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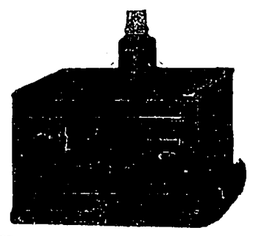

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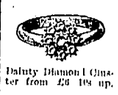

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3 p.m., Rev. C. R. Andrews.
7 p.m., Rev. J. A. Barbour, B.A.
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NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, Sunday, 6th March.
Preachers:
11 a.m., Rev. A. Heathcote-Fletcher.
3 p.m., Rev. C. R. Andrews.
7 p.m., Rev. J. A. Barbour, B.A.

Tuesday, 8th March.
SCHOLARS' CONCERT.
Programme—Musical Charade, "The Birds and the Fairies," Songs, Recitations, Dialogues.

Sunday, 13th March
11 a.m., Rev. J. Penna.
3 p.m., Mr. W. Wishart.
7 p.m., Rev. A. Heathcote-Fletcher.

Tuesday, 15th March.
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Anniversary Service, Sunday, 13th March.
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11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
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11 a.m., Rev J. E. Warren.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m., Mr. W. Elmer.
7 p.m., Mr. A. Coates.
CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. J. Purvis.
7 p.m., Mr. Geo. Hunter.

CRICKETERS' Service on Sunday night, High Street Methodist Church Subject, "The Great Test Match" Preacher, Rev. J. E. Warren.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. O. Phillips; 7 p.m, Mr. C. R. Burvill.
SOUTH PRESTON (S.S. Anniversary).—11 a.m., Rev. Toi; 3 p.m, Rev. Dyson; 7 p.m., Rev. D. J. McOmish.
PENDER'S GROVE.—11 a.m., Mr. Dakers; 7 p.m., Mr M Smith.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. R. Wearne; 7 p.m, Mr. Dakers.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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7 p.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart.

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All that piece of land being part of Lot 72, Section two on Plan of Subdivision No. 906, lodged in the Office of Titles, and being part of Crown Portion 112, at Northcote, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book, Vol. 2520, Fol. 503982. The land has a frontage of 20 feet to Beaver's road by a depth of 104 feet.

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Property Referred To:

All that piece of land being Lot 3 on plan of Subdivision No. 1959 lodged in the Office of Titles and being part of Crown Portion 107 Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book Vol. 2126, Fol. 425060. The land has a frontage of 18 feet to St. George's road by a depth of 100 feet.

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All that piece of land being Lot 82, Block A on Plan of Sub-division No 2285, lodged in the Office of Titles, and being part of Crown Portion 112, at Northcote, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book Vol. 2414. Fol. 482628. The land has a frontage of 20 feet to Bent street, formerly called Gladstone street, by a depth of 100 feet.

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All that piece of land being Lot 56 Block A on the Plan of Subdivision No. 2285 lodged in the Office of Titles being part of Crown Portion 112, at Northcote, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book Vol. 2223, Fol. 434411. The land has a frontage of 20 feet to Woolhouse Street (formerly Mitchell street) by a depth of 114 feet.

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All that piece of land being Lot 55 on Plan of Subdivision No. 2071 lodged in the Office of Titles and being part of Crown Portion 122, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title entered in the Register Book, Vol. 2213, Fol. 442493. The land has a frontage of 27 feet to Hunter street by a depth of 87 feet 6 inches.

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Solicitors for the Municipality.

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Amusements

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

Week commencing Mon., March 7

Mon., Tuesday, Wednesday.

Norma Talmadge

In the Famous Broadway "First National Attraction,

Yes or No

No Woman has a Future.
No Woman has a Past.
Until She has Answered the Question.

NORMA is Exquisite as a Yes Girl.
More Lovable than Ever as a No Girl.

Also

Will Rogers

Will Entertain and Amuse in

The Strange Boarder

Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Matinee Saturday Afternoon.

The Most Versatile Actor of the Silent Drama,

Frank Keenan,

In a Splendid Story of Breath-Taking Suspense

Brothers Divided

Ably Supported by

Earle Williams

In a Weird Adventure in Frisco's Unsolved and Mysterious Chinatown

The Purple Cipher

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT! (Saturday).

"MUM'S" SOCIAL AND EUCHRE PARTY,
To Commemorate the Laying of the Memorial Hall Foundation Stone,
SHIRE HALL, PRESTON.
Dancing 9 to 12. Refreshments.
Gents 1/6. Ladies 1/-. We Pay Tax.
WM. H. DAVIS } Joint
R. N. MARSHALL } Secs.

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!!

RESERVOIR HALL TO-NIGHT.

Don't Miss the Great Comedy Drama entitled
"A REGIMENT OF TWO."

Adults 1/- Children 6d.
DANCING TO FOLLOW.
(No Extra Charge).
Refreshments Obtainable.
E. A. ROSE, Hon. Sec.
Best-st, Reservoir.

DANCING.

MR. STRETTON'S Class TO-NIGHT (Saturday) Northcote Town Hall. Dancing 8 to 11. Latest Dances. Tuesday Evening Class, 1st March. Private Lessons. Book Now. 358 Rae Street, North Fitzroy.

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MR. STRETTON'S Refined Class, Northcote Town Hall, every TUESDAY Evening (Opening March 1st). Instruction for Beginners 7.45 to 8.30. Advance Class and Practice, 8 30 to 11. Also Saturday Afternoon, 2nd April, from 3 to 5.30. Monday and Wednesday, Normanby Hall, Normanby Avenue, next Thornbury Bowling Green Beginners, attend these Classes and learn thoroughly and quickly. Private Lessons, book now. 358 Rae Street, N. Fitzroy.

DANCING.

MRS. and Miss D. TOWNSEND'S Dancing Class re-opens Bradford Hall, High Street, Preston, Saturday, 5th March, 3 p.m Toe, National, Ballet, Action Songs and Dances taught, 6d lesson. Private Lessons and Adults' Class, Hutton Street west, Thornbury, by appointment.

Meetings

N.S.R.A. meets All Saints' Hall on Tuesday, 8th inst., at 8 o'clock. Address by Cr. S. Dennis., T. Thomas, &c.

NORTHCOTE SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

A Meeting of the Committee is called for Thursday Evening next, 10th March, at the Northcote Town Hall at 8 p.m.
P. MAYER, Hon. Sec.

Notices

PUBLIC Notice.—Land at 64 Beaver's Road is not to be sold until I see my late husband's signature.
E. J. AGNEW.

MISS M. BRADBURY, 46 Rossmoyne Street, Northcote, Dressmaker. Children's Dresses and Ladies' Summer and Winter Coats made.

PIANIST Open Engagements Gymnasium, Guilds, or other. O. E. Stoneham, "Ywonga," 4 Kellet St., Northcote.

Lost and Found.

LOST—Young Irish Terrier Dog, four white feet, black nose, named "Digger." Reward. 115 Gooch street, Thornbury.

LOST—Gold Dagger Brooch, Friday night, in High street. Reward "Leader" office, Northcote.

Wanted to Sell

BEDROOM and Dining Room Suites, Sideboard, Kitchen Table, Couch, Gas Stove, Lino, &c.; one year out of factory; in excellent condition. Opportunity for anyone furnishing. Waller, 22 Waterloo Road, Northcote.

RUN-ABOUT, Rustic Cart, £5. P. Powell, Blacksmith, High Street, Preston.

GIG and Harness, £25; also Colonial Oven. 200 High street, Preston.

GEES Pram, cheap. Home Sunday, 45 Raglan street, S. Preston.

Auction Sales

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
On the Properties.
NORTHCOTE.
Under Instructions from Owners.
Lot 1, at 3.15 p.m.—Corner ELM and LATHAM Sts., S.F.W.B. VILLA containing 4 rooms and conveniences, Land 80 x 105.
Lot 2, at 4 p.m.—123 EMMALINE Street, D.F.W.B VILLA, containing 5 Rooms and Conveniences. Land 68 x 115.
Titles, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
McCRAE & PATERSON (Alex. Mc L. Paterson (late A.I.F.), Auctioneer), opposite Northcote Railway Station. Phone, Northcote 428.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
Starting at 3 o'clock. At the properties, 64 BEAVER'S ROAD, NORTHCOTE (Close Trams and Station).
Splendid Building ALLOTMENT, 30ft. 3in. x 120 with 4-stall Stable and Sheds, Sewered, Fenced, Made Street and Right-of-Way. In the Estate of the late T. H. Agnew.
At 3.30 o'clock.
WOOLHOUSE STREET, opposite Bent Street, Nice VILLA SITE, 40 x 109, in Good Position, close Electric Tram. Titles, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
STOTT & BASTINGS (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer) are instructed to Sell as above. Phone, Northcote 584.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.
On the Properties.
HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE.
Under instructions from Owners.
SHOP SITES.
Lot 1, at 3 30—S.E. Corner of Darebin and High Streets.
Lot 2, at 4 o'clock—Opposite Croxton Park, east side of High Street, adjoining No. 600, 66 x 30.
Both these Allotments are Splendidly Situated and offer Special Inducements for Builders or Investors.
Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
McCRAE & PATERSON (Alex. McL. Paterson (late A.I.F.), Auctioneer), opposite Northcote Station. Phone, Northcote 428.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.
At 3 p.m. On the Premises.
"WARDAN," SOUTHERNHAY ST., PRESTON NORTH.
Under instructions from the Owner, *who has sold the Property.*
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of Suites, Dressing Table, Carpet, Wash Stand, Overmantel, Mirror, Blackwood Extension Table, Books, Bed, Garden Hose, and Sundries.
Also,
Splendid Area of BUILDING LAND, having a Frontage to Southernhay Street of 337ft. 6in. by a depth of 143 feet Close to Train, Trams, Shops. If not sold in one Lot to be submitted in 8 Lots from 43ft. frontage each. Title, Certificate.
GRAY & JOHNSON, 732 High St., Northcote, and 102 King Street, Melbourne, in conjunction with J. E. KIMBERLEY, Auctioneer and Estate Agent, Smith street, Fitzroy.

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.
At 3 o'clock. At the Property.
"STRATHAVEN,"
Corner HAROLD and CLAPHAM Sts., Alongside Thornbury Railway Station, THORNBURY.
MODERN TILED-ROOF VILLA, 6 Large Rooms, Entrance Hall, Vestibule, Bathroom, Pantry, Det. Washhouse, Sheds, Stables, Motor Garage, Garden, Lawns, Fernery, on land 66 x 134ft. 6in.
This Property is exceptionally well built and in first-class order, splendidly fitted, Electric Light, Sewered. Immediate possession can be given.
Title, Certificate. Terms: One-fifth Cash Deposit, £50 yearly off Principal. Balance at end of 5 years. Interest 6 per cent. quarterly.
STOTT & BASTINGS (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer), High Street, Northcote, Phone, Northcote 584, H. E. CALDECOTT & SONS, Estate Agents, 86 Nicholson St, Footscray, Phone, Footscray 36. Auctioneers in conjunction.

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NORTHCOTE.
Corner DAREBIN RD. & VICTORIA ST.
S.F. W.B. COTTAGE,
3 Good Rooms, Bath, Wash-House, Sewered, E.L., Bricked Yard, Underground Dairy (Licensed). Very Large Allotment.
CHARLES WOOD, 46 Elizabeth St., Melbourne, in conjunction with GRAY & JOHNSON, 732 High St., Northcote, and 102 King Street, Melbourne (through their Auctioneer, J. E. Kimberley) will Sell as above.

Fennis & Young,

PRESTON AUCTION ROOMS,
81 Plenty Road, Preston.

SALE BY AUCTION
THIS DAY (SATURDAY, 5th March)
of
FURNITURE & CROCKERY,
Consisting of Sideboards, Kitchen Dressers, Oak Diningroom Suite, Blackwood Bedroom Suite (3 pieces), four Tables, Gondola Pram, Piano by Collard & Collard, Boots, Mats, Tea Sets, Main Gas Stove, Rustic Cart, Lot of Groceries, and Sundries.

We Conduct Outdoor Sales.
A. FENNIS, Auctioneer.
C. YOUNG, Property Expert.
81 PLENTY ROAD, PRESTON.

Professional.

DR. J. KELMAR, M.D., Ch. D., D.A.O., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Consults now at his Private Residence, 51 GOOCH ST., NORTHCOTE.
Hours:
9.30 to 11 a.m., 5 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays, 9.30 to 11 a.m. only.
Holidays, 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. only.
Speciality: Painless Confinements.
N.B.—Members now on Dr. Kelmar's list can see him at his Private Residence, 51 Gooch Street, where messages may be left.

WANTED.

HOSIERY MACHINIST. A Good Chance for a Girl desirous of Improvement.
FACTORY, Wimble St., Northcote.

WOMAN, Washing, Ironing, one day week. Must be experienced. References. Monday preferred. Dr. Scholes, Redesdale Road, Ivanhoe. Tel., Northcote 298.

CARPENTER will do any Carpentering, Repairs, Cabinet Work, large, small. Wire Doors, &c., made and fixed. Reasonable. 38 Andrews-st., Northcote.

WANTED Odd Jobs Carpentering, Painting, &c. No job too small. Prices Reasonable.—L. Cox, 30 Eastmont street, Northcote.

STERLING SOAP CO., SOUTH PRESTON.
Buyers of Kitchen Fat and Tallow from 6/- Kerosene Tin.
STERLING SOAP Prevents Chapped Hands. Ask Your Grocer for It

Wanted to Rent

WANTED to Rent by Careful Tenant, 6 or 7 rooms, vicinity Merri to Preston. Particulars to "House," Regent Post Office, Preston.

WANTED—4 or 5-roomed House or part, no children.—"Culver," Yarra-st., Preston.

Local Government.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

Notice is hereby given that all Dogs within the City of Northcote must be Registered at this Office on or before the the 17th day of March next.
Any Person having an Unregistered Dog after that date will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Act 1915.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote,
21st February, 1921.

Tenders

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS for Supplying Horses and Drays when required for the Epping Riding will be received at the Council Chambers, Mernda, to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th March, 1921.
By order,
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited and will be received up to 11 a m. Wednesday, 9th March, 1921, at the Shire Hall, Mernda, for the following works:—

Contract 41/21—Supply and Delivery of 100 c. yards of 2 inch Metal for Young's Road.

Contract 42/21—Supply and Delivery of 75 c. yards of Ironstone Gravel for Glenburnie Road.

Specifications may be seen at Messrs Woodcock & McCormack's office, 430 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Mr. Butler's residence, Eden Park, and Mr. W. Payne's residence, Epping.

Preliminary deposit of

THORNBURY BANK ROBBERY.

A CASE BREAKS DOWN.

Arising out of the robbery from the Thornbury branch of the National Bank of £321, by two men on February 7th, a man named Leslie Taylor was charged at the Northcote court on Thursday, before Messrs Hayes(chairman), Cohen, Timmins, Jones, Johnson and Redmond, J's.P., "that he at Thornbury on the 7th February, 1921, was a rogue and a vagabond, for that he being a suspected person did loiter in a public place with intent to commit a felony."

Detective Sergeant Coonan prosecuted. Mr. C. Barnett for the defence.

Robert Milton Turner, clerk in charge of the bank at Thornbury, stated that on February 7th he opened up the bank for business at the usual hour. About 25 minutes past 12 he went to the back for a few minutes, and while he was there—

Mr. Barnett objected that such evidence was not relevant to this issue.

Witness continuing said that when he came out he saw two men running down the yard. He also saw a window open and conceived that the bank had been robbed.

Mr. Barnett again objected.

Continuing Turner said he gave chase to one of the men up High street, and he turned and said "If you touch me I will shoot you." He (witness) returned to the bank, from which £321.7.3 was missing. He did not see the accused on the occasion.

Mr. Barnett again contended that the evidence was irrelevant so far as this charge was concerned.

The chairman said that speaking personally he did not think any evidence had been given bearing on the present charge.

Cross examined by Mr. Barnett, witness said the description he had given to the police of the man he chased was that he appeared to be a man from 20 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches or 5 feet 8 inches in height, fair complexion, clean shaven and dressed in a blue twill suit. He could not say how old the second man was, or what he was like.

Henry Charles Dyte, chemist, 759 High street, Thornbury, said he was in High street on Monday, 7th February.

Detective Coonan—Did you see this man there?

Witness — He looks something like him.

Detective Coonan—Do you know him?

Witness—Yes; two years ago I had a motor collision with him.

Pressed again to say whether accused was the man he saw in High street, witness said: "He looks something like him, but I will not swear he was the man I saw.

Continuing witness said it was about 11.30 when he first saw the man, and two or three minutes later he saw him get on a tram and go south.

Mr. Jones, J.P.—Is the man before the court the man you had the collision with?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Jones—Did you ever tell anyone you saw this man there?

Witness—I said I saw a man I believed to be him.

Mr. Barnett—You would have reason to remember the man you had a collision with?

Witness—I should think so.

Mr. Barnett—Are you in a position to swear that the man you had the collision with is the man you saw at Thornbury on the 7th February?

Witness—No.

Stanley Wilmott Murden, grocer, 761 High street, Thornbury, stated that he was in High street on February 7th.

Detective Coonan— Do you remember seeing the defendant there?

Witnesss—It was only a passing glance I had, and the man I saw was, I think, a thicker set man than the man before the court.

Further examined, witness said the man he saw had jumped on a tram and was going south between 12 and five past 12. He never saw the man there before.

Watson McDonald, grocer, corner Gooch and St. David streets, said he was in his shop when he saw a man running along Gooch street. This was about half past 12. He would not swear that the man he saw was the man now before the court. The man who ran past him and boarded a motor car appeared to be a thicker set man than accused.

Detective McGuffie stated that after arresting accused he asked him if he was at Thornbury on February 7th He replied "I might have been, I am everywhere."

Mr. Barnett said not one of the witnesses had identified accused as the man they saw at Thornbury on the day of the robbery. He was in the midst of a lengthy address when the chairman said he need go no further, as the Bench had decided to discharge the accused.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

NORMA TALMADGE IN "YES OR NO."

By no means the least interesting feature of "Yes or No," the powerful new picture, in which Norma Talmadge will be seen next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, are the sub-titles. While many of them are in the vernacular of East Side of New York—the abode of the humbler worker—they are filled with trite truisms and have the punch in every line. Others descriptive of places or conditions are full of philosophy and uniqueness. In the very first sub-title of the picture we find one of these — a great truth tersely told:— "In every woman's life there comes a time when her 'Yes' or 'No' has a fateful significance; when much of tragedy or much of happiness of human existence hangs upon her decision. Nor does her station in life lessen the responsibility. Whether she be rich or poor, the moment comes when she must bravely fight or yield to temptation." The comedy element will be provided by Will Rogers in a laughable skit, "The Strange Boarder."

For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday two splendid attractions are announced. The principal photoplay attraction in the programme will be "Brothers Divided," a powerful melodrama which contrasts the psychology of two brothers. Mr. Keenan, who has the double role thus afforded, is an actor of proved ability, who has in the past contributed many strong characterisations to the shadow stage. The accompanying film, "The Purple Cipher," is a detective story with a daring and ingenious plot, starring Earle Williams.

DIGGERS' COLUMN.

R.S.S.I.L.A., NORTHCOTE

The ordinary meeting was held on Monday night, the president (Mr Perrin) in the chair. A guard of honor, formed by members of the branch, will welcome the Governor General on Sunday when he arrives to lay the foundation stone of the Preston Soldiers' memorial.

A satisfactory report was received from the representatives on the local memorial committee, and it is anticipated that a start will be made with the building shortly.

A cricket match, married v. single, will be played on Saturday, and after that a match will be played against the Dads.

Mr H. Dickinson has matters well in hand for the formation of a football club, and prospects are bright in connection with the weekly dances.

Some important resolutions affecting the diggers' generally have been entrusted to the state councillor, Mr Marshall, including the eligibility of those employed in the Repatriation department and the proposed reduction of widows' pensions. An indignant protest was carried against this proposal, Messrs Perrin, McOmish, Mendelsohn, Marshall, Ryan, Call and others, speaking very strongly on the matter.

Mr J. Ryan reported he had succeeded in winning a good case for a digger in his capacity as complaints officer.

A new social syllabus will be presented on Monday night, when members are requested to bring their ladies along to a musical evening.

THE INCREASED TRAMWAY FARES

COUNCIL TO WAIT ON THE BOARD.

Cr. Gray, at the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday evening said that their deputation to the Minister of Public Works in regard to the increased tramways fares was most unsatisfactory, and he thought they should proceed farther. The suggestion made in the "Leader" that they should go to the Tramway Board itself was a good one. Their case had been prejudged. Mr. Clarke said he sympathised with the Tramway Board. Of course he did, seeing the Board was the creation of the Government. The Minister justified increases on the grounds of increased wages and cost of material. The council, when running the trams, had the same thing to contend with, but could show a good profit. They ought to know what the Board did with its funds. From their increases of fares the Board figured on a big increase in revenue, but there was a question whether they would get it, as the increase from 1d to 1½d on the sections would cause people to ride less, and a great many others who now travelled on the trams would be forced by the higher fares into the congested inner areas. He moved that the council wait on the Board and make a further effort to get the fares reduced.

Cr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Cr. Dennis said they went to the "boss cockie" and he knew they were coming and saw the Board, who gave him the answer he was to give the deputation. So it seemed to him they had got the Board's answer. He (Cr. Dennis) thought they would do better in urging upon the Board to give them as quickly as possible the promised connection between their own and the Clifton Hill services.

Cr. Jones—You won't get that at all now.

Cr. Dennis said that at first the Board wanted to charge the cost of connecting up the two systems against the Northcote tram, but they objected and the Board had waived its claim. When the Board assumed control nearly a year ago they took over the council's excellent manager, who, he noticed from the local paper, had now been given another position. The Northcote tram had all this time been loaded with the cost of this manager, whose duties he (Cr. Dennis) was given to understand could very easily have been carried out by the track manager. To spread the cost of the extensive renewals at Northcote over a few years was a most unfair proposition. The cost should be spead over the years according to the life of the renewals Once the connection with Clifton Hill was secured traffic would be so good that they would be able to press for the reduction of fares, so he thought trying to get the connection as early as possible was the best card to play. With the connection in, the Board would surely never go charging 4½d, while on the Brunswick line the fare was only 2d

Cr Pearl said he for one did not intend to approach the Board He could never understand, how, in this democracy, such a board was ever allowed to be constituted. What was the Labor Party doing to allow it?

Cr. McDonell—They opposed it

Cr. Pearl—In a very weak way. He would never approach the Board till it was re-constituted.

Cr. McDonell—If I was outside I would think it was Lenin or Trotsky I was hearing.

Cr. Gray, in reply, said the arguments put up by Cr. Dennis were excellent ones for the fares being reduced. The Minister himself hesitated about seeing them. He said they should have gone to the Board. He (the Minister) linked up our tram with other trams, ignoring the entirely different position the Northcote tram was in.

Cr. Jones, by way of explanation of his interjection, said that he had it on good authority that the Railway Department had stepped in and blocked the connection at Clifton Hill, on account of the blockage the trams would be to the trains when the line was electrified.

Cr. Slater said he had it on reliable authority that the Railway people were taking their bearings with a view of carrying the line overhead.

The motion was then put and carried.

Cr. Dennis subsequently moved that representations be made to the Tramway Board urging that the connection between the Northcote and Clifton Hill lines be made as early as possible, even if it is necessary to have an overhead bridge on the railway.—Carried.

PRESTON CITIZENS' BAND.

The above recently formed band, which is proving itself an acquisition to the shire, recently rendered selections in Preston South, and the comments heard must have been gratifying to those responsible for its formation. The band has been asked to play at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Memorial Hall, when the citizens will have an opportunity of judging of the rapid progress made. The band has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Blaskitt, who was attached to the 3rd Division A.I.F. as bandmaster, and with his wide experience and interest there is no doubt but that Preston will have a band they will be proud of. The arrangements for the complimentary concert which is being tendered to the band are well in hand, and a high-class programme will be presented. The public are asked to support this worthy object, which will be a distinct advantage to every music-loving member of the shire. The band is desirous of hearing from any player who would be willing to throw in his lot with them. The band rendered selections in North Preston on Friday night, and again their efforts met with much appreciation.

Writing from Hamilton, N.Z. (17-2-21) Thomas Donovan says:—It seems a long call from Northcote to New Zealand, and it speaks volumes for the circulation of your esteemed paper when we can read about the progressiveness of the community your paper represents It was pleasing indeed to have news that the Preston Band had been resuscitated, and I would like to wish them a very prosperous life and a generous support of their efforts. A band is quite a necessary adjunct to our various functions, and I am sure the people of Preston will recognise their services in a fitting manner. If you will furnish me with the address of the band secretary I will be pleased to send them a parcel of music. Kind regards to old members of the original Preston band.

Property Sales

Fennis & Young announce a sale of furniture at their rooms, 81 Plenty-rd., Preston this day, Saturday, 5th, at 2 p.m.

Stott & Bastings will sell this afternoon, building allotment, 64 Beavers-rd, with 4-stall stable, &c., also villa site in Woolhouse-st.

On the 12th inst., Stott & Bastings, in conjunction with H. E. Caldecott & Son, will sell well-built modern tiled roof villa, 6 rooms, &c., corner Harold and Clapham streets, Thornbury.

Gray & Johnson, through their auctioneer, will sell as follows:—Wednesday, 9th March, at 2 p.m., household furniture and splendid area of building land at Southernhay street, North Preston; Saturday, 12th, at 3, s.f.w.b. cottage, corner Darebin road and Victoria street.

Stott & Bastings report the sale by auction of a d.f. villa at 101 Mansfield street, at a satisfactory price.

McKae & Paterson will sell to-day as follow:— At 3 15, corner Elm and Latham streets, s.f.w.b. villa, 4 rooms; and at 4, d.f.w.b. villa, 123 Emmaline street, 5 rooms and all conveniences. Also on Wednesday next as follow:— At 3.30, shop sites, corner High and Darebin streets, also at 4, shop site, east side High street, adjoining No. 600.

CONTROL OF NORTHCOTE PARK.

CRICKET CLUB'S CASE STATED.

In a recent issue we published a lengthy letter on the management and control of the Northcote Park as viewed by the officials of the Northcote Football Club.

The following is the reply of the committee of the Northcote Cricket Club:—

The Mayor and Councillors of the City of Northcote.

Sirs,—My committee has had under its consideration the letter submitted to you by the officials of the Northcote Football Club, a copy of which is reproduced in this week's "Leader."

So many of the statements are misleading that my committee has instructed me to forward to your council the following answers in order that the true facts may be before you when consideration is being given to the matter.

Statement 2. "The matter in this clause is substantially correct from "In 1913 down to of which £750 has been paid," but a further sum of £372 has also been spent by my committee since erection of stand as detailed in clause 3.

The correct version briefly of how the money was raised for the stand is as follows:—

£200 was set aside from the club's funds, and to augment this my committee inaugurated a movement to raise the balance required. This took the form of carnivals and a bazaar, which functions I, as secretary of the cricket club, organised and controlled with the aid of a committee, headed by the then mayor, Cr. B. E. Johnson, who can substantiate this

My committee had the willing and invaluable assistance of most of the organisations, lodges, &c, in the district, but the gentlemen who are least able to give an opinion as to how this money was raised are those whose names appear at the foot of the letter forwarded to you, as the football club was really the only important local organisation which held entirely aloof from the whole movement.

As to the residents building the stand, they were given value for their money, either by way of amusement or goods supplied at the various functions. The money raised from these functions was paid into the cricket club bank. Donations were also received, but principally from enthusiastic cricket club members, and also your council upon application being made by my committee donated £50, for which my committee was deeply grateful.

Statement 3. "The cricket club at the present time pays £50 annually to the Parks Committee.

A sad omission is made here, as in addition to this the cricket club pays one-third of its gate receipts to the Parks Committee.

See how this works out as per instance given in clause 7.

With reference to the balance of this clause these are the facts:—

The cricket club has received from the football club £51, and has spent since the building of the stand the following in each year:—Interest, £24 10s; insurance, £1 8s 6d; sanitary service charge, £6 5s; telephone, £3; average repairs, £15; total yearly expense directly attributable to the stand of £53 3s 6d, or a total spread over seven years of £372.

The cricket club had a hard struggle with this burden through the lean years of the war when the football club's responsibility ceased upon football being abandoned.

The present season is really the first during which the ground has been let to any extent during week days, and after supplying material (with bats at £3 and balls at 25/- each) my committee finds that there is very little left for the ground out of the charge of £1 1s.

4. This is decidedly misleading. The outer ground arrangements are as follows:—½ to Northcote Football Club, ½ the visiting football club, and ½ to parks committee. Nothing to the cricket club. The letter says—"Excepting that they returned half their share to the football club" This means that the cricket club took 4d instead of 8d in each 1/-, as arranged with Victorian Football Association, the share then being—football club 6d, cricket club 4d. Furthermore, the difference is this. The football club 6d goes into the coffers of the club and spent upon the players, whereas the cricket club 4d must be spent upon the upkeep of the stand and reduction of debt on same.

5 We have not these exact figures and thought that the only body able to supply this information was the parks committee. But on the face of it the statement is misleading, as except for the last few years the caretaker was employed upon the ground for the whole year. The £510 was not found by the ratepayers, but a large portion of this amount has been derived by the parks committee from the letting of the ground during the winter months to football, hockey, lacrosse, and other clubs. Furthermore, the ground would be in a very poor state for football if great care was not taken of it during the summer.

6. The Minister may or may not be aware that this agreement exists, but, nevertheless, the fact remains that the signature of the president of the Northcote Football Club, with other gentlemen's signatures, is attached to an honorable agreement.

7 Typical instances will prove that the football club would be in an infinitely worse position if placed upon the same footing as the cricket club. The last two cricket gates have been £20 or over. After paying £2 for umpire's fees, the cricket club received £1, and parks committee £5. This is taken by parks committee in addition to £50 rental. A similar football gate works out as follows:—Football club share, £7 13s 6d (this includes an allowance of £3 made to football club to run the gates. The cricket club runs the same gates for £1). A further concession of £5 2s is made to football club for umpires' fees out of gate. The parks committee gets £1 0s 2d and crickt club £2 17s 10d. The proposition to take over half the liability on the stand and retain the whole of the reserve takings is ridiculous, and members of my committee are open to make the same offer to officials of the football club in connection with their private affairs. Boiled down this means that football club is willing to pay £175 for assets costing £1100, and now probably worth £3000

8 The inducements offered to the football club were as follows:—One-third of net outer ground and one-sixth of reserve takings to go to football club. This offer was made to representatives of football club and Victorian Football Association at the park when ground was being inspected and was accepted by both parties. This arrangement has been broken by the cricket club, but in the following liberal manner:—First year—Whole of reserve takings went to football club; 1919—Cricket club refunded £31 6s 6d from its share of gate; 1920—Cricket club refunded £32 12s 2d from its share of gate.

The following will prove that Northcote football club is the most liberally treated club in Victorian Football Association and will show that it is upon more than a just basis:—Prahran, Hawthorn, Brighton, Brunswick, and Williamstown receive no concessions. North Melbourne and Port Melbourne receive 3d extra from reserve; Northcote receives 4d extra from reserve.

Also in accordance with the agreement only football club players and officials have access to stand and reserve, but my committee has waived this condition, and all football club 5/- members are admitted thereto, without any charge being made against football club.

9. Since coming to the park the football club has contributed to the parks committee as follows:— 1915, £4/9/8; 1918, £2/1/8; 1919. £28/3 11; 1920, £25/2/1—total since 1915, £59/17/4—and for this sum magnanimously suggests that the parks committee should sewer the outer ground at a large expense for its particular benefit. For the monies paid to the cricket club from the reserve, they are well supplied with accommodation, both dressing and seating, sanitary conveniences, telephone, etc., erected through the enterprise of the cricket club.

In face of the above facts your Council will understand that my committee naturally feels aggrieved that such a letter should have been sent to your council, especially as the parks committee has always had these facts before it and has acted in accordance with them My committee is still anxious to assist the football club, and is always willing to lend a sympathetic ear to any reasonable request, as we have done in the past, and as disclosed by the above facts.

E. C. YEOMANS. Hon. Sec.

Cr. Turner moved and Cr. Dennis seconded that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole, each councillor to be supplied with a copy.

BATHING IN EDWARDES' PARK LAKE.

To the Editor

Sir,—My letter on the above matter, published in the "Leader" of 19th ult, has evidently not been welcomed by "Overarm." That letter was a pacific appeal to have every precaution taken to prevent any further accident, with its consequent suffering to others; a hint to improve and provide safety "Overarm" replies in a callous strain, his letter demands an answer. He states my letter is hardly in keeping with facts I defy him to point out an untruth in it, and have penned this to contradict and show how worthless some of his statements are; but had some of them been placed at or near the lake they would have been of service, much more service than were the life belts, which were not within the park area at the time. True, you have a rope fence, but does anything there signify to the stranger what it is for, or on which side to bathe? I stated the holes were dangerous, that is, by break of depth. If a privately owned property contained water 25 feet deep, and 18 feet deep at edge as this lake, the council would compel the owner to fence; in endeavor to make safe for children, if not they would be failing in their duty. Why do the lake authorities escape that responsibility? That rope fence should be a picket one, with printed warnings to bathers on it. It is not my intention to state here whether anyone else can be blamed or not if calamity results. To say that the facilities to learn swimming at the lake in question are the very best obtainable anywhere should be understood to be an untruth. There is no one in attendance, no warnings of locality, depth, rafts, boats, swimming belts, or any life-saving appliances. Will you, sir, publicly explain this, and tell us where the life belts and lines were at the time? Readers will then judge the value of "Overarm's" statements, also the wisdom of allowing children there. Your letter states there will always be someone taking chances, and some must pay the penalty. Evidently you fail to see the callousness of that statement, and seem reluctant to help to take the precautions to have the dangers removed. If the controlling powers of this bathing place do not improve matters it is time others with a sense of feeling and justice took their place. Written for the benefit of others, and prepared to do so ad infinitum.—Yours, etc., A SUFFERER.

To the Editor

Sir,—It was certainly not "sheer bravado" that caused my son to walk to his death in the lake at Edwardes Park, but sheer ignorance of the nature of the ground there. Before leaving his home that day he said he would walk in until he was waist deep, and then swim back to the shore. He was walking in water up to his knees, when he suddenly stepped over the bank to his death. I have never visited the lake, but have been informed that there was nothing to warn strangers of the break of depth, and the water was not clear, but very muddy. "Sheer bravado," I am sure, would not take the most reckless into such traps if there were adequate warnings erected. Surely it is not much to ask — Yours, etc.,

LILLIAN FROST.

BOWLS.

Northcote B team play Preston at Preston.

Jika tournament, in which Northcote, Thornbury, Preston, Ivanhoe, Fairfield, and Heidelberg clubs are engaged, and which decides the local championship, commences to-day.

For some time past one of the most interesting competitions in connection with the Thornbury Club has been the champion church rink competition, played by electric light. With the lighting restrictions lingering so long, it was thought that it would have to be passed this year, but with their lifting the competition was quickly arranged. Owing to the very short notice the competition will not be such a large affair as formerly, but 18 teams have entered, representing the churches of Northcote, Thornbury Preston, and Ivanhoe. The draw took place on Thursday evening, and came out as follows:—

Tuesday night, March 8, at 8 sharp:—Frencham (C. of E., Thorn.) v. team 1 Thorn. Presby.; Hattam (C. of E., Thorn.) v. team 3 N'cote Presby.; Dale (Preston Presby.) v. Prescott (C. of E., Ivan.); G. Holden (C. of E, Thorn.) v. Sharp (N'cote Bapt.); Zwar (C. of E., Preston) v. Mann (Ivan. Presby.).

Wednesday night, March 9, at 8.—Rev. Wood (C. of E., Thorn.) v. team 2 N'cote Presby.; Crispe (Preston Meth.) v. team N'cote C. of Epiph.; team 1 N'cote Presby. v. Scott (Ivan. Meth.); Henshaw (C. of E., Preston) v. team 2 Thorn. Presby.

F. Girling, Thornbury's representative in the champion of champions competition, was defeated on Wednesday, so that none of the local champions now remain in the tourney.

The euchre parties which have been such a feature of Thornbury club on the social side will re-commence at the pavilion this evening.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The quarterly meeting was well-attended on the 24th ult., the syllabus item being the discussion of the agenda paper for the forthcoming conference, which takes place at Colac next week. Much interest was taken in the various resolutions which are to be submitted to the conference. A bowls match was played against Carlton, Northcote gaining another leg in for the tournament by defeating their opponents by 8 points. A card night takes place on Thursday, to which ladies are invited.

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On Saturday evening last at the shire hall the troop successfully rendered its camp fire concert before a crowded audience. This was the third occasion on which this performance had been given in Preston. The proceeds go towards the Easter camp at Benalla. Several changes were made in the programme, and long before starting time every available seat in the hall was occupied, and extra seats had to be provided. A few minutes after eight o'clock the curtain was raised, revealing over a hundred members seated around the camp fire. Many new choruses and solos were added. The cornet solo by Second E. Krieger was loudly encored, but owing to the length of the programme repeats were not given. Another favored item was Cub James's violin solo. A monologue by P.L Harris entitled "Cohen at the telephone" caused much amusement. The comic songs by C.M Gunst were as usual amusing The gymnastic display was well given, the running exercises and bar work being especially good. For this performance H. McKenzie, a brother of one of the cubs, acted clown, and some of this work was very clever In the second part the wolf cub display and the "Ten Little Nigger Boys" were treats in themselves, and the "They go well" chorus by L Gunst and his six chorus girls caused much merriment. To conclude, the troop assembled on the platform and sang the chorus "Swanee and Silver Moon," after which the National Anthem brought the concert to a close. Miss Best performed her duties at the piano in a capable manner The lads expect to clear about £15 from the concert, which will help to defray the Benalla expenses, the fares alone for which will be just on £50.

This afternoon the troop plays a cricket match against the Presbyterian church club. The usual parades will be held through the week. There are still a few vacancies for boys, who should apply at once, as the membership list will soon close.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

Whittlesea Council invite tenders for 100yds 3-in. metal for Young's rd. and 75yds of ironstone gravel for Glenburnie road; also for the erection of bridge over Scrubby Creek, formation, etc, on Whittlesea-Wallan road, earthworks and pitching Whittlesea-Kinglake road, and 1000 yards spalls for main Whittlesea road.

Whittlesea council invites tenders for the supply of horses and drays, returnable on the 9th at 11 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anniversary services in connection with the above were held on Sunday, 20th February, and proved highly successful. The special hymns selected from Nicholls' sets were well rendered by the scholars, assisted by the choir. Rev. Jas. Kaff addressed the children at the morning service and preached to the parents in the evening from 2nd Chron. 17: 27.

On Tuesday, 22nd February, a children's concert was given in the public hall before a large and appreciative audience. The programme included action songs and recitations by the scholars, several of which were encored, while a humorous dialogue by 6 senior girls kept the audience in a simmer of merriment, each character being well sustained. At the close the children were regaled with refreshments. The proceeds of concert, which was in aid of the Sunday school funds, amounted to £7 16s.

THOMASTOWN.

The Thomastown tennis club held a concert and dance in the Reservoir hall on Wednesday, 23rd February, for the purpose of raising funds to make improvements to the court, as it is merely in its infancy. It was financially a success. The committee are grateful to those who took part in the concert programme, all of whom received enthusiastic encores. The dance which followed was carried on until the early hours of the morning with great zest. It is the desire of the committee to get on with the necessary improvements to the court, as they feel sure that they will be able to produce a player who will reach the giddy heights of fame.

Mrs. A. J. Thomas, a respected resident of Thomastown for 60 years, recently passed away at the residence of her son, Cr. A. Thomas, of Oaklands, New South Wales. She was 72 years of age and a native of Taunton, England. Her husband pre-deceased her 13 years. The surviving daughters are Mrs. Argus (Oaklands), Mrs. Fraser (Moonee Ponds), Mrs. Pincombe (Lithgow), Mrs. Gritzner (Thomastown), Mrs. Anderson (Balldale). The sons are Joseph (Balldale), Alfred (Oaklands), Samuel (Caulfield), Edward (Auburn), Harry (Geelong), Albert and Frank (Collingullie). There are also 68 grand and great grand children. The funeral was largely attended, the remains being interred in the Methodist portion of the Oaklands cemetery, the Rev. Kealing, of Locumwall, officiating at the grave.

Sailors and Soldiers Fathers' Association.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Northcote branch was held at the town hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. W. J. Dennis, president, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. A hearty welcome was extended to a number of members of the Northcote sub-branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A., and congratulation tendered Mr. H. S. W. Marshall on his appointment as district councillor. Mr. Marshall responded. Mr. J. Preston reported having, with others, attended three meetings of the diggers and received a cordial welcome. A game of bowls ended in a victory for the dads. A cricket match, Dads v. Diggers, is being arranged, Messrs Sutch and Preston reported on the work of the memorial committee, and pleasure was expressed that tenders had been received for the erection of the front portion of the building. Besides its value as a meeting place for diggers it will be an ornament to Northcote. The president, on behalf of the president of the Preston branch, extended a welcome to members to attend the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Preston Memorial Hall on Sunday, March 6th, at 3 p.m. The report of the president, Mr. W. J. Dennis, vice-president, Cr. J. Sutch, and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Whiteway, delegates to the conference of the Fathers' Association, held February 23, was submitted. It was decided that the annual subscription remain at 5s, but a member joining in July or later in any year shall pay 2s 6d for that half-year. Congratulations were tendered Mr. Whiteway on his election as a member of the council. At the conclusion of business a game of bowls was arranged between teams selected by Messrs J. Sutch and H. S. W. Marshall. After an interesting contest victory rested with Mr. Marshall's team.

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On Friday last Mr. and Mrs W. H. Pascoe, of 34 Clarendon street, Northcote, received the congratulations of their many friends on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe were married at the Saints' Church of England, Blackwood, Victoria, on the 25th February, 1871, and for the last 35 years have been well known and highly respected residents of Northcote. On Saturday they were entertained at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. S. Temby, "Kenwyn," Pender street, Northcote, when Mr. E. Pascoe, in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom, offered the congratulations of all the relatives and friends present on the culmination of 50 years of married life. On behalf of the various members of the family he presented Mr. and Mrs Pascoe with a purse of sovereigns. In his reply Mr. Pascoe referred to the struggle which they had experienced, in common with all the other early settlers, in the goldfields around Blackwood, and said that the loyal help of his wife had been mainly responsible for successfully overcoming all difficulties. They could look back on their 50 years of married life without one regret, and desired nothing better than that each of their children should be equally as fortunate as themselves in their married life. They hoped for still many more years of happy life together. Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe have eight children and 12 grandchildren.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

On Saturday evening last an open-air concert was held in the gardens of "Benvenuta," the residence of Mr. A. E. Pizzey. The grounds, which were electrically illuminated, looked beautiful, and the attendance of from 250 to 300, mostly church members, thoroughly enjoyed the delightful evening of music, song and story, under ideal conditions. The financial result will be a substantial addition to the new church building fund. This fund is being steadily built up, and it is confidently expected that it will be possible to erect the new church on the fine site at the top of Martin street during 1922. A moonlight concert is to be held in the same gardens next month, when it is hoped that the weather will be equally propitious.

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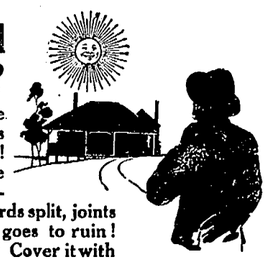

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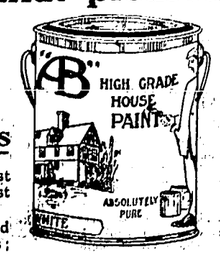

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Present:—Crs. Glanfield (chairman), Johnson, Oldis, Dennis, Gray, Pearl, Turner, McDonell, Harry, Jones, Sutch, Slater, and Turnbull

Apologies were made for the absence of the mayor, who was attending the Lord Mayor's reception to the new Governor; and Cr. Cain, who had an engagement at Ivanhoe

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Department of Public Works, reminding the council, in connection with their last loan, that they so far only applied for £500, leaving £28,000 still to be claimed, while it was understood that all moneys granted to municipalities under this scheme which remain unclaimed at 30th June, 1922, will lapse. It would be advisable, therefore, for the council to push on with the works as rapidly as possible so that the whole of the money may be claimed before the date mentioned —Referred to the committee of the whole.

From Public Works Department, asking council to submit for approval a schedule setting out specifically how they propose expending the £687 6s granted from the surplus revenue of the tramways.—Referred to committee of the whole, with a view of drawing up a schedule, on the motion of Crs Gray and Oldis.

From Public Health Deparment, stating it was permissible for a butcher to melt down fat only from the raw material in his own shop, as long as same does not cause effluvia or offensive fumes —Received.

From R Gunst, health inspector, giving the following information regarding Smith & Sons' small goods factory, Bastings street:—Slaughtered last year—cattle, 2180; calves, 7883; pigs, 122; sheep 6. He (the inspector) was always at the factory when slaughtering commenced, and in attendance every day.—Copy of report to be forwarded to Health Commission.

From Tramways Board, claiming £114 10s 6d for 32,066 tickets accepted by their conductors which had been sold by the council prior to 2nd February, 1920. The amount would of course be placed to the credit of the Northcote tramway account. — Referred to committee of the whole.

From Preston council, asking for cheque for £109 6s 3d, being half cost of maintenance of Dundas street (boundary road).—Referred to works committee, surveyor to report.

From City of Caulfield, notifying that the deputation to the Minister of Railways respecting "the recent excessive increases in passengers' fares" would be held at 3 on Thursday.—Cr Cain, M.L.A., to attend.

From Captain Haysom, area officer, Northcote, asking for use of hall at reduced rate to run fortnightly dances to raise funds which would go towards putting local cadets to the forefront in the sporting championships that are now part of the military training — Referred to finance committee, on the motion of Crs. Dennis and Gray.

From Metropolitan and Districts Fruitgrowers' Association, asking this council to be represented at a conference with a view to further the extension of open-air markets. They intended, if possible, to establish a market in each suburb.—Cr. Slater was appointed to attend.

From Master Carriers' Association, giving list of objections to the proposed wheel-tax on vehicles, and expressing the opinion that the cost of making and maintaining national roads should be a charge on the consolidated revenue —Referred to committee of the whole

From University of Melbourne, asking if council desired for distribution any of the pamphlets containing the lectures on the milk question as delivered by Drs. Penfold, Summers, and Barrett.

From Stott & Bastings, offering for sale Vienna chairs, suitable for town hall, at 12/6 each —Referred to finance committee

From F. Nott, — Dellshopper, and W. McMurtrie, on behalf of 18 boys, who have formed themselves into a brass band, asking for leave to play on Friday nights at the corner of Barry and High streets, Bastings and High streets, and Mitchell and High streets. The business people had offered to support the band, who are in need of uniforms. — Referred to the finance committee, on the motion of Crs. Gray and Slater.

From W. R Steele, asking, in connection with the construction of Vauxhall road, if the cutting down of the channel 3 feet in front of his place could not be obviated.—Referred to works committee, on motion of Cr. Oldis.

From E. A Day, hon. sec., asking if Pender's Grove Association provided the trees would the council undertake to have same planted in the streets.—Referred to works committee, on motion of Cr. Harry.

From Pender's Grove Association, calling attention to the nuisance caused in Dundas street east by the thistles which had been cut in Preston being blown all over the street They would also like the garbage cart to visit dwellings east of Hamilton street, and would call the inspector's attention to the practice of residents making a tip of the streets and rights-of-way by depositing garden refuse, dead fowls, cats, etc, therein. Also they would like the see-saw in Pender's park repaired —Referred to works committee, on the motion of Cr. Harry.

From Frederick E. Fontaine, 564 High street, complaining of the filthy state of the right-of-way at the rear of his premises. It was in such a condition with mud and filth that it was impossible for him to use it. And only recently there were two cases of diphtheria taken away from the neighborhood. — Referred to streets committee.

From W. H. Reed, 44 Bent street, asking that the channels in front of his place be attended to.— Referred to works committee.

From H. Reid, 47 South Crescent, asking that right-of-way at rear be given some attention, as it was just now more like a rubbish-tip than a right-of-way.—Referred to works committee.

From P. J. Kane, 92 Westbourne grove, asking why his valuation had been increased from £45 to £95 in one year.—Referred to finance committee.

From Northcote Presbyterian Junior Football Club asking for use of Merri Park for coming season.—Referred to parks committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Sutch (chairman) submitted the report recommending— (1) That accs., general, £789/7/3; electric light, £1,892/15/9; loan account, £202/3/10; and street construction, £300; be passed for payment —Adopted.

2. C. Wright, electrical engineer, re increase in fees.—That in future Mr. Wright be allowed 5 per cent. commission on the cost of all new works (in addition to the Retaining Fee paid at present), provided that not more than £200 be paid in commission in any one year, without a special agreement being made therefor. — Withdrawn for further consideration

3. Re Tar-painting Roadway, High Street.—That the sum of £300, provided in the current year's Estimates for maintenance metal, be expended on the purchase of tar, for the purpose of tar-painting the roadway in High Street, the metal required to be obtained from stocks in hand, and the City Surveyor be directed to carry out the work at once, by labor at present employed by the Council.—Adopted.

FINANCE.

