



Beauty and Utility

Wellington's Newest Club

CONGRATULATIONS to the architect and executive of Wellington's newest club, the "Civic." They are to be congratulated on the opportunity they have taken of employing electricity throughout their palatial new premises at Levy Buildings, Courtenay Place.

The furnishing scheme, as a whole, is luxurious, dignified and restrained. Replete with every comfort, the lighting is an example of what modern lighting should be. It is doubtful if, in any single instance, the glaring mistake of an uncovered light is to be dictated.

There are several card-rooms, including one with a specially fitted poker table, and all are softly and efficiently illuminated. Corridors are lighted by indirect fittings, while the reading-room boasts not only a central fitting and a reading lamp for the enjoyment of all the latest periodicals and magazines, but reflected lights over all the well-known dailies of the Dominion. An absolutely sound-proof telephone cabinet has also been installed.

The eight tables in the billiard room with their lighting fittings have been imported direct from Thurston's, of Leicester Square, London, the well-known billiards specialists. They leave nothing to be desired. There are two private billiard rooms open to ladies, accompanied by members of the club, and one table is of championship design, conforming to the requirements of the British Championship Billiard Association championship matches.

The beauty of the comfortable little lounge is further enhanced by two original paintings of the late Lord Leighton, one-time president of the Royal Academy.

It is, however, in the dining-room, with its sunny, soft-finished, electrically-sprayed walls, that the last word in lighting is displayed. Two horizontal panels of layers of opalescent glass conceal lighting bulbs, which shed a diffusion of light for general purposes; and are supplemented by central and wall fittings of glass panels of futuristic design in oxydised metal mountings. The lighting scheme is perfect, and the table appointments are the refinement of good taste.

The kitchens, too, are adequately provided with electricity, being equipped with nothing less than electric hot-plates and grill, a five-gallon electric urn (with three separate porcelain-lined compartments for hot water, milk

£20 Better Lighting Competition

Heavy Entries---Decision Next Week

ENTRIES for this competition closed at 9 p.m. on Saturday night last, June 21. The entries run into hundreds, and at the time of writing there has been time for only a very cursory glance through the volume and a rough assessment of the standard of performance. This seems to be good, and the judge anticipates a fairly difficult task in selecting the winners.

AN explanation is due to some competitors who have pointed out that in the later issues of the paper covering the competition, one of the illustrations of lamps was not duplicated in the supporting advertising. This is unfortunately true, as one advertiser, in changing his advertisement, varied the illustration of the type of lamp. This factor, however, will not be allowed to influence the judging. The requirement to identify the lamp was designed to facilitate study of advertisers' announcements in order that the points about better lighting might be fully understood. In view of the regrettable confusion created by the change mentioned, the selection of winners will be made solely on the merit of the sentences composed from the name chosen.

Announcement of the winners will be made, it is hoped, in next week's issue of the "Radio Record."

Effecting Economy

Points for Consumers

A DISCUSSION at the last meeting of the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board contains several points of interest for consumers of electricity.

It was reported that complaints had been received from consumers that their electric lighting accounts were more this year than for the same period

and coffee respectively), electric toasters, percolators and waffle irons. As one would expect, other fittings are all on the same up-to-date scale. The pastry slabs, and, indeed, all cooking tables are of slate.

The cloak-room is fully equipped with spacious lockers with a Yale lock for each member; a rack for members' private billiard cues; baths and showers of the latest designs.

A novel feature, about to be developed, is that of a roof-garden for afternoon tea, to which members will be able to take their ladies.

What a sanctuary for mere man!

last year. In dealing with this matter the general manager explained that investigation of such cases almost uniformly proved that the consumer did not take into account the use that was being made of increased power lights, bulbs that were old and past their usefulness, and of electric wireless sets. The use of radio sets from the electric mains had brought to the board considerable revenue. This was a small point that consumers were apt to forget.

Another point of importance to the consumer was that they neglected to check up on the life of their bulbs. It had to be remembered that electric light bulbs had a limited life only, and were good for only a certain number of hours at fullest efficiency. If they were burned beyond that time they would consume about twice as much current as they ought to and give inefficient light. A rough and ready method of testing the efficiency of a bulb from this point of view was that, if it was too hot to handle after being burned for some time, it had outlived its life and should be promptly abandoned and replaced.

"Like a Bally Surgery"

The Modern Kitchen

"It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home," an American poet says. Just what do people mean and want when they speak of Home?

An old-time plumber was recently taken into a new electric kitchen and asked what he thought of it, with its array of shining appliances, its polish, and its buttons. "Wot do I think of it? Why, it don't look right ter me," said the plumber. "Give me a kitchen wot looks like a kitchen. This looks like a bally surgery."

What a tribute to the appearance and cleanliness of the electrically-run home! Add to those advantages the cheapness, the healthfulness, the saving in time and labour, and what can compare with it?

Too many people fail to reap the full benefit by going about the job in a piecemeal fashion. First, they are content with lighting by electricity, then perhaps they add an iron or a toaster. If they wish really to realise the benefits that electricity can confer, they should apply it in its entirety—let it do the work of the whole house. The

Fatigue of the eye is measured by the number of involuntary blinks over a specified period. More than three blinks a minute indicate that the subject is working under unsuitable light. Working by candle-light, a man was observed to blink seven times within a minute. When this was changed to electric light he blinked only twice within the minute.

supply of power for domestic and power purposes is very cheap, which is more than can be said for any other form of labour, and the more that is used the cheaper in proportion it becomes.

Why not then electric power for cooking, cleaning, the sewing machine, the washing, and the radio? The saving will offset the total electric bill and pay interest and depreciation on the

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