from a Suburban draper at a heavy discount for cash a large parcel of White and Unbleached Sheetings, all widths, and offer the same at bargain prices. 10d 64 inch White and Unbleached, regular price 10/4 yd. 1d 72 inch White and Unbleached, regular price 1s and 1/11 yd. Bargain price 9d. 10d 80 inch White and Unbleached, regular price 1s 12 1/4; Bargain price 10/4. Dress Bazaar, double width colored Poplin, all shades, nice silk finish, regular price 1/6 yd. Bargain price 1/11 yd. Men's All-Wool Cashmere Socks, a heavy purchase just landed, merino toe and heel, seamless, great summer line; great value at 1/6 pair. Bargain price 9d pair. Gents' Fashion Shirts. We carry the stock. Quality and Style tells. Smart Striped Shirts, with gaudier or stiff cuffs, City price 5/11 and 6/6. Our Bargain price all at 3/11 each. TIES—Latest patterns and cut. A huge purchase of 50 doz. of our Xmas Fair. We offer a 1/6 tie as an advertisement for 10/4. Ladies' American Silk Blouses, the greatest value in the trade. Our own manufacture. Heavy weight Crepe Jam Silk, 100 Yards Silk, cheap at 6/11 each. Bargain price 3/11. 5 Dates of Japanese Hearth Rugs, value at 1/- each. Bargain price 9d each.

Visit Hattam & Hattam's Great December Bargain Fair.

Commences To-Day and continues till Christmas and the New Year. High St., Northcote. Tel., Northcote 268.

The Very Latest Styles in the Newest Popular Fabrics.

There will be hundreds of styles offered to young men this season. There will be "freaks," that never did measure up to ideals of refined dressers. There will be fads and novelties—here to-day and gone to-morrow. There will be copies of REAL STYLES, that only approach the original in beauty, so beware.

Arthur Shands' £3 3s Suits to Measure.

have for years stood for exactness and correctness in style to the smallest detail. "Frank style" or "fashionable style" are never found in Shands' made-to-measure garments. The styles that smack of smartness—the distinguishing duff style-touches that appeal to fashionable young men—never overstep the bounds of refinement. And it is in the confidence of being correct in style that has made the tailoring department of Arthur Shands the reigning favorite with some of the city's best dressed men. If you're interested in knowing what is right in style—in knowing what FASHION has dictated this season—then you'll want to see the goods that have just been opened. The purchase made just previous to war being declared. Hence no rise in price.

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NORTHCOLE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.

Present:—Crs. Tharratt (mayor), Henderson, H. Smith, Hayes, Redmond, McDonald, Plant, Glandfield, Lee, Dennis, Mason, Johnson, Hastings and Schwabach.

DAREBIN CREEK BRIDGE.

The Public Works Department wrote approving of plans of bridge over Darebin Creek, on condition that a minimum wage clause is inserted in the specifications.

ICE CREAM LICENCES.

The health inspector wrote reporting favorably on the premises of Mrs. A. E. Hawkins, High street, and F. W. Porter, Victoria road, which licences to manufacture ice cream had been applied for.—Licences granted.

DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK.

The Public Health Department wrote asking, in connection with the outbreak of diphtheria, if any action had been taken with a view to discovery of a carrier.

PENDER STREET.

Closer Settlement Board wrote asking for some filling to be placed in Pender street, between Mrs. G. Rainey's and Mrs. G. Rainey's, referred to the works committee, on the motion of Cr. Redmond.

RAILWAYS DENY LIABILITY.

The Railway Department wrote declining to pay accounts of £12 6s and £2 10s for asphaltum in Arthurton road, as they represented the Crown, and were not liable.—Referred to committee of the whole, on the motion of Cr. Schwabach.

TAR SPRAYING.

V. M. Fenwick & Co. wrote forwarding tar spraying.—Referred to works committee.

INCREASE ON CONTRACT.

Cr. Mason reported having adjusted matter in dispute between the council and British Insulated and Heatable Co. re contract for electric supplies.

COUNCIL AND QUARRY EMPLOYEES.

Jas. Palmer, secretary Pender's Grove Association, wrote asking in connection with Northcote quarry—(1) Do the employees receive the same privileges as other municipal quarry employees. (2) Why a full enquiry has not been held into the recent grievances. The Association was of opinion that the council should, as soon as possible, adjust the dispute.

Cr. McDonald moved that the information be supplied that we are the only council which doesn't treat its quarry employees in the same way as its other employees. (Laughter). When the Wages Board came in they were told that their privileges would be stopped. The privileges of the employees at the Coburg and Collingwood quarries have not been taken away.

Cr. Redmond seconded the motion.

The quarrymen should have the same privileges as other employees.

He thought, however, the quarrymen should work 48 hours, so as to put them on the same footing.

Cr. Dennis said that this was clearly impossible as it would clash with the Wages Board determination. As for holidays the 2 hours a week worked at a fortnight's pay. Cr. McDonald was in favour of the council paying the same privileges to their quarrymen as to other employees in the matter of holidays.

Cr. McDonald moved that the town clerk write and ask what other municipalities are doing.

Cr. Redmond seconded.—Carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL MEN.

Jean McLaren, secretary Northcote Branch P.L.C., wrote forwarding the following resolution they had adopted: viz.—(1) That owing to a large number of men unemployed in Northcote the council be requested to engage local men in fixing the electric light wires by contract or day labour. (2) And that preference be given to same in building Darebin bridge.

Cr. Henderson moved that the matter be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Hayes said he had been told that men out of the district were being given employment in preference to local men.

He would like a report made to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Dennis said that all things being equal local men should get the preference, but it was not good policy limiting employment to local men as has been found at Coburg.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

H. Barnes, High Street, E. Brunswick, wrote for a refund of 9s 6d expenses he had been put to owing to injury which his little girl met with through coming in contact with a barbed wire entanglement at Darebin park.—Referred to finance committee, on the motion of Crs. Johnson and Hastings.

TRAMWAY TRACK COMPLAINED OF.

Jean McLaren wrote as secretary of the Northcote branch P.L.C., bringing under notice the "disgraceful condition of the Northcote tram track." Various complaints had been made, and they trusted that the council would see promptly to its repair.

Cr. Henderson moved and Cr. Redmond seconded that the matter be referred to the tramway committee.

Cr. Lees.—Has the engineer submitted a report lately.

Cr. McDonald.—The track is in a rotten state, and if our engineer is satisfied with it we should get another engineer.

The engineer has reported that he is dissatisfied with the track and has served a notice on the lessees that the track must be put in proper order.

Cr. Plant.—I think Cr. McDonald heard that report re-referred.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

J. Haggart, hon. sec. of Northcote Horticultural Society wrote asking permission to erect a notice board in front of a meeting room.—Left in the hands of engineers.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Mason (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—1. That accounts amounting to £860 7s be passed for payment.—Adopted. 2. That the tender of the London and Commonwealth Art Pottery Co. for the supply of insulators, iron pins and pipe insulators for the sum of £100 8s 4d be accepted.—Adopted. 3. Fuses.—That the tender of the Edison Swan Electric Co. for the supply of fuses and bolts for the sum of £9 4s 2d be accepted.—Adopted. 4. Tenders.—That tenders be invited for the supply of 700 poles for the completion of the electric scheme.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Plant (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—1. That accounts—general £1200 16s 8d and electric £280 11s 8d.—be passed for payment.—Adopted. 2. Estimates.—That the town clerk and city surveyor be instructed to prepare the draft estimate of receipts and expenditure for the current financial year for consideration at a meeting of the council, in committee, on the 7th December.—Adopted.

MONEY FOR PRIVATE STREETS.

Replying to Cr. Dennis the mayor said the bankers had been interviewed with regard to getting money for private street construction under the new provision of the Act, but they would do nothing till they saw the Bill, which could not be passed yet, though the town clerk had written for it. Cr. Dennis said he thought it strange that a copy of the Bill could not be got. The making of the private street construction was an urgent matter, not only for the employment it would give, but because, if such work could not be provided, they would have to stop the crusher.

Cr. Plant said they had done everything possible to expedite matters.

They had advanced £2500 out of the general fund and till it was recouped from the loan they would have to go very slow, as they were up to within a few pounds of the limit of their overdraft.

FLINDERS STREET.

Cr. Redmond wanted to know when tenders were going to be called for Flinders street. The council had been asked to make the money for that street for two years. Cr. Hastings said they were anxious for this work to be gone on with. But the contract was not yet fixed and not £100 had yet been collected.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Henderson reported having attended Damage to Roads Conference. A sub-committee of which he was a member had been appointed to report. Cr. Redmond said immediate attention was required at the intersection of Newcastle and Flinders streets, and he would move that the matter be referred to the engineer. The engineer being asked to report, said this opened up a very big question, the drainage works were to be taken into Mansfield street, where also it would be objected to. He would like to include it without they could give him plenty of money. Cr. Redmond moved that the matter be referred to the works committee, who were to report on the matter. The mayor moved that the matter of constructing lane between Beaver's road and Bent street be referred to the works committee.—Carried. Cr. Redmond moved that the closer settlement board be written to asking them to provide money to make Flinders street and street adjoining. Cr. McDonald seconded.—Carried. Cr. McDonald moved that a report be prepared by the tramway engineer and submitted at next meeting.

