

THE ORGANISER'S WORK.

This year the District Organiser (Mr D. Colquhoun) has been working in connection with the Oamaru, Dunedin, Central Otago, Gore and Balclutha Associations.

— OAMARU. —

The Organiser addressed a meeting of the Oamaru R.S.A. on Tuesday evening 6th January. There was a good attendance of members and the aims and policy of the N.Z.R.S.A. were clearly explained.

Owing to the fact that there are no large townships in North Otago the executive of the Oamaru R.S.A. decided not to form sub. associations but to form committees in each district.

During the month of January Mr Colquhoun addressed meetings and formed committees in the following places:— Maheno, Ngapara, Papakio, Duntroon, Kurow, Omarama, Pukeuri, Enfield, Kakahi, T. Karahi, Herbert and Hampden.

The attendance at the meetings with a few exceptions was small.

The organiser was greatly assisted in his work by the secretary of the Oamaru R.S.A. (Mr J. Forbes), also by the members of the executive.

— CENTRAL OTAGO. —

Sub. Associations of the Dunedin R.S.A. have been formed at Lawrence, Miller's Flat and Ranfurly.

Mr Colquhoun addressed fairly large meetings in these towns during the first week in February and the sub. associations promise to be live concerns.

— GORE. —

The latter part of February was devoted to work in the Gore district. A meeting of members of the Gore R.S.A. was held on Monday 16th February when there was a good attendance.

A sub-association was formed at Mataura with a strong membership. Meetings were addressed and committees formed in the following districts:—Pukerau, Waikaka, Waikaka, Balfour, Riversdale and Mandeville.

The attendance at the meetings was good. Mr H. Watt the new secretary of the Gore R.S.A. accompanied the Organiser and gave valuable assistance, also the members of the Gore executive.

— BALCLUTHA. —

This month has been devoted by the organiser to putting new life into the Clutha Association.

The Clutha Association has been unfortunate in losing the chairman, who left the district, also the secretary who is in hospital. It looks very much like the Association becoming dead altogether. The Organiser visited Balclutha and with the help of the remaining members of the committee held a meeting on Monday evening, 8th March. There was an attendance of 50, including representatives from Milton, Owaka, and Kaitangata. The meeting was most harmonious and enthusiastic. New Office-bearers and a new committee were elected. Mr J. F. Walsh was appointed secretary pro tem.

The representatives from the outside districts expressed their willingness to do everything to keep the Association alive.

The Balclutha Association is on a very sound financial position and has a membership of 400 with every prospect of an increase. A proposal is on foot to form a South Otago Association with headquarters at Balclutha, taking in the following districts, Clinton, Owaka, Kaitangata, Milton, Lawrence and Roxborough.

The Organiser during his travels has assisted many individual soldiers.

At his meetings Mr Colquhoun tells:—

- (1) The organisation of the N.Z.R.S.A.
- (2) Aims of the R.S.A.
- (3) The Government Departments which are responsible for the administration of matters affecting returned men.

Also benefits available under the various Government schemes.

(4) The matters the Association is endeavouring to get improved or remedied.

SOLDIERS AND RUN-HOLDERS.

At a recent meeting of the Committee the District Organiser (Lieut. Colonel Colquhoun) reported that some run-holders in Otago were refusing to employ returned soldiers as rabbit trappers, and the returned men were naturally complaining regarding the matter. On the organiser's suggestion it was decided to approach the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the matter and also to make an appeal through the press on behalf of the returned men. It is hoped that the steps taken will lead to a better understanding between the run-holders and soldiers concerned, and that it will have the desired effect.

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE.
APRIL 25.

RETURNED MEN who are willing to be included in the firing part relative to the above and Buglers who are prepared to give their services on this occasion should forward their names to the Convenor, Anzac Day Committee, Box 10, Invercargill, before March 31.

ALL RETURNED SOLDIERS unable to be placed on suitable land are requested to forward the following particulars to The Secretary, Returned Soldiers' Association, Invercargill.

Regimental No.

Name

Address

Class of Land Required (in order of preference)

L. S. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

MEMBERS of the Invercargill Returned Soldiers' Association are hereby reminded that the

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE of 10/- is due on April 1st, 1920.

L. S. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

GRATUITY.

AN APPEAL BOARD has been set up to deal with anomalies which exist under the **OVERSEAS WAR GRATUITY**. It is requested that full particulars of all cases coming under this heading be forwarded to Secretary, Returned Soldiers' Association, Invercargill.

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It would be well for the S.C.A. to make clear their rule as to time in club matches, as the country side evidently understood the particular regulation to mean that the matches played outside of town were to have latitude in the matter of duration, seeing that teams travelling to Wyndham do not begin their games so early as the teams in town are supposed to. The view of the Wyndhamites seems a reasonable one.

THE BATSMAN.

Fifty not out! And Fate, the umpire, sighs.

Old bowler Death is on the wicket still, He breaks and swerves the balls to suit his will;

And yet he cannot take me by surprise. Over! The captain comes with serious eyes;

The twain consult of tricks my balls to spill.

The pitch grows bumpy; I shall need all skill

To save me from what Death and Time contrive.

Yet with a good straight bat and shoulders free

I shall not reck of how the trickster bowls—

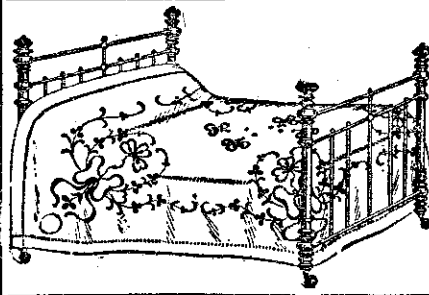
Round-arm or over-arm, now fast, now slow—

But seek to drive him to the boundary; Though to the grey pavilion of Lost Souls I walk, out l.b.w., at the last.

—David McKee Wright ("Bulletin.")

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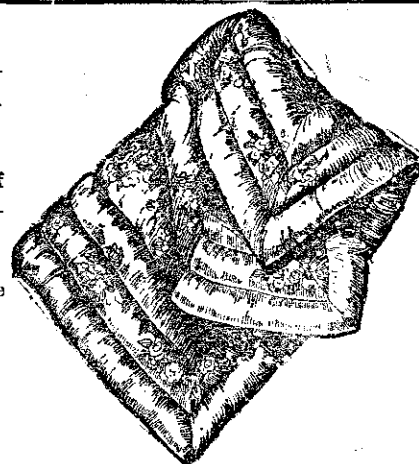
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WOOL AND MEAT COMMANDEER.

A largely attended meeting of farmers was held in the Town Hall to deal with the Government's commandeering of meat and also the shipping problem.

A resolution was passed: "That failing a conference in Wellington, arranging for an open market, this meeting would approve only as a last resource of the extension of the commandeering after 30th June, and that such a commandeering must be at market value, and also to request the Imperial Government to clear all commandeered meat by 31st December, 1920."

With regard to shipping the meeting decided that failing an agreement with the shipping companies, the farming community should obtain the assistance of the Government to purchase steamers.

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