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"The Digger."

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1920.

"THE SOUL OF ANZAC."

General Birdwood's visit to New Zealand is a stimulating experience, not only to the Diggers with whom he is on such sterling terms, but to all sections of the population. The public welcome at the Town Hall in Wellington was remarkable for a degree of cordiality not often witnessed on such occasions, but it was noteworthy also for the deep conviction with which the distinguished visitor emphasised the lessons of the war. There was moving force in his appeal for the effective preservation of the traditions of the New Zealand soldiers in Gallipoli and in France, and undoubtedly all that he had to say on this subject will weigh heavily both with those who fought under his command and with their fellow-countrymen. It may be hoped that one result of General Birdwood's visit will be to supply the final impetus needed to ensure Anzac Day being set aside permanently as a day of national commemoration. The case for thus dedicating the war anniversary which outcome of an interview with him on his counts for more than any other in the recent visit to Invercargill. estimation of the people of New Zealand is already complete. In reply to representations by the Returned Soldiers' Association, the Prime Minister has said that the only question is about the right day to observe as one of war commemoration. The question, however, is hardly open. It counts for a great deal that returned soldiers are united in pressing for the commemoration of Anzac Day, Moreover, as Mr Massey himself observed at the welcome to General Birdwood, Galliopli was the one campaign on which the thoughts of New Zealand people were concentrated more than on any other during the whole war. Adding to this that the deeds of the men who fought and died on Gallipoli were an earnest of all that followed, it is evidently impossible to reject Anzac Day in favour of any alternative anni-

versary. Something more than commemoration is of course, demanded in order that the eplendid traditions of service and sacrifice which remain as a legacy from the war may be effectively preserved. The hest of all tributes that can be paid to the achievements and sacrifices of our soldiers is to apply to the affairs of peace the spirit which carried them through every ordeal of war to final victory. How this is to be done was tersely stated by Sir William Birdwood in words which ought to appeal with as much force to other sections of the community as to the returned soldiers to whom they were immediately addressed. Advising the returned men above all things to keep their association

the advice he had given to Australian Diggers :--

"Now that you are back here, try to live up to something like the following:-Try to take an interest in public affairs; do what you can to encourage education; think, don't let your minds lie fallow all the time, and, above all things, workshort hours if you like-but during those hours think what you owe to yourselves and the State, and put in a burst of the hardest work you can do."

The returned soldiers have learned in full measure the value of disciplined and well-organised effort. It is open to them, under same and reasonable guidance, to the hard school of war to appreciate in play a great part in remedying social and industrial conditions in the Dominion which too often are marked by an absence of the loyal union of effort which is as vital in peace as in war. Their own immediate interests are important, and deserve the fullest consideration, but they should not allow these to obscure their judgment and blind them to the interests of the community as a whole.

LAND BOARD ELECTION.

The date fixed for the return of all voting papers in connection with the Land Board election is June 18th., and it is anticipated that polling will be somewhat heavier this time than previously. Since Colonel Hargest's entry into the field of competition there has been widespread interest and competition has been somewhat keener. Ever since the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act came into effective being under the jurisdiction of the Land Board the returned soldiers have consistently pressed the Government for representation on the Board. Notwithstanding constant pressure from the R.S.A. the Government have consistently taken no action in the matter. Mr Carnegie Gardner, who is also contesting the seat, states that the R.S.A. should be represented, but that it should be a Government appointment. The facts are that we have to accept the machinery as it stands to-day. We are glad to note that Mr Gardner is in favour of the returned men being represented, but to carry it into practical effect, the only way is to vote for Col. Hargest and thereby obtain dual representation, a qualification which the Land Board does not possess, and cannot possess unless the R.S.A. candidate is returned. Mr Gardner himself is apparently not satisfied with the present representation of the Land Board as indicated in his letter to the "Times" recently. Taking into consideration this position and the fact that we must accept the machinery as it stands; then the crown settlers will readily perceive that by the return of Col. Hargest all parties will be represented. In our leading article of a recent issue we pointed out that Col. Hargest possesses the essential qualifications of all parties concerned. He has practically all his life worked a Crown Lease and has rendered praiseworthy service during the war. No other candidate can be as representative as the R.S.A. candidate and Crown Settlers can with confidence cast their vote in his favour.