PRESTON A.N.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held on Monday night, the president (Mr. E. Lewis) in the chair. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Monk of the Metropolitan Committee said an official visit and installed the various officers as follows—President, Mr. W. Fyfe; vice-president, Mr. Lucas; secretary, Mr. R. Douglas; assistant secretary and press correspondent, Mr. E. Madden; committee—Messrs Donovan, Henderson, Bertlett, Deakin, and Westcott; auditors, Messrs S. Winnett and T. Kuppich. Considerable discussion took place as to the desirability of sending conference delegates to the annual conference, an after a heated debate it was decided not to send any delegates this year. It was resolved to donate the prize money won in the red cross carnival procession back to the red cross fund. Mr. Henderson moved that the secretary write to the president of the shire asking him to call a public meeting to try and reform a rifle club for the district, and after discussion the motion was carried. Mr. E. Lewis moved a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors.

A.W.A. Preston.

The half-yearly meeting was held at the Rechabab hall on 23rd November, Mrs. Howard presiding over a large attendance. Election of officers for the ensuing term was proceeded with, and Mrs. Edwards (Board member) installed the following—President, Mrs. Howard; vice-president, Mrs. Stanlake; treasurer, Mrs. Primrose; secretary, Miss Lidstone; assistant secretary, Miss M. Cooper; committee, Mrs. Trigg, Misses Bryant, E. Watson, A. Gray, V. Payne, auditors, Mrs. Sheppard and Miss Wilson; press correspondents, Misses Lidstone and Cooper; delegates to conference, Mrs. Howard and Miss Lidstone; sick visitor, Mrs. Howard. At the conclusion of business, Mrs. Edwards, on behalf of Mrs. Falconer (Country branch), presented Miss Lidstone with a gold medal for introduction of most members during the past six months. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Edwards for attending meeting, refreshments and musical items by Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. Bryant, and Miss Brown brought a pleasant evening to a close. Next meeting, 7th Dec.

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SOME LESSONS OF THE WAR.

By F. T. Hickford, M.A.

A great many authorities are discussing what is going to happen after the war. Germany has already parcelled out the map of Europe, and with the usual monopolistic scorn of countries smaller than itself, has already annexed Belgium, Holland and Denmark, and also Great Britain. As for the British and French foreign possessions, they are, of course, unquestionably in the lap of Germany. But the chickens are not yet hatched. There is no doubt, what a very small spot in the immense world-wide dominion is really much more possible now than it was in the days of Napoleon. This globe which we inhabit for so short a space of time, ought for everyone to have a share, is a very small spot in the immense firmament of the heavens after all. We make a good deal of both and turmoil, we kill and slaughter by thousands the most virile generating portion of the people, at the same time spending much ingenuously scientific enquiry in preserving life, hasting with excellent exuberance of our culture and civilization and our evolution to higher planes of thought and morality. As a matter of fact this world is too small for the dense populations of Europe. It is often noticeable that small houses with numerous inhabitants are much more likely to be quarrelsome than large houses where people can get out of each other's way. Germany is becoming too crowded, too congested. She says she wants room to stretch herself. Hence the demand for more space, and she finds the world so small that she seems determined to have the lot. The world is smaller than it used to be simply because distance is rapidly being annihilated. What propelled contrivances, telegraphic communication, the invention of wireless communication, telephones, airships, motor cars, we can keep in touch with Siberia and Vancouver just as easily as with Brisbane or Perth. The attempt to isolate one country from another is impossible. The ocean is no longer gossamer, no longer to be dreaded. It is now rather a friend than a foe. The ocean has always been and will continue to be the strength of Britain's might. We say these obvious things because unless they are recognised one cannot fairly surmise what will be done after the war is over and the slaughter of human beings has ceased.

From the British point of view what will happen after the war is clear enough. The Empire will be consolidated and cemented by the force of one common danger and one common sacrifice—the little bickerings of the past must be absorbed in the hopes of the future. The adaptability of Britain is one of the main causes of her success. She will not, outstep and not the homes of free political institutions. And yet Germany must be admired for her strenuousness and thoroughness. Nothing is done by halves. If she hates, she hates with the bitterness of the fiends of Hell. If she has military rule, it is rigid to the very core. Nothing is left to chance. Everything is carefully planned, every detail is scrutinised with religious fanatical zeal. Her system of mine-laying in the open waters of the ocean is devilish. It is highly obnoxious from every point of view. It is a breach of the principles of neutrality. It destroys the non-belligerent vessels as well as those of the enemy. But it is absolutely thorough. Her system of spies, or more diplomatically said, her system of secret intelligence, is widespread. Every country of the globe seems to possess German spies. They seem to be a kind of human barbed wire entanglement, scattered with discrimination in every quarter of the earth.

This strenuousness, this thoroughness, is part of the German character. To some extent it is mechanical, but the defect of the mechanical is almost compensated by the ramifications of the system. This strenuousness deserves great consideration. Mr. Wells somewhere pointed out that this eternal attention to drill and military instruction, this over-present fascination of newly-invented instruments of human destruction, this habitual obedience to the words of command of an officer of tenth rate average ability certainly becomes an iterated wearisomeness. But even allowing for this, a great lesson is learnt from the war: that the truefulness of Britain in the past to the protestations of friendliness from other nations must unfortunately be replaced with suspicion and distrust. We know now the hollowness of German cordiality. The iron hand, the mailed fist, the shining armour, were always kept out of sight when the velvet hand was offered. The great lesson, however, is that we must all follow with reasonable lines the German principles of strenuousness. If we do anything, do it thoroughly, or leave it alone. For the last fifty years Great Britain has been wonderfully prosperous. Her trade, her commerce, her shipping, have made immense strides. Her sense of safety by sea lulled her into a false security, and, as Shakespeare has said, "Security is mortal's chiefest enemy." Her prosperity tended to damp her ancient ardour. Some adversity was required. The war is supplying the adversity, and we are all confident that strenuousness and thoroughness will for ever remove any lingering remains of indifference, laxity, or want of purpose. Work is the lot of us all. Labour is the purchase money of all things. Labour has a dignity, a character which defies analysis, and labour directed to the amelioration of our species, the removal of racial bitterness and the establishment of the brotherhood of man is the highest achievement of human genius. Let us, however, be thorough in all things. Through in our religious, moral and political beliefs. Through in our well doing, through in our business pursuits, through in our sports and pastimes, and through in our determination that Britishers all the world over will be always dominated by the highest ideals and highest realizations of what is best and foremost in national life and existence.



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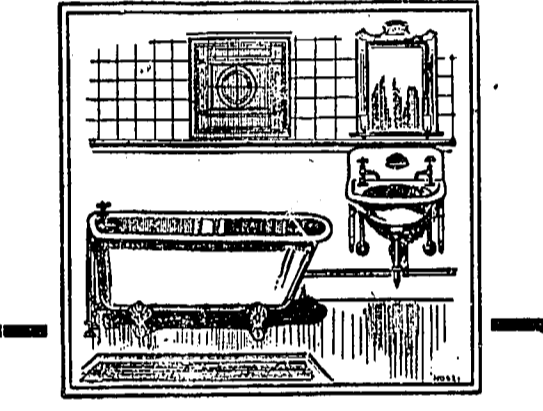
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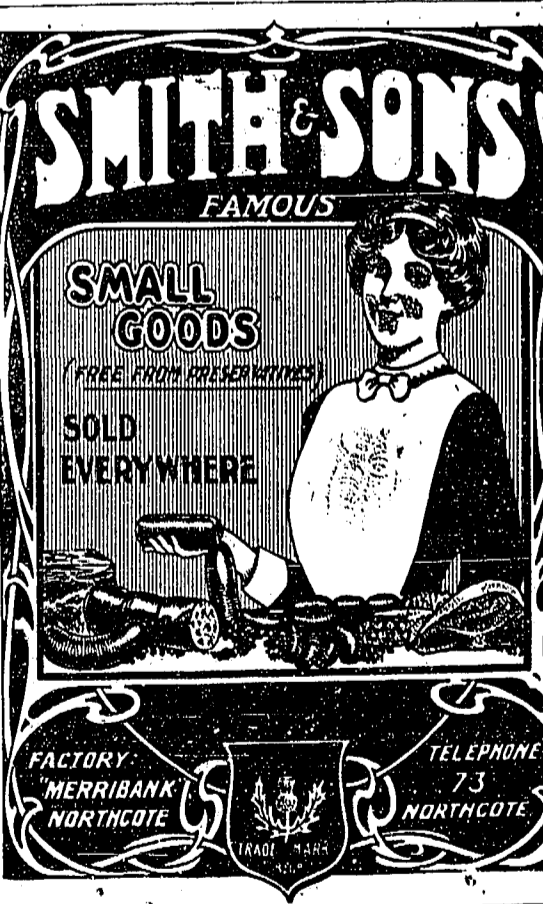
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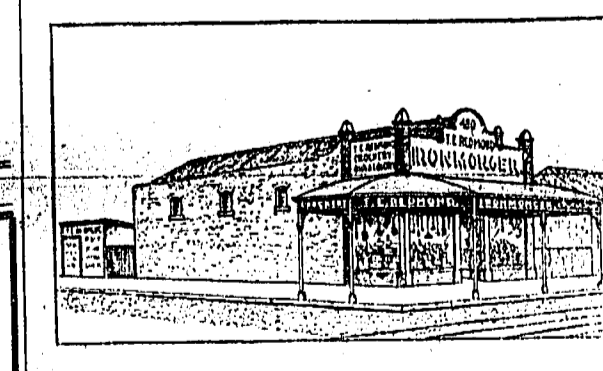
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At a public meeting convened at the instance of the president of the shire (Cr. Brickenell, J.P.) at the shire-hall on Thursday evening, it was decided to enter a protest against the proposed second Australian Expeditionary Force at a patriotic social at the shire hall on Saturday evening next.

