

## Net Profits of Trust Hotels Shown in Balance Sheet

"Six o'clock closing, with no after-hour trading, leads to large sales of bottled drink," said the chairman of the Invercargill Licensing Trust (Mr. H. Ritchie) in his annual report on the Trust's operations for the year ended March 31, 1947. "We are inclined to think that evening drinking hours would at least restrict drinking in homes or silent drinking."

Mr. Ritchie mentions Tasmania as a locality where drunkenness figures have declined since the adoption of drinking hours between noon and 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. till 10 p.m. "We look forward to the time when our saloons can be called social centres, with drink as only a small portion of the entertainment," he added. "We already can see the tendency in our sit-down saloons. Members are becoming satisfied that the policy of the Trust, now that it is becoming more widely known, is progressing along the right lines, as the general behaviour of our patrons is very good indeed."

The balance sheet shows that the profit (including Head Office revenue) is £131,558 and the net profit is £26,561. Of this £9,057 goes in taxation, leaving £17,504, which is the real net profit of the Trust.

The net profits of the various establishments conducted by the Trust are presented separately, and the greatest profit is shown in the operation of the Kelvin Hotel, the net return of which was £14,761, while the Clyde came second with £9,032 and the Appleby third with £6,410.

The Brown Owl restaurant showed a loss of £1,683.

	Profit £	Loss £
Appleby Hotel .....	6,410	—
Avenal Hotel .....	104	—
Brown Owl .....	—	1,683
Cecil Hotel .....	2,295	—
Clyde Hotel .....	9,032	—
Deschler Hotel .....	267	—
Grand Hotel .....	6,905	—
Kelvin Hotel .....	14,761	—
Rugby Park Bottle Store .....	295	—
Southland Hotel .....	56	—

Interest payments amount to £9,007.

Included in the detailed expenses are £282 for flowers and £229 for disinfectant, while one of the biggest single items is £1,328 for electricity.

Big items in the furniture replacements are £600 for replacement of glasses, £628 for crockery, £851 for linen, £440 for cutlery and £116 for mops and brushes. Replacement for keys are set down at £7.

In the maintenance section paint is charged at £1,094, carpentry £1,361 and gardening £508.

The bar, restaurant and board and residence takings at the Trust concerns are shown as follows:—

	Bar £	Rest. £	Resi- dence £
Appleby .....	30,827	—	—
Avenal .....	5,583	—	2,495
Brown Owl ....	9,223	30,134	—
Cecil .....	6,118	—	4,631
Clyde .....	44,363	—	—
Deschler .....	6,554	—	8,754
Grand .....	73,778	—	17,440
Kelvin .....	64,289	—	—
Rugby Park .....	2,804	—	—
Southland .....	5,302	—	—
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### TEMPERANCE FACTS

#### Given at Auckland District Executive Meeting:

"The seriousness of the adverse influence of alcohol upon the vigour and energy of the white corpuscles cannot be over-estimated. Herein lies the explanation of many infections, many prolonged illnesses, much chronic ill-health, and many premature deaths."—G. Simwood, M.A., M.D.

#### Given at Brooklyn Union Meeting:

"A total abstainer has an advantage over any man who drinks alcoholic liquor in any contest of physical endurance."—Don Bradman, Australian Cricketer.

"Beer and Food—Thirteen glasses of beer equals one glass of milk."—F. Richardson, Public Analyst.

Beer must be judged by what effect it has on the human organism. As a drink beer is not satisfying. As a food it fattens without nourishing. As a social custom it is degrading and demoralising. Since you drink to quench your thirst, since you eat to get nourishment, since you take part in any social relation to better yourself and your friends, beer stands condemned as a usurper and a false witness on every claim it offers.

#### Convention Assemblies—contd.

Many beautiful gifts were received by Mrs. Boole from the various countries, among them being an unusually beautiful Paisley shawl from Scotland, and a maple-leaf brooch set with brilliants, from Canada.

#### CLOSING SERVICE

The Convention closed in the traditional manner, with the singing of "God be with you" and the Benediction.

#### SOME OF THE EXTRA THINGS

Although it is impossible for us to tell half of the pleasant, surprising, kind things reported as having been done for the entertainment and comfort of the delegates, we can say that the members of the U.S.A. Unions set an example of whole-hearted, generous, loving, and thoughtful concern for the well-being of their guests. Mrs. Kasper tells of drives, luncheons, gifts innumerable. Among these last should be mentioned the presentation, to every delegate of a little work-bag, by the New Jersey ladies. And special mention should be made of the outing when the largest number of people ever taken by bus in Asbury Park on a sight-seeing excursion, went out on the fleet provided, of course in relays.

#### One Easter Day in England—contd.

horns of beauty in every vale, the birds have returned, and Christ is risen from the dead."

Communion followed, beginning with the singing of the tenderest, most searching of all Communion hymns.

"And now, O Father, mindful of the Love

That bought us once for all, on Calv'ry's tree."

How quiet, how reverent, and how intimate it all seemed. The very Presence was with us then.

And it was over. We went out of the church to find, most amazingly, that it was raining, it was darker and sadder than ever. We had seen golden sunlight all around us during the time of Easter worship, and had completely forgotten that outside were rain, mist, and cloud. But in every face a light shone that could not be put out.