

ANGLING NOTES.

"THE FISHING CAMP."

(By "Creel.")

Yes, here it is again, at last, old chap,
We've landed safely here, without mis-
hap;
So we can really be of jolly cheer,
The bung is safely in the jar of —

Everything seems so nice and sweet
and clean,
So make yourself at home in camp, old
bean;
The jolly fry-pan seems so glad to see
us too;
It's smiling there, old pal, just now, at
you.

So trot out now, the good old bac- and
eggs,
While I fix up a "possie" for the —
I'll fill a mug full up, now pal, for you,
I think a glass is fairly overdue.

The river seems to be in real good nick,
We'll fit up now to do the proper trick;
And listen for the hum of running reel,
We'll send a good report to our pal
Creel.

—By "Creel."

Conditions throughout the holidays have
been fairly good, and I am sure our most
ardent anglers have voted the past holi-
days ideal ones for real fine fishing.
Waters have been fairly clear, fish have
been very vigilant, and fine tackle, and
an artistic cast has been the secretive
method of bringing fish to the creel. Of
course, I refer, in this statement, to
anglers who fish in the daylight. At
night time any old thing will do. The
Oreti, unfortunately, after the Christmas
holidays, showed a "fresh" for a few
days, and spoilt the operations of some
keen fly fishers for a time, but, ultimate-
ly, the river was fished when in good or-
der, and some really nice fish were
"bagged." There is no doubt that the
Oreti river, when "right," is the most
productive stream in Southland. "Creel"
visited this river at Wallacetown, and
fishing below the Iron bridge, encountered
some really fine water, and obtained satis-
factory results. Commencing operations
about 2.30 p.m. with a bright sun promi-
nent, and a strong nor'-wester, small fish
only were moved until a change of fly was
tried. A silver bodied Alexander was
used as a "dropper" and two nice fish
of 2½ lbs weight were bagged. Under the
same conditions the writer has found this
fly very effective, killing fish up to 5 lbs
weight on this pattern. Thirteen nice
fish were eventually "bagged." The
Alexander, Red body Waipahi, and
Hardy's favourite being the flies used.
Towards evening the writer was pleased
to observe the number of small bullies,
smelt etc.—natural feed—that were to be
seen in the shallows. A fine flounder
about 15 inches long was also noticed.

Mr Peter Fraser (Wallacetown), on the
evening of the 28th December, caught
two fish on McCarthy's Perfection
minnow in the Makarewa. They weighed
6½ lbs and 3½ lbs respectively.

Messrs Crofts and McKenzie visited
Lake Waituna and secured eight fish on
the artificial minnow. The heaviest fish
were 10 lbs, 8½ lbs, down to 5 lbs.

Mr Arthur Butt, fishing the Aparima,
with the fly, secured nine fish in splendid
condition. The heaviest fish weighed 2½
lbs. Hardy's Favourite was the popular
fly.

I understand some good sport has been
obtained recently at the Jacob's Estuary
with the minnow, Kawhai being landed
by some local anglers.

Mr Lambeth fishing the Oreti at
Lumsden, secured some fine fish. He re-
ports that the trout are in good condition.
The heaviest fish landed weighed 12 lbs.
Mr R. Thomson, on the same river at
Lochiel, creoled three fish 6½ lbs, 3 lbs, and
2½ lbs on the floating worm.

A report from Wyndham chronicles the
result of angling by some enthusiasts on
the Mataura River. Messrs Geo. Strang
and F. A. Lindsaver have been landing
some nice fish on the fly in the evening
when the fish seem to "take" better on
this river. Fish from 1½ lbs to 5½ lbs 3ozs
were "bagged," and Red Body Waipahi
and Pomahaka the killing flies.

The above information is very interest-
ing and confirms the statement made by
some anglers that when dredging opera-
tions cease, and the Mataura River clears
to a normal colour, some of the finest
fishing possible will be obtained on this
river.

A local angler visited the Waiau and
landed some fine fish on the Perfection
Minnow. The heaviest fish turned the
scale at 14½ lbs, and was declared by ex-

perts to be one of the finest specimens of
female fish landed from this river.

A party of fly fishers visited Benmore
and were rewarded with good results.
Light Caperer, Red Heckum, and Hardy's
Favourite were the prominent flies. Some
keen minnow fishers visited Lake Ma-
voura, and although the latter was too
high for operations, some good sport was
obtained on the Mararoa River, 10 fish
being landed. The heaviest weighed 8½ lbs
and was a perfect trout. Some large fish
were encountered, one enthusiast declar-
ing them to be as "big as a groper."

The following is continuation of ex-
tract from recommendations made to the
Hon. Minister of Marine by the recent
conference of Acclimatisation Societies:—

10. That it be compulsory for each pur-
chaser of a license (game or fish) to at-
tach his or her signature on the license.

11. That Acclimatisation Societies' Rangers should have the right to search persons and buildings in cases under the Animals Protection Act, similar to the power given under the Fisheries Act, 1908, and similarly the right to search parcels in transit, under the Fisheries Act, 1908, as under the Animals Protection Act, 1908.

