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#### FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE.

IN MEMORIAM.

DOYLE -- In affectionate remembrance of James J. Doyle, Lieutenant Main Body, Otago Infantry Brigade, who died at Featherston Military Hospital, on 15th November, 1918; aged 26 years.

Plucked like a flower, in the best of its To brighten the land beyond reach of the

tomb; Oh, how we miss him, but why should we

grieve,
A little while longer and we too must leave.

We often think of days gone by When we were all together; As shadows o'er our lives are cast,

A loved one gone forever. The sunshine of our happy home Must ever clouded be.

# "The Nigger."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1920.

#### THE MAIN ROADS PROBLEM.

The Public Works Statement indicates that the Government is committed to a sound roading policy. The Minister for Public Works indicated that the Government would bring down legislation which we conjecture is the Main Roads Bill suggested by Mr Massey. Unfortunately, at the last moment we are informed that the proposals will not be presented to Parliament until next session. Whatever form the Bill may take, it must essentially be of a controversial character and the Government would have been well advised to have submitted its proposals to local bodies for their consideration in the intervening period. It is presumed that the intention of the Government is to relieve the county councils-of roads used principally for through traffic. There can be no doubt that the road from Invercargill to Picton should be a direct charge upon the Government and be a national highway. Under the Victorian system of dealing with main roads administration, a main road includes not only arterial roads through the country, but highways carrying a considerable volume of traffic from centre to centre or to the railway. Legisla. tion is about to be submitted to the New South Wales State Parliament which will institute a Main Roads Board.

Government had a conference with the local bodies and detailed its proposals. The Minister explained that after examining the constitution of the State and National Road Boards in different parts of the world, he had come to the conclusion that the smaller the board was, the better and more efficent it would be. The Main Roads Board would consist of two paid official members and the minister for local government. One of the paid official members would be an engineer who would design and build roads and bridges, and the other an administrator who knew how to buy material and handle men. The financing of the new scheme will effect a number of interests. To some extent the ratepayers will be relieved at the expense of the tax-payer, even if this principle is carried no farther than the tax on tyres which motorists have already accepted as inevitable. The New Zealand Automobile Association has proposed customs duties anticipated to yield £166,000 per annum. Inis sum would provide interest on a considerable loan but there is a tendency to penalise vehicles of purely a commercial character. We should have a direct tyre tax and a wheel tax in order that the man who used the road may pay for its

#### DICCER'S LETTER BOX

(To the Editor)

Sir,-The "Ensign" reports that a party of four Gore fishermen who visited the Otamita on seven separate days during the month of October secured the fine haul of 716 trout. The above clipping re 716 trout, the catch of four Gore fishermen, demonstrated what may be done in some of our rivers. Great sport, and sports, no doubt! but I knew of two Chinamen who were even hungier than these Gore chaps. In a few days of persistent effort they absolutely cleaned up all the fresh-water crayfish from an old-time back-water of the Aparima. For perseverance and industry, how like Chinamen!—I am, etc.,

PUNT GUN.

(To the Editor).

Sir,-The following is taken out of the 'Southland Daily News' " editorial, Saturday, 13th inst: "The inspiration came to the Progressives from the democracy of the nineties when the foundation of New Zealand's prosperity and real freedom was laid by the men miscalled by the 'Press' (Christchurch) and its Conservative friends 'The Seven Devils of Socialism.' Sir Joseph Ward was one of these." As I am an advocate of So As I am an advocate of Socialism I would ask Jacques through the "Digger," to enlighten the Diggers and myself how to solve this problem. In the Press calling them the "Seven Devils of Socialism" they deserve that the letter "a" in Massey to be changed into an "e," which would suit the Government's action to a tee. If Jacques will not walk in will someone else do so?—I am, etc., GAVIN BRIGHTON.

Nightcaps, November 14, 1920.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the South School Committee was held on Tuesday 16th, November. Present were Mr A. W. Jones (in the chair), Messrs C. Patton, C. Longuet, J. Gardiner, Mesdames Parkin, McGregor and Garrett, an apology being received from Mr T. Lennie.

Headmaster's report was read and it stated the roll number as 697, average attendance 503. A great deal of sickness still prevails amongst the children.

The final term examination now going on from the 5th Standard downward gave indication that the school would start work in 1921 from a much stronger position than it has done for years. Headmaster requested that during the holidays the brick school be fitted up with up-to-date school furniture

The committee decided that the parents of the scholars be invited to give donations towards the prize fund. As the proficiency exams, will be held on 9th December it was decided that the school will close for the year on 15th or 17th December. It was resolved that the Education Board be requested to furnish dual desks and blackboards for the infant department, and also other apparatus to enable the infant department to carry on the montessori work.

