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HELP FOR INVESTORS.

"Who goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing," runs the old adage. But, like every other rule, it has its exceptions. The exception in this case is when a person can borrow £100 for £105, and lend it again for £106 12s. Here is a clear profit of £1 12s., which can be multiplied any number of times according to the means of an investor and his desire to make money without working for it. This method of earning "easy money" is strongly commended by Sir Joseph Cook, the Federal Treasurer and Acting Prime Minister, and arrangements have been concluded with the Australian banks whereby the privilege may be taken advantage of by all and sundry until 5th September.

From the experience obtained during the flotation of previous war and peace loans, it was found that a great many investors could not take up the amount of bonds they desired to because they did not have the requisite amount of liquid capital available. In the case of business people, especially, it often happens that they carry very little floating capital, which is a more or less idle form of wealth, and that all their assets are "locked up." It is not always convenient or possible to realize on the thousand and one forms in which wealth is held just when one would like to, and it is to meet instances like this that the concession has been granted. It worked well in the last few loans, and is bound to be much availed of by those who wish to invest in the Diggers' Loan, which is now upon the Australian market.

Under the special conditions governing the concession the element of risk is eliminated. A person wishing to buy a £100 bond may do so if he is able to pay only £10 now, because a bank will advance him the balance, amounting to £86, as the price of a £100 bond in the Diggers' Loan is only £96. The bond will begin to earn interest for the purchaser from the date of the purchase, but the bank will hold the bond as security until the sum borrowed, together with interest at the rate of only 5 per cent. per annum, is repaid. As the actual rate of interest in the Diggers' Loan is £6 12s. per cent. per annum, it will be seen that the purchaser makes a profit of £1 12s. on every £100 borrowed. Before a purchaser is able to take advantage of the concession he will be required to satisfy the bank that he has a reasonable prospect of repaying the advance within eighteen months.

Not only will many business people be induced to realize on house or other property that is not giving a satisfactory return, and put the money in the Diggers' Loan that will provide a steady and attractive source of income in interest payments, but large numbers of artisans or people engaged in clerical occupations will be well advised to do likewise. A person may not be able to command a sum of £96 at the moment, but if he is in permanent employment there is no reason why he should not accept the offer of Sir Joseph Cook, and borrow to the extent that he finds necessary.

Investment in the Diggers' Loan is the best form of saving. Many people declare that they cannot save. It is possible that they have made an erratic attempt in response to the promptings of a New Year's resolution, but that they have failed to continue so commendable a habit, possibly because they got disheartened at the slow increase of the balance standing to their credit at the bank. The resolution to save is not of itself sufficient; saving, to be successful must be accompanied by a method. The borrowing concession provides just the inducement and the method required. By borrowing £86 for the purpose of buying a £100 bond, an investor would repay the advance to the bank in eighteen months by weekly payments of about 25s. a week. There are very few people in permanent employment who could not save 25s. a week.

The act of saving is an enjoyable pursuit in itself, apart from the advantage which it confers on the saver. Many a man has been thankful for the day when he first took out a war bond. No fewer than 611,310 persons in the Commonwealth have subscribed amounts of £100 and less to previous war and peace loans. These people, or a considerable number of them, are now in a position, by taking advantage of the borrowing concession, to invest another £100 or less in the Diggers' Loan, and at the same time to convert the bonds they already possess into Digger bonds at the bigger rate of interest. The saving habit, once acquired, is seldom lost. A nation of savers is, without further analysis, a prosperous nation.

Australia has good reason to be proud of the large proportion of the population that has subscribed to the nine war and peace loans that have been floated, exclusive of the Diggers' Loan. To raise £240,000,000 among a population of only 5,500,000 is no mean achievement. The raising of the £10,000,000 of the Diggers' Loan will require no particular effort. Either the annual interest on the previous loans, or the current year's interest on the accumulated deposits in the banks and savings banks in the Commonwealth, would be more than sufficient to provide the whole amount now asked for.

