

## SOUTH OTAGO NOTES

BALCLUTHA, April 26.

## PERSONAL.

Mr John F. Walsh, who for some time has been carrying on business as a land and commission agent has disposed of the business and accepted an appointment as Quarter-Master Sergeant of the Defence Department, and will be leaving for the North Island early in May. He is to undergo a "refresher" course at Penrhyn. Mr Walsh, who was one of the first returned soldiers in the town, carried on the duty of town clerk for the borough, while the permanent officer was on active service. He took an active part in R.S.A. affairs and was one of the time movers in the formation of the Balclutha branch, and acted as secretary for some time. Latterly he voluntarily carried out the necessary duties when the association through lack of interest looked like fizzling out. He was also secretary of the Repatriation Department and generally took a keen interest in our local affairs. He will be much missed locally, and his many friends will wish he and Mrs Walsh the best of luck in their new home.

## THE WEATHER.

The recent rains were a great blessing and the household water supply was well replenished. The rain came a bit late to save some of the turnips crops, but generally speaking it will do a tremendous amount of good.

## HOSPITAL MATTERS.

A meeting of the South Otago Hospital committee was held on Friday morning to consider the report of Drs. Frengley and Wylie. The discussion was on the same lines as that already reported, and the meeting merely decided to still go for separation, and use all their influence in getting a bill put through next session to create a separate district. The increase of 50 per cent on the levy for 1920-21 was also discussed, and was considered a strong argument for separation. The local bodies have been left to deal with this aspect of the question.

## HARBOUR BOARD RATING.

A meeting of representatives of local bodies was held on Friday afternoon to discuss the proposed levy of the Otago Harbour Board. Mr Malcolm, M.P., was present and explained the position. The meeting unanimously passed resolutions, protesting against any such levy and formed itself into an organisation to oppose the proposal. It was also agreed to ask the co-operation of all local bodies and Farmers' Unions throughout the district in opposing the levy. The resolutions are to be forwarded to the Minister of Marine.

## KAITANGATA RETURNED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Kaitangata Returned Soldiers' Association was held in the club rooms on Wednesday evening, about 20 members being present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. Ratcliffe, secretary and treasurer, Mr D. McGhee; committee—Messrs R. Semple, N. Nasmith, W. Gadsby, C. Thomas, and J. Carson.

Correspondence was received from the Otago District re the visit of the Prince of Wales, and it was decided to fall in with the arrangements.

It was also decided to hold a smoke concert and re-union on Saturday evening, May 1st, in the Masonic Hall, the committee to arrange the function.

Several other matters affecting members were discussed, and the secretary was instructed to attend to same.

## FOOTBALL.

The opening of the S.O.R.F.U. fixtures on Saturday drew good crowds. The match Toko v. Crescent at Kaitangata resulted in a win for the former by ten points (two penalties and a potted goal) by three (a try). The game was a very exciting one and Crescent were unfortunate. The kicking of Heads was great and was a feature of the game. It was he who did the scoring for Toko, his potted goal being a beauty. Mr Sid. White (Balclutha) refereed.

The Clutha-Clinton game was rather easy win for the former. The final score being 18-0. Six tries were scored and not one converted. Clutha merely got a good place kick. The Clutha forwards were too good for their opponents at the finish and simply walked over them. The score at half-time being 3-0. The visitors showed want of wind, while the local boys, who have been putting in some solid practice, were

quite fit. The backs indulged in some pretty passing, but did not gain much ground, running across the field instead of straight. This is a fault they will no doubt remedy before long. Mr J. Powley (Milton) refereed. The game was played on the show ground, which is admirably adapted to the purpose. The season this year should be a successful one, as with a decent ground to play on the "gates" should be better as this new playing area has grandstand and necessary buildings on it. These were conspicuous by their absence on the old ground.

## ANZAC DAY.

The Anzac Day Memorial Service held in Balclutha on Sunday was a unqualified success. A parade of returned soldiers, cadets, Friendly Societies, etc., headed by the band, marched to the Oddfellows' Hall, where a very impressive service was held. The Rev. S. J. Werren had the delivery of the address and spoke from Proverbs 10-7. "The memory of the just is Blessed." The large audience listened with rapt attention throughout. He was assisted by the other local ministers of religion. An impressive moment was the tribute to the fallen when the "Last Post" was sounded by Mr W. Low, and a wreath placed on the R.S.A. Roll of Honour. The brass band played the "Dead March in Saul." The movement was a feeling tribute to those who gave their lives that we might live.

Special services were conducted in all the churches at night, and special services were also conducted throughout the whole district.

## OTAUTAU.

The St. Andrew's Scottish Society held a very successful gathering in the Town Hall, Otago, on Thursday evening, when the spacious hall was packed to the doors. Mr Watson and Mrs Penman of Invercargill, were among the performers at the concert, and a first-class performance was rendered. After the concert a very successful dance was held.

A Winter Show will be held in the Town Hall, on Thursday and Friday, 27th and 28th May, and the large committee have the arrangements well in hand. A schedule will be issued in the beginning of the week.

The Progressive League have made arrangements to buy a section near the bridge, which they intend to donate to the Town Board for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' memorial.

Members of the Otago R.S.A. are reminded that their subscriptions are now due and payable to the secretary or president.

The footballers have made a good start for the season, but a little more enthusiasm will be required if they hope to procure the coveted banner for this year. Most of the football enthusiasts pick the Waiata Rovers to be the successful aspirants this season.

Owing to the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the ordinary monthly meeting of the Wallace County Council will be held on Wednesday, 19th April, instead of Friday, 21st.

A meeting of the Otago branch of the R.S.A. will be held on Thursday, 6th April, at 8 p.m., in the Board room.

The Otago senior and junior teams played a practice match on Wednesday, which resulted—Seniors 16, Juniors 18. Mr J. L. Brown ably controlled the game. The scores were accounted for by the following players: Seniors—Allan Brown scored an unconverted try, Adams scored and Kilgour converted, Collett scored (unconverted), Grieve scored, Kilgour converted. Juniors: Bulman scored and converted, Ian Brown scored and converted, Dimmock scored (unconverted), Ford scored and Ian Brown converted.

## AN APPRECIATION.

The R.S.A. desires to publicly thank all those who are not members of the Association and who so by ally co-operated and made the Anzac Day Memorial Service a success. Mr Chas. Gray, leader combined choir, also members of choir, and St. John's boys, Mr Wills, conductor Hibernian Band and members, Mr Stone, caretaker, Municipal Theatre, Mr John Taylor, Mr H. A. Preston, Mr T. Daniels, and all others who unreservedly gave their services.

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