

CATHOLIC CLUBS

HAWERA CATHOLIC CLUB.

The following is a synopsis of the annual report of the committee of the Hawera Catholic Club:—

The club has closed the first term of its existence, and in spite of the many difficulties with which we have had to contend the executive is able to report some measure of success. The opening supper took place on September 15, and was a distinct success. Efforts have been made from time to time to form a Literary and Debating Society, and now the winter months are approaching the new executive will no doubt give this matter their immediate attention. An excellent library was placed at the disposal of the club, for the use of members by the Very Rev. Patron. The daily papers are provided by the club, and were generally well used by members. The membership during the past half-year reached 41, and your executive has every reason to believe that this number could easily be doubled if the young men recognised the benefit of membership. The subscription is remarkably low—adults 5s, and juniors 2s 6d, each half-year. This would amply supply the wants of the club if sufficient members enrolled. The annual Communion took place on Sunday, January 7, 30 out of 41 members being present. The club has a small billiard table, which has been well patronised, and your executive strongly recommend the purchase of a full-size table, as this would be a source of revenue, and would soon pay for the outlay. The ping-pong table has been much in use, and members became very expert during the first portion of the half-year. We cannot close this report without returning our sincere thanks to the Very Rev. Father Power, who has made the club possible; to Mr. D. Ryan, to whose energy we owe the fitting up of the club room; and to the ladies who have assisted us so generously in the social requirements whenever called upon. The receipts for the year totalled £13 17s 6d, and the expenditure to £17 17s 1d.

ST. MARY'S CLUB, HOKITIKA.

(From the club correspondent.)

The annual meeting of St. Mary's Club was held on Sunday, March 31, at which there was a large attendance. The president (Mr. C. Ward) was in the chair. The report and balance sheet disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs, and gave proof that the club is in a healthy condition. For the coming year Mr. Neil Warren was unanimously elected president, and Mr. J. Honnord active vice-president. The vice-presidents are—Messrs. J. Moral, H. Burger, J. Downey, W. Robinson, T. Devory, E. O'Connor, J. Sullivan, F. Sellars, sen., H. Jones, H. Williams, R. Whaley, C. Malfroy, G. Dee, J. Jones, I. Condon, A. Stapleton, P. Styens, J. McCabe, and Mrs. Pearn; secretary, Mr. L. Dwan; treasurer, the Rev. Father Clancy (re-elected); committee—Messrs. Ward, Green, D. Dooling, jun., McGuigan, J. Cahill, J. Toohey, P. Breeze, V. Toomey, Kirwan, and W. Warren; correspondent of the *N.Z. Tablet*, Mr. G. Wormington.

It was decided to commence the debating season on Thursday, April 11, and the hope was expressed that all would attend regularly. It is anticipated some inter-club debates will take place during the coming session. More attention, it is hoped, will be paid to the literary and debating section this session, and as special inducements are offered in lectures from Father Clancy and one or two individual members of the club, no doubts are entertained concerning its future. The club intends continuing its series of euchre tournaments, which last season attracted so large a number of players, and which removed in an appreciable manner the indebtedness which remains upon the club rooms, besides bringing about social intercourse between all classes of the community.

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What is perhaps the most important commercial undertaking yet launched in New Zealand is now placed before the public in the shape of the Taranaki (New Zealand) Oil Wells, Limited. That petroleum exists of high quality at New Plymouth has been testified to by recognised authorities like Mr. J. D. Henry, the eminent expert of London, and Dr. J. M. Bell, recently head of Geological Survey in New Zealand. That it is there in quantity there has of late been ample evidence. Indeed, apart from other developments, there exists three flowing wells, alone yielding about 15,000 gallons of oil per week. Altogether the prospects are most promising.

When, however, we find associated with this important undertaking men of responsibility and position like the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G.; Major Dudley Alexander, C.M.G.; Mr. Joseph Brailsford, chairman of one of the biggest steel and coal corporations in Great Britain; Mr. Andrew L. Horner, K.C., M.P.; Sir John Lane Harrington, K.C.M.G., chairman of the Oil Trust, Limited; and Sir George Clifford, Bart., of Stonyhurst, Christchurch, New Zealand, all of whom, except the two last-named, are already on the directorate (these last-mentioned having arranged to join directly allotment has taken place), it can be realised what good hands Taranaki oil has at last got into.

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We commend to our readers a careful study of the prospectus in connection with this important proposition. It is, as we have previously stated, quite the most valuable enterprise that has for many years past—if ever at all—been presented for subscription in New Zealand....

WOOL

Mr. M. T. Kennelly, 217 Crawford street, Dunedin, reports as follows:—

Rabbitskins.—Prime winter does, 17d to 18d; second does, to 16½d; prime bucks, to 16d; incoming and early winter, 14d to 15d; autumn, 12d to 13d; racks, 7½d to 9d. Horsehair, 16d to 19d; catskins, 4d to 6d each.

Sheepskins.—Halfbred, 6d to 8d per lb; fine crossbred, 5½ to 7d; coarse do., 5d to 6½d; pelts, 3d to 5d.

Hides.—Sound ox, 6d to 8d; do. cow, 5d to 6½d; damaged ox and cow, 3d to 4½d; calfskins and yearlings (sound), 6½d to 9d. Horsehides, 8s to 14s each.

Tallow.—Best in casks, to 26s per cwt; do., 24s; mixed, 18s to 20s; rough fat, 16s to 20s.

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