

Competition in tennis as in walks, will prove to be the "life trade."

It is hoped that the male section of Invercargill citizens will realise on Sunday that the King's Colour represents the attitude of the nation expressed by his Majesty the King, for the sacrifices made by our soldiers who, by their death on the field, have made our Empire safe. Recognising this great fact and the true significance of the colour, we should regard that the rule in our Empire is as good as the flag goes by."

There has been a fine response by the soldiers to Colonel Harget's invitation to assist in forming a Guard of Honour for Sunday's important ceremony. Last Friday evening some forty returned men paraded at the Drill Hall to form part of the guard. Until rifles and drums were issued not much interest was displayed in proceedings, but when the men were under arms, those who witnessed the parade were loud in their praises of the lasting effect of the years of training.

Every call for a returned soldiers' parade brings the response from a certain section of our men that uniforms have been lost and but for that fact they would parade. There is the man, too, who swears that on returning to this fair and, his first real work was to cast on the home fires for more fuel, his khaki overcoat of war days. This last species is rare; but it is sometimes encountered. Now, it seems a pity that our men should so quickly lose sight of what will yet be preserved prove to them a very interesting relic. For example, we remember the interest most of us displayed in witnessing pre-war reunion parades of South African veterans, who assembled in their martial cloaks of once interesting days.

The threatened collapse of the wool market augurs ill for the general prosperity of N.Z. for some time to come; and at the present time the colonial wool-grower is having rather an uneasy time. Those well-established run-holders who reaped the harvests of the exceptionally profitable markets of the war years are well fortified to stand a lengthy siege; but for the soldier producer who has settled on the land within the last year and has looked to this season's clip to establish his venture, there is by no means a glowing prospect ahead.

A recent utterance by Hon. W. F. Massey to the effect that the Government would stand loyally by these soldier settlers is specially cheering at this stage; and though there is no cause for immediate alarm, there seems to be every prospect of the Premier being called upon to redeem his promise.

Recently we have heard it claimed that the work of the R.S.A. was almost complete; but the present threatened collapse has made it apparent that there will be for many years a real need for this association to work in the interests of the soldier. If the crisis does affect this country it will first operate upon these young settlers, and we shall then have an opportunity of witnessing the real patriotism of our Government which must of course only reflect public sentiment.

The commercial uncertainty seems to be spreading to some extent; and it is current street gossip that some of the dairy factory companies which refused early tempting offers for their season's output, are now bitterly regretting their Venetian tactics which have robbed them of a handsome margin for profit.

While we must face realities, there are many very good reasons why we should not become panic-stricken; for this is the state of mind which very often produces a commercial crisis when by a real resolute attitude the danger could be avoided.

Fortunately the recent land boom which resulted largely from the Government's peculiar land policy, has not operated locally to produce inflated prices as it did in northern provinces, and land, the basis of all production, is not yet beyond its productive price in Southland.

The fine weather which prevailed locally until a few weeks ago, filled the hearts of Southland oarsmen with hope for a fine season; but unfortunately the season has belied its early promise and now it is only with difficulty that crews are able to get any reasonable amount of training.

A few years ago Southland possessed rowing crews second to none in N.Z.; but since the war interfered with this important pastime, it has recovered more slowly than other sports. The old Invercargill Club, once the holders of trophies from a dozen contests, has passed through a very trying time; but this year has again some very promising members who are doing their best to bring honours back to their old club. It is very cheering to the new members to see old members like Bass, Bastian and Don Campbell again taking an interest in coaching. Mr

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