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Kennel Notes.

Wellington Show will be held on Friday and Saturday of next week.

A record entry is expected, and fanciers from both Islands will compete.

No doubt the Grand Challenge Stakes will be the chief attraction and Mr J. D. Graham can be depended on to place the dogs to the satisfaction of all.

Mr R. W. Brown, of Dunedin, is making the trip with his fine deerhounds, and we expect him to be amongst the placed ones.

The young dog "Heatherlea Strathgall," has been best dog in show on two occasions, and it would be a very fine feat for him to do the hat trick.

Irish terriers are likely to be an improved entry. aFanciers in the north are now that the war is over, reviving their interest in the breed. It has been very noticeable during the last few years that the exhibitors could be counted on one hand, and so it has been an easy matter to gain first prize awards. It is always a disappointment to a fancier to be carrying off prizes being the only entry.

Mr Walter Henderson is rearing a few young stock by "Professor." Amongst them is a particularly good one which should be ready in time for Christchurch show.

Mr O'Connor is also forging ahead, and with "Riot Act," to breed from, it must only be a short time before he is challenging the best.

Mr J. A. Lea paid a flying visit to Dunedin during last week, and he had a nice time looking at the inmates of some of the kennels out South Dunedin way.

Miss Brown's Sydney-Silkie is maturing well, and his coat is much improved since Invercargill show. In another year he will be hard to beat.

A black miniature Pom in the same kennel, is a little beauty, being exceptionally small, good black, and possessing plenty of ginger.

Mr Eric Hay, of Waiuku, has some very nice young cocker spaniels coming on. A young dog by "Papanui Swell" and "Red Ribbon," promises to become a fine dog.

"Red Ribbon" has proved herself a good breeder, and she herself is by champion "Edelweiss Guide"—"Moeraki Ross," a red-roan in colour, very compact, good head and coat.

Another nice bitch in Mr Hay's kennels is "Shy Gambler," she is bred from "Vera Gambler," the latter, without doubt, one of the best black brood bitches that we have yet possessed in the Dominion. Amongst her progeny are "Duke Gambler," "Coon Gambler," "Lady Gambler," and "Glad Gambler," all of which have taken a very heavy toll of prizes at most of the shows held under N.Z. Kennel Club rules.

"Sylvan Swank" an Invercargill bred black cocker has again changed hands, Mr Hay parting with him for a fairly high figure. Since going to the North Island, "Swank" has put up a good performance, and has always been amongst the placed division.

"Bellvue Mischief" has been mated to a son of "Kaikorai Kazan." She should turn out a good matron. Since her trip to Ashburton she has developed on right lines, and now presents a very commanding appearance. She possesses the essential qualities required to produce good show bench terriers.

Mr Stan Hall has parted with his fox terrier. We hope to see him with something good in his possession before long. Perhaps another breed be preferable to a terrier. A fox terrier requires a lot of scope and plenty of things to kill, otherwise he devotes his attention and teeth to destructive tactics, and then woe betide any drapery that should stray from its moorings.

Several local fanciers were hoping to compete at Wellington Show, but as no one was able to make the trip, some of the number have had to content themselves with the prospect of making up for lost time by showing in Christchurch during Carnival Week.

So far no judge has been announced for Christchurch Show. Dunedin fanciers have offered inducement to the above club to try and secure the services of Mr Court Rice, of Australia. We would not be surprised to see Mr Graham adjudicating when the time comes. He would certainly draw a larger entry than any other man we can think of at the present time.

Less than 50 per cent. of the people struck by lightning are fatally injured.

ESSENCE OF THE BUDGET.

Surplus, £2,299,416.

Year's revenue, £26,081,340.

Expenditure, £23,781,924.

The Dominion's total accumulated surplus is £17,538,977.

The number of gallons of beer brewed during the year totalled 14,550,076. The quantity brewed for the previous year was 11,109,920 gallons.

Imports were valued at £32,162,029, and exports £50,776,650.

Customs and excise yielded £5,185,727, and the estimate for the current year is £6,367,000.

The revenue collected by the Stamp Duties Department amounted to £3,344,933, or £1,220,161 in excess of the previous year.

Savings-bank deposits total £29,758,488. Excess of deposits over withdrawals, £3,796,070.

Advances authorised to 12,415 discharged soldiers, £12,610,264.

Total area of State forests, 5,021,280 acres.

War gratuities paid to March 31, 1920, £4,917,638.

Coal-production during the year decreased by 186,402 tons.

Coal-production in 1919 compared with 1914 decreased by 500,000 tons.

Imports of coal amounted to 455,494 tons.

War pensions paid during 1919-20, £1,812,419.

Total payments made for supplies purchased on behalf of Imperial Government, £133,091,240.

War loans raised reach £80,989,025.

The gross public debt is £201,170,755.

Net indebtedness per head, £165 3s.

Net annual interest and sinking fund charges, £7,249,426.

Maternity homes are to be increased and more nurses provided for country districts.

Telephone facilities in country districts to be extended.

Trial aerial mail services will be inaugurated.

£5,000,000 additional for advances for discharged soldiers.

£2,500,000 additional for purchase of land for settlement (soldiers).

Provision for speeding up completion of important railways.

Light railways are to be constructed.

Tire tax to be imposed and utilised for upkeep of main roads.

An additional amount of £3,650,000 will be provided for public works and hydro-electric schemes.

Further assistance to immigration, and Department to be re-organised.

Increased expenditure to be provided for education services.

Welfare of children to be further provided for by creation of bureau of infant welfare.

Extended programme for school buildings.

Principle of non-political control of Public Service to be extended.

Authority will be provided for compulsory levy for certain loans.

Shipping and mail services are to be improved.

Economies will be effected in administration of all State activities.

BOXING.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

NAPIER, July 27.

In the New Zealand amateur boxing championship preliminary bouts resulted as follows:—

Bantam weight—W. H. Leckie (Otago) beat D. Kelly (Wellington); C. Maddox (Hastings) beat Mahoney (Gisborne).

Light weight—B. O'Keefe (Manawatu) beat G. Thomas (Wanganui); A. Musson (Christchurch) beat P. Hanah (Hastings); W. J. Richards (Gisborne) beat H. May (Whangarei).

Middle weight—H. North (Otago) beat H. Parker (Timaru).

Welter-weight—G. Vernal (Hamilton) beat A. Havill (Dannevirke); C. O'Connor (Timaru) beat E. Crooks (Christchurch); L. O'Neill (Greytown) beat J. Stewart (Ashburton).

Heavy weights—C. H. Whitaker (Southland, 12.12, v. B. McCleary (Ashburton), 11.8. Despite the difference in weight and reach, McCleary frequently got inside the guard and delivered smashing blows, showing more science and ringcraft than his opponent. McCleary was announced the victor. W. J. Brownlie (Hastings) beat J. McKenna (Timaru).

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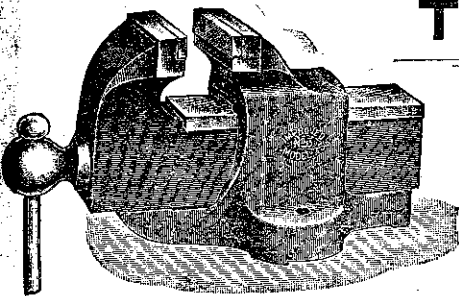
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