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BY "CREEL."

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If you are fond of ocean angling, and
he's fond of lakes and streams,
What's the use of always wrangling?
Why disturb another's dream?
If his outfit's plain or nobby, do not
criticise the same;
Every angler has his hobby in the good
old fishing game.
Let him try for trout or tunnies; let
him go for cod or pikes;
Let him seek tarpon or sunnies, or
catch anything he likes.
Let him angle with a clothes line; let
him use the cotton thread;
Let him fish with grocery twine if the
notions in his head.
If he thinks his methods better, let
him think so right along;
Never flail him in your letter; maybe
you're the one that's wrong.

—Jack Maxwell, in "Outdoor Life."

Conditions in Southland still continue
in favour of local anglers, some good bags
having been caught on both minnow and
fly. Messrs Hoffman and Baldwin creeled
ten well-conditioned fish on Saturday
night on the Makarewa river, the heaviest
weighing 6lbs; 4 fish 3lbs each, 5 others
being 2lbs, all on the natural bully bait.
While in Gore recently I heard of a local
fisherman creeling 47 good fish from the
Otamita, and I would like to point out
that there is a limit on the bags to be
taken out of Southland streams, viz., 30
fish. Pot hunters please take note. Men-
tion was made in the initial publication
of this column with reference to the fine
fish to be caught in the Mimiha on the
fly, and recently Mr L. Cotterell, of Ma-
tura, landed a beautiful fish weighing
7lbs 9ozs, from that river. Mr E. Dun-
can also of Matura, creeled a nice bag
of 28 fish from the same river. Purple
grouse, red spinner, and red body Wai-
pahi, were the popular flies. Fishing
the Oreti at Benmore, Mr A. C. Lyon
secured two very nice bags, creeling 28
and 30 well conditioned fish for two days
fishing. On the Waiau, Messrs J. W.
Aitken, H. Olsen, and A. Lyon, bagged
some 21 fish all in good condition, the
heaviest fish weighing 6½lbs.

The Dipton Angling Club held a com-
petition on the Oreti river amongst mem-
bers, on the 9th ult., and the following
was the result:—

R. Sinclair	...	30	26	8
N. R. McKay	...	30	16	3
W. Taylor	...	12	15	3
T. Taylor	...	12	6	13
R. Hayley	...	10	4	14
		110	79	12

Mr R. Hayley was also winner of the
novice prize.

On Tuesday the 12th ultimo, the annual
meeting of the Southland Angling Club
was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms and was
one of the best held for some years, there
being a good attendance of enthusiastic
members with Mr J. Nisbet in the chair.
The annual report and balance-sheet were
very satisfactory, and the members ex-
pressed optimistic anticipations for the
success of the forthcoming season. The
following members were elected for the
ensuing year:—President, Mr G. W.
Braxton; vice-presidents, Messrs E. Keast
and J. W. Smith; executive, Messrs Jas.
Collins, A. Evans, R. Sloan, W. Steele,
A. H. Stock, A. McNeil, C. W. Wilson,
H. C. Kelly, Alex. Evans, G. F. Strang,
N. F. Pattie, and R. Thompson; hon.
secretary, Mr A. McLean. A hearty vote
of thanks was passed to the retiring
president for his good work on behalf of
the club for the past two years. It was
decided to hold a roving competition on
any stream in the Southland Acclimatisa-
tion Society's district, on Labour Day.
Any legal bait. Hours of fishing from
7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open to members of
clubs only. Entry fee one shilling.
Annual sub. for membership, Southland
Angling Club, 2s 6d; honorary members,
2s. Entries close with secretary or
president, Saturday, 23rd October, at 9
p.m. Fifteen entries or no third place.
Committee reserve right to refuse any
nomination for membership. No com-
petitor to win more than one prize. Any
competitors's bag will be accepted if
certified by stationmaster, J.P., post-
master or constable, or special certificate
procured from the secretary, care
Messrs A. and W. McCarthy, Dee street.
Town competitors must weigh in at A.
and W. McCarthy's from 8 p.m. to 9
p.m. on Monday (Labour Day) evening.