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

1. That accounts amounting to £2,037/2/7 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2 J. H. Stretton, re Hire of Hall on Saturday afternoons. — That the Town Hall be let to Mr. J. Stretton on Saturday afternoons at the rate of 20/- per afternoon —Adopted.

Cr. Slater intimated that the quarterly Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920, showed that the expenditure was well within the mark.

Cr. Gray—What about the arguments that we would be so much worse off if the rate was not increased.

Cr. Oldis—It is too soon to talk yet.

STREETS COMMITTEE REPORT.

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

1. Woolton Avenue, from St. George's road to the railway, part of Rayment street and part of Railway parade.

(a) That the works having cost the sum of £1532 6s, being £49 8s 8d more than estimated, the respective apportionments be increased proportionately and collected.—Adopted.

2. That the surveyor's plans for the construction of Smith street, from St. George's road to Bullen's drain, and lane rear Clarke street, between Mason and Membrey streets, be approved and objections, if any, heard on the 11th April.

3. Streets adopted under previous Local Government Act. — That in order to deal with the following streets under the present Act, proceedings be taken to rescind previous schemes of distribution, etc., viz.:—Waterloo Road, from Bastings Street to Mitchell Street; and Eunson Av.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Recommending—(1) J. Konnerley, re exemption from Sewerage of Stables. —That the request be granted, subject to the stables at all times being kept in a satisfactory condition, the Council reserving the right to demand the sewerage in the event of any nuisance arising therefrom or the existence of insanitary conditions. — Adopted.

PETITION.

Cr. Jones (for Cr. Turner) presented a petition praying for the abolition of the present carriers' 5/- license fee.—To lay on the table for a fortnight.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Oldis moved that the matter of providing a gate to the East Ward park at Palmer street be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Pearl moved that application be made to the Metropolitan Board of Works for an extension of the water in Shaftesbury parade west

Cr. Slater moved that the matter of considering a by-law to regulate the traffic in St George's road be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Jones moved that the matter of the easements between Mansfield and Flinders streets be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Dennis said that since the construction of the road and paths in St. George's road many of the poles were in the wrong place. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Dennis reported that the rock-boring machine was now being used in connection with the drainage work in the East Ward with very satisfactory results, power being supplied from the road roller, the general work of which was very little affected. Whereas it took an hour a foot to drill rock by hand; the machine bored a two-foot hole in three minutes.

Cr. McDonell moved that the pathways through the easements between north ward streets be attended to.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

[Before Messrs Timmins (chairman), Plant, Evans, and Cohen, J's P]

NO LIGHTS.

For not having lights on their motor cars or motor cycles after sunset Lionel W. Bell, John Thomas, Victor Judson, John Leith, and John Moss were each fined 10/- with 2/6 costs. W. P. Barrow, for having neither head nor tail light on his motor cycle, was fined 7/6 in each case. Defendant said he was coming from Canterbury and ran out of carbide.

Harold J. Thorne, a motorist from Brighton, was fined 20/- for passing a tram on the wrong side.

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BUSH WOMEN.

Little Brown Folk of the Philippines.

Mighty little she is and mighty brown, for she belongs to the Malay race and is neither negro nor Chinese, nor by any means white (states the "Iloilo Enterprise Press"). She is short and stocky, very solid and muscular, with practically no waist-line. She never heard of a corset. Her features are rather heavy and her hair is straight and black. We are speaking of the real Philippine people, those who live in the country and small villages, not of the washed-out half-breeds of Manila.

Families are large, as a rule, and children play about in swarms. They wear as little clothing as the law allows, and the law is very lax. A white man journeying through the country will often spy a group of little bronze-colored figures playing in the dust of the road, but as soon as they catch sight of him they dart into the bushes exactly as you have seen rabbits do. They are pretty little creatures, and when they become acquainted with you are very friendly and affectionate.

Outside of the towns there are few schools; the children learn the simple domestic arts their parents teach them, and whatever else their very sharp eyes and ears take in. The little girls begin early to help their mothers; they fetch water, clean the pots, gather sticks for the fire and take care of the babies.

When a girl arrives at the age of fifteen or sixteen she is considered old enough to marry, for they mature early; it is not uncommon to see mothers no more than thirteen years old. As they are nearly all poor, a young couple do not wait to accumulate a great capital before marrying and setting up for themselves. A peso or two is enough to pay the priest. A pig and a few chickens must be secured for the wedding feast, and whatever money they have left is spent for drinkables—"bino," a vicious native brandy, and "tuba," the fermented sap of the cocoanut palm. The feast is continued, day and night, until the guests have eaten and drunk everything in the place.

After they recover, the young couple build a "shack" of their own, usually only a few yards from the home of their parents. The style depends upon the materials at hand and the tribal customs; it ordinarily consists of but one room. First of all, they build the roof of round poles lashed together with rattan and thatched with grass, with the leaves of the nipa plant or with palm leaves. Next the four corner posts of the house are sunk in the ground; then the roof is lifted upon them and cunningly lashed in place with long strips of rattan. The beams for the floor are now fastened in the same way to the corner posts, and the floor, made of strips of palm wood, is laid. This is always placed from two to six feet above the ground, on account of the tremendous rains. The walls are then thatched like the roof, and the house is complete. There is rarely any furniture, except possibly a a bench beside the window; Filipinos usually sit, or squat, upon the floor. They have no bedstead, but sleep on a mat on the floor, using a pillow, and covering themselves with a cotton blanket. The girl has her little chest of clothes, and the man probably has a white suit for dress occasions. The kitchen utensils comprise two or three earthen pots, a couple of iron spoons, a few cheap earthenware plates, a few tin cans and a varied assortment of bowls and other containers made of bamboo and of cocoanut shells.

The young housewife rises at the very break of day. A box of earth is the hearth, and three stones support the pot. She kindles a fire, and then goes out to thresh the rice for breakfast. This is done in a mortar, which is simply a hardwood log with a hole cut in it about the size of an ordinary pot. She pounds the rice with a heavy pestle, a wooden beam four or five feet long, after which she bounces it in a round, flat tray of basket-work to free it of the chaff. The rice is cooked very nicely, each grain coming out whole and nearly dry. A bit of fish or other meat completes the meal. The menu of the dinner and supper is the same as that of the breakfast, with the possible addition of sweet potatoes and of some kind of fruit. They do not use knives or forks, but take their food up in their fingers.

After breakfast the husband goes off to work, if he feels like it, and the wife busies herself at various tasks. She may weave mats of brightly-dyed strips of palm leaves, or weave hats of various fibres. This work is done entirely by hand, and done very well. The women also weave a fine hemp-cloth on the simplest of hand looms. The thread is obtained by tying together, end to end, the fibres of hemp, a most tedious process. The cloth thus made serves for the women's waists and the men's shirts. It is stiff, but durable. In some localities the women make by a similar process a very beautiful cloth from the fibre of pineapple leaves.

This is as good a place as any to speak of dress. While at work about the house the women wear but two garments—a calico skirt and a short cotton skirt. When they go out, they add the hemp-cloth waist, which is very full and hardly touches the body at all, and a large kerchief about the neck. A petticoat is rarely worn, but they have another garment, called the tapis, which is characteristic. It is merely a piece of black cloth, usually plain, but sometimes embroidered, about a yard and a half square. One edge of this is passed about the waist, and the corner is tucked under, to hold it. That is all. It is probably the relic of the savage loiz cloth, but is worn outside the skirt. This garment, however, is going out of fashion, and is now rarely seen in the towns except among the poor folk.

No Filipino woman ever wears a hat. Think of a country without milliners! When she goes out in the sun she may throw a kerchief or other cloth over her head. Shoes and stockings are luxuries. On Sunday mornings, when the country people come in to mass, they stop at some stream on the outskirts of the village, wash their feet, and put on their shoes and stockings. On the way home they stop at the same place and remove these elegant but uncomfortable articles of raiment. In the house the women usually go barefoot, but those who can afford them sometimes wear slippers. These are with out heels, and the upper is merely a small piece in front, which hardly does more than cover the shoes. By long practice they become very expert in keeping these "chinelas" on their feet, but they often lose them while dancing. When this happens the girl simply stops, thrusts her foot back into the slipper and then goes on with the dance, without the least embarrassment.

TRAVEL TIPS.

By W. Pett Ridge.

The habit of travelling is with many but a sign of the possession of over-strained nerves. People who cannot remain in one chair for five minutes at a time, or who in talking to you, re-arrange your necktie, are generally folk in whose conversation the sentence comes: "I must get abroad this year whatever happens."

Also, there are the people who desire to put a considerable distance between themselves and their business worries; also the people who, having no troubles, journey in the hope of finding some; also—to complete the list—those who wish to see the world, and convert a mere name on a map into a tangible thing to be recorded in the memory. A prejudice on the part of railway and steamboat companies in favor of a system of cash payment discourages some who would otherwise be willing to embark upon considerable journeys, and to these I venture to recommend the purchase of a second-hand guide, compiled by Herr Baedeker. With its aid and a slight effort of imagination they will gain most of the pleasures of foreign travel, and they will certainly escape many of the drawbacks. I once took a theoretical trip of the kind through the Austrian Tyrol and enjoyed it greatly; afterwards (not knowing, poor fool, when perfect happiness had been touched), I went over the same ground in order to verify theoretical impressions, and for my trouble was punished, first by a local wine sold near Innsbruck without the "Poison" label which it should have borne; later, at Meran, by some veal, left over, apparently, from the feast given to the prodigal son.

It would be unfair to pretend that in regard to packing up for a journey I can claim to be an expert; a wearer of buttoned boots who has too often had to make himself indebted for the loan of a hairpin, cannot pretend to have achieved perfection, but I hope it is not to be alleged, at this time of day, that one must be able to do a thing oneself before daring to teach others; concede this, and a number of honest and distinguished critics would be sent straightway to a labor colony. Make a note of the articles you wish to take with you, write the name of each as it occurs to the mind, and check the list carefully on the evening when the work of packing is started. A kit bag is an engaging article of voyage, especially for the bachelor who does not greatly care if garments do become slightly creased; it is never so full that, with a shake, something more cannot be placed inside; the kit bag is a child, never knowing when it has had enough. Unfortunately, the kit bag, amiable enough at the start, betrays its defects as a travelling companion at the first stopping point. For those who enjoy the pleasure of the chase, there may be sport in hunting up and down and in and round for the second slipper, but the hopelessness of the game deters most. There is no method of finishing known to me but that of emptying the whole of the contents of the kit bag on the floor. Kit bag, trunk, or portmanteau, do all you can, where the journey necessitates many changes, to keep the number of your baggage articles down to a reasonable figure. There are people who can remember two, but are baffled and beaten when this number is exceeded. Pay your railway porter well; he is a good fellow, and he comes to your assistance when a Cabinet Minister or a specialist from Wigmore-street would be of little use.

It is sometimes urged against the traveller that he is an inarticulate person, prone to affect dumbness and sometimes pretending to be deaf. For my part, I like him. Compared with the second-class parrot one sometimes encounters on journeys, he is an admirable companion. It may seem hard for some to realise that other passengers can exist without being furnished with opinions of the opinions of leading articles in the newspapers; that they can endure a brief trip without being called upon to share domestic grievances; that the details of a row at the booking-office are matters between man and man, and not necessarily between man and a compartment. It is to be noted that the talkative maid is generally the man who fills a division with his luggage, ignoring (to the hurt and inconvenience of others) the golden rule of one ticket one seat. He is invariably an expert in railway matters, and he knows so well how a railway should be directed and controlled, that his absence from the not very easy chair of a general manager's office appears to suggest that he has not succeeded in getting anyone to accept him at his own valuation. Carriages exhibit several sentences of advice, from those addressed to the fatuous who want to throw bottels from trains, to others warning the careless from putting their heads out of the window and knocking them against a brick wall. There might well be an addition in the form of: "Speak only when you are spoken to."

The looseness of the phrase would be atoned for by the fact that it recalled the teaching of youthful days, when argument was not permitted, and anything less than perfect submission meant premature retirement to rest, or a fearsome threat of being packed off back to the doctor.

If your medical man has recommended you to go abroad, or if you have recommended him to recommend you to do so, bear in mind that the foreign country has sent you no invitation. (I am writing this more to remind myself than to advise you.) The French President, the King of Italy, the German Emperor, Mr. Taft, the President of Switzerland, kindly disposed as they all may be, and moderately glad to hear that I propose paying a visit, do not write saying, "My Dear Sir,—Please come over and tell us, as loudly as you can, how, in your opinion, the attractions of this country compare with those of the country in which you live." In the absence of this diplomatic note, I go to the country uninvited; I am not compelled to go. If I prefer it I can, instead, spend a month with an aunt at Lydd, and even there I shall have to regard the feelings and rights of other people, and not take away the foreshore. But finding myself in a foreign country, I ought to respect their manners, and pay due regard to their customs; as a first step, the request that I shall open my bag on the counter of the Bureau de la Douane at Boulogne is not a matter that need bring indignation and the roses to my cheek. If you wish to avoid apoplexy, reserve your seat beforehand in the Continental train. To do so never costs more than a shilling or so, and the official with the blue cap, by his reception of your ticket, destroys any lurking suspicion you may have had that your blood is not entirely of a similar color. Give him half a franc, and he at once centres upon you a fearful

WHYS WITHOUT ANSWERS.

Familiar Questions that Puzzle Big Minds.

Dr. Donaldson Smith, who crossed central Africa some time ago, discovered that the whole of the centre of that continent is gradually drying up. Lake Stefanie, he says, is much lower than it used to be, and the African rainfall is decreasing from year to year. Why, neither he nor any other scientist can really explain.

Why does it rain? is a question that few can answer. There might be just as much rain overhead when the sky is clear as when heavy clouds shut out the sunshine. When rain falls from a cloudless sky it is generally believed that the moisture has been brought by the wind at a great elevation.

Sir J. C. Ross has stated that in the South Atlantic it rained on one occasion for upwards of an hour, while the sky was altogether free from clouds.

"The night was clear," he says, "the stars were shining with their accustomed brilliancy, when a shower of rain, consisting of lukewarm drops, fell upon the land."

In the island of Mauritius, rain from a clear sky is by no means uncommon. Slight showers fall on cloudless evenings when the stars are shining brightly.

Paplete is one of the islands in the middle of the Pacific, and here every day between twelve midday and two in the afternoon there is a high tide. Why, no one seems able to explain.

Where the tide is born is a secret that Mother Nature refuses to divulge.

What is gravity? No end of people have gone crazy trying to answer it. A naval captain, named Forman, did his best a few years ago to disprove the theory of gravitation. He wrote a book on the subject, and sent it to all the learned societies in and out of Europe. As they paid no attention to it, the author addressed a letter to Lord Russell, then Prime Minister, complaining of their conduct. His lordship ignored the letter; then Forman called upon the Astronomical Society to argue his pet theory with them. They naturally refused to listen to him.

Our earth gets much more heat from the sun than does Mars, yet that planet, it is stated, has a beautifully mild climate. Astronomers have watched the ice-caps of Mars thawing in summer, and they have proved that water flows and clouds rise. This shows that Mars has heat. If the sun doesn't supply it, where does it come from?

Why can't human beings create force? Endeavoring to do so has hastened the end of scores of worthy people. If we can discover how force is made then perpetual motion will be an accomplished fact.

Some years ago the newspapers were full of the news that perpetual motion had been discovered. The discoverer was an experimenter named Keeley, and he was said to have proved that he had solved the problem that had baffled mankind for ages. When he died a little later, however, it was found that he had swindled the world with a marvellously ingenious counterfeit of perpetual motion.

Dr. Emmens, of New York, has made gold out of silver, but no one, so far, has invented a magnet that will attract gold. The gold-attracting magnet is still an inventor's dream. It would be of enormous value if it could only be concocted, for it would make it possible to work rock, from which the most gold in paying quantities.

FOR THE HEALTH.

Redness of the Nose.

Redness of the nose is a disfigurement which may occur from one of several causes, each differing widely. Primarily, it is often due to temporary disorders of the circulation; secondly, to permanent disorders of the circulation or changes in the blood capillaries; and thirdly, is due to cutaneous changes or disorders of the skin.

The most general is the first case, and may be attributed very frequently to indigestion, which is temporarily increased by tight-lacing or by drinking hot fluids. Naturally the remedy for this most distressing disorder is to pay great attention to the digestion, and to wear tolerably loose-fitting garments.

The second cause is generally chronic obstruction of the circulation, either caused by a disordered liver or an excess of alcohol, which produces a distension and enlargement of the capillaries under the skin of the nose, and, should this be firmly established it is very difficult to effect a cure. The best remedy is to abstain from all alcohol, to take saline aperients, and to drink large quantities of water between meals.

The third cause may be traced to disorders of the skin, the mild cases of which consist of "acne spots," and the worst instances of "lupus." For the first sulphide of calcium is often found very beneficial, whilst for local application, sulphur and glycerine prove beneficial. Should "lupus" be the cause of the complaint, it is necessary to seek the advice of a surgeon.

Thus it appears that it is not impossible for a person suffering from redness of the nose to find a cure, but it should be remembered that the treatment must depend entirely upon the cause of the complaint, which in one case may differ widely from another.

There are, perhaps, few things that occasion a lady greater annoyance than a red nose, probably on account of its most unpleasant association with an excess of alcohol. Even tight sleeves will cause a red nose, whilst tight corsets, garters and even boots are amongst the most common causes.

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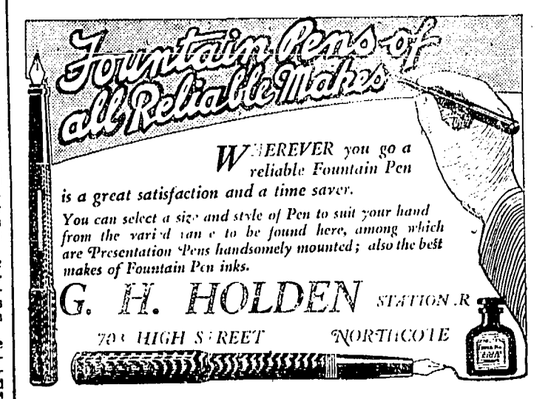

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NORTHCOTE V. COLLINGWOOD

FIRST ELEVENS.

In response to Northcote's total of 153, Collingwood had lost three for 70 when this game was resumed before a big crowd. As Ryder, the not out man, was in Sydney, this meant four for 70. Hartkopf and Finch took up the attack on a soft wicket, and eight wickets were down for 103, of which each bowler had secured two, when Dr. Hartkopf was called away by professional duties. Gibaud was the bowler tried, and he secured Monshan's wicket. He had scored 21 by dogged batting. Finch bowled the last man with the score at 113, Northcote being in the lead by 40 runs Hartkopf four for 55, Finch three for 45, Gibaud one for 3.

Northcote went in for batting practice on the damaged wicket, and scored 140 for six wickets. Each batsman reached double figures, but the best exhibition was given by Hartkopf, who made 38 (one 6 and five 4's). Yeomans 18, Woodbury 15, Cooper 14, Gibaud 12, Carroll 11, Sherry 9 not out, and Bailey 6 not out.

By this win Northcote has an excellent chance of reaching the semi-final stage, but will need to win its next two matches, which are against North Melbourne and Essendon. Both matches are to be played at Northcote Park, and interesting games should be seen, as the Northcote players will no doubt strain every nerve to win.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Northcote, 215 and two for 71 (innings declared closed) (Harvey 28, Gill 27, Gibaud 18, Jackson 18, Fothergill 45, Boulter 42 and 30, Burley 27 not out and 20, May 14 not out (two 6's), defeated Collingwood, 103 and seven for 106 (Burley eight for 49, Louis five for 40, Richardson three for 19, Boulter one for 25) by 112 runs on the first innings.

This eleven has been performing well, and has only lost one match, and is practically assured of a place in the semi-final matches.

Northcote plays North Melbourne to-day, first elevens at Northcote, second elevens at North Melbourne.

First eleven team:—Bailey, Carroll, Cooper, Cody, Finch, Gibaud, Hartpenny, Hartkopf, Sherry, Woodbury, Yeomans; 12th man, Boulter. Second elevens:—Boulter, Burley, Fothergill, Gibaud, Gill, Harvey, Keller, Louis, May, Richardson, Vernon; 12th man, Jackson.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALLERS v. PRESTON.

This match was commenced last Saturday. In the absence of Geo. Chesswas through illness, J. Catlin captained the footballers. Thomas, the Preston skipper, won the toss and decided to bat. C. Walker, B. Mills and A. Murray were in the footballers' team in the places of A. Kennedy, H. Bennett and E. Beer. Preston, 1st innings 88 (A. Thomas 29, J. Poulter 14, J. King 12 not out, P. Kelly five for 39, E. O'Connor three for 16, A Murray one for 8). The footballers have made a good start, 190 runs for the loss of 6 wickets (P. Kelly 55 not out, J. Catlin 25, D. Bowen 25, T. Busst 23, H. Smith 16, A. Murray 13, A. Thomas two for 29, White one for 7, Hocking one for 19). To be continued this afternoon at 3. Players are requested to be on the ground not later than 2.40 p.m.

PRESTON v. YARRAVILLE.

Preston 1st eleven took a trip to Yarraville (the leading team of the competition), who had first use of the bat and made 156, W. Lambert, ex-Clifton Hill A.N.A. player, being top score with 35 nout out. Dwyer showed good form in his 26, as also did Lionel Carlton (20). Whittle six for 47, for 116 balls, proved the most successful of Preston's bowlers, Callaway two for 27, Horgan two for 40, taking the other wickets. Nankervis took a very fine catch in the outfield which settled L. Carlton, and Rupert Pears at mid-on landed a left hand beauty which disposed of Dwyer, while Callaway got rid of McNeilage by a smart catch in the slips. With ten minutes to bat Preston sent Nankervis and Proposch to the wickets, and with one run up the latter spooned an early one to Lanigan. Callaway made a single and two, played late at one of Fielding's, and his stumps went down—two for 4, Nankervis not out 1.

Northcote and Preston Churches Cricket Association.—The ninth round of matches in the above association were completed last Saturday, and with it six of the clubs playing take no active part for premiership honors. This round of matches finished with St. George's Road Methodists and Prince of Wales Park Methodists equal for first place, 21 points each, Northcote Presbyterians next with 20, and Pender's Grove A next with 15. The following is how the other clubs finished:— Northcote Methodists 14, Thornbury Presbyterians 12, Preston Presbyterians 10, West Preston 9, Preston Baptists 3, Pender's B nil Result of matches completed last Saturday:—Prince of Wales Park, 1st innings 148, defeated Preston Presbyterians, 1st innings 48, 2nd innings 62 (A. Dickens 22, W. Fyfe 19, Hardie one for 4, O. Denny two for 11) by an innings and 38 runs. Pender's A, 1st innings 96 (H. Jones 43, E. Butler 21, Hardingham three for 12, Anthony four for 38), 2nd innings four for 52 (Paul 17, Winslade 15 not out, Anthony one for 9, Hardingham two for 13, Harris one for 17) defeated Northcote Methodists, 1st innings 57, 2nd innings five wickets for 105, closed (Stanley 45 not out, Harris 22, G. Theobald one for 19, Kennedy three for 50) by 39 runs on the first innings. Preston Baptists, 1st innings 44, 2nd innings seven for 54 (Britton 18, Hicks 15, D. Jones two for 5, Edo two for 12, Johnson two for 19) defeated Pender's B, 1st innings 51, 2nd innings 33 (Johnson 16, Hilderbrand four for 5, Robertson three for 10) by 3 wickets and 4 runs. Northcote Presbyterians, 1st innings 88, 2nd innings three for 98 (Warren 37, Smith 28, Ferguson 17 not out, Peters 10, Rhodes one for 16) defeated St. George's Road Methodists, 1st innings 74, 2nd innings 104 (C. Owens 17, Eaton 12, Hullett five for 28, Peters four for 40) by 7 wickets and 6 runs. West Preston, 1st innings 51, 2nd innings 119 (T. Batty 14 and 44, C Bickford 37, J. Watson nine for 50, C. Coulson 7 for 29) defeated Thornbury Presbyterians, 1st innings 24, 2nd innings 135 (A. Boyd 59 not out, J. Watson 40, A. Gray eight for 57, A. Stancliffe eight for 51) by 11 runs The semi-finals will commence to-day. St. George's Road Methodists will be opposed to the Northcote Presbyterians on the Pender's Grove wicket, off Dundas street, Preston, and the Prince of Wales Park Methodists and Pender's Grove A will meet on the Thornbury Presbyterian wicket, west end Hutton street. Play will commence at 2 30 each day, and close and exciting games may be expected.

A grand united church service will be held in the High Street Methodist church to-morrow. The preacher will be the president of the association (Rev. J. L. Warren), and the subject will be "The Great Test Match." All members are earnestly requested to attend and meet outside the church not later than 6 45 p m.

North Suburban Association.—Semi final.—Darebin Juniors, 9 for 108 (Mason 49, Lane 26) v. East Brunswick Socables, 61 (Mason four for 17, Davis three for 21, Lane two for 10). Continued to-day.

Thornbury Juniors, 33 and one for 25 (A. McLennan 10, S. Young 10, Wildsmith 10, V. McLennan 11 not out), were defeated by Elsternwick, 66 (C. Olorenshaw five for 19, Wildsmith one for 6, A. McLennan two for 11, Willen one for 8, Hodder one for 9) by 33 runs on first innings To-day's match is against Dover Stars on home ground.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD.

Before Messrs. Hayes (chairman), Cohen, Hattam, Johnson, Timmins, Jones, and Redmond.

ROAD REGULATIONS.

Harry Hawkins, motorist, was fined 40/- for passing a tram car on the wrong side.

MONEY LENT.

Harry Ireland was given an order against Ethel Ford for £2/7/6, money due on a promissory note.

EJECTMENT ORDER.

Frank Norman applied for a warrant of ejectment against R. C. Harris.

Defendant, who said he could not get another house, was given 30 days to get out.

A BIRDLIME THIEF.

Henry Arthur Watts was charged with stealing 6d, the property of the railway department.

Arthur Pollard, assistant station master at Northcote, gave evidence that it having been reported on Wednesday morning that money was missing from the counter at the station, he secreted himself in the office. Very soon he saw accused come to the window and push through a stick with some sticky substance on the end. With this he drew a 3d piece from the counter. Witness followed and overtook him. At first witness denied touching the cash, but witness said "That's enough, I saw you do it." He then admitted taking 6d, which, he said, was "to buy cigarettes." He then called P.C. Constable Frawley and gave accused in charge.

Questioned by the Bench, witness said they had missed cash to the amount of about £5 during the past three months.

There were prior offences of shop-breaking and larceny against accused, but on each occasion he had been let off on giving a surety for his good behavior.

Accused, who is only 19 years of age, asked for leniency as he had only been married three months.

The Bench said they would give accused another chance, and fined him £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

BAND OF HOPE NOTES.

Amongst those elected to seats on the State Executive of the Victorian Band of Hope Union at the half-yearly meeting of that body on Saturday last were Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Jory, of Northcote, and Mr. W. P. Rowe, of Whittlesea.

At a meeting of the teachers and workers associated with the St. George's road Methodist Sunday school it was decided that a Band of Hope be formed. Mr. J. Goad has consented to act as leader.

There has been some interesting letters in the "Spectator" re the "Problem of the Boy." Amongst the letters on the subject is one from Mrs Hill, who is the superintendent of the Palmerston street Band of Hope, Carlton. This lady says that 'quite a number of large lads attend the weekly meetings, and their interest has been retained by getting them to act as leaders of the meetings, secretaries, stewards, etc." The lady further testifies to the fact that most of the lads were outside the reach of the Sunday school till the Band of Hope was started. In connection with this Band cricket and football clubs have been started and many of the boys have now joined up with the newly-formed brass band which has been instituted in connection with the mission. Thus the Band of Hope in addition to doing the important work of temperance, is training the lads in many of the duties of citizenship.

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A merit certificate, which is the highest award a State elementary school can give, can be obtained in any one of three ways indicated below:—

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3. If a child passes an examination in all of the subjects of the 8th grade, he or she will be awarded a merit certificate.

Some schools avail themselves of all the above methods, adopting 3 only in cases of children who do not come under 1. or 2. Other schools will not take advantage of 1 or 2, but require their pupils to take the 3rd method of getting a merit certificate.

"MUST NOTS" FOR PARENTS.

The fact that parents may be sent to prison if they do not allow a child to be operated upon when, in the opinion of the doctor, it is necessary to save it further suffering, will doubtless startle many fathers and mothers.

According to a recent magisterial decision, however, parents who, in such circumstances, refuse permission for an operation, can be convicted for neglect.

In the case in question a father and mother refused to allow their five-year-old daughter to be operated upon for adenoids after the doctor had decided that such an operation was necessary. They were summoned for neglect, and were given the choice of going to prison or giving the required permission. They chose the latter.

It is a case which calls attention to the rights of parents in regard to their children and the laws which the State has passed for the benefit of the latter.

The law says it is forbidden to illtreat, neglect, abandon, or expose a child under sixteen years of age in a manner likely to cause it unnecessary suffering or injury to its health. This means that parents neglecting to follow the advice of health inspectors who visit schools and examine the children may find themselves in trouble.

Usually parents recognise the value of the advice of these inspectors. Here is a case in point from the records of the National Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:

"A boy attending school complained to a woman visitor that his eyes were giving him pain. An inspector was sent to see the mother, who indignantly declared that she knew what to do for her children, and was not going to be dictated to by anybody. After some persuasion the mother promised to get spectacles, and did so. Then the inspector noticed that the boy was suffering from adenoids and enlarged tonsils. With the mother's consent the inspector took him to the hospital and had the necessary operation performed The next phase was an approach by the mother to ask whether anything could be done for another boy, suffering from the effects of hook."

Had this mother refused the advice of the inspector, she might have been sent to prision.

It is generally thought that father has absolute right to the custody of a child until he or she is twenty-one. He has, providing he does not abuse the trust. In cases of neglect or suffering, however, a judge will consult the wishes of a child over 16, and will not compel a boy or girl to return to the father if he or she is happy with the mother, or even with some other person.

In a recent case a widower who neglected his sixteen-year-old daughter was sent to prison for 3 months, the girl being taken away from him and sent to a home.

A father must not wander about the country with a boy over five years of age, and so prevent the child from receiving efficient elementary education. Nor must he allow him if under fourteen years of age, to be in any street or on licensed premises for the purpose of singing or performing for profit.

Parents whose children are found begging in the street, wandering about without visible means of support, or frequenting the company of persons of ill-repute, are liable to conviction and deprivation of the children.

An effort has been made to stamp out the habit so prevalent among certain classes of giving sips of beer to children, by making it a punishable offence to give intoxicating liquor to a child under five years of age.

DAYS AND FACES.

If "the proper study of mankind is man," then make a beginning by studying the week's faces of your fellow-travellers or workers. You will find that each day brings a change of countenance.

"Friday-faced" was once a reproach. It was thrown at the man with a long, doleful visage, and barked back to the days when the Friday fast was universal. And although the observance of Friday as a day of fasting is now more honored in the breach than in the observance, the "Friday face" remains! Treat it next Friday.

The Saturday face is the best of the bunch. The payment of wages; the nearness of the Saturday half-holiday; the knowledge that the week's work is nearly wound up, is reflected facially The Saturday crowd is pleasant to look on.

Monday's face is grumpy, and holds a discontented look Another week of work has to be faced. Rest and pleasure is knocked off Never ask a favor on Monday, and do not expect an exuberance of courtesy.

Tuesday's face is better, and the shadows on it are light.

Wednesday's face is the normal face Work has ceased to annoy. Wednesday is a sociable day as between man and man.

Thursday is not as good. It's a half Monday, half Tuesday face. Work is taking its toll, and the end of the week seems a long way off. For non-shop workers, too, closed shops and dull thoroughfares depress. Faces are not amiable on Thursdays.

In the days when Ireland was a comparatively peaceful country, two Englishmen were spending a holiday there. They hired a jaunting-car to drive them from Kilkenny station to the Club House hotel, and on the way one inquired of the other "How much will the fare be?"

"Oh! give him as much as you like," was the reply, "and he'll still ask for more. You'll never satisfy a jarvey"

"Bet you a fiver I do," retorted the first, and when they reached the hotel he tendered a sovereign, with a grin on his face, and the injunction "Keep the change!"

Feeling distinctly "one up," he turned to enter the hotel, but was arrested with "Sure, now, your honor, 'twould be a terrible thing to break a beautiful coin like this for one pot of porter. Does your honor happen to have twopence in coppers?"

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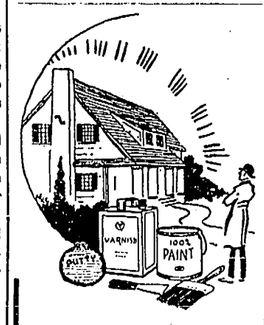

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The proximity of the recent comet gave rise in the minds of many, ignorant and educated alike, to alarming possibilities on the earth passing through the comet's tail with its cyanogen gas. As well for those nervous folks they do not realise in any acute form that this stable earth of ours is every second threatened with destruction.

Every four and twenty hours 400,000,000 missiles of stone or iron, ranging from an ounce up to incalculable tons, strike the globe or its atmosphere. The regions of space beyond us are filled with rushing fragments. Between man and the menace of possible annihilation there is but a thin stratum of air.

Some of the fragments meet the earth in its onward round. Others, having reached inconceivable speed, overtake and crash into it, as in the case of the Chupaderos meteorite, which, weighing 25 tons, fell in Chihuahua, Mexico, with overwhelming detonation and blinding glare; or find destruction in the earth's molecular armor, or ricochet from it again into the abyss of space. Some come singly, others fall in showers like golden rain.

But owing to the resistance offered by the atmospheric armor surrounding the spinning globe to the extent of almost one hundred miles in thickness, few of those solid shot hit the earth. Moving out of space with a possible velocity of thirty or forty miles a second, they plunge towards the revolving earth, lured to their destruction by its fatal attraction. The instant the enter the stratum of air they ignite. The atmosphere is piled up and compressed ahead of them with non-imaginable force, the resultant friction causes an immediate rise in temperature, and the shooting star, the meteor, flashes into our ken.

Meteorites vary in size from small objects, often not larger than a bean, to masses of iron of great dimensions. The largest meteor known is that discovered by Lieutenant Peary within the Arctic Circle in May, 1894. The Eskimos he ascertained had used it for countless generations as a source of supply for iron. In the summer of 1897 it was lifted after much labor, and removed in the steam whaler Hope, to New York, where it has found a place in the American Museum of Natural History. It is said to weigh close upon one hundred tons, the ore of it being very fine in quality.

One of the most remarkable falls during recent years is known as the Great Kansas Meteor. On the 20th of June, 1876, it flashed into view over the State of Kansas, at a distance of between eighty to ninety miles from the earth. To the first observers it appeared to fall from the vicinity of the moon, and, and semed like an enormous fireball, blazing brightly, and giving off frequent explosions and detonations like the thunder and crash of great guns. It was visible from Nebraska to West Virginia, roughly, over an area of twenty degrees, and passing eastward disappeared near the horizon, towards Maryland, in a great blaze of light.

CONVICTED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

By purely circumstantial evidence many an innocent man has been convicted of crime; here is a case, however, in which a criminal was found guilty on testimony that left no room for even the shadow of a doubt. One night an assassin entered a drover's house in Ohio, killed the inmates, and secured a sealed package containing eighteen hundred dollars in banknotes. Before leaping over the fence he tore open the wrapper of the package and threw it on the ground. This was picked up by the police, and marks of blood were found upon it. It was the only clue in their possession. After twenty-four hours the murderer returned to the town. The police suspected him, because he had been mysteriously absent, and was known to have been intimate with the drover. They did not arrest him, but constantly watched him for four months. He had been poor, but now seemed to have money. In the course of a week he married, and went away on a wedding tour. Two detectives followed him. Whenever he paid a hotel bill, or offered money for any purpose, they secured the bank-notes which had been in his possession. Finally he paid out a twenty-dollar bill with a red thumb-mark on one corner. The police arrested him as soon as they examined it. At the trial the torn wrapper with its red mark was identified as having been in the drover's possession. The bank notes which had been traced to the assassin were put in it, with the last one paid out by him on top. The smear on the wrapper corresponded precisely with the marks on the bank-notes underneath. The specialist's magnifying glass revealed unerringly how the murderer's thumb, in tearing open the window, had touched the first bank-note. It was circumstantial evidence conclusive of guilt. The murderer was convicted and hanged. In this case circumstantial evidence was as conclusive as direct proof.

THE WEDDING-RING FINGER.

The wedding-ring was not always the plain circlet of gold nowadays associated with its name. In ancient days it was richly set with gems and worn on the first finger of the right hand. The Christian era brought about the wearing of the wedding-ring on the third finger, and the popular superstition about the "ring finger" says that a vein runs direct from it to the heart. The real reason is probably a religious one. The priest who performed the marriage rite used to put the ring first on the thumb, saying, "In the name of the Father"; on the first finger he said, "And of the Son"; on the second, "And of the Holy Ghost." When the "Amen" was reached with the third finger the ring was put on to stay.

"Every time the baby looks into my face he smiles," said Mr. Meekins.

"Well," answered his wife, "it may not be exactly polite, but it shows he has a sense of humor."

Sometimes enthusiasm borders on hysteria, and then it is dangerous instead of useful.

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LEAGUE OF THE LEFT-HANDED.

There is an organisation in New York comprised exclusively of fat men, with a president and committee duly elected, and now there is a prospect of an organisation limited to left-handed people, or "south paws" as they are often called in the United States. One afternoon recently left-handed persons, by special request attended a service in the Orange Methodist Church, New Jersey, and heard from the Rev. Dr. William Frye, the pastor, who is himself left-handed, that all "south paws" are geniuses. Dr. Frye preached from the text, "But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a man left-handed. "Most great geniuses, though not all," said the pastor, "are left-handed. There is a real reason for it. The reason that people are right-handed is that the left lobe of the brain is more developed. There is a distinct advantage in having the right lobe of the brain more developed. If that side is more developed you are left-handed. Left-handed people are right-brained people, and out of the ordinary. They are apt to do interesting or unusual things. Do you know that, among the great baseball pitchers, the smartest are lefthanded? Those 'south paw' fellows are in the ratio of six to fifteen of the great players. I have conceived a plan for organising left-handed people into a fellowship. The sign of recognition is to shake hands with the left hand." Dr. Frye says he has gathered data that will strengthen every assertion that he has made, as well as a lot of new ones. By general circularising he has got into touch with all the left-handed people in New Jersey, and it is hoped to have an annual parade each year, followed by a banquet.

LATEST: STEEL BALLOONS.

One of the drawbacks, if not the chief drawback to the average balloon or dirigible has been the fact that, however well-made, the gas bags leak. Mr. Melvin Vaniman, who was connected with an attempt to cross the Atlantic in an airship some time ago, has invented a cloth which he claims to be fifty times stronger than any now in use.

It is made of steel wire drawn as fine as linen thread, and woven so closely as to be able to hold hydrogen. The new cloth is coated on the inside with a mixture of gum which never dries, something like that used in the inside of motor tyres to keep them from leaking when punctured. Thorough tests have been made and it has been found that there is absolutely no leakage.

This new cloth will be an inestimable boon to those who fancy the dirigible balloon. A balloon made of this fabric can stay in the clouds for a year, if necessary. No wind that ever blew can destroy the steel cloth, according to Mr. Vaniman. It is possible, he declares to start on a world's tour and circle the globe, only stopping now and then to take supplies of provisions and gasoline on board.

HORNS AND CLAWS.

Nature has made the tiger unequaled in the combination of speed, strength, cunning, daring and physical beauty. A tiger's first bounds are so rapid as to bring it alongside an antelope, and a blow of its paw will stun a charging bull. It has been known to spring over a wall five feet high into a cattle-pen and to jump back with a full-grown animal in its jaws. Sportsmen say they have known it to carry away the bait while they were putting up the shelters from which to shoot it.

It is a fact, however, that the tiger makes no pretence to invincible courage, as may be seen in the instance of one kept in the Calcutta Zoological Gardens, which was butted to death by a ram. A soldier owned a fighting ram, which became so troublesome it had to be sent to the zoo. There it caused so much annoyance it was decided to give it to the great tiger.

The tiger was so ferocious its food was let down through a sliding grating in the roof of its cage. The ram was lowered; the tiger, dozing in one corner, saw the ram descend and, rising, began to stretch itself. The ram, not knowing he was intended to be food for the big beast, supposed the stretching was the signal for a fight. Stepping nimbly back to the farthest corner of the cage, it put down its head and went straight at the tiger, and in a few minutes butted it to death.

MEDICINAL USES OF FRUIT.

The uses of fruits in relieving diseased conditions of the body are thus summarised. It should not be understood that edible fruits exert direct medicinal effects; they simply encourage the natural processes. In the category of laxatives, oranges, figs, tamarinds, prunes, mulberries, dates, nectarines and plums may be included; pomegranates, cranberries, blackberries, raspberries, barberries, quinces, pears, wild cherries, and medlets are astringent; grapes, peaches, strawberries, whortleberries, prickly pears, black currants and melon seeds are diuretics; gooseberries, red and white currants, pumpkins and melons are refrigerants and stomach sedatives. An orange taken in the early morning acts very decidedly as a laxative. Pomegranates are very astringent, and relieve relaxed throat and uvula. Figs, split open, form excellent poultices for boils and small abscesses. Strawberries and lemons, locally applied, are of some service in the removal of tartar from the teeth. Apples are a useful corrective in nausea, and even seasickness, they immediately relieve the nausea due to smoking. The oil of cocoanut has been recommended as a substitute for cod-liver oil.

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"Well, yes; I get a good fee. Why?"

"Well, I hope you won't forget that my boy Oberlie threw the brick at 'im!"

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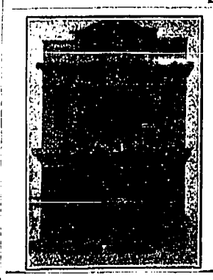

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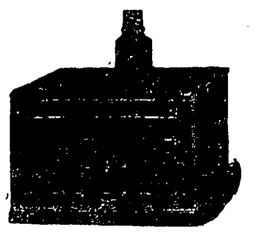

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11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. C Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.
7 p.m , Lenten Message (No. 5).
Rev. C. W. Wood.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
The Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Choral Matins and Sermon.
3 p.m., Sunday School and Kindergarten.
7 p.m , Choral Evensong and Sermon.
Rev. J. Payn-Lewis.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).

11 a.m., Matins.
10 a.m and 3 p.m., Sunday School.
7 p.m., Evensong.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

Sunday School Anniversary (continued).
11 a.m., Rev. J. Penna.
3 p.m., Mr. W. Wishart.
7 p.m , Rev. Frank Paton, M.A., B.D.

See special advt.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES (continued).
Sunday, 13th March
11 a.m., Rev. J. Penna.
3 p.m., Mr. W. Wishart ("Uncle Will.")
7 p.m., Rev. Frank Paton, B A., B D.

Tuesday, 15th March
SCHOLARS' TEA & DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (James Street).

OLIVET to CALVARY (Maunder) will be sung on Sunday, 20th March, at 7 o'clock.
The Soloists will be Miss Leonora Scott, Mrs. Moseley, Mr. Ben Hobby, Mr. R. A. Bartleman, and Mr. S. Muir.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., sucject, "The Healing of the Centurion's Servant."
7 p.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart.

RESERVOIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY.
3.30 p.m., Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. Dawson Edwards.
Congregational Meeting, Wednesday, 16th, at 8 p.m.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
S.S. Anniversary.
11 a.m., Rev. W. Harris.
3 p.m., Rev. W. F. Betts.
7 p.m., Rev. J. H. Cain.
See special advt).

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Mr. C. E. Lugton.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.
7 p.m., Mr. R. Olver.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. W. J. Lunn.
7 p.m., Mr. R. Wills.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST SUN DAY SCHOOL (High Street).

ANNIVERSARY.
Sunday, 13th March.
Services will be held in the Schoolroom.
11 a.m , Rev. W. Harris (Moonee Ponds)
3 p.m., Rev. W. F Betts (Moreland).
7 p m , Rev. J. H. Cain, of Central Mission.
Anniversary Hymns by a Large Choir, assisted by an Orchestra. Leader, Mr. Bert Cox.

Wednesday, 13th March.
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First-Class Programme of Musical and Elocutionary Items. Admission 6d.

N.B.—The Anniversary will be continued on Sunday, 20th March.
SCHOLARS' NIGHT, 23rd March.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. R. S. Howie; 7 p.m., Mr. W. J. Gray.
SOUTH PRESTON (S S Anniversary).—11 a.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart; 3 p.m., Rev. J. F. Warren; 7 p.m., Rev. W. H McCook, B.D.
PENDER'S GROVE.—11 a.m , Mr. Brierley; 7 p.m., Mr. R. S. Howie.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. S. W. King; 7 p.m , Mr. J. Orton.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.

11 a.m. and 7 p m , Pastor D. J. McOmish.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 a.m., Mr. W. N. Bredin.
7 p.m., Mr. F. G. Morgan.
All Welcome.

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11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Evangelistic Service, subject, "Lead in Triumph."
Preacher: Mr. Lionel Johnston, Evangelist.

CHURCH OF CHRIST) High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship. Address by Mr. Hinrichsen.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Evangelistic Service. Speaker, Mr. Hinrichsen, subject, "Mind Your Own Business."
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By order,
JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.
Mernda, 10th March, 1921.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

Notice is hereby given that all Dogs within the City of Northcote must be Registered at this Office on or before the 17th day of March next.
Any Person having an Unregistered Dog after that date will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Act 1915.

By order,
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Mr. ALF DUNCAN,
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OWING to the Northcote Town Hall being previously engaged, the TORONTO DANCE will not be held next Thursday, 17th March, but will open as usual the following Thursday, 24th March.

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CONTROL OF NORTHCOTE PARK.

Sir,—I have been instructed by my committee to request you to publish the following reply to Mr. Yeomans' letter to the Northcote council concerning the control of the Northcote park, a copy of which was reproduced in your last issue of the "Leader."

Many of Mr. Yeomans' statements are misleading, as the following facts will show:—

Statement 2. The statement that the Football Club held aloof from the movement to obtain funds to build the stand is incorrect Messrs Yeomans and Mitchell, both officials of the Cricket Club at the time, waited on the Football Club, with the result that it was unanimously decided that the Football Club assist as far as possible. Ex-Cr. T. Taylor, a life honorary member, organised the second carnival. These facts can be verified from the minutes of the committee meeting referred to.

Mr. Yeomans also states that a donation of £50 was received from the council and the balance from enthusiastic cricket supporters. He omitted to mention that the present president of the Football Club also donated £50, leaving the magnificent amount of £24 donated by the enthusiastic supporters he refers to.

Statement 3. Last year was the first occasion on which the Cricket Club paid £50 to the parks committee. It was also the first time which a charge was made to cricket matches.

Statement 5 My committee were under the impression that the caretaker was only employed at the ground during the summer months, but if Mr. Yeomans' statement is correct then the present condition of the ground is a poor result of his labours.

Statement 8 This is the first occasion on which the question of allowing Football club members access to the stand has cropped up. Members of any individual League or Association club are allowed this privilege on their own ground.

Mr. Yeomans' concluding remarks that the Cricket Club is still anxious to help the Football Club, as they have done in the past, does not appear feasible when you consider the fact that at the beginning of last season a request was made to the Cricket Club to grant us a lease oft he ground for a period of 10 or 13 years on the same basis as that agreed between the Cricket and Football Clubs for the previous year. This request was refused notwithstanding a recommendation from the parks commitee that we be allowed this basis for the past season.—Yours, &c.,

T. FORRISTAL.
For and on behalf of the Committee of the Northcote Football Club.

SWIMMING BATHS FOR PRESTON.

To the Editor

Sir,—I think the East Riding Progress Association is to be commended for its action in moving to get swimming baths established in Preston. Edwardes Park lake, with all its advantages, does not satisfy. Being situated at the extreme corner of the shire, it is far from central, and is also not easy of access. In this connection I would add that the local schools take their children to Fitzroy city baths. I cannot understand anybody objecting to the establishment of such a useful and progressive institution as municipal baths, and I hope the action of the East Riding Progress Association will not be allowed to lapse. The past holiday season has been the worst in my recollection for drowning fatalities This again emphasises the necessity for teaching our children to swim, which can only be accomplished with adequate bathing facilities. I might add that within eas y reach of centrally situated Preston baths are five schools, a drill hall, and a body of boy scouts.—Yours, etc.,

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Notices

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Applications from Church Teams for entrance to above Competition.
Umpires, 12/- match.
Applications close 19th March, P. Leake, 50 Pender's St., Thornbury.

REGISTRATION OF SHOPS.

EVERY Shopkeeper is required under the Factories Act to register with the Secretary for Labour before 14th March (under a penalty of £10 for default.) Forms obtainable from Inspectors or any Police Station.

I HEREBY give notice that if the persons residing in Beaver's Road, Northcote, who make use of insulting epithets and circulate scandal concerning me do not immediately refrain, legal proceedings will be instituted,
(Mrs.) VICTORIA CLAPP.

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HENRY C. BARROW.
Spring St., Preston,
7th March, 1921.