If any effort at all is required, it is that of imagination. The individual is asked to visualize his or her own position at the end of 1930, when the loan will mature, and when the amount invested to-day will be returned in full together with an additional £4 for every £100 subscribed, while a quite considerable amount of interest will stand to his credit if it has been allowed to accumulate. Having done this in the case of oneself, the individual is asked to consider the position in continental terms, and to envisage the enormous prosperity that will ensue to the Commonwealth, in which he, as a citizen, will share.

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Six cwt. equal 11bus. 12lb.
Seven cwt. equal 13bus. 4lb.
Eight cwt. equal 14bus. 56lb.
Nine cwt. equal 16bus. 48lb.
Ten cwt. equal 18bus. 40lb.
Eleven cwt. equal 20bus. 32lb.
Twelve cwt. equal 22bus. 24lb.
Thirteen cwt. equal 24bus. 16lb.
Fourteen cwt. equal 26bus. 8lb.
Fifteen cwt. equal 28bus.
Sixteen cwt. equal 29bus. 52lb.
Seventeen cwt. equal 31bus. 44lb.
Eighteen cwt equal 33bus. 36lb.
Nineteen cwt. equal 35bus. 28lb.
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Two tons equal 74bus. 40lb.
Three tons equal 112bus.
Four tons equal 149bus. 20lb.
Five tons equal 186bus. 40lb.
Six tons equal 224bus.
Seven tons equal 261bus. 20lb.
Eight tons equal 298bus. 40lb.
Nine tons equal 336bus.
Ten tons equal 373bus. 20lb.
Eleven tons equal 410bus. 40lb.
Twelve tons equal 448bus.
Thirteen tons equal 485bus. 20lb.
Fourteen tons equal 522bus. 40lb.
Fifteen tons equal 560bus.
Sixteen tons equal 597bus. 20lb.
Seventeen tons equal 634bus. 40lb.
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	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
Jan.	81	15	255	60	149	462	107	8	61	80	211
Feb.	180	20	33	80	202	341	126	94	106	53	91
Mar.	274	407	158	158	149	73	96	357	89	180	187
Apr.	239	329	461	12	406	71	144	58	369	18	252
May	195	451	151	91	229	330	335	242	205	336	375
June	414	350	361	355	301	404	298	339	125	309	238
July	99	100	158	103	565	180	250	258	317	126	143
Aug	277	403	289	194	117	325	159	197	302	240	673
Sep.	180	237	410	250	307	132	383	361	114	384	176
Oct.	281	131	261	20	295	29	278	165	113	291	141
Nov	252	91	50	7	330	213	7	52	180	173	165
Dec.	10	81	88	635	287	16	246	42	429	70	117
Ttls.	2672	2713	2075	2168	1538	2876	2508	2083	2410	2280	2769

1910.—January, 141 points; February, 35; March 518; April, 73; May, 261; June, 320; July, 812 August, 225 September, 465; October, 257; November, 164; December, 188.

1911.—January, 47; February, 742; March, 421; April, 90; May, 831; June, 285; July, 182; August, 166; September, 620; October, 205; November, 69; December, 391.

1912.—January, 26; February, 40; March, 259; April, 228; May, 154; June, 208; July, 156; August, 176; September, 613; October, 119; November, 257; December, 278.

1913.—January, 75; February, 193; March, 362; April, 142; May, 204; June, 189; July, 162; August, 346; September, 317; October, 112; November, 268; December, 119.

1914.—January, 86; February, 11; March, 91; April, 200; May, 153; June, 74; July, 210; August, 48; September, 83; October, 55; November, 142; December, 361.

1915.—January, 146; February, 31; March, 60; April, 198; May, 215; June, 278; July, 166; August, 277; September, 484; October, 205; November, 122; December, 24.

1916.—January, 340; February, 111; March, 6; April, 230; May, 54; June, 314; July, 327; August, 328; September, 616; October, 437; November, 374; December, 440.

