

competition, thereby becoming temporary possessors, for the first time, of the "Times Cup," a silver cup presented in 1928 by the Southland Times Co., Ltd., for competition.

Besides competition games, numerous friendly evening matches are played, the long summer evenings experienced down south facilitating this.

Thanks are again due to the Southland Cricket Association for their kind action in supplying cricket material to the institution.

Tennis has slowly crept into the life of the institution, and has apparently come to stay. The first difficulty was obtaining the necessary racquets and keeping them in repair. In this connection, appreciation is due to Mr. Gimblett who has taught the boys racquet-repairing, so that there is now a good current supply of racquets available, various ones given by friends having been restrung. A new feature has been the visit of outside teams to the institution, the Moana Club (twice) and the Southern Club being the forerunners.

During the year four sports meetings, confined to the institutional houses, were held—1st and 2nd January (New Year), 3rd June (King's Birthday), 28th October (Labour Day), and 26th December (Boxing Day). Te Anau House gained first place in the final results, with Monowai House second.

Under the auspices of the Oreti Surf Life-saving Club a class was started on 10th January, 1935, finishing on 5th April. The boys attending took a very keen interest, and the results were satisfactory. At the examination held 1 lad qualified for the bronze medal, 2 for the intermediate certificate, and 5 for the elementary certificate.

Under the capable direction of Mr. J. Page, of the Southland Boys' High School, classes for systematic physical training have been held regularly throughout the year. The beneficial results are obvious in the improved physique and alertness of the boys.

Thanks to the Southland Boxing Association, and under the direction of Mr. A. E. Tall, an exhibition of boxing and wrestling was staged at the Borstal one night in September, when the art of self-defence was shown to advantage by the contestants.

The tenth annual summer camp (for members of the association class) was held on the usual site at Otatara from 24th December to 4th January.

On Christmas morning began a series of days full of such activities as swimming, boating, rabbiting, volley-ball, cricket, tennis, table games, and bush walks. The evenings were occupied with treasure-hunts, sing-songs, moving-pictures, illustrated lectures, &c.

Mr. R. M. Brasted, National Secretary, Y.M.C.A., was the controlling spirit, and to him a great measure of the success must ungrudgingly be attributed.

On visitors' day (the final day) field sports were held in which all the boys took part. His Worship the Mayor addressed the contestants and presented the prizes.

Among those to whom the institution is grateful for cash donations for general purposes during the year are mentioned—the McKinnon Trustees, Invercargill Rotary Club, Dunedin Patients and Prisoners' Aid Society, Invercargill Justices of the Peace Association, Sir Robert Anderson, Dr. Garfield Crawford, and Messrs. Marshall, Pickard, and Baxter. Many local firms and the St. Vincent de Paul Society also supplied goods.

The institution farm comprises some 2,258 acres, divided into 45 paddocks. The freehold area farmed contains 657 acres, and includes the farm garden. There is an additional freehold area of 91 acres of bush adjoining the golf-links. The balance is leasehold, part from the Invercargill City Corporation under various terms, and the "River Farm," of 415 acres, also held on lease. Over 100 acres of this area is in crops—potatoes, oats, and turnips; about 150 acres is in grass, and the balance in bush.

The exhibit of pigs shown at the Southland Royal Show in December, 1934, was sent to London, where the baconers class was awarded first prize, with a total of 103 marks out of a maximum of 130. This exhibit gained the Bledisloe Cup, out of fifteen entries, for the best individual pig. In the porker class, the Borstal exhibit was placed fourth among the fifteen entries.

At the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Show held in Invercargill in December, 1935, the institution was awarded first prize for a three-year-old bull, first prize for a two-year-old dry heifer, and second prize for a yearling heifer.

During the year the surplus vegetables and produce not required for institutional purposes was disposed of to the local markets. There is always a demand for what the Borstal is able to supply, to meet what would otherwise be a shortage.

In conclusion, I wish to place on record my appreciation of the whole-hearted assistance rendered by both the office and uniform divisions of the staff, and the spirit of co-operation that exists.

WAIKERIA BORSTAL INSTITUTION (TE AWAMUTU).
(Superintendent, Mr. D. DUNLOP.)

On the 1st January, 1935, there were in custody 73 Borstal inmates, and 49 were received during the year. The number of inmates released on probationary license was 61, while 2 were discharged on expiration of sentences and 2 on special remission. One inmate was transferred to another institution, and 1 death occurred during the year, thus leaving 55 inmates in custody on the 31st December, 1935. The greatest number of Borstal inmates in confinement at any one time was 74, the least 54, the daily average being 62.08.

In the reformatory section there were in custody at the beginning of the year 91 inmates, and 96 were received during the year. Of these 38 were released on probationary license, while 8 were discharged on expiration of sentences, and 4 on special remission; 32 inmates were transferred to other institutions, thus leaving a total of 105 in custody on the 31st