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Death

KENIHAN.—On the 28th February, at his residence, Berkely street, Castlemaine, John, beloved husband of Esther Kenihan and loving father of Annie (Mrs. T. H. Carter, Castlemaine), Kate (Mrs. A. J. Bailey, Northcote), and Rose (Mrs. W. E. Shepard, Alexandra). Aged 77 years. Late of Northcote. R.I.P.

The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

Amongst those present to witness the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Memorial at Preston on Sunday last was Cr. E. Allchin, who came along, with Mrs. Allchin, in his motor car, notwithstanding the serious illness which he is still suffering. Right throughout the war and since Cr. Allchin took a deep interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the soldiers, and at the public meeting called to consider the erection of their memorial he was elected chairman, a position all were pleased to see him continue to hold notwithstanding that his health has not allowed of his taking an active part for some months past. As soon as the ceremony was over Cr. Crispe, who, as shire president, was doing the honors of the occasion, very thoughtfully took the Governor-General and Lady Forster and presented them to Cr. Allchin, making known to them in a few words his very fine record as a public man during the Great War. His Excellency and Lady Forster were most sympathetic, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before Cr. Allchin was able to resume his public duties.

One of the points made by Rev. J. A. Gault, O.B.E., in the course of his breezy speech at the laying of the foundation stone of the soldiers' memorial at Preston on Sunday was that Australia never considered for two years before coming in to the war: and this somehow reminded him of an American story. It was of a Yankee who, after being at the war, went to Cuba and had a big American eagle with outstretched wings tatooed on his breast, and underneath, the words, "America won the war." When he was bathing later on a big 14-foot shark came at him, but seeing what was engraven on his breast simply said, "I can't swallow that"—and went away hungry.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday evening, Mr. A. G. DeLacy presiding over a good attendance. Mr. J. T. McIntosh, who has had a long and successful experience with roses, gave those present the benefit of his knowledge by dealing exhaustively with the cultivation of this flower. The prize for a bunch of asters we was won by Mr. T. Quantock. The points in the competitions were awarded as follows:—Open class.—Mr. C. F. Almond 6 points, Mr. W. H. Warren 3 points. Novice class.—Miss Lancaster 5 points. The schedule of prizes for the autumn show is now available.

Master Alan Ross and Miss Mary Greenwood held a small fete in the garden at "Irwell," 66 Raleigh street, Northcote, last Saturday. About sixty children attended and business was brisk enough to realize £6, which has been forwarded to the fund for the "Starving children of Vienna." The only attractions were a gift tree, laden with toys at 3d each, and a penny ice cream and sweet stall. Both young people wish to thank all who so kindly contributed to their appeal

Cr Cain, M.L.A., informed the Preston council on Monday evening that he had interviewed the Minister of Education re the technical school at Northcote and requested that he should give effect to the promise made by his predecessor in regard to the matter and see that the school is erected this financial year. He would see the Minister again and urge immediate attention.

Important to Shopkeepers.—It is notified elsewhere that every shopkeeper must register his shop with the secretary of Labor before the 14th March. For the sake of economical administration no reminder is sent, but each person concerned must act in the same way as with Income Tax schedules.

Cr Cain, M.L.A., informed the Preston council on Monday evening that tenders had been called for the additions to Tyler street school. Cr Robinson said he understood that tenders had been received, but the price was much higher than anticipated, and the department had not decided finally what they would do in the matter.

The following additional amounts have been received in connection with the appeal for the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society, viz., Croxton Methodist Church, £1 4s; Mrs. M. A. King, £1 1s; St. George's Road Methodist, vegetables.

A balance-sheet in connection with the concert for Tyler street school held at shire hall in December last was forwarded to the shire council by the head teacher (Mr. Dawson) on Monday evening. The receipts were £30, and the expenditure only £22 6s 8d.

There will be quite a special programme at the monthly concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society on Wednesday evening. The programme will include Madam Mary Conly, the famous dramatic soprano, and Miss Margery Gray, the brilliant violinist.

An Easter Fair, to provide furnishings for new Methodist parsonage at South Preston, will be opened in the shire hall, next Thursday afternoon at 3 by the Hon. Wm. Angliss.

The Governor-General heartily congratulated Cr. Crispe, shire president, on arrangements for the Soldiers' Memorial ceremony at Preston on Sunday last.

Preston council on Monday evening decided to have a turf wicket laid down in the Cramer street park. They are spending upwards of £100 in bringing the playing arena of this park up-to-date.

Preston council have obtained from the Public Health Department the ruling that if stores for skin and hides are attached to tanneries, registration under the Health Act is necessary.

The attention of housewives and others is directed to C. G. Ward's special advertisement in to-day's issue, which gives all you want to know about bread, cake and pastry.

On Sunday next at 3 p.m., the Northcote City Band will render a programme of sacred and secular music in Pender's park.

Preston shire council invite tenders for the supply of a road roller, new or second-hand. Tenderers are asked to quote for 9 ton petrol or oil, 9 ton steam, 10 ton petrol or oil, 10 ton steam.

The British Museum contains more than 16,000 distinct copies of the Bible.

Robbery at High Street Shop.

The Misses White and Redrobe, trading as "Mera," ladies' drapers, have had a most unfortunate experience in the course of their first week's business in Northcote. They only opened in the new shop at the corner of High street and Beaver's road on Friday evening, and on coming there on Wednesday morning they found practically the whole of their stock, valued at a very considerable amount, gone. Burglars had gained entrance by bursting open the back door. The matter was placed in the hands of the detectives, but so far no clue as to the thieves has been obtained.

SOCIAL NEWS.

It is notified that the Toronto Dance will not be held next Thursday, owing to town hall being otherwise engaged.

PERSONAL.

The death of a former well-known and respected resident of Northcote, Mr. John Kenihan, took place at his residence, Castlemaine, on Monday last. The deceased gentleman, who was born in Melbourne in 1843, was for some years in the employ of the pioneer ham ank bacon-curing firm of Watson and Paterson; afterwards with Mr. James King and Mr Wm. Smith (both of whom have pre-deceased him) founding the firm of King, Smith & Kenihan, of Northcote, whose reputation as ham and bacon curers at one time extended throughout Australia. After leaving Northcote Mr. Kenihan was connected with the Castlemaine Bacon Factory from the time of its foundation until about three years ago, when failing health caused his retirement. He leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

THE PIG-YARDS AT BELL.

Regarding the above, a letter was received from the Railway Department on Monday evening. This was to the effect that the Commissioners, after looking into the matter very carefully, decided not to make any change in the existing arrangements at present as the cost would be over £2,000, and the only achievement would be the transfer of the nuisance from one point to another. The Commissioners considered the position could be reasonably well met by requiring consignees of pigs to take prompt delivery and by arranging that the yards shall be well drained and thoroughly cleaned at frequent intervals. Action in this direction was already being taken.

Cr. Jones moved that Mr. Cain, M.L.A., be asked to arrange a deputation to the Minister of Railways, and that Mr. Tait, the War Service Homes Commissioner, be asked to attend; also that the health officer be asked to furnish a report. The department had led them to believe that they were going to have the yards shifted, but this now seemed only to be so much fooling till the hot weather was got over, and when in case of inspection the place might not seem too bad.

Cr. Robinson seconded the motion, remarking that this was only in keeping with all the replies they got re railway matters As had been many times remarked before, a private person would have been prosecuted for allowing his premises to get into the state these often were. If the railways refuse to do what a private person is compelled to do they should try and enforce it in the courts.

The motion was agreed to

TURF WICKET AT PRESTON PARK.

COUNCIL DECIDES TO HAVE ONE LAID DOWN.

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening a recommendation came up from the Parks Committee as follows:—

"Re construction of turf wicket in Cramer street park.—That the engineer be instructed to proceed with the work."

Cr. Branegrove moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Brinnell—What's it going to cost?

Cr. Branegrove—About £40.

Cr Bricknell said he intended to vote against this till he got more information. Not so long since they had a great job to get the tennis courts improved, though the players offered them a rent equal to 8 per cent. on the outlay What they were spending on the park would make a big hole in £100, and he understood they could not keep up a turf wicket under £2·10/- per week.

Cr. Jones supported the motion. They had the name of being a progressive shire, and if they wanted to keep it they must do something to bring their park up-to-date. As honorary masseur of the football club he knew only too well what playing in the park under the old conditions meant.

Cr. Bartrop, in supporting the motion, said that Preston was practically the only municipality of any importance which did not have its turf wicket. Preston cricketers were still playing as juniors because the municipality did not provide them with a proper pitch to play on. A turf wicket was an asset to any municipality. It kept the pick of the young sports from wandering away to other districts. Besides, it would prove a good money-making machine.

Cr. Bricknell—Who is going to pay for the upkeep?

Cr. Bartrop—We are.

Crs. Robinson and Warr having given their hearty support to the motion it was put and carried.

DIGGERS' COLUMN.

NORTHCOTE R.S.S.I.L.A.

One of the most successful meetings for this year was held on Monday night last, the president (Mr. W. H. Perrin) presiding A couple of new members were proposed and accepted.

Reports of a highly satisfactory nature were received from all the committees, the social committee intimating that the opening dance of the season in the town hall was a pronounced success.

Reports from the newly-formed welfare committee were to the effect that they would open their activities by a social evening in the club rooms on the 17th inst. They also contributed 10s towards the branch funds.

The cricket match, Married v. Single, opened on Saturday. The married men batted first and compiled 71, the single men responding with 66. The benedicts in their second innings have lost three wickets for 29. The game will be concluded to-day.

Arrangements will be made, conjointly with the Dads, for a fitting memorial service on Anzac Sunday, and the two executives will meet at an early date.

After the meeting a musical evening was carried out, a number of ladies accepting the diggers' invitation to be present. Mr. Perrin (piano), and Dr. Mendelsohn (violin) provided some splendid duets, Mr. W. Milton sang and played, Mrs. George, the Misses Preston, Miss Cull, and Messrs Dennis, Greenslade, R. Cull, A. McDonald, and others rendered items. Coffee and biscuits were served by the committee.

Northcote South Ratepayers' Association.

The ordinary meeting was held on Tuesday evening last. For the purpose of initiating the Boy Scout movement the general secretary (Mr C. W. Game) will deliver an address at the next meeting. Regret was expressed at the increase of the sectional fares on the local tramway, and a resolution was directed to be sent to the City Council for its consideration. Cr. S. Dennis delivered an address on town affairs. In reference to the recent rise in tram fares, he stated that while on the cable lines through fares remained as before, those on Northcote trams had been increased, although the length of this line was much shorter, thus penalising those who lived in outlying parts of the city. Delay in constructing a station at Simpson-st. was regrettable, seeing that a promise by the commissioners had been made when the line was being electrified. There did not seem to be any immediate prospect of a tramway along Victoria road, seeing that tramway construction was in abeyance for the time being. It was time, he said, we had a technical school in Northcote, seeing the great number of students who would benefit by it in these northern areas and who had at present to travel to other centres. Important drainage works were proposed to be gone on with in the south ward, and he hoped before long the beautification of the Merri Creek would be proceeded with. President Evans conveyed the thanks of the meeting to Cr. Dennis for his address. Cr. Dennis suitably replied. The meeting then closed.

NORTHCOTE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

There was a full attendance of members at the meeting of the Memorial Committee on Thursday night. The mayor (Cr Timmins) presided

The sub-committee reported having carefully perused the specifications and interviewed the architect, and everything was in order. The report was received, and a motion carried finally adopting the plan.

The mayor and Cr Slater reported they had not been successful in arranging for the immediate use of the council's contribution, but they hoped to have a more satisfactory report within the next fortnight The matter of accepting a tender was therefore deferred.

As several hundred pounds is still required to meet the cost of the building it was decided that a seven-night carnival be held in the town hall during the last week in May; also that the hearty co-operation of the churches, lodges, and other institutions be invited. It was further determined that no games of chance be permitted in connection with the carnival.

The treasurer Northcote Soldiers' Memorial acknowledges the sum of £7 15s from Gwalia Lodge, U.O.A.D.

CHURCH NEWS.

METHODIST.

On Sunday evening the Rev. J. E. Warren conducted a special service for cricketers in the High street church. There was a large congregation, including delegates to the Northcote & Preston Churches Cricket Association, of which Mr. Warren is president. The title of the address was "The Great Test Match," and parallels were drawn between this popular national pastime and the game of life. Two anthems were excellently rendered by the choir.

Mr. Wm. Webster, of Minyip, at one time a local preacher in the Clifton Hill circuit, has been appointed pastor of the Croxton church and will probably begin his ministry in Northcote on the third Sunday in April.

The Rev. Robert S. Joyce, of Ivanhoe Methodist church, died on Saturday at the age of 58, and was buried on Monday in the Heidelberg cemetery. Mr. Joyce had served the church in a number of important circuits, including Hawthorn, Geelong, and Bendigo, and was an able preacher.

Services morning and evening will be held in the Northcote Methodist church on Good Friday. In addition to the circuit minister the Rev. R. Kelly, of Ivanhoe, and A. R. Cocks, of Brunswick, will take part.

The anniversary of the Northcote Methodist Sunday school will be celebrated on Sunday, when services will be conducted in the school room by the Rev. W. Harris, of Moonee Ponds, in the morning, the Rev. H. F. Betts, of Moreland, in the afternoon, and the Rev. J. H. Cain, of the Central Mission, at night. Anniversary hymns will be rendered by a large choir, assisted by an orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Bert Cox On Wednesday evening there will be the usual fine anniversary concert in the school room, admission to which is sixpence.

The Rev. G. R. Godbehear, of Moorabbin, was appointed by the last Conference to Fairfield, in the Alphington circuit, in succession to the Rev. Frank Jolly, who has been appointed to Essendon. The Rev. Leo. T. Wilkinson, M.A., will be the minister of the South Preston church, and the Rev. R. Jackson goes to South Morang.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Preston Presbyterian church on Sunday last, morning and evening. The Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D., delivered addresses suitable to the occasion. Miss Margaret Smith, of Ivanhoe, sang excellently a solo "Remember Thy Creator" (Eccl. XII), and the choir rendered an anthem in good style, Mr. Robt. Richardson, jnr., taking the solo. Besides the usual display of the products of the earth, there was on view a very fine display of fruit, donated and arranged by Mr. Apted, which was sold on Wednesday night at a congregational meeting, called for the purpose of considering ways and means of providing additional accommodation for the fast growing Sabbath school. Some "tall" prices were given for plates of fruit, one going for £10 and two for £5 each. Other prices ranged from 2/6 to £1, and altogether about £60 was promised. There were good attendances throughout, and renewed interest is being manifested in all departments of church work. A first-class concert is to be given at an early date, and a bazaar held in August, of which full particulars will be advertised later.

The congregation of Thornbury Presbyterian church meet on Wednesday evening to select a minister.

"Olivet to Calvary" will be sung at Northcote Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, March 20th. The soloists will include Miss Leonora Scott.

Consequent on the increasing numbers attending the services of the Church of the Epiphany, the provision of additional room for worshippers has become imperative. At its meeting on Monday evening, presided over by the vicar, Rev. Payn Lewis, the vestry accepted the estimate of J. Bennell & Son for an addition to the existing hall, to provide seating for another 175 people. This will be completed without delay, and will come into use soon after Easter. From next Sunday the evening service will be held at 7 p.m. precisely, instead of at 7.30 as during the summer months.

The Rev. Frank Robinson pastor Northcote Baptist church, is at the Blue Mountains spending his annual vacation.

INSANITARY LANES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last report of Northcote council's meeting, I notice three complaints re the dirty state of unmade rights-of-way owing to their being made into rubbish tips by surrounding residents. As the right-of-way at the rear of my premises is in the same disgusting and filthy state I am a fellow sufferer. I think the policy of our council or its employees tends to encourage this method of disposal of surplus rubbish. As every one knows every house collects garden or other rubbish at times that will not go into the average dust bin—broken crockery, tins, etc., that cannot be burned—and yet if these things are placed with the rubbish bin they are not removed. Only this week a friend of mine placed a broken flower pot on top of the refuse and it was

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Date Slices	Date Scones	Dudleys
1d Shortbreads	Fondant Fancies	Short A. Slices
McGregors	Self-Raising Flour	Short A. Tarts
Three Eyes	Pies	Ginger Buns
Bird Neats	Pasties	Lemon Cheese
Black Currant Tarts	Fruit Pies	Custards
Fern Cakes	Nutmeg Cakes	Banburys
Cinnamon Squares	Yeast Buns	Jam Tarts
Almond Fancies	Bath Buns	Short Jam Tarts
Almond Biscuits	Vienna Buns	Short Lemon Tarts
Cocoanut Macs	Coffee Scrolls	Short Almond Tarts
Swiss Roll	Milk Loaves	Jam Sandwich
Choc. Roll	Balloons	Lemington Sandwich
Walnut Cream	Bostons	Cream Sandwich
Passion Cream	Cinnamon Loaves	Cream Slices
Rainbow Cream	Currant Loaves	Cream Boats
Marble Sponge	Sweet Scones	Cream Kisses
Jam Sponge	Plain Scones	Cream Puffs

PRESTON SOLDIERS MEMORIAL.

Foundation Stone Laid By The Governor-General.

IMPRESSIVE SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

In the presence of a very large assemblage of the citizens the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Preston Soldiers' Memorial was performed by His Excellency, the Hon. Lord Forster, P.C., K.C.M.G., Governor-General of Australia.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Forster and Capt. Pitt Rivers, his private secretary, was received by a guard of honor composed of returned soldiers of Preston and Northcote, whose lines he inspected, offering a word of congratulation to those he noticed wearing distinctions.

The president of the shire (Cr. C. T. Crispe) then conducted the Vice-Regal party to the platform which had been erected in front of the memorial building.

Proceedings were commenced with the singing of the well known hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," led by the Preston Citizens' Band, and in which all the people assembled heartily joined.

Before the ceremony was entered upon Cr. Crispe asked all to stand for a few moments in honor of those who "went West."

The president then rose to present a trowel to His Excellency, and in doing so gave a history of the movement leading up to that day's proceedings. Some 18 months ago, he said, a public meeting was called to consider the erection of a memorial which, while keeping green the memory of those who had fallen, would be of use as a meeting place, not only for the returned men who had enlisted from Preston, but all those soldiers who had settled here since the war. It was decided that the memorial take the form of a second storey to the library building, with a separate entrance, making it quite independent. This work had been designed and was being carried out under the superintendence of their hon. architect, Mr. Harry A. Norris. A billiard room and suite of rooms were being provided where the soldiers could meet together and go over again the times they had in the great war. A contract for the work had been let to Messrs J. Bennell and Sons for £2178. Towards this a sum of £974 had been raised by various efforts and by public subscription. As for the balance, the council had decided to give £1 for £1 raised by the citizens. So, as regards this particular matter they were pretty well advanced. They had, however, the further duty devolving upon them of erecting an honor-board in connection with their municipal building. An appeal to the public for the necessary funds would be made in due time.

Having given the people this information, Cr. Crispe, on behalf of the citizens of Preston, gave the Governor-General and Lady Forster a hearty welcome to Preston, and expressed the hope that Lord Forster would in future be immune from those accidents which had too frequently come his way since he had landed in Australia.

The Union Jack was then drawn from the foundation stone, disclosing the following inscription:—

1914. Duty Done. 1918.
This Memorial Stone
was laid by
His Excellency the Right Honorable
Lord Forster, P.C., K.C.M.G.,
Governor-General of Australia,
the 6th day of March, 1921,
On behalf of the citizens of Preston.
"Lest we forget."

H. A. Norris, Architect.

The Governor-General having tapped the stone at each of its four corners with his trowel and declared it "well and truly laid," said he found it difficult to say how glad his wife and himself felt in being allowed to take part in that afternoon's ceremony. Anything designed for the comfort, for the welfare, and for the happiness of those who fought in the great war must make a special appeal to everybody, and perhaps it made an even stronger appeal to himself, who had had a great deal to do with the organisation of the resources of the whole Empire. However that may be, whether he was in Australia or in any other part of the world, he would always feel a special pride in taking some share in anything that promoted the welfare of the Australian soldier (Cheers). The ceremony in which he had just taken part was allegorical. They were all, high and low, engaged these days laying foundation stones, for the old world, as they knew it, came to an end with the end of the great war. They were all engaged in building up a new world, and let them see that the foundations upon which that new world is built are sure. (Cheers). He hoped, in regard to the building in course of erection, that it would promote the welfare of those who lived while perpetuating the memory of those who are dead. He believed it would fulfil both those purposes, and he trusted it would do something more than that. He trusted it would perpetuate that spirit of comradeship which was brought into being in days of hardship, of suffering and of triumph. The memorial would also serve to remind those who passed by that Australia rose as one man at the first sign of danger to the Mother Country. (Cheers) It would serve to remind the passer-by of these times that in that day of need there poured forth from the shores of this great continent in never ending flood a stream of manhood second to none in the world. (Cheers.) And it would be a reminder to them of the courage, cheerfulness, and dogged determination of those men amidst hardships unspeakable and dangers untold. It would remind them of something more. In the doing of such great things it was inevitable that some should fall by the way, and there were many present that day who mourned them. But let those who were bereft take solace and proud comfort from the thought that, following the rough, hard road of duty nobly done their dear lads have passed on into the land of everlasting peace and happiness. But let them take care that the sacrifices were not made in vain. Let those men who bear on their bodies physical marks of the sufferings they were called upon to undergo feel that in the hearts of their fellow men and women there lie a deep determination to profit by the sacrifices made, ending in making the world a better place than it was before. And let them bring into their every-day lives the spirit that had animated the soldiers who still live and those who are dead—the brave spirit of comradeship, of our own duty to the other, and of our duty to the land in which we live. Then, when their time came they would look back with pride on what they had been able to do, and Australia would stand as a shining example to the rest of the civilised world. (Applause).

After the singing of Kipling's famous "Recessional"—which for all time will be a steadying, humbling force wherever Britishers are gathered together, the Rev. J. A. Gault, O.B.E., one of the finest padres of the war, delivered the dedicatory address. His was a speech also, which like the Governor-General's, though in a different way, quite captured the crowd, being eloquent, racy, humorous and reminiscent by turns.

"The Last Post," in memory of the dead, was sounded by Buglers Holliday with thrilling effect, and a reading from the Scriptures by Mr. Lionel Johnston (Church of Christ) led up to the final hymn—

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast;
O hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the impressive ceremony to a close.

Prior to their leaving the president and Miss Crispe entertained the vice-regal party, together with councillors and their wives, at afternoon tea in the council chamber.

Northcote Presbyterian Sunday School.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The anniversary services of the above were held on Sunday last, and passed off most successfully. The minister of the church (Rev. Heathcote Fletcher), Rev. C. R. Andrews, and Rev J. A. Barbour, B.A., were the preachers, and held the attention of the children with addresses suitable to the occasion. A special feature, of course, was the singing by the choir and children, assisted by an orchestra, of the anniversary hymns. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. Harvey this department was an entire success, and was the means of giving great pleasure to the congregations, which were specially large in the morning and evening. Mrs. Frazer presided at the organ with all her old efficiency.

It was a packed house to which the scholars of the Sunday school presented their anniversary concert on Tuesday evening, and the programme had not proceeded far when it was evident that the children had been well trained under the careful supervision of Mrs. Ellis. The action songs of the junior girls, "Little Bo Peep" and "Tell us a Story do" met with much approval, as also did "The Motor Car Song" by the junior boys. The musical charade, "The Birds and the Fairies," was very pretty, and the songs sweetly sung by numerous soloists, among whom were Misses Florrie Kelson, Vera Black, Hilda Whalley, Dorothy Staff, Sylvia Staff, and Lily Hamilton, and Allan Taylor. Elsie McLoughlin was the Fairy Queen, and Maude Pemberton Queen of Fairies, both in gorgeous costumes. Lily Wallace was The Ambassador. The girls of the senior Bible class, appropriately costumed, danced an old-time minuet most gracefully, while the girls of the junior Bible class figured in a dialogue, "An Unexpected Bargain," The senior boys and girls joined forces in the sketch entitled "The Matrimonial Bureau." Both the last-named items were exceedingly well presented, and caused a vast amount of entertainment. As a crowning to a most successful evening the choir rendered "Ye Spotted Snakes." Before calling for the National Anthem the minister, Rev. Heathcote Fletcher, congratulated all concerned on the entertainment provided, and called for cheers on their behalf, which were heartily given.

The anniversary services will be continued to-morrow. In the morning Rev. J. Penns, Methodist minister of Collingwood, will preach, in the afternoon Mr. William Wishart, better known as 'Uncle Will,' will conduct the service; and in the evening Rev. Frank Paton, B.D., who is an unusual favorite, will take charge. A children's choir of 150 voices will lead the singing.

The scholar's tea and distribution of prizes will be on Tuesday, 15th.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

JACK LONDON STORY.

Jack London was a weaver of romances that thrilled the world; and in none of his work has he told a more fascinating story than in "The Mutiny of the Elsinore," to be the stellar attraction at the Northcote theatre on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It is an elemental drama of strong men in conflict, through which runs a tender love story crowned by heroic self-sacrifice. Frankly it is a narrative of the ocean str-tches, and its characters have the strength of the sea. Perhaps chief among them is the rough and ready John Pike, first mate of the good ship 'Elsinore,' gentle and considerate towards women, but ruling men with an iron hand when they seek to overstep his authority. Setting out on a voyage around the Horn with a motley crew composed of the riff-raff of the docks—thugs and gunmen shanghaied aboard while recovering from drunken fits, Pike has also in his charge the beautiful Margaret West, daughter of a half owner of the vessel, and young Dick Somers, son of the ship's captain. Led by Snoop Jenkins, alias 'The Rat,' the sullen crew revolves, when the 'Elsinore' is in mid-ocean, to come to grips with the first mate. There is a mutiny, led by Andreas Mellaire, second mate, who seeks to possess Margaret. How John Pike mut the situation, fraught with peril to himself and those under his care, is told in bold sweeping strokes with that touch of genius that was Jack London's alone. Mabel Normand will support with laughs in "The Slim Princess."

The big attraction for next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday is "The White Dove," featuring H. B. Warner. Sylvester Lanyon is a famous English physician, who, when he learns that his dead wife was false to him, turns into a cynic, trusting no woman, and putting faith in his dead mother, who, he thinks, was the purest woman on earth. When he learns that his mother ran away with his father, all his cynicism falls him, and he returns to those he loves. The picture is well presented, has plenty of action and well sustained suspense.

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Before Messrs Hayes (chairman), Timmins, Evans, Jones, Cohen and Johnson, J's. P.

WIFE SUES FOR MAINTENANCE.

Francis Phœbe Johnson proceeded against her husband, Wm. John Johnson, for maintenance. Mr. Abram for plaintiff, Mr M. Blackburne (representing Maddock, Jamieson & Lonie) for defendant.

Francis Phœbe Johnson said she was at present residing with her mother in Dundas street. She was married on 21st February, 1920, and for the first two months they lived with her mother, after which they went to live at 22 Clarendon street. Several quarrels arose through her husband's cruelty. He frequently hit and kicked her and came home drunk. At these times he used very offensive language towards her, saying she lived on the streets before he met her, in which there was not a particle of truth. The last quarrel was on Christmas Eve. He came home the worse for drink and called her the lowest of names. Just before Christmas he knocked her down and kicked her and she had to go and see a doctor. He said to her on this occasion that he could pick up a better woman in the worst streets of Melbourne. She was now in a delicate state of health. Her husband was a letter carrier at the G.P.O. She believed he earned £4/5/- a week, but he only allowed her from 30/- to £2 a fortnight to cover everything. She left him because of his filthy language and because she was afraid to live with him any longer.

To Mr. Blackburn—My husband treated me very well during the two years I was keeping company with him. He had a bad temper, but I put that down to his jealousy. Her husband had never complained that her relatives came too much between them.

Dr. Mendelsohn gave evidence that in February last he examined Mrs. Johnson and found bruises on her legs. They may have been caused by blows or kicks. She was then in a delicate state of health.

Mrs. Millicent May Gower, sister of plaintiff, stated she saw terrible bruises on Mrs. Johnson's legs in June last, and also in December.

John Gower, market gardener, Mentone, gave evidence that in December he told defendant that when he knew how to treat a woman he would find his wife at his place at Mentone. When he (witness) was taking Mrs. Johnson away, defendant called out "Well Fan, we part for ever." When Johnson came down to Mentone a few days later he called himself everything that was bad and said he was very sorry for his behavior towards his wife. He said he had been taught a lesson and it would not occur again.

Mrs. Adelaide Herndon, 76 Dundas street, also gave evidence as to having seen bruises on Mrs. Johnson's legs.

Mr. Blackburn said the defence was that the wife had no reasonable grounds for leaving home and the husband was ready and anxious to take her back. They were a young couple, and he would ask the Bench to adjourn the case, so that the parties might have an opportunity of "making it up."

Mr. Abram said there was no chance of a reconciliation.

Percival William John Johnson said he was a letter carrier and his pay was £8 per fortnight. It was not true that he had struck his wife, or charged her with acting improperly in any way. She had left him three times since the marriage. The first time arose through her promising to go to his people's place to tea, and then declining to go. She started crying and sent someone up to fetch her brother. He never admitted to Mr. Gower using obscene language towards his wife, though he had sworn in her presence. Her brother came and interfered again after Christmas. His wife left home and stopped away four days in January. When she returned he asked her why she had left and she said she did not know. He asked her if she was glad to be back, and she said she only came to give her child a name. She went away again after that. He went to see her at her mother's, but was ordered away from the place. Her brother came on one occasion to ask him if he was going to the church social. When witness said "No," the brother said "Don't think you are the only man she is depending on, because you're not." He went afterwards to the social because his sister persuaded him to do so. He always allowed his wife £5 a fortnight and paid the rent. His wife kicked him on an old wound he had in the groin. She also jumped about on his toes when he was suffering from sore feet, and scratched his face.

To Mr. Abrams—He did not pretend to have a sweet temper. His wife had been advised when he got into a temper to let him go out in the yard, when it would soon cool off. He had never kicked his wife or made any accusations against her in connection with a milkman.

Margaret Beryl Johnson, sister of defendant, said she had been in her brother's house several times since his marriage, and his wife and himself appeared to be very friendly on most occasions. She never made any complaints except as to the way he spoke. He was a very good husband when he was in his proper temper. His temper had not been so good since he came back from the war.

George David Dunn, cousin of plaintiff, said he had been in Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's house several times since their marriage, and his cousin always made out that she was very happy and had a splendid husband.

An order was made for the payment of 30/- per week, one surety of £25 to be found.

CHARGE OF IMPOSITION.

William Mann was charged with imposing on A. R. Downes, chemist, High street, Northcote, by giving him a valueless cheque.

Mr. Downes informed the Bench that he did not wish to proceed with the case, but the police would not allow it to be withdrawn.

Alexander Rae Downes stated that accused came into his shop on February 4th and bought goods to the value of £1/12/-, tendering in payment a cheque for £5/8/11. Witness gave him the goods and £3/10/11 change. Mann when giving him the cheque explained that he had £50 in ready money, but had left it in the train. When the cheque was returned marked "Refer to drawer" he wrote to Mann at Arthur's Creek, but received no reply. He next saw accused at the City Court where he was appearing on another charge.

Accused—On scores of occasions I have done business in your shop?

Witness—Yes.

And when previously I gave you cheques they turned out all right?—Yes.

A clerk from the Commercial Bank gave evidence that when the cheque was presented Mann had only 5/- in the bank, though he had paid in £30 on January 19th.

Accused said that when he gave the cheque to Mr. Downes he thought there was ample funds in the bank to meet it, as he thought a cheque he had given for £8 would not be presented, as he had cancelled the order for the goods it was supposed to pay for.

To the Bench—He expected to recover the purse containing about £54 he had left in the train, as he was in communication with the person who found it.

The Bench dismissed the case, but advised defendant to be more careful in the future.

WANDERING CATTLE.

The city ranger proceeded against a number of residents for allowing their cattle to wander. The cases were dealt with as follows:—John Harrison, fined 5/- and 2/6 costs; Ola Stonehnm (2), fined 10/-; Arthur Broadhurst, 5/- and £1/3/6 costs; Thos. Williams, 5/- and 2/6 costs; Henry Dunn, 5/- and 2/6; Lawrence Norris (2), 10/- and 2/6; Robert McPherson, 5/- and 3/6.

EJECTMENT ORDER.

Stott & Bastings, as agents, proceeded for an ejectment order against Albert William Richards.

Evidence was given that the Richardses owed 13 weeks rent.

A Mrs. Broadhurst appeared to say that she occupied the house and had paid the rent since October.

Mr. Stott said the Broadhursts were there without the owner's consent. The place was being terribly knocked about.

Order made for the occupants to leave within 28 days.

ARREARS OF MAINTENANCE.

Algernon Charles Polkington was ordered to pay up arrears, amounting to £3/15/-, for his child, a ward of the State; and Susie May Johnson was ordered to pay £1/8/3 arrears for her child. Both said they had been unemployed through the strike, but were now at work. Each agreed to pay up arrears.

BOWLS.

In the A section of the Jika tournament on Saturday, Fairfield won from Northcote, Ivanhoe from Thornbury, and Heidelberg from Preston. Thornbury and Preston meet at Thornbury green this afternoon.

Under most favorable weather conditions, the Champion Church Rink Competition was launched at Thornbury green on Tuesday evening and continued on Wednesday and Thursday. The following are the results so far:—Frencham (Church of England, Thornbury) beat team 1 (Thornbury Presbyterian); Church of England, Thornbury, beat No. 3 team, Northcote Presbyterian; Dale (Preston Presbyterian) beat Prescott (Church of England, Ivanhoe); Sharp (Baptist) beat G. Holden (Church of England, Thornbury); Zwar (Church of England, Preston) beat Mann (Ivanhoe Presbyterian). Wednesday night.—Church of England, Thornbury beat Hayes (Northcote Presbyteran); Crispe (Preston Methodist) beat Church of the Epiphany, Northcote; Scott (Ivanhoe Methodist) beat Whalley (Northcote Presbyterian); Henshaw (Church of England, Preston) beat No. 2 team, Thornbury Presbyterian; Croxton Methodist beat Northcote Methodist. Thursday night.—Scott (Ivanhoe Methodist) beat Crispe (Preston Methodist); Girling (Church of England, Thornbury) beat Lucas (Preston Church of England). All winners will play on Tuesday evening.

Thornbury players eligible for the Mulready competition are notified that the draw is out, and they will oblige by getting their games off as soon as possible.

The Victorian Bowling Association having taken the Northcote club's green for the pennant semi-final, North Fitzroy v. Richmond Union, the Jika engagement Thornbury v. Preston will be played at Fairfield

Northcote B team are engaging East Camberwell in the B Pennant semi-final at Carlton green.

Encouragement to the Cadets.

AN APPEAL TO THE CITIZENS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER.

Sir,—The Citizens' Encouragement Committee of the Preston area senior cadets 60ff desire to appeal through The "Leader" to the citizens of Preston for assistance in helping the lads of the district by providing them with something that will be both pleasant and educational in connection with their training. The objective is the formation of a physical culture club, comprising athletics, football, cricket, first aid, etc., in order to promote the physical condition of the lads. To carry into effect such a movement the assistance of all those interested is required. We would, therefore, be pleased if you would receive and acknowledge for the Committee any donations that may be sent to your office. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours, etc.,

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Hon. Secretary.

[Note.—We are pleased to comply with the above request.—Ed. L.]

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COUNCIL FURTHER CONSIDER THE MATTER.

FRESH TENDERS TO BE CALLED.

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening a recommendation came up from the committee of the whole that the tender of A. H. McDonald for £1265 for a 9-ton road roller be accepted.

Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the recommendation.

The president (Cr. Crispe) said he intended to vote against the clause. While he thought it was necessary for the council to have a roller he thought it a very bad time to buy. There had been a great drop in the price of metals, and by waiting there was a chance of getting a more suitable roller. The engineer preferred a steam to a petrol-driven roller. He knew the recommendation was carried practically unanimously in the committee, still he thought the council would be making a mistake in buying a petrol-driven roller at the present time. Northcote council, after their experience, were anxious to get rid of their petrol-driven roller. He would remind them also that the engineer preferred a 10-ton roller. Under the circumstances he would warn the council against making this purchase at the present time.

Cr. Jones said the cheapest steam-roller they were offered was £2700 and delivery could not be guaranteed for 9 months. The petrol roller they were getting was quite a different type to the Northcote roller. The Shire of Colac had three of these rollers, all giving great satisfaction, and there were 120 of them being used in various parts of Australia. They would not be doing justice to their progressive district in waiting from 9 to 15 months for a steam-roller.

Cr. Robinson moved an amendment that tenders be re-advertised, as, if they could get a steam roller at a reasonable figure, he thought they should have it. Failing that, they should lose no time in getting a petrol roller.

Cr. Bricknell seconded the amendment.

Cr. Warr said the council had been talking about getting a roller for years. He would point out that while metals might be falling wages were increasing.

Cr. Jones—Instead of petrol rollers falling in price they are going up.

The voting was even for the amendment, and the president gave his casting vote in its favor.

For—Crs Robinson, McFadzean, Bricknell, and Crispe. Against—Crs Jones, Bransgrove, Warr, and Bartrop.

RESERVOIR RESIDENTS AND THEIR COWS.

WANT IMMUNITY FROM POUNDING.

At the Preston council on Monday evening a petition was received from about 40 residents on the Leamington Estate, Reservoir, asking to be allowed to graze their cows on the vacant land of the estate, as it was with this idea, and the promise of similar country privileges that they removed from more populated suburbs. They suggested that the council impose a registration fee, cattle so registered to be exempt from poundage so long as they are not on the council's roads or on fenced property. As supporting their request, they would draw attention to the great danger from fires if the grass is not eaten off.

Cr. Jones, in moving that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole, said he had always advocated allowing cattle to graze in the day time. There was not the slightest doubt but that the grass being left in such seasons as this was a menace to property. He would like to see the whole matter thoroughly discussed with a view of seeing what could be done.

Cr. Bransgrove seconded the motion saying he had sympathy with people in out-lying districts, where there was plenty of grass. They had come out to such places so as to keep a cow or pony.

Cr. Bricknell moved an amendment that the request be refused. He and others who had a little bit of garden knew what a great nuisance these wandering cattle were. They also destroyed and fouled the footpaths.

Cr. Warr said he was going to support the motion, in the hope that something might be done for the people in these out-lying parts. If these 40 residents would contribute a couple of shillings per week each and appoint a herdsman it would be a way out of their trouble.

Cr. Bricknell—They can do that without the permission of the council.

Cr. Robinson said he thought they might grant permission.

The president (Cr. Crispe) said he was against it. These very people would be the first to complain if a cow or horse got on to their premises. They had a by-law that no cattle shall be allowed to wander without some person being in charge. If they wished to graze the cattle now all they had to do was to put some person in charge. It would be an outrage on the general body of the ratepayers to allow cattle to wander all over Preston.

Cr. Jones—We might make boundaries within which cattle would be exempt from pounding.

The president—We would have to alter the by-law to do that.

The motion was agreed to.

"A REGIMENT OF TWO."

Last Saturday evening at the Reservoir hall the Weus Dramatic Co. played before a large and delighted audience the well-known comedy drama, "A Regiment of Two." While it is hard to select any one particular member of this fine company for special mention, reference must be made of the well-sustained acting of Mr. F. Emmet as the plumber, and Mr. B. Tatton, whose one desire was to look after Laura (Miss B. Cooper), whose unaffected acting is to be commended. Mr. W. Ellis, as Arthur Sewell, was a great success, and C. Ellis as the Parson, seemed to always say what was necessary just at the right time. The rest of the company, including Misses E. McPherson, E. Brown, and M. Russell, and Messrs R. Jamieson and C. Emmet, were also well placed. It is a long time since such a fine combination has been seen at Reservoir, and the Ladies' Carnival Committee will benefit considerably. Residents are looking forward to another opportunity of seeing this company at Reservoir.

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE V. NORTH MELBOURNE

North Melbourne won the toss, and had first use of a good fast wicket. Their earlier batsmen started well, and 3 wickets had fallen for 71 (Woodbury had secured all 3) when Finch was replaced by Bailey with the ball. This bowler put up one of his best performances amongst very many, for his club. Eleven runs were hit off his first 3 overs, but in his next 3 he obtained 7 wickets for 12 runs, making his total figures read—49 balls, 23 runs, 7 wickets. On three occasions he obtained wickets with successive balls. Such a remarkable bowling performance as this meant that the batting collapsed, and the side was out at 4 o'clock for 102. Woodbury also bowled well throughout the innings, and secured three for 48. Halfpenny re-appeared behind the wickets after his recent illness, and performed in excellent style. With just under two hours to bat, Northcote went for the runs and scored 130 for the loss of six wickets. Carroll, as on many previous occasions this season, was the backbone of the team and batted with great dash for his 60, which included one six and three fours. Woodbury batted patiently for 23 not out. Hartkopf and Cooper 13 each were the other double-figure scorers. Great interest should be taken in the game to-day, as Northcote will strain every nerve to win outright and thus secure an extra point, which might prove invaluable to the team in its dash to secure a place in the final four.

SECOND ELEVENS.

At North Melbourne, Northcote occupied the wickets for the afternoon and gave a very even batting display by scoring 266 for 8 wickets. Burley 52, Boulter 42, Gill 32, Vernon 33 not out, Fothergill 31, Louis 15 not out, Harvey 16, Keller 12, were the best scorers, while Carlton three for 54, Daley two for 19, Reddrop one for 19, Cameron one for 44, shared the bowling honors.

Northcote and Preston Churches Cricket Association.—The semi-final matches of the above were commenced on Saturday last. Pender's A and Prince of Wales Park met on the Thornbury Presbyterian's wicket, at the west end of Hutton street. Prince of Wales Park captain won the toss and sent Penders to the wickets. They compiled 153 runs before they were dismissed, batting all the afternoon. Hugh Winslade batted a brilliant innings for 58 not out, and being one of the opening players he carried his bat through; he received congratulations from all sides. Others who batted well were J. Paul 15, S. Nauton 15, W. Hankin 16, E. Butler 15, H. Jones 10. The best bowling for Prince of Wales Park was done by Freeman three for 24, Temby two for 24, Kruse one for 4. Northcote Presbyterians and St. George's Road Methodists met on the Pender's Grove wicket, east end of Dundas street, Preston. Northcote Presbyterians batted first and scored 42 runs in their first innings. St. George's Road have lost three wickets for 83. The above matches will be resumed to-day.

Northcote and Preston Sunday Schools Cricket Association.—The final match was played between the Northcote Baptists and Northcote Presbyterians, and resulted in a win for the Baptists by 59 runs. Scores:—Baptists, 48 and 106 (Angus 33, Hubbard 36, and 14, Binns 18 and 8; Ridley, twelve for 64, and Gluyas, six for 51); Presbyterians, 30 and 66 (Johnston, 20 and 25; Angus, seven for 20, Walker, 1 for 18 and five for 14, Torode, two for 2 and one for 8, Binns, two for 15). The Northcote Baptists have had a very successful season, winning every match. L. Angus and G. Hubbard were the principal run-getters, scoring 210 and 108 runs respectively. T. Binns, 10 for 61; H. Koobit, 21 for 88; L. Torode, 22 for 99; G. Walker, 19 for 90; G. Hubbard, 26 for 148; did well with the ball.

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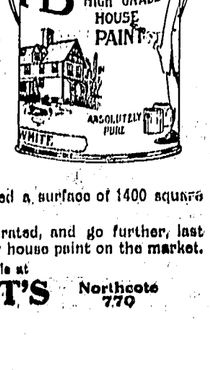

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PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH.

Present:— Crs Crispo (president), Jones, Bartrop, Warr, Robinson, McFadzean, Bricknell, and Bransgrove.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Cr. Cain, M.L.A., promising to make arrangements for deputation re police protection in the course of a few days.—Received.

From same, saying he would endeavor to carry out wishes in regard to legislation for giving compensation where cattle are destroyed for pleuro-pneumonia.

From City Council, stating this council's contribution towards discharging the liabilities on St. John Ambulance Service would be £12.—Referred to finance committee on the motion of Crs. McFadzean and Robinson.

From Northcote City Council, forwarding agreement under which they would give consent for a high tension electric cable to be carried along St. George's road.—Referred to committee of the whole.

From Municipal Employees' Union, forwarding copy of their new log, and asking council to either adopt same or grant the union a conference to discuss the log.—Received.

From W. H Crowe, B. Felsenthal, A McMahon, J. Dwyer, B. Eddy, and others asking that the footpaths in Garnett street, between High street and Bell station, be made; also that the roadway be metalled right across —Referred to works committee on the motion of Crs Jones and Warr.

From A. F. Anderson, hon. sec Preston Cadet Encouragement Committee, asking for use of hall and piano free of charge for concerts, etc, once a quarter to raise funds for carrying out their scheme to make the trainees more fit for the position which they will be called upon to occupy in the future.—Referred to hall committee on the motion of Crs Jones and Warr.

From R. H. Wilks, recalling any permission he had given for the passage of refuse water over his land. He would ask the council to shift the water channel completely off his land —Referred to committee of the whole on the motion of Crs. Jones and Robinson.

From R. Bennett, asking that steps be taken to have the water laid on in Olive street, as there were now four houses in same.—Request to be made to the Metropolitan Board on the motion of Crs. Jones and Robinson.

From Metropolitan Board, declining to extend the sewerage reticulation in Tyler street.

Cr. Robinson moved that a fresh application be made, pointing out that the place where this extension was wanted was close to a crowded school.

Cr. McFadzean seconded.—Carried.

From Geo. Burkett, Thornbury, asking on what terms he could have the shire hall every Thursday evening for the holding of "old time dances"—Referred to hall committee.

From East Riding Progress Association, again asking that a fire alarm be erected at the corner of Wood street and Plenty road.

Cr Bricknell said there was great need for an alarm there, and moved that application be made. Cr. Bransgrove seconded.—Carried.

From A. Beck, asking permission to build two houses on land 77 x 131 in South street.— Cr. Bricknell moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole, the applicant to be asked to attend.

From Municipal Employees' Union, notifying that their annual picnic would be held at Queenscliff on Monday, 14th March.

Cr Robinson moved that the men be allowed off for the picnic.

The president—Does that mean they will have to be paid.

Cr Robinson—There is no pleasure without the pay.

Cr. Jones said he would not support the motion as moved. They had a lot of casual labor at present, and it would mean a tremendous expense to let the men off. If it was confined to the regular employees he would not mind supporting it.

Cr. Robinson—If you encourage the men you will get better results.

Cr. Bartrop—If they are going to be paid every man jack of them will want to go.

Cr. Warr would only support the privilege being extended to the regular hands.

The president—Best leave it to the engineer to say who he can spare.

Cr Robinson said he agreed that they could not shut the whole municipality up.

Cr. Jones said it was not fair to throw the responsibility on the engineer, and moved an amendment that no action be taken.

Cr Bricknell seconded.—Carried.

From E. E. Croft, asking for permission to build on a block 35 x 90 in Carlisle street.—Referred to the committee, applicant to be asked to attend.

From A. McLaren, asking for permission to establish an iron foundry in Mary street.—Referred to committee, applicant to be invited to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £1106 9s 9d be passed for payment —Adopted. [The accounts included a transfer of £1000 to the Memorial Hall account.]

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £965 17s 10d be passed for payment. —Adopted.

2. Re work of regrading drain on north side of Gower street, opposite Princes street.—That engineer be instructed to have work done, cost of same to be debited to east riding apportionment.—Adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £339 11s 5d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. From Maude Bickford, applying for electric light to premises in Tynan street.—That the extension be granted subject to £2 10s being paid towards cost, same to be refunded when payable proposition.—Adopted.

3. Re placing street lamp in Thackeray road.—That a street lamp be erected.—Adopted.

4 Re better lighting of streets in the localities of soldiers' homes.—That a street lamp be erected in Esther, Adeline, Gertrude, and Herbert streets. —Adopted.

5. That a street lamp be erected in Dundas street, near main drain.—Adopted.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. Re construction of turf wicket in Cramer street park. — That the engineer be instructed to proceed with work.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Jones (chrirman) submitted the report, recommending:—

1. From town clerk, City, asking the council if they will be prepared to pay their proportion of the expenditure incurred if proposed bacteriological analysis of the milk supply is undertaken.—That no action be taken.—Adopted,

2 From Master Carriers' Association, asking for council's views with reference to the question of a wheel tax being imposed by act of Parliament.—That no action be taken.

3. Re road roller.—That tender of A. H McDonald for £1255 for a nine tons roller be accepted.—It was decided to invite fresh tenders.

4. From Northern District Rowing Club, applying for permission to commence building boat sheds at Edwardes Park Lake.—That matter be left with the engineer for attention.—Adopted.

REPORTS.

The treasurer (Mr. W. A. Kelly) reported receipts for fortnight £651/5/1; and net overdraft £5409/10/-.— Referred to finance committee.

The engineer (Mr. W. A. Kelly) reported:—

1. Road makingmaterial carted from quarry for fortnight, 829 cubic yards; also 1,050 6-inch pitchers.

2 Asphalting of north side of Seymour street completed. Other asphalt work was being delayed through difficulties in getting tar. Repairs to Plenty road are well in hand.

Replying to Cr. Crispe, the engineer said not more than the £800 provided would be spent on Plenty road.