1917.—January, 97; February, 160; March, 141; April, 156; May, 379; June, 207; July, 230; August, 435; September, 296; October, 341; November, 258; December, 122.

1918.—January, 126; February, 99; March, 269; April, 257; May, 379; June, 289; July, 298; August, 400; September, 235; October, 214; November, nil; December, 125.

1919.—January, 18; February, 264; March, 119; April, 38; May, 234; June, 211; July, 236; August, 163; September, 259; October, 155; November, 68; December, 221.

1920.—January, 30; February, 21; March, 106; April, 97; May, 216; June, 332; July, 259; August, 674; September, 348; October, 137; December, 85.

1921.—January, 342; February, 203; March, 98; April, 83; May, 271; June, 215.

Totals.—1909, 29.69; 1910, 29.54; 1911, 36.01; 1912, 25.11; 1913, 25.39; 1914, 15.14; 1915, 21.95; 1916, 35.77; 1917, 28.22; 1918, 26.91; 1919, 20.16; 1920, 6.56.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.

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We must make room for New Goods coming to hand next month.

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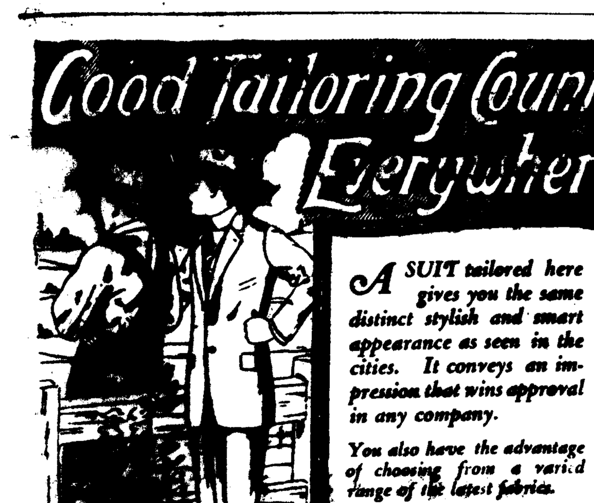

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DEATH.

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IN MEMORIAM.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1921.

POLICE COURT.

There was again a clean charge-sheet at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday. Apparently the old boy with the cloven hoofs has cut this town out of his circuit for a while.

BEAUFORT SCOUTS.

Mr C. W. Game, organiser for the Australian Boy Scouts' Association, visited Beaufort on Monday for the purpose of re-organising the 1st Beaufort troop. Eleven scouts and five parents and citizens attended a meeting at St. John's Parish Hall in the evening, and Mr Game delivered an address upon the aims and objects of this highly commendable movement. It was resolved that the following constitute a parents' and citizens' committee in conjunction with the local troop:—Rev. W. C. Wood, Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, Messrs W. H. Haines, A. Williams, A. L. Wotherspoon, E. J. Muntz, junr., H. K. Parker, and A. M. Parker. Mr Muntz, junr., was unanimously elected secretary. As the acting scoutmaster (Mr E. S. Bailes) has been transferred from Ballarat to Daylesford, difficulty was experienced in obtaining a successor. Several local young men were considered suitable for the position of scoutmaster, and the members of committee promised to interview them and hold another meeting at an early date. The boys are fortunate in having the free use of St. John's Parish Hall as a club room, and if a scoutmaster is forthcoming, the troop can easily be placed on a sound footing, bothnumerically and financially, as the scouts themselves are keen as mustard.

BEAUFORT WESLEY GUILD.