The following were handed in, viz.:—Geo. Green, Rigby Edmonds, F. Payne, H. Watson, P. Poers, F. Casey, J. Sutton, A. O'Brien, and Mr. O'Brien, who were requested to send in their names to the hon. Sec. (Mr. A. Dean, shire hall) so that complimentary tickets may be sent.

The bazaar in aid of the funds of the Preston Presbyterian Church was successful beyond expectations. The amount was brought into the coffers of the church, a very serviceable contribution to the church now that it is practically "on its feet," having no longer the support of the shire. The decision of the committee to continue the bazaar was fully warranted, as good support was given to the bazaar, and the committee were given by Mr. Harry Skinner, providing a pleasant trip for each of the ladies, and the second complimentary tickets were held in connection with the bazaar, one for a clock and another for a watch. Stan Leith, won the first prize (clock) and the second prize (watch) for the most useful article (stuffed at 4.50).

A very pleasant gathering of the factory employees of Messrs C. Hutton Prop. Ltd. was held at the factory on Thursday, to bid farewell to one of their fellow employees, Mr. Arthur O'Brien, who was leaving for the north on his return to his home. Mr. O'Brien has resided in Preston for the greater part of his life, during which time he has been employed by the above-named firm. A very pleasing feature of the gathering was a presentation of a wristlet watch, ball, and set of brushes in leather case, all being suitable and fitting gifts. Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the employees, presented the gifts, and in doing so made reference to Mr. O'Brien's long and faithful service to the firm, and his parting qualities. Mr. O'Brien very feelingly and suitably acknowledged the gifts, stating that he felt in duty bound to answer the call which had been made by his great Employer. At the conclusion all joined in wishing their young friend a speedy and safe return.

The Preston branch of the Hon. J. G. Mowbray's election committee held their final meeting on Tuesday evening at the library hall, when there was a display of the material which was prepared for the result of the election campaign. The opportunity was taken to pass a vote of thanks to the hon. member for his services to the branch, Mr. L. Lang for the amount of organizing and other work he had done, and also to the president, Cr. Brickenell, for his interest in the branch, and to the treasurer, Mr. Barrow, J.P. A resolution congratulating Mr. Mowbray on his victory, and wishing him every success in his career as the representative for Jika Jika, was carried amidst great enthusiasm.

"The March to Berlin" is the title of a military pageant which will be enacted this afternoon at the Fairfield Recreation Ground. It will be held at 5.15 (Collingwood) Infantry, Royal Australian Engineers, and the St. John Ambulance Association. Other features of the carnival will include a display of the Victoria Cross, and a display of the Victoria Cross, and a display of the Victoria Cross.

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IN MEMORIAM

DAVIS (nee Schwabach).—In sad and loving memory of our dear loved daughter and sister, Hettie, who departed this life on 11th December, 1912, at Northcote. —Inserted by her loving parents and sister Maud.

FERGUSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Rev. Hector Ferguson, and of our dear partner, who passed into the Higher Life on the 10th December, 1912. Deeply loved and sadly missed. Love is Life Eternal.

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JUSTICE TO ALL. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

The news of the naval victory in the South Atlantic is the most cheering piece of intelligence we have had for some time. The loss of the God Hope and Montserrat, the British cargo ship, some weeks ago, threw a gloom over our armaments at sea, which seemed to be rendered a little blacker by the extreme reticence of the British Admiralty concerning the affair.

The decisive work of the Australian ship Sydney in smashing the Emden did something to dispel the effect, and news that has come through the American wireless, that the Emden, after a disadvantageous fight, gallantly, and took some of the unpleasant feeling away. But all is averted and our naval prestige made stronger than ever by the complete overthrow of the enemy's squadron off the Falkland Islands. At the time of writing there is but one German cruiser left in southern waters, and this doubtless will soon meet the fate of its consort, and our merchant ships will be able to pursue their course unmolested on all the seas of the world.

A meeting of ladies was held at the town hall on Wednesday evening last, at which the ladies of the branch of the Australian Red Cross Society, the mayors were appointed president, Miss Mcintosh secretary, and Mrs. Swift, secretary. Work will commence in earnest as soon as possible after the holidays. In the meantime ladies of Northcote who are willing to assist in the patriotic movement are invited to their conditions. Many parcels of clothing have already been forwarded, and very many more are wanted. Australia has nobly responded to the call for aid, and we are sure that Northcote will do its share, not falling in behind her part. Gifts of clothing, handkerchiefs, tea, tobacco or money will be gratefully received. The next meeting will be held at the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped that the ladies will attend in large numbers. The call and worthy of the city. Parcels of good and clean clothing, and other articles, should be sent to the ladies' committee, 182 High Street, Northcote, and forwarded to the relief of poor Belgian refugees in England.

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An interesting article by Mr. F. T. Hickford, M.A., L.L.B., on "Some Lessons of the War," will be found on the front page to-day.

The long talked-of bridge over the Darebin Creek at Darebin, is now almost an accomplished fact, a tender having been accepted for its construction forthwith.

At a social evening on Thursday the members of the Northcote Presbyterian Junior Football Club presented their president (Mr. F. Slater) with a framed group of the team.

It is notified that cadets in the Northcote and Preston areas must attend rifles at once to the drill hall, Westgarth.

Concert and distribution of prizes at Alexandra College takes place on Thursday evening, 17th inst., at 8 p.m.

The Thornbury Thespian Club will stage in the guild hall on Tuesday evening next the favorite humorous farce, "The Parson's Progress."

The amount raised by the Preston Red Cross Society totals nearly 2100.

Members of the W.C.T.U. held their first meeting for the year next Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the Church of Christ schoolroom.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee in charge of the British squadron which was sent to the South Atlantic, is a brother of Dr. A. H. Sturdee of Northcote, gone as surgeon with the first Australian Expeditionary Force.

Adjutant and Mrs. Nalson, who have had charge of the Salvation Army in Northcote, have been unexpectedly transferred to South Yarra, and will be absent for some time.

Tenders are invited by the shire council for the sewerage of the Preston park.

Owing to the unfortunate accident which befel Cr. Dennis last Saturday, the ceremony of unveiling the drinking fountain he had presented to the citizens, was indefinitely postponed.

The expressions of regret were general when Mayor Tharratt intimated the sad news to the ladies and gentlemen in attendance.

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PEN PICTURES FROM THE FRONT.

WHAT THE CORRESPONDENTS HAVE SEEN.

A CLUSTER OF PURPLE PATCHES

In the cables the names of two American correspondents have been conspicuous—Frederick Palmer and Will Irwin. Palmer, author of "The Last Shot," is probably the most experienced, and certainly the farthest-seeing, of living war-correspondents. When Austria fired the first shot, Palmer was in Mexico; four days later he was on the "Lustina," with a commission from "Everybody's Magazine" to represent them at the front. The London War Office ruled that only one American correspondent should be allowed at the front, and the British troops and the press associations of America nominated Palmer, who therefore has the double office of sending war bulletins to the American press and of writing special articles for his magazine.

Will Irwin was in Louvain before and after its destruction. With him was Arno Doseh, and the latter's story reached America in time to be tacked on to the October issue of "The Nation." We quote one or two purple patches from his article. The stories of these two writers—belonging to a neutral people—give, in our judgment, the clearest, most intimate and picturesque views of the opening scenes in the great carnival of war that have been printed.

1. The Fallure of Germany.

Frederick Palmer's View as a Military Expert.

If I could only write, if I could get the lump out of my throat, I might be able to impart something of the flood of impressions of the fortitude of a little nation.

You may have made the two-hour ride from Ostend to Brussels through a land which was like a patchwork of carefully tilled gardens. From every house, the afternoon I went, flew a flag in honor of the valour of the garrison of Liege.

The adult man of any physique between the ages of twenty and fifty was in sight. It was a land despoiled of its strong manhood. Women and boys were working in the fields, and on the roads old men and women, and children, were taking their outing in Saturday-holiday fashion.

(a) The Part of the Little Black Dog.