The engineer explained that the delay in blinding the metal in the soldiers' homes streets was due to the material being required for Plenty road—a main public thoroughfare.

The inspector (Mr. Tassie) reported having impounded 26 head of wandering cattle for the fortnight.

The secretary said they had been unable to trace who opened the gate and took the horses out of the yard. Since then two bundles of 9-feet weatherboards had been removed from the new electric light building.

The president — Commonly called stolen.

The matter was referred to the police, on the motion of Cr. Jones.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Warr moved that the matter of improving Jeffrey street be referred to works committee, the engineer to report.

Cr. Bartrop said there would be trouble if something were not done to Jessie street. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Bricknell moved that the matter of placing a drinking tap near the corner of Bell street and Plenty road be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the matter of asphalting the south side of Edwardes street be referred to the committee of the whole.

Replying to Cr. Bricknell the engineer said that all the asphalting work listed would be done before the winter granting the necessary supplies of tar could be obtained.

Cr. Robinson moved that application be made for a fire alarm at the corner of Gilbert road and Regent street.

Cr. Jones said there had been some talk to the effect that the council had hounded out of the place some people who desired to establish an industry. He would like to say that the Messrs Kennard could have established their factory in accordance with the wishes of the council by the expenditure of about £15.

Cr. Robinson said his attention had been drawn to the number of disorderly people in the neighborhood of the Tyler street tram terminus on Sunday afternoons and evenings. He moved that the Commissioner of Police be asked to send a man there.

Cr. Bartrop moved that attention be given to the crossing at the intersection of Bell and Arthur streets.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH.

[Before Messrs Braithwaite (chairman) and Wood, J.'s.P.]

Blanche White v. Alfred Patrick White was adjourned for further four weeks to give defendant a chance to pay up arrears.

J. Frost proceeded against O. Kift for £3 2s 6, work and labor done and materials supplied in installing electric light in houses. Mr. A. S. Wilkinson appeared for defence. There being no written contract, the Bench made an order for the amount.

Martha Woodhead sued Reuben Page for unlawful assault. After hearing the evidence the Bench dismissed the case.

J. Dobson v. Thomas Martin. Goods supplied, £5 16s. Order for amount, with 6/- costs.

Frank Kendall, against whom were three charges by George Webster of failing to cause his children to attend school regularly, was fined 5/- in each case.

The shire ranger (C. Tassie) proceeded against a number of residents for allowing their cattle to wander. They were dealt with as follows:—

Jack Marshall, fined 5/- and 2/6 costs; A. Ashton, 7/6 and 2/6 costs; D. Bramwell, 5/- costs; H. Moore, 5/- and 5/-; R. Simpson, 5/- and 7/6; W. Elder, jnr., 5/- and 7/6; B. Edmonds, 5/- and 7/6; J. Bradley (4), £1 and 12/6; T. Sabelberg, 5/- and £1 2s 6d; H. Kupsch, 6/- and 5/-; A. Sheppard, 5/- and 5/-, W. Elder, snr., 5/- and 7/6; P. Bain, 5/- and 5/-; J. Prater (9), £1 2s 6d and £1 5s; E. Bradley (5), £1 5s and 15/-; E. Poultor, 5/- and 5/-; S. S. Fraser, 5/- and 10/-.

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YOUNG MAN'S PLUCKY ACT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of Saturday, 5th inst., there appears an account of two runaway horses that took place on the previous Saturday. No doubt much credit was due to Constable Frawley, but he did not appear on the scene until most of the excitement was over. As the horses came careering down past Hattam & Slater's a young man dropped his bag and bicycle on the road and ran in front of the horses to try and stop them. This method failing, he ran to the side of the lorry and made two or three attempts to mount on to it. At last he succeeded in getting a foothold and climbing up on to the side. He crawled down the middle pole (a most dangerous proceeding) and caught the reins just as Constable Frawley ran and caught their heads. There were many spectators.—Yours, etc.,

A BYSTANDER.

BAND OF HOPE NOTES.

At the meeting of the Westgarth Baptist Band of Hope on Thursday evening the members were favored with a visit from the Messrs B E. Mills and J. J. Barlow, vice-presidents of the Band of Hope Union. There were about thirty young people present, and several applications were made for membership Mr. Mills delivered an interesting and instructive address.

The open-air lantern campaign was continued during the week. On Friday evening there was a large crowd of young people present in the grounds of the Thornbury Presbyterian church. Mr. T Grimshaw was chairman, and gave a rousing temperance address. The lantern pictures were much appreciated. The cold weather experienced on Saturday evening made it necessary to retire to the school hall, where there was a moderate attendance. Mr J. C. Watson, Sunday school superintendent, presided over the gathering. Mr. C. J. Lee, of Thornbury, was the speaker, and delighted the young people with his stories and pictures. Songs were rendered by Miss Joyce Thompson and Mr. Jack Egan. Masters Ed. Taylor and Charlie Ely proved efficient lanternists.

One of the most important pieces of temperance work which is being done in Victoria is the Band of Hope work which has been carried on by the Victorian Band of Hope Union for some years in the various children's homes and institutions. The children in all these homes look forward eagerly to Band of Hope day, and the visitors are always assured of a hearty welcome. By special permission from the State Government the Band of Hope work has been carried on for some five years at the Royal Park Homes. In addition to this, Bands of Hope are maintained in connection with the Gordon Institute, Ragged Boys Home, Kildonan (Presbyterian) Home, and the Geelong Protestant Orphanage. This work is done by the voluntary workers associated with the Union. From time to time visits are paid and addresses given at other institutions, notably the well-known Ballarat Orphanage. Other Bands of Hope and friends provide entertainments for the children from time to time, and thus help those who are not so well situated as themselves. More helpers are required, and the hon. secretary of the Union, Mr. W. H. Rose, 41 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, will be glad to hear from friends who will help in the good work.

AMUSEMENTS.

Perhaps the most surprising piece of theatrical news that could be published at the present time, when the Ben and John Fuller pantomime, "Cinderella," is drawing big houses at the Princess Theatre, is that already the firm have completed arrangements for their next pantomime at Christmas The fact is that the preparations have to be made a long way ahead, especially as regards the engagement of artists. Mr. John Fuller, jnr., who was in Melbourne last week, reports having engaged several of the principals in the cast, as well as specialties and features. It is the Fuller's present intention to present "Bluebeard" at the Princess Theatre at Christmas time.

Miss Amy Rochelle, the Cinderella principal boy, created a sensation in the city a week ago by riding a motor scooter through the streets. The pantomime prince dashed along at the rate of 25 miles an hour, which is the maximum speed of the autoped. All the city speed limits were broken, but she managed to escape the police on point duty. It is the intention of Miss Rochelle to again ride her scooter through the city streets during her season in Melbourne, and doubtless the constables on point duty will read this note and keep their eyes open for her, for what a beautiful charge she would make.

It was for Miss Laura Gourito, now appearing at Fullers' Bijou Theatre, that "Get Out and Get Under" was written, and you have to hear the creator sing it to understand how it so quickly became one of the rages of ragtime. Miss Gourito is a tempest, a whirlwind of shapely proportions, and beautifully gowned. Her facial expression is convulsive, and her attitudes, well, they are her own. She is one of those artists who are popular from the jump off, and possesses the greatest gift of all—that of making friends of her audience.

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An American painter entered the great cathedral at Seville to make a copy of one of Murillo's masterpieces. He painted in a side chapel, working from the early hours to dusk, and desisting only when the vergers were about to shut the gates.

Tradition had told this man that bloodhounds guarded the cathedral by night, but he scoffed at the ancient story, and would have none of it.

One night, however, the fascination of his task kept him long at his palette. He had ceased to remember the hours, did not observe the failing light, and had, it may be supposed, forgotten that he was in a cathedral at all. From which reverie of art the sudden baying of a hound aroused him, and he realised in a flash that the gates were shut and the dogs were loose. And then he doubted the tradition no more, but, fearing for his life, he flung to the door of the chapel screen, and prayed for the vergers and for day.

He was a true Bohemian, at home alike at the Ritz or the Hotel of the Beautiful Stars. To spend a night in a lonely chapel did not seem so dreadful a thing, for had he not his Spanish cloak in which to wrap himself, and was there not a carpet upon the altar steps whereon he might lie? So he slept soundly for some hours—until a woman's shriek aroused him, and he became aware that it was the witching hour of night, and that others were in the great building with him.

There were wild shrieks, awful cries of woe, and they echoed dreadfully beneath the great vault. Anon, his face pressed to the grille and fear striking at his heart, our painter perceived two men dragging a nun down the side aisle—and the light of their lantern showed him plainly what they were doing.

Quite near to him there stood a great pillar—a stone of which was swung about at a touch, and a cavity revealed. Into this place the assassins thrust the nun, stifling her screams and deriding her appeals for mercy.

Then they pushed back the stone into its place, and mortised the cracks, and having done as much they left the cathedral with quick steps, which echoed beneath the vault as a very requiem. But the artist was left at the grille, his senses reeling, his faculties benumbed, and but one mad purpose—that he would tear the very iron from the stones to save this wretched creature from the living tomb.

They released him at dawn, two vergers who expressed surprise at the misfortunes of an old Americano. Too wise to whisper a word to them, the painter went first to the pillar to be sure that he had not dreamed a dream—and, finding that his thumb could be fitted by the still wet mortar, he hurried to the American consul and told his story. And what do you think the answer was? An immediate intimation that the woman must be saved; the promise to appeal to the Bishop, or to Madrid?

Nothing of the kind.

"My friend," said the consul, "have you really seen this thing?"

The painter swore it was true.

"Then," said the consul, "if you would save your own life, leave Seville by the first train you can catch. I myself will see that you go, for I know your peril."

It was in vain to protest. The consul persisted; the appeals to a common humanity went unheard. In three hours the painter was on his way to the frontier, and has never set foot in Spain from that day to this.

A true story? I cannot tell you.

But obviously the American consul believed it to be true, and not only true, but, as he admitted in a subsequent letter, so well understood in certain circles at Seville that its narration would not have caused surprise.

CORNS IN HORSES' FEET.

Horses with flat feet and low heels are liable to have corns (says "Vet." in the "Practical Farmer"). A corn mostly forms in the inner angle of the heel between the wall and the bars, and in some few instances corns form in the same situation at the outside of the heel.

A corn may be described as a bruise, which is produced on that part of the heel situated between the bar and the wall crust. The bruise is caused by the pressure of the shoe on that part, and is especially liable to occur when the heels have been cut down too much and the sole above the heels too extensively pared away. By doing as described, the horse's weight is thrown more on his heels than it ought to be, and they are less able to resist pressure on account of the extensive removal of the horn. Uneven setting of the shoe is also a cause of corn, and this may act as a cause where the horn has also been excessively cut away. The shoe, by pressing on the sole, bruises the sensitive tissues above, small blood-vessels are ruptured, and there is consequently extravasation of blood, which penetrates the horn beneath, producing a red spot at the heel. This condition is usually accompanied by lameness, and by the horse, while standing, frequently putting the foot out in front of him.

When it is ascertained that a horse is lame from a corn, the shoe having been removed and the horn thinned a mewhat over the seat of the corn, the horse's foot should be poulticed for a few days and then he should stand without shoes until he is free from lameness. If there is acute pain in the foot, the corn should be pared to the quick, as matter may have collected. It is necessary to apply a bar shoe for a month or two when the heel has been much cut away, but this kind of shoe may be dispensed with when, by growth of horn, the foot has become strong.

Stallions and mares with low heels and flat feet should not be used for breeding, as such feet are very apt to become affected with corns.

A NIGERIAN LEGEND.

It is indisputable that Ibibios occupy a low rung on the ladder of culture, and are perhaps as brutal and bloodthirsty as any people throughout the Dark Continent (writes Dorothy Amaury Talbot in an article in "Harper's Magazine" entitled "Among the Ibibios of Southern Nigeria"). The Ibibios have preserved many legends, among which the following is by no means the least interesting:—

There was once a man named Eka Ete, who had three sons and a daughter. One morning, very early, when the Mimbo people were going towards their grove to collect palm-wine, they saw four pythons hurriedly crossing the road. The first man ran back to his house to fetch a weapon.

On returning he found that the pythons had gone only a little way into the bush. He, therefore, followed the tracks and soon overtook them. At once he lifted his gun and was about to fire when the biggest snake raised his head from the ground and cried with a man's voice:

"Do not kill us! We are the children of Eka Ete!"

The hunter asked:

"How is it possible for you to be his child, seeing that you are a snake?"

To this the reptile answered:

"Go to our father and ask for whatever you wish in exchange for our lives, and he will give it to you."

Then the man went back to the house of Eka Ete and said:

"A while ago I saw four long snakes and wanted to kill them, but as I was about to do so one of them raised his head and said that they were children of yours. Can you explain the matter?"

On hearing this the old man asked to be led to the place where the reptiles lay. No sooner had he arrived than all four raised their heads and cried to him:

"Father! Father! Save us! We are your children! Last night we came out in snake form and enjoyed ourselves so well that we paid no heed to time, and did not notice that day was dawning. When the sun rose we tried to hasten home, but the Mimbo men found us crossing the road, and since then they have watched us so that we cannot escape."

"Eka Ete was quite confounded by what he had heard, but he went to the Idiong diviner and asked:

"How is it possible that these snakes should be the children who have hitherto dwelt with me in the house?"

To this the priest of Idiong made answer:

"The souls of your three sons and of your daughter have, of a truth, gone forth in this form, and should the snakes be killed your children would surely die also."

On hearing this Eka Ete asked:

"What can I do to make them come back home?"

To which the Idiong man replied:

"Get goats, fish and palm-oil and offer these before the Juju Anyang. Should the spirit accept the offering the souls of your children will be able to leave their snake-form and come home once more."

Eka Ete did as he was bidden, then waited anxiously to see what would happen. During all this time his four children had appeared languid and mazed, as though their spirits were wandering far away. About a week after the sacrifice had been offered the snakes crept back to their home during the night-time, and after this the four children recovered and became just as they had been before their souls went forth.

WORK AS A MEDICINE.

One of the most notable things among the unemployed is the rapidity with which they age. The more delicately adjusted a piece of machinery is, the quicker it rusts and goes to ruin when not running. When the mind is not healthfully employed and constantly exercised it ruins itself very quickly. There are many instances in history where great men, when deprived of liberty, when their employment was taken away from them, very quickly went to pieces. They were unable to sustain the shock. Statistics show that great mind-workers are, as a rule long lived. Activity is conducive to longevity. There is nothing like having plenty of work; something to look forward to constantly; something to plan for, to live for. There is nothing more fatal to growth and normal living than the monotony which comes from mental inaction. There is nothing more fatal to growth than stagnation.

SOLDIERS' OFFENCES.

There are more than a dozen different offences for which a soldier may be sentenced to death while on active service.

The first on the list of death offences applies to a commanding officer and reads, "Shamefully delivering up a garrison when in command of troops, without due necessity—punishment, death."

A soldier can be shot for throwing away his rifle or sword in the presence of the enemy, for cowardice, or for leaving his commanding officer in order to plunder. If he forces his way past a sentry on active service he may be sentenced to death, or for assaulting anyone bringing up provisions for the troops. Soldiers are expressly forbidden while on active service to commit any offence against a resident of the country in which he is fighting under pain of death, nor may he break into any house in search of plunder, or discharge his rifle intentionally to create a false alarm on the march.

A soldier while acting as sentry who is found sleeping at his post may be shot. Any man causing or joining in a mutiny is liable to be shot. Desertion or attempt at desertion while on active service is naturally a death offence.

Tenderfoot (excitedly): There you are! What do you do to a man like that? That scoundrel in the red shirt dealt himself four aces from the bottom of the pack.

The Native: Well, ca'm stranger. It was his deal.

THE MAN WHO WILL NOT PROPOSE.

The despair of the mother with daughters to marry, the thorn in the flesh to their fathers, the very real tragedy to the girl whose heart he has won with no official title to have done so, the man who will not propose is a blot upon the face of creation, a being to be as speedily and sternly crushed out of existence as may be, for procrastination—his own besetting sin—must never be exhibited in dealing with him.

The man who will not propose is one of the strikingly bad products of modern fashions. He was an absolute impossibility in the days when papa's consent had to be gained ere a gallant dare proceed to seriously court a lass.

More than two dances in an evening, an offered bouquet, the most casual homage, would rouse a watchful father, and "What are your intentions, young man?" utterly annihilated the impossible gentleman who might not have proposed.

Other times other fashions. To-day a careless world permits a man to monopolise a girl's society; to make her conspicuous by his attentions, and stand between her and all other possible suitors, and yet leave a lurking doubt in her mind as to whether he really "means anything" after all, the while she is shrinkingly conscious of the shoulder-shrugs of all her dearest friends.

For almost every sin of omission or commission there is some excuse. "To know all is to pardon all" is the truest, as it is the most charitable, of proverbs; but for the man who will not propose there is no apology to be offered.

It is now and then said that he is shy, but the peculiar kind of shyness that enables a man to make the running for a girl's heart, yet refuses to permit him to ask the important question, is of a quality that, if genuine, should surely entitle him to a cage in the nearest Zoo!

The truth of the matter is that the man who will not propose is something of a philanderer, something of a procrastinator; and the girl who suffers him meekly is a much-mistaken miss, and has only herself to blame for her sufferings.

The man who will not propose is generally the result of the foolish fair one who wears her dear little heart on her sleeve, and permits the man who has won it the privileges of a lover before he is entitled to them.

There is much of the flirt, little enough of the true lover, in the man who prates of the romance of unspoken words and the tie of unwielded fetters. In all probability marriage is far enough from his thoughts, and his intentions go no further than a summer day flirtation.

A little dignity, combined with a friendly display of amusement at his sentimental meanderings, will speedily induce this slayer of unwary damsels to seek fresh fields and pastures new, and, indeed, much the same tactics pursued towards the lover who really loves, but is merely selfishly dilatory, will be found to be eminently successful.

A nice girl is rightly shyly sensitive at any suspicion arising that she is anxious to hasten the progress of her love-story, and rather than it should arise she allows the prelude to be spun out to wearisome and mortifying length by the man who will not propose.

Yet there is no single reason why this should be the case, and a thousand why it should not.

The lover who will not propose must be gently and firmly shunted off the "love" line in the siding marked "friendship," until such time as the spirit moves him to perform his obvious duty.

Under such circumstances it will not take him long to grasp the fact that some things must be asked for—and asked for nicely—ere they may be obtained.

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"I wish"—he sighed, gazing ardently into his beloved one's eyes—"I wish I were a star."

"I would rather," she replied dreamily, "that you were a comet."

His heart beat tumultuously against his ribs.

"And why?" he asked tenderly, taking her unresisting little hand within his own. "Why?" he repeated imperiously.

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MEN NEED MORE FOOD THAN WOMEN.

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Ever since the attempt was first made to adjust the amount of food taken into the body to the amount required for energy it has been understood that men as a class have to eat considerably more than women. But just how much more food they needed or just why they needed it was not clear until scientists in the nutrition laboratory completed their recent investigations.

Observations were made for a long period on a group of eighty-nine men and sixty-eight women, all of whom were in good health. None of the subjects were athletes, and all were practically of the same height and weight.

The quantity and quality of the food they ate were carefully recorded, and they were tested daily to see how much their bodies had generated. These tests were made twelve hours after the last meal, when their systems were in the same condition, and there would therefore be no differences due to muscular activity.

The investigation showed that the average woman generates only 1355 heats units in the twenty-four hours, as against 1638 produced by the man, or about two per cent. more for the latter, per pound of body weight. When groups were compared, after careful selection of individuals of nearly the same height and weight, the men were found to produce about twelve per cent. more heat than the women.

The reason for the heavier food requirements of men is believed by the scientists who conducted these experiments to be that women have a smaller proportion of active material than men of the same weight and more inactive material, such as fat.

ANTS AS DRUG MAKERS.

In an address before the Natural History Society of Philadelphia, Dr Adolph Miller related an ingenious method by which the natives of the Malaysian States make the white ants of that country work for them in freeing the valuable inner part of the sandalwood tree from its useless outer layers of soft, woody tissues. This species of ant devours wood voraciously; in fact it is almost impossible to preserve ordinary furniture from its ravages, but they have a strong aversion to the heart wood of the sandal tree on account of its essential oil, which makes it indispensable for chests, etc. To save them-selves the work of stripping the soft outer wood from the inner core, when a tree is cut down and sawn into logs of the desired size these are placed where the ants are most numerous, and in a short time the outer wood has been tunnelled and eaten by these insects, so that it can be easily scraped off from the core. Logs thus stripped of the edible portions are cut up and used for furniture, boxes, chests, etc., which in addition to not being attacked by ants, have an agreeable incense-like odor that remains for years.

This is due to the sandal oil present, large quantities of which are distilled from the wood of the sandal tree and used in medicine. Camphor wood is also reputed to have similar properties in repelling destructive insects, and is widely used by the Chinese for furniture, etc. One who has never lived in the tropics can hardly realise the destructiveness of various species of ants—the white ant especially—which invade a house in swarms and burrow and tunnel into the wood of buildings, into furniture, etc; in fact, often destroying an article like a chair or table in a single night.

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Twelve tablespoonfuls dry material one cupful.

Two cupfuls make one pint.

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One teaspoonful salt to one quart of soup.

One quart of water to each pound of meat and bone for soup stock.

Four pepper-corns, four cloves, one teaspoonful mixed herbs to each quart of water for soup stock.

One teaspoonful of flavoring extract to one plain loaf cake.

One cupful butter (solid) makes one-half pound.

One cup of granulated sugar one half pound.

One round tablespoonful butter one ounce.

Sergeant (disgustedly, to Private Jones, who is not exactly a Private Fulton at shooting): Ugh! don't waste your last bullet. Nineteen are quite enough to blaze away without hitting the target once. Go behind that wall and blow your brains out.

Jones walked quietly away, and a few seconds later a shot rang out.

"Great Scott! the fool's done what I told him!" howled the sergeant, running behind the wall. Great was his relief when he saw Private Jones coming towards him.

"Sorry, sergeant," he said apologetically; "another miss."

"Doctor, what did you tell me was your treatment for sleeplessness?"

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DOES A WOMAN SAVE BY SMALL ECONOMIES?

By "Mrs. Harris."

As I write the words, "Does a woman save by small economies?" there arises on my mental horizon the figure of Letitia. Peace be to her ashes—that is, if she wants them to rest in peace, for while on earth she made the full endeavor of her life to know no peace herself and to prevent others having peace. She created for herself worries and enjoyed their atmosphere as others strive after its avoidance.

Volumes could not tell the luxury of woe she found in breakages, in the sudden notices from servants, in the non-delivery of goods, in the thousand and one disappointments which give the ordinary housekeeper some implement "quarters of an hour." They gave her food for grumbling and for distressful prophecies for days, and made everybody feel the time of wrath had indeed descended on the threshold of the average citizen.

Once only was Letitia rendered without the power of retort, and that was when a young niece asked why they should all wear long faces and believe the world was coming to an end because a tumbler had been broken. This showed such disregard of the sacredness of property that it left her overwhelmed.

But I think it was Letitia's gift of economising that first made me understand how a virtue can become near akin to vice, and made me wonder whether too much looking after trifles does not sometimes prove more expensive than a mild extravagance.

There are times when it is necessary to spend—where spending means all the difference between success and failure; and I have invariably found that the person whose mind is given to small economies never knows the time for spending.

I once knew a manageress of an establishment who gained a reputation for wonderful capacity because she set about saving cord and paper by gathering up all that came in her way; it is one of the usual little economies of a small household that works well; but when it was applied to a big sphere it meant so much loss of time and patience that it could never be an advantage. Later she had the (to her) happy thought of sending all bills and circulars by halfpenny instead of penny stamps, also of saving tea-money and time by letting her girls go home ten minutes earlier than their usual hour.

And so on in every department. Her employers, of course, thought they had discovered a treasure beyond price; it was many weeks before they realised that customers objected to their bills being left open to the mercy of prying eyes, and that the little break in the monotony of work and the additional alertness which came from the cup of tea habit more than balanced the loss. It was a case in which small economies did more harm than good.

If a good many of us examined our conscience on the matter, we should find a similar state of affairs in our daily round. Women have the reputation of being penny wise and pound foolish to a greater extent than men, and perhaps deservedly. We often, in our caring for the small, near things, neglect the big and important. It is partly due to training, partly due to the narrowness of outlook life conditions impose upon women.

As a rule their position leads them to the consideration of pence and shillings—the buying of foodstuffs, of many items of clothing which go to their wardrobes and those of their children, the constant attention necessary to the small duties which mean comfort and content for their menfolk, all tend to give prominence to the trifle in their lives. It is not any wonder, therefore, if we often find the sense of due proportion lost and a mania made for small economies.

It is the women always who will risk the ruin of dainty shoes, or a fragile dress, by waiting for a bus, or walking to a railway station, instead of taking a cab. Whoever saw a man hesitate over the spending of a shilling when it was a question of his silk hat! It is the woman who in holiday times plans excursion meals, which by the time they are prepared, carried, and eaten, have caused loss of temper, and loss of enjoyment; the man will keep on the line of an inn or hotel where a comfortable dinner is to be found.

I picnicked once with Letitia, where sandwiches were of the stalest bread and guiltless of butter, the home-made lemonade had hardly seen sugar, the condensed milk refused to amalgamate with the tea, and the home-made fruit-cake and the foreign tomatoes were so much of an affinity that they both shared the fate of being squashed. So dismal a failure was the attempt at eating by any of the party, that Letitia's brother in charity had to propose a dinner. It cost about four shillings a head, while the food which might have taken its place had a generous mind provided was left for stray dogs to feed on.

Letitia also practised the economy so fatal to the appearance of so many women. She went in for home-dressmaking—in itself the wisest and most far-reaching of economies—but she never got enough of stuff to cut out properly or enough to give the proper finish.

Now this is one of the economies constantly practised, and which means that the saving of half a yard of material or of a few pence a yard on trimming is to be badly dressed instead of well dressed. I once spoke to a very skilled dressmaker about home dressmaking, and she said that the great fault of the little dressmaker and the home dressmaker is skimpiness of material and cut.

Then all economies in food which lower the standard of nourishment are a mistake. One remembers all one's life the boarding-house, where tough joints were roasted and watery rice was disguised with custard powder; one also remembers the constant flitting of paying guests, and the ruin brought from false economy. Where money is scarce and economies have to be practised in the household, there is only one rule: Never do cheeseparing on the essentials, and see that your small economies do not mean expenditure of health and happiness.

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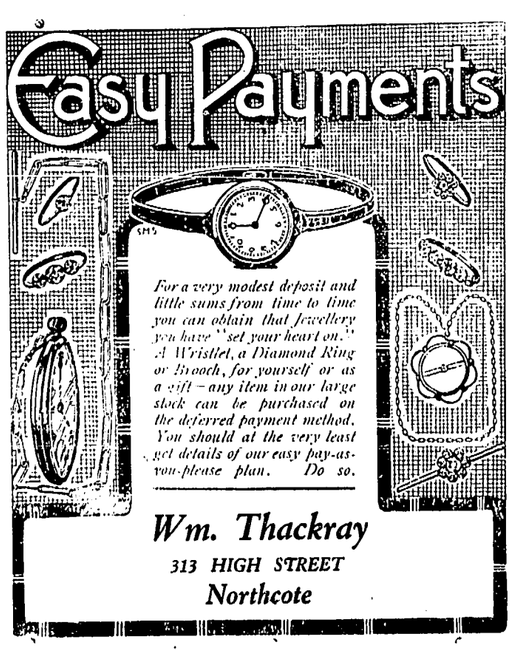

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Present—Crs. McCormack (president), Browne, Butler, Reid, Brock, Hurrey, Clarke, Morgan, Thomas, Cornfoot, Mitchell and Downie.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Public Health Department, stating that butchers were only allowed to render down fat from raw material in connection with their own business, and on condition that no offensive fumes or effluvia are caused. —Received.

From Same, asking council to take all steps with a view to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis.—Referred to health officer.

From Shire of Cranbourne, asking this council to request its Parliamentary representatives to support legislation with a view of compensating owners who have cattle destroyed to prevent spread of pleuro-pneumonia

The president said that the giving of compensation for cattle destroyed was the only way of stamping out the pleuro, as without it owners were inclined to hide the disease, rather than face being ruined. He moved that Cranbourne's request be complied with.

Cr. Reid seconded.—Carried.

From H. W. Davey, orchard supervisor Agricultural Department, asking if it was a fact that the plant known as St. John's Wort is growing at Arthur's Creek.—Referred to the inspector.

From Metropolitan Board, suggesting that the defective water trough on Plenty road, Janefield, be renewed so as to prevent present waste of water. —The engineer reported he was attending to the matter.

From Railway Commissioners, stating that their real aim is to give the best service at the lowest possible cost, and soliciting the co-operation of all in conducing to that end.

Strong complaint was made by councillors as to the way this district had been treated in railway matters, and it was decided to try & get some redress through the Municipal Association.

From Municipal Association, asking if this council had any business to bring forward at the annual session 1921.—Councillors were requested to bring forward any matters by next meeting.

From Country Roads Board, saying they could not recommend acceptance of tender of F. H Thomson for grubbing and clearing 152½ chains of Kinglake-Whittlesea road for £144 11s, as same was considered excessive

The engineer said it was important that this work be got on with, otherwise the work would not be done before the winter. They had twice called tendors, and though this was above the estimate no great amount was concerned in the aggregate.

Cr. Downie moved that the engineer interview the Board with a view to getting them to waive their objection. —Carried.

From Phosphate Operative Co. of Australia, re cartage of timber from their mills to Whittlesea railway station, stating they would be agreeable to make some payment for the use of the road, but they could not commit themselves to the paying of half cost of maintenance, as there would be much heavy traffic besides theirs.

Mr. Saunders, representing the Phosphate Co., said they were spending over £2000 in the shire, and it was urgent that finality be reached, as on getting the timber from the mill at Whittlesea hinged all the other operations of the company. They suggested that they make a contribution through rates. They would take the greatest care of the road, having 6in tyres.

Cr. Brock moved that the contribution of the company take the form of royalty on the timber carted, the members for the Whittlesea riding to fix same.

Cr. Hurrey seconded the motion.

It was subsequently agreed between the company's representative and Crs. Mitchell and Cornfoot, with the engineer, that the company pay a royalty for using the road of 2d per 100 super feet, or £173 per annum.

From Federated Municipal Employees' Union, forwarding copy of new log and asking council either to adopt same or grant the union a conference.—Referred to the Municipal Association to act for the council—on the motion of Crs Mitchell and Clarke.

Cr. Browne remarked that rates and taxes were now pretty well up to the breaking point, and if there was any further increase labor would have to be cut down.

From Darebin Progress Association asking Council to receive deputation on March 9th.

From A. Moore, Northcote, reporting that the timber in the roadway dividing his and Mr. Creighton's property was being cut down by woodcarters from Doreen, and the branches left strewn about as a danger to traffic. He would like to know if they had been given leave to do this —It was decided that the letter be forwarded to the Forestry Department, who have control of such matters.

Cr. Clarke moved that the engineer report on the state of the road.—Carried.

From National Roads Association, thanking Council for co-operation and assistance during the past year. As the effect of their propaganda the Government had made a grant of £500,000 for road construction.

From Chas. E. Johnson, shire inspector, reporting that since the previous meeting he had had the misfortune to have the house he occupied burnt, together with all his belongings, also some of the council's property, viz: —Plan of shire, dog receipt book, copy Pounds Act, copy Dog Act, seal of shire for Pure Foods Act. He had also lost all receipts from the treasurer for monies paid. The only book he now had in his possession was the road book; also all the notices he had served re the thistles are useless as he had now no proof that he had served the notices as that book was burnt with the rest, so he would have to go over all his work again. During the month he had impounded 16 head of cattle and inspected all slaughter-yards, which he found clean. There were no complaints re sanitary work at Whittlesea as now carried out by Mr. W. Youlden, the new contractor.—Received.

CLOSING A ROAD.

Re unused road opposite Downie's, Bruce's Creek, Cr. Mitchell moved that the council has no objection to the closing up and sale of the road.

Cr. Cornfoot seconded.

Cr. Cornfoot moved that this proposed action be advertised in the local paper; any objections to be forwarded at once.—Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cr. Thomas (chairman of the finance committee) submitted the report as follows:— Receipts for month, £505 19/5; Country Roads Board Acc., Dr., £312/11/4; loan acc., Cr., £878/4/7; bank balance, Dr., £2,347/5/7; payments recommended, £483/0/9.

Riding Balances.— Whittlesea, Dr., £1,162/12/3; Yan Yean, Dr., £597 3/5; Morang Dr., £1,081/2/4; Epping, Cr., £331/8/3; trust acc, £142/-/5.

The report was adopted.

Cr. Thomas reminded the council that the overdraft was within £20 of the legal limit.

Cr. Browne asked if anything was being done by the three Whittlesea ridings in the way of putting on the extra rate, as there was an understanding that this was going to be done. They were now living from hand to mouth, and when all the rates were got in they would find they had nothing to go on with. He understood this action was going to be taken.

Cr. Thomas—If necessary.

Cr. Browne—It is necessary.

Cr. Butler—The Whittlesea ridings must put on the extra rate, or we can't do the work promised.

LOVE'S ROAD.

Re Love's road, the engineer reported that he had made searches, and so far as he could discover it was only a private road in a private sub-division, over which the council had no jurisdiction.

Cr. Reid — What about spending money there?

The engineer—If any money was spent it was spent illegally.

Cr. Brock moved that the council has no objection to the road being closed. Cr. Reid seconded.—Carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. C. J. McCormack reported:—

1. Epping Riding.— Crossings put in at Church of England and at Pittaway's.— Metal broken and spread on Main road, Morriang.

Whittlesea Riding. — Repairs to Bruce's creek bridge are in progress.

Yan Yean Riding.— Entrance to McKay's and Bassett's completed — Eagle Nest road and Grimshaw's deviation repaired; also trough at Nutfield.—Culvert at Garside's would be repaired as soon as possible

Tarring of Main roads temporarily held up through inability to obtain tar.

It was decided to do work on James's hill by day labor—on motion of Crs. Thomas and Morgan.

Cr. Brock moved, and the president seconded, that Roland's lane be put in order by the daymen.—Carried.

Having inspected road leading up to Howitt's Look-out, the only part the council is responsible for is up to Mills's corner. The overseer could attend to this.—Agreed to, on the motion of Cr. Thomas.

Cr. Brock reported that Messrs Bassett and Cornell had repaired Linden's bridge, and it was now standing the traffic all right.

TENDERS.

The tender of John Burton for the erection of Scrubby Creek bridge at £1,100 was accepted, subject to he approval of the Country Roads Board.

Lewis Jennett's tender was accepted for 40 yards of gravel for Glenburnie road, Eden Park 10s. yd.

Brazzil Bros.' tender at 7/6 per yard was accepted for 100 yards of spalls for Young's road.

The Morang riding members were appointed to deal with fresh tenders for 1,000 yards of spalls for the main Whittlesea road. Tenders to be returnable in a fortnight.

It was decided to call fresh tenders for Black Flat and Kinglake road; also for horse and dray work, Epping riding.

LUX LIGHT.

Cr. Thomas strongly recommended the doing away with the lux light for public lighting and substituting the gloria light at one-tenth the cost.

Cr Brock said the gloria light had been supplanted at the Whittlesea Church of England by a superior and a cheaper light.

THOMASTOWN SETTLEMENT ROAD.

Messrs Almond (president), Dennison, Lynch, Males, Allen, Pickles, Cook, Bargling, and Guthrie, of the Darebin Progress Association, waited as a deputation on the council regarding the roads in the Thomastown Settlement.

Mr. Almond said when they waited on the council before they were promised a certain amount, but it was inadequate, as the work was insufficient to induce anyone to tender for it. Through Mr. Robertson, M.L.A., they had a hint that the Closer Settlement Board might do something. They had come to suggest that the council join them in a deputation to the Closer Settlement Board, and see what they could get out of them. The roads were so bad that if they were not improved they would be cut off from their supplies. There was only one produce merchant who would come there now. The council had received £500 in rates, and they had got absolutely nothing for it.

Mr. Dennison said if the council did not do something they would be in a real fix. He had had to put up with it for 13 years. Without relief he felt he could not go on making a living.

Mr. Pickles also said he would have to give up delivering milk if something were not done.

The president said they had called tenders for the work there twice, but without result. When they got a tender from Brazil Bros. it was thrown up.

The engineer said he had seen Brazzil Bros. and they were now prepared to do 9 chains of the road near the aqueduct.

Cr. Butler moved that the engineer arrange with Brazzil Bros. to have this work done.

Cr. Browne seconded.—Carried.

It was also decided to have a joint deputation to the Closer Settlement Board to make a request for further assistance.

It was also decided to ask the Heidelberg council to attend to some matters affecting the drainage on the east side of the settlement.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Mr. G. McClelland was re-appointed dog registrar for Epping riding.

Cr. Clarke moved that the engineer report re condition of fences at cutting past Cornfoot's land, Cemetery road.

Cr. Browne moved that the engineer report on main road about half-a-mile from the north boundary.—Carried.

Cr. Butler moved that the engineer report re dangerous part of road (through deep gravel hills) on deviation Cemetery rd., past Cornfoot's.—Carried.

Cr. Cornfoot moved that the engineer put in an 8-inch culvert at Gardiner's to prevent the water flowing on to his paddock.—Carried.

Cr. Reid moved that McKenzie be instructed to clean out all the side drains in Yan Yean riding.—Carried.

Cr. Mitchell moved that larger drainage pipes be put in from the Whittlesea school.

Cr. Thomas said springs were being broken and wheels knocked to pieces through the shocking state of the main Whittlesea road near Ryan's

The engineer said it was no use putting any metal on till rain falls.

Re Whittlesea-Kinglake tram, Cr. Thomas moved that Mr. Sabelberg be instructed to produce the agreement by next meeting.—Carried.

Cr. Brock referred to the need of repairing Brennan's bridge, and moved that the work be done as soon as the grading of the side channels is done.—Carried.

Cr. Hurrey moved that a crossing be put in at Ernie Jeffrey's on usual conditions.—Carried.

Cr. Browne moved that the engineer report re Chapel lane and Donnybrook road.

Cr. McCormack moved that a crossing be put in at Ushor's road, Thomastown.—Carried.

NEW VALUATION DECIDED UPON.

Having succeeded in getting a former resolution re valuation rescinded, Cr. Clarke moved that fresh applications for valuing the whole shire be called for next meeting, the remuneration for the work to be £250.

Cr. Browne seconded the motion, which was carried by 7 to 5.

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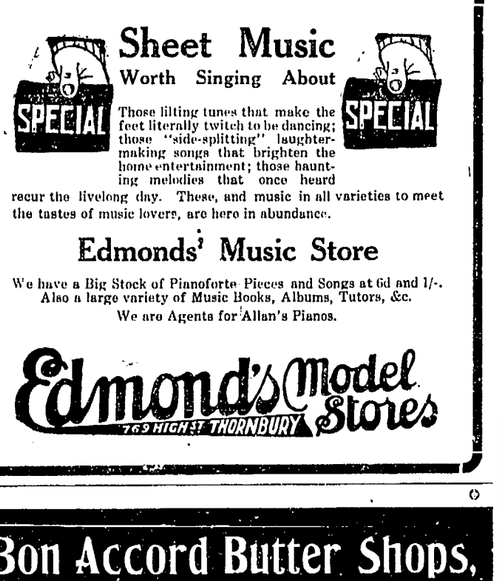

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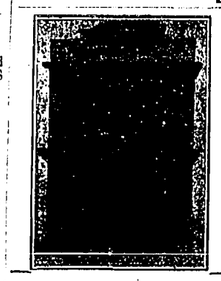

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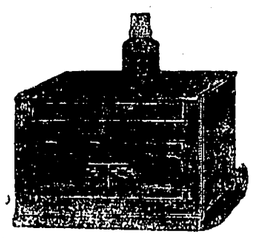

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Northcote.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. C. Kellaway, M.A.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7 p.m., "The Passion."
Rev. C. W. Wood.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES.
Tuesday, 22nd, 8 p.m., Choir will render Stainer's Crucifixion.
Wednesday, 23rd, 8 p.m., Short Service.
Thursday, 24th, at 8 p.m., Short Service.
Good Friday, 2 to 3, "The Passion"
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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Central Northcote.
The Hall, Merri and Bay View Sts.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Choral Matins and Sermon.
3 p.m., Sunday School and Kindergarten.
7 p.m., Choral Evensong and Sermon.
Rev. J. Payn-Lewis.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON (Plenty Road).

11 a.m., Matins.
10 a.m and 3 p.m., Sunday School.
7 p.m., Evensong.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

Services, morning at 11, evening at 7.
11, Rev. D. G. McCrea

OLIVET to CALVARY (Maunder) will be sung by the choir at the evening service. The Soloists will be Miss Leonora Scott, Mrs. Moseley, Mr. Ben Hobby, Mr. R. A. Bartleman, and Mr. S. Muir.
Preacher, Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 a.m., Rev. W. H. McCook, subject, "The Value of Man."
7 p.m., Young People's Service. Address by Mr. W. G. McDonald. Special Music. Sankey's Hymns.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

11 a.m., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher.
7 p.m., Rev. D. G. McCrea.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
S.S. Anniversary (continued).
11 a.m., Rev. R. Ditterich.
3 p.m., Padre Gault, O.B.E.
7 p.m., Rev. J. E. Warren.
See special advt.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m, Rev. F. H. Williams
7 p.m., Mr. L. Gray.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. H. Dear.
7 p.m., Mr. E. O. Riestrom.

CROXTON.
11 a.m., Mr. C. J. Lee.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL (High Street).

ANNIVERSARY continued To-Morrow in the Schoolroom.
11 a.m., Rev. R. Ditterich (ex-President of the Conference).
3 p.m, Padre Gault, O.B.E., of Brunswick.
7 p.m., Rev. J. E. Warren.
Anniversary Hymns by a Large Choir, assisted by an Orchestra. Leader, Mr. Bert Cox.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, at 8 p.m.
SCHOLARS' NIGHT.
Chairman, Mr. W. H. Gray, Superintendent of the School.
A Varied and Attractive Programme.
Admission: Silver Coin.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCH (High Street).
GOOD FRIDAY.
United Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Addresses by Revs. R. Kelly, A. R. Cocks, and Circuit Ministers.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. R. S. Howie; 7 p.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart.
SOUTH PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. Burvill; 7 p.m., Rev. H. Richardson.
PENDERS GROVE.—C.E. Anniversary.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. D. J Flockart; 7 p.m., Mr. M. Smith.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Pastor D. J. McOmish.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. Frank Robinson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Preston.

10th Anniversary of Chapel Built in a Day.
11 a.m., Church Home-Coming. Speaker, Mr. Thos. Bagley, Organizer of 1911 Achievement.
7p.m., Evangelistic Service, subject, "The Church that was Built in a Day."
Preacher: Mr. Lionel Johnston, Evangelist.

CHURCH OF CHRIST) High Street, Northcote.
11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., by special request Mr. Hinrichsen will repeat his address entitled "A Tragedy in Four Acts." At conclusion of Address, Officers of Boys K.S.P. Club will be installed by Mr. H. Campbell, the State Scribe.
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Meetings

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION.
NORTHCOTE BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, 23rd March, at 8 p.m. sharp.
BUSINESS:
Election of Officers, Election of Delegates to the Melbourne Annual Conference, Annual Picnic, and General.
Mr. Thwaites, Chief Organiser, will deliver an Address.
This being a very important Meeting all Members are requested to make a special effort to attend.
Please note that Annual Subscription is now due.
JOHN J. BISHOP,
Hon. Secretary.
15 Barry Street, Northcote.

Notices

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Applications from Church Teams for entrance to above Competition.
Umpires, 12/- match.
Applications close 19th March, P. Leake, 50 Pender's St., Thornbury.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Commencing Monday, 28th March, the Whittlesea Station will be Closed for Business between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p.m.
G. H. SUTTON,
Secretary for Railways.
Melbourne, 18/3/21.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

OPEN AIR MARKET.

The Ratepayers are reminded that the Market for the sale of Fruit is open every Friday morning.
On account of holiday next week the Market will be held on Thursday.
J. A. THOMSON,
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At 3 p.m. sharp. On the Property.
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Six-Roomed D.F.W.B. DWELLING, Bathroom, Wash-House. Sewered, Land 34 x 110, Made Street. Property for Absolute Sale as the Owner is leaving the State.
At 3.30 p.m. sharp. On the Property.
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Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale.
Further particulars from Auctioneer,
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682 High Street, Thornbury.
Phone, Northcote 235.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
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Starting at 3 o'clock. On the Land.
PLENTY ROAD, PRESTON, between Pender's and Beauchamp Streets, 5 Splendid SHOP SITES, each 20 x 100, on Electric Tram Route. One-fifth deposit, balance 2 years, 6 per cent.
At 3.30 o'clock.
TYLER STREET, corner Oakhill Av., 2 Lovely BUILDING LOTS, each 67 x 130, with Magnificent Panoramic Views. Minute Electric Tram Terminus.
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THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
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MODERN D.F.W.B. VILLA, 4 Good Rooms, Sewered, Electric Light, Land 50 x 120.
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THIS DAY (SATURDAY).
On the Properties. Under Owners' instructions.
FAIRFIELD.
BIJOU VILLAS.
Lot 1—At 3.15. 39 Gillies Street, containing 5 rooms and conveniences. Land 33 x 138.
Lot 2—At 4 p.m. 217 Station Street, containing 5 rooms and conveniences. Land 25 x 130.
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At 1 o'clock.
At the Premises, 118 HAWTHORN ROAD, NORTHCOTE, alongside Station.
STOTT & BASTINGS (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer) will Sell—Superior Household Furniture, comprising Kauri Sideboard, H.H. Suite, Dressing Table, Chest Drawers, Tables, Sewing Machine, Pictures, Ornaments, Chairs, Carpets, Linos, Mangle, Kitchen Utensils, Wheelbarrow, Tools, Ladder, Pot Plants, Lots of Sundries. Contents of a 4-Roomed Cottage.
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WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL,
At 2 p.m. sharp.
SALE OF LANDS FOR RATE ARREARS.
Under instructions from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Northcote.

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At **1**/- each—Strong Towels, nice size, worth 1/6
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Marriages

PARFETT—BOWER.—On the 19th February, at Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, by Rev. Geo. Carson, Arthur James Parfett (late A.I.F.), third son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Parfett, McKenzie Creek, to Laura Alice, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bower, "Lomond," Thomastown. Present address: Horsham.

HARRISON—ROBSON.—On 19th February, 1921, at Preston Presbyterian Church, by Rev. W. H. McCook, Albert V. H., youngest son of Mr. James Harrison, J.P., and Mrs. Harrison, of Devon Park, New South Wales, to Janet, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Robson, of Hotham street, Preston. Address: "Oaklands," Ariah Park, New South Wales.

Deaths

BELL.—On the 15th March, at Northcote, Sister E. Bell, our beloved chaplain and member of No. 13, L.O.L., also member of No. 1 Blue Degree, and foundation member of No. 2, L.O.L. Privately interred at Melbourne Cemetery 16th March.
One of the best. At rest.

OLIVER.—On the 13th March, at his residence, 5 Arthurton road, Northcote, William Thompson, beloved husband of the late Selina Bently Oliver, loving father of the late George Bently, Mrs. Blower, Selina Constance, Robert, late Mrs. Taylor (Emily), Maud, and Annie. Aged 82 years. A resident of Northcote for 70 years.
Husband, wife and children re-united.
Sadly missed.
—Inserted by his loving son, Robert Thomas, and daughters, Clem (Mrs. Blower), and Selina Constance.

In Memoriam.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
BRAY.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Corporal W. F. Bray, 23rd Batt., A.I.F., killed in action Bapaume, 29th March, 1917.
So dearly loved. So sadly missed.
—Inserted by his loving father, mother, sisters and brothers, "Vermont," Butler street, Northcote.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.
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According to the health officer (Dr. E. J. Bird's) annual report Northcote still has one of the highest birth rates and one of the lowest death rates in the Commonwealth. Numbering 890, the births were 32.14 per 1000 of the population, and the deaths 202, or 7.2 per 1000 of the population. Of 107 cases of diphtheria only 3 were fatal, while of 55 cases of scarlet fever none were fatal. The three sufferers from typhoid also all recovered; but tuberculosis carried off 7 and whooping cough 4. Dr. Bird reported the sanitary condition of the city "very satisfactory."

Cr. Turner reported at Northcote council meeting on Monday evening that he had attended a conference re open-air fruit markets. The proposition put forward by the growers was that of the present amount of 1s 6d paid for stands is be refunded to the association to employ a man to organise the whole of these open-air markets and see that only proper stuff is sold in them. He (Cr. Turner) told the conference they need not expect much consideration from the councils if they were only prepared to offer fruit for sale at these markets when they could not export it.

On Thursday a deputation consisting of Crs Jones, Robinson, and Warr, with Messrs Davis and Gaston, representing the Fathers' Association, Mr C. Young, the R.S.S.I.L.A., Mr Kiernan, representing the soldier residents, and Martell, the War Service Homes Commission, was introduced by Cr J. Cain, M.L.A., to the Railway Commissioners so that they might present, once more, their views—their pretty strong views, too—in regard to the pig yards at the Bell station, Mr Clapp was so impressed that he promised to come out and "see for himself" on Monday. Crs Jones and Warr will be there to "show him over."

