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"The Digger."

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1920.

LEST WE FORGET.

No more appropriate phrase could be
associated with the Anzac Memorial Ser-
vice held on Sunday last, in the Municipal
Theatre. The predominating feature of
the whole proceedings was the simple
and of "Remembrance" of those who made
the Supreme Sacrifice in preserving for
future generations what was admirably
expressed by Mr Lloyd George, "The things
that matter for a nation." The service
was simplicity in itself and of a spontane-
ous character, two desirable features to
be associated with such a service and
which should not be lost sight of in fu-
ture services of a similar nature. The ac-
complishing of these essentials was the
outcome of good organisation and every-
one loyally responding to the part allo-
cated to them. The musical part of the ser-
vice was a treat, and the stage arrange-
ment good.

Sunday's performance will undoubtedly
meet with favour from the general public,
who will readily perceive that "Lest we
Forget" has a very real significance to
the returned soldiers who stood side by
side with their comrades, and shared their
varied associations and companionship.
Unfortunately, crowds were unable to
gain admission, which has caused a little
comment as to whether or not the service
should be held in the open air. Apart
from weather conditions it is possible that
a great deal of the solemnity would be
lost if held outside. This is a very essen-
tial characteristic of the service and every
condition should be preserved which will
have this effect. The R.S.A. propose to
hold the same service annually on Anzac
Day and its significance is of such wide
application that Anzac Day should be a
public holiday throughout the Dominion.
Some of our holidays have lost their sig-
nificance as far as the public are concerned
and there should now be a revision and
Anzac Day gazetted. It is hoped that
Southland's M.S.P. will take the initia-
tive and that Anzac Day will become a day
set apart for that simple act of "Remem-
brance."

"A CHURLISH SOIL FOR SCANTY BREAD."

Such is the position of a number of re-
turned soldiers in the Clifton district (Bal-
clutha), who after fair trial find that the
land is not of the class required to give
encouragement and return a just remun-
eration for the work that they have done.
We hear a good deal in these days of the
operation of the Discharged Soldiers'
Settlement Act. Ministerial summaries
present a very favourable picture but hun-
dreds of returned men can demonstrate
the fact that, "All is not gold that glit-
ters," and the class of land opened up un-
der this act is frequently of a class that
even the Land Board will not entertain.
The Land Board have declined to make
advances on improved farms in the same
district, although the price asked, has not
been more than the soldiers paid for Clif-
ton land. Furthermore, highly improved
land with good dwellings and buildings,
nearer the railway, in the same district,
are being offered for sale at the same
price the soldier settlers are paying for
land in Clifton estate where there is only
old pasture and no buildings. There is
a remarkable inconsistency about this and

it is evident that the Government has
made a bad selection and one not in the
interests of men who have to work this
"churlish soil for scanty bread." This
is no new thing for the Government, and
it is difficult to understand the Govern-
ment's attitude, and more so, its lack of
common sense in placing men on land,
under conditions which prevent them from
being a real factor in the Dominion's pro-
duction. The organiser (Mr Colquhoun),
reports that they are a good class of set-
tler and they should receive consideration
at the hands of the Government. The
organiser recommended that:

- 1.—A re-valuation of the Clifton
estate with a view of reducing the rental
on the land to a fair value.
- 2.—To assist the present settlers in their
difficulties, a remission of two years' rent
to be made provided the settler has im-
proved his farm to the value of two years'
rent.
- 3.—That the present settlers be given
the option of increasing their holdings to
enable them to secure sufficient land to
profitably work a mixed farm.

These recommendations are very modest
and should be seriously considered by the
Department and an opportunity be given
the settlers of making good.

THE DIGGER'S LETTER BOX.

Nightcaps Notes arrived too late for pub-
lication and will appear in next issue.—
Ed. "Digger."

G.M., Invercargill.—We are not pub-
lishing your poem because in its present
form it is unsuitable. If you benefit by
our criticism and make the necessary cor-
rections we will do so. Your principal
difficulty is that your spelling is bad, and
your punctuation, well! the least said
about it the better. Some of your lines
are very jerky and halting, and others
characterised by indefiniteness. You
have good ideas, and by returning stamp-
ed envelope you can have copy which we
trust will be helpful to you.—Editor.