A little black dog, a shipperke, with his paws on the rails of a canal boat, seemed to me as expressive of Belgian character as the buildings of the city. The shipperke stays at home on his own boat. He is busy on watch all hours of the day and night. Though not much to look at, he is loyal, domestic, affectionate. He never goes out on the towpath to pick quarrels with other dogs. But let anything with two or four feet try to go on board when his master is away, and every ounce of him is in war.

Two mottoes are printed in French on the Belgian steamer to Ostend: one "Glory is the recompense due to great men"; the other, "Art is the mark, the cry of the soul."

The citizens of the big nations had laughed at such dream stuff on a channel steamer run by such a money-grubbing nation. But now we know they voiced a spirit which is regarded as finer than money-making. The Belgians had the art of living well with few resources. They have now won the glory due to great kings and generals, but to the shopkeeper, the artisan, the farmer who fights for his threshold shipperke fashion against impossible odds.

(b) Sentiment in Red Trousers.

I was at Boulogne as the last of the British army moved away and disappeared behind the veil, to link its fate with that of the French. There I saw the last of the French garrison march away, leaving behind not only women, children, old men, boys, the stupid, the weaklings, and the under-sized. Napoleon took the young life of France in instalments. Democracy needs it against the enemy in a war.

I had a devout wish that each French soldier went to the train he might step to a clothing counter and get a suit of khaki. It is four years since French municipalities and districts made sport of the proposed new French uniform of a neutral tint. There, sentimentality played into the hands of the Germans, who of whom received at their mobilization stations a post-grey uniform, which, in European fields, is less discernible than khaki. The Germans are slow, but at last they did condescend to take a leaf out of the books of the regular armies of England and America.

While the French insisted on wearing their household goods in their red trousers and red caps and blue coats, their grandfathers wore against rifle bullets that carried only a sixth of the distance of bullets to-day. What their grandfathers wore was good enough for them.

Soldiers are ever urged to fire low, for their natural tendency is to shoot high. Red trousers are a low target. "Shoot at the red!" the German officers told their men.

(c) The Wonderful Muddlers

The French with their red trousers are not the only victims of sentiment in fighting the German machine. If England had had a form of conscription that would have enabled her to put five hundred thousand soldiers across the channel, the French would not now be fighting the German on the side of French territory. Never has stretch of salt water called the channel seemed so precious to Britain as now.

larger in the background of the British mind? The suspense grows heavier. You begin to see the shadow of it in the faces of the people who boast that they "smoke through." And will "smoke through" through? And yet your English muddler is a wonderful being in the average. On the pier at Boulogne, where for two hours a mass of humanity had waited for the Folkestone steamer, I fell in with a number of them, returning wounded to England, especially British Lieutenant, Irish, of the Lanciers, assisting a Belgian woman, infant in arms, to press forward through the gangway. He had a piece of shrapnel in his leg.

"We had a go at them, hell for ten—there—lance," he said. "I'll tell you, I don't know what happened then, except I had my wound dressed and got away. If I were taken prisoner, or I know I'd not have another chance. No, thank you—when one offered an arm to help him across the 'deck.' 'If I appear dependent, they'll be keeping me in hospital for a long time.'"

He regarded a second chance to face fire as he would a second at an opponent at cricket or golf. "The wounded private also wanted another 'go.'"

"It's only ten days since I saw your regiment in England," said an Englishman to a group of British wounded. "Quick work!"

"My word, yes!" said a Cockney. "Caterwomger and retired general, maid and lady, all are thinking what if—! And all together they say, 'We'll see the thing through!'"

A nation is only an assemblage of units; and every unit is English, Irish, Welsh, Scotch, English—feels as you may have felt if ever one near and dear to you were in danger and all you possessed at stake. In that event, didn't you make an exalted, earnest point of appearing perfectly natural; of saying "Good-morning" at the breakfast-table in the usual tone and passing the time as if you were passing and of keeping at your work with particular concentration in order to drive that haunting "What if?" out of mind, and to give courage and fortitude to those around you?

(d) The Spirit of England.

That middle-aged Englishwoman talking to another in the little reception room on all kinds of petty topics, when any hour a war edition may tell her that her son has died on the field of honor, emphasises it pretty well. Weigh solemnly as that young bride, a typical English country girl, comes up to London with her young husband of the Territorials—the equivalent of our National Guard—who may set his orders any minute. They try to appear there in the dining room as if they had been married some time and to enjoy the favorite dishes he has ordered, though every mouthful sticks in her throat. But she is not going to break down when he leaves. No. She might if he were to be away on a business trip in comfortable hotels in the States for six months; but not when he is going out to face bullets in a campaign.

She seems too frail to be Spartan. She is simply a shy, country girl, prizing a gold band on her finger, who expresses the spirit of England. And she speaks the language in which Magna Charta and the Constitution of the United States are written.

The Tragedy of Louvain. How the War Plague Swept Belgium. The day before the German troops entered Brussels, the day they occupied Louvain, writes Arno Doseh, three other American correspondents and I went to Louvain from Brussels in a taxi. Without realising it, we were being stopped by outposts, we drove between the retreating Belgians and the advancing Germans. We were trapped in Louvain, and when the Germans learned of our presence they held us there three days on parole. This gave us time to know and love that charming old university city. Less than a week later two of us returned to Louvain.

The four in our party—Mr. John T. McCutcheon, Mr. Will Irwin, Mr. Irvin S. Cobb, and I—after great difficulty, secured a taxi and instructed the driver to take us as far as he could go, and it came near being only half a dozen blocks. There we were stopped by double row of detailed street cars across the avenue. The work had been done by a company of middle-aged citizens in blue smocks drawn in at the belt line by their sword belts. Their costume was that of the revolution of 1830, which made of Belgium an independent kingdom.

These staunch citizens were not for letting the German army pass. "Let him get his fare," that seemed to be a better argument than our passports. So passing through the barricade we went on out of the avenue. We now met a good many of these smocked burghers, binding the trees along the avenues into masses of wood, and setting carts in front of the cross lanes. There was the next mile or two, we passed many people strolling or reading in the parkways, even nurses with baby carriages.

The Terror-Striking Uhlans. About half way to Louvain, at a point from which you can see a corner of Waterloo, we came upon a dozen refugees with packs on their backs. They stopped only long enough to tell us they were from Tirlemont, the "last important town beyond Louvain." The Uhlans! They cried as they hurried on toward Brussels. In their tone was the same terror heard in the voice of settlers on the American frontier when they cried "Indians!"

Within the next half-mile the road became blacked with refugees. They wore of all kinds and ages, peasants with their household goods in their townspeople in carriages, men of horseback, women afoot. I counted eleven small children and one very old woman in a cart. A dignified old peasant grandmother sat in a wagon on a chair, and looked as if it might have been lifted from the chimney corner. There were two red-checked girls, with their skirts tucked up, carrying a trunk. They had carried that trunk at least eight miles already.

"Where are the English?" I was now began to meet soldiers in groups of twos and threes, and from each group came the same question, "Where are the English? Where are the French?"

At Laedael, a village four miles from Louvain, we came upon ten thousand Belgians drawn up in a valley to the north of the road where the Germans advancing from the south were attacking. The right flank of the Belgians lay right along the road, and we could see what the Belgian army was made of. They were a dusty and foot-sore lot, most of them exhausted and asleep on the grass, but those who were awake smiled and

waved their hands at us. Of the hundreds of faces I saw in that brave little army there was not one which showed defeat. Scattered among them were the rain-soaked, bedraggled dogs which had done such astonishingly good work on the retreat from Louvain. To me those patient Belgians dogs, lying on their sides panting in the sun, gave the whole scene a peculiarly pathetic look.

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through Louvain all day long and until far into the night. All windows were closed at eight o'clock in the evening, the curtains drawn, and the lights so placed that the shadow of anyone approaching the window would be thrown upon the curtain. These lights were to be left burning all night. At the same time the street doors were to be fastened.

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man, who sat with his head in his hands, and no one could make him do anything or speak. One man who escaped from Liege talks incessantly of what he saw. The sights have affected his brain. He had to be sent to a nursing home, but after sleeping draughts and care he is getting better. He says that he saw two of his own children have their hands cut off. A reporter who went to the house the other day put it into the paper, and also that the children were there; but they are not, so it may not be true. But I do not know of one case. A friend of mine has adopted two Belgian children, both under eight, and they both have their right hands cut off. It is hard to believe.

"I did think of going into one of the hospitals for six months' training, but I don't think I could bear it. I may go in for home nursing. I feel I must do something to help. I am a friend of the French decently, but would continue at the refuge home, but am afraid I would not be much good; but I will see how I get on this next week. When I had news of the Australian navy taking the German islands I felt sick with excitement.

Australians are not well enough known here. This morning the vicar preached, and said a whole lot about the Indian troops coming. Isn't it tremendous of them? Then he just mentioned Canada and Australia. He said, 'Friends, we are indebted to them.' He said such a lot about India, then spoke of Canada, and the sun-scorched bush of Australia. Of course, there are our sandalwood and bush in Australia. How mad it makes me when I think of the beauty of the web bit I know of home.