Practical Christianity.—Holy Trinity Thornbury, have just established at Bell street, Preston, a home for aged women (their own parishioners). There will be no charge to the inmates, whose wants will be attended to under the supervision of a committee of ladies of the church. This is as good an example of "practical Christianity" as we have heard of for some time, and must stand to Holy Trinity in the "by their fruits" test when all churches come to be "tried in the balances."

The Northcote Citizens' Band rendered an excellent programme of music on Sunday afternoon last in Pender's Park, Thornbury. Despite the intense heat of the afternoon a moderate crowd assembled. The band, which has been recently reinforced by a number of fine instrumentalists, will give another performance at the rockeries, below Westgarth street, on a date to be notified.

Northcote council contemplate a loan of £10,000 for electric light extensions.

We have received 5/- from Mrs. Nicol of S. Preston for the "Encouragement of Cadets" fund.

The Northcote Brick Company have made a donation of 10,000 bricks to the Northcote Soldiers' Memorial.

Births in the city of Northcote last year numbered 890—a pretty extensive baby show if they could be seen altogether.

The following additional amount has been received in response to appeal for the Ladies' Benevolent Society, viz., Thornbury Presbyterian Church, £2.

Mr. Claude Ferguson, clerk in the town clerk's office, Northcote, has passed the examination for clerk's certificate, which entitles him to fill the position of town clerk. On hearing of his success on Monday evening the mayor and councillors offered their congratulations.

The annual meeting of Northcote branch of The National Federation will be held at the town hall on Wednesday next, March 23. The business will include the election of officers and election of delegates to the annual conference. Mr. Thwaites, chief organiser, will deliver an address.

Olive Thomas is the essence of youth—youth at its finest—with its simplicity, grace, charm, and wistfulness in "The Spite Bride," showing at Northcote theatre next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. [Advt.]

Master Rupert Hing's drawing of H.M.S. Renown—the original of which was sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and which won the £10 10s prize—is on view in the shop window of Mr. Eaton, High street, Northcote.

Edward Fellowes advertises that he has made arrangements for drag trips to the country every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The places visited will be South Morang, Greensborough, Templestowe, Warrandyte, Diamond Creek, and Eltham.

To Vocalists.—The terms and conditions of Madam Ethel Ashton's singing scholarship are given in another column. The successful competitor will receive 12 months free tuition.

Northcote ratepayers are notified that the market for the sale of fruit is open every Friday at the rear of the Commercial Hotel. On account of the holiday next week the market will be on Thursday.

Hattam & Slater's windows are dressed with household and seasonable goods, all ticketed at prices that must command a ready sale. Golfers, blouses, costumes, men's and boys' clothing, sheeting, calico, etc.

THE INCREASED TRAMWAY FARES.

PROTEST FROM N.S.R.A.

On Monday evening the Northcote council received a letter from the Northcote South Ratepayers' Association forwarding resolutions expressing regret at the increase of the sectional fares on the Northcote tramways, and expressing the belief that same would result ultimately in a loss.

The mayor said that not content with waiting on the Minister the council last week waited upon the Chairman of the Tramway Board, but their efforts to get better terms were absolutely futile

Cr. Dennis—There is a combine between them and the railways.

The mayor added that the council had done everything possible in the way of protest, but it had all been to no purpose.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have waited in vain for some action from our council to try and save the ratepayers from the extortion to which they are being subjected by the tramway board's raising of fares on our Northcote line, A few figures may bring home to the people the enormity of the position.

When the council was controlling the line we were getting £4,000 a year profit and were helping our residents, especially in the north, by issuing a return ticket for 3d, also seven 1d tickets for 6d.

The abolition of these two concessions takes from the Northcote travellers—seven tickets for 6d, £1,360; the 3d return, £960—total £2,200. The increase on 1d sections and through section by 1d in each case means some £5,000 a year. This then means £7,200 a year. Add loss of revenue £4,000 and we get a grand total of some £11,300 a year.

These figures are approximate, but can any member of the board contradict them? I may be told that the city is to get the profits for seven years. There is a remote possibility of this. I am informed on fairly reliable authority that the service is greatly overmanned, and on one occasion at about 3.15 p.m. I saw three trams at Clifton Hill terminus with eight employees. In fact there were more employees than passengers. I am also informed that the staff has been increased by some 22 men as compared with the time when the council were running them. Why does our council not demand some information on this matter? Why is not a public meeting called to protest against this injustice? Where are our labor friends who about August are always talking about the profiteer and then going to sleep? Is it because the favored tramway employees got £140,000 out of the increase? Why has not some protest been made against the board members raising their salary from £120 to £250, also against members of parliament riding free on all tramways. I am informed that an effort is being made to include all employees at the Federal and State Parliament Houses.

When the Tramway Bill was before the local council I strongly advocated that as Northcote was in a unique position of owning absolutely its own tramway it should have direct representation on the board, at least for the seven years during which we were to get the profits. (?) This proposal was ridiculed, but I think you will admit, Sir, that there was very strong justification for the proposal, as events have turned out.

The whole Tramway Bill was a piece of pure political robbery, accentuated by a nominee board who are practically civil servants and are at the service of the Government in the mad orgie of extravagance and taxation, which is more than confirmed by its incidence on the people of Northcote through its tramway.—Yours, etc.,

W. HAYES.

THE BAND AND BATMAN PARK.

PREVIOUS DAMAGE REMEMBERED.

The Northcote Council on Monday evening received a letter from the Northcote City Band, asking permission to play in Batman park.

Cr. Turnbull moved that the request be complied with, as the band badly needed funds to buy uniforms. The council should support this because they were the first to call on the band when any charity jobs came along.

Cr. Dennis said he was sure that no councillor, after the years of labor in getting Batman park to its present state, desired to see it destroyed. The gardener had reported that great damage had been done last time the band played. Before granting this request he would like to have a report from the gardener, and so moved that the matter be referred to the parks committee.

Cr. Johnson seconded the amendment.

Cr. Pearl said he hoped the committee's recommendation would be against allowing the band to play, as they had a beautiful little park, greatly used by the residents, and they did not want it destroyed.

Cr. Sutch, while supporting the amendment, said he hoped to see the band allowed to play there.

Cr. Turner contended that the attractions of the park would be greatly enhanced by the band music, and he was prepared to grant the request even if a little damage was done. It was the council's business to see that no damage was done.

Cr. Gray said they were promised that the park would be taken care of before, but great damage was done.

Cr. McDonell said because the park was damaged once was not saying it would be damaged again.

Cr. Johnson—Aren't you proud of Batman park?

Cr. McDonell—Yes; and I would be more proud if the citizens could go and enjoy music there as well as the beautiful flowers. Bands played in more beautiful parks than this, and no damage was done.

Cr. Turnbull said he would undertake to "do his bit" in seeing no damage was done.

The amendment was carried.

Cr. Turnbull—That means it is squashed.

The Mayor—No; the band will be playing there Sunday week.

CONVICTION QUASHED.

Robert McIntyre, who was at the Court of Petty Sessions, Northcote, on 30th January, fined £25 for having illegally sold liquor at Baigonia place, Northcote, appealed against the conviction. The appeal was allowed, Judge Williams considering that the circumstances were not sufficiently strong to convict McIntyre. Mr. N. H. Sonenberg appeared for McIntyre, and Mr. Moore for the Crown.

THE SHOOTING OF MR. BORKHEIM.

Before business was commenced at the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday evening Cr. Johnson said he would like to move that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Mr. Borkheim, who had been foully murdered in his shop, High street, a few days previously. He (Cr. Johnson) hoped justice would be done to those who committed the crime. Mr. Borkheim was a gentleman who, giving attention to his own business only, gave offence to no one, and it was terrible to think he should come to such an untimely death at the hands of criminals.

Cr. Glanfield seconded the motion, and Cr. Oldis said he also would like to express his sorrow at such an awful happening. He would also like to express commendation of the citizen who had been the means of effecting an arrest.

Councillors rose and carried the motion in silence.

Northcote Methodist Sunday School.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The High Street Methodist Sunday school anniversary celebrations were commenced last Sunday in the school hall. The occasion always attracts a large and deeply interested congregation. In the evening the large hall was filled half-an-hour before starting time, and forms were placed outside to accommodate the overflow. The singing (combined with an orchestra of 22 players), under the conductorship of Mr. Bert Cox, who had his forces under control, went splendidly, and worthily upheld the traditions of the school in this respect. Each preacher complimented the choir on their excellent work; the Rev. J. H. Cain, of Wesley church, said it was the best singing he had ever heard. A special feature of the afternoon service was a solo beautifully sung by Blanche Bolwell, four years of age, which the congregation could not refrain from applauding. The hall was tastefully decorated, which added to the attractions of the services. On Wednesday evening the choir, assisted by the Merri string band and other artists, rendered an excellent programme.

The anniversary celebrations will be continued to-morrow. The services will be conducted at 11 by the Rev. R. Ditterich, at 3 by Padre Gault, O.B.E., and at 7 by the Rev. J. E. Warren. The excellent singing of last Sunday was much appreciated. Anniversary hymns will again be sung, and a fine orchestra will assist. On the following Wednesday the scholars' night will be held in the school-room, the superintendent of the school, Mr. W. H. Gray, presiding.

Madam Ethel Ashton Singing Competition.

FREE TUITION FOR 12 MONTHS.

Madam Ethel Ashton, D.M.S.V., offers to untrained or partly trained voices a Scholarship of one year's free tuition.

Competitors will be required to sing one song in the presence of adjudicators only.

Accompanist provided, but objection will not be made to singer's nominee.

Entries (by post only) close on 30th March, 1921, and must be accompanied by fee of 2/6, and stamped addressed envelope for notification of date of trial.

Adjudicator.—Dr. Price will adjudicate at the Final Competition. Results will be advertised in the Amusement Column of the "Age" and "Argus" on Monday, 11th April, 1921. The photograph of the successful competitor will be published in the May issue of the "Musical News."

Address: "Lindisfarne," 9 Clifton Grove, Preston, or c/o Room 1, Allan's, Melbourne. Phone, N'cote 931. [Advt.]

NORTHCOTE CEMETERY.

TRUSTEES RESIGN.

Northcote council were notified by the Public Health Department that the trustees of the Northcote cemetery had resigned and it was asked if the council was prepared to take over the management.

There is a sum of £515, the interest on which, the trustees thought, would be sufficient to keep the cemetery in good order.

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole for consideration.

BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

SUGGESTION FROM PRESTON.

Preston council on Monday evening informed Northcote council that they had under consideration the matter of a baby health centre in this district; and they would like to know if Northcote would co-operate in the movement, and whether arrangements could be made with a view of sharing cost of same, and providing for half time services being divided between both the councils.

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole on the motion of Cr. Johnson.

BUSINESS PARS.

Miss Scarfe, 224 High street, advertises that she is now showing autumn and winter millinery.

George Sell, 130 Raleigh street, announces that he undertakes all kinds of house renovation and decoration.

Values extraordinary in men's, youths' and boys' box calf and Derby bals., and women's glace kid court shoes are advertised in another column by the Westgarth Shoe Store.

Drag outings to the country will leave E. Fellowes' stables, High street, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.30 a.m., Saturdays, 2 p.m., returning at 7. The trips include South Morang, Greensborough, Templestowe (3/6), Warrandyte, Diamond Creek, and Eltham (4/6)

Preston Motors intimate that they have the best-equipped Ford repair plant in Victoria, also that they are the sole agents in the northern suburbs for the "Dyer Atomizer," specially constructed for the Ford car, and guaranteed to reduce your petrol account.

Sharpe Bros., of the Beehive, 266-68 High street, Northcote, announce their grand re-building sale, during which they are offering unsurpassed and unheard of bargains, some of which are advertised in to-day's issue. Here are a few examples:—Strong towels, 1/-; 54-inch unbleached sheeting, 2/11; ladies' cotton hose, 1/- pair; ladies' nights, embossed fronts, 4/11; all wool jumpers, all shades, 27/6.

EXTENSION OF POLLING HOURS.

APPROVED BY NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

ALSO COMPULSORY VOTING.

If Northcote council is to have its way there should be record polls next August, as on Monday they carried resolutions not only for extending the polling hours to 8 o'clock, but in favor of compulsory voting itself.

The matter of extending the polling hours has been several times discussed by the council. Various Labor representatives have each taken their turn in bringing it forward First Cr. Turner, then Cr. Turnbull The latter took his turn only a month ago, and his resolution would have been carried but for the enforced absence of Cr. McDonell. When Cr. Harry re-submitted the resolution on Monday evening, at a full meeting of the council, it was known that the "numbers were up." This, however, did not prevent the matter being discussed once more pro and con.

Cr. Harry, in moving his motion, said that before compulsory voting is brought in every facility for voting should be provided. Any number of their ratepayers had no chance of voting during the present polling hours.

Cr. Dennis—Question.

Cr. Turner—I know 10 persons working at Prahran who are deprived of their votes.

Cr. Sutch—They could vote by post.

Cr. McDonell said he could mention scores of men who could not vote during the present hours. Quite a number of Northcote workmen catch the first train for Braybrook

Cr. Oldis—Their's is a case for a postal vote.

Cr. McDonell—If it is right for the Federal Parliament, it is surely right for municipal councils.

Cr. Turner said amongst Northcote ratepayers were 200 men belonging to the Carters' and Drivers' Union, who never could say on leaving Northcote in the morning whether they would be back before 7 o'clock. He for one wanted to see a big poll whether it beat him or not.

Cr. Pearl said he voted the last time for it, and he would do so again.

Cr. Dennis said that small polls were largely the fault of the candidates themselves. When Cr. Turner was elected only 49 per cent. voted, but at Cr. Oldis's election nearly 90 per cent. came to the poll.

Cr. Turner—What was the reason?

Cr. Dennis—One man put more ginger into it.

Cr. Turner—He was the only man who could take a month off to do it

Cr. Dennis said it was an indication to him that there was no need to prolong the polling hours unduly. At Richmond where 11 out of 12 were Labor councillors they still closed the poll at 7.

Cr. Oldis said he did not speak on the last occasion because he did not want to waste the time of the council. He was against the extension because he did not think it would increase the poll. He would vote against 8 o'clock while he found 7 sufficient.

Cr. Glanfield said he was prepared to give 8 o'clock a trial for 12 months, but if it showed no improvement he would go back to 7.

Cr. Slater said the reason why many workingmen could not vote was because they insisted on going home to wash and change before coming to the booth, as if they would not be just as welcome there in their working clothes. As to the numbers of voters alleged by Cr. Turner to arrive by the train at a few minutes to 7, he (Cr. Slater) had sent a motor to meet it, but no voters came back. Possibly the people whom Cr. Turner took for disfranchised voters had already voted. If, later, he could be convinced that the necessity exists for an extension to 8 o'clock, he would support it.

Cr. Johnson saw no reason for extension. The busiest time for voting now was between half-past 5 and a quarter to 7. After that it slackened off. He considered that present hours gave all ratepayers ample opportunity to cast their votes.

Cr Sutch said he was against extension out of consideration to the officers.

The motion was carried by 8 to 7. For—Crs. Harry, Turnbull, McDonell, Cain, Glanfield, Jones, Pearl, and Turner. Against—Crs. Timmins, Slater, Sutch, Johnson, Oldis, Dennis, and Gray.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

Cr. Pearl moved:—That this council is in favor of compulsory voting at municipal elections, and that the Municipal Association, through the council's representative to the Association, be requested to consider the matter with a view to subsequent amendment of the Act to provide for same.

Cr. Pearl said

PERSONAL.

At the annual conference of the Independent Order of Rechabites, held at Melbourne this week, Cr. S. Dennis was elected to the position of District Chief Ruler, the highest office in the Order.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reid, of Hazelglen, Doreen, will celebrate their diamond wedding on the 28th of this month. Mr. Reid arrived in this State in 1839, and is now one of the very oldest colonists, having resided in the Yan Yean district for 80 years. He was the last chairman of the Whittlesea Roads Board, and first president of the shire council, in which he has rendered efficient services for the past 50 years, and he was also one of the earliest justices of the peace. Mr. and Mrs Reid are in the enjoyment of a fair measure of health, although feeling the sorrow of the loss of two sons at the war.

OLD PIONEERS PASS AWAY.

At his residence, 5 Arthurton road, Northcote, William Thomas Oliver passed peacefully away on the 13th inst. at the advanced age of 82 years. He was born at Newcastle on Tyne, England, and his father being gored to death by a bullock, his mother with her three sons and daughter sailed for Australia in the Rennavis, a Scotch sailing vessel, arriving in the year 1851. The only accommodation at Port Melbourne was a canvas tent. After remaining there a short time, Mrs. Oliver came to Northcote, and opened the first butcher's shop, 70 years ago. At this time deceased, who was only a small boy, was very useful to his mother in the business, and as he grew into manhood he became an acknowledged horseman and sport. He was a match for the wildest horse, and in the hunts of those days he cut a striking figure in his red coat and bell-topper hat. The late Mr. Oliver had a family of seven children, only three of whom are now living, viz :—Mrs. Blower, Selina Constance, and Robert Thomas.

There died recently at West Preston an old resident of the Plenty district in the person of the late W. B. Coulsell. Many years ago he purchased a property at Separation, Mernda, that belonged to the Wilson family after residing there for many years. He sold the property to the late E. A. Sutherland, who also died recently after living for a number of years in the district. The late Mr. Coulsell was highly respected whilst he lived on the Plenty.

On the 25th ult., there passed away at "Mayfield," Mernda, Mrs Thomas, relict of the late Moses Thomas, a well-known leader in the Plenty district in past days. Deceased was born in Inverness, Scotland, and was married to the late Mr. Thomas in the early sixties. She was a woman of unbounded hospitality, and was very much respected in the district. She was a daughter of the late John McLean, of Yan Yean and Kyneton, and arrived in Victoria when only a girl in her teens. She lived for 59 years at "Mayfield," where she reared successfully a large family, having lost her husband when the eldest child of a family of ten children was 15 years of age and the youngest a month old. Several members of the family now hold responsible positions under the Victorian Government When she married the late Mr. Thomas he had a family of six children, the eldest being 17 and the youngest five years. Working early and late, she did her part for both families. Cr. Thomas, of the Whittlesea Shire Council, was a member of the first family, his youngest sister still lives at Yarram, while another sister resides at Pakenham, being the widow of the late Robert Slessar, who was born at Janefield, Bundoora. Mrs. Thomas's death creates a blank in the too fast diminishing ranks of the old identities of the Plenty district. The funeral was a representative one, the body being carried from the hearse to the grave by her sons James Lewis and Moses, and her grandson David, son of Lewis Thomas. The pall-bearers were Cr. Thomas, Messrs E. McDonald, A. Home, L. McLean, Alex. and Lewis Strawhorn, Geo. Cockerill and J. Smith. The Rev. Jas. Raff, the minister in charge of the Mayfield Presbyterian church (of which deceased had been a member for over 60 years, being present at the laying of the foundation stone), conducted a solemn service at "Mayfield," and the final service at the grave.

The death of another old resident of the Plenty district in the person of the late Bernard Corrigan, of Woodstock, has to be recorded. The sad event came as a shock to his many friends as he was a man in the prime of life. The deceased was well known and highly respected in the district, being of a quiet disposition, a good neighbor, husband, father and friend. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family—a widow and two daughters.

BOWLS.

In the Jika competition Thornbury and Preston A's. met on the former's green. The game resulted in a win for Thornbury. Ivanhoe had a win against Northcote.

The champion church rink competition at Thornbury green was advanced to the semi-final stages. The various games resulted as follows :— Tuesday night.—Dale (Presbyterian) defeated Henshaw (Church of England), Hattam (Church of England) defeated J. White (Church of England), Girling (Church of England) defeated Sharp (Baptists), Murden (Methodist) defeated Scott (Methodist). Wednesday night.—Hattam (church of England) defeated Dale (Presbyterian), Murden (Methodist) defeated Girling (Church of England).

Final between Hattam (Church of England) and Murden (Methodist) next Tuesday night at 7.45 sharp.

The fortnightly euchre party takes place at Thornbury pavilion this evening.

Carnival at Edwardes' Park.

Preparations are well advanced by the ladies of Reservoir for their Easter carnival at Edwardes Park Lake. The children are to be specially catered for. Races are being arranged and suitable prizes will be allotted. While adults will be able to see some of Victoria's best oarsmen competing in the champion races. There will be on sale afternoon tea, fruit, soft drinks, ice cream, and a special jumble stall. The admission will be by silver coin, and the proceeds of the carnival will go to the Rowing Club's boat house fund.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

REX BEACH'S "SILVER HORDE."

If you've seen or read "The Spoilers," "The Brand," and "The Crimson Gardenia," you know the tremendous power and punch of Rex Beach's stories. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday comes another Rex Beach photodrama, more powerful, more gripping than any other. It is "The Silver Horde" adapted from Mr. Beach's famous novel of the same name. It pulsates with the vivid clashes of mighty men—the hair-trigger loves and hates of men and women, bruised and battered, but never beaten in their struggle with nature and with themselves. And through it all surges the raw elemental strength and force of the great open snow country. Fights that will thrill you to the core; romance that is beautiful and inspiring. A great cast of players. The talents of artist, Alice Joyce, stars in the supporting feature, "The Prey."

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the late lamented Olive Thomas appears in one of her last pictures made for Selznic, "The Spite Bride," a drama of youthful charm with just enough thrills to make you a little bit creepy; with enough suspense to keep you interested from start to finish; with enough laughs to give that nice warm feeling inside; and a few tears which give you a pleasant, happy feeling afterward.

NORTHCOTE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

The following circular has been sent to all churches, societies, clubs, and other organisations in Northcote with the view of enlisting their assistance in raising the balance of the money required to erect the Soldiers' Memorial :—

Dear sir,—The committee of the above have received tenders for the erection of a handsome and useful building in High street as a worthy memorial to those who left these shores to defend us all, and who return no more, and to serve also as a club for local returned men.

The building will remain the property of the citizens through the local council.

With the financial contribution of the council, and the money in hand and promised, we find we need £500 to £600 to finish the memorial.

With the intention of raising this sum, a meeting of representatives of churches, clubs, societies, etc., and the general citizens, is hereby called for Thursday, 31st March, at 8 p.m., at the town hall, to arrange for an indoor carnival or fair about end of May, at which no games of chance will be allowed. We, therefore, most earnestly appeal to your Board or Society to send three representatives to assist us in making such a success of this effort that it will not be necessary to have any further appeals, and that when in the near future this worthy memorial is erected absolutely free from debt, the citizens of this city will feel that Northcote has shown her gratitude and appreciation in a practical and lasting form.

On behalf of the committee,
Cr. C. TIMMINS, Mayor.
R. J. WHALLEY, Treasurer.
PHIL MAYER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—If your Board or Society does not meet between now and date of meeting please arrange for representatives to be present.

50,000 Miles With the Prince of Wales.

"A British Picture for Britishers" most aptly describes the big British film production of the world tour of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, which is at present on it's way from London, to be screened throughout Australia early in April. The picture is the official cinema story of the Royal adventure of last year, a production six thousand feet in length, not a foot of which has ever been seen in Australia. As an example of the popularity of the picture, it was screened in four London theatres simultaneously for a three weeks season, an unheard of procedure in the annals of British film history. The film is a lasting memorial, an echo back from last year, a passage of the Royal progress along democratic lines, a proof of the sincerity of the Imperial House towards it's people, and their earnest desire to be with them in all things. As an historical relic, to be kept for ever, a copy of the film will be presented to each of the Governments of the States of Australia and New Zealand, after the picture has run its season. These should be of immeasurable educational value to Australia.

South Preston Methodist Church.

EASTER FAIR.

Now that South Preston and Pender's Grove are constituted an independent circuit, arrangements have to be made for a parsonage and its furnishings. In order that the members of the South Preston church might meet their obligation in this regard an enthusiastic committee has been working hard for months past making and preparing things for a grand Easter fair. This was successfully opened in the shire hall, Preston, on Thursday afternoon by the Hon. Wm. Angliss, M.L.C. The Rev. D. J. Flockart, in introducing Mr. Angliss, referred to the appointment of the Rev. Leo. Wilkinson, M.A., as resident minister at South Preston, and the anxiety of the congregation to prepare a home for him and his bride.

The Hon. William Angliss expressed his satisfaction at being present, and spoke of the high value of the work of the church in the community. He had much pleasure in declaring the fair open, and wished it every success. Miss Jean Ross presented Mr Angliss with a beautiful bouquet of autumn roses for Mrs. Angliss, for whose absence an apology was received.

The Rev. H. Richardson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Angliss for his presence, which was seconded by Mr. R. H. Hyde and carried with acclamation.

During the afternoon Mrs. Roy Ashton rendered two solos.

Brisk business was done both afternoon and evening at the various stalls, which were prettily decorated, and satisfactory results were obtained yesterday. Attractive side shows and interesting competitions are also provided.

The fair will be continued this afternoon and again at night, giving patrons an opportunity of purchasing goods at bed rock prices.

Lost

LOST.—Mother's A.I.F. Badge, Wednesday evening. Reward. J. Harris, 2 Elm street, Northcote.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

NEW VALUATION DECIDED UPON.

Cr. Clarke at the last meeting of the Whittlesea Council, moved that resolutions already on the books in regard to a new valuation of the shire be rescinded, his object being to move a new motion that fresh applications be called for valuer, at a remuneration of £250. When they offered £150 for the work there were two applications, but the man they chose, when he learned what there was to do, would not go on with it. He (Cr. Clarke) contended that if a new valuation was going to cost £500 they would have to have it. Wages and other expenses were going up every month, and on the present valuation they had absolutely nothing to come and go on. It was wrong to strike a rate till they had the true valuation of the shire. They had tremendous responsibilities ahead of them. Frequently they were asked to do urgent work, but could not do it. They could not help their pioneers with roads and bridges so that they might get their fruit to market. After Eltham's experience, a new valuation should bring Whittlesea an additional £2,000. He did not feel inclined to continue in the council except there was money provided to carry out necessary work. It was no use being there with their wings clipped.

The president (Cr McCormack) seconded the motion, which was agreed to, Cr Mitchell voting against.

Cr Clarke then moved that applications be called for valuing the whole shire at a remuneration of £250.

Cr Browne seconded the motion saying he had always previously opposed Epping, with their comparatively recent valuation, being re-valued, but he had always been beaten, so now he would support a complete valuation in the hope that something would be done.

Cr Mitchell said they had a man prepared to do the work, when they last called for applications, for £150, then why pay £250?

Cr. Clarke—Mr Nicholls said it could not be done for £250.

Cr. Thomas—Any man who did the work properly at £250 would be underpaid.

Cr. Butler—So say I. Cr Butler went on to say that he had been charged with "putting Mr. Nicholls off doing the valuation." They found themselves fellow travellers in the train and Mr. Nicholls asked him the size of the shire and he (Cr. Butler) told him. That was practically all that took place. It had been reported in the Press that he had said that the three Whittlesea ridings were not half valued. What he did say was that the man who last valued those three ridings never half did his work. A man could not do the work properly under 6/- or 7/- an assessment. It was worth £400 to make a really good job.

Cr. Brock said that the man they had before could not have been a bad valuer seeing he got so much valuing work to do. If there was a new valuation he thought Arthur's Creek properties would show a reduction; and they knew the valuations in the Epping riding could not possibly be upheld because they had only been raised for a certain purpose.

Cr. Butler—Why, land is selling there £12 an acre in advance of what I valued it at.

Cr. Brock—Things now and things 12 months ago are very different.

The president said he hoped they would pick a good man this time.

Cr. Thomas said personal inspection of all properties should be a sine qua non in connection with the appointment.

The motion was carried by 7 to 5, and it was decided to call applications for next meeting.

BUSINESS HOURS AT WHITTLESEA STATION.

For some years past the public have had to accustom themselves to many alterations in the times it has been usual for them to transact business, due, of course, to awards relating to hours and conditions of work made by courts and their industrial tribunals. The award of the Railways Classification Board has now affected the railway employees throughout the State. To efficiently work the stations with proper observance of economy the railway commissioners have found it necessary to curtail the hours 8 a.m to 5 p.m. (and to 1 p.m. on Saturdays), which have been the customary periods for their patrons to transact goods business. We therefore direct attention to an advertisement in this issue regarding a curtailment at Whittlesea station. It would be well if our readers took special note of this and save disappointment as there will be no one in attendance at the station at the times advertised. We understand a notice to a similar effect has been posted on the station premises.

Northcote Police Court.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH.

[Before Messrs Hayes (chairman), Johnson, Jones, Cohen, Evans and Timmins].

Wm. Renouf was fined 2/- for not sending her child regularly to school.

The city ranger (Wm. Jones) proceeded against a number of residents for allowing their cattle to wander. John Jones was fined 5/-, with 2/6 costs; John Smith, 10/- and 2/6; Thomas Lines, 5/- and 2/6; W. Dimmick, 5/- and 2/6; John Prater, 5/- and 2/6; Samuel McMillan, 5/- and 2/6.

Northern Churches Tennis Association.

Result of semi-finals match between Moreland and Clifton Hill Methodist, played on High Street Methodist court on Saturday last :—Moreland 64 games, Clifton Hill Methodist 32 games. The final match between Moreland and High Street Methodist No. 2 team will be played to-morrow on the Northcote Presbyterian Court. The association desire to thank those clubs who so kindly lent their courts for the semi-final and final matches.

DEAD SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

A gold medal for the championship of the Northcote Rifle Club won by D. Soanes in the year 1911 was recently picked up at South Melbourne by Mr. W. G. Fennell, of Melbourne, who thoughtfully forwarded it to Mr. E. J. Plant, thinking he was connected with the club. Mr. Plant finds that Mr. Soanes was killed at the war, and is now endeavoring to locate his next of kin, with a view of handing over the medal.

DIGGERS' COLUMN.

R.S.S.I.L.A., NORTHCOTE.

Another successful meeting was held on Monday night last, the president (Mr. W. A. Perrin) occupying the chair. A satisfactory report was received from the social committee, who intimated a profit of £5 on the night, despite several counter attractions. A football meeting had been held on Thursday night, and a fine club, which will play in the Victorian Junior Association, was formed, with Mr. H. Dickinson as president, Messrs C. Cope, T. Harris (Fathers' Association) and W. Barry as vice-presidents, Messrs C. E. George and C. Harkins joint secretaries, and Dr. H. Mendelsohn treasurer; supported by a strong committee both for general purposes and selection. The cricketers reported finishing the match Married v. Single Diggers, to the defeat of the benedicts. A match, Dads v. Diggers, is on the cards for Saturday, April 2nd.

On Wednesday night last week the Mothers, Wives and Sisters' League, held a successful euchre party in the presence of a number of friends and supporters.

At the conclusion of the cricket match on Saturday, Mr. T. Anderson paid a fitting tribute of thanks to the ladies of the welfare committee who had consistently supplied refreshments throughout the cricket season. The tribute was made in typical digger fashion.

The syllabus, which includes many interesting items, was presented and accepted by the branch. It was announced also that a novelty night would be held for the football club on a night during April.

A satisfactory report from the memorial hall committee was adopted, and Mr. Marshall intimated he would be bringing some important questions before the council meeting on Friday.

A letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the widow of the late W. J. Henderson.

The football club was granted the use of the rooms every Thursday night

PRESTON R.S.S.I.L.A.

All members having books of tickets for the "Dads' Easter Egg" are reminded that blocks must be returned not later than the next meeting, Tuesday, March 22nd.

Members are eagerly looking forward to the opening of the memorial hall, when it will be possible to organise euchre and billiard tournaments, and increase all social activities.

The combined social committee composed of representatives from mums, dads and diggers, have completed arrangements for a series of fortnightly dances, starting from April 2nd.

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday night, when members are asked to rally up in force.

Bathing in Edwardes Park Lake.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER

Sir,—In reply to "Overarm" it is very clear he is the exception that proves the rule of the Latin Verb Sap. He has failed to reply to my letter, but wishes in an evasive "won't understand" sort of manner, and further claims to contradict any statements that may injure the lake, which, according to his own, that "there will always be someone taking the chances, and some are bound to pay the penalty," therein lies the callousness, not in stating it, but for being apparently quite content that this lake should continue to take toll of lives without making an effort to help in having the dangers removed. I have clearly written previously as to what is required to improve matters there, and if "Overarm" cannot understand them I am sorry for him. He writes of free bathing at the lake in sharp contrast to the charges made at the baths in town; is he so dull as not to note "sharp contrast" in safety for bathers? Evidently cheapness counts more with him than risk of life. Why does he make such an untruthful statement that there has not been an accident in this lake, not only this year, but previously? He has evidently forgotten the cases I have mentioned, and will give him some further ones if necessary. I say firmly that he cannot truthfully contradict what I have written, and it would be more to his credit to help me have it made safe, and, better still, if it were not allowed to exist, for, according to his own words, some will pay the penalty. I also have no axe to grind, but simply a desire to save other lives. I have not a manifold identity, and it should be quite plain to every reader who I am, and heartily wish I had the opportunity to compel the powers that be to act on my suggestions to remove all dangers therefrom. The lake is, without doubt, a dangerous one. Of what interest can it be to "Overarm" to encourage bathing and fight against me. Rendered Wake-up! "Overarm" writes—"Some to pay the penalty!" Will that one be your loved child?

Yours, &c., A SUFFERER.

V.P.F., Northcote Branch.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, when an address was delivered by the chief secretary, Rev. Walter Albiston, who received a hearty welcome. The text of his address was "The Dismemberment of the Empire." The president (Cr. Dennis) occupied the chair; the vice-president (W. H. Congdon), Revs. Heathcote Fletcher and S. Potter also took part in the meeting. An excellent musical programme was also given. The following artists assisting, viz., Miss Hazel Fourcere (piano), Miss Ada Harwood and Mr. Alf. Johnson (vocalists), with Miss Maud Kinsman (elocutionist). The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Plant Pick-Me-Ups.

A farm and garden machine of great ingenuity is being tested in the south of England. Its function is to bestow a pick-me-up of the cheapest and most stimulating sort to every seed put into the ground. As it is drawn along it punctures a little hole, drops in a single seed from one cylinder, and simultaneously a pinch of artificial manure from another. The hole is immediately filled in, and from a third cylinder falls a pinch of powdered lime, which encourages the beneficent bacteria that assist growth. If hopes are justified, the machine would save a fourth of the usual amount of seed and an immense amount of artificial manure.

Property Sales

Angus McDonald will sell by auction as follows:—On Saturday (to-day) at 3, 6-roomed d.f.w.b. dwelling, 39 Fenwick street; and at 3.30, 5-roomed d.f.w.b. house, 16 Fenwick street, Northcote.

On Monday, 21st March, at the premises, 118 Arthurton road, at 3, Stott & Bastings will sell by auction the household furniture contents of a 4-roomed cottage, as advertised.

This day at 3, Stott & Bastings will offer for sale five shop sites in Plenty road; at 3.30, two fine building lots in Tyler street; and at 4, shop site in High street, near Bell station.

This day at 127 Smith street, Thornbury, at 3 p.m., Gray & Johnson, in conjunction with Membrey & Deane, will offer by auction a modern d.f.w.b. villa of 4 good rooms, &c.

McRae & Paterson will sell to-day at 3.15 two 5-roomed villas, with all conveniences, at 87 Gillies street, and 217 Station street, Fairfield, the latter at 4 o'clock, as advertised.

At the town hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, April 7, Messrs Paterson and Angus McDonald, auctioneers in conjunction, will, under instructions from the mayor and councillors of Northcote, hold a sale of lands for rate arrears. There are 15 lots.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society.

There was an unusually large audience at the above society's monthly concert at the town hall on Wednesday evening, the programme containing the special attraction of Madame Mary Conly's singing, and violin playing by Miss Margery Gray. The pipe band, under Pipe-Major McLennan, who had been absent for some time owing to restrictions on means of travel, made a welcome re-appearance, and played the chief in with the usual stimulating effect. Cheers were evoked when Chief Elder announced that the band had taken all before them at the Essendon competitions. The programme was opened with the well-known quartet, "Good-Night, Beloved," which received a beautiful rendering at the hands of Mary Conly, Miss Marion Gardner, Mr. Alf Duncan, and Mr B. Brudnell. They gave Barnby's "Sweet and Low" later on with equally pleasing effect. Despite the passage of years, Madame Mary Conly seems to have lost none of those fine singing powers with which she was wont to charm great audiences at the chief music festivals of England. Her recit and aria from Verdi on Wednesday evening was a magnificent effort, and in response to the inevitable recall she gave a very taking rendering of "Comin' thro' the Rye." In the second half she sang Parker's "Moorish Maid," a song which was one of her earliest favorites, and with which she never failed to rouse enthusiasm. Her encore number was "Three Green Bonnets," which young singers might well have accepted as a model in expression. With Miss Marion Gardner, Madame Conly also sang the duet, "O wert Thou in the Cauld Blast." Miss Margery Gray performed brilliantly on the violin as usual, charming everybody, and causing unbounded enthusiasm. Hubay's "Zephir" was followed (for encore) with a piece called "Love's Joy" by Kreisler. But the most popular selection probably was that in the second part, viz, an arrangement by a French composer of the well-known American air, "Yankee Doodle." It was most brilliant and attractive. Miss Marion Gardner's songs were "A Summer Night" and "A String of Pearls," and she was recalled after each. Mr. Alf Duncan was the baritone of the evening, and sang "The Toreador's Song" from Carmen and "The Company-Sergeant Major." Mr. B Brudnell, a returned soldier who left a leg on the "other side," showed that a good tenor voice had withstood the strain of war. His chief hit was with "Mary of Argyle." Miss Tilly Wyatt was the dancer, giving in good style the Highland Fling and the Sailor's Hornpipe (in costume). An unusual number of representatives from sister lodges were welcomed and entertained by chief Elder and his committee.

CHURCH NEWS.

Residents of the district will recollect the sensation caused by the erection in a day of a church building for the Church of Christ, Preston, some years ago. To fittingly celebrate the 10th anniversary of that achievement the church is having a special home-coming day, and it is expected that a large number of past members will be present at the services. The speaker at the morning service will be Mr. Thomas Bagley, the originator of the successful venture on March 25th, 1911. The evening subject will be "The Church that was Built in a Day," and the speaker Mr. Lionel Johnston. There will be special singing at both services.

The sum of about £1,100 was raised at the fete held recently in aid of Queen's College enlargement fund. The sweets stall, on which the Northcote circuit was represented, cleared about £50, and £11 was obtained for the bat containing the signatures of the English and Australian cricketers.

Good Friday services will be held in the High street church at 11 and 7. The addresses in the morning will be given by the Revs. R. Kelly and F. H. Williams, and in the evening by Revs A. R. Cocks and J. E. Warren. Office-bearers from different parts of the circuit will take part, and the service in the evening will conclude with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Holy week services will be conducted by Rev. C. W. Wood at Holy Trinity as follow:—Tuesday at 8 the choir will render Stainer's Crucifixion; Wednesday and Thursday at 8, short service; Good Friday, 2 to 3, The Passion.

Next Sunday evening a young people's service will be held at the Preston Presbyterian. Mr W. G. Donald will speak, the lessons read, and the hymns announced by young men of the church. During the service the anthem, "King of Kings," will be rendered by the choir, the solo, "The Lost Chord," will be sung.

At the evening service at Northcote Presbyterian church Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary," will be sung by the choir, the soloists being Miss Leonora Scott, Mrs. Mossely, Mr. Ben Hobby, Mr. R. A. Bartlemann, and Mr. S. Muir.

At a meeting on Wednesday evening of the congregation of Thornbury Presbyterian church it was decided to give a call to the Rev. F. L. Herlot, who was held in favorable remembrance from his student days there.

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DEPUTATION TO COUNCIL.

A representative gathering of school committees, friendly societies, &c., was held at South Preston State school on March 9th to further consider the establishment of public baths for Preston. Mr. Nankervis was appointed chairman and Mrs. Mather secretary, while all present formed themselves into a committee with power to add. As a result it was decided to arrange a deputation to wait on the council on Monday night next, when the speakers will be Messrs Nankervis, Westcott, head teachers, the area officer, and others. Cr. Robinson was asked to introduce the deputation. The conference hopes that all local bodies will, as far as possible, be represented.

To the Editor

Sir,—I wish to further the claim made for having swimming baths situated in a central position. It is right out of the question to expect residents of lower Preston to journey as far as Edwardes Park for their recreation. We are all proud of Edwardes Lake, and it will serve many very well, but what of the majority who are anxious for a swim after a day's work, but are debarred on account of the travelling distance? It is a rule in the scouts that every boy must be able to swim unless a doctor orders to the contrary. Our boys are at present obliged to walk nearly two miles to a swimming hole in the Darebin Creek which is far from suitable. There is nothing to assist a swimming class—the depth is uncertain and irregular, and the water contains the drainage of all filth and rubbish. It should be possible by a united effort on the part of societies to raise a fair part of the money required to build baths. In Lilydale where one of the largest fresh water baths in Australia is situated, the whole of the excavating was done by voluntary workers. If this cannot be done in Preston, we should at least be able to assist to a large degree. Proper swimming facilities in Preston would mark a further step forward, and be in keeping with our rapidly increasing population, and assist many hundreds of children acquire the all important art of swimming. Trusting this matter will be enthusiastically taken up, and assuring of our support.—Yours, etc.,

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Municipal History of Preston.

1854—1911.

[BY G. H. HAMILTON.]

Just ten years ago, Mr. G. H. Hamilton, then assistant secretary, rate collector, valuer, etc., to the Preston council, read before the local Progress Association (now defunct) a paper on the Municipal History of Preston from 1854 to the then date, February 1911.

Mr. Hamilton presented us with his manuscript, and it has lain by in a pigeon hole ever since. The lapse of time, we find, has added further interest to the narrative, and we propose now to publish it from fortnight to fortnight. With Preston just about to enter upon its greatest era of prosperity and progress, the time for the publication of such a history seems specially appropriate. Old residents will be pleased, we are sure, to be reminded of personages and incidents with which they were familiar in days gone by, and the new residents will like to know something of the history of the place in which they have chosen to make their home.

The paper as read by Mr. Hamilton (who is now, and has been since he left Preston, the rate collector in Benalla) is as follows:—

The beginning of municipal history of Preston shire, so far as I have been able to gather, dates back about the year 1854, some 56 years ago. I have not been able to find any record until some 18 years later in the year 1872. However, for the information as to municipal matters between these years my thanks are chiefly due to two well-remembered old residents. I refer to Mr. Edwin Bastings, who occupied a seat in the Northcote council up to the time of his death, and Mr. J. C. Clinch, who have both died during the last two years, after reaching the ripe old ages of 80 odd and 90 years respectively. In 1854 the first Local Government Act was passed which empowered the formation of what was called in those days Roads Boards, and about this time I find that a petition to have a road board proclaimed was got up by Mr. Wood, father to Mr. Edward Wood, who kept the Post Office Store, and grandfather to Mr. Hubert Wood, who still carries on the business at High street, Preston, in succession to these old pioneers. I remember with what pride Mr. Clinch related how he was present at the proclamation which took place at Epping, and, to quote his own words, he says:—"I became a member of the road board in 1856, representing Irish Town, and we put a toll gate on the road and had a valuation made of the land, striking a rate of 1/- in the pound, which was what was paid for 40 years." It seems that Preston was formerly known as Irish Town, so named by a number of North of Ireland people who lived there before the arrival of the Wood and Clinch families, among them being the familiar names of Doolan and Jeffrey, and to use Mr. Clinch's words once again he says:—"We were not satisfied with Irish Town, so we held a conference and Mr. Wood moved and I seconded that it be called Preston, which was carried."

In these days of early municipal government what are now known as councils were then called road boards. The main Plenty road and High street or Epping road, as it was more familiarly known then, were the main avenues of traffic between country and city, and it was necessary that these should be maintained, so that two boards were formed called the Morang and Epping Road Boards. I have not been able to ascertain definitely where these early municipal magnates held their debates, but those concerned in Plenty road met somewhere in Morang, and for the Epping road at the Merrilands hotel, situated on the Epping road just where the Board of Works overflow runs across into Mr. Vincent's property, and later at the Epping shire hall.

I am told that at a later period when these boards were being merged into the municipalities that led up to the constitution of what is now Northcote and Preston, the doings of our forefathers waxed hot, and it appears that when the books were being prepared for audit the scribes of the boards adjourned for lunch, and when they returned, behold, the office had mysteriously caught fire and consumed the books, together with all the data that might have proved interesting at the present time. Consequently I am unable to give the definite time of the constitution of these boards, but from the facts I have gathered they must have been constituted shortly after the Act came into force in 1854.

Among the names of the members of the Epping Road Board are the familiar ones of Bastings, G. Plant Clinch, Wood, Mitchell, Sheffield, Tyler, Cleeland, McCoy & Mooney, & of the Morang Board Emms, Brock, Wm. Reid, [and Wm Paterson, the latter having an uninterrupted career of death, whilst from this time until his municipal life still a member of the Preston council, in 1903.

[Mr. William Reid, who still serves the Whittlesea council, is probably the sole survivor of those pioneers of municipal government. He celebrates his diamond wedding this month.—Ed. L.]

I have not been able to find out exactly the amount of territory which came under the jurisdiction of these Boards, but the Morang Board, I am told, comprised most of the east riding, then called Gowerville, also a considerable portion along the Plenty road to Morang. That of Epping consisted of the remainder of Preston and what is now Thomastown and Epping. The revenue was raised chiefly by tolls, one being placed at the bridge over the Darebin creek near Bamfield's, another over the creek at Bell street at the boundary of Heidelberg and Preston, and two in High street, one at Murray road and another somewhere in the Thomastown territory. Most of these tolls were let by tender, but whether for one year or three I have not ascertained. However, the revenue from this source must have been pretty considerable, as I am told one successful tenders sometimes reached nearly £4000, and the charge for passing these gates was 3d for horse and man, 6d for horse and trap, and 1/- for loaded drays. A substantial revenue must have been gained from rates also, as Mr. Clinch tells of a rate of 1/- in the £ being struck, and my notes refer to prices of £20 per acre being given for Gowerville land. £42 10s per acre was given for Mr. Clinch's old garden, corner of High and Wood streets, with an additional £40 per acre for standing crop. But as these were the mad times of the gold rush, prices evidently went up similar to the times of our disastrous land boom period. I have no figures as to population at this time, but one old resident puts it down at about 300, but as emigrants were arriving with every boat it quickly grew to larger proportions.

Evidently the spirit of antagonism which sometimes crops up among our present members, and which seems to be the spice of good municipal government, was begotten from these old forefathers, for I hear of rows and counter rows as to the particular place where meetings shall be held, and one or two of these differences were concluded in a heated manner outside the chamber after the meeting was over, and in one of Mr. Sheffield's notes I find the following:—"A dispute having arisen, and a number of councillors having left the chamber, and there being not sufficient members to form a quorum, the meeting then broke up."

As to some of the difficulties which beset the council at this time, Mr. Bastings tells how they met at the Merrilands hotel on one occasion to find that an execution had been put in and the bailiff had seized the furniture used by the council, and he as chairman was forced to carry out the dignified duties while sitting on a kerosene tin, the secretary being honored with a gin case, and the rest of the councillors found seats as best they could.

Some six or seven years later the Morang road board applied to be joined with Northcote, and after considering the matter Northcote decided to join with the Epping road board. This was about the year 1864. It is at this time that we hear of divisions of ridings, for three were formed, viz., the North, Epping, and Preston ridings, which included Epping, Preston, and Northcote. I could never learn much of what became of the Morang board at this time, or in what manner it was affected by the change. I presume it went on in its own quiet way until 1874, when it was swallowed up by the Whittlesea shire. So far as I can gather, the history of the road boards so far as Preston is concerned ended in 1871, when on the 8th November of that year the Jika Jika shire was proclaimed, which took in for its territory Preston and Northcote, and was divided into ridings called Preston, Northcote and Gowerville. Just previous to this Darebin shire (now Epping shire) was formed, which demolished the remains of the Epping road board. It is only at this stage that the compiling of my notes is made easy, for the books from this date have been preserved in the archives of Preston council, and although the writings are in a somewhat crude form, and the art of penmanship not having reached to any degree of perfection, coupled with the mildew of 40 years, the deciphering was somewhat difficult.

The first meeting of the Jika Jika council was held on the 3rd January, 1872, and the councillors presiding thereat were:—Crs. Bastings (president), Mitchell, Thomas, Tyler, Plant and Paterson; R. Savage, secretary; Ed. Wood, treasurer; Robert Savage, toll collector; and a motion was carried that the shire office be the Foresters' hall, presumably the building now occupied by Mr. Waghorn, below Woods's store, High street.

In addition to a revenue from tolls, which still existed, a rate of 1/- in the pound was struck on a valuation of £14,715, giving a revenue from rates of £735. What the total revenue was I have not been able to find out, but the principal toll gate was at the Merri Creek bridge, and tenders as high as £3250 were accepted for it, so that their revenue was very considerable for such times. It is now that I am able to give exact figures as to population, and after using a magnifying glass on the old rate book I made it out to be 2067, proving that the district was now rapidly growing.

