

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

A fire broke out in the Southern Cross Hotel at 6.15 a.m.

The Hon. J. A. Hanan has been a member of Parliament for nineteen years.

The number of immigrants for this month will be about 1000.

The Maitava Railway Station has been destroyed by fire.

Influenza is on the increase in Southland, but cases are mild and there is no cause for alarm.

Crown settlers don't forget Hargest is standing for the vacancy on the Land Board.

The shortage of timber is interfering with the erection and maintenance of schools in the Auckland District.

The Roumanian Premier has gone to Warsaw to negotiate a Polish-Roumanian Alliance against Russia.

Dr D. A. Davies, Medical Inspector State Schools, states that it is intended to establish "toothbrush drill" in every State School throughout the Dominion.

The Minister for Education states that it has been decided to pay a bonus to teachers in the same way as other branches of the Public Service.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company are establishing oil refineries in Australia. The Commonwealth Government are large shareholders in the Company.

Building operations to erect a new school at Gore, in place of the one recently destroyed by fire, will be taken in hand immediately.

Australian, New Zealand and Canadian advice will be sought before Britain renews the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. Renewal is considered certain.

Southland's M.S.P. are going to try and get the Department to run faster passenger trains to Lumsden, Tuatapere and Tokanui. They have all reached their destination, why worry.

The Commonwealth Government is considering Marconi's wireless scheme for linking up Australia with the rest of the Empire.

The Broken Hill miners who have been on strike for nearly twelve months, are now requesting the Government to nationalise the mines.

Even the "Southland Daily News" has its unconscious humour. In a recent paragraph dealing with Cabinet Reconstruction the following extract appears: "Although repatriation and the oversight of Samoa are important new spheres of Ministerial responsibility." We have thought for some time that the practical outcome of Ministerial responsibility would mean the oversight of Samoa, now we are sure of it.

The Women's Club in Auckland, decided not to buy the following articles for a period of six months. Crepe-de-chine and georgette underclothing, irrespective of price; gloves, irrespective of price; stockings costing more than 8s 6d per pair; costumes costing more than £10 10s; hats, £2 10s; blouses, £2; and boots and shoes £2 5s.

A deputation consisting of the Mayor, Mr Crosby Smith, and Mr Carswell, waited upon Southland's M.S.P. and requested departmental assistance for £5000 towards the erection of a museum in Invercargill. Members agreed to help.

The Belgian Minister of State states that the labour situation in Belgium is satisfactory, the production of coal this year equalling that of 1913, while industrial production generally was ranging from 35 to 60 per cent. of the 1913 figures.

President Wilson says: "I think it imperative that the Democratic Party should immediately proclaim itself the uncompromising champion of the Nation's honour and thereby endorse and support the Versailles Treaty, and condemn the Lodge reservations."

The Wellington watersiders held a stop work meeting and carried a resolution: "That they viewed with alarm the attitude of the R.F.C. Association in refusing to co-operate with other transport workers, with a view to effecting a settlement."

lement. Approval was expressed of the attitude of the A.S.R.S.

At the conclusion of a supper held in Wanganui in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales, there was a great rush for souvenirs of the visit. One woman muzzled a three decker cake and when reproached, stated that she was a ratepayer. It is hoped no ratepayer of Invercargill will consider this as grounds for pinching the archway in the Crescent. If you do, watch the crows nest.

The people of Eketahuna are greatly indignant over the Royal train stopping to water the engine before coming to the station, as facilities existed on the other side. This would have brought the Royal carriage up to the platform. All the people saw of the Prince was when the train was passing through. An indignation meeting was held and effigies of the authorities were burned in the street.

"The housing of soldiers taking up land, was a most serious question. Some people thought that soldiers should start as the pioneers had done—by living in mud huts or something like that—but the soldier had roughed it quite enough while in the trenches. A married man with a family, had to have proper accommodation. The only remedy seemed to be in the standardisation of houses."—Mr Morrison of Masterton speaking on the R.S.A. Land Committee's report.

VOTE FOR HARGEST, THE R.S.A.

CANDIDATE FOR THE LAND BOARD.

