

A. E. HEFFORD
Told us about the price of fish

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when fisheries will follow the path of agriculture; when development and production will take the place of conservation and restriction.

Must Not Expect Too Much

Could such a scheme, we asked, be applied in New Zealand?

There are possibilities for fresh water fisheries, Mr. Hefford said, and perhaps for improving those of certain brackish lagoons, but it is doubtful whether the scheme would be practicable for sea fisheries. In coastal, or in any tidal waters, an enormous quantity of expensive nitrate and phosphate would be

required to produce any significant effect; and it would not stay put, but would soon be diluted to virtual nothingness in the vast water volume of the open sea. Our fish populations hug the coasts pretty closely.

Why?

Because at no great distance one reaches ocean depths. Moreover, it is the drainage from the land that brings the fertilising elements that are assimilated by the microscopic marine plant organisms forming the first link in the chain of all life in the sea. The nitrogen, phosphorus, etc., that we take in when we eat blue cod has originally been part of the substance of a marine plant organism, just as, when we eat mutton, such body-building elements have once been part of the substance of the grass grazed by the farmers' flocks.

So we must not expect the impossible in fish supply. We can do better than we are doing, but nothing will bring New Zealand into line with Britain or Western Europe where the natural supply is a thousand times greater than ours.

GOLD FEVER

STATION 4ZB listeners will remember the sessions about Early Otago conducted by Lionel Sceats some years ago. It is expected that a new programme, "Roaring Rivers of Gold," will be equally interesting. Otago's early years were filled with excitement and adventure as gold-diggers arrived in Dunedin by the thousand and set out for the back country. Many of them never even saw gold. The story of the gold rush days in Central Otago is as dramatic as any pioneer tale of the American west. The new session, "Roaring Rivers of Gold," will be heard each Wednesday night at 10 o'clock.

HUMOUR IN THE HOUSE

IN earlier days of the New Zealand Parliament one of the older members was regarded as an inveterate snob. He was leaving for England on a ship which also numbered among its passengers the champion heavy-weight boxer of New Zealand. As the ship slipped her moorings and moved out into the stream, one of the Parliamentary wits remarked: "What a precious freight, for there go the fawner and floorer of New Zealand."

That is a sample, taken at random, from a series of four recorded talks on "Parliamentary Humour," by F. M. B. Fisher, the first of which will be heard from 2YA on Monday, November 19, at 7.15 p.m.

"Don" Fisher, as he is familiarly known, represented Canterbury at football and athletics, was Member for Wellington from 1905 to 1914, and was Minister of Customs, Marine and Pensions in the first Massey Cabinet. He was also a member of the Wellington City Council in 1907-8.

In tennis he won the New Zealand championship doubles five times, mixed doubles four times and was finalist in the championship singles six times. He was a great tennis player in Australia also and captain of a team representing New Zealand against Great Britain. He won innumerable championships in Britain, Ireland and many continental countries and the world's covered court

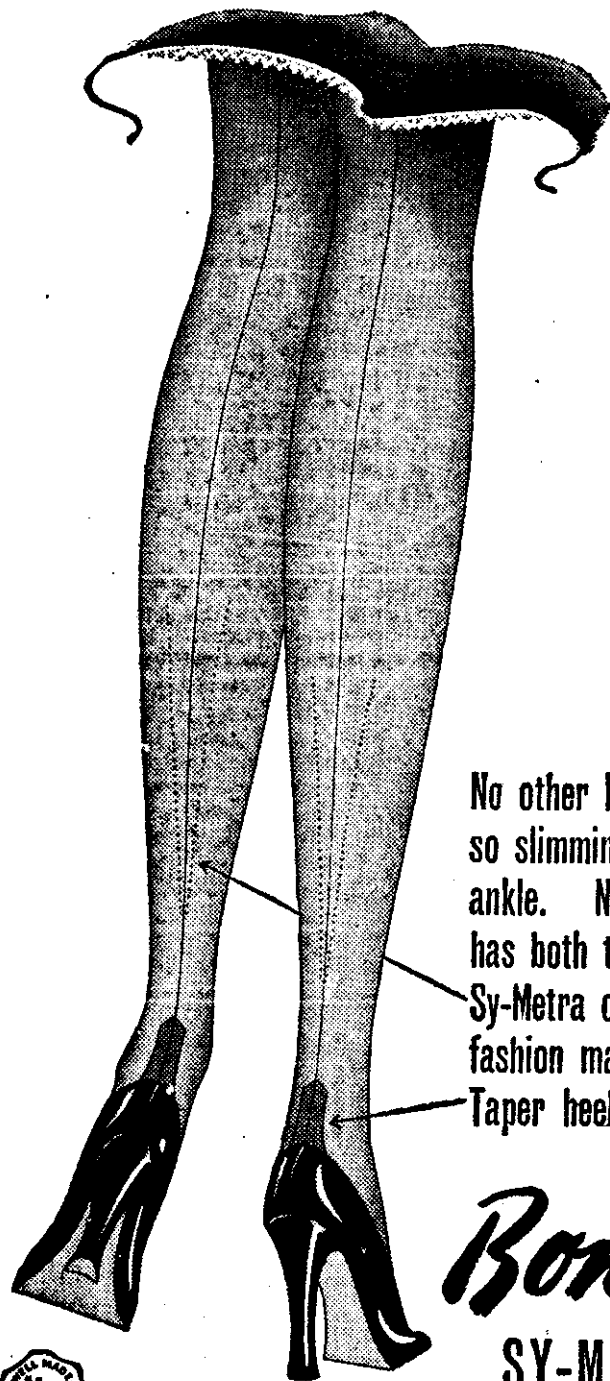


F. M. B. FISHER
He will give four talks

mixed doubles. Golf, cricket and billiards were also his games.

He was director of the Imperial Commercial Association, London, and on behalf of the Imperial Government was sent on a special mission to the West Indies in 1925. He took an active part in British politics as a Conservative and retired and returned to New Zealand in 1935.

His talks will include personal anecdotes about political figures well known in the history of New Zealand.



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