A meeting of the Beaufort Wesley Guild was held on Wednesday, 24th ult. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a good attendance. The president (Rev. W. H. Taylor) occupied the chair. He explained that, on account of the illness of Mr W. H. Evans (who was to have given a lecturette on "Chemistry," with experiments), Mr V. J. Parson had consented to give his address that evening, instead of later on. The chairman added that there were now 46 members on the books, although not all had paid their contributions. An invitation was received from the Rev. E. H. Shackell, of Ararat, for members to attend the inauguration of a guild in that town on 14th September, and the president was asked to represent Beaufort on that date, together with any others who could find it possible to attend. Mr Parson then read his paper, which touched in a very interesting way on the discovery and early settlement of our island continent. A lot of information was given in regard to the attempts at colonisation, first by establishing penal settlements at Botany Bay, Hobart, and Port Arthur, then their removal and the discovery of gold in the early days, and also the importation of more desirable immigrants leading to the opening up of the various colonies. At the close of the paper, Mr Mair, senr., proposed, and Mr F. Newey seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Parson. This was carried by acclamation.

TRAWALLA ALLOTMENTS ATTRACT.

Blocks in Trawalla soldier settlement have caused a desirable influx of the best type of Australian manhood to this district, and of the 93 farms in the 35,000 acres subdivided, but one remains unallotted. It is said that prospective settlers are nibbling, and that the last block of all will shortly have a Digger on it. Those people who were kind enough to prophesy that a large proportion of the blocks would never be taken up have, as the soldier would put it, "come a big G." A young man from Gippsland recently obtained what was regarded as one of the swampy blocks on the estate, and is well satisfied with it. He is no new hand at the farming game either. A large proportion of the settlers have gone in for dairying this year, and it is fairly safe to predict that even when they get the necessary area of their blocks under cultivation for cereals, they will continue to make dairying an important side line. Beaufort will then have to wake up to the fact that a small local butter factory is needed. In a few years the settlers will require more small schools and post offices in the district. Should each soldier farmer marry (and a number have already done so), there will be 186 people on the settlement within a year or two. A few years later (supposing each man has only two children) there will be a population of 372 persons there. Most of the settlers will employ one man all the year round, which increases the population to 465—a low estimate, because a fair proportion of the employees will also be supporting wives and families. In the past the estate was probably not supporting many more [illegible], women, and children, which is the better for the country—a population of 465 or 50? Opponents of closer settlement, answer that if you can!

TRANSFERRED.

Mr Eric Bailes (son of Mr Tom D. Bailes, of Beaufort), who has been employed as a telegraphist at Ballarat for several years, is being transferred to Daylesford. Mr Eric Bailes has taken a keen interest in the boy scout movement, and acted as scoutmaster of the Beaufort troop, which would have been non-existent long ago but for his enthusiasm.

BILLIARDISTS AND BREAKS.

Some time back Mr A. J. Saph, of "The Dugout" billiard saloon, Beaufort, offered a 10/ prize for the first local player obtaining a 50 break on his table. This has been won by Mr H. Barrett with a non-stop run of 54. It is stated that the first local cueist to make a century at "The Dugout" will lift one of Andy Fisher's paper sovereigns.

THE PICTURES.

The usual Saturday night entertainment at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, by the proprietor of the Royal Pictures was fairly well patronised. An excellent programme was screened, the star film being the intensely interesting drama, "The Blue Pearl" (Florence Billings). To-night (Saturday) the principal pictures will be "The Yellow Typhoon" (Anita Stewart) and "The Scarlet Runner."

ELECTION MEETING.

On Monday evening (the night before the battle) Mr Webber, M.L.A., addressed a meeting at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort. Although the notice was short and was only given by "bush telegraph," there was a fair attendance. Mr D. Beer presided. Mr Webber spoke at length in support of the Labor candidate for Hampden (Mr H. Meagher), dealt with the shortcomings of the Lawson Government, and criticised their attitude in regard to the agitation for a compulsory wheat pool. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT.

Mr C. J. Joy, Ballarat district lands officer, sat as a Soldier Settlers' Inquiry Board at the Beaufort Court House on Wednesday, and recommended the application of Alexander Lofts, of Granite Hill, Lexton, for lot 79, Trawalla Estate. The area of the block is 380 acres and the capital value £2387; there being only the one applicant. Of the 93 blocks in Trawalla soldier settlement, there is but one left unallotted.