Shelving seems to be a universal failing in politics. The claims of returned soldiers would be shelved unless influence is brought to bear.—Mr D. McGregor, of Masterton, dealing with the R.S.A. report of the land Committee.

VOTE FOR HARGEST, THE MAN OF ACTION.

The vacant seat on the Land Board can be filled by Hargest, in the interests of the Crown settlers. Give him your vote.

## SOUTH OTAGO NOTES

## FOOTBALL.

On Saturday, Milton defeated Clutha at Milton, by 11 points to 3, after a good game. The match Owaka v. Clinton was postponed owing to the prevalence of influenza amongst the players.

## HOCKEY.

At a meeting held in the R.S.A. rooms on Tuesday evening it was decided on the motion of Mr J. McKay, seconded by Mr Jordan, that a Men's Hockey Club be formed in Balclutha, and that it be known as the Balclutha Men's Hockey Club.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr J. H. Guest; vice-presidents—Messrs E. Jordan, E. Drummond, E. Russell, H. Simpson, A. Bishop, and Davis; secretary and treasurer, Mr J. R. Weir; club captain, Mr E. Drummond.

It was decided that the Club's colours be black and white.

The opening day was fixed for Saturday, 15th May.

## ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The largest gathering of Oddfellows in the history of the Loyal Dalton Lodge took place on Saturday night, when the Roll of Honour and Memorial Tablet were unveiled. Altogether about 200 Oddfellows were present and the gathering was a memorable one. Every member of the executive was in attendance, and about forty visitors from Dunedin lodges were present, in addition to larger contingents from sister lodges in the district. The unveiling was performed by P.G.M. Bro. C. N. Russell and D.P.G.M. Bro. Thomas Middlemass. At the conclusion of the ceremony the visitors were entertained at a grand social by the local brethren and fully enjoyed themselves. Several good speeches were delivered and an excellent musical programme was submitted. The Dalton brethren are to be congratulated on the success of the function which passed off without a hitch of any kind. The Dunedin visitors journeyed homewards on Sunday afternoon and expressed pleasure at the reception accorded them.

Our live agents are still at work and sales of "The Digger," have been increased by Mr Edge, news agent, Bluff; R. A. Elliott and Co., Merchants, Tokonui; and Mr McErlean, news agent, Mataura. Business men that are live and real are usually good people to do business with. Think it over.



VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

ALL RETURNED SOLDIERS, including South Africans, are requested to parade in uniform (if possible), at the Drill Hall, Invercargill, on

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1920,  
At 2 p.m.

Decorations and Ribands to be worn by men in uniform and mufti.

Ident.-Col. James Hargest, D.S.O., M.C., will act as O.C. Parade.

L. S. GRAHAM,  
Secretary.

ALL RETURNED SOLDIERS are notified that FREE RAILWAY WARRANTS, enabling them to attend the above parade, can be obtained on application to the nearest Defence Office. Application should also be made for War Ribbons.

Arrangements have been made for seating accommodation for those soldiers, who, owing to injury, are unable to parade. Tickets will be issued on application to the Secretary, R.S.A., Invercargill.

L. S. GRAHAM,  
Secretary.

RECEPTION TO H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1920.

THE Undersigned will be pleased to supply Returned Soldiers from the country taking part in the above reception with Luncheon Tickets.

Please apply at Office of Returned Soldiers' Association, Clyde street.

(Sgd.) L. S. GRAHAM,  
Secretary.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1920.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY DECLARED BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.

ARRIVAL—2.55 p.m. H.R.H. will arrive at the Railway Station at 2.55 p.m., and will receive a Royal Salute from the 8th Southland Regiment.

ROYAL ROUTE—Via the Crescent, Dee Street, and Victoria Avenue to Showgrounds.

CIVIC RECEPTION—By his Worship the Mayor. Addresses will be presented.

INSPECTION OF Returned Sailors, Soldiers, Nurses and Veterans, Territorials and Cadets.

PRESENTATION of Service Decorations.

GRAND RALLY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.—5000 expected.

GARRISON HALL, 8 p.m.—A Grand Public Reception will be tendered to His Royal Highness and Party. Programme of music by Invercargill Orphans' Club Orchestra, Invercargill Male Choir and Hibernian Band.

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