CLIFTON ESTATE.

The following letter has been received from the Minister of Public Works as the

Dear sir,-With regard to the representations made by you to myself regarding the subject of the Clifton Estate, I now have pleasure in informing you that in reply to my representations to the Hon. Minister of Lands, instructions have been given to his Department to submit a comprehensive report regarding the settlement, and as soon as this report is received the Minister will communicate with you further on the subject .- I am etc.,

Sed. J. G. COATES.

SOLDIERS ON THE LAND.

The following is an extract from a communication from the Minister of Lands, and is published for information to returned soldiers on the land:

I should like to take this opportunity of again pointing out that the Departments instructional staff throughout the Dominion are always ready to assist discharged soldier settlers by every possible means within the scope of their duties. Indeed, they are under instructions to give the applications of such settlers precedence over requests from other settlers. Further, the Department conducts an extensive correspondence system under which farmers desiring advice or information on any point connected with either their agricultural or pastoral operations are given the best information available. Any soldier farmer desiring advice or information has only to write the Department and the best possible will be done for him with the greatest pleasure.—(Signed), W. non-political and non-sectarian, he offered | Nosworthy, Minister of Agriculture.

QUEENSTOWN RED CROSS.

The following letter has been received from the Queenstown Red Cross and is published for general information.

Dear sir, In confirmation of my conversation with you at Invercargill on the 21st inst., re the Queenstown Red Cross Association scheme of providing board and lodging for convalescent soldiers, etc., in Queenstown, in search of health, I beg to send now, for your guidance, a copy of the resolution passed by this branch relative to this matter. This runs as follows:--That the Queenstown branch of the Red Cross Association is prepared to give assistance in the way of board and lodging in Queenstown to convalescent soldiers or convalescent soldiers just discharged, to whom a change may be considered beneficial-all such men to be recommended for this benefit by, and nominated therefore, by the A.D.M.S., Dunedin or Invercargill; the R.S.A. Dunedin (acting under the advice of its president, Dr. Harrison), or by kindred soldiers' welfare associations in Invercargill, under advice from competent medical authorities.

Trusting that the Queenstown Red Cross Association may be of some service in above connection.-I am etc.,

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"THE DIGGER."

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PAHIA BACHELORS' BALL.

A very successful ball was held in Pahia by the bachelors of that district. There was a good attendance notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Messrs W. Harper, H. Printz, F. Hourston, and F. Boyd were the musicians. Extras were supplied by Miss McGlone and Messrs A. Shirley and R. J. Butler. Songs were given by Mr V. C. Crowther and C. Williams. Dancing continued until about 3 a.m. Mr C. Williams car-Dancing continued ried out the duties of M.C. in an efficient

WESTERN DISTRICT FOOTBALL.

BANNER FIXTURES, 2nd ROUND.

June 12th-Otautau v. Orepuki, Mr Mills, referee. June 16th-Waiau Rovers v. Riverton,

Mr Hincheliff.

Nightcaps, a bye. June 19th-Orepuki v. Waiau Rovers,

Mr Welsh. June 23rd-Nightcaps v. Otautau, Mr

Liddell. June 26th-Riverton v. Orepuki, Mr

 ${f Liddell}.$ Waiau Rovers v. Nightcaps, Mr McIntvre.

Welsh.

Otautau, a bye. June 30th-Nightcaps v. Riverton, Mr Stephens.

July 3rd-Otautau v. Waiau Rovers, Mr

Orepuki, a bye. July 7th-Riverton v. Otantau, Mr

Hincheliff. July 10th-Orepuki v. Nightcaps.

Waiau Rovers, a bye.

June 9th-Nightcaps v. Otautau, Mr Welsh.

June 12th-Riverton v. Orepuki, Mr McIntyre.

June 16th-Otautau v. Riverton, Mr Mills.

