

With Chief Warder Arnold in charge, the seventh annual summer camp was carried out on former lines in the riverside retreat which has found favour in all our previous outings. For the tent equipment and the cooking outfit, the camp is again indebted to the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Defence Department, and for the radio installation to Mr. P. C. Hazeldine. Mr. R. M. Brasted, National Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association once more proved an inspiring leader in the holiday pursuits of the campers. The appointed gala day brought a number of visitors to whom the encampment as a whole, the tents in decorative neatness, and the afternoon's sports with all their keen rivalries, were a source of much interest. Ideal weather enabled the most to be made of the days spent in surroundings and under conditions that made camping-out a delight.

Religious services have been conducted every Sunday by the ministers of the city and suburban Churches, while weekly Bible classes have been held by Canon J. A. Lush, Adjutant Radcliffe, Reverend Sampson, and Mr. A. McLean. Mr. H. Dobbie's unremitting services for years past as organist claim our grateful acknowledgements. On Anzac Day a special service was held when addresses were given by the Reverend John Chisholm and Mr. John Tait, who represented the Returned Soldiers' Association. Mention must also be made of the visit to the Institution of those distinguished leaders of the Salvation Army, General and Mrs. Higgins, whose inspiring messages were appreciated by all those privileged to hear them.

During the year thirty new novels have been added to the library, while fifty-six books were withdrawn, leaving a total of 2,050 volumes of all classes. Rebinding keeps pace with the needs of this stock, the greater part of which is in use; with the arrival of a new supply of binding material, 280 books were repaired and bound. Magazines and papers to the number of 696 were added to the range of reading material at the disposal of inmates.

The Visiting Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. E. C. Levvey, M.A., LL.B., continues to take a keen interest in the welfare of the lads, and I am much indebted to the committee and its members for many services rendered throughout the year.

To the ladies of Invercargill, the Rotary Club, the Patients' and Prisoners' Aid Society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the New Zealand Tobacco Co., for dainties and gifts supplied during the festive season, best thanks are due.

The farm manager (Mr. W. Brash) reports that dairying is still the principal farm industry. The number of cows milked was 112, and those which completed their lactation period during the season averaged 284 lb. of butterfat, which is considered to be quite satisfactory for a Friesian cross herd under local conditions. Over forty heifers have been added to the dairy herd during the year, twenty of which were purchased during the winter. It is expected that by next season the herd will have been built up to at least 150 cows. It is proposed to again apply the tuberculin test to the herd before the end of the season.

A very good season was experienced with the sheep, but, unfortunately, the prices for both wool and lambs were low. The wool, however, brought a slightly better price than the 1931 clip. Seven hundred fat lambs were sold, the average price received being 15s. 6d.; 750 breeding-ewes were kept during the year, and approximately 106 per cent. of lambs have been marked.

A large number of baconer and porker pigs have been sold at satisfactory prices and a number of weaner and breeding pigs have also been satisfactorily disposed of.

Owing to wet and broken weather, some difficulty was experienced in getting the hay crop stacked in good order; 150 tons of hay was saved, and of this quantity 100 tons was baled; 60 tons was disposed of at satisfactory prices. Over 100 acres has been closed up for hay this season and promises to be a good crop.

The turnip crop was a very good one and, together with the hay, provided ample feed to bring the stock through the winter in good condition. An area of 85 acres has again been sown in turnips to provide winter feed for the stock.

The oat crop on the farm was a heavy one, and on this account was difficult to harvest in good condition; 180 tons of sheaves were stacked, 1,500 bushels of oats were threshed, the yield on the light land at Rhodes leasehold, Otatara, being about 50 bushels to the acre, while on the heavier land at the Institution the yield was approximately 90 bushels to the acre. The remainder of the oat crop is being used for chaff. With the exception of 6 tons sold locally, this is all being used on the farm. Eighty-five acres have been sown in oats this year, and the crop is looking well.

Sixteen acres of potatoes were dug, and turned out very satisfactory. Owing to a wet spell before the digging was finished, a number of the tubers were affected, causing some loss. The crop, however, provided sufficient potatoes for our own Institution and, in addition, 45 tons were sold and 40 tons forwarded to northern institutions.

The garden and experimental area again provided more than sufficient vegetables for the Institution rations, the surplus being disposed of on the local market.

A large quantity of firewood has been cut during the year and used in the Institution and on the farm, thus reducing the quantity of coal and lignite required to be purchased.

All smithy work required by the Institution and farm has been satisfactorily carried out in the blacksmith's shop at the Institution, including a great deal of repair work for the dredge.

In the bootmaker's shop the work has been confined to repairs and the making of boots for officers of the South Island institutions.

The following works were carried out during the year: In connection with the reclamation of the freehold area a further 41 chains of drain, approximately 21 ft. by 4 ft. by 6 ft., was dug on the northern boundary. This completed the drain along the whole of the western and northern boundaries, a total length of 203 chains. The completion of this drain cuts off from the freehold area of the farm all water from the adjoining properties. As a large proportion of the water brought down by this