ANZAC DAY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Permit me to express a few
thoughts on the Anzac Day parade. You
will recall the parade proceeding at slow
march, led by the firing party with arms
reversed, and followed by a gun carriage
draped with the Union Jack, bearing
wreaths in memory of our comrades "gone
West." Well, sir, can you offer any ex-
planation as to why many of the male
citizens (and some of them very promi-
nent ones too), did not appear to have suf-
ficient respect to bare their heads as the
party filed by. Possibly it was ignorance
of the true significance of the ceremony—
but I know that many of the Diggers on
that parade were greatly upset at this
apparent lack of respect.

Another deplorable incident was the
presence of several noisy youths in the
gallery, who kept up a continuous stream
of sarcastic remarks, much to the annoy-
ance of the public generally. Can nothing
be done to suppress this larrikin element?
—Yours etc.,

"FOUR BLUE CHEVRONS."

Invercargill, 28th April, 1920.

TUATAPERE.

A very large gathering assembled from
Tuatapere and surrounding districts to
take part in the service arranged for An-
zac Day. As the members of the Tua-
tapere branch of the R.S.A. fell in for
parade, the church bells began to toll.
Mr J. Coughlan acted as marshal, and the
returned soldiers were preceded by the
Western District Pipe Band under Pipe-
Major Dickson, in the march to the hall.
Special seats were reserved for the return-
ed men, in front of the stage, and after
they had taken their places, every seat
was speedily occupied. The stage was
artistically decorated with the national
colours, a large banner bearing the word
"Anzac," in letters of gold, occupying
a prominent place, as did also a beautiful
wreath, the gift of the townspeople. Rev.
H. B. Hill, an ex-naval chaplain con-
ducted the religious part of the service.
The rev. gentleman gave an impressive
discourse, and was followed sympathetically
by the large audience. Messrs Mc-
Feely and F. Harrison also delivered ad-
dresses in keeping with the spirit of the
day. Solos were rendered by Misses Mc-
Gregor and McMillan and Mr A. Prentice.
The lament, "The Flowers of the Forest,"
was played by the Pipe Band, after
which the audience stood in reverent
silence in memory of our honoured dead.
At the close of the service Mr Cunning-
ham, chairman of the local branch of the
R.S.A. moved a hearty vote of thanks
to all who had assisted the branch to
make the function such a memorable suc-
cess. Thanks are due to Mr C. C. Nicholas
for the very fitting musical programme
arranged, and also to the Pipe Band for
their services.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

SOME INTERVIEW.

There seems to be some difficulty in get-
ting information locally about the present
position of the railway strike. Our repre-
sentative interviewed Mr Riddell (pres-
ident Southland Employees' Association), he
stated that it was a very serious matter
at this time. We were still suffering
from the railway cut a few months ago,
and it would be serious if the matter was
not definitely settled. Asked if he con-
sidered that the strike would assume any
magnitude, Mr Riddell stated that there
was reasonable grounds to believe that
the Wellington Watersiders would come
cut, and, Mr Pryor (secretary of the Fed-
eration), had left for Wellington to be
in close touch with events. The strike
may extend to the south, but he was
doubtful. Mr Riddell stated that in his
opinion the Government had not done all
in its power to prevent the strike, and the
general manager seems to have been out
of touch with the trend of events. Never-
theless, he had confidence in Mr Massey
to take the matter in hand and bring
about a satisfactory settlement.

Mr Provan (secretary of the Amalgam-
ated Society, Carpenters and Joiners
Union), was interviewed and stated that
there seemed to be general dissatisfaction
in the railway service, which had stood
loyally to the country notwithstanding
strenuous times. There was some diffi-
culty in getting sufficient evidence to
weigh the matter up but he believed the
strike would be confined to the north.
The next two days would be the most
critical and required wise handling. The
Minister for Railways was largely to
blame for not giving greater consideration
to the men's demands, and more so than
Mr McVilly who had to refer to the Min-
ister any important considerations. Mr
Provan was asked what view was taken
by other unions as far as he knew. He
replied that he believed the watersiders
would work but treat as "black," goods
handled by the railway. It is not likely
that the strike will extend but something
must be done immediately to meet the
just demands of the men. A large num-
ber of the carpenters had left the service
and joined his union where they can get
better conditions and pay.