The chairman reported that the boys were doing some very fine work in the agricultural plot and the girls were busily engaged in cultivating flower plots.

Mrs Parkin reported having attended a concert given by the 5th Standard boys in aid of the boys' cricket team fund. A splendid programme was given and £5 raised for the cricket fund.

Accounts amounting to £28 were passed for payment.

CRICKET.

The 1920-21 season opened on Wednesday last under very unfavourable local weather conditions, while the wicket on the Herbert street ground was so faulty that Groves could not be used, the fast bowler proving dangerous. Thus Appleby lost the services of a representative bowler through no fault of their own. I.C.C. went to Wyndham to find the matting and the lack of practice fatal to anything like a score, Doig being the only one to hit resultfully at any ballhis 26 being the best effort for his side, the other batsmen making 14. The S.C.A. has been very energetic; but, unless wickets are prepared, it will be unsafe to play to an ordinary paced bowler. With better weather and the shortening of the tail of each senior team some standard of cricket may be brought back to the province by the New Year, at which time it is customary to meet Otago.

APPLEBY (105) v. UNION (81).

-First Innings.-

Union took strike on the bumpy wicket, Fogo (40), bowled Poole showing wisdom in smiting hard especially in pulling to on. He scored well off Petrie, Poole keeping him fairly quiet with off-stuff. Whelan (10), not out, and Mckenzie (6), looked like staying in; but the latter succumbed to an lbw decision when he looked confident. No other Union batsman could play into the tens, and Leggett kept down byes to 5, a very good record on the wicket. The running of Union was extra poor, on the weakness of the tail of Appley's field getting them at least 10 runs. Union should try to get some more men of senior calibre. Poole's 6 for 32 was a creditable result, the veteran bowling steadily and capturing most of the better wickets. Petrie was unlucky in that his field showed a marked tendency to come in for company. On a fastish, bumpy turf this means twos and threes instead of singles as well as losses in catching. The fielding of Appleby was keen enough. Appleby's first bat, T. Groves (20), b. Hamilton, opened in his accustomed

steady way and put heart into his side's batting. Poole played his own free style for 16 when Whelan beat him with an extra good one. Petrie (23) fell to Cherry, the young bowler getting the wicket to the delight of his wise captain, who tried frequent changes to be rewarded. McKenzie (16) had brought his side over the danger line when Corbet googlied him, McKay (11) carrying his bat, the Appleby batting tail, with extras (11), bringing up the total to the respectable sum of 105, and making the first day's play of these two teams look fairly well on paper. With a good pitch the scoring must have been much higher. Union must keep down extras, the Appleby guardian taktor the palm from them and saving his a wlers considerably by not letting the batsmen have too much freedom in crease-work. Hamilton 2 for 23, McKenzie 2 for 11, Corbet 1 for 4, Cherry 1 for 7, Whelan 1 for 18, show how the skipper tried to keep Appleby thinking. Union began a second innings and lost 5 wickets for 22, Richards (11) not out being the only one to keen Poole out, the Appleby man getting 4 for 7. Next Wednesday should see Richards getting into his old stride. Leggett surpassed himself and did not let a single extra appear.

WYNDHAM (77) v. I.C.C. (50).

--- First Innings. ---

I.C.C. took out a fairly strong team to

Wyndham, but the changed conditions and the dearth of practice through bad weather told seriously on the side. As mentioned above, veteran Doig (26), saved a very bad beating on the first day's play, extra (10) showing the wicket to be uncertain in bounce even for Bogue, the Wyndham hand-guarded man. D. McBeath's 7 for 14 showed he is in length already, his brother Harold getting 2 for 26, 1.C.C. batting only ten men. Bogue's stumping of Doig was a smart piece of work. Dr Baird's opening 10 b. Doig a run out, and two blobs made Wyndham's first strike look poor; but A. McBeath (26) b. Doig and T. Bogue (25) c. Dr. Brown, b. John Gilbertson, made up for the five ducks that laid, James Gilbertson keeping the extras down to 10—a somewhat better performance than Bogue, as he was not behind the sticks all the time. I.C.C. is a good team, and with practice and a stiffening of a couple of joints in the tail will be hard to beat. Doig 5 for 40, John Gilbertson 3 for 12, James 1 for 15, and 1 thrown out accounted for the Wyndham side. Wyndham should do even better than last year, the McBeath quartette and T. Bogue, with Courtis to come on later should make a fair batting Bogue's wicket-keeping with the known Kingsland. Summerell and Campbell.