Evidently matters were not very peaceable between the new Shire of Jika and portion of the old Road Board, now called Darebin shire, for I find great ructions between the new municipalities over the adjustment of their revenues. Darebin Shire writes to Jika shire, notifying the dismissal of its rate collector because he refused to give up the books pending the order of the Governor-in Council to deliver up same and the Jika Shire commending him for sticking so loyally to his guns. Later on in this year, April, 1872, introduces us to a name familiar to all, that of Mr Sheffield, who was appointed superintendent of works at £125. He later on filled other offices until he was appointed secretary and engineer, which he held right up to the time of Mr. Dredge's coming in as secretary in 1888. Other familiar names of councillors coming in are O'Keefe and Vincent, both now removed from the land of the living. Other names are Dennis and Emery, who will be remembered by old residents.

It is here that we are introduced for the first time to the burning question of nightsoil, as I find a motion on the minute books "that Mr. Kimber be allowed to deposit nightsoil to the approval of the inspector." Evidently with the growth of population it was necessary to put some restrictions on its use.

The matter of noxious trade licenses is also beginning to concern the council, as I find councillors disagreeing with the president's ruling as to Mr. Hopwood's license, and while a resolution rescinding the granting of the license was being put the minutes go on to say "that at this juncture 5 of the councillors left the table, and there being no quorum the meeting broke up."

Other notable events of the year include the removal of the council's offices to the Junction hotel. It also sees our old friend, Mr. Clinch, in the council, also Mr. Emery, who started the first pottery works in Percival street.

Evidently a great deal of slaughtering was done about this time, as I find no less than seven licenses were granted, among them being Watson & Paterson's, which has since grown into such a large and flourishing business. Most of the other licenses granted at this time were in the Northcote territory and have long since ceased to exist.

(To be continued).

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH.

[Before Messrs. Plant (chairman), Evans, Cohen, Barley, Jones and Timmins, J's.P.]

ALLEGED MILK ADULTERATION.

The city inspector (Rudolph Gunst) proceeded against Mrs. Backman, Bell street, Preston, for selling adulterated milk.

The Government analyst's report showed—Non-fatty solids, 7.58; fatty solids 4.35. The standards are 8.5 and 3.5 respectively.

The sample thus showed a deficiency of 10 per cent. in non-fatty and a surplus of 24 per cent. in fatty solids (cream).

Mrs Backman said her portion of the sample had been analysed by Mr. O'Halloran, whose certificate showed it to be above the standard.

Mr. D. H. Herald (for the prosecution) said this was not evidence except Mr. O'Halloran was present to be cross examined.

Defendant was granted an adjournment so that she could have her analyst present.

Mrs. Barrett, Clyde street, Northcote, was also proceeded against.

The sample taken showed—non-fatty solids 7.14 per cent.; fatty solids 3.58 per cent.

Defendant said she sold the milk exactly as she received it.

Fined £2, with £2/12/6 costs.

FRAUDULENTLY EXTRACTING GAS.

J. A. Watkins was proceeded against for fraudulently extracting gas from the mains of the Metropolitan Gas Company.

Mr. Woods (for the Gas Co.) stated that defendant was the occupier of a house at 20 Cunningham street, Northcote, and read a letter which Mrs. Watkins had sent to the company asking them to cut off the gas as her husband was out of work and it was too expensive.

Harry Wm. Hughes, cut-off inspector for the Metropolitan Gas Co., stated he called at 20 Cunningham street on January 28th. He saw a Mrs Bonnett, who said Mr. and Mrs Watkins were away. Witness said "I want to see the meter." Mrs. Bonnett said "The meter is removed." On making an inspection witness found an apparatus consisting of rubber tube and piping was being used to convey gas from the company's pipes to the gas stove, without going through the meter. He lit a match and found that gas was going through the stove.

John Francis Meates, district superintendent for the Gas Company, gave evidence as to seeing the by-pass at 20 Cunningham street and disconnecting it.

Jas. Thompson gave formal evidence that he disconnected the meter on January 18th.

Defendant said he knew what was charged against him had been done, but it was done without his permission.

The chairman—It couldn't be done by a woman, could it?

Defendant—Yes, it could.

Mr. Cohen, J.P.—You knew the meter was gone.

Defendant—No, I didn't.

Fined £3, with £3/3/- costs.

FOOTBALL.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Preston football club was held in the Bradford hall on Wednesday last, and was remarkably well attended, much enthusiasm being shown in making arrangements for the coming season.

The report and balance-sheet showed the club to be in a healthy financial position.

Mr. H. B. Walker was re-elected president, Messrs A. Robertson, W. Braithwaite, W. Walker, H. Hattam, G. Hendrie and J. Traynor vice-presidents; treasurer and secretary, Mr. E. J. Hannah; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Potter; trustees, Messrs W. Punch, snr., and C. Knoll; auditors, Messrs T. Freeman and G. Hendrie; delegates to V.J.F.A., Messrs W. Gibbs, G. Hendrie and W. H. Davis; committee—Messrs H. Ford, W. H. Davis, A. Reid, C. Powell, H. Parsons, J. McIntosh, W. Chown, N. Long, B. Chown, P. Ralph, L. Punch, and C. Kupsch.

Trophies won during last season were presented to the following:—Most consistent players—G. Thorpe and T. Downes; best forward, L. Punch; best back, N. Long.

A suggestion by Mr. T. Freeman as to the forming of a second eighteen was adopted, and with the improvements now being made to the park, football should boom in Preston during the coming season.

Mr. E. J. Hannah (hon. sec.) was elected a life member.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

The above club's prospects for the forthcoming season are most encouraging, and the committee are very confident of success. All of last season's players are available, and with the addition of several promising local juniors, a good team will be secured. There are a few changes in the personnel of the officials of the club. Mr. C. Walker was appointed hon. secretary in lieu of Mr. T. Forristal (resigned owing to pressure of private business), Mr. H. Lauder treasurer in place of Mr. F. Swale (resigned after many years good service), Messrs S. Knowles and C. Winch appointed to the committee, and Mr. Eli Phillips vice-president. The committee are anxious that residents will rally round and support the local club, in which great interest is already being displayed. Members' tickets will be obtainable from most of the leading tobacconists, shop keepers, and office-bearers of the club, after the Easter holidays. Training will commence next Tuesday evening at the local park at 4 p.m. Mr. W. S. Stott is president of the club for the ensuing season.

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HOW "EVELYN'S DIARY" WAS DISCOVERED.

It is a significant fact that several well-known books which have long passed out into the regions of classic fame owe their publication to somewhat haphazard circumstances, but for which they would probably never have been brought to light.

Some three years before her death, Lady Evelyn was entertaining some friends at her residence at Wootton, Surrey, and after dinner one evening the conversation turned upon their respective hobbies, when a gentleman of the party avowed to his partiality for collecting the handwritings of distinguished persons. "Surely you do not mean old letters?" exclaimed the hostess, at the same time opening her work-table and taking a parcel of papers, some of which had just previously been used as patterns for articles of dress.

A perusal of the documents which the packet contained at once arrested the guest's attention, with the result that further bundles were brought for his inspection, Lady Evelyn herself stating that the visitor was welcome to lay aside any that he might desire for his own collection. After spending a whole evening in going through these treasures, the guest came across a quarto volume very closely written in Evelyn's own hand, which turned out to be none other than the famous "Kalendarium," or "Diary."

Though the book itself had been lent by Lady Evelyn from time to time to her particular friends, she did not think it of sufficient importance to warrant its publication, and but for the circumstances here related it is possible that the "Diary" might also have been cut up for patterns, instead of becoming the famous classic it is to-day.

THE KING AND THE QUAKER.

George III. once made a State visit to the City of London. About this time there was considerable unrest among the people, owing to matters political being in a very unsettled state, and the tumult in the streets through which the Royal carriage passed was so great that one of the horses in the King's carriage became frightened and restive between St. Paul's and the Bank, and some fear was felt for the safety of the King and Queen.

In this emergency one David Barclay, a draper of Cheapside, perceiving the possibility of danger, hastened towards the carriage, and requested the King to "Come into my house and see the Lord Mayor's Show?" Barclay was a devout Quaker, and the King and most members of his family entertained a profound respect for the Society of Friends; hence the acceptance of the Quaker's invitation. The Quaker conducted the Royal pair to the first floor of his establishment.

After the show had passed, Barclay went through the ceremony of introduction. Being a Quaker, David was rigidly averse to any formalities, but on this occasion he threw his views aside and went through every detail of the performance. "King George of England—Priscilla Barclay, my wife; Priscilla, my wife—George, King of England." His Majesty was so pleased with Barclay's behavior that he invited David to visit him at the Court of St. James, and the invitation was courteously accepted by the draper.

At the next levee, David Barclay attended Court with one of his sons, and when the King saw the twain he disregarded the restraint of etiquette and cordially greeted the Quaker with a hearty handshake. In the course of conversation the King asked David what he intended doing with his son. "Let him come here," concluded his Majesty. "I will find him good and profitable employment."

Barclay, however, civilly declined the King's offer. His sons did not go to Court, neither did they follow the drapery—their father's trade; but the Quaker, shortly after his meeting with the King, established them as bankers in Lombard-street, and to-day who has not heard of Barclay and Co. Ltd., bankers?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Yesterday is gone, to-day is short, to-morrow may never come. If you have anything to do, do it now—to-day. Bear in mind, too, that to-day gets shorter and shorter the longer you live.

There is not any virtue the exercise of which even momentarily will not impress a new fairness upon the features.—Ruskin.

Your manners will depend very much upon the quality of what you frequently think on, for the soul is tinged and colored with the complexion of thought.—Marcus Aurelius.

He that well and rightly considereth his own works will find little cause to judge hardly of another.—Thomas Kempis.

A man may be a blot or a blessing, but a blank he cannot be.—Chalmers.

Many a man creates his own lack of opportunities.

Every one that leads others to read and keep up with progress is a true benefactor to man. Only those who keep up with the world's progress can hope to hold their own in the struggle of life. Let us induce others to keep up with the procession.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance." Those who are cheerful avoid many of the hardships that the "grumbler" must encounter. There is nothing that gives better returns upon the investment than cheerfulness in work. Try it and be convinced.

Those who take little interest in others will find that little human interest will be taken in them, when perhaps this interest is greatly needed.

It's Funny, That—

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A fireman is not called a hosier,
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A golfer is not called a "fore"-man,
An orator is not called a gasman,
A fruiterer is not called a plumber.

The mother heard a great commotion as of cyclones mixed up with battering-rams, and she hurried upstairs to discover what was the matter. There she found Tommy sitting in the middle of the floor with a broad smile on his face.

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THE INFLUENCE OF FLOWERS.

The two most comfort-giving objects in a room, to my mind, are a fire in winter and a flower in summer. If you can have one or two fine pictures and a few plaques on your walls all the year round, so much the better; you will thus have some brightness in your room whether the sunshine gets there or not. But whatever else you have, have a flower in summer!

There are yet some people who have to learn the true enjoyment of life. It is not fine clothes, or even large houses or fine furniture or gay parties that make homes happy. It is the heart, the taste, the intellect which determine the extent of the quality of our happiness. These give the seeing eye, the appreciative nature, without which, whatever our surroundings, we shall be little better than walking clothes-horses. A snug and clean home, no matter how small it may be, so that it be wholesome, windows into which the sun can shine cheerily, a few good books—and books and periodicals are cheap enough now—the cupboard supplied with nutritious, if simple, food, and a few flowers in the room, will give the elements of pleasure and comfort to the poorest family. My experience teaches me that where there is a sincere love and appreciation of flowers, the other comforts I have enumerated are almost sure to be found. Flowers more than anything else tell us constantly of the goodness and wisdom of the Creator, who not only makes the earth bring forth food for our sustenance, but flowers to clothe our lives with beauty and joys.

GENTLE PERSUASION.

A professor of a technical college was addressing the graduating class. "Gentlemen," he said, "you are going out into the world of action. You will perhaps follow in some degree the example of those who have preceded you. Among other things you will marry. Let me entreat you to be kind to your wives. Be patient with them. Do not fret under petty domestic trials. When one of you asks your wife to go driving, do not worry if she is not ready at the appointed time. Have a treatise on your speciality always with you. Read it while you wait, and I assure you, gentlemen"—and the professor's kindly smile seemed to show a trace of irony—"you will be astonished at the vast amount of information you will acquire in this way."

THE WIFE'S INFLUENCE.

A woman has her husband's fortune, health and happiness all in her power, because she may, or she may not, as she pleases, conform to his circumstances. It is her first duty to do this, and it should be her pleasure also. No passion for luxury or display ought for a moment to induce her to deviate from this line of conduct. Any other course is sure to lead to unhappiness, and, if persisted in, is likely to lead to ruin. Nothing can be more miserable than the struggle to keep up an appearance that should never have been assumed. If it could succeed it would cost more than it was worth, but as it seldom does succeed, its failure involves great mortification.

Some of the best examples of human virtue have been shown by women who have been suddenly reduced from wealth and splendor to absolute want. A man's fortunes are to a great extent in the hands of his wife, inasmuch as his own power of exertion depends largely upon her. His moral and even his physical strength is increased by her sympathy, her counsel, her aid. She can help him immensely by relieving him of many cares which she is capable of taking upon herself. A thoughtful husband will not let his wife assume too much anxiety or responsibility on his account, and a good wife will never let her husband's attention be distracted by difficulties with which she is able to cope herself. A wife prompted by true affection and good sense will see at a glance when her husband is wearied or perhaps harassed by business cares, and she, of all human beings, can afford him the sympathy, the advice, the comfort, and, above all, the encouragement he needs. If every enterprise seems to fail him, and hope itself almost dead, the influence of the wife's patience and fortitude will rekindle them in his heart, and will enable him once more to encounter with courage the troubles of life.

WHERE ARE THEY FOUND?

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The record nugget of gold was found in Australia, and the biggest glacier is in Alaska.

Canada has produced the biggest frog, which weighed 48 lbs. at death, and the British Museum has the biggest book.

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The biggest newspaper ever printed was brought out in New York on July 4, 1858, measured eight feet long and six feet wide, and was sold at two shillings a copy.

St. John's Cathedral, Malta, has the biggest candles in the world on its altar. On one point, however, we are all agreed: the biggest stories and tallest yarns are universally acknowledged to come from the United States.

It is known to few that the name which Miss Florence Nightingale bore during the early years of her life was not Nightingale, but Shore. Her father, who was a wealthy Yorkshire banker, was a member of the ancient family of Shore, which for many a long century stood high among the landowners of Derbyshire and Yorkshire; and he assumed the name of Nightingale under the will of his father's uncle, whose fortune he inherited.

Mrs Peck (visiting her first husband's grave): "Yes; here lies a hero. You would not be my husband to-day had he not been killed in the war."

Mr Peck (fiercely): "What a curse war is."

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THE PETITION FOR CATTLE GRAZING.

To the Editor

Sir,—I am pleased to read in your issue of the 12th inst. that a petition from the residents and ratepayers of the Leamington estate, Reservoir, to be permitted to graze their cows on the vacant lands in this estate under certain conditions has been received by the Preston shire council, and referred to a committee of the council as a whole to be enquired into. There appears to be some slight misunderstanding as to the scope of the sanction asked. I, as one of the petitions, understood that the petition only applied to cattle of residents of the Leamington estate, upon which there is only half-a-mile of road that has been taken over by the council, while the area of the estate is nearly 1000 acres. Cr. Bricknell does not reside in the Leamington estate nor represent that riding, and so is not affected. In re the present by-laws for strayed cattle at most the only alteration required would be an insertion exempting certain estates where there are no public thoroughfares under municipal control.—Yours, etc., "M."

SUCCESS.

A Characteristic Article.

By Bart Kennedy.

Success is by no means the greatest test of talent. The man who wins the race is not always the swiftest man, nor does it always follow that the battle is won by the best fighter.

I have known so many good and round and clever men who have gone under, and I have seen so many bluffers and fakers come up on top, that I am forced to the conclusion that success is mainly born of qualities that are not the best in a man's character. You may be as talented as you please, but if you lack push and brag and bounce you will find yourself in a poor way. You must be ready with the quick and skilful lie at the psychological moment, you must be an adept in the fine art of double dealing, and, above all, you must have the faculty of explaining how wonderfully clever you are to other people.

I have watched the game through the whole of my life. I watched it when I was a laboring man. And even then, when my head was somewhat thicker than it is now, I noticed that the finest and the best men were never picked out for promotion. Rather was it the ready and swift and cute liar. Indeed, I have watched the thing that is called success through the whole of my vivid and varied career.

And I think I can afford to say a word or two about the matter, for I am not a soured failure. I have achieved success myself.

You may think, my reader, that my labelling myself as a success is neither diffident nor modest. You are right. And let me tell you that if you are to become a success, you must leave diffidence and modesty very far behind.

My ambition was never to make money. My ambition was to become known, and to live without injuring myself with rude toil.

To be successful is to do what you want to do in the world. And being a moneyed nobody would not have suited my book.

Making money is no test at all of success. It only means that you have been able to steal without the vulgar necessity of having to go to gaol. I know plenty of men who have made money. And the greater part of them are but poor specimens.

And whenever I read the thrilling confessions in the Press of how men began with sixpence and ended by stealing millions, I am saddened by the lack of humor displayed by the average millionaire. Instead of burdening a tired world with badly put platitudes, he ought to tell us how he kept out of gaol.

His copy would then be worth printing.

Pickpockets and burglars, and confidence men, and sand-baggers, are simply gentlemen whose souls are lit up with the millionaire ambition. And it is with sorrow that I see them gracing the dock. For there are millionaires who are not at all bad fellows. Their main fault—if they have one—is that they possess not an able-bodied sense of humor. They seem to be saddened by the thought that the world is full of dishonest ruffians who have designs upon their stolen millions.

They are not philosophers.

Real success has sometimes a good effect upon a man's character. For, curious to relate, there are some decent fellows who have been successful. If you are a decent fellow, people won't be so apt to be jealous because you have beaten them in the race. And if you have fairness enough and humor enough not to be continually making out that you are successful simply because of your transcendent talent, the world will be grateful. For the world knows as well as you know in your heart that it wasn't altogether your talent that did the trick. The fact of your being a shrewd, smart, unscrupulous fellow helped you immensely. But for your ability to handle people, you would still have been an unrecognised genius. You were able to please people. You were able to make people feel how wise, and clever, and noble they were. And so you got your chance.

All this the world knows. For the world is wiser and shrewder than the wisest and shrewdest man. It has lived longer. And it, therefore, likes you to take your success easily. It likes you not to put on airs about it. It likes you to be courteous enough to realise that very likely cleverer men than you have never achieved success.

If you act fairly about your success the world will be pleased and grateful.

A successful man who is stuck-up and unpleasant about his success is really half a failure. People perhaps kow-tow, or have to kow-tow to him, but in reality they hate the sight of him. For he is one who is not fair and honest. He does not play the game. He is that worst liar of all—the liar by implication. His manner implies that he is a big and wonderful person, who honors the world just because he lives in it. He has the discourtesy to be forever making people feel that he has beaten them in the race. He knows how he won the race, but he is not honest enough to own it. For such a successful person I have the most utter contempt.

So if you are that rare person, a successful man, take it easy. Don't go along without noticing people. If a man wants to talk to you, let him. Try to realise that were you an exactly scrupulous and honest man, you would never be where you are.

You owe a great deal to the devious side of your character. Had you been a finer and a better and a more honest man, you would have failed. So don't give yourself airs. Don't be stuck-up.

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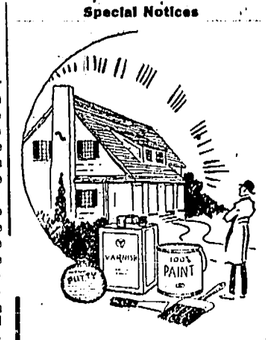

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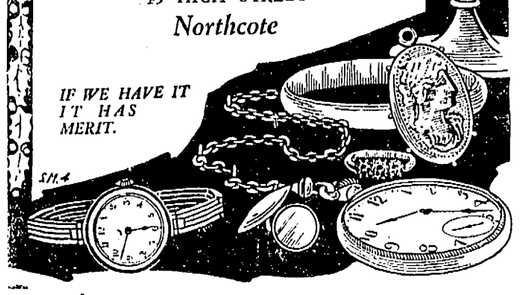

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Present:— Crs Timmmis (mayor), Dennis, Cain, Johnson, Glanfield, Oldis, Pearl, Gray, Turner, McDonell, Jones, Harry, Slator, Turnbull, and Sutch.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Metropolitan Board, agreeing to an extension of the water in McComas street, from Hutton street to Fyfe street, thence along Fyfe street for a distance of 13¼ chains.—Cr. Turner moved and Cr. Pearl seconded that the customary guarantee be given.—Carried.

From Public Health Department, asking council to co-operate in preventing the spread of infantile paralysis—Received.

From Public Health Department, approving of renewal of registration of Smith & Sons' abbatoirs, Bastings street.—Received.

From same, asking for cheque for £55 10s, being half cost for treatment of influenza patients by the Brunswick City council.—Referred to finance committee.

From conference re Victoria Civil Ambulance, intimating that a resolution had been passed in favor of metropolitan municipalities contributing £1500 per annum towards the upkeep of the service, towards which Northcote's contribution would be £32.—Referred to finance committee

From Melbourne City Council, asking Cr. Timmins to attend a conference of the mayors of the metropolitan municipalsties for the purpose of equitably dividing the war trophies, consisting of guns, trench mortars, etc., allotted to the metropolis.—The mayor was appointed to attend.

From Tramways Board, approving of council's plans for improvements to the Board's land in St. George's road, near the Merri creek bridge.—Received.

From same, stating that consideration of connection of Clifton Hill and Northcote cable trams had been deferred till next meeting in order that the Board may obtain the views of the Railway Department with respect to the proposed re-grading of the railway.—Received.

From City of Caulfield, stating that as the result of the conference there would be a deputation to the Minister of Railways to urge the re-consideration of the railway fares with a view to securing reductions for all outer suburban stations, and to ask for special reductions for workmen and on periodical tickets.—Received.

From A. C. Williams, as secretary A.N.A., bringing under notice the practice of passing carts, on their way to the city on market mornings, dropping over-ripe fruit and rotting vegetables on the roadway in Arthurton road, St. George's road, and Railway parade on both sides of the railway line.—Referred to inspector.

From Thornbury Past Student's Association, applying for use of Henderson Park as a football ground during coming season.—Referred to parks committee.

From A. McLellan, hon. secretary Northcote and Preston Scottish Society, drawing attention to the bad lighting conditions on the platform of the town hall. Outside the ceiling lights there are none to show up the music on the piano or in the hands of a singer.—Referred to works committee.

From Wm. O'Neill, occupier cottage in Merri park, asking if council could see their way to make a path about 30 yards long in Merri Park so as to allow his children to get to school during the winter, when, ordinarily, part of the ground is under water.—Referred to works committee.

From G McConnell, stating he was calling tenders for the fencing of the quarry hole in Clarke street.—Received.

KELLETT STREET PLANS.

The only objector to the plans and apportionments in connection with the construction of Kellett street was Mrs. Jarrett.

Cr. McDonell said it appeared that Mrs Jarrett was being charged for work that was already done.

The surveyor (Mr. Howitt) said this would have to be re-done when the street was made.

Matter referred back for further enquiry.

TAX ON DRIVERS.

Messrs J. Stack, Andrews and Lewis appeared as a deputation from the Federated Carters' and Drivers' Union, to ask that the council take steps with a view to getting the annual license fee of 5/- per year now paid by drivers abolished.

After listening to lengthy arguments from the carters' point of view, a majority of the council thought they would like to consider the other side before "fathering" a recommendation to a conference, and with the object of deciding in the light of more all-round information, the matter was referred to the committee of the whole.

PETITION.

Cr. Dennis presented a petition from Mr. Baker und 26 others, residents of Jackson street, praying that attention be given to their right-of-way.—To lie on the table for 14 days

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. That accounts—general, £1,017 8/8; electric light, £248/1/6; street construction, £940/8/9; and loan account No. 12, £209/18/11—be passed for payment—Adopted.

2 East Ward Park.—That the City Surveyor be instructed to erect gates in the East Ward Park at the Palmer Street entrance, and the cost of same be charged to the amount of the Parks Grant received from the Government.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Slater (chairman) reported Dr. balance, general account, 28/2/21. £17,933/9/8; electric light account, Cr. balance 28/2/21, £1,109/5/4; also recommending:—

1. That accounts amounting to £2,981/7/-, be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Re By-law provisioning of horses in High Street.—That the Council's solicitor be requested to draft a By-law to control the provision of horses

High street and within 100 yards of such street, the text of the By-law being that the feeding of horses other than from a nose-bag be prohibited.—Referred back.

3. E. Dunn, Public Analyst, re increase in Fees.—That the Fee paid to the Analyst be increased from 12/6 to 16/- per sample.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Mayor submitted the report, recommending:—

Municipal Employees' Wages Claim.—That the Municipal Association of Victoria be appointed to represent this Municipality in all matters connected with the claim for wages and working conditions contained in the Log submitted by the Federated Municipal and Shire Councils' Employees' Union of Australia.—Adopted.

Electric Light Account.—That the Electrical Engineer be asked to report, and the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee, with the Acting Town Clerk, be authorised to make arrangements for a loan of £10,000.—Adopted.

STREETS COMMITTEE.

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

1. Streets and Lanes construction.—That the city surveyor be directed to prepare plans, &c, for the construction of the following:— East Ward—Prospect grove, Ilma grove and Waterloo road, from Bastings street to Mitchell street. North Ward—Rossmoyne street, from St. David street to Wales street, part of St. David street and part of Wales street. South Ward—South crescent, from Victoria road easterly, Gray street and Gordon street. West Ward—Bent street, from High street to the railway; and Railway parade, from Elm street to Beaver's road. Central Ward—Eunson avenue, and lane between Eunson avenue and Clarke street.

2 That the above mentioned streets be constructed in the order set out, on the completion of the list adopted by the Council on the 1st February, 1921.—Adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr Sutch moved that tenders be called for the construction of the lane between Barry and Union streets.

Cr. Dennis, in seconding the motion, said he would like to point out in view of a letter which had appeared in the local paper that tenders for this work had been called three times. There was one tender 75 per cent. above the engineer's estimates, so the ratepayers' interest was best served by not accepting the tenders.

Cr. Sutch moved that the tender of J. Bainbridge in connection with the painting of the hall be accepted.—Carried.

Cr. Turner reported having attended his first meeting of the Municipal Association and being duly disgusted. A matter of interest to this municipality was the proposed increased remuneration to health officers, say, in a municipality like this, from about £30 to £200. The City of Essendon was of opinion that it could get all the services it required for £50. This matter was referred for further consideration.

Cr. McDonell said that certain blasting done in Mansfield street had knocked a ratepayers' house out of shape, so that the front door would not shut or the windows open. The council had promised that things should be put right, but this had never been done. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee, with a view of giving attention.—Carried.

Cr. Glanfield moved that the matter of fencing the roadway through the Brick Company's paddock be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

Cr. McDonell moved that the Brick Co. be approached with a view of getting them to offer a portion of their land for a recreation ground.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis moved that the matter of repairing the roadway in South crescent and Westgarth street be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

Cr. Cain moved that the matter of tar-paving portions of Robert street and Victoria road be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

Cr. Turnbull moved that the Tramway Board be asked to link up the workmen's trams between Northcote and Clifton Hill. He pointed out that while the first workmen's tram on the Northcote line was at 6.18, the first on the Clifton Hill line was not till 7.18. He wanted a workmen's tram to meet the 6.18. The next to leave Northcote was at 7.12, while the Clifton Hill workmen's tram was at 7.14, so Northcote workmen had no chance of using it.—The motion was agreed to.

Cr. Oldis moved that the matter of the right-of-way between Andrew and Derby streets be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that the matter of the lawns in Pender's grove be referred to the parks committee for attention.

The mayor moved that the matter of renovations, &c., in the mayor's room be referred back to the works committee.

Cr. Jones was granted a month's leave of absence.

CENTRAL WARD WORKS.

Cr. Sutch submitted the following, as the works his colleagues and himself desired done in the Central ward:—Repairing and top coating asphalt path, Arthurton road, St. George's road to bridge, and widening path; McCracken's avenue, top dressing paths both sides of street; Park street, repairing and top coating paths both sides Clarke street to Gordon grove; lamp, McCracken avenue, and current for year.—Referred to works committee.

WEST WARD WORKS.

Cr. Gray moved that the following works (approved by the West ward representatives) be referred to the works committee with a view of same being carried out:—Repairs St. to George's rd. east side, Arthurton road to Bent street; Shaftesbury parade, north side, High street to Church of England; Beaconsfield parade, north side, Johnson street to Stott street, east side, Kemp street to Beaconsfield parade.

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CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE V. NORTH MELBOURNE.

FIRST ELEVENS

In response to North Melbourne's score of 102, Northcote had 130 on the board for six wickets. Woodbury 23 and Cody 2 resumed batting, and runs came quickly from both batsmen, 108 being added in an hour without a separation being made. The innings was then declared closed with six wickets for 238.

Woodbury played one of his characteristic innings for 73 not out, and Cody, showing more enterprise than usual, played perhaps his best innings for the club in scoring 57 not out. Northcote were after an outright win, and an extra point, but did not succeed as the North Melbourne batsmen batted in good style, and scored 208 for 5 wickets. Hartkopf secured a wicket in each of his first two overs, but the other batsmen made a good stand. W. Caddy 76, S Caddy 38, Bracher 50 not out, all batted well. Hartkopf two for 39, Carroll one for 6, Woodbury one for 34. Halfpenny was again in great form behind the sticks, and was responsible for 3 of the 5 wickets which fell.

Northcote is now level with Fitzroy for fourth place, and great importance is attached to the game which starts to-day against Essendon at the park.

SECOND ELEVENS.

Northcote scored 275 and North Melbourne was dismissed with twenty minutes to spare for 189.

Richardson bowled splendidly, and secured eight for 80. His figures would have been much better if the catches had been taken. Fothergill took the other two wickets.

This eleven is now in second place, one point behind the leaders, Melbourne. The team is assured of a place in the semi-finals.

A great deal depends on the match which commences to-day at Northcote against Essendon. The following teams have been chosen:—1st eleven—Bailey, Boulter, Carroll, Cody, Cooper, Finch, Gibaud, Hartkopf, Halfpenny, Sherry, Woodbury, Yeomans; 2nd eleven—Boulter, Burley, Fothergill, Gill, Gibaud, Harvey, Jackson, Keller, Louis, Richardson, Stone, Vernon

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALLERS v. PRESTON.

The above match was concluded last Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the footballers by an innings and 43 runs. The footballers in their first innings made 253, of which P. Kelly scored 80, including three 6's and ten 4's; Catlin 25, Busst 22, Bowen 25, H Smith 16, A. Murray 13, Chesswas 11, also batted well; A. Thomas two for 48, A. Hicks three for 11, White two for 22, Hocking one for 19, shared the bowling honors. Preston scored 88 and 103 (Thomas 29, Poulter 16, King 12, Butchart 38, Hicks 34, Hart 13 not out). P. Kelly, eight for 67 off 167 balls and 5 maiden overs, bowled remarkably well, keeping a fine length throughout. O'Connor three for 29, G. Chesswas five for 50, and A Murray one for 8, also bowled well. The footballers have had a very successful season, and some fine performances were put up by the players. The club was most unfortunate in not securing a place in the semi-finals, being beaten for second place by one point only. Out of nine matches played the team secured six wins, one draw, and two defeats, and beaten in the West Melbourne match by only two runs.

Northcote and Preston Churches Cricket Association.—The semi-final matches in connection with the above were continued last Saturday, and the results at the close of the day were as follows:—Pender's A, 1st innings, 153 (completed the previous Saturday), 2nd innings, two wickets for 3 runs (J. King one for 0, R Freeman one for 3) v. Prince of Wales Park, 1st innings, 183 (R Freeman 57, T. Akers 30, R. Lambeth 23 not out, E Hardie 22, G. Theobald two for 32, H. Winslade one for 18). Lambeth and Akers added 55 runs in fine style for the last wicket partnership, and Freeman batted splendidly for his 57. Great excitement was shown throughout the day, and the game was witnessed by a large number of spectators. St. George's Road Methodists, 1st innings 149 (N. Scott 20, R Lugton 25, E Eaton 17, C Harry 11, C. Owens 10, Peters four for 39, Ferguson one for 7, Murray one for 9, Hullett two for 39) defeated Northcote Presbyterians, 1st innings 42, 2nd innings 107 (Murray 41, Peters 16 not out, Bowden 14, Hullett 11, C. Owens four for 22, B. Hart three for 37, Lugton one for 6, R Tulk one for 3) by 10 wickets. The unfinished match will be continued to-day at the west end of Hutton street, Thornbury. The next meeting of the association will be held next Monday evening, in the High street Methodist church, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of the club's representatives is requested, as some very important business has to be transacted, and the balance-sheet of the concert will be presented.

North Suburban Association.—Excelsior 347 (Powell 148, including nine 6's and fifteen 4's, Down 74, Marshall 40, Stamford 37, Hills 16, Potter 10) beat Pascoe Vale 109 and 40 (L. Taylor 41, F. Taylor 24; Hills nine for 56, Stephens two for 18) by an innings and 198. Darebin Juniors, 109 (Mason 49, Lane 26) defeated East Brunswick Sociables, 61 and 42 (Davis seven for 54, Mason four for 17, Lane two for 25) by an innings and 6 runs. Final.—Darebin juniors eight for 134 (Ward 50, Lane 34) v. Excelsior 82 (Mason five for 30, Davis four for 41). Continued to-day at Thornbury park.

Clifton Competition.—Westgarth Juniors 97 (Humble 20, Saunders 17, Garland 17, Bates 12, Rowe 10) drew with South Ports 97 (Thompson five for 24, Rowe three for 20). Thornbury Juniors 47 defeated Dovers Stars 11 and 17 (Olorenshaw eight for 15, McLennan ten for 8) by an innings and 18.

Thornbury juniors 96 and none for 10 (V. McLennan 33 and 9 not out, Whyllin 19, Woodward 12 not out, Lovelace 10) defeated Westgarth 61 and 40 (O. Olorenshaw six for 26, A. McLennan 13 for 58, Lovelace two for 10) by 10 wickets and 4 runs. To-day's match is against East Brunswick on the Prince's Oval.

LADIES' COLUMN.

THE NEWEST COATS.

There is a distinct charm about the newest blanket-cloths, especially when they are printed in check pattern and show the combination of a coup'e of pretty colors. Fawn backgrounds, for instance, with brown, blue or mauve stripes, running through them, are delightful, while a background of grey holds an immense amount of possibility in the way of colored stripes. One very smart coat was of beaver-colored cloth, with an overcheck of brown and mauve, and so that the effect of the fabric should not be lost, a simple design was chosen for its making. The coat was arranged with front and back panels cut in with the basque parts, and joined to the Magyar sides. The fronts turned back to form revers, and were joined to a large collar.

SHORTER SKIRTS AND BRIGHTER TONES.

"Let us be fashionable and shiver" will be the motto of winter devotees of Dame Fashion. The outstanding feature of the three days' fashion parade at Farmer's, Sydney, was the length of the costume skirts and some of the one-piece gowns. They were scarcely an inch below the knee, and made some of the onlookers gasp with surprise. Brick, jade and royal blue predominated in the color harmonies. They were modulated by mole, navy, cream and black. Cut by a master hand was a velour cloth coat and skirt of brick, soutached in self-colored braid. The skirt of this striking costume was constructed of four inverted box pleats which gave free play to the wearer's knees, below which it did not venture far. Others of the costumes showed longer skirts, notably a cream serge, knife pleated. It reached to the ankles. Its coat was a bolero draped in front with a wide opening edged with Coney seal. In one-piece gowns a jade tricolette was most remarkable for its girdle of white and Jade beads. A little mole velvet gown with a plain bodice, tight underjupe and full overjupe, trimmed with stitched kiltings of taffetas of the same tone, had a quaint old-world air about it that was very refreshing.

BEADED FROCK FOR DORALDINA

A new bead garment, consisting of the kind of beads that usually go to make up the bag so popular these days, forms one of the startling frocks worn by Madame Doraldina in her forthcoming production, "Passion Fruit." It is a very wonderful creation, and consists entirely of pearl beads of various sizes. The bodice is a mass of beads, and the skirt consists of two fringes, also of beads. A girdle of multi-colored beads is tied around the waist.

THE LATEST HATS.

The new hats suggest all countries, and the only type that does not seem to be represented is the clumsy, high-set turban beloved by the Teutonic hausfrau. There are English hats, graceful and drooping, with the inevitable English feather. There are saucy, tilted chapeaux with dashing slant-away feathers that bespeak Paris. There are velvet effects, draped high, that suggest the dignified mantilla and comb of the Spanish senorita. There are close little caps with trailing coque at the back, that give exactly the silhouette of the head-dress of Italy. Not even Egypt is omitted. A hit of the new season is the Egyptian turban, made of glittering jet and suggesting in its shape a Rameses head-dress. One of these turbans was exhibited at Paris—an odd affair, but tremendously smart.

It had an extended crown turning and sloping down over the ears, and a massive cut jet ornament at the front. Crown and brim were covered with tiny jet beads or elongated bugles, each one of which gives off a separate glitter in the light. The hat was surprisingly light for its massive jet suggestion, and made a becoming, if bizarre, frame for a pretty face.

COQUE HATS IN SUMPTUOUS COLORS.

Two widely contrasting types were presented in a tall, draped hat, and a snuggling down coque affair. Both of these hats were street hats rather than evening or resturant hats, and very smart they were, too. The velvet hat was untrimmed, the soft drapery of the black velvet giving all the smartness and grace necessary. The coque turban was almost brilliant with color. The irridescent hues of the coque plumage round the brim harmonised with the rich dark reds and browns of the grebe breast which covered the crown. The line of the hat was admirable also—the shape seeming to hug the head closely, yet with a slight mushroom slant over the eyes, which cast a becoming shadow on the face.

THE GLANCE THAT REVEALED.

Holding her close to him, he gazed into the depths of her gazelle-like eyes. Acute anxiety was expressed in every line of her fair face. Ever and anon a sigh seemed to rend her being with its intensity, and she gazed into his face as though she would read his very soul. For many minutes thus they stood, neither speaking, each gazing—intently gazing—into the other's eyes. "Yes," said the oculist, at last, "one eye is seriously affected, and if not treated immediately will develop a decided squint."

BAND OF HOPE NOTES.

Started about twelve months ago the Thornbury Band of Hope has made good progress, no less than 73 members having been admitted during that period. The workers aim at having attractive meetings, and by this means they have retained the interest of the members. On Thursday evening last Mrs. Lobato, special missioner of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, delighted the young folks with her interesting talk. A "mixed animals" competition was carried through, the winners being Annie Green and Keith Scott. On Saturday members participated in the United Band of Hope picnic at Wattle Park.

The value of Band of Hope training from a citizenship point of view is frequently brought under notice. The teaching and experience of the Band of Hope goes far beyond its teaching concerning intoxicants, and develops the best ideas of citizenship and sacrifice for the public good. The members are trained in the sense of order, to understand procedure. They become familiarised with the conduct of affairs and the duty of working together for a common object. Their intelligence is appealed to. It is astonishing at how early an age they understand and appreciate the importance to the person, family, and the community, of the habits, conduct, ideas and ideals of the individual. The moral powers of the child are strengthened by teaching and training it to say "No" with courtesy, promptitude and firmness in the presence of temptation. While it teaches them the folly and danger of drinking, and the wisdom, pleasure and profit of abstinence, it also inculcates thrift, self-reliance, the wise use of leisure, and the moral and social virtues that mean so much to citizenship.

AMUSEMENTS.

There is no mistaking the way Melbourne theatre-goers flocked to Fullers' Cinderella pantomime at the Princess Theatre, for on the completion of its Melbourne season on Saturday next, 19th March, it will have played 122 consecutive performances, which is a fine testimonial to the merit of the show. Cinderella will have put up three pantomime records, first, over 200,000 people have paid for admission; secondly, it has put up the longest run in pantomime; and thirdly, for the first six weeks of its season at the Princess two performances were given daily. The company will leave for Adelaide early next week.

The programme submitted for the approval of patrons by Ben and John Fuller at the Bijou Theatre this week is exceptionally strong. The acts comprise Laura Guerite, the world famed revue star, Jennings and Gerald, the favourite Australian comedy pair, De Winter and Rose, a high-class American dancing team, Doff Dee, the English comedienne, the Gibbon Duo, who are the limit in eccentric dancing. Louis London, in character songs, Decar, the acrobatic waiter, Pagden and Stanley, patterologists, Hall Raie, the entertainer at the piano, and Champion's college bred canines, marvels of animal intelligence.

BLOT ON A CRICKET MATCH.

To the Editor

Sir,—I was present at a cricket match on Saturday last between teams chosen from the Darebin juniors and the Excelsior (a Preston combination), and I was exceedingly disgusted at the revolting language indulged in by a member of the Darebin juniors' team. His language, the outcome of a plentiful supply of beer, was all the more shocking because females were present, and the members of his team did not in any way endeavor to check the flow of language. The match is to be continued on Saturday (to-day), on the ground adjoining the Thornbury State school, and I think it would be advisable if a constable, either uniformed or plain clothes, were present and arrest this individual should he again indulge in such filthy language. I may mention that the umpire spoke to him on the matter and was met with a volley of stumps at his head by this half-drunken sot.—Yours, etc.,

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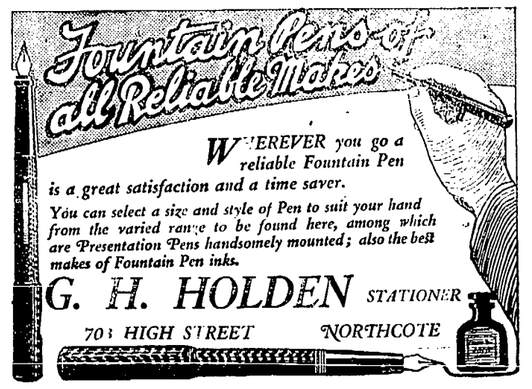

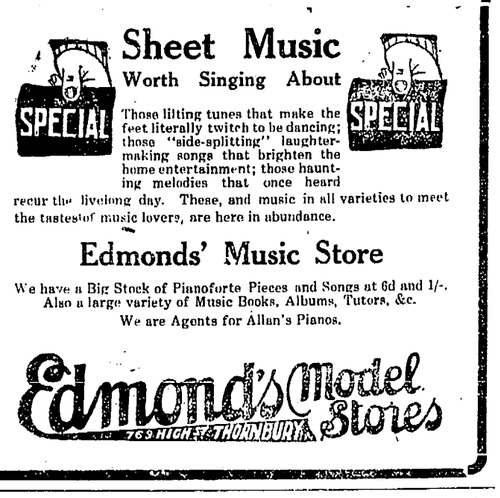

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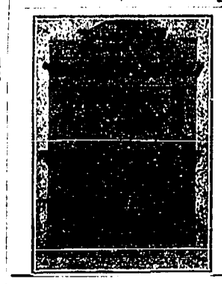

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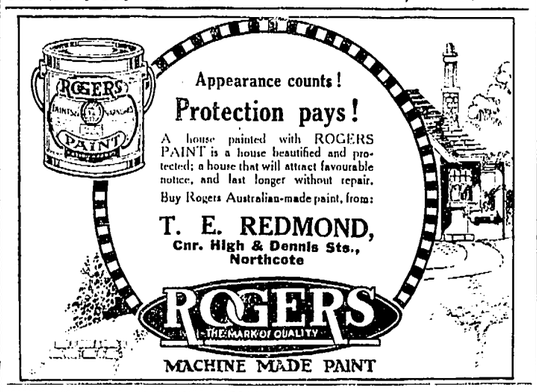

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Easter Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Preacher, Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. W. H. McCook, B.A., B.D.
Subjects:—Morning, "The Message of the Resurrection;" evening, "The Risen Jesus."

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rossmoyne Street.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. W. Mackay.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. J. E. Warren.
7 p.m., Rev. F. H. Williams.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m, Mr. W. Wood.
7 p.m., Rev. J. E. Warren.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. W. H. Gray.
7 p.m., Mr. L. Oates.

CROXTON.
11 a.m, Rev. F. H. Williams.
7 p.m., Mr. A. Coates.

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. Wylie; 7 p.m., Mr. J. Orton.
SOUTH PRESTON.—11 a.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart; 7 p.m., Mr. W. J. Gray.
PENDER'S GROVE.—11 a.m, Mr. W. Bott; 7 p.m., Rev. D. J. Flockart.
WEST PRESTON.—11 a.m., Mr. A. Johansen; 7 p.m., Mr. W. A. Pearce.

THOMASTOWN METHODIST CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY, EASTER SUNDAY
Preachers. 11 a.m., Rev. H. Richardson; 7.30 p.m., Mr. Wylie.
Easter Monday, TEA MEETING, 6 p.m. Concert to follow. Mr. W. J. Gray, Chairman.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Martin St., Northcote.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m, Pastor D. J. McOmish.

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. Frank Robinson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, High Street, Preston.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Sunday School.
7 p.m., Evangelistic Service.
Preacher: Mr. Lionel Johnston, Evangelist.

CHURCH OF CHRIST) High Street, Northcote.

11 a.m., Worship.
3 p.m., Bible School.
7 p.m., Mr. Hinrichsen, subject, "A Long Lovers' Lane."
All Welcome.

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Amusements

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Week commencing Mon., Mch. 28

Mon., Tuesday, Wednesday.
Matinee Easter Monday, 2.30.
Sessue Hayakawa
in
The Devil's Claim
A Novel Picture, from the Life of Bohemia to the Mystic Life of the Orient.
Supported by
TOM MOORE
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HAZEL DALY
in a Delightful Farce Comedy
Stop Thief
Also
LARRY SEMON
as the Lover in
The Suitor
You Will Laugh for a Week at the Queer Things that Happen.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
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Frank Keenan
in
The World Aflame
Showing how a Great Strike is Settled.
Matinee Easter Monday 2.30

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Grand Garden Fete and Carnival
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EDWARDES PARK LAKE
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EASTER SATURDAY & MONDAY.

LAND & WATER SPORTS.
Jumble Stalls, &c.
Spend a Picnic at the Lake.

Only a Silver Coin Admission.
Funds for the N.D.R.C. Boat House.
Organised by the Ladies of Reservoir.
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DANCING.
MR. STRETTON'S Refined Class, Northcote Town Hall, every TUESDAY Evening (Opening March 1st). Instruction for Beginners 7.45 to 8.30. Advance Class and Practice, 8.30 to 11. Also Saturday Afternoon, 2nd April, from 3 to 5.30. Monday and Wednesday, Normanby Hall, Normanby Avenue, next Thornbury Bowling Green Beginners, attend these Classes and learn thoroughly and quickly. Private Lessons, book now. 358 Rae Street, N. Fitzroy.

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MRS. and Miss D. TOWNSEND'S Dancing Class, Bradford Hall, High Street, Preston, every Saturday, 3 p.m. Toe, National, Ballet, Action Songs and Dances taught, 6d lesson. Private Lessons and Adults' Class, Hutton Street west, Thornbury, by appointment. Children's Class, Hutton Street, 10 a.m Saturdays.

Amusements

DANCING! DANCING!
Toronto Dance,
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EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT.
Have You Heard the Toronto Orchestra? Gee! It's Great.
NOTE.—Admission: Ladies 1/2, Gents 1/6 (including cloak room and tax).

Meetings.

INDOOR BOWLS TOURNAMENT.

A Meeting of Representatives from Friendly Societies and Progress Associations will be held in the Rechabite Hall, Northcote, on Friday, 1st April, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of arranging an Indoor Bowls Competition, under the auspices of the Northcote I.O.R.
C. WHELAN,
Hon. Sec. pro tem.

Meetings

NORTHCOTE SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.
£600 WANTED.
INDOOR CARNIVAL TO BE HELD.

A Public Meeting of Citizens, Representatives of Churches, Societies, Sporting Clubs, &c, will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, 31st March, at 8 p.m.
The object of the Carnival is to raise the sum of £600, which amount is necessary to complete the Citizens' Memorial to the Digger.
Ladies and Gentlemen willing to assist are most cordially invited to attend.
Officers and Committees will be elected to organise and carry out the Carnival, proposed to be held the last week in May in the Town Hall.
Cr. C. TIMMINS, Mayor.
R. J. WHALLEY, Hon. Treas.
PHIL MAYER, Hon. Sec.

Tenders

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TENDERS.

Tenders are invited up till 4 p.m. on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1921, for the following:—
Construction of Lane between Barry and Union Streets.
Plans and specifications may be seen at this office.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
A deposit of 5 per cent. must be lodged with each tender.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote, 21/3/1921.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.
TENDERS.

Tenders, returnable on the 4th April next, are invited for the SUPPLY and DELIVERY of 100 CASKS (or more) of CEMENT.
Tenderers to state Class of Cement and Rate per Cask.
A Deposit of 5 per cent. must be lodged with each tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote, 23/3/1921.

Notices

DAD'S EASTER EGG.
Results:—First, 869; 2nd, 800; 3rd, 1111; 4th, 1045; 5th, 1008.

