

optimism. The sum of £730 was netted. The local surf pavilion was improved out of the £184 received by the council. Bandsmen are not selfish!

THE present uniforms were worn for the first time at the Canterbury Jockey Club's November meeting in 1936. It was then they caught the eye of the former Governor-General. His Excellency sent his photograph with his compliments to Mr. Nuttall and his men. This picture is one of the band's proudest possessions.

Besides the present mayor (Mr. E. L. Smith), the following past mayors have been true friends of the band:—The late Mr. C. H. A. T. Ople, the late Mr. J. A. Flesher, the late Mr. C. H. Winny, Mr. F. Kibblewhite, the late Mr. J. Gamble and Messrs. A. W. Owles, J. H. Shaw and E. A. M. Leaver. The Hon. D. G. Sullivan, member of Parliament for the district, has helped the band on all occasions, and to-day he, with Messrs. Owles and Leaver, are joint patrons. Mr. Leaver is also an honorary life member. Mayor E. L. Smith is president.

Rocked The World

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There he stayed the rest of the day and the night. Next morning he was a prisoner, the carcass having become cold and rigid. He had literally to dig himself out. But he came out cured.

OVERLAND wanderings brought him back to Cambridge Gulf, where he fell in with a friendly tribe that was being attacked by its neighbours. He fought and won the battle for them. This is how he did it:

He made himself stilts 18 inches high and shot at the enemy with his bow and arrow. They fled in terror.

Once he found two white girls daughters of a Captain Rogers, whose 700 ton barque had been wrecked on the coast. They were in the hands of a native chief. He rescued them.

They lived happily together for a time—de Rougement, the two girls, Yamba and Bruno—but as the years passed he lost them all. The two girls were drowned and Yamba died. De Rougement had a son and daughter by Yamba, but they died too.

AFTER this he left on a long march southward to civilisation until he fell in with prospectors. He went on to Coolgardie, to Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Then it was that he came to Wellington.

This, at least, is true, because Tom Mills saw him.

FROM Wellington, to London, and so to the "Wide World" offices and then to extraordinary fame.

But after the first wave of belief in England cold doubt crept in. The British public could not stomach, figuratively, these turtles.

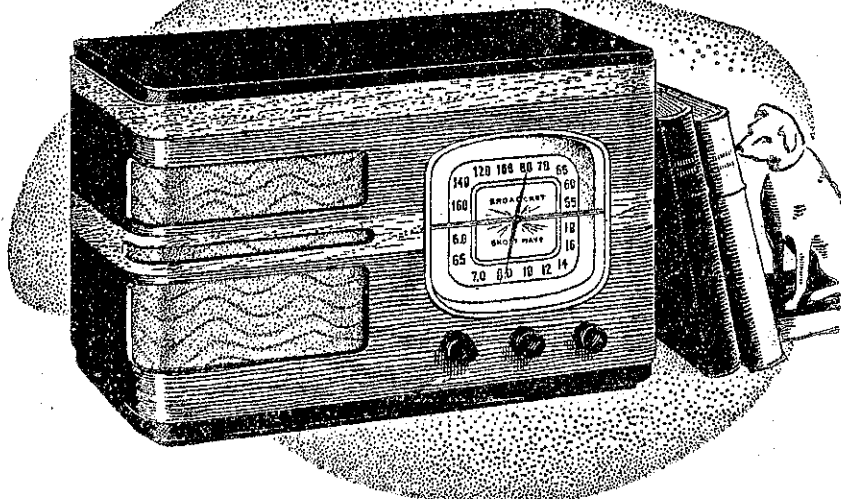
Fomented by a press campaign, a wave of disbelief in the tale swept the country, though de Rougement himself protested its truth till the last. He sank into obscurity, and died in 1921.

But in 1917, the North-west Australian Scientific Expedition brought back a film that, in many ways, bore out de Rougement's story. There were even pictures of people riding turtles.

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