

SOUTH OTAGO NOTES

BALCLUTHA, TUESDAY, MAY 4.

CLUTHA R.S.A., ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Clutha Returned Soldiers' Association was held on Monday evening, 26th inst. Mr E. Drummond occupied the chair.

— Annual Report. —

The annual report, which dealt with matters in general was adopted.

The balance-sheet showed a credit balance at March 31st of £87 4s 8.

— Election of Office-Bearers. —

Mr E. Drummond was re-elected President unopposed; Messrs Werren and Russell were elected vice-presidents, and the following were elected as committee-men:—Messrs Parr, Walter, Weir, Shepard, Stokes, Jardine, Jordon, Mitchell, and Little.

— General. —

The matter of supplying a firing party for military funerals was discussed, and it was resolved that two members of the executive be appointed to be responsible for all arrangements in this connection.

Appreciation was expressed of the services rendered by Mr J. F. Walsh to the Association in his capacity as secretary.

Miss R. Grant and Mr R. Hutton were unanimously elected honorary life members of the Association for their services to soldiers and their dependants.

It was decided that a re-union dinner, open to all men of the N.Z.E.F. and of H.M. Overseas Forces, be held on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to Balclutha. Messrs Weir, Little, Russell, and the president and secretary were deputed to make all the necessary arrangements.

MEETING AT WAIWERA.

A well attended meeting of returned soldiers was held in the Public Hall, Waiwera South, on Friday evening. Major F. Waite presided, and in a few well chosen remarks anent the usefulness of the Returned Soldiers' Association, introduced Colonel Colquhoun, the district organiser. Col. Colquhoun outlined the work of the Association in the past, and put forth in a convincing manner the advisability of all returned soldiers joining the Association, and taking an interest in its welfare. Only by doing so could they hope to secure that which they were still fighting for—justice and fair treatment.

Messrs E. C. Drummond (president) and A. C. Laing (secretary of the Clutha Returned Soldiers' Association) also spoke in similar strain. The speakers were listened to with much interest throughout, and at the close were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their addresses.

A committee consisting of Messrs F. Waite, W. Boyd, B. Sheddan, G. Grant, A. Broad, D. Jones, F. Aitken, and D. Sutherland was formed to minister to the requirements of the district.

After the meeting the hall was cleared, and the remainder of the evening devoted to a social and dance.

KAITANGATA R.S.A.

The Kaitangata Returned Soldiers' Association held a smoke concert in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, the occasion being a re-union of all returned men. Mr J. Ratcliffe (president), occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings by proposing the toast of "The King." The next toast, that of "Fallen Comrades," was also proposed by the chairman, and drunk in silence. The toast of "The Army and Navy," was proposed by Mr G. Cairns, and responded to by Mr E. Richardson, and the toast of "The Ladies," proposed by Mr Semple in a very humorous and witty speech, was responded to by Mr Dimick in the same strain. Songs were rendered by Messrs W. Gribben, Ratcliffe, Richardson, and Semple, and Mr J. Cairns gave a recitation, and Mr Geo. Hislop entertained the gathering with some short stories, which were highly amusing. The toast of "The R.S.A." was proposed by Mr Oliver and responded to by Mr J. Ratcliffe. It was decided to hold these gatherings every month. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 11.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL.

Crescent H. travelled to Milton on Saturday afternoon to meet Milton H. in a friendly game. Milton, who have a fine set of hefty forwards, were too heavy for their small opponents, and won a good game by nine points (three tries) to a potted goal (four points). Crescent were unfortunate in losing their scrum-half early in the game through a nasty jar to his shoulder, which necessitated his leaving the field.

The Kaitangata Association football

club journeyed to Dunedin on Saturday, where they met and defeated Christian Bros., by eight goals to two, thus making a very good start for the banner. With a little more practice they should go very near winning the competition.

The ladies' soccer match, married v. single, was played at Kaitangata on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in the married ladies winning by three goals to one, one win each, so they have decided to play another game on Monday evening to decide who are the better team.

Crescent defeated Union on the Balclutha ground by 22 points to nil. The game which was of an uninteresting nature, was all in favour of the Crescent players, Clinton at times making a recovery, and showing signs of good play.

Next Saturday's fixtures are:—Clutha v. Toko, at Milton; Owaka v. Clinton, at Balclutha; Crescent a bye.

GENERAL.

A fair number of shootists were abroad early on May 1, but no big bags are reported.

The Loyal Dalton Lodge are making great preparations for the unveiling of their Roll of Honour and Memorial Tablet on Saturday next. The tickets have sold very well and it is expected that there will be from 150 to 200 Oddfellows present from all parts of Otago.

Mr Malcolm Cook (Awamangu) was the successful applicant for the Moutere run at the ballot for soldiers' settlements in Dunedin on Friday.

The secretary (Mr A. C. Laing), of the Clutha R.S.A., has received advice of the following lands which will be offered for ballot among discharged soldiers during the month of May:—Wairuna settlement, Clutha County, agricultural and grazing (17 sections), Tilverstone settlement, Waitaki County, dairying and mixed farming (seven sections); one pastoral run (20,900 acres) at Ida Valley, and three small grazing runs at Kye-burn. Plans for all these and also lands in other parts of N.Z., which will be balloted for this month, may be inspected at the office of the Association.