6 GEORGE V., No. 2611, SEC. 73.
6 GEORGE V, No. 2741, SEC. 31.
NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the Estate of Frederick Holroyd, late of McLachlan street, Northcote, Herbalist, deceased, intestate, who died on the 17th June, 1916, has been granted to me, and Creditors Next of Kin, and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 483 Collins Street, Melbourne, on or before the 2nd May, 1921, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.
WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 22nd March, 1921.

Wanted to Buy

POULTRY, POULTRY—All kinds of Poultry bought, old or young, big or small. Called for. Write. A. Dower, Cooper Street, Preston. Tel. Northcote 105.

Wanted to Sell

SINGER Machine, 66, Golden Oak, nearly new, no further use, £14 10s. 102 Flinders street, Thornbury.

THE BEEHIVE'S
Grand Re-Building Sale

We are throughout our Store making very extensive alterations and also building a magnificent shop front. In the few months we have been established, we have endeavored, by honest trading and sterling values, to win the popularity of Northcote shoppers. We have exceeded beyond our expectations, and to mark our appreciation of Northcote patronage, we are offering

Unsurpassed and Unheard-of Bargains in Every Department

At **1/-** each—Strong Towels, nice size, worth 1/6
At **1/-** pair—Men's Cotton Sox, worth 1/6
At **2/11**—54 inch Unbleached Sheeting, worth 3/11
At **6/11**—Men's Strong Fashion Shirts, reinforced necks, worth 8/11
At **4/6**—56 inch Unbleached Table Damask, worth 5/6
At **4/11**—Ladies' All Wool Cashmere Hose, English make, worth 5/11
At **1/-** pair—Ladies' Cotton Hose, in all shades, worth 1/11
At **10½d** Cake—Rexona Soap, worth 1/-.
At **1/-** skein—4-ply Knitting Wool, suitable for Golfers and Jumpers, worth 1/3
At **3/11**—Ladies' Artificial Silk Hose, in all shades, worth 4/11
At **1/11**—Ladies' Fancy Front Singlets, sleeveless, worth 2/6
At **4/11**—Ladies' Nights, embossed fronts, worth 5/11
At **4/11**—Ladies' Fleecy Bloomers, worth 5/11
At **5/11**—Strong Corsets, in all sizes, worth 7/11
At **3/11**—Voile Jumpers, nicely made, worth 4/11
At **8/11**—Heavy Jap. Silk Jumpers, worth 10/6
At **27/6**—All Wool Jumpers, in all shades, worth 35/-
We have a very nice assortment of Ladies' Golfers and Jumpers from **29/6** to **63/-**.

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The Leader
JUSTICE TO ALL.
Published every Saturday Morning.
SATURDAY, MARCH 26.

There was an interesting little ceremony in the shire president's room following the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening, when Major-General Brand was the guest of the president. Cr. Crispe's particular object in inviting him there was to present him with a memento of his laying of the foundation stone of the retaining wall at Edwardes Park Lake, in the shape of a large photo of the scene which presented itself on the occasion of the aquatic carnival at the lake last Easter. It is a fine picture the work of a local photographic artist, Mr. E. Gardiner. Cr. Crispe, in making the presentation, referred to the general as a "dinkum digger," who not only was beloved by the returned men, but, through the way he had acted on many official visits to Preston, held in high esteem by the citizens generally. Cr. L. Jones, ex-president of the R.S.S. I.L.A., expressed the great appreciation felt for the general both for his leadership on the other side and his splendid and sympathetic work for the returned men and their dependants since he had been State Commandant. Cr. Jones concluded with an expression of regret that the general was about to depart to another State, but wished him all the success and popularity he had won for himself here. General Brand heartily thanked the president for the gift, and said it would always be a reminder to him of a very pleasant function, and also of his many agreeable associations with Preston. He was going to take charge of the 1st Army Division of the A.I.F., and his headquarters would be Sydney, though his responsibilities would extend over the Queensland border. As for what he had done and was prepared to do for the returned men he counted that nothing more than his duty. The toast of the general's health was heartily drunk.

Major Maclaine, M.C., now appearing at the Bijou Theatre, is a very interesting personality. To give him his correct title he is the Maclaine of Lochbuie, chief of the Clan of Maclaine. He was major in the late 15th King's Hussars, and served with distinction during the late war from 1914 till 1919, and was one of the original expeditionary force who fought at Mons, etc. He gained the 33rd M.C. of the war at Hoogi in 1914 for conspicuous bravery during attack. He was the first of three regular cavalry officers to transfer to the infantry in May 1915, and was appointed second in command of the famous football battalion, known as the 17th Middlesex, which he subsequently commanded until wounded in action at Festubert. On returning to the field he was appointed to command the 1st Wilts Regiment, and later commanded the 8th (Duke of Wellington's Own) Regiment. With this regiment he was wounded at the taking of Polo Capelle. On recovering he commanded the 9th Royal Sussex and won a bar to his M.C. in the big retreat of March 1917. He was also during the campaign mentioned in despatches five times. Owing to the war he had become financially embarassed and has now adopted the vaudeville stage for a living.

It is being very pithily said in regard to the Northcote trams—"You go further but fare worse."

On Sunday, 24th April, a special Anzac service will be held in the Northcote town hall, complete arrangements for which are now being made.

Cr. Jones reported to the Preston council on Monday evening that the Chief Railway Commissioner had been out that day to inspect the pig-ramp at Bell and had promised that something will be done.

One of the newest and boldest advertising signs in High street, Northcote—outside a boot-mender's shop—reads as follows:—"Do not go elsewhere to be robbed, step right in." Cr. Turner will doubtless add this to his collection.

Dr. Cole and a local Bench on Monday refused to deal summarily with a man charged with stealing money and other valuables from a coat hanging on a fence at a cricket match. He said local benches had been criticised for too leniently dealing with cases of this sort, so this bench would pass on the responsibility to a higher court, accused being committed for trial.

The Northcote cricket club, under the managership of Mr. E. C. Yeomans, is visiting Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance at Easter. Amongst the party, comprising 25 players and supporters, will be the mayor (Cr. C. Timmins), Cr. J. Cain, M.L.A., and Cr. A. Oldis.

The war trophy allotted to Preston consists of machine gun No. 6603, a heavy machine gun captured by the 21st battalion A I F. during operations near Frise, in France, on August 28th, 1918, when the Australian corps astride the Somme were pressing back the enemy towards Peronne and Mont St. Quentin.

Mr. Henry H. Gray, son of Mr. W. Gray, of Merri street, Northcote—an old Helen street school boy—has just obtained his L.L.M. degree (Master of Laws).

Miss Vena M. Brooks, of Peter street, who got her merit certificate at South Preston school, has just been notified of having won a full scholarship at the Australian Commercial College.

The ladies of Reservoir are doing their utmost to make the carnival at Edwardes Park Lake on Easter Saturday and Monday a success. A programme of sports on land and water has been arranged, also races for children, and jumble stalls for purchasers. Refreshments, cordials and ice cream provided. Proceeds are in aid of N.D.R.C. boat house.

Northcote City Council invite tenders for the construction of lane between Barry and Union streets.

Tenders are invited by the Northcote city council for the supply and delivery of 100 casks of cement.

Tharratt's, joinery specialists, timber and hardware merchants, intimate that they submit estimates for all kinds of doors and windows.

Wardrop Tailoring

WARDROP Tailoring is for the man who wants a good Suit at a moderate price. Every Suit made bears silent testimony to the truth of the Wardrop claim to tailor "the best made for the price paid." Every fresh purchaser of Wardrop Suits is but one more added to the long and growing list of well-dressed men who proudly assert that "Wardrop's My Tailor."

May we add your name to this list this season?

Patterns post free on request to out of town residents.

WARDROP,
"My Tailor,"
Corner Smith & Johnston Streets, Collingwood.
Opp. P.O., Elizabeth St., Melb.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS FOR PRESTON.

DEPUTATION TO THE COUNCIL.

One of the biggest deputations seen at the Preston shire hall for a long time was that which attended at the council chamber on Monday evening to urge the council to proceed with the construction of public swimming baths.
Cr. Robinson introduced the deputation.
Mr. J. C. Nankervis said they wanted swimming baths provided for the boys and girls who were their future citizens. The deputation embraced the State and Catholic schools, the churches and Sunday schools, and the friendly societies and sporting clubs of the district. There was very great need of baths being provided. Mr. Mankey when here had to take his boys to the Darebin Creek, which was so unsafe and dirty that he refused to continue. Later it was suggested that the children be taken to Edwardes Park Lake, but that was not considered practicable. At present they were being taken to Fitzroy, and there was the drawback of the expense and the time lost. Something more local would be of much advantage. Baths would be a revenue-producing concern, and posterity would have to shoulder some of the liability as regards capital cost.
Mr. Dawson, head teacher at Tyler street school, said it was hardly necessary to remind the council that swimming was one of the finest exercises boys and girls could have, and they wanted to impress upon the council the need for greater facilities. Children taught to swim were able to save their own lives, and he had the pleasure of knowing that pupils he had taught to swim had been instrumental in saving the lives of others. They had many capable instructors, but had no chance to teach on account of being unable to get suitable water. On behalf of the pupils of the various schools he represented he appealed to them as councillors and humanitarians to provide baths and future generations would rise up and call them blessed. As to cost that was a matter for the future. Preston was growing and rapidly coming into its own, and they wanted to bring it still greater prominence by letting all the world know that Preston has one of the best swimming baths in the metropolis. (Applause).
Mr. David, head teacher of South Preston school, said the Education Department had given swimming an important place in its curriculum. During season 1919-20—a drought year—there were no fewer than 890 swimming classes started, at which 29,168 pupils attended and 21,567 learned to swim. In his own boyhood swimming was learned hap-hazard, but now the teaching of it was reduced to a fine art, including life-saving and restoring the partially drowned. In Preston they were only doing a fraction of what they might do if they had public baths. The 21,000 who had learned to swim would have hundreds of opportunities of saving lives, and Preston children would be largely cut out of those privileges. Of 91 attempts at saving life by children who had been taught in the school classes 87 had been successful. Eighty-seven precious lives had been saved—they did not know how precious! So they asked the council to put their best considering cap on and try and give this great boon to present and future generations of Preston. (Applause).
Mr. Eccles, representing the Thornbury State school, was the next speaker, and the point he made was that the affair on the Hopkins River, instead of being a great tragedy, would have been a mere incident had all the passengers on the boat been able to swim. Of the 900 children in the school he represented you could count those who could swim on your two hands. With facilities provided some hundreds of these would be taught to swim each year.
Mr. Dike, area officer, said he represented 700 cadets. They used to take parties to the Darebin Creek, but since the drowning of young Frost this had been stopped. At Brunswick parties were taken to the public baths, where a charge was made of 1d or 2d for each boy.
Mr. Marshall, on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' Association, heartily supported the proposal, saying they were prepared to do their best to further the matter.
Mr. Fry, representing the East Riding, said he had been able to swim since he was 21 years of age, and it was one of the bug-bears of his life that he could not teach his children to swim. Through there being no facilities for swimming in Preston the children were "water-frightened."
Mr. Gray, representing West Preston State school, said he considered swimming baths for Preston a downright necessity, and Mr. Doran, speaking for the Sacred Heart school, said they would support the project to the uttermost.
Mr. Nankervis said they were now prepared to leave the matter in the council's hands. They were prepared to help raise money for this object, the same as they were to pay off the debt on the library building.
The president (Cr. Crispe) said he was pleased to know that the residents were taking such an interest in the matter. The council, he might say, had the matter under their earnest consideration at the present time. They had a special committee busy collecting data, and hoped to have a report from it very soon.
Cr. Bricknell (a member of the committee) said they would have a report for next council night. The Brunswick baths were the last they had visited. He thought the committee would be able to suggest a way to finance the scheme.
Cr. Robinson moved that the request of the deputation be referred to the special committee.
Cr. Bricknell seconded.—Carried.

LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS AND PRESTON PARK.

GRANTED TO P.F.C.

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening a letter was received from Mr. E. J. Hannah, applying on behalf of the Preston Football Club for the use of the Cramer street park for the ensuing year; also for the use of the park for the off Saturdays for the Preston Juniors (late Preston Protestant Churches Football Club), which team they had decided to take under their control for the better interests of the district and football generally.
A letter was also received from J. P. McMullen sec. C.Y.M.S., Football Club, applying for the use of the park for coming season.
Cr. Bartrop moved that the application of the Preston Football Club be granted. There was every indication that a good club would be formed this year with prospects of winning the premiership. It was up to them to foster their own district teams.
Cr. McFadzean seconded.—Carried.

MUNICIPAL LABORERS.

The Municipal Association of Victoria intimated to the Preston council on Monday evening that as the result of conference with representatives of the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees Union of Australia the wages of municipal laborers in the metropolis had been fixed at 14/4 per day and in all shires of Victoria at 12/8 per day, the working week to consist of 48 hours.
This agreement is to remain in force from 1st March, 1921, to 31st December, 1921, subject to quarterly revision.
The matter was referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Crs. McFadzean and Warr.
[The rate ruling at Preston has been 12/6 per day].

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND.

[Before Messrs Bricknell (chairman), and Ellison, J's.P.]

ILLEGALLY ON PREMISES.

As Mrs. Jensen, of Austral avenue, and her neighbor, Mrs. Taylor, were taking afternoon tea at the home of the former on the 15th inst., they heard a noise in the front part of the house. Looking along the passage, they saw a man at the bedroom window. Mrs Jensen said to the man, "What are you doing in my house." He replied, "I don't know myself." Seeing two men passing, she asked their assistance. One of the men went for the police, while the other detained the accused. She found the bedroom all upset, and there were marks on the counterpane as if of footprints. Nothing was missing.
Mrs Taylor said that when she said to accused, "What are you doing here?" he said "I haven't taken anything, Mrs."
Constable Shiels said that when he asked accused to explain his conduct he said "I must have been cranky."
Accused, against whom there was a prior conviction for house-breaking, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

ILLEGAL DETENTION CASE FAILS.

Wm. Quinlan proceeded against Wm. Watts for illegal detention of a scythe.
Plaintiff stated that Watts borrowed his scythe and had it about 3 months when he asked for its return. Defendant said it was broken, and was down at the blacksmith's being repaired. Three weeks later he asked for the scythe again, but was again told it was not mended. When plaintiff said he must have it, defendant commenced to abuse him.
Defendant said it was not he who had borrowed the scythe. Anyway, it had been returned.
Plaintiff admitted that the scythe had been returned, but it was ruined.
The chairman said he was afraid there was no case for illegal detention if the scythe had been returned. The case would be dismissed, with 6/- costs to plaintiff.

INSULTING WORDS.

James Simpson was charged with *insulting words in a public place, to wit*, the Reservoir railway station.
Checker Buckfitt gave evidence that he rode past several stations before defendant would produce his ticket, and when he got out at Reservoir, he (defendant) sang out "There goes the dirty mongrel."
Checker Newey gave corroborative evidence.
Fined £2, with 7/6 costs.

BREACHES OF HEALTH ACT.

Albert Bell, butcher, Epping, was proceeded against for allowing swine to feed on raw blood and upon offal which had not been cleansed or boiled for one hour.
C. W. Robinson, inspector for the Board of Health, gave evidence that on visiting the premises he found that 5 pigs had free access to a quantity of blood and to pieces of gut on a manure heap close by.
Defendant said the blood was from the killing the day before. He was out with the cart all day and left a man in charge. It was his neglect that those things had not been attended to. He did his best to keep the place clean.
Fined £2, with £1 1s costs.

BREACH OF ROAD REGULATIONS.

Constable Davern proceeded against D. Masson for driving without a headlight; also with being on the wrong side of the road.
The evidence was to the effect that a Mr. Leahy, carrier, of Gooch street, and a friend, were coming down Plenty road in a jinker on the 5th February when they had a collision with a motor car which had no light. Both vehicles were travelling at a very slow pace, and neither was damaged, but it was alleged that the impact caused Mr. Leahy to be thrown out, resulting in a fractured rib.
Mr. Lonie, for defendant, said there would be no denial of the charges, but the accident was due to pure mischance. Through something having gone wrong with the carburettor the car had pulled up. The lighting arrangements of the car were such that the lights went out when the car stopped. The car had just been put in motion again with a view of getting the lights going, and was just crawling along when the collision occurred.
A fine of £2 was imposed in each case.

Northcote Soldiers' Memorial.

In order that the balance of the money required to erect the local soldiers' memorial might be raised the committee has resolved that an indoor carnival be held in the town hall the last week in May. By circular the co-operation of churches, societies, sporting clubs and other institutions has been invited, and the enthusiastic assistance of citizens (ladies and gentlemen) is also requested. This is a work which everyone should deem it a privilege to undertake, and those who do take an active interest in the erection of the memorial will show in a practical way their appreciation of the splendid service rendered in the great war by the local diggers.
The Mayor (Cr. Timmins) has convened a meeting of all ladies and gentlemen, together with representatives of organisations, for Thursday evening next, 31st March, at 8. The meeting will take place in the town hall, and a large attendance is earnestly requested.
As games of chance will not be allowed, it is confidently expected that delegates from every church will be present, and thus help to successfully launch what should be the final effort on behalf of the Northcote Soldiers' Memorial.

Scene at Cricket Match.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to "Onlooker's" remarks in your last issue, in match between Darebin Juniors and Excelsior, I would like to state that he is unfair to the members of the Darebin Junior's club in saying that they did not in any way try to stop the flow of language used by a member of their club. This was done, but of no use, until the umpire spoke to him on the matter. In regard to saying that the umpire was met with a volley of stumps—one stump was thrown at the umpire by this person, and then he was stopped by the members of his team.—Yours, etc.,
"ONE WHO KNOWS."

Indoor Bowls.

Representatives of friendly societies and progress associations are invited to attend a meeting at the Rechabite hall, Northcote, next Friday evening at 8, the object being to arrange an indoor bowls competition.

CR. ALLCHIN.

PRESENTED WITH AN ILLUMINATED ADDRESS.

Several months ago an illuminated address was prepared for presentation to Cr. Allchin as a memento of his two last strenuous years of office as president. He fell ill, however, and the address could not be presented at the time. It was always hoped that he would be soon resuming his place at the council table, when the address could be handed over in the customary way. Very unfortunately, though, he has never sufficiently recovered from his illness to do this. On a recent evening, however, he managed to get down to the committee room, and the shire president was able to formally present him with the address. Cr. Crispe expressed sincere regret at the cause which had delayed the presentation, and expressed the hope that Cr. Allchin might soon be restored to a fair measure of health. Sympathetic remarks, with warm eulogy of Cr. Allchin's public services, which are suitably referred to in the address, were made by the other councillors.
The address, which was beautifully illuminated by Mr. F. Laughton, of Northcote, was worded as follows:—
To Cr. Edmund Allchin.
Dear Sir,—We, the President and your fellow Councillors of the Shire of Preston, desire to offer you this address as a slight token of esteem in which you are held by us and the ratepayers we have the honor to represent.
As President of the Shire during the last two years you have had a far more varied and difficult array of duties to perform than usually accompanies the position.
In addition to your municipal obligations you have had much to do in connection with all patriotic work, and the requirements of our returned soldier population.
Together with your wife and family you have spared no effort, and have carried out all requirements most satisfactorily to all concerned. A retrospective view of your work, so successfully performed, must indeed be most gratifying to you all as it is to us.
We are also glad that your most earnest wish came to pass, viz., that the Great War would be successfully terminated during your term of Presidentship, and in this connection the fact that you met every troopship carrying returned soldiers, sailors and nurses, and at all times placed your automobile and personal assistance at the disposal of the authorities has been widely and favorably commented on.
We also wish here to place on record our high appreciation of all services so capably rendered by you to this municipality during the whole of your fifteen years as a Councillor representing the East Riding, as well as the President during the years 1908, 1917, 1918, and to express recognition of the deep interest you have always taken in the welfare and progress of this municipality.
We do, Sir, sincerely trust that you and yours may enjoy the best of health, and that you may long be spared to represent the ratepayers of Preston on this Council.
Wishing you every success,
We are, dear Sir, yours faithfully,
Llewellyn Jones, President.
Councillors:
Chas. H. Warr — C. T. Crispe
Alf. C. Smith — J. S. McFadzean
Geo. Bransgrove — Gilbert E. Robinson
Chas. Bricknell
W. Arthur Kelly,
Shire Secretary.

Cr. Allchin made acknowledgment in a few feeling words, saying it much gratified him to get such an address from his fellow councillors after a residence of over 30 years in Preston.

POLICE FOR NORTH PRESTON.

DEPUTATION DISCOURAGED.

Cr. Cain, M.L.A., on Monday evening forwarded to the Preston council the following letter which he had received from the Police Department:—
"With reference to your representations on behalf of the Shire of Preston, regarding the demand for increasing the police protection in the northern portion of Preston, the question has received further attention, and it is not considered that any advantage would result from a deputation as the money provided for police requirements for the current financial year had already been allocated. The case of Preston will, however, be noted for consideration with similar requests from other localities when the estimates for the ensuing financial year are under review. Any further information which the council submits in writing will then be duly considered."
Cr. Robinson moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Cain stating that in the opinion of the council the reply received was very unsatisfactory.
Cr. McFadzean seconded.—Carried.

IRISH NATIONAL CONCERT.

Following on the success of the 1920 venture, the management again secured first-class artists for its entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's day. At seven o'clock on the evening of the concert large crowds had assembled in High street and Westbourne grove. The doors opened at 7.15, and in a few minutes the hall was filled to overflowing. During the evening it was announced amidst applause, that a record house was present, the sale of tickets amounting to £75. The programme, which was contributed to by the following artists was most enthusiastically received by the audience, and every performer was encored:—Mr. Dan Collins, Miss Cecilia Curtin, Mr. Victor McMahon (flautist), Mr. Edwin Campbell, Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe and her dancing pupils, Miss Dolly Barnes (step dancer), Mr. H. Hillman, Mr. Loch Fraser, Miss Kathleen Reardon, Mr. Henry Webster, Miss Eily Burke, and Mr. Dan Connelly (step dancer). Mr. J. F. Richardson, who had charge of the musical arrangements, conducted an excellent orchestra, and Miss Kathleen Byrne acted as accompanist. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Messrs W. E. McDonald and T. Costello, who were assisted by an energetic and capable committee of ladies and gentlemen.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE NEWS.

THOMASTOWN.

The anniversary of the Thomastown Methodist church will be celebrated on Easter Sunday. In the morning the Rev. H. Richardson will preach, and in the evening Mr. Wylie. On Monday evening a tea and concert will take place.

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CHURCH NEWS.

An appropriate addition to the evening service at Northcote Presbyteiran church on Sunday last was the rendering of Maunder's "From Olivet to Calvary" by the choir, with Miss Leonora Scott, Mrs. Mosely, Mr. Ben Hobby, Mr. R. A. Bartleman and Mr. S. Muir in the solo parts.

There was a good attendance last Sunday evening at the Preston Presbyterian church, when the young people's service proved a great success. The address by Mr. W. G. Donald, readings by the young men, and singing by the choir, were much appreciated. Miss Norris sang very sweetly "My Task."

At the evening service of Holy Trinity, Thornbury, on Sunday last Stainer's "Crucifixion" was rendered by an augmented choir, the principals being Messrs Blessley, Carolance, Tutton, Harwood, Ziebell, Mrs. Hall and Miss Blackman.

The Rest Home for aged women established by Holy Trinity, Thornbury, is situated within the Parish boundary, and not in Bell street, Preston, as mentioned in our last issue.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Melbourne will celebrate its 50 years of history this month with a thanksgiving service, to be held in the Assembly Hall on Easter Sunday afternoon, at which meeting the Rev. W. G. Marsh, Melbourne's first general secretary, will speak. It is quite a coincidence that the original meeting at the inception of the organisation was held in the same hall in April, 1871. Of the directorate in those days there are only a few members now living, and some of those have expressed their intention of being present at the celebration. Ladies will also be welcome at the service on Sunday. In connection with the jubilee there will be a banquet for members past and present at the Town Hall on Friday, 1st April.

The vestry of the Church of The Epiphany has increased their vicar's stipend by £100 per annum.

Church of The Epiphany.—The alterations and extension to parish hall are well in hand and will be ready for opening early after Easter. The annual Sunday school picnic will be held at "Riverview," South Morang, on Monday next, children's tickets to be had from Mr. Harold Kennard at Sunday school and Northcote station. Train leaves Northcote at 8.13 a.m., other stations at corresponding time table.

Northcote Methodist Sunday School Anniversary.

The second Sunday of the High street Methodist Sunday school anniversary was even more successful than the first. The attendances were large, and the enthusiasm was maintained to the end. Highly complimentary remarks were made about the singing, which reflected great credit on Mr. Bert Cox and his fine choir and orchestra. In the morning the service was taken by the Rev. R. Ditterich (ex-president of the Conference), who addressed timely words to the scholars. The service in the afternoon will long be remembered, Padre Gault, O.B.E., conducting with his usual grace and attractiveness. His address was based on the uses of a poison gas helmet, one of which he took with him into the pulpit. At night the pastor of the church, Rev. J. E. Warren, occupied the pulpit, and spoke on "Home-made Religion," words especially addressed to parents. The collections for the school work during the anniversary were the largest on record.

On Wednesday evening the schoolroom was crowded with an appreciative audience for the scholars' night. Mr. W. H. Gray (superintendent of the school) took the chair, and an excellent programme was given. Mr. Bert Cox and Miss Batten were afterwards thanked for the good work they had done in preparing the scholars.

During the proceedings, the Rev. J. E. Warren, on behalf of the teachers and office bearers, asked Mr. Gray to accept an enlarged photograph of himself (the work of Miss Dickason), and referred to the various offices that Mr. Gray had held in church and school, and especially as superintendent of High street for a period of 20 years. The scholars greeted the photograph with hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Gray, and Mr. Gray suitably responded.

Towards the close of the programme Mr. F. E. Brandon moved, and Mr. W. Dimmick (who said he had been 30 years associated with High street) seconded, a general vote of thanks, which was carried. The following programme was rendered:—Overture (piano), Olive Carter and Ellie Wheeler; action song, "Dolly, Dolly," infants; duet, "In the Garden of My Heart," Elva and Olive Cornish; clubs exhibitors, girls

NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 21ST MARCH.

[Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Messrs Hayes, Evans, Jones, Timmins, Hayes, Cohen, and Redmond, J's P.]

CONFLICTING ANALYSIS.

Helena Backman was proceeded against by Rudolph Gunst, the city inspector, for selling adulterated milk. Mr. Herald for the prosecution.

Mr. Lonie, for the defence, said that according to the council's analyst the sample taken while showing well above the standard in fatty solids (cream) was 10 per cent. below the standard in non-fatty solids. The defendant had sent her portion of the sample taken by the inspector to Mr. O'Halloran for analysis and the certificate showed—fatty solids, 3.81 (standard 3.5) and non-fatty solids, 8.76 (standard 8.5). He (Mr. Lonie) would like an adjournment so that the third portion of the sample taken could be tested by an umpire analyst, whose decision they were prepared to abide by.

Francis Kelly, apprentice to Mr. O'Halloran (whom he had been with 3 years and 3 months) said he had made the analysis of the sample sent by defendant, his principal being away on holiday.

Cross-examined by Mr. Herald, witness said he did not follow any of the three methods of analysis prescribed in the Health Act. It was Mr. O'Halloran's custom to adopt a shorter method, in order to give those who wanted their milk tested some idea as to its quality.

Mr. Herald—Some idea!

Witness added that he did not pose as an analytical chemist.

The adjournment to get the decision of an umpire analyst was allowed.

GARNISHEE ORDER.

A garnishee order for £3/5/-, with 15/- costs, was made on the Metropolitan Gas Co. against E. Carson and in favor of E. A. Sibley. Mr. Vale appeared for complainant.

OWNERSHIP OF GOODS.

The police brought a case to decide the ownership of certain drapery goods valued at between £400 and £500, seized on the premises of Emanuel Schott, and in connection with which Schott was fined £25.

In view of notice of appeal no order was made for the disposal of goods at the time.

Detective Milne stated that Schott had since formally withdrawn his appeal.

The case was adjourned for 14 days so that the goods in question might be brought to the court, and all claimants notified.

STEALING FROM COAT POCKET.

Edward Bromley was charged with stealing a gold chain, two gold medals, one Ansonia watch, a bunch of keys, and a wallet containing £4/5/- in money, the property of Robert Clarke.

Robert Anderson Dawson Clarke, 183 Victoria parade, Fitzroy, stated that on Saturday, March 12th, he was playing cricket at the Merri Park, and hung his coat on the fence. When putting on his coat again he found the property named above missing. Having seen accused loitering about in the neighborhood he gave information to the police.

Plain-clothes Senior Constable Frawley stated that in consequence of something he was told he saw accused at his home, Scotchmer street, on 13th March. He admitted having been at the Merri Park the previous day. Witness said "A wallet and other things were taken from a coat there do you know anything about it." Accused replied "I know nothing about it." Witness said "You were seen close to the coat. I know you took it. What did you do with it?" He replied "I took them and hid them down by the creek." Witness then accompanied accused to Northcote. Crossing the bridge at St. George's road accused said "I threw the watch down there." Witness made a search, but could not find the watch. Witness then accompanied accused to near the Arthurton road bridge, where he produced the chain. Witness said "Where is the wallet and keys?" He said "I threw them in the creek." They searched, but failed to find them. Witness said "What did you do with the money?" He said "I spent it." Witness asked accused why he did it. He said "I was drunk."

Accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. O'Connor, who appeared for accused, asked that the Bench should deal with the case. It was a case, he thought, that might be dealt with under the First Offenders' Act. Accused was drunk at the time and drink always made him mad. He (the accused) had a wife and five children.

Dr. Cole, P.M., said it was no plea that the man was drunk, but an aggravation. Such cases were becoming too common, and local benches had been criticised for dealing too leniently with them. A prima facie case had been made out, and he thought a higher court should take the responsibility of it. Accused would therefore be committed for trial at the next sittings of the Supreme Court.

THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH.

[Before Messrs Hayes (chairman), Evans, Johnson, and Cohen, J's.P.]

ANTI-VACCINATIONISTS.

Wm. J. Brennan, John Campbell, Wm. Evans, William McVeigh, George Cox, Albert J. Broche, and John W. Tratford were each fined 14/- for not having their children vaccinated.

EJECTMENT ORDER.

Stott & Bastings, as agents for Mary Duffy, secured an ejectment order against Wm A. Knowles, who was £20 in arrears with his rent.

INSULTING WORDS CHARGE FAILS.

George Gibson proceeded against Mrs. Brewer on a charge of using insulting words in a public place. Mr. Hayes for plaintiff, Mr. A. M. Lonie for defendant.

George Gibson, fruiterer, 57 Darebin street, said he knew Mrs. Brewer and also her daughter. On Saturday morning Mrs. Brewer came into his shop and called him a liar, a loafer and a thing. She also said his mother had to call the police to put him out because he would not pay his board. Mrs. Brewer spoke in a loud voice in the hearing of several persons passing at the time. He only asked for a nominal penalty as a deterrent.

Asked if he was prepared to withdraw the case he said he was on the payment of costs.

Mr. Lonie—You were keeping company with Mrs. Brewer's daughter?

Witness—Yes.

Who broke the engagement off—I'm sure I didn't.

Mr. Hayes objected to these matters being gone into as not relevant.

Mr. Lonie—Was it broken off in consequence of you going with another girl?

Plaintiff—Yes.

After that you still wanted to keep company with her?—Yes.

Have you written any letters to her since 21th January?—I can't say.

What did you say when Mrs. Brewer charged you with sending a post card to her?—I said I did not.

She then said you were a liar?—Yes.

Did you write that post-card (produced)?—No.

Did anyone write it at your dictation?—Yes.

Did you post it?—Yes.

Then what you told Mrs. Brewer about not sending it was not true?—No.

And so when she called you a liar it was only the truth?—She was pretty near it.

Before Mrs. Brewer went out of the shop did not her daughter go and ask you for certain articles!—I said I would return them when she returned mine.

Were you not going with another girl while keeping company with Mrs. Brewer's daughter?—

Mr. Hayes—That is not relevant.

The chairman—I don't think it has much bearing.

Mr. Lonie—I contend that when a mother finds that a man has acted falsely to her daughter it justifies her in using strong expressions.

Mr. Lonie (continuing):—Who wrote the post-card?

Plaintiff—Miss Chamberlain.

That's the lady in your shop?—Yes.

Mr. Cohen, J.P.—How long were you engaged to Miss Brewer?—About four years.

How long has the engagement been broken off?—About nine months.

Lilian May Chamberlain, employed at plaintiff's shop, stated that Mrs. Brewer called Gibson a liar, a scoundrel, and a waster.

Mr. Lonie—Did you write the post card referred to?

Witness—Yes.

Did you think that a very honorable thing to do?—I did not want to do it at first, but he said it was only a joke.

You saw afterwards it was not much of a joke?—I did, and was sorry I wrote it.

Mr. Lonie, for the defence, said the case was one which should never have been brought into court at all. On the admission of plaintiff himself at least two of the expressions used by defendant were justified. After keeping company with Mrs. Brewer's daughter for four years he took up with another girl.

Mr. Hayes again objected to matters being brought in that occurred nine months ago.

Mr. Lonie—He opened the old sore again himself by sending Mrs. Brewer the post card. His client was naturally incensed at getting the post card, and they went up to get the articles belonging to the girl.

The chairman intimated that the Bench was unanimously of opinion that there was no necessity to go any further. Plaintiff had admitted that at least one of the titles was true. It seemed remarkable that he should have had the post card written considering the relations between the parties.

Case dismissed with £1 1s costs.

DIGGERS' COLUMN.

NORTHCOTE R.S.S.I.L.A.

The branch meeting on Monday night was well attended, and five of the dads, viz., Messrs Dennis, Hollis, Jones, and Buchanan took part, Mr. Dennis particularly emphasing the necessity of both associations acting together.

It was decided to conduct stalls at the forthcoming indoor carnival under the joint management of the Diggers' and Dads' Associations.

The football club is booming along, and the enthusiasm shown is great. A number of donations have been received. The novelty night arrangements are well in hand, and the social committee reported another great success with the dance on Saturday night.

Mr. Marshall reported an enthusiastic meeting in connection with Anzac Sunday Memorial Service. As State Councillor he also reported extensively on the doings of the State council meeting, laying stress on the financial position. The president and Messrs Ryan, Mendelsohn, McDonald and others congratulated Councillor Marshall on the report, and expressed the hope that he would always keep his weather eye on the finances.

There will be no meeting on Monday night next (Easter Monday), the next meeting taking place on April 4.

There will be a cricket match. Dads v. Diggers, on Saturday, April 2nd, and on Monday, April 11th, the dads and diggers will meet in a bowls match.

The Ladies' Welfare Committee attached to the social committee of the branch held an enjoyable social evening on Thursday of last week. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. Miss Wynn Daly and Mr. W. Milton provided the dance music, and items were rendered by Misses Staff and Robertson and Messrs Perrin, Fontaine, Winslade, Milton, Underwood, Gay and others. A marquee was erected at the rear of the club rooms, and this was availed of for cards, &c. It would be invidious to mention the ladies assisting, for they were numerous and willing.

It has been decided to hold a memorial service befitting the occasion on Anzac Day, Sunday, April 24th, in the town hall, and the mayor, at the special request of the Soldiers' League, will wear the official robes of office. The Northcote City Band has promised to head a procession of returned men from the club rooms, and every digger who can is asked to wear uniform on that day. A strong committee, composed of citizens, fathers and soldiers has been formed, and a large combined choir will render suitable items. Some well-known soloists will also contribute. The "Last Post" will be sounded by a bugle band, and the hall will be suitably decorated. Mr. F. J. Tulk is the secretary of the movement.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

SESSUE HAYAKAWA IN "THE DEVIL'S CLAIM.

COMEENCING AT THE MATINEE EASTER MONDAY FOR 3 NIGHTS.

In "The Devil's Claim" the famous star is seen in some of the most remarkable characterizations of his screen career, as he changes with chameleon swiftness from a cultured, mysterious Hindu novelist, a trembling pitiful dope fiend in the clutches of a deadly drug, a seeker of truth in the mythical temple of Set, to a vicious, evil-looking wrecker of vengeance while under the control of another's spirit. Hayakawa accomplishes these transitions without the aid of any other make-up than he ordinarily uses, and his work in "The Devil's Claim," which is an exciting story wherein Hindu mysticism and superstition play a large role, is declared to be the triumph of an artistic career. Supporting this great picture is a laughable farce entitle "Stop Thief," with Tom Moore in the star part. It is filled with the essence of the ridiculous, and it does not intend to be anything else. Larry Semon is also on the programme for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in one of his great comedies, "The Suitor," which keeps the audience in an uproar. You will be missing the greatest laugh of you life if you miss this comedy.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday's programme include Frank Keenan in "The World Aflame," a burning message to those who wish to have more and live better; a message to all humanity a vivid absorbing picturization of the great question of the day certain to enthrall every observer.

Matinee Easter Monday at 2.30.

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The memories of hundreds of people of the eventful day—March 25th, 1911—when the Preston chapel of the Church of Christ was, through splendid organisation and utmost unity, erected in one day, were refreshed on Sunday last, when the 10th anniversary of the event was held. The services, both morning and evening, were largely attended, several former members and other visitors travelling many miles in order to be present on this auspicious occasion. It was appropriate that the morning address should be delivered by Mr. Thos. Bagley (organising sec. of the Church of Christ conference in Victoria), who so ably organised the magnificent achievement of the building of the structure ten years ago. In his address Mr. Bagley emphasised the progress the church was making in Victoria, and congratulated the Preston people on their zeal and enthusiasm, and in doing so trusted that the members might look hopefully at the bright prospects ahead, and in a grand united spirit help in the effort to bring others within the hearing of the Gospel sounded from the platform of the Preston chapel. At night the evangelist (Mr. L. Johnston) preached an inspiring sermon to a crowded congregation on "The Church built in a Day," and chose as his text Acts II., 1, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." In the course of his remarks, the speaker eulogised the efforts put forth by the 150 workmen who, under the supervision of Mr. A. Graham, gave their services gratuitously and labored with the one end in view: to erect a sacred edifice to the glory of God. He likened the building of the chapel to the founding of the church of the New Testament, when on the day of Pentecost 3000 souls were initiated into the church. Probably no person was aware that this church of the New Testament was to be erected on this day, and in every particular was it a greater achievement than the erection of the Preston building was on the 25th March, 1911. Right throughout the service the keenest interest was evinced, and Mr. Johnston's address was deeply appreciated. Special features of the gatherings were the appropriate anthems excellently rendered by the choir, under the baton of Mr. J. D. Lang.

BATHING IN EDWARDES PARK LAKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER.

Sir,—I would like to inform "Sufferer" that in the unwritten laws of debate personal abuse is the sign of a losing or lost argument. I thank him for his delineation of my mental capabilities. I want to tell "Sufferer" that he is the grandest advertisement Edwardes Lake has had, and the residents of Preston should be grateful to him for his illogical statements in regard to the bathing facilities at Edwardes Lake. I will din into "Sufferer's" ears that there is nothing lacking in the lay-out of this bathing area. No one can find fault with that enclosure. It is roomy, safe and clean All "Sufferer's" invectives fail to contradict my reiterated statements to that effect. This bathing enclosure has been made use of by many hundreds of children all through this summer, and there has not been an accident within it. It is well defined, and only through wilful disregard of the warning which its boundary fence proclaims, will any accident happen. Those children and others who make full use of this learners' enclosure will soon fit themselves to swim in deeper water and take advantage of the ideal swimming and diving facilities which the rest of the lake offers and which are absolutely the best to be found in and around Melbourne. "Sufferer's" final rhetorical outburst is fine and makes the final and culminating advertisement the finest of his series. He firstly insinuates that parents are asleep when the interests of their children are at stake; secondly, that the parental control is lacking; and lastly, that the lake, being such a danger spot, should be boycotted in the hope that his partisanship can be satisfied. Thanks to "Sufferer's" advertisement, greater crowds have visited this lake, and its popularity is growing weekly, every broad-minded, practical being recognising in it a fine asset. I wish to thank you, Mr. Editor, for your courtesy in allowing this controversy to have taken up so much space in your paper, which has always identified itself with the progress of the district in which it circulates.—Yours, etc.,

"OVERARM."

Northcote Churches Tennis Association.

The final match of the above association was played on the Northcote Presbyterian court last Saturday between teams from Moreland and Northcote Methodists (No. 2 team). Moreland ran out winners by 61 games to 29, but the result does not indicate the closeness of many of the games. The results were:—R. Heskett and Reg. Heskett (Moreland) beat B. and L. Mackurlie (Meth.), 9—1; O. Townsend and C. Gardiner (Moreland) lost to V. and H. Dickinson (Meth.), 4—9; Roll Heskett and Miss Townshend (Moreland) beat B. Mackurlie and Miss Tobin (Meth.), 9—4; Reg. Heskett and Mrs. Taylor (Moreland) beat V. Dickinson and Miss A. Johnston (Meth.), 9—2; O. Townsend and Miss Nolan (Moreland) beat L. Mackurlie and Mirs Fouracre (Meth.), 9—3; C. Gardiner and Miss Marsh (Moreland) beat H. Dickinson and E. Johnston (Meth.), 9—3; Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Nolan (Moreland) beat Messrs Johnston (Meth.), 6—5; Messrs Townsend and A. Marsh (Moreland) beat Messrs Tobin & Fouracre (Meth), 6—2. The pennant (1920-1921) was presented to Moreland by the president of the association, who made a few appropriate remarks which were responded to by the captain of the Moreland Tennis Club (Mr. Kashett).

INTERESTING ITEMS.

There are 26,513 steamers in the world, as compared with 5,082 sailing-vessels.

Great Britain supports more people per acre than any other island in the world.

About sixty per cent. of the gross profits made by industry in England is paid away in taxation.

Diamonds to the extent of 178,961 carats, valued at £2,668,154, were produced in the Transvaal last year.

To celebrate the birth of an heir to the throne of Nepaul, India, the practice of suttee, the suicide of widows, has been abolished.

Bereavement Notices.

MRS. BORKHEIM and Family sincerely thank relatives, friends, and particularly the residents of Northcote for their kind letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes, and expressions of sympathy in her sad bereavement. Kindly accept this intimation of gratitude and excuse personal acknowledgment.

PRESTON COWS AND GRAZING RIGHTS.

PETITION AGAIST IMPOUNDING REFUSED.

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening a letter was received from Mr. E. W. Rose, protesting against the proposal to allow cattle to graze, without risk of being impounded, on the Leamington estate. In the past the cattle barons had shown a callous disregard for the residents' feelings. The families who owned their own cows could be counted on one's fingers, and like himself, these were quite prepared to pay for paddocking. Then there was the safety of the young school children to consider. If the council would instruct the shire ranger to pay more attention to this evil the residents would be more satisfied. He was quite prepared to present a petition signed by 95 per cent. of the people who are opposed to the roaming cattle evil.

As will be seen from the report elsewhere, the council decided to take no action in regard to the petition.

NORTHCOTE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A DISAPPOINTING LETTER.

There was read at the Northcote Council meeting on Monday evening the following letter which Mr. Cain, M.L.A., had received from the Education Department:—

"With reference to your representations on behalf of Northcote City Council, relative to the establishment of a technical school at Northcote, I have to inform you that plans of a suitable building have been prepared by the Public Works Department.

The necessary funds are, however, not yet available to allow the Hon. the Minister to authorise the erection of the building.

Up to the present the Department has been unable to meet the many demands made for the establishment of technical schools, and the policy of the Government is to endeavor to utilise to their fullest capacity the schools already in existence before incurring large expenditures in the erection, equipment and staffing of new technical schools in districts within reasonable distance of schools already established."

Cr. Dennis said this letter was very unsatisfactory. The matter had been hung up for years and years, and the council had gone to no end of trouble, and also expense, in order to secure a site which met with the approval of the Education Department. Other councils had also assisted in the purchase of the additional land for the site. If they simply received this letter they were likely to be "left," and he would move that Cr. Cain arrange for a deputation to wait on the Minister.

Cr. Gray, who seconded the motion, recalled that Mr Lawson, when Minister of Education years ago, told them that if they got the extra land their request would be complied with.

The motion was agreed to.

INCREASED TRAM FARES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter from Mr. Hayes anent the above from his standpoint makes his absence from the council a calamity to be deplored, more especially if what he implies the thousands of increase would have been averted, and which he ascribes to the council's lethargy, animadverting with special emphasis on the labor councillors' dereliction of duty, although constituting a minority. En passant, I direct attention to the increase of railway fares that do not come under the purview of municipal functions. The municipal tramway of Northcote is paraded as a model of a municipally-controlled public utility. There is an impression that the whole concern had deteriorated to such an alarming extent as to be on the border line of danger. To make it ordinarily safe and repair the track involved the expenditure of many thousands. An improved service required more cars and an acceleration of speed, requiring an addition to the staff, so that comparisons, like with like, is impossible. From Mr. Hayes's figures, which I take as authentic, the increase of fares represents a toll of £5000, and on this basis it provides data to compute the number of fares catered for. £5000 is equal to 1,200,000 pennies; divided by 365 days equals 3287 passengers daily. Allowing that a service is supplied 20 hours per day equals 164 per hour; given a five minutes' service from each end (it varies at periods) it would not equal 7 fares a trip, or total 14 in the round trip of a five mile journey, two and a half miles each way, for a passenger revenue of 3/6 (20/- and more is not uncommon). During a recent controversy concerning the relative merit of electric versus cable traction it was alleged that the cable cost 1/- per mile, so here we have a five-mile trip costing 5/- and only 3/6 revenue, based on a 3d fare—a loss of 1/6. On the original 2d a loss of 2,8 would accrue; one naturally deduces that the present excellent service can not be maintained at the old rate whether the margin to be developed as the result of capacity and the saving of time on the increased rate. I take it that it is not an assured fact. The Hon. Mr. Robinson, Attorney-General, at the Northcote Town Hall quite recently, explaining the legislation creating the Tramway Board, inter alia, contended that it would extricate Northcote from its dilemma of tramway control in relieving the burden of the old man of the sea in giving them immunity from the liability that Mr. Hayes's financial acumen and approximations would reveal, a large sum to be raised by a special rate, surely a tangible set-off for the Tramway Board. The £126,000 increase in cost of labor is not the cause. Parliament stipulates that from revenue derived by the trams, fixed sums are to be paid into the Treasury for specific purposes (extraneous matters); the equity of some might be justified the same as the amusement tax, easy collected and substantial in amount. Let us face facts, our travelling facilities three abreast—tram, rail and cable—like Paddy's horse wins by putting his tongue out. The cable wins the stake, being of the greatest utility. The electrification of the railways will have to be reckoned with, and in the event of direct communication with Fitzroy, would boom us. By the way, how was it thwarted? I think Northcote council, without Labor, was not in evidence when those bouquets were distributed. Preston and Fitzroy councils were not equal to the occasion. What does it matter? The direct line to Heidelberg relegated our traffic as subsidiary, diverting settlement that was inevitable. My opinion is that vested interest, dominated by parochial influence, is subversive to any scheme being developed on national lines. Take away that bauble! Lock the doors! I remain, yours, etc.,

F. W. DONOVAN.

22/3/21.

Property Sales

Stott & Bastings will sell on 2nd April 7 building allotments in Keon and Ronnie streets, Northcote, and Collins street, Preston, as advertised.

At the town hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, April 7, Messrs Paterson and Angus McDonald, auctioneers in conjunction, will, under instructions from the mayor and councillors of Northcote, hold a sale of lands for rate arrears. There are 15 lots.

Stott & Bastings report the sale by auction last Saturday of 60 feet of land in Plenty road at £3 10s per foot.

CRICKET.

North Suburban Association.—Final—Darebin Juniors, 145 (Ward 50, Lane 34), versus Excelsiors, 82 and nine for 174 (Lane three for 20. Continued on 2nd April at Thornbury Park.

NORTHCOTE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., informed the Preston council on Monday evening that the Minister of Education had consented to receive a deputation regarding the establishment of a technical school at Northcote at 2.30 on Wednesday, 30th inst.

Cr. Robinson moved that the letter be received and as many councillors as possible attend. From correspondence received it was evident that the money had not yet been provided, though they had from Ministers two distinct promises that it would be. Other places seemed to be getting schools who, so far as he knew, made their claims long after those behind the Northcote school did.

Cr. McFadzean seconded.—Carried.

MOTION PICTURES.

WORLD'S THIRD GREATEST INDUSTRY.

The origin of the photoplay is a thought. It is a thought of a dramatic or an amusing situation that comes into the mind of someone, and is set down on paper and photographed as players carry out that thought by gesture. It is submitted as a scenario to the editor of a motion picture company.