A member of the local branch of the
E.F.C.A. was interviewed by our reporter,
but was unable to give anything outside
of what had already appeared in the press.
These reports fairly stated the case and
there was no truth in the suggestion that
the strike was timed for the Royal visit.
The men in the North Island had got out
of hand and it lay with the Government
to do the right thing, and thus prevent
it from spreading. It was not desired
that the South Island men come out if
it could be avoided, neither was it de-
sired that the dislocation of the railways
should be of any magnitude, but the
Government had the remedy in their
hands. The local Executive was awaiting
word from headquarters, and its action
would be determined by that. Asked if
the Government was principally to blame,
it was stated that it was impossible for
Mr Massey to hold the portfolio of Min-
ister of Railways in conjunction with his
other offices. This office had always
been separate and should be so now. Mr
Massey had done a great deal of work
during the past months, and naturally
enough had to be guided in the main by
Mr McVilly, who had not made good as
far as the men were concerned. On the
Commission presided over by Mr Justice
Stringer, was a representative of the
Government and of our Association. It
now transpires that they were only in
an advisory capacity, whereas it was un-
derstood they would have a say in the
findings. There was discontent right
through the service where men with 15
years service were getting 12s 6d per day,
while instances were given of men at the
top of the tree with 20 years' service
getting 17s 6d per day. A carpenter
could easily get £1 per day and only
serve five years at his trade. A great
deal was being made of the cost of
living, but what they wanted was a
wage consistent with that paid in other
parts of the world. Two drivers had left
the service last month in Invercargill, and
during the past 3 months no less than 8 or
ten had left in Dunedin. There was con-
siderable difficulty in getting cleaners, and
this was conclusive that things were not
right. The Arbitration Court had laid it
down that any industry should pay wages
consistent with a good standard of com-
fort and this should apply to the service.

SOUTHLANDS' PART IN THE WAR.

The "Digger" would like to receive in-
formation from officers and other ranks re-
garding the above. Extracts from diaries
and other items are urgently required
for the writer of these articles. It is re-
quested that all matter especially regard-
ing early history be sent to the Editor as
soon as possible.

R.S.A. AT DIPTON.

One of the largest dances ever held in
Dipton was given on Friday night by
the returned soldiers of the district. Be-
sides a large attendance of Dipton and
district people, several small parties were
called from near and far.

Sixty-two couples took part in the
Grand March, which was led off by Mr
and Mrs P. O'Callaghan, Mr P. O'Cal-
laghan being chairman of the local branch
of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

The music was supplied by Mrs Craig
(piano), Mr W. Sinclair (violin), Mr
Craig (Piccolo). Mr C. Grant acted as
M.C., assisted in the set dances by
H. Ewen.

Supper was served in a marquee erected
alongside the hall, and the guests of the
evening were waited on by the returned
soldiers of Dipton.

During the evening Mr Domigan sang
and Mr Kirkland recited. Mr W. Kenzie
and his local amateur comedy
company rendered some thrilling pieces
from the main door of the hall.

Later in the evening Mr Thos. Campbell,
chairman of the local Reception Com-
mittee congratulated the returned sol-
diers of Dipton on the success of the
dance. Three cheers were then called
for the soldiers and were heartily given,
followed by the singing of "For they are
Jolly Good Fellows." The dance broke
up about 4 a.m.

MARKET NOTES.

Messrs Bray Bros. Ltd., Auctioneers,
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wheat.

FRUIT.—Supplies have been heavy
and prices have eased. Grapes, outdoor
grown, 1s to 1s 3d per lb. Peaches, 2d
to 5d per lb, according to variety and
grade. Plums 3d to 4d. Pears, 2d to 3d.
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Apples (cooking), 2d to 2d 3d per lb. Quin-
ces, 2d to 3d per lb. Tomatoes.—The
quality now arriving is very poor, and
prices show considerable variation. Des-
ert sold at up to 4d per lb., and second-
ary quality and green, down to 2d per lb.

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ing free sulphur, 2s 3d per brick. Cow
Covers, lined, 21s 6d each, unlined, 19s
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