12. That the Government be urged to acclimatise Atlantic Salmon in any suit-
able river, and that not less than 2,000,000 Atlantic salmon ova be imported per annum for at least five years.

13. That the Government be asked to request Dr Tilyard to furnish a report as to the best means of increasing the food supply of the trout in our rivers.

14. That the Government be asked to amend both the Animals' Protection Act and Part II. of the Fisheries' Act by providing for the hearing before a Magistrate of all charges for breaches of either Act or of their Regulations.

15. That the Government be requested to submit drafts of all regulations to the Societies interested before Gazetting the same.

16. That a system of notification be instituted whereby all secretaries of Acclimatisation Societies would be supplied with lists of all persons who had offended against the Acts and were thereby not entitled to purchase a license.

17. That the Government be asked to prohibit the deposit of rubbish in riverbeds.

WAIRIO JOCKEY CLUB.

HANDICAPS.

The following handicaps have been de-
clared by Mr A. Jones for the Wairio
Jockey Club's meeting on 18th inst:—

Nightcaps Harness Trot, of £140 (1½ miles).—Hectdale 192 yards behind, Down-
cast 192 yards behind, Oaknut 180 yards behind, Lady Marvin 132 yards behind, General Joffre 132 yards behind, Peterville 72 yards, Kentucky Wood 60 yards, Lady Margaret 60 yards, McGrath 60 yards, Aloxiite limit, Bell Wallace, Croydon Chimes, Fashion Plate, Friendship, Irish Imp, John Wilkes, Lady Adonis, Lady Prince, Little Rain, Polyanthus, Polygon, Princess Peter, Fenchild, The Sheik limit.

Wairio Cup, of £220 (1½ miles).—Rorke's Drift 9.0, Linden 8.1, Twinkle 7.12, Miss Muriel 7.12, Awahou 7.7, Glen-
shine 7.7, Hineamaru 7.7, Marching Order 7.3, Mettle Drift 7.0, Botanist 7.0, Kokoi-
wai 7.0, Red Admiral 7.0, Sunlit 7.0.

Woodlaw Hack Handicap, of £100 (six furlongs).—Mazama 11.0, Sartolite 8.10, Blue Admiral 8.4, Red Pal 8.4, Mettle Drift 8.4, Royal Admiral 8.0, Sunlit 8.0, Kokoiwai 7.12, Lady Links 7.12, Bothnia 7.11, Bright Spot 7.8, Breton 7.8, Osterman 7.7, Glenhupai 7.7, Lady Blissful 7.7, Pallah 7.7, Red Eagle 7.7, Sator 7.7, Killory 7.7.

Aparima Steeplechase, of £125 (about two and a quarter miles).—Silver Spire 11.13, Palladio 11.6, Dunmure 11.3, Wicklow 10.2, Staff Officer 9.12, Achilles 9.12, Glenisla 9.11, St. Cletus 9.11, Miss Trixie 9.9, Silver Patch 9.7, Cama 9.7.

Birchwood Saddle Trot of £110 (one and a half mile).—Oaknut 180 yds bhd., Eppie Adair 180, Marvendale 168, Lady Marven 120, General Joffre 168, Lady Evelyn 96, Kentucky Wood 60, McGrath 60, Quick March 24, Thornage limit, Sun-
ridge do., Strathlora do., The Sheik do., Fenchild do., Polygon do., Polyanthus do., Moor Chimes do., Little Rain do., Lady Prince do., General Joffre do., John Wilkes do., Ivy Bells do., Hylas do., Harold Yet do., Fashion Plate do., Aloxiite do.

Wairaki Hack Handicap of £100. Five furlongs.—Frenchman 9.3, Royal Admiral 8.4, Glenruin 7.11, Clothilde 7.10, Flag Lieutenant 7.9, Janus 7.7, Lady Blissful 7.7, Lady Joan 7.7, Lady Winston 7.7, Little Sister 7.7, Samon 7.7, Miss Maid 7.7, La Palmas 7.7, Glenhupai 7.7, Mar-
killa 7.7, Bonny Queen 7.7, Alaska 7.7, Admiral Conne 7.7, Moeraka 7.7, Navy Cut 7.7, Red Eagle 7.7, Red Mac 7.7, Rockhampton 7.7, Soldier's Pride 7.7, Sol-
dier Boy 7.7.

Wrey's Bush Welter Handicap £150. One mile.—Mazama 10.12, Palamon 9.0, Linden 9.0, Miss Muriel 8.12, Twinkle 8.12, Borodino 8.12, Glenshine 8.5, Awahou 8.5, Hineamaru 8.5, Marching Order 8.0, Sartolite 8.0, Kokoiwai 7.10, Sunlit 7.10, Red Admiral 7.10, Red Tape 7.8, Moonglow 7.7, Linton 7.7, Botanist 7.7.

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LIGHT AND SHADE.

(By "Commentator.")

I am at a loss to know why Sir A. Conan Doyle did not extend his visit to Invercargill. I know of quite a number of people here who are very anxious to get into touch with "departed spirits."