OBITUARY.

The remains of the late Mr Francis Beggs, of St. Marnock's (whose death was reported in our last issue), were privately interred in the family burial ground at Eurambeen West Estate on Saturday. A large number of residents of the district paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased by attending the funeral; there being fully 40 motor cars in the cortege. Rev. W. C. Wood (Beaufort) conducted the Church of England burial service. Messrs Sands and Johnson, undertakers, Beaufort, carried out the mortuary arrangements; the coffin being of oak and with silver mountings.

ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA BY AIR.

The thrilling story of the uncompleted journey of Captain Matthews and Sergt. Kay from England to Australia by aeroplane was told by the latter to a large audience at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Thursday night. Although this glorious failure, with all the fearful risks it entailed, seemed like a creation of the fanciful brain of Jules Verne, the lecturer spoke of it in much the same way as an ordinary traveller would of a trip across our transcontinental railway. Cr. S. Young (vice-president of the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League) presided, and introduced Sergt. Kay, who made this memorable aerial trip in company with Captain Matthews as his mechanic. The lecturer, who was listened to with the closest attention, illustrated his remarks by means of a splendid series of lantern slides. The route taken was through Germany, Austria, Jugo-Slavia, Turkey, Bagdhad, Persia, India, Burma, Bangkok, Sumatra, and Java. Over dangerous mountains, hostile plains, and seas, the intrepid aviators flew, and 7000 miles of the journey was accomplished with a cracked water-jacket patched up with chewing-gum. A forced landing meant good-bye. Their varied adventures, both perilous and humorous, in many countries and among many peoples, were briefly related. On one occasion they were lost in a sandstorm, and in attempting to land, crashed on a strip of beach skirting the Persian Gulf. The 'plane was severely damaged, and there was an ideal landing-ground, had they known it, about 100 yds. away. Another time a monster albatross followed them for 25 miles at a pace of 80 miles an hour, and they were fearful lest it should get entangled in the propeller and force them to descend in the sea. In crossing India one stretch of 850 miles was traversed in eight hours. With a warped propeller and other defects in the machine, they reached Java, and left one beautiful morning only to crash in a banana plantation on a small island within 10 hours' journey of their goal (Port Darwin). The 'plane was wrecked and Capt. Matthews sustained a severe shock, whilst Sergt. Kay had several of his ribs broken. Thus ended their great adventure, literally within sight of home. Cr. Young spoke in appreciation of the interesting and instructive lecture, and Sergt. Kay was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on motion of Messrs A. H. Sands and J. George. He briefly responded. Messrs E. J. Muntz, junr., and P. George acted as lanternists, and Miss Evelyn Muntz carried out the secretarial duties. The lecture was held under the auspices of the Beaufort ladies' Soldiers Welfare League, and half the proceeds will be devoted to the local repatriation fund.

A CORRECTION.

In our last issue it was inadvertently stated that Mr W. A. Morris, of Main Lead, had met with an accident and dislocated his shoulder, whereas it was Mr J. Myers who had that misfortune.

THE MONTH'S RAINFALL.

The rainfall at Beaufort for August was 396 points, against 674 points for the same month last year. For the past eight months 19.07 inches have been recorded, compared with 17.37 inches for the corresponding period of 1920.

SCHOOLMASTER'S RESIDENCE.

Carpenters are now at work remodelling the schoolmaster's residence at Beaufort. The house was purchased and shifted to the departmental site several months ago. The department spent the interim looking for a contractor to finish the job, and all concerned are well pleased that one has at last turned up.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

For some reason or other the semi-final games in the B grade billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute have been hard to get off. L. French (20) beat T. McDonald (55), and scored 151 to 114. M. Dames (45) and Grant Cougle (10) had not played their game on Thursday night. It is up to somebody to get a wriggle on if the tournament is to be finished before the day of resurrection.