keenness of the country side's belong must make the Wyndham team always must make each transmit unit always hard to beat. I.C.C. in the second in ings has lost 2 for 12-no extra, appearing in McRoath 1 for 0 and in parts. ing. D. McBeath 1 for 9 and H. Me. Beath's 1 for 3 were the execution

# MARKET REPORTS

SOUTHLAND GRAIN MARKET

Now that stocks of oats have been les ter ascertained, and are getting into sual ter ascereamen, and farmers have prices of ler compass, and proceed fering from the north much below the fering over 40 1.1 ideas of at anything over 4s, 10th, 11, local merchants are fairly strong today as they see no necessity for tarridge

During the past week or so not much chaff has been offering from the country, and prices remain firm at £7 10s, on trucks, for prime quality. There are ample supplies in store to meet immediate local demands, and merchants are desir. ous at the present time of reducing the stocks owing to the near approach of the wool season.

There has been little inquiry from the north for ryegrass, due to a certain co tent to the severe weather prevailing in terfering with burning off. As her ever, northern stocks are not heavy, it h anticipated that there will be a strong de mand in December and January. Lord stocks, however, are by no means are and it is virtually certain that the bulk will be required for local sowing and therefore there should be little surplus for local requirements till the advent of the new seed. Given fine weather from now on, this should be on the market a fortnight or three weeks earlier than last

## STOCK MARKET.

At country sales held during the past week the stock market has remained practically unchanged, with a slight tendency to decline. There are still fair yading of store cattle coming forward, and these are fairly hard to quit, prices not being quite so good as those ruling a month or six weeks ago. The weather experienced during the past week has been wose than any during the winter, and his has had a bad effect on the stock market, as the grass is not so plentiful as expected. The only kinds of store sheep in keen demand are ewes and lambs, and these are meeting with ready sale, though prices are a shade easier than those ruling at this time of the year in previous seasons. Other classes of sheep are saleable only at prices much below those ruling at this time last year. Prices may be quoted:

Store Sheep.—Extra good mind at hoggets, 26s to 28s; average, 23th 24th 6d; inferior, down to 20s; four sticks tooth ewes, with lambs at foot all ounted), 20s to 22s 6d, for good sorts: full and failing-mouthed ewes, 15s to 17+66; extra early lambs, up to 20s; two and four-tooth wethers, good sorts, in forward condition, 30s to 33s; inferior, down to

Fat Sheep .- Extra prime wethers, 50: to 54s 6d; average prime, 43s to 45s 6d; unfinished, down to 40s; extra prime ewes, 38s to 40s; prime, 33s to 36s; unfinished, down to 28s.

Store Cattle .- Forward three and fouryear-old bullocks, £12 10s to £15 10s; average, £11 10s to £1210s; three year old steers, £6 10s to £7 15s; yearling steen, £3 10s to £4 15; dairy cows, prime, £26; average, £16 to £18; inferior, down to

Fat Cattle, -- Extra prime bullocks, 4 to £30 17s 6d; average prine, £22 to £25; old and unfinished, down to £16; extra prime cows, £16 to £18; pine, £12 to £14; unfinished, down to £9 104 extra prime heifers, £15 to £17 184 prime, £11 10s to £12 10s; unfinished, down to £9.

## BAZAAR.

A Bazaar was held in the Parish Bal at Gladtone in aid of "All Saint Church on the 10th and 11th, and in state of the boisterous weather prevailed proved a decided success, the success, £189 being taken. Those in charge the stalls were: Plain sewing, Ms Ms lay, Misses Fynes-Clinton, and E pris Children's stall, Mesdames Blair, and Cooper, assisted by Miss M. Bland Mysterious parcels, Misses Edgings Xmas tree, Misses Blair, and A Pro-Produce, Mesdames Webb, Barchy Acton, assisted by Miss Acton. Floren Misses Whyte and Harris. Handler thiefs, Misses Godward, J. Whyte us E. Coutts. Art stall, Mesdames Mes Ewan, Polson, Livingston and Miss Miles Cordials, Messrs Newman, F. and A. ton. Last but not least was the room, which was in the capable hand Mesdames Coutts and Newton, by Mrs Bernston, Misses Stuart, County