"Last Saturday we went for a lovely motor spin. In one place two aeroplanes flew over. They were quite near the first was a German being steered by a British, and every minute I expected a bomb. But, really, instead of the ghastly things when he had given his hand, he shall not escape." In these days our hearts are filled with the searching spirit of revenge.

We are witnessing the terrible spectacle of a nation cut adrift. A little nation, a happy nation, a God-fearing nation, wandering amongst the great nations of the world, and as the ice-ratifies of old. They have no Moses to lead them. They have only "Les Barbares" behind them to send them forward, anywhere, everywhere, so long as they can see from the brutal Teuton hosts. Their country, their cities, their towns, their smallest hamlets, have been garaged, despoiled, devastated. Within the last twenty-four hours 600,000 man-stricken people have been in flight to Holland, to France, to mother England. The Belgian army, their bulwark and shield, had to leave them to merge its identity in the Allies' armies in northern France. Their Queen had to find refuge in Ostend. Their King, King Albert, had to leave them to merge his identity in the Allies' armies in northern France. Their Queen had to find refuge in Ostend. Their King, King Albert, had to leave them to merge his identity in the Allies' armies in northern France.

"Of course, you know Dessele Wellington married George Farnas, a Frenchman, a week ago, after their marriage he had to go back to France. She stayed here for a time, but now has gone over to Drest to him.

"You will think I should have told you, but there is nothing in the papers. One said the other day: 'Soon the news will read, "The sun rose over a new morning and set again in the evening." This message has been submitted to the Press Bureau, which has no objection to publication, but has no responsibility for accuracy.'"

"The following mail she writes:— "I—and I have been helping Miss B. now for some time, and she is in a field hospital. By the way, it is no longer a field hospital; they have been moved to Paris, as a base hospital, and are at the Carleton Hotel. About twenty of us were working and we sent over three hundred garments last week. We had a cinema picture taken to send to Australia. It was a great help to the motor cars arriving, about five of us carrying in boxes from the cars; then we went around to the lawn and did some sewing and sorting. Then they are to take Dr. Douglas Shields and some of the wounded soldiers, a committee meeting, and I don't know what else. Mind you go and see it."

"We are living in exciting times. Yesterday everyone was in a dreadful state of nerves, with the Germans simply rushing on like they were; it seemed as though any time they would be here. But, thank goodness, the news is better to-day. Kitchener is here, and we all have faith in him. Well, when the Germans are rushing on we feel Kitchener is some plan. We all expect Zeppelins. London is absolutely dark, no big lights at all. The tops of the street globes are painted black, and even then only about one-sixth of the small ones lighted. Instead of the motor cars having six electric lights inside, they now have but one, dim or smudged, with paint. No shops lighted except with very dull lamps, and to night the police came around and told us all to pull down our blinds as soon as the lights were on, and to draw any dark curtains that were possible, and to have the lights as low as we could dim. One can't help but feel nervous at times, but it is no use. The only thing is to work hard. I only wish I had gone in for first aid so I could help those who are suffering."

"At the Belgian Refuge Home there were between fifty and sixty to meals. Miss B. and Miss Blaker has opened another house for fifty. The suffering is so dreadful, and one can do so little. I wish I were a trained nurse or of some real use in some way. Now we are working for our own men; we are on the committee of the Australian War Contingent Association. I have made up my mind to buy a few more shirts, nightgowns, bed jackets, roller bandages, made big ones, mottled mittens, and now I am going to try a cholera belt. Our poor men will feel the cold so if they come here."

"Don't you think this lovely? An Australian girl was motorizing the other day when she and her friends got out to look at some German prisoners, and she saw a prisoner hand a note to a man outside. She wondered what she should do, and if anyone else saw it, when over came one of the guard and said to the man, 'Would you like to see your wife?' 'Yes, I would like to see my wife.' 'So the German sympathizer went in. And the guard informed him he must stay there.'"

Net Gully. A father, on returning home with a gas-mask which he had purchased, on opening the box, found it to be damaged. "His" son, a youth of four, took the mask to the shop with it. "If you please, sir," said the lad to the shopman, "this mantle, which father just brought home, is broken. The woman who sold it to me, said, 'Did your father pinch it?'" "No, sir," replied the boy, with alacrity: "he bought it here."

The 1915 maps will prove that circumstances alter cases.

DIARY OF THE WAR.

A NATION ADRIFFT. 600,000 REFUGEES.

The special representative of the Sydney "Sun" writes from London on October 11:— We are only praying "Give peace in our name," but we humbly and with contrite heart beg for the universe to be put back that we may have yesterday, the yesterday of July. Wistfully we look back to those tranquil summer days before the homicidal maniac of Potsdam let loose his butchers and bandits upon the world. Those days when we enjoyed the sunshine and the flowers, and life had a zest and a meaning. To-day it is dull and grey and sombre. The

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

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

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. One case of tuberculosis and two cases of diphtheria were reported.

RAILWAYS DENY LIABILITY. The Railway Department wrote stating that they were advised that the Commissioners represent the Crown and were therefore not liable for the cost of construction of streets abutting on railway land.

A BRIDGE CREEK BRIDGE. The Shire of Broadmeadows wrote asking attention to the state of the bridge over the Merri Creek.

LICENSING. Mr. Deane reported receipts for fortnight, £96 3s 6d; overdraft, £84 13s 11d.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. The engineer reported having prepared a rough draft of receipts and expenditure, which were now ready for consideration.

QUARRY MATTERS. Mr. Alchin moved that the matter of getting an air compressor for the quarry be referred to a committee.

WATER FOR PETER STREET. The Metropolitan Board wrote agreeing to supply water to the site of the proposed bridge over the Merri Creek.

EAST RIDING TIP. James Raitton wrote stating that now the Raglan street tip is being gradually filled up and the refuse getting close to the surface.

ELECTRIC LIGHT APPLICATIONS. Frank G. Motts wrote asking that the electric light be connected to the property in Frank street.

Star of Northcote Tent I.O.R. The fortnightly meeting was held in the Rechabite hall on the 3rd inst.

UNANSWERED PREMISES. The Board of Health wrote asking for a list of unsewered places in the district.

THE PRIVATE STREETS. Several letters were received from property-owners in the private streets proposed to be constructed.

PARKS COMMITTEE. Cr. Howe (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—That accounts amounting to £30 0s 8d be passed for payment.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE. Cr. Robertson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—That the shire engineer be instructed to call tenders for the sewerage of Cramer street park, W.C. to be adopted.

HEAT MADE HER LEG WORSE. ZAM-BUK'S WONDERFUL HEALING. Heavy duties at home and at business, that the feet and legs, frequently cause varicose trouble or other troubles.

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South Preston Methodist Young Men's Club.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

This live and enthusiastic organization held their third annual banquet in the school hall on Saturday last.

The Government Inspector had reported that it was decided to run the electric light department separate from the municipal fund.

Mr. Deane prepared to pass three plans of subdivision when drainage easements were made 10 feet, and certain other easements 10 feet wide.

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Mr. Deane said a proper survey was necessary before this work should be undertaken.

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.

Present—Crs. Tharratt (mayor),
Henderson, H. R. Smith, Lees, Mason,
Plant, Glanfield, Hayes, Redmond,
Donell, Bastings, Schwabach and
Johnson.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL.
The Board of Public Health wrote
agreeing to registration of Mrs. Vera
Tarrere's premises, 22 Collins street,
as a private hospital.—Received.

PROPOSED ABOLITION OF GARBAGE TIPS.
The Board of Health wrote stating
that owing to the adverse conditions
prevailing they did not propose to
enforce resolution for abolition of municipal
garbage tips.—Received.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FOR NORTHCOTE PARK.
E. C. Yeomans, hon. sec. Northcote
C.C., wrote making application for an
extension of the electric light to the
Northcote park. It was intended to
hold a concert in the park every Saturday
night, and it was proposed that the
council would treat the application as
urgent.

It was unanimously decided to comply
with the request.
Northcote South Ratepayers' Association
made a similar application in con-
nection with annual treat at the park.

R. HAUSER'S FACTORY.
W. C. Howitt, building surveyor, re-
ported that he could only recommend
the granting of the application of R.
Hauser in connection with factory
premises, 24 Clarke street, on certain
alterations being carried out.—Applicant
to be seen by the report.

SUBSIDY FOR BAND.
H. Hellings, conductor City Band,
Northcote, wrote appealing to the council
to assist them in reducing existing
debt of £50 on uniforms and instruments.
£20.—Referred to estimates, on the
motion of Crs. Schwabach and Bastings.

COUNCIL'S QUARRY.
Jas. Palmer, secretary Pender's
Grove Association, wrote asking if they
would be permitted to use the quarry
active to the quarry council's quarry.
—Referred to works committee.

Jas. Clarkson, hon. sec. Northcote
South Ratepayers' Association, wrote
forwarding the following resolution,
viz:—That the council be again re-
quested to take into consideration the
grievances of the men at the municipal
quarry.

Cr. Bastings moved that the matter be
referred to the works committee.
Cr. Redmond.—The council is the body
to deal with that. He moved that a
committee of three be appointed to
make a full enquiry.