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FOOTBALL NOTES

GALBRAITH SHIELD GAMES. ATHLETIC (15) v. WAIRIWI [4] This game was played in front of the

Ims game the ground being lange grand stand, the ground being language

heavy and suitable for the heavy Green pack which took a long time to settle don to work, Waikiwi with a short side-break ing around them frequently and smother ing their slow backs, who were nothing if not cool. There was a fair amount of passing on each side, but Knight Waikiwi was the only back to run straight, Greens running consistently to the side lines in their slow lob method of transin and kicking recklessly when unsupported One Athletic movement was cleve charge of pass direction, but the recommendation was ruled off-side and a Waikiwi founity line. Some high punts were allowed bounce, and scrummers revelled in the work of novice backs. Knight, subula five had an instinct for the ball and ex. ily beat his opposing backs who refused to direct him, his clearing kicks relieving his side frequently. Whyte led the lights forwards and several times put his side on aatack; but the backs of his side was uneven, so, though Green tackling was poor, their passing was not very fruiting in gaining ground. Attack was interchanged for Athletic to make for the side lines in passing rushes, when a high life would have gained some ground and gia backs a chance to null the greasy ball thus Red and Black were surer in take. & kicking was markedly weak when on trasted with that of the sides on No.1 area, and wore forwards out to no purpose. The bunching of the packs wa better than it has been for some time and the scrums and line clusters looked workmanlike. An Athletic transfer move ment took play into a Waikiwi 25, a hig jumper being well fended by a Green wing-three; but the full came across will a clean tackle and saved the try. Right or a Waikiwi line the Green forwards in ed to hold Whyte, who led his men in a series of smart dashes to Green last stretch, where eager Colours bustled Green weak ground work, Knight receiving the ball to pot a goal, tired probably of seing the ball leave him to be lost. Waikiwi Athletic nil. The ascendancy of Waikin had been produced by Whyte, Knight, and an Athletic back speculator. Green worked back and fed the rearguard, but when a try seemed assured, the centrethree held on and the movement was checked, though only temporarily. In a ruck Whyte injured a "returned" leg, and Waikiwi lost the services of the best forward on the ground. The loss was quickly felt, for Green forward rushs were rewarded with a scramble try. Was kiwi 4, Athletic 3. The numerical inferiority of Waikiwi did not prevent their giving Green some anxious moments, but there was no further change in the score during the first spell. Waikiwi kicked off in the second half with juniors to fill the depleted rank, and a Green let the Waikiwi get near All-

slower, the only attack coming for som time from Waikiwi light scrummers rush ing the Green backs, the attack ending in Knight making a great run to short kick over the full's head and have it marked. It was bad luck for a very smart piece of Rugby. The kick brought Athletic into attack, and much talk was heard from players to the detriment of their football. The Athletic forwards were finding their weight telling, but hard kicks and dear Waikiwi fielding lost them much ground gained by stronuous work. Just at # stage of the game there was some pushing of men. The ebb of play 559 Waikiwi in attack, but Green forcet From the 25 Athletic tried passing hit the transfers were slow and thus inclutive. Knight continued to do good work, and Leith of Athletic squashed a return and the would-be return, and the Green moved into position, when Horan got over from a smart pass. Athletic 6, Waikiwi ! The Green forwards were breaking through frequently, and Waikiwi min Whyte could not hold the line packs. The crowd grew excited and thronged the ground. Green passed, broke down, and continued a sort of attack, but a Wikisi set up a good dribble and there less little ground work made some territory A green mark was potted by Leith, a tar attempt being made, and Waikiwi position nearly let the forwards in on the charge There was then a scene of struggling ion. wards on Waikiwi line, Green refusing to heel and forcing Red and Black to heel Several five-yard scrums resulting. Green forwards were too heavy, and a led sneaked out of a pack to Shepherd nas fed Horan. The latter feinted to the middle and his opponent dashed of to find that the pea wasn't under that this ble, but that Horan had scored, Athlets 9 Waikiwi 4. Knight and Wills russel at the ball but unfortunately the latter got

letic 25. The play became heavier w