Competitors having won a prize are ex-
cluded from Novice Class Competitors hav-
ing won, a first, second or third for
heaviest bag, second heaviest bag, and
largest number of fish respectively shall
start the season under an handicap as fol-
lows:—First prize, 10 per cent; second
prize, 5 per cent; third prize, 2½ per
cent. on total weight of bag. Performances
taken over two previous seasons, and that
for each, second and third prize won dur-
ing any current season an additional
handicap of 10 per cent., 5 per cent., 2½
per cent. be added, with a limit of 50
per cent. In the case of a winner handing
his prize back to the club for further
competition he will be free from any ad-
ditional handicap for that competition.
Financial members of kindred clubs in the
Southland Acclimatisation District are
eligible to compete in this competition on
payment of entry fee of 1s. Entries to be
received by secretary of each club and
certified as being bona fide members and
forwarded to secretary Southland club by
9 p.m., Saturday, 23rd. The committee
are desirous of making this season the most
successful in its history and with this and
in view we earnestly request all to be-
come a member, the annual subscription
is only 2s 6d. By becoming a member
you will help to make the club not only
a strong representative body, but also
assist the Acclimatisation Society, to
whom it must not be forgotten we owe
the sport afforded us. In view of the fact
that salmon have been caught in the
Waiau, anglers are requested to send any
fish that may seen out of the ordinary to
the secretary, Acclimatisation Society, for
identification. As license-holders and in
your own interests anglers are requested
to notify the secretary, Acclimatisation
Society, of any cases of poaching or the
illicit taking of trout. Any information
so received will be treated as strictly con-
fidential. Note.—In order to assist the
finances of the club fishermen are asked
to donate a portion of their fish for dis-
tribution among hon. members at any
time during the season.

The above conditions having been agreed
to, some interesting decisions were arrived
at. It was suggested that the Triangular
Competition for shield, between Matura,
Wyndham and Southland clubs be held
this year on the Oreti river, on November
the 10th, or 17th inst., if either of those
dates were suitable to the other clubs.
It was also decided to approach Lumsden,
Dipton and Winton clubs to inaugurate a
series of annual matches to be held on the
Oreti river, with a shield or cup as trophy,
towards which Mr R. Sloan, Invercargill,
promised a donation of two guineas.
Thanks were extended to Messrs A. and
W. McCarthy for trophy (value £1 1s);
"Digger" newspaper, trophy (value 10s
6d); "Creel," trophy (value 10s 6d); Mr
R. Thompson, Invercargill, trophy (value
10s 6d); for Labour Day competition. It
was further suggested that the inter-club
matches held on the Oreti river, should
be bare fly for one competition, and arti-
ficial minnow for the second, so that min-
now fishermen members of the club would
have the opportunity of holding up the
prestige of their respective associations.

The secretary was requested to write to
the various clubs interested suggesting a
conference of representatives to draw up
rules and regulations for the conduct of
these proposed competitions. A new rule
was agreed to, viz., "that any bona fide
financial member of a kindred club may
compete in any competition of this club
on payment of the entry fee."

Subjoined is an extract from the
13th annual report:—"Thirteenth Annual
Report of S.A.C., season 1919-20. Your
committee have pleasure in again submit-
ting the annual report and balance sheet
for the year ending October 10th, 1920.

Membership.—The membership of the
club has again been well maintained, there
being 400 odd financial members; the hon-
orary members list was very poor, 9
only being financial. This is due to the
fact that very few fish were available for
distribution owing to there being only one
successful competition, viz., Labour Day.
The honorary members are easily obtained
if the supply of fish is assured, but it is
no use having a large honorary member-
ship if the fish are not available for dis-
tribution. The principal supply for this
purpose is dependent largely on the re-
sult of competitions. In some cases
members of the committee have under-
taken to supply fish to any member
whom they have enrolled.