Cr. H. R. Smith.—Butter will tell our
quarry expert (Cr. Donell) is back of
the enquiry. He said that evidently all
the associations are being waited on on
behalf of the men; but the council could
only act on specific reports.

Cr. McDonnell.—Cr. Lees knows very
well that two men have been sacked
without being given any notice. Owing
to the council's committee to act with
a committee to deal with that matter, and
it was settled.

Cr. Plant.—The complaint has been
made and disposed of after enquiry.
Now, because a couple of associations
write, we are asked to appoint a com-
mittee to judge a committee that has
already adjudicated.

Referred to quarry committee.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
Northcote South Ratepayers' As-
socation wrote asking council to sup-
ply 208 electric lights at the Northcote
College grounds, on the annual Chris-
mas treat to the children of Northcote on
the 22nd inst.

BASTINGS STREET DRAIN.
Geo. W. Reeve, W. Easton, W. E.
Vesal, and F. Cameron wrote drawing
attention to the state of the drain in
front of their premises in Bastings
street east. It was in a deplorable
state, and a menace to the health of the
neighborhood.—Referred to works com-
mittee on the motion of Crs. Glanfield
and Plant.

RENEWALS OF LICENSES.
H. Bishop, Nurse Roberts, T. Hen-
derson, L. Dickenson, and Nurse Hooper
wrote applying for renewal of their
licenses.—Referred to inspector for re-
port.

COMPLAINT RE SHEEP.
Alice Beebe wrote bringing under
notice the fact that sheep are allowed
to graze around the premises in Canning-
ham and McLachlan streets and annoy
the residents with their bleatings.—
Referred to the ranger, on the motion
of Cr. Lees.

COOKED MEAT SHOPS.
The Inspector of Factories wrote
forwarding a petition asking that a
regulation be made that cooked meat
shops in the metropolitan area be closed
on Friday at 10, Saturday 11, and
Sundays and public holidays.—Referred
to the town clerk for attention.

HALL RENT "A BIT HIGH."
J. McClosky, J. Hartnett and H. J.
Whitlay, hon. secretaries of recent
carnival in aid of St. Joseph's church,
wrote asking for the account of 250 for
hall rent. They considered the charge
a bit high, and would esteem it a favor
if a reduction could be made. Owing
to the prevailing depression the car-
nival was not so successful as antici-
pated.—Referred to the finance com-
mittee for consideration.

WORKS COMMITTEE.
Cr. Mason (chairman) submitted the
report, recommending—
1. That accounts (General) 2661 16s 4d
and loan 1124 and 2110 be passed for
payment.—Adopted.
2. Drainage works.—That the sur-
veyor be authorized to construct a
pitched channel in Mitchell street,
north side, near Prospect grove, also a
crossing at Northcote street, estimated
cost £20, to be charged to the east ward
apportionment.—Adopted.
3. That the surveyor prepare plans,
&c., for the construction of Ballantyne
and Smith streets, west of the railway
to Leinster grove.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Cr. Plant (chairman) submitted the
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the Dr. balance being £10,613 16s 10d.
Also recommending—
1. That accounts amounting to £1021
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2. H. Barnes, re alleged accident at
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3. Hayes street.—That the works
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THE REAL KAISER. There have been many studies made of the Kaiser, and the great majority of them (excepting the German panegyrics) ascribing to the brilliant monarch an 'enlightening' action, coupled with an inordinate vanity. An article by a French writer, M. Jean Finot, has made quite a sensation in France and Great Britain, and it has been seriously proposed that it should be translated into German and distributed through Kaiserland by means of aeroplanes.

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LOCALISMS

Owing to the Christmas Holidays we go to press earlier next week. All ordinary copy must be sent in by Wednesday, and advertisements not later than Thursday morning. There will be no issue of the "Leader" the following week, Jan. 2nd.

Residents going away for the holidays may purchase next week's "Leader" by our local news agency on Thursday evening.

We are obliged to hold over till next issue reports of several college and school concerts, prize presentations, &c. including Westleigh, Folkestone, and King's Colleges, and Sacred Heart School, Preston.

The Fitzroy council thinks so well of the proposed tramway to Preston, that it would be unable to finance it outright. The president of Prestonshire.

The Northcote Free Library will be closed during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Cr. Redmond, on Monday evening, said he thought it was high time the council gave consideration to the matter of electrifying the Northcote tram.

The military censor, in the person of Councillor Lieut.-Col. Hall, was a visitor at the Northcote City Council meeting on Monday evening.

Northcote council have followed their usual custom of holding a meeting during the holidays, a meeting being held on January 11th, next.

The many friends of Cr. Dennis will be pleased to hear that he continues to recover favorably, and it is expected that he will be able to leave the hospital for his home in the course of a few days.

Northcote council have decided to extend the electric wires into the Northcote park, so that the park might be illuminated for concerts, picture entertainments, &c.

The Northcote town clerk on Monday evening reported that to bring in the same revenue as the present rate of 2/3 in the £1 on the annual value of rateable property, it would require a rate of 1/6 in the £1 on the unimproved value to bring in the same revenue.

This evening in the Northcote town hall Miss Ruby Bond's students' concert will take place. An interesting programme of solo and part singing has been arranged, and a pupils will be assisted by Miss Ruby Groves, L.A.B.

The second part will consist of comic opera in one act, "The Christmas Seal," an innovation certain to be appreciated.

At their meeting on Monday night members of the Princes Alice (L.O.L.) rose and sang "Prize Song from Whom all Blessings flow," in assisting the beneficiary fund falling that evening. It was resolved to hold a Sunday service at an early date.

Christmas Night - A special vocal and piano entertainment will be presented at the Northcote theatre, when a complete change of pictures will be shown.

An augmented orchestra will render popular songs, and leading local artists will contribute appropriate selections.

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THE HON. J. G. MEMBREY ENTERTAINED.

At the Northcote town hall on Thursday night Mr. J. G. Membrey was entertained by the J. G. Membrey committee in celebration of the victory gained at the recent State elections. There was a large and representative gathering of both sexes present in the absence of the mayor (Cr. Tharratt), who was engaged at another public function. Cr. J. G. Membrey, chairman of the general election committee, presided. Apologies were received from the Premier and Mr. S. Mauger, and a most acceptable programme was contributed to by Miss Ruby Groves, Miss Ruby Bond, Messrs. McLeish, Trevana, E. C. Vande & Vane, with Mr. H. H. Hansen at the piano.

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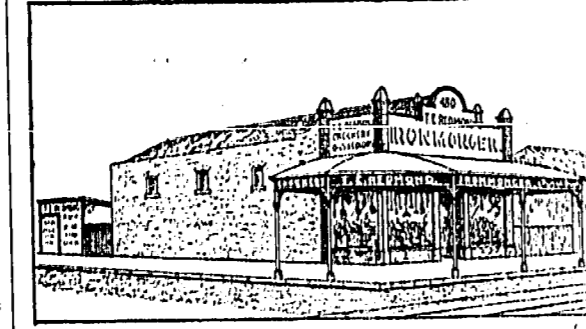
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Table with columns: AMOUNT OF RATE, COLLECTED, ABANDONED, TOTAL, TOTAL ARREARS. Values include £15,360 3 10, £15,352 18 5, £44 12 11, £15,397 11 3, £977 0 3.

Special Improvement Rate No. 1

Table for Special Improvement Rate No. 1. Columns: Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Total Arrears. Values include £177 1 10, £152 19 2, £87 18 0.

Special Improvement Rate No. 2

Table for Special Improvement Rate No. 2. Columns: Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Total Arrears. Values include £158 18 6, £136 17 4, £87 5 9.

Special Improvement Charge No. 1, June, 1915

Table for Special Improvement Charge No. 1, June, 1915. Columns: Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Total Arrears. Values include £177 1 10, £152 19 2, £87 18 0.

Special Improvement Charge No. 2

Table for Special Improvement Charge No. 2. Columns: Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Total Arrears. Values include £158 18 6, £136 17 4, £87 5 9.

Special Improvement Charge No. 3

Table for Special Improvement Charge No. 3. Columns: Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Total Arrears. Values include £197 15 11, £159 3 10, £115 17 9.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Large table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE. Includes sub-sections for Rates, Special Improvement Loans Nos 1 and 2, and Mortgage Accounts. Total receipts and expenditure are £31,808 14 5.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total assets and liabilities are £14,049 12 1.

Statement of Contracts

Table with columns: Balance from last year, Amount of Contract, Extras, Total, Paid and Deductions, Balance. Total balance is £3048 3 5.

Loan Account No. 2

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £207 10 3.

Loan No. 8

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE. Total receipts and expenditure are £451 0 3.

Loan Account No. 7

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £57 6 9.

Loan Account No. 9

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £13,373 16 5.

Special Improvement Loans Nos 1 and 2

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £212 7 4.

Mortgage No. 1

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £378 16 2.

Mortgage Account No. 2

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £463 8 3.

Mortgage Account No. 3

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £207 4 3.

Electric Supply Accounts

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £630 15 0.

Balance-Sheet

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total assets and liabilities are £10,553 17 6.