Assuming that the story has been purchased at any price from £10 to £5000 it is reviewed by the scenario editor, who hands it over to a continuity writer with instructions to tell the story smoothly, gradually working up to the climax without a hitch. The director then comes on the job and gives an estimate of the cost of production and the time that he will require to film it. He then selects a cast to support the featured player, and lays his plans for the most important part of the work. Then comes the assistant director. He is the man who selects the hundreds of players who make "atmosphere" in the street scenes. From an agency who sells human talent just as a wholesaler sells vegetables, the assistant director places his orders for two hundred Frenchmen, 75 tourists, a scattering of British, Australian, American, and Indian officers, and one hundred magnificently gowned women of the Parisian type, and about 80 kids, quite dirty. The human order is delivered at the studio at 8.30 a.m. The assortment of players is reviewed by the assistant as a commanding general might review a division. A month may be taken in filming the parts of the story which takes place on a street in Paris. Then the locale changes to the interior of the Paris Opera House. The technical staff have by this time prepared the theatre setting for him. Done with that he may wish to move to the heart of New York, then back to the studio. After the setting has been designed by architects, built by carpenters, decorated by scenic artists, and approved by technical native assistants of that country in which the action is supposed to have taken place, there remains the electrical staff, who are not done until the last scene has been filmed. The motion picture camera records the action of the players on rolls of film four hundred feet long. The motion picture is not a continuous photograph, but a series of photographs, each picture being approximately one inch wide by three-quarters of an inch in length. These individual pictures thrown on the screen as rapidly as a person would ordinarily move gives the illusion of continuous action. When the day's work is done each cameraman hands into the labatory his total film for that day. Every bit of action on the part of every player, the star's best dramatic effort, the time, care, expense, and inspiration of that entire day is on that film.

Under the direction of a chief chemist the film is handled much the same as the ordinary amateur's snapshots. The film is developed, fixed and washed in trays, then consigned to immense vats Instead of being hung up to dry it is wound on drums and subjected to slow and gentle heat. But the amateur photographer pictures might not "come out." If it didn't, he could try again, but what a difference if a motion picture film does not "come out!" It means the loss of thousands of pounds. Hundreds of players must be recalled, settings that perhaps have been destroyed have to be re-built, and the production is delayed for weeks. If this should happen, then the director is a person that it is advisable to keep away from. But assuming that the actual filming of a photo-drama is over, the work is only half done. The director was commissioned to make a connected story that would be just eight reels in length. The film that he has turned into the laboratory measures perhaps twelve reels. The first two or three thousand feet filmed may have been the climax of the story. Pictures are never filmed as they appear on the screen.

The next thousand feet may have been devoted to atmospheric glimpses of the crowds, the settings, the minor actions of lesser persons in the cast and close-ups. Another thousand feet may have been devoted to titles, inserts of letters and signs which the players are supposed to read in the play. It now remains for the film editor to patch these bits of film together into a connected story. The editing and assembling of a photo-drama takes several weeks. When it is finished the picture is screened in a miniature theatre in which the studio executives gather to watch the picture and comment upon its worthiness. If everything is satisfactory the film is sent to the laboratories, where approximately one hundred films are made from the one. These replicas of the original are made such as a Kodak print is made from a negative. The copies are then sent all over the world. There is a duty of twopence per foot on all film, excepting educational pictures coming into the Commonwealth. The cost varies greatly with the company, the star, the elaborateness of the presentation, and the cost of materials used at the time. The film then has to be reviewed by the censors, not an inch of film being allowed to be screened until it has been passed. Perhaps the Victorian censor will order that certain scenes be cut out or sometimes sub-titles altered. The company handling the film may have this done at once or perhaps appeal to the Commonwealth censor and have the picture reviewed Strict censorship is a good thing, and every legitimate company should welcome it, but one Board of Censors for the whole of the Commonwealth should be sufficient instead of having one in every State also. It is not generally known that all pictorial advertising for pictures has also to be passed.

The motion pic ture business is said to be the third greatest industry in the world. It has been built up by the sixpences and shillings of thousands, to whom the spoken drama was at first financially impossible, and to-day less desirable.

BOWLS.

CHAMPION CHURCH RINK COMPETITION.

The final game in connection with the above was played at Thornbury green on Tuesday evening. The last two teams left in were Croxton Methodists (led by H. Murden) and Holy Trinity, Thornbury (skipped by H. Hattam). The former team showed the better form on the night, and in their hands will remain the symbol of victory, in the shape of a silver cup, presented by Messrs Holden Bros., for the ensuing 12 months.

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In making this announcement, the Minister for Home and Territories stated that orders will be accepted for whole-plate prints, mounted and unmounted, and sepia-toned and artist-colored enlargements. The workmanship is of the highest class and prices have been kept as low as possible. Any profit resulting from the sale will be devoted to memorial funds.

The R.S.S.I.L.A. are co-operating with the Australian War Museum and all branches of the League throughout Australia and Tasmania have a catalogue on view which contains descriptions of 6,000 official photographs which have been specially selected; many of them were not released by the censor until after the armistice. Orders for photographs or enlargements may be placed with any branch of the R.S.S.I.L. League, or direct with the Australian War Museum. A copy of the catalogue can be obtained from the War Museum, corner King and Little Collins streets, at the small charge of 6d.

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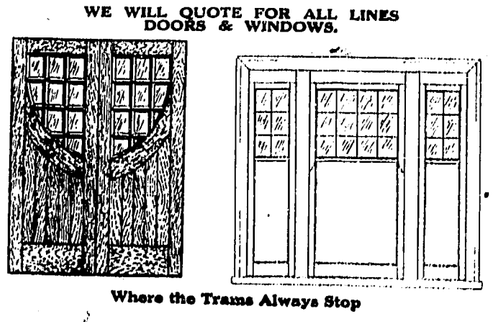

Where the Trams Always Stop

RECORD WOMAN BIGAMIST.

HER SECRET.

"Lloyds' News" tells of a woman who holds the bigamy record, who made a "profession" of marrying men, relying not on her beauty (which is inconsiderable) but on her charm of manner for her success as breaker of men's hearts.

To Violet Lyle, who is but thirty-four years of age, and who is a native of Doune, Perthshire, the police believe belongs the title of champion bigamist. At any rate, no living woman is known who can claim to have gone through the marriage ceremony so often. Police information shows that she has been "married" seven times, and they suspect that this does not represent anything like the total number of her matrimonial exploits, attempted or accomplished.

She has now been deprived of opportunity of breaking more men's hearts for three years by a sentence of penal servitude for that period at Manchester on a charge of theft. In the dock the "professional bigamist"—she is thus described in the police records—was quite unconcerned when her life story, as known to the police, was related. She smiled a little when she was described as the greatest bigamist the police witness had met. She gave a shrug of her shoulders when sentence was passed upon her, and her only regret probably was that for a few years she would not be able to resume operations. Violet would not be indignant if she knew she was described as not being of a very prepossessing appearance. Certainly she could not lay claim to personal beauty, but there were times when she displayed a very charming manner.

Violet's first "love affair" came to her early in life. Born at Doune, Perthshire, she was only 16 when she married in Renfrewshire in 1901. A child was born of this marriage, but she left her husband soon after, and lived for a while with another man. Official records show that she renewed acquaintance with marriage ceremonies in 1903 at Glasgow, and on two later occasions Glasgow men were duped. Her last recorded matrimonial exploit took place in Armagh, where an Irishman fell a victim to her "winning ways."

Her Manchester "husband" can tell an amusing story of Violet's conniving ways. To him she was the daughter of a well-known Glasgow divine, and was heiress to an estate valued at £40,000. The day of full inheritance was at hand, and it was necessary that she should go to Kilmarnock to settle everything with the family solicitors. The marriage ceremony was hastened, and duly took place. It was also necessary that someone should accompany her to Kilmarnock in order to see the legal formalities completed. Of the £40,000 the new husband was to have a big share. The best man at the wedding was also made aware of the good news, and in order that Violet should be able to enter into her own and to meet the initial expenses, the best man performed his duties properly and lent her £70. He also accepted the pressing invitation to accompany husband and wife to Kilmarnock. The party duly arrived at that town, and obtained good accommodation. The following morning certain gold studs were missing. This delayed the two men in completing their toilet, and they were rather late down to breakfast. Violet was anxiously waiting, and when her husband appeared, remarked "You are rather late, dearie." He informed her of the missing studs, and she then said she would make a few purchases at a shop round the corner. She went round the corner, and was not seen again by the two men for nearly a couple of years.

Eighteen months' imprisonment for fraud at Ayr followed. She was then rearrested and brought to Manchester on a charge of bigamy. The best man and "bridegroom" then told their tale.

To the art of breaking hearts, Violet added efforts to break up homes. The police records show her as a domestic servant in many places. In two cases she interfered considerably with the domestic bliss of her employers. After holding situations for some weeks she complained to her mistresses that the heads of each household had made overtures to her.

TEN YEARS TO WRITE A POEM.

Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" occupied some thirty years of diligent study and close work.

Each volume took years in the actual writing. It was a life work, and was undertaken as such, the author fully realising the magnitude of the task he had set himself.

Although Herbert Spencer's system of philosophy is developed in books bearing distinct titles, yet from his "Social Statics," published in 1850, to his "Man versus the State," issued in 1880, the idea was the same, that society is an organism subject to evolution and his eight books on the subject are really one.

It is said that "John Inglesant" took its author, Joseph Henry Shorthouse, seven years to complete, and it would therefore take rank as the most laborious novel ever written.

Many gems of verse have been written in a few minutes, but Tennyson was writing "In Memoriam" at least ten years. He practically rewrote it thirty-two times.

But for its length, "Gray's Elegy" beats Tennyson's record for careful work. It only consists of 128 lines, yet it occupied the poet seven years of careful composition.

Of course, the most remarkable book in this category is the Bible, for although its continuity is complete, its compilation was spread over at least a thousand years.

By way of contrast H. G. Wells confesses to have written 10,000 words between breakfast and bed, while Sir A. Conan Doyle once wrote a 12,000 word story without leaving his desk. Stevenson, although it is said he would rewrite a page for the sake of correcting one word, wrote "Jekyll and Hyde" in seven days.

Dumas Fils could and did, over a considerable period, produce a novel a week.

"How are you, my dear?"

"Very well, thank you," returned the child.

"Now, my dear, you should ask me how I am."

"But I don't want to know.

Forests Foiled by Insects.

In the press recently accounts have appeared of the damage done to crops of grain and fruit by insect pests. Entomologists have also been in conference lately at Burlington House, having arrived from different parts of the world, and lengthy discussions have taken place on the destruction of insect pests.

Cereals, fruit and vegetables have been attacked, especially in the North of England, and it is interesting to read that in the case of trees, an "innoculation" of copper sulphate has been known to annihilate these enemy insects. Of these pests, perhaps one of the most dangerous tribes are the weevils, of which some 20,000 species are said to exist.

The Pea Weevil is possibly most well-known, for who has not seen the brown and white spots on peas towards the end of summer? The female deposits her eggs on peas which are ripe, and the larvae scoops out a habitation. The weevil then makes her exit by a circular hole through the pea. Likewise, the Bean Weevil marks many beans with black spots, destroying beans galore, but the Wheat Weevil which lays its eggs on the grains and eats into the interior, is one of the most dangerous.

The Turnip Weevil, as its name implies, robs us of our turnips; in fact, all vegetables, vines, fruit, and other trees are invaded by these insect pests.

One weevil, the "Pissodes pini," cuts half way through the young stems and the stalks of the buds of the pines to prevent the sap flowing to the part of the stem wherein the young larvae has been deposited. Such pests, if not checked, would in time destroy whole forests.

Hanged by a Dream.

With spiritualistic matters attracting so much attention, the story of a sensational crime-drama in which the criminals were brought to justice by means of a sleep vision of the actual murder is of particular interest.

The crime was committed about the middle of last century by two brothers, James and William Lightfoot, who murdered a Mr. Norway, near Wadebridge, Cornwall.

The body was found about two miles from the town, by the side of the high road to Bodmin, and the murderers had left no clue as to their identity.

They would probably never have been brought to justice but for a remarkable dream that came to the dead man's brother, a lieutenant in the navy. At the time of the murder he was with his ship in the West Indies.

No news of the crime reached him, but when he arrived home two months after the tragedy had taken place, the officer showed no surprise when informed of his brother's fate. He went to the Wadebridge police station and told the following story:—

On the night that his brother was murdered he had a dream, in which he saw his brother walking quietly down the lonely road, suspecting nothing, whilst in a dark recess in the hedge crouched two men with knives and heavy sticks. Murder was written on their faces, and their actions did not belie their expressions. As soon as his unfortunate brother drew opposite they sprang out and killed him. After robbing the body they hastened towards Wadebridge and entered a certain house.

So vivid had this vision been that Lieutenant Norway offered to conduct the police to the house. He was allowed to do so, and soon confronted the brothers Lightfoot, who, on hearing his dream revelations of their crime, confessed. They were tried at the assizes, and paid the extreme penalty of the law.

NOTHING SERIOUS.

BAD LUCK.

His better half, carried away by patriotic zeal, had followed him to France in the Red Cross.

After a short period of hate which he had to go through, he made close acquaintance with some shrapnel.

Dear wifey was bending over his hopeless form.

The man looked, then closed his eyes.

"Isn't that just my rotten luck," he murmured. "With all these pretty nurses over here looking after the soldiers, I had to draw you."

NON-COMBATANTS.

The Clown Prince, and, incidentally, the Lord of Looters, was inspecting the 14th Leberwurst Regiment previous to its going into the firing-line.

He was asking questions of all and sundry, when at last he was confronted with a weedy old little individual, who, with his pasty complexion and goggles, was the typical Hun.

"Have you any brothers?" queried the all-but Almighty.

"Yes, your Majesty."

"How many?"

"Seven, your Majesty."

"And they are all, of course, fighting for the dear Fatherland?" continued the lesser Willie.

"All except one, your Majesty."

"And where is he?"

"In the Navy, your Majesty!"

JUST LIKE THAT.

'Enery was an absent-minded little man, and this was his first meeting with the circular saw.

The foreman, with a few well chosen and richly-flavored words, informed him how to work the contrivance.

'Enery was vastly interested in the shining, whizzing blade; and, curiosity overcoming his discretion, he found himself with one finger less.

"Hallo, my man, what's up?" asked the foreman, coming round again.

'Enery described the accident.

"How did you manage it?"

"Sure, and I don't know! I just touched the blamed thing like this—By George, there goes another one."

WATCHES AS BIG AS PLATES.

The first watches ever made were as big as soup plates and as heavy as they were cumbersome.

The Emperor Charles V., for instance, had one which weighed 27lb.

The watches of that day were much like ordinary clocks. They were cylindrical in shape, finely chased, and had a hinged lid on one side to expose the dial.

A costly and elaborate watch was made for Sultan Abdul-Medjid by Messrs Hart and Son, of Cornhill, in 1844. It was made of twenty-two carat gold, and was five inches in diameter. It chimed the hours and quarters, but was without a bell, the striking parts being made of wires.

It possessed a powerful and resonant tone, was exceptionally harmonious, and sounded like a cathedral clock. Twelve hundred guineas was its cost.

AMUSING INCIDENTS.

Never to Wake.

Very successful on the whole had been a village concert, but towards the end the pianist seemed to be suffering somewhat either from the stimulating effects of the refreshment taken during the intervals or from natural fatigue. When a vocalist was singing "Rocked in the cradle of the deep, I lay me down in peace to sleep," the player hung on the final note so long that the vocalist, losing his temper, exclaimed:

"Look here, how long do you think I want to sleep? Do you take me for Rip Van Winkle?"

Very good, but——

A young Scottish clerk, applying for an appointment, presented his credentials, feeling sure that they must meet with approval. The employer to whom the application was made, a dry old Scotsman, read the papers carefully, and then looked over his spectacles at the young man.

"It's a vera proud thing for ye to hae this recommendation from the meenister and the Sunday-school teacher," said he, "and 'tis in your favor that ye're a Scottish lad; but I'd like weel to hae a few words from someone that kens ye on week-days before I put ye to work for me!"

A Good Kicker.

A farmer, whose farm is near a school for boys, was greatly annoyed by the depredations of the youngsters. Finding two boys helping themselves to his apples, he escorted them off the premises, giving each a parting kick at the gateway. Next day the boys were loitering near his orchard again. "What are you young scamps hanging about here for?" he cried. "I told you yesterday what you would get if caught here again."

"Yes, sir, we remember," said the spokesman. "We haven't come for apples this time. We came to ask you to join our football eleven."

High Boots.

A gentleman, complaining to his bootmaker that a pair of boots recently sent were too short, and that he wanted a pair to cover the whole calf, had the following jeu d'esprit sent to him:—

These boots were never made for me,
They are too short by half;
I want them long enough, d'ye see,
To cover all the calf.

Why, sir, said Last, with stifled smile
To alter them I'll try,
But if they cover all the calf,
They must be five feet high.

Polite Peckham.

It was at a public house in Peckham, where an old lady asked for a quartern of gin in a bottle.

"We have three kinds of gin, ma'am," said one of the grinning bacmen. "We have oxygen, hydrogen, and London gin. Which will you take?"

"London gin," replied the old lady, severely.

When she was served she said:—"I was not aware your master kept three asses before, but I notice that he does."

"Where?" asked the surprised bar man.

"Why, there," she said, pointing to the other two barmen. "There is Mr Compass, Mr. Thomas, and—let me see, they call you Jack, don't they?

"Yes," replied the barman.

"Then," she said, as she politely bowed herself out, "good night, Jackass!"

Followed Advice.

In a country neighborhood there was an old woman who kept a small general shop, where she carried on a lucrative business. Unfortunately, she persisted for a long time in carrying on her trade on Sunday, much to the scandal and disgust of a certain parish visitor, who entertained strictly orthodox views as to the observance of the Sabbath.

The latter remonstrated with the shopkeeper, and eventually, much to the satisfaction of everybody concerned, persuaded her to refrain from Sunday trading. A few days ago she met the old woman, who looked very happy and prosperous.

"I'm glad," said the parish visitor, "to see that you are doing so well. You have not lost anything by following my advice."

"That's so, mum," was the reply; "but you can't imagine how many of my customers come round the back way."

Crossed Wires.

Mrs. Brown, telephoning to a friend one morning, happened to say:

"I have such a bad sore throat I'm afraid I cannot go to that dinner party to-morrow night."

Just then something went wrong with the connection and she heard a strange voice break in:

"Gargle your throat with cooking-soda, and I think you will be able to go to your dinner."

"Who is this speaking?" asked Mrs. Brown, startled.

"Oh, that you will never know," answered the voice.

Mrs. Brown was greatly amused, and decided to try the remedy. Her throat improved and she went to the party. During dinner she chanced to overhear the gentleman opposite say to his neighbor:

"I had an amusing experience the other morning. I was telephoning and the wires became crossed. I suddenly heard a lady's voice say: 'I have such a bad throat, I shan't be able to go to that dinner party.' Just for fun I broke in and said, 'Gargle your throat with cooking-soda and you'll be all right.' The lady's voice in reply sounded rather surprised. I wonder if she took my advice."

Mrs. Brown was greatly tempted to reveal her identity as the heroine of the episode, but she decided she could get more fun another way. She made careful inquiry of her hostess as to the gentleman's full name and address, and next morning called him up. When he answered she said:

"I just wanted you to know that I took your advice, gargled my throat with cooking-soda, and was able to go to the dinner."

"Who—who is this speaking?" came an astonished voice from the other end of the wire.

"Oh, that you will never know," answered Mrs. Brown, laughing, and rang off.

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A bride of a few months was deploring to her mother the treatment of her husband, and between her sobs was saying, "You see, mother, I've only been married a few months and Edward goes out nearly every night and leaves me all alone."

Her mother did her best to comfort her. "You must not upset yourself, my dear," she said, "How little you know of the real trials of life, and little do you know what I have suffered. Why, your father never goes out at all."

Two friends were discussing a third, who had just had a business crash.

"That settles Tom," said the first. "His rise was rapid. He climbed nigh. But success spoilt him, and he is now down and out."

With a thoughtful smile, the other added:—

"One reason why there's always room at the top of the ladder is that so many people, once they get there, become giddy and fall off."

At a political meeting in a country town a large audience had assembled to support a parliamentary candidate.

During the speech of the candidate a man put his head in at the door, and shouted in a loud voice:—

"Can anyone here sell me sixpenny-worth of sense?"

The speaker halted, evidently quite dumbfounded; but the chairman of the meeting immediately silenced the intruder by remarking:—

"Yes, but you have nothing to put it in."

Smithers, who weighs just about 325 pounds, had at last succeeded in getting a house. He obtained it "as a special favor" at an exceptionally high rent, and it was "ready-furnished."

Unfortunately the house was not built to meet such an emergency as Smithers, for the whole place shook with his tread as he walked about.

When he climbed into bed that piece of furniture gave a groan of despair and collapsed on the floor.

His son in an adjoining room, rushed to the door of his father's bed-room.

"What's happened, dad?" he asked. "Can I help you?"

"It's all right," came the reply; "only if you don't find me here in the morning, look in the cellar."

Doctor: "You cough more easily this morning."

Patient: "I ought to. I practised nearly all night."

She: "I'm in an awful fix! Just fancy! My husband has received an anonymous letter informing him of something I did before marriage!"

He: "The best thing you can do is to confess."

She: "That's just it! He won't let me read the letter—and I don't know what to confess!"

Doctor: "Mrs. Brown sent for me to go and see her boy, and I must go at once."

His Wife: "What is the matter with the boy?"

Doctor: "I don't know, but Mrs Brown has a book on 'What to do before the doctor comes,' and I must hurry up before she does it."

Busy Doctor: "I'm too busy to attend to all of you this evening. Those who are sure they're going to die to-night remain behind; the rest go home."

Irate Father: "I thought you said you were worth £1000 a year?"

Would-be-Suitor: "Yes, sir, so I am; but I only get £150.

At a social evening, one very musical young lady sang a song entitled "Sylvan Sounds." It was very fine, very fine indeed; and all the old ladies and gentlemen waxed quite enthusiastic.

"Most delightful!" gushed one dear old lady to a young man, who chanced to be near her. "Isn't she a lovely singer?"

"Yes, quite good!" replied the young fellow coolly.

"And didn't it remind you of the singing of birds? In fact," went on the good lady enthusiastically, "one might almost believe it really was a bird singing."

"Well, I don't know," remarked the man; "I never saw a bird sit down at a table and drink three cups of tea, and eat two helpings of veal and ham pie, and enough cake and sweets to stock a school treat."

After discussing the best method to make oneself sleep, one person said that the only perfect method is to think of nothing.

A more practical man replied that the best method is to think it is time to get up.

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Similarly Vesuvius has done much harm to Naples and the adjacent villages. But the havoc wrought has been insignificant when compared with the direct gain that has accrued to the Neapolitans from their mountain. It erupts only occasionally, but tourists come to see it all the year round.

Altogether there are, in different parts of the world, about two hundred active volcanoes, and a large proportion of these, now that travel is comparatively cheap and easy, have become quite valuable assets to the inhabitants of the districts where they are situated. The natives of the Lipari Islands, for instance, in the Mediterranean, where are Stromboli and Vulcano, benefit by them to the extent of £10,000 a week during the tourist season. Whilst to the Sandwich Islands, thanks to Yankee advertising, the mighty Mauna Loa, and Kilcana with its "lake of fire," attract every year tens of thousands of visitors, all of whom leave behind them when they depart good British and American gold.

BRIAR ROOT.

It may not be generally known that wood from which briar pipes are made is the root of the white heather, known to the botanist as "Erica arborea," a plant or shrub that is found in the south of France, on the slopes of the Italian Alps, and on the island of Corsica. After being cleaned of earth, the briar roots are, a writer in "Fry's Magazine" tells us, sawn into rough blocks of various sizes, packed in jute sacks, and despatched to the pipe manufacturer. Many attempts have been made to find a plant that would do as a substitute for the imported briar, but without success. The first step in the manufacture of a pipe from the briar root is to remove all moisture. To this end the root is allowed to remain in the drying-room of the factory three to four months without being subjected to any artificial heat, after which it is placed in special dryers, remaining there about four weeks, and when dry as bone is ready for the workmen.

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Very early in life children may be trained to appreciate the value of money. The fashion of allowing each child a certain amount of pin-money is a good one, and if with the privilege is given instruction in the art of judicious buying, most lasting good results. Besides the money that the child may spend, according to his own wishes and for his own pleasure, a knowledge of the unavoidable expense he is to his parents is desirable, that he may realise the effort made to keep him happy and comfortable. If he can handle, and if practicable earn, some of the money necessary to this end, the knowledge gained will tend to make him more considerate of his parents and less liable to give them needless trouble.

Children enjoy apparent importance so well that they will exercise great care if sent on an errand where they may use their own judgment, and the feeling of partnership is a very pleasant one to the youthful heart. Kindly criticism and judicious praise must go hand in hand along this path of experience. Parents so often forget that a certain amount of credit is due to a child who succeeds in learning something new, while considerable allowance should be made for probable failure in a new line.

Don't try to spare your children all the responsibility of existence, good mothers; you are defrauding them and laying up for them much bitterness of spirit that might be otherwise avoided.

It isn't enough that you always use good judgment in buying yourself; children must be taught why to select certain articles, and why to reject others; it is not often that intuition proves an infallible guide in such matters. Many a young woman has had to wear for best for two years, a dress, the fit of which is ruined by using poor lining, and yet how could she choose without previous experience or instruction when perhaps four kinds are spread on the counter before her?

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If there is one person more than another whom we love to meet it is the "comfortable woman." She has no rough angles; she accomplishes more in one day than most people do in two, yet she always has time to comfort a crying child, hear a bird-song, and see the beauties of blue sky, flower and leaf-shadow. It is interesting to trace the meanings of words to their fountain source. The dictionary's definition of comfort is "with strength," and it goes on to say that it is "positive enjoyment of a quiet and permanent kind."

The old saying that "virtue is its own reward," is exemplified in the comfortable woman, for, lacking the nervousness which is the bane of the existence of the average Australian woman, she does not waste her time and strength, but wisely conserves them, and her work is accomplished with an ease which makes her the marvel of all her friends with nerves. Because she keeps a steady poise and thinks before she acts, the household machinery is well oiled, and there is no energy expended in rushing here and there after something needed at the last minute. Best of all, she wears a smile instead of a frown, and to her and hers home is the best place on earth, even though it may be simple and plain in its furnishings.

It isn't as hard to be a comfortable woman as one might think. After the first struggle it is largely a matter of habit, and the best of it is that it is contagious, and if steadily persisted in by the good wife, it is apt to "run throughout the family," with the opposite result from usual cases of contagion in that it will actually tend to cut down doctor's bills. Isn't it worth trying?

ORIGIN OF ASTHMA.

In certain cases asthma starts because dust passing into the air-tubes worries the delicate nerve-threads in their filmy walls and throws the lungs out of working order. In some people an attack of asthma is set up by a trifling amount of harmless dust, as when the grooming of a horse, the sweeping out of a room, or the brushing of a coat brings on an attack. A physician brought before a society of medical men in London pieces of diseased lungs from a man who for many years had been a razor grinder. Nearly all that time he had been worried by asthma. The pieces of lung, instead of being light and spongy, as they should have been, were heavy and solid; and on carefully looking at thin slices of them with a magnifying glass, glistening crystals could be seen, which turned out to be tiny particles which had flown off from the stone as the man bent over his work.

Ahead of His Tongue.

It was at a trade union meeting. "One of the masses" had stepped on to the platform to argue the point with his wavering brethren. He was in deadly earnest, but his ideas outstripped his tongue. The close of a never lucid address found him very incoherent.

"I tell you straight, if you persist in standing alone, you'll be isolated. When you count your money, you'll find you have none; you'll be a shilling short of sixpence. Are we a lot of jackasses? Not we. With combination, we could perform impossibilities. Napoleon a-crossing the Alps in an open boat would be a mere circumstance to it. Ah, yes," the speaker pathetically wound up, "union is strenuous; if we don't stand together for the right, we'll get left. What we want, my brothers, is more work and less of it."

Caught on the Rebound.

"John, dear," said Mrs. Skimpem, as she poured the coffee at the breakfast table, "if I remember rightly, you have often said you disliked to see a woman constantly getting herself into print."

"That's right," rejoined Skimpem.

"You consider it indelicate and unwomanly, don't you?"

"I certainly do."

"And you don't think a sensible man would allow his wife to do anything like that?"

"Most assuredly not."

"Well, John, I'm glad you have such radical views on the subject, because they justify me in asking for a new silk dress."

"W—what?"

"You heard what I said, John. For the last five years I've had nothing but bargain-counter calico, and I'm tired of getting into print."

And what could poor John do?

Poor Economy.

Worn out with the winter's galeties a society dame journeyed to a south coast resort for a complete rest. She departed in a very weak, run-down condition, and her husband was dreadfully shocked—yet not at all incredulous—when he received one day this wire:—

"Do come down to see me at once. I am dying. Helen."

The wretched man slammed down the lid of his desk, despatched a wire in reply, and reached the coast by the first express.

In a ravishing toilet his wife was at the station to meet him with the hotel motor 'bus.

"But—but——" he stammered; "what did you mean by that telegram about dying?"

"Oh," she explained, laughing, "I wanted to say that I was dying to see you, but my twelve words ran out, and I had to stop."

Postal Clerk: You'll have to put another stamp on that letter.

Miss Pert: Why?

Postal Clerk: Because it's overweight.

Miss Pert: But, gracious! Another stamp would make it still heavier.

Mrs. Jones: Oh, dear, I have just broken my new smelling-bottle!

Mr. Jones: It is like you! All your belongings are either broken or shattered.

Mrs. Jones: Quite true, John! Even you are a bit cracked!

WOMAN'S WORLD.

THE SECRET OF CHARM.

Those who would be charming must take the trouble to be thoughtful of others. Don't be so absrbed in your own interests that you cannot enter into the interests of other people. You will look people in the face when you are talking, and give your attention to what they are saying.

One thing to avoid, if you would be charming is the tendency to talk about grievances. A girl who fancies herself a martyr, and who claims that no one understands her or her moods, is not on the road towards the possession of charm. A girl who is morbid, self-centred, egotistical, can never be charming. She should make every effort to overcome these characteristics, or she will become tiresome to her friends and the prey of discontentment. Try to live in the "sunshine of cheerfulness and the breeze of larger interests" if you would be charming. Say pleasant things and praise others whenever you can do it with sincerity.

AN EXERCISE FOR THE DELICATE

For the girl to whom such strenuous exercises as tennis, hockey, etc., do not appeal, it is a little difficult sometimes to select that exercise which is so necessary to the health.

Some wise women discovered long ago that the care of a garden was one of the most delightful ways of combining exercise and pleasure, but it is only recently that Dame Fashion has set her seal of approval upon this pastime. "Hoeing your own row" is just as fashionable now as playing tennis or golf.

If one is addicted to indigestion or a sallow complexion, or a bad temper, or the mopes, or even laziness, a garden without a gardener is the best tonic in the world.

I doubt whether there is another sport or amusement which offers such splendid opportunities for developing muscles, for clearing away liver tints, for brightening eyes, for making waists slender and chests high and strong, the girl who has the perseverance to take the actual care of a garden during one summer gets more good, wholesome physicial training than she could possibly acquire in several winters' work in a gymnasium.

LASTING LOVE.

Love—that elusive thing to analyse—is what makes the old world go round, and whether it brings joy and gladness, as it should, or sorrow and discontent, as is sometimes the case, it is a part of the great scheme of things, and must be.

A true, great love is religion. Such a love is rare where both man and woman trust, sacrifice, and live but for one another. Perhaps all lovers have their moments of wounded self-love. The very nature of the force of attraction that draws one special man to one special woman explains this, and there are times in all love affairs when the waters of sentiment are troubled, and we call it a "tiff."

Congeniality! That's the secret of a lasting love; and it's the only thing that really counts. If a man loves a woman for her beauty at first, and finds eventually—as he inevitably will—that it was beauty alone that attracted him, the world and the woman will find it out also. A wife to be a perfect helpmeet has got to be a chum also, if you please, and it is much wiser to begin "chumming" in the courting days than after the ring has been worn. Mutual toleration is another secret of lasting love. If the man or woman is determined to have his or her own way, and thinks it a sign of weakness to give in, there will soon be an end of peace in the home.

Love that is not unselfish may last the honeymoon out, but when this golden period is past, and the every-day routine of life begins, the love will surely change to loathing, unless self be kept in the background.

TO WALK WELL.

Don't drag your feet or fling them, nor lag nor stride. Learn to glide into a room gracefully.

It is impossible for a woman to be awkward in her walk if she walks straight and keeps her knees stiff. The act of swinging the feet out gives one a graceful gait.

Walk slowly. Skirts wind around your calves when you walk rapidly, and all semblance of grace is lost. Walk in leisurely manner, as if you were a princess, not a hurried, worried, overworked woman.

Don't swing your shoulders.

Don't swing your arms.

Don't twist yourself in sinuous motions. Don't contort. Don't wriggle.

Hold your chin in. This is the most important thing of all.

Don't walk, nor look, nor act like an old person. There are no old persons in these days. Touch the ground first with the balls of your feet, with the heels striking an instant later.

THE WORRYING WOMAN.

There is nothing more detrimental to beauty in woman than worry. The worrying woman invites the hand of time, which writes plenty of wrinkles on her brow, around her eyes and mouth, paints her face yellow, and gives a lack-lustre eye that no artifice can brighten.

It is quite unnecessary to worry, and it is a total waste of energy which could be better employed in doing something useful.

You know a worrying, woman the moment you see her. Her character is written in her face in wrinkles which you would think nothing short of a miracle would obliterate.

Downright ugliness is a heavy price to have to pay for the possession of a bad habit; but there it is. And not only does worry directly influence the complexion for evil; its more remote effects are no less potent in robbing the face of the peach-bloom tints which are the admiration of the poet, the painter and the general public. Worry affects the entire nervous system, and through it the liver and organs of digestion and the heart. A woman's thoughts have, more than anything else, the power to make or mar her beauty, so let her beware of worrying overmuch, lest she lose the greatest of all gifts.

"Granddad," said a child, "what makes a man give a woman a diamond engagement ring?"

"The woman!" was the reply.

WIVES AND MOTHERS.

If you want to deserve the proud title of wife, never abuse your husband's confidence. Beware how you prefer charges against him in the presence of others, or confide the story of your marital wrongs to comparative strangers when he is absent.

Do not tell other people that he does not bring home money enough to keep the house in food, clothe you and your children, pay the rent, and appear respectable.

You should never question the ability of your husband to earn sufficient money at his trade or in his business, nor should you seek to render him incompetent and ridiculous in the sight of others.

And remember this, there is no tie in the world more beautiful than that which binds a mother and a son grown old enough to be her protector. A daughter loves her mother, indeed, but she sees all her defects, as one woman always does see those of another. No doubt, with the unconscious arrogance of youth, she exaggerates them.

But the son loves his mother with an ideal love—he sees her as a man sees a woman; that is to say, through a certain halo of mystery. Reverence is in his feeling for her, and at the same time a sense of her need of his care—he is at once her knight and her son.

He is proud of her and fond of her at the same time. Her image is sacred in his mind. She may not be better than other women; but she seems so to him.

WHEN RHODES LIVED WITH THE BOERS.

I always think that one of the most remarkable, if one of the least known, triumphs of Cecil Rhodes was his settlement of the Bechuanaland troubles with the Boers (writes B. Fletcher Robinson in the "Windsor") He went up to save the territory for Great Britain, although he was told that the case was hopeless. One morning he rode into Delarey's camp, that eminent Boer being the leader in, and the source of, the land ownership troubles. He calmly invited himself to breakfast. The Boers scowled, but got out the food. Finally their leader, who all the time had realised why Rhodes was there, turned to him with a fierce look, and said, "Blood must flow."

"All right," said Rhodes; "but we might as well have breakfast first.' And they had breakfast.

For a week Delarey blustered, but Rhodes met him with a mild affability. In the meanwhile he rode and shot and lived with the Boers, made himself a popular figure with the women, and ended by christening Delarey's grandchild. This diplomacy was so far successful that when Rhodes left, he had practically the game in his hands. In his diary was a characteristic note on his adventure. It ran as follows: "Secured the government of the country for Her Majesty."

PRODIGIOUS FAMILY GATHERING.

At Degato, in Liguria, a remarkable family festival was recently held Having reached the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding-day, an old peasant couple made a point of gathering about them all their descendants for the occasion, and a notable assembly resulted. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the second generation numbered two hundred persons—eighty of them being babies, and there is recorded the almost incredible fact that the family has not known a single death since the auspicious event fifty years ago from which it sprang. A band of mandolins and guitars conducted the family to church, the village was gay with decorations, and there was a dinner at which no less than nine barrels of wine were accounted for. It is evident that this numerous family are not all strict teetotalers.

THE FAIRY SYLVIA.

Once upon a time there were two little sisters called Violet and Doris. They lived in a beautiful house situated on the top of a high hill overlooking a large lake.

But, sad to say, Violet was a very unkind little girl, and she disliked Doris because she was more beautiful than herself.

One day as she was sitting down by the lake feeling very unhappy, she heard footsteps coming behind her, and, looking round, she saw a pretty little fairy with golden hair, who was dressed in white.

The fairy said her name was Sylvia, and that she was Queen of all the fairies. Then Violet told her she was very unhappy because she was not beautiful like her sister; and when the fairy Sylvia heard that, she told her that she must wash in a spring called "the Fountain of Beauty," and she would show her where it was.

Violet thanked the kind fairy, and followed her, but after going a little way they came across a band of fairies dressed in green and white, and as Violet drew near they all raised their wings so that she could not pass by.

Then the little fairies told her that she must go home and not say an unkind word to her sister for three months, and if at the end of that time she had conquered, then they would let her pass by to the Fountain of Beauty.

So Violet went home, and resolved to try hard, and for the first month she succeeded very well. After that her task became harder, but she managed to keep her good resolution till the three months had passed.

Then the fairy Sylvia took her towards the fountain again, but the fairies raised their wings once more, and Violet saw they were still displeased, and so she could not pass by.

Then the fairies told her she must go home and try for a whole year not to have even an unkind thought towards her sister, and come again; so Violet made up her mind to succeed. At the end of the year, the fairy Sylvia took her to the spring, which was lit up with little fairy lamps, and fairies were dancing and singing, and all seemed very happy, and when they saw Violet coming they all lowered their wings to let her pass by to the Fountain of Beauty, so she knew she had conquered. And when she looked into the water she found all her ugly frowns had completely vanished, and she was now as beautiful as her sister

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Present:—Crs. Crispe (chairman) Jones, Bartrop, Warr, McFadzean, Robinson, Bransgrove, and Bricknell.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., forwarding a letter from the Railway Commissioners, expressing their regret that there should have been cause to again complain of the delay to road traffic at the Bell street crossing, and the staff concerned would be seen regarding the matter.—Received.

From Public Health Department, again applying for cheque for £197 0s 6d, being half cost of treatment of influenza cases by the Government.—Referred to finance committee.

From Chief Commissioner of Police regarding complaints of disorderly conduct at tram terminus on Sundays and holidays, and stating that action had been taken in connection therewith.

Cr. Robinson said it was very satisfactory to find that this trouble was being nipped in the bud.

From A F. Showers, representative on Fire Board, stating he would press for erection of fire alarms at corner of Wood street and Plenty road, and at corner of Regent street and Gilbert road.—Received.

From Mrs. Rosalie Casey, applying for permission to graze two cows in the Bell street Park. She lived right opposite, and could watch they did not go near the young trees recently planted.

Cr. Bransgrove moved that the application be not granted, seeing they had refused other applications.—Carried.

From E. J. Trelour, Reservoir, asking when water and electric light were going to be brought into Barton street.—Referred to lighting committee

From F. Scott, applying for another lamp in Martin street. Miss Bradley, a resident, had sustained a heavy fall through the lack of light and bad state of the road.—Referred to lighting committee.

From T. Kiernan, C. O. McDonell, and a number of other tenants in Gertrude and Adeline streets, asking that the streets be finished by the contractor. — Referred to engineer, who again explained that delay in finishing the streets was due to material being required for main Plenty road.

From S. Hayman, applying for approval of her knitting factory, "Bonnie View," Murray road.

Cr. Jones said that this was an industry in which there was slanging of machinery all the time, and though these people had got 400 feet they had placed their factory within 4ft 6in. of their neighbor It was time they limited all such industries to certain areas. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Robinson seconded.—Carried.

From G. Pritchard, complaining that he and others had been bitten by a savage dog owned by Mr. Schultz in Jessie street. Said dog had been on his premises for two years.—Referred to inspector.

From W. J. L. B[illegible], hon. sec Preston Citizens' Band, asking council to receive a deputation consisting of Messrs Blackett (bandmaster), Whittle, and Booth, senr.—Cr Jones moved that the deputation be received next committee night.—Carried.

From H. Patching, Northcote, applying for permission to hawk fruit in the streets of Preston.—Received.

From Geo. Hodson, applying for authority to open a firewood yard in James street, also for permission to instal a 6 h.p. portable steam engine and circular saw.

Cr. Jones said he was a near neighbor, and the buzz of a circular saw was not a very enticing thing. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

From C. E Callum, asking for an extension of the light to Barton street.—Referred to lighting committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £473 10s 7d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. From town clerk, City of Melbourne, re rendering financial assistance to the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service (Preston's quota £12.—That no action be taken.

Cr Warr, in moving the adoption of the clause, said the Government was rolling too many extras of this kind on to the municipalities It was only £12 now, but would be growing every year.

Cr. McFadzean said he would like to see the full council go into this matter, and moved that it be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Robinson seconded the amendment, pointing out that 89 cases were taken out of Preston last year. A contribution of £12 a year was, under the circumstances, a paltry amount.

Cr. Jones said he would support the motion, as he had always had to pay for any services the ambulance rendered, and he understood there was a Government grant for the free cases.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

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

1 That the accounts amounting to £934/8/3 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Re the erection of a drinking tap near the corner of Bell street and Plenty road.—That application be made to Tramway Board to erect a drinking tap in front of Barklem's blacksmith shop.—Carried, the president voting against.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

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

1. That the accounts amounting to £671/19/2 be passed for payment.—Adopted.

HALL COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bartrop (chairman) submitted the report, recommended:—

1. From A H. Anderson, secretary Preston cadets' committee, asking for the use of hall and piano free of charge for concerts proposed to be held once a quarter.—That request be granted subject to satisfactory balance-sheets being produced after entertainments.

Cr. Bartrop said he could only move the adoption of this clause pro forma, as he did not think the hall should be let free to any body of ratepayers. The Boy Scouts, who had greater claims than the cadets, were not given the hall free, nor were the churches, who surely had a claim on educational grounds.

Cr. McFadzean seconded the motion.

Cr. Bricknell asked if the recommendation was in order in view of resolutions on the council's books.

The president ruled it was not in order. Payment for use of the hall would have to be made, and a refund could be asked for afterwards.

2. From Geo. Burkett, application to lease hall from 31st inst for purpose of holding dances.—That lease be granted for one month under usual conditions.

Cr. Bartrop moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Jones said that last time they let the hall for such a purpose a class of dancing was introduced that shocked the feelings of the residents Before supporting the motion he would like to know if there was any chance of this experience being repeated.

Cr. Robinson said he would like to know also.

Motion lost.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

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

1. Consideration of the removal of some of the pine trees in Cramer street park.—No action to be taken at present.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

1. From P. H. Wilks, asking the council to remove the gutter running through his property in Wood street, north side.—That no action be taken.—Carried. Crs Jones and Robinson against.

2. From A. Beck, application for permission to build two houses on land 77 x 131, South street, Preston.—That the application be granted subject to building regulations being adhered to.

Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the clause pro forma. Some little time ago, he said, they had an application from a returned soldier for permission to build two houses on land not quite as large as this, and they refused it notwithstanding he held the land prior to the by-law coming into force, and was actually building on the land when he enlisted for service.

Cr. Bransgrove seconded.

A point of order being raised the president ruled that the clause was in order, as there would be over 5,000 square feet in each allotment.

Cr. Jones said they had never yet allowed two houses to be built on land below the minimum frontage.

The motion was carried. For—Crs. Bransgrove, Warr, McFadzean, Robinson and Crispo. Against—Crs. Jones, Bartrop and Bricknell.

From Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, appeal for donation.—That a donation of £25 be granted.

Cr. Jones moved the adoption of the clause pro forma.

Clause adopted.

4. From W H. Jutson and 40 others, residents of the Leamington Estate reservoir, asking for permission to graze cows on vacant land of the estate. That a registration fee be imposed for all such cattle.—That no action be taken.

Cr. Jones, in moving the adoption of the clause, said they had gone thoroughly into this matter, and were of opinion that it would not be wise to allow this sort of grazing to go on. A great many of the signatures on the petition were those of women, whose husbands would readily sign the counter petition.

Recommendation adopted.

5. From E M. Croft, asking for permission to build on block 21 Carlisle street, Preston, 35 x 90.—That permission be granted subject to building regulations being adhered to.—Adopted.

6. From A. McLaren, submitting plan of engineering and foundry building of w.b. and galvanised iron, proposed to be erected on land 40 x 170 in Mary street, Preston.—That request cannot be granted.

Cr. Jones said he had pleasure in moving the adoption of the clause, as they had quite enough fumes and smoke about the municipal buildings now.

Cr, Bartrop seconded the motion, saying that Preston should not be disfigured any more by these industrial concerns being planked down in the centres of population. They should be confined to an industrial area.

Cr. Robinson said there was a whole series of factories in this area, and he did not see how they were going to be shifted. He therefore thought they should encourage other industries there and leave the outside areas exclusively for residential purposes. It was no use thinking they could make Preston a Toorak.

The voting was even. For—Crs Bartrop, Warr, Crispe, and Jones. Against.—Crs Robinson, McFadzean, Bricknell, and Bransgrove.

The president gave his casting vote in favor of the clause.

7. Consideration of asphalting Edwardes street on south side.—That no action be taken at present.

Cr Jones, in moving the adoption of the clause, said the work would cost £600, and the committee did not see its way clear to do it at the present time.

Cr. McFadzean moved that the matter be referred back with a view of getting a portion of the work done

Cr. Bartrop seconded the amendment.

Cr. Warr said there was a large number of their older streets in far greater need of construction than this. Motion carried.

REPORTS.

The treasurer (Mr. W. A. Kelly) reported receipts for fortnight £222 10s 9d and present overdraft £6207 1s 6d.

The engineer reported quarry output as follows:—Road-making material, 742½ cubic yds; 6-inch pitchers, 5426; 8-inch pitchers, 90.

Several plans of subdivision were, on the recommendation of the engineer, referred to the committee.

The inspector (Mr. Tassie) reported having impounded 26 head of cattle, also inspected and reported on the various tanneries. He had been extra busy as the result of the outbreak of diphtheria and scarlet fever.

The secretary said Dr. Dorham had closed the Tyler street school on account of the outbreak of diphtheria.

Cr. Robinson moved that a report of the medical officer be got and sent on to Mr. Cain, M.L.A.—Carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr Bricknell moved in regard to the taking of electric current through Northcote council that the option they had in the matter be exercised Cr. Jones seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Bartrop moved that the matter of electing a board of control in connection with the park be referred to to the committee of the whole.—Carried.

CRICKET.

NORTHCOTE v. ESSENDON.

FIRST ELEVENS.

Northcote is making a splendid late dash to secure a place in the semi-final matches, and the fine play of the team last Saturday greatly strengthened its position, and aroused the enthusiasm of the large attendance present Dr Hartkopf won the toss and sent Essendon in to bat on an excellent wicket. Essendon batsmen made a very poor show, and were dismissed in an hour for 71. The doctor himself had a big share in this achievement, as he bowled extremely well, obtaining five wickets for 10 runs, and also two of the finest catches seen on the Northcote ground, when he caught Davis and Carroll off Finch, who also bowled with great vim and took three for 30. Carroll, who opened the batting with Woodbury, hit four 4's in Hullett's first over, but when 25 threw his wicket away—one for 43. Cody and Woodbury then repeated their partnership against North Melbourne and in 80 minutes added 137, when Cody was caught after a chanceless innings for 62. Bailey hit up 21 quickly, including a six, and Gibaud batted merrily for 22 not out, made in 13 minutes. The score stands at 249 for three wickets Woodbury, who at present is in champion form, contributed 96 not out, his big hits being perfection.

The position of the first four clubs is still very open, and the first division will not be reached until the last day's play. If Northcote can win outright its position is assured, and great interest will be taken in the play when the match is resumed on April 2nd.

SECOND ELEVENS

Unlike the first eleven, this team of young players has already won its place in the first four clubs, and is again in a winning position Essendon made 166 (Tratham 68, Rowe 35) Richardson was again the chief destroyer, taking seven for 83, Louis two for 64, Stone one for 40. Northcote two for 93 (Gill 43 not out, Harvey 14, Burley 12).

Northcote and Preston Churches Cricket Association. — The second round in connection with the above association was completed last Saturday, when Prince of Wales Park defeated Penders A, the scores being Prince of Wales Park 183 and 3 wickets for 56 (Krause 18 not out, Hardie 16 not out; W. Hankin one for 10, E Theobold two for 11), Penders A. 153 and 78 (H. Jones 17, F. Leake 15, H. Winslade 13 not out; Freeman four for 13, J. King four for 33, E Hardie two for 18). Prince of Wales Park won by 7 wickets and 8 runs, and will now compete against the St. George's road Methodist club, who won their semi-final engagement last Saturday week Both of these teams met in the final match of last season, and after five Saturdays of very exciting cricket witnessed by a large number of supporters of both teams, St. George's road won the premiership by 13 runs, and as both clubs are now showing that they have the necessary grit and determination a fine contest should again be witnessed. The above will be commenced on Saturday, April 2nd, and will be played on the Thornbury Presbyterian wicket, the west end of Hutton street.

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