One of the partners of a well known "Digger" land agency in Invercargill had a narrow escape from drowning at Stewart Island during the Christmas holidays. Whilst assisting to unload stores from a dinghy his foot slipped and he mixed more water with his No. 10 than he bargained for.

The only cheap thing these days is the life of a policeman in Ireland.

When employers and employees announce that they will fight to a finish, it is the consumer who is to be finished.

A motor car driver slowed up in East road on race day to let a woman cross the street in safety, and she fainted and had to be carried to the hospital. Drivers kindly take warning.

A correspondent forwards the following cutting from "Lone Hand Magazine":—Only now the genius of the late Lawrence Hargrave, the inventor of the aeroplane, is being recognised. And it's a reproach to Australia that his models, showing the actual principles on which flight is based, rest to-day in the Deutsche Museum, Munich, because the Austro-Hungarian and British Governments refused them room. It is said that the death dealing Taube is designed after one of them, yet the young Sydney inventor got no encouragement. Now the Aero Club of N.S.W. wants subscriptions for a monument to him.

It was Carlyle, I think, who once said that there were forty million people in England—mostly fools—and the cynical brabe could well be extended to embrace the Empire. It is an old and trite saying that a people usually get the government they deserve, and we almost deserved to lose the late lamented war through the criminal neglect of our counsellors. After all, what's the use of kicking? We only got our shins barked, and to be perfectly candid the average Bri-

tisher has a sneaking regard for the policy of muddle through.

Apropos of the above, reminds me of an incident which happened during the campaign in France. A young non-commissioned officer of the 2nd Otago Battalion invented an improvement for the Lewis machine gun. The invention, which meant the abolition of the magazine and the substitution of a hopper was accepted by the War Office, and the non-com. was advised that his presence would be required in England, of which he would receive due notice. Six months elapsed and this young gunner was still in the firing line where a stray shell might have caught him and incidentally, his inventive genius, at any moment. Verily the ways of our rulers are inscrutable.

Invercargill news items in 1950:—The sewerage scheme will be completed within the next twelve months.

The foundation stone of the corporation baths was laid to-day.

Subscriptions for the Travis memorial are coming in freely.

Having had to purchase another pair of shoes Mrs — has had to abandon the receptions she had announced for this season.

A well known local surgeon was just finishing an operation on a patient when fire broke out in the premises of the National Mortgage Co., illuminating the whole operating room. The surgeon turned to the nurse and dryly said: "Nurse, the patient is coming to. I think you had better draw the blinds. That fire is too suggestive. I don't want the patient to think the operation hasn't been a success."

Wwong Sue Duk, a Chinese herbalist, of Melbourne, claims to be the father of 56 children by four wives. Ten of the children live with the father in Melbourne, the rest being in America or China.

"Honourable Income Tax Commissioner," writes another wholesale father. "My income is as Buddha wills, averaging £500 a year. But by your permission I have a family of 52 children, almost like my esteemed compatriot. They are, as you will observe, twice the letters of the alphabet, and I would like to enumerate them:—Ah Kwock, Boo Kwock, Chew Kwock, Dam Kwock, Eng

Kwock, Fong Kwock, Gee Kwock, Hang Kwock, Ick Kwock, Jung Kwock, Kow Kwock, Ling Kwock, Man Kwock, Nang Kwock, Ook Kwock, Pang Kwock, Quong Kwock, Rip Kwock, Sam Kwock, Tong Kwock, Ung Kwock, Vow Kwock, War Kwock, Xavier Kwock, Young Kwock, Zoroaster Kwock.

The second twenty-six is named as above with the addition of the surname Too, thus: Ah Too Kwock, Sam Too Kwock, Zoroaster Too Kwock, etc.

For these my children I beg exemp-
tion at rate of £26 per child, or £1352 for the lot, so Government owes me in-
come tax on £852—balance over my in-
come. Hoping to hear soon. Yours ser-
vilely, Wun Bung Kwock."

Among the many amusing stories told by Sir Thomas Lipton is one concerning a Scotsman who went to a horse race for the first time in his life. The old fellow was rather feeble-minded, and his companions who took him to the race meeting presently persuaded him to stake a six-pence in the third race on a forty-to-one shot. By some miracle this outsider won. When the bookmaker gave the old man his winnings he could hardly believe his eyes. "Do you mean to tell me," he said, "that I get all this for my six-pence?" "You do," answered the bookmaker. "Ma conscience!" muttered the Scotsman. "Tell me, mon, how long has this thing been going on?"

The modern idea of a good tenant is one who is willing to move on short notice.

Many were the perquisites which fell formerly to the lot of the Constable of the Tower of London. At one time it was to his interest to have as many prisoners as possible. A duke had to pay him £20 as an entrance fee, an earl £15, a baron £10, and a knight £5.

A change in the sugar situation is probable early in the coming year. While the contract with the Colonial Sugar Company will stabilise the price for the local article, there is a prospect of the Java companies coming on to the market with plentiful supplies, which will be sold free of all restrictions. One cargo to arrive in March will be available to the public at at least a small reduction of prices now prevailing. The quality of the Java sugar leaves much to be desired, but by comparison with the sandy looking article with which all households have become familiar, it is particularly desirable.