Loan Liability at 30th September, 1914

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, LIABILITIES, ASSETS. Total receipts and expenditure are £2,310 1 0.

With the Australian Troops. NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

FROM ALBANY TO ADEEN. MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

BY A PRESTONITE. Troopship Onrah, 25 November, 1914.

On November 1st we were in Albany with the New Zealanders. After passing the heads the troopships formed columns of 3, making 9 vessels in each column with the New Zealanders in our rear. The convey were posted all round us. The sight was one never to be forgotten. The same day our company was located on the 1st arm by Captain Butler, a Queensland medical man, as a protection against typhoid fever. On the 3rd we ran into rough weather when traveling 8 knots in a N.W. direction. Moala are good—for breakfast oatmeal, milled ham, coffee, dinner, boiled mutton, potatoes, cabbage, rice, tea, evening meal, fish, cheese, butter, jam, bread, tea. You see we are not badly off as regards food. We passed the mullumbidgee, bound for London, off Capricorn on the 5th, the passengers giving us a splendid reception. Mosses have broken out on board, and great precautions are taken. Flying fish are very plentiful in the Indian Ocean. The voyage is getting a bit monotonous. The beet steamers lights out and great precautions are taken against an attack by the Germans, who are reported to be in the vicinity. Most of the troops have discarded military uniforms for blue dungarees and no boots, which is a more comfortable dress in the tropics. A German vessel was signalled on the 10th, the captain Sydney being sent after it, and, after a fight, put her out of action. From a report received the German boat was the Emilian. The Sydney's first shot missed; the second struck the engine room, the third hit the conning tower, and the fourth cleared the deck. The Sydney was not damaged. She had two men killed, but through their own fault. To see the light they crossed from port to starboard side when a stray shell caught them with fatal result. The enemy had about 160 killed. The Emilian was run ashore at Ocooca, where it was last seen burning beautifully. A German collier was also sunk by the Sydney. The troopships close up at night as another German gunboat was near. On the 13th it rained heavily, and we were not able to see the boat ahead of us though only a couple of hundred yards distant. Today has been the hottest to date. On the 15th we arrived off Colombo—a lovely place with its huge buildings and the many hundreds of natives who are selling fruit, etc., and diving for money. They are champion swimmers. Today we took on board the prisoners from the Emilian. Although they looked happy enough they were received in a funny way. They are a sort of light-skinned men. In fact I wonder they put anything on at all. On the 17th we put out bound for Aden, passing the breakers in the world. The searchlights of the gunboats played on us all the time. On the 21st the Acanthus All struck the Shroveton All, but nothing serious happened. The German prisoners boasted to the guard that the day they were captured arrangements had been made to attack the British troopships from the rear, hoping to account for at least 6 of the boats. Rather fortunate for us they were captured the last time, as our boat was among the last six. Of course it is possible for a hostile boat to sneak in amongst us under the cover of the night. Should they get in it would be difficult for our gunboats to fire as they might strike a troopship. So we would be placed in a rather awkward position—don't you see? The prisoners also boast that we will not arrive in England, because we will get "harried dooley" from their war vessels on the way. But I think that we have arrived in the Arabian Sea we have seen thousands of small flying fish. At first they look like a school of fish, but they are a brief course of the trip from Albany to within 24 hours steam of Aden in the Red Sea.

MISCELLANEOUS. Frederick Murphy and William Ellis were each charged with being drunk. The former was fined 10/- and the latter discharged, owing to being locked up over-night. James McKenna claimed the sum of £18 7s 6d from John Lloyd for goods supplied. Order for amount, with 21s costs.

Several owners were fined in varying amounts for allowing their cows and horses to wander. S. Kearns proceeded against J. Ryan for the recovery of £2 12s for goods delivered. Order for amount.

A. S. Edwards claimed from Frank D. Jones the sum of £7 10s being balance of account for work and labour done. The defence was that certain allowances should be made for goods supplied. Order for amount, with 21s costs.

REFUSING TO VACCINATE. The following parents were fined 40/- each for neglecting to have their children vaccinated, viz.: F. Sinclair, A. E. Pangbourne, S. Anderson, E. G. Patton, J. W. Gilring, G. T. Campbell, J. W. Mounty, P. M. Pilkington, J. H. Hansen, W. H. Miller, and Wood.

OBSTRUCTING AN INSPECTOR. William James Clenden, of 399 High Street, was charged with obstructing a factory inspector in the execution of his duties. Defendant did not appear.

G. Charles Dangerfield said that on the 27th November he visited Clenden's book factory, and asked Clenden if he was obstructing a factory inspector in the execution of his duties. Defendant did not appear.

CLAIM FOR LORRY OR £32 10s. Florence Young proceeded against Fellows Bros., Clarke street, for the recovery of a lorry or the sum of £32 10s. Complainant stated that in January, 1913, her brother entered into a contract with Fellows Bros. to build a new lorry, in the construction of which they took over a wagon which they valued at £32 10s. Her brother was now with the first expeditionary force in Egypt, and she wished the matter settled. Witness had called repeatedly on Fellows Bros, and on one occasion was told that the lorry was away being painted and that he would be ready in a fortnight. That was six months ago. She was unable to get the lorry or the £32 10s.

Fellows denied having had any contract with Miss Young. The business was all done with Charles E. Young, who called at the workshop one day and said, "I've lost my job in town and I can't do anything with the lorry. Don't you go on with it till you hear from me." Three months afterwards Miss Young's brother had returned, and he (witness) told her that he was quite willing to complete the lorry upon receiving instructions from her brother. In answer to a question defendant said the wagon had been sold along with a horse and set of harness for £75.

The bench gave a verdict for the amount claimed, with £2 10s costs. A stay of 14 days was allowed.

Wales Street State School.

The year's work at this school was brought to a conclusion on Friday, 18th, when the scholars were entertained, each child receiving a Christmas bag. The school was decorated with trees erected in the class rooms and lavishly covered with various gifts. The past year has been a most successful one. In Mr. Barclay's class out of 24 candidates for merita 23 were successful. There were also 22 qualifying certificates gained by the pupils of Mr. the headmaster (Mr. Hardraes) in the school and efficient manner in which the school has been conducted, and the warm feelings of the chairman (Mr. Werry), Mr. King, and Mr. Dickason. The various merits and certificates were presented by the successful pupils to Mr. Werry, wife of the chairman of the school committee.

Clifton Hill and Northcote U.F.S. Dispensary.

The tenth annual meeting of the general committee was held at the Clifton Hill Dispensary on Saturday, 12th December. The report and balance sheet for the year ended 30th September, 1914, showed that the institution was sound, both financially and numerically. The total members on the roll is 6602, being an increase of 225 for the year. The new societies were affiliated with during the year. The election of officers and members of the executive committee for the ensuing 12 months, resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. Dickason (A.O.F.); vice-president, W. E. Findlay (D.L.R.); treasurer, J. Crawford (H.A.C.B.S.); secretary, J. Kelly (H.A.C.B.S.); executive committee, Messrs Pascoe (M.U.L.O.F.), Douglas (A.N.A.), Jefferson (I.N.P.), Russell (G.O.F.), Serrong (H.A.C.B.S.), Kiss Keys (A.W.A.).

Educational.

WESTLIGH COLLEGE. Registered Secondary, Primary, Sub-Primary. BAYVIEW STREET, NORTHCOTE. Principals: Misses Westligh, increased by Miss Spennberg, M.A., Miss Blain, M.A., and University Staff. Kindergarten to Senior Public. Spacious Class Rooms ventilated and lighted according to requirements of Board of Public Health. Large Grounds, Sports, Tennis, Badminton, Basketball, School Library.

Classes for Music, Drawing, Painting, Elocution, Singing, Miss Evelyn Ashley; Physical Culture, Prof. Blake Peterson; Evening—Senior Elton, Friday evening, thirteen hours—38/-; Boys' School (age to 12 years) separate class rooms and playground. The three-term system. Pupils entering during term charged accordingly.

Star of Northcote Tent I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held in the Rochdale hall on Thursday evening, 17th inst. The C.R. (Bro. A. E. King) presiding over a large attendance of members. One new member was initiated and two propositions received. Reference was made to the unfortunate accident which befell Bro. S. Dennis, and it was decided that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to him. Accounts amounting to £28 7s were passed for payment. At the conclusion of business the hall was thrown open and the annual Christmas social was held, the hall being crowded with members and the lady friends. A most enjoyable musical programme was gone through, those contributing being Bro. D.umann, J. Bennett, Misses Price and Bower, and the Northcote I.O.R. Glee Party. During an interval in the programme the prizes won at the singing competition recently held by the tent were presented. Bro. Joly was the recipient of a silver-mounted umbrella. A handsome P.C.R. collar was also presented to the energetic secretary, the tent, Bro. J. G. Newman. After refreshments had been handed round and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Northcote A.W.A.

The regular meeting of the above was held on December 14th, the president, Miss Sullivan in the chair. One new member was elected. It has been decided to give prizes to members attending the most meetings during the next 12 months, starting from the meeting on December 28th.

