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thought) in New Caledonia. And there had been many Japanese attempts, in the guise of French companies, to get control of the nickel and chromite mines. But the house-servants were the graceful, delicate Javanese, who preferred such tasks to the hard work of the mines. There were Annamese and Tonkinese there, too, from French Indo-China as was, along with local natives and the neighbouring Loyalty Islanders, in various stages of Frenchification. So that, since they mostly retained their home-land garb, Nouméa had quite a touch of Far-Eastern cosmopolitanism. The mines, René told me, were mostly not mines at all, but open quarries where the be-skirted Eastern labourers worked in stetsons against the fiery sun, though fanned often at some thousands of feet above the surrounding blue ocean by Pacific breezes. The island had been, before Canada forged into full production, the world's main source of nickel. And chromite, iron, and cobalt in prodigal quantities made it a prize indeed—in war or peace.

Once Filmland's Graveyard

We talked of life on the island. Would our men feel in a civilised land? Well, René admitted that Nouméa was once the world's graveyard of films, which was a pity, because mosquitoes,



A Catholic missionary christens a Kanaka baby. Very few of the Kanakas of New Caledonia remain unbaptised

breeding among the mangroves, drove picnickers off the beach once evening came, and the three local picture houses were, indeed, the only night-life of the place. The "Caledonians" were not Continental French, but had been made a good deal like other Australasian colonials by distance and a similarity of conditions. They rode, knew the rough mountains, and shot deer. Their future lay not with Europe, but with their Pacific neighbours. "And I," said René, "believe they'll get along fine with your fellows from here. I wish I was home again myself."

SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTION AND NATIONAL SECURITY TAX.

Charge on income other than salary or wages: February instalment.

The fourth quarterly instalment of the Social Security Charge and National Security Tax of 2/6 in the £ on income other than salary or wages derived during the year ended 31st March, 1942, fell due on 1st February. Amounts unpaid within one month following the due date incur 10% penalty. The charge is payable by:—

(a) All persons aged 16 years or over ordinarily resident in New Zealand (including natives, but excluding persons receiving total disability war pensions in respect of service in the 1914-1919 War).

(b) All companies, other than those specifically exempted.

(c) All trustees in respect of income derived by the estate or trust, whether or not the beneficiaries are entitled to receive such income during the income year.

Payment may be made at any money-order office upon production of the previous receipt or remitted to the Commissioner of Taxes, Wellington, together with the previous receipt or full particulars thereof.

Social Security Registration Fee.—A quarterly instalment (5/-) is payable on 1st February by male persons aged 20 years or over ordinarily resident in New Zealand who are not exempt. Exemption details and forms may be obtained at money-order offices. Every person entitled to exemption (including those receiving Age Benefits under the Social Security Act but no other income) must complete the exemption application form and present it with his coupon-book at a money-order office within 7 days after the last day for payment of the instalment, otherwise payment may be demanded. Full name and postal address must be entered on the relative coupon before payment of any instalment. An employer employing for more than seven days a person unregistered or in arrears with the Registration Fee is liable on summary conviction to a fine of £20. All persons ordinarily resident in New Zealand must register under the Social Security Act within one month of attaining the age of sixteen and obtain a coupon-book. Any person who fails to register within the time allowed commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of £50.

J. M. PARK, Commissioner of Taxes.

Through Glass

By WHIM-WHAM

"This electorate embraces about 70 per cent of the hotels in Christchurch. Do you think it right and proper that they should not have the Weights and Measures Act put on them?" Asked this question at a meeting of Christchurch East electors, Mr. M. E. Lyons, National Party candidate, said he believed that consumers needed adequate protection. "If it can be done by that means," he said, "by that means let us have it. There is definitely a tendency on the part of some manufacturers of glasses to make the most concave sorts of things that delude everyone . . ."]

THIS Glass from which I drink
Holds less than you might think.
This Curve
(Please observe)
Is cunningly designed
For Deception, just to blind
My Eyes
To the Size
Of the Drink—the Quantity
Of Liquor served to me.
This Pot
Which is not
As capacious as it seems,
Must mock the Man who dreams
Of Beer,
Not a mere
Gimp-waisted Imitation
That's half Hallucination.
And yet,
I forget
How grossly I'm deceived,
When Thirst must be relieved;
Alas,
All that Glass
Intended to delude
Is tolerantly viewed
When I
Become dry.
Though I would like it longer
And sometimes rather stronger,
I'm weak
(So to speak)
Enough to take it still,
Delude me as they will!

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