Competitions.—Two competitions were
arranged for, only one was successful, viz.,
Labour Day. This competition was ar-
ranged as in previous years and some good
bags were weighed in. The annual tri-
angular competition was held on the Mimi-
ha under the supervision of the Matura
club. The Southland team consisted of
Messrs Pattie, Braxton, Henderson and
Kelly. The competition was won by
Wyndham, with Matura second. This
competition will take place this year on
the Oreti under control of this club. An-

other triangular competition was held on
the Oreti between the Dipton, Lumsden
and Southland clubs. This was undertaken
by your club also, and the teams were
deposited on the Oreti at Thomson's
Crossing, and Lady Barkly. The honours
fell to Lumsden, with Dipton and South-
land a tie for second. Bare artificial fly
was the bait used.

Finance.—As will be seen by the bal-
ance sheet, your club is financial, having
a credit balance of £3 12s 6d.

Meetings.—The meetings of the execu-
tive have been well attended and due
interest shown by all.

General.—The season generally speaking
was a disappointing one owing to the
rivers being so abnormally low after the
New Year, consequently very little fish-
ing was done in the daytime.

It is gratifying to note that the anglers
of Winton have formed a club and it is
your committee's recommendation that
more inter-club competitions be arranged
between the Dipton, Lumsden, Winton
and Southland clubs.

Appreciation.—The thanks of the club
are due to the following for donations to
previous prize list: Messrs Nisbet, Evans,
M. Hyndman, A. and W. McCarthy.

Some two months ago, Mr Jno. Stevens,
vice-president, left Invercargill for Tim-
aru. Before leaving a representative
gathering, although somewhat informal,
met to show in some way the appreciation
of the efforts of Mr Stevens in the inter-
ests of the club. Mr Keast, in the absence
of the president, presented Mr Stevens
with a pipe and case, on behalf of the
club and angling friends in general, and
wished the recipient every success in his
new sphere. Mr Stevens suitably replied.

The club is indebted to the president of
the Acclimatisation Society, Mr A. H.
Stock, for the interest he has taken in
its affairs, and also for the fine articles
he has at various times contributed on
piscatorial matters.

Your committee also desire to express
their appreciation of the support and in-
terest shown by the Acclimatisation So-
ciety in the effort to suppress the netting
of trout. It is hoped that the present
season will be a successful one and that
all anglers will do their utmost to make
this year a record one.

Next week we hope to publish another
interesting article from Mr A. H. Stock.
Owing to a typographical error Mr Stock
was not credited with last week's contri-
bution.

NOTES FROM CALCIUM.

Personal.—Digger Wm. McKenzie is
at present spending a few days with his
friends in this district. We are all glad
to know that there is every prospect of
his latest operation being successful. He
has had more than his share of doctor's
services both in Blighty and New Zea-
land, having undergone twenty-one opera-
tions.

Industrial.—The music of the Under-
wood motor lorry breaks the morning
stillness daily. Butter-fat is worth about
3s per lb., hence the domestic cow is com-
ing into considerable favour. When a
farmer pays upwards of twenty pounds
for one of these animals for his family
to milk, you can depend that he is think-
ing of more than the provision of recrea-
tion for his offspring.

Recreational.—The Hamilton shield was
presented to Waianiwa Football Club with
much eclat on Friday evening.

Tiny Galt was much concerned about
the non-appearance of the musicians.
Now, my friends, do not be uncharitable.
It is a true bill. The rest of the neces-
saries were there.

Rev. Galt has a fine sense of humour.
If the Waianiwa footballers put in a
creditable church attendance from now on,
it is highly probable that the "great
canoe" (of imperishable fame) will have
a sky pilot in 1921.

The final Otahuti-Waianiwa match was
played over again in one of the ante-
rooms. Otahuti scored several tries, but
Referee King refused to allow the score
to count for the shield. It is understood
that there will be no protest against this
decision.

If Tiny Galt is successful in his efforts
to secure final possession of the Hamilton
shield for a tombstone there is a great
chance of its ultimately coming to Cal-
cium, as we have the quietest little sleep-
ing ground in Southland. However, we
hope to have it here for many years before
he requires it for such a purpose.

Britain's gross war expenditure was
£8,417,178,490. Of this sum, the Navy,
the Army, and other normal votes took
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