Wanted to Buy

BOTTLES, Boxes, Rags, Zinc, Lead, Brass and Copper. High prices paid. Cash on delivery. Letters receive prompt attention. H. Bishop, Darabon Road, Northcote. Phone, Northcote 368.

AGS and Sacks of all descriptions

AGS and Sacks of all descriptions. AGS prices given. Post cards attended. Bowers, 4 Mitchell Street, Northcote (next Reid's Grocers).

Principal

G. COCHRANE, B.A., T.C.D. Pharmacy, Junior Public, and General Improvement classes held at the College. Juniors, between the ages of 8 and 10. A first-class teacher, 61, 1st quarter.

20-acre play ground, Gymnasium

20-acre play ground, Gymnasium, Evening classes at the college. College resumes work on February 9th, 1915.

SHIRE OF PRESTON

Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 30th September, 1914

Local Government Act 1903

Statement of Rates

A GENERAL RATE of Two Shillings in the Pound Sterling for the 30th day of September, 1914, was made by the Shire of Preston Council on the 16th day of February, 1914.

Table with columns: Riding, Net Valuation, Amount of Rate, Arrears of Rate, Current Rate Collected, Arrears Collected, Total of Arrears, Rates Abandoned.

Assets and Liabilities

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES, Balance.

Statement of General Contracts

Table with columns: Balance from Last Year, Amount of Contract, Deductions, Extras, Amount Paid, Balance.

Loan 2 Contracts

Table with columns: Amount, Balance.

Receipts and Expenditure

Large table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Special Improvement Charge No. 1 Account

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Special Improvement Charge No. 1 Loan Account

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, Balance.

Special Improvement Charge No. 2 Account

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Special Improvement Charge No. 2 Loan Account

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, Balance.

Loan Account No. 1

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, Balance.

Loan Account No. 2

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, Balance.

Audited and found correct—J. V. M. WOOD, F.I.A.V., F.C.P.A., Government Auditor.

The foregoing Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th day of September, 1914, was finally examined, settled, and allowed by the Council of the Shire of Preston this 7th day of December, 1914.

SHIRE OF EPPING.

Annual Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 30th September, 1914.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES, Balance.

Statement of Rate

A General Rate of One Shilling and Three pence in the Pound to 30th September, 1914.

Table with columns: Riding, Valuation, Amount of Rate, Amount Collected, Amount Uncollected, Total Arrears.

Building Account

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure

Large table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, Balance.

Audited and found correct—GEORGE D. MUEBELL, Government Auditor.

Sacred Heart School, Preston.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

On Tuesday, December 16th, the pupils of the above school gave a concert to a crowded house...

From the above school, the pupils of the above school gave a concert to a crowded house...

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EPPING SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

Present—Crs. McCormack (president), McCoy, Browne, Dea, Goss, and Wuchatsch.

From Public Works Department asking the council to render whatever assistance is possible in carrying out the unemployed. Extra bank overdrafts would be allowed, also increased borrowing powers.

From some, asking council to be represented at a conference on the 22nd inst., to consider the following proposals: The establishment and maintenance of a fund to provide employment within the metropolitan area for resident married men who have become unemployed as a consequence of the war and drought. It was estimated that a fund of £20,000 would be required to provide employment for 600 to 800 men for 6 to 8 months.

The letters were simply received, as the council felt it was doing all it could do at the present time.

From Victorian Railways stating that the footpath and road to the Epping station have been attended to, but it was not considered that the railway wanted the provision of a path on the inside of the fence as suggested.—Received.

From Shire of Warragul asking council's co-operation in opposing the proposal of the Government to take 7 seats from the country and add them to the metropolitan.—It was decided to refer the motion to Crs. McCoy and Goss—to be reported by asking Mr. Robertson, M.L.A., to support the protest.

From D. Critchton, asking council to take action in getting Mrs. Lynch to fence off the road through her property, as it was a menace to the district in getting cattle away from the paddocks. The gates were the trouble. It was not nice to leave a dry seat in wet weather opening and shutting gates.—Cr. Dea moved and Cr. Wuchatsch seconded that the owner be written to asking that the road be opened.—Carried.

From Shire of Broadmeadows stating that repairs had been made to the bridge over the Mori Creek at Campbellfield, but the bridge is being watched and the question of a new bridge will have to be dealt with shortly. A copy of the engineer's report regarding this matter would be forwarded in due course.—Received.

Cr. McCormack moved that the opinion of the standing council be asked as to whether the public have a right to enter on a closed road, supposing a person is paying rent for it.

Cr. McCoy seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Wuchatsch said he did not think the public could be debarred from using such a road.

From Cr. G. Brand, Campbellfield, wishing to know if this council has a ranger, if so, does he impound off the private roads, as he was constantly annoyed by his neighbor's sheep. He had put up a good fence, but his neighbor would not fence his side and had 1100 starving sheep on 400 acres.—Cr. McCoy moved and Cr. Goss seconded, that a reply be sent that the shire has no ranger.

FINANCE. The accounts for the month, amounting to £88 14s 6d, were read for payment on the motion of Cr. Wuchatsch and Dea.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. Mr. McCormack reported that the first contract under the Country Roads Board had been commenced and about 85 chains completed. It was estimated that the work would be finished in about 12 months. The final number was the cantata, "Lost Lalla," with Miss F. Peyton as the Fairy Queen, "Lalla," Miss K. Hollowood, depicting her hoarseness, sang "Guardian angel watch over me" very sweetly. Miss D. Pagon was the guardian angel. There were numerous songs, jugglers, fairies, and children, all of whom carried out their parts to the delight of the large audience.

On Sunday last about 100 employees of the Newport Workshops paid their annual visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor to hand over the amount collected during the year. The company (including any hard hats) was met at the entrance of the institution by the reverend Mother and Sisters, and escorted over the building until they came to the men's dining room, where Mr. Richmond, in a very neat speech, said how pleased the men were to be able at least once a year to show in a practical way how they appreciate the good work carried out by the Sisters. He could not help thinking as he passed through the spacious rooms, with sunlight and fresh air filling every corner, what a good-scented it was for the old folk to be able to spend their days in comfort. In handing over the offering Mr. Richmond wished the Sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hoped they would be long spared to carry on the good work that they have given their life for. (Applause.)

Cr. McDonnell said he had lived in Northcote for 4 years, and had never been through the institution before, but that day he had his eyes opened by the kindly influence exercised by the Sisters over the old folk. Cr. McDonnell handed the Rev. Mother 10s.

Mr. Gerhartig, on behalf of the Sisters, thanked the men of Newport for their donation of £20 10s, and the Sisters invited the company to afternoon tea.

To show how earnest the men are, Mr. Richmond organized a working bee to asphalt some of the paths and he collected £6 at Newport to pay for the material.

St. John Ambulance Brigade. Northcote division held its first field day on Saturday 12th, when, in conjunction with other suburban brigades, they took part in the "March to Berlin," which was a very successful day. The Northcote were detailed to the firing line, where several cases were treated under warlike conditions. The stretcher work was very creditably performed, and the ambulance crew on rough ground should be of the utmost benefit to all those who took part. A letter of commendation has been received for district headquarters for the complimenting the division on its fine display. Several volunteers assisted on Saturday, and it is anticipated that the new year will bring along a few more.

NOT-WEATHER SKIN TROUBLE. ITCHY RASH, SWELLINGS AND SORES QUICKLY HEALED BY ZAM-BUK. Heat lumps, prickly heat, eczema, blotches, chafings, blisters, sore feet and other summer skin troubles should be treated with Zam-Buk. This unique balm has the happy knack of clearing the skin of all impurities and making the skin healthy, cool and clear.

Mr. Lane, of Darraigh street, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, says:—"One night, through overheating of my blood, I awoke with both my legs in a state of fearful irritation. I could have almost torn the flesh. The itching was unbearable and I felt like going mad. We always keep a supply of Zam-Buk in the house, and my husband got up and made me rub some of the balm well into my legs. It was wonderful how soothing and cooling Zam-Buk was. The excessive irritation went away immediately, and I obtained perfect relief. After that I dropped off to sleep and I have never been troubled with this itching since."

Zam-Buk is so reliable, quick, and efficient in its healing that it is indispensable in every home workshop, farm or cattle station. For the first-aid treatment of wounds, cuts, burns or scalds, and for hot-weather, eczema, itchy rash, sore feet, ringworm, poisoned wounds, heat blisters, insect bites, etc., Zam-Buk can be relied upon with every confidence. Of chemicals and stores, 1/6 and 3/6 per pot.

Northcote Horticultural Society. At the monthly meeting Mr. J. J. Smith read for Mr. C. E. Schlofedecker paper on "The Tuberosc Rooted Begonia," which was very instructive and greatly appreciated by the members. One new member was proposed and at the next meeting a number of new members will be made.

The "Iris Gardens" is a formal visit to members, who are looking forward to other visits, one of which will be to the Queen's Park at Yala at a later date. Mr. H. Brown, a former member of the society, has had the honor of championing the sweet pea championship for 15 years. He has a champion in sweet peas, and recently staged 22 varieties at a recent show in Ballarat.

