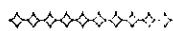


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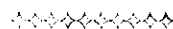
INVERCARGILL.

On last Saturday the members of the St. Mary's Tennis Club opened their court for the season (writes our own correspondent under date October 3). There was a large numbers of players and visitors present, and the season was declared open by Mrs. W. Haig, the vice-president. Some enjoyable and interesting games were played. The weather was fine but a strong breeze interfered with the play somewhat. At a suitable interval the ladies dispensed afternoon tea.



AUCKLAND.

The annual road-race of the Sacred Heart College (Auckland) harriers was run off on the 28th ult. The competitors were numerous, over 100 taking part. These were divided into two divisions—seniors and juniors. The junior course covered four miles and the senior five miles. The race was a splendid test as three steeply graded hills had to be negotiated. In their blue costumes the youthful competitors made a fine showing and provided their numerous spectators with a keenly contested race. The results are as follows:—Junior: J. Hannan (1), 26 mins.; W. O'Regan (2), 26 mins. 55 secs.; M. Hannan (3), 27 mins. 17 secs. Fastest Times—R. Keenan (1), 25 mins. 49 secs.; J. Hannan (2), 26 mins.; W. O'Regan (3), 26 mins. 55 secs. Senior: E. Leydon (1), 32 mins. 29 secs.; P. Delehanty (2), 33 mins. 30 secs.; R. Nightingale (3), 30 mins. 50 secs. Fastest Times—R. Nightingale (1), 30 mins. 50 secs.; C. Nicholls (2), 30 mins. 55 secs.; A. McMahon (3), 31 mins. 46 secs.



CHRISTCHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Cathedral Tennis Club was held on the 28th ult. Mr. J. R. Hayward presiding over a large attendance. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £12, and annual report an increased membership and a very successful past season. Matches had been successfully played against other clubs, including a visit to St. Mary's Club, Ashburton, on Easter Monday. The club's stall in the schools' sale of work, under the able management of Miss C. Murray, realised £170. It was decided to have the old court repaired, which will give the club three first-class courts, and to affiliate with the Canterbury Tennis Association. Twelve new members were elected. Office-bearers for the ensuing year are: Patron, His Lordship the Bishop; president, Mr. J. R. Hayward; life honorary members, Miss C. Murray and Mesdames T. Green and R. O'Brien; vice-presidents—Sir Geo. Clifford, Very Rev. Dean Bowers, Rev. Fathers Hanrahan, Skinner, and Gallagher, Messrs. T. Cahill, T. Tansley, W. G. Ives, H. H. Upjohn, Geo. Payne, Morgan O'Brien, P. J. Amodeo, and J. Close; club captain, Mr. E. Fitzgerald; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. O'Brien; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Behrens; committee—Misses Donald, Baker, Landon, Shelley, and Strouts, Messrs. W. O'Loughlin, F. Khouri, J. P. Flood, J. McNamara, and B. Upjohn. Opening day was fixed for the 8th inst., but owing to inclement weather had to be postponed until a later date.

MR. CHESTERTON ON IRELAND.

Addressing a peace with Ireland meeting at Jordans, Mr. G. K. Chesterton said that he was convinced that unless the Irish question was settled upon the lines of natural feeling, they had come very near a terrible catastrophe like that of Prussia. He was always suspicious of it, and since he had returned from America he was convinced of it. They had not a friend in the whole world, and they were unfortunately manufacturing enemies in the very places they could least afford them—in America and, above all, their own colonies. England had seldom entered a great war without Allies. Where they were coming from just now he did not know. If they could arrange with the Irish leaders for anything in the nature of Dominion Home Rule that would be an extraordinarily cheap price to pay to get out of the most terrible mess into which we had ever muddled.

A Popular Police Officer :

Senior-Sergeant Ryan Honored

Ashburton Courthouse officials and members of the Bar met at the Courthouse this morning (says the *Ashburton Guardian*, for the 30th ult.) to formally say farewell to Senior-Sergeant P. Ryan, who was officially on duty today for the last time after 44 years' service in the police force, all of which time had been spent in the Canterbury district with the exception of three years when he was stationed at Dunedin. Senior-Sergeant Ryan leaves Ashburton at the beginning of next week on three months' extended leave before officially retiring from the force. He then intends settling at Riccarton.

Mr. C. W. Purnell, the senior member of the local Bar, made a presentation, handing Senior-Sergeant Ryan a silver cigarette case, a gold-mounted cigarette holder in silver case, and a gold-mounted fountain pen, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as head of the police in Ashburton. Mr. Purnell expressed his own sense of the very fair and able manner in which Senior-Sergeant Ryan had conducted cases in Court. In a town such as Ashburton the senior-sergeant acted as Crown Prosecutor, and, without wishing to make invidious distinctions, some holding this position pushed their cases too hard and too far, but this was not the case with Sergeant Ryan. It was a matter for regret that so able an officer should be retiring while in the possession of his full health and strength. Mr. Purnell wished Sergeant Ryan the best of health and prosperity in his well-earned retirement.

Mr. A. L. Tresidder, the clerk of the Court, spoke for the Court officials, expressing their appreciation of the cordial relations which had always existed between Sergeant Ryan and the Court Staff. Sergeant Ryan had always worked with cheerfulness and tact, and the best wishes of the Court officials would follow him into his retirement.

Senior-Sergeant Ryan thanked those present for their kindly wishes and for the gifts that accompanied them. His relations with the staff and the members of the Bar had always been most cordial. He had always been treated by the members of the Bar with the greatest kindness. It meant more to him than might be thought to leave the sphere of his duty after 44 years and to hear the kindly sentiments expressed towards him. The gifts accompanying them would be valued for what they represented.

Before the ordinary business of the Magistrate's Court opened, Mr. E. D. Mosley, S.M., said he could not allow the occasion to pass without taking note of the record of Senior-Sergeant Ryan. He had had 44 years of absolutely unblemished record in the police force, and when the discipline of the force was remembered, that was something to be proud of. Senior-Sergeant Ryan had tempered justice with mercy, and he had always been a most just prosecutor. In bidding him farewell Mr. Mosley expressed his regret at seeing so familiar a face disappear, and wished the Sergeant many years of happiness and prosperity.

Mr. C. W. Purnell endorsed these remarks, Senior-Sergeant Ryan making fitting acknowledgment.

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