At the meeting of Clutha County Council on Friday, on the reading of Balclutha Borough Council's proposal to send delegates to Wellington to protest to the Prime Minister against the 50 per cent. increase in the Hospital and Charitable Aid levies for 1920-21, which threaten to equal the amount of the general rate in the poorer ridings, Cr Cumming, the local representative on the Otago Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, remarked that the borough should have interviewed the Hon. Mr C. J. Parr (who was Minister in Charge of Hospitals and Charitable Aid) while he was in Balclutha recently in his capacity of Minister of Education. It was waste of money to send delegates to Wellington on such an errand.—A councillor: Probably the Borough Council did not know that the hon. gentleman was in charge of hospitals. Cr Cumming: But if they kept track of things through the newspapers they would have known.—It was decided that the council send a delegate provided the other local bodies in the district did likewise.

FIRE BRIGADE SOCIAL.

On Saturday evening in the Dalton Hall the members of the Balclutha Volunteer Fire Brigade entertained members of the Kaitangata and Milton brigades at a very successful and enjoyable social. There were 15 members of the Milton Brigade present, and four representatives from Kaitangata. These, together with local firemen and visitors, brought the number up to about 60. An apology was received from Tapanui. Superintendent Attewell presided, and several toasts were honoured. Interspersed were musical items, recitations, etc. Mr J. Ramsay presided at the piano. The following was the toast list:—"The King," "Returned Soldiers," proposed by Senior-foreman M'Cutcheon, and replied to by Firemen W. McIntyre, J. Henderson, J. Cuff, and Pringle; "Fire Boards," proposed by Deputy Allan, and replied to by Messrs J. P. Lyall (Balclutha) and W. Kirby (Milton). The speakers all congratulated Kaitangata on having decided to come under a Fire Board, and predicted a new era for the Kaitangata Brigade. "Visiting Firemen," proposed by Fireman W. McIntyre, and replied to by Junior-foremen J. R. Wilson and Hayward (Milton), Superintendent W. D. Paterson, and Deputy-Sup. H. Cuthbertson (Kaitangata); "Footballers," proposed by Mr C. J. Wood, the following replying:—Messrs J. Cuff, Wilson, Gregory, Powley,

Anderson, M'Festers, Dickson, and Muir; "The Visitors," proposed by Fireman Craig, Mr C. J. Wood and the visitors replying; "Balclutha Fire Brigade," proposed by Junior-foreman Wilson (Milton), Sup. Attewell and Deputy Allan replying; "The Press," proposed by the chairman, and replied to by Mr R. Culbert. The following contributed items:—Messrs Muir, J. Ramsay, C. J. Wood, J. Cuff, and W. Kirby. An enjoyable evening closed about 10.30 with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King."

Clark McConachy, the billiard player, gave an exhibition in the Central Billiard Saloon on Monday night. There were about 60 present. The champion played a game of 700 up with Mr R. J. McIntyre, conceding 450, and won. The latter only securing 544. McConachy's breaks included several over 40, and others of 70, 91, 116, and 168. In snooker games the champion was beaten by W. O. Ludlow and Harold Henderson.

R. S. A. AT WYNDHAM.

At present the Wyndham branch of the R.S.A. is making an effort to raise sufficient funds to enable them to open a social club room in that town. The first step in connection with the above is a ball which is to be held in the Town Hall, on the 14th inst. All necessary arrangements are well in hand and the executive hope to have a very successful gathering. Arrangements have been made for a full orchestra, thus assuring a musical treat for all. It is expected the general public and especially all returned men will support such a worthy object.

COLAC BAY.

The Presbyterian church have just held a harvest festival, which has proved a great success and realised a substantial sum. The people from around the district contributed a number of saleable articles which were sold by "Dutch auction."

Mr John Dawson, an employee of the N.Z. Pine Company had a rather painful accident. It appears that he was attending to some defect in the locomotive when his hand was drawn into the machinery.

Local ratepayers have formed a committee for the purpose of securing better drainage for the township. The engineer of the Wallace County and the Member for the Riding will visit the township shortly in connection with matter.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs Morton gave a most delightful "tea" for Mrs Sam. Craig, in the Federal Tea Rooms last week. Among the guests I noticed: Mesdames Gabites, Bastian, Walter Jones, MacEwan, Tucker, R. J. Gilmour, Abbey Jones, Pilcher, John Macdonald, Todd, Brooks, Jennings, Wilson Hodges.

Mrs Horace Macalister gave a most enjoyable dance at her home in Duke street, on Friday evening. Some the guests were: Mesdames Moffett, Caws, John Macdonald, Misses Morrah, Prain, Hazlett, Snow, Field, Vyner, Irving, Messrs J. B. Thomson, Gilmour, Irving, Williams, Prain, Caws, Moffett, Macdonald, and Hewitt.

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