GOLF.

A party of Beaufort golfers participated in a gymkhana at Avoca last Saturday; there being no competition on the local links. To-day (Saturday) the following teams will represent Beaufort in a match against Chalambar Club (Ararat), to be played on the latter's ground:—Men—E. J. Emery, J. Martin, S. Young, J. Campbell, A. Betheras, D. F. Troy, R. Stevenson, and W. H. Haines. Ladies—Miss Cochrane, Miss W. Wotherspoon, Mesdames Betheras, J. R. Wotherspoon, D. F. Troy, S. Young, L. Watkin, and Miss E. Nickols. The Beaufort Club's annual tournament commences on Friday, 9th inst., and will conclude on Saturday, 10th inst. It is anticipated that there will be a good entry for the various events.

TESTING ALLUVIAL TRIBUTARIES.

There are still with us in this old mining community (which now obtains its sustenance from tillers of the soil) a few optimistic souls who are ready to risk portion of their hard-earned savings to test tributaries of the old alluvial leads. For some time past a small co-operative party has been at work, with varying prospects of success, upon a tributary at Poverty point. The depth of the mine is about 70 ft., and it is still in the developmental stage. The water is being kept down by means of a whip. Another small co-operative party is engaged in testing likely-looking ground situated between Chute and Breakneck. Their shaft is also being worked with a whip, but a whim is to be erected. Wash has been located at a depth of about 60 ft., and developments are being watched with interest by those concerned in the venture. Although we pin our faith to the agricultural and allied industries as the best means of increasing the prosperity of the district, we wish the miners and those who are game to back them good luck.

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VISUAL MECHANISM.—The eyes are in close connection with other brain centres, and the least disturbance of the visual mechanism produces sympathetic irritation in other nerve centres. Ocular headaches can be completely relieved by correct glasses. Messrs. P. A. MORRIS & Co., of 298 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, visit Beaufort, Monday, Sept. 5th, and may be consulted at Mechanics' Institute. Hours, 12.30—6 p.m. Appointments, Mr Bennett, Chemist.

SURPRISINGLY PAINLESS DENTISTRY.—W. E. Thomas may personally be consulted at Beaufort, Wednesday, 31st August. Extraction 1/; worth 5/ each. No after pain or swelling. Rid yourself of poisonous health-destroying stumps; enjoy your meals, and rejuvenate your system and secure ability to chew with our teeth. Our marvellously ingenious way of arrangement will add youthful pleasing expression. Many have said they would not return to former experiences for £500 or £1000, and consider themselves that much better off. Several other methods found unsuitable. About 20,000 of the strongest and most beautiful teeth in the world, bought previously to 100 per cent. rise in price, many containing platinum, purchased before the war, platinum then £2/10/ per ounce, now £30 per ounce. We do not charge extra. Work guaranteed for seven years; money back if can't satisfy. Consider your interests; call first visit.

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Messrs. W. H. Halpin & Son will sell at their office on Thursday, 8th inst., at 2.30 p.m., 80 acres of freehold land, with improvements, at Raglan, a/c. Mr A. B. Panther.

The annual statutory meeting of the Ripon Shire Council will be held on Monday, when the new president will be elected.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—223 merino wethers, Mr H. W. Wilson, Mt. Emu, averaging 16/1; 98 comeback wethers, Mr D. Edwards, Streatham, averaging 19/8; crossbred ewe, Miss M. Edwards, Streatham, 21/; 78 sheep, Mr D. McDonald, Mortchup, comeback wethers 17/1 to 12/10, comeback ewes 14/4, merino wethers and ewes 12/7.

Clip your mo. and take your whiskers! Brush-up" smart and show your breed. Hold your own among "the friskers." If you don't you'll "run to seed!" Wear no garments antiquated. All old-fashioned fads abjure. For colds refuse all dopes out-dated. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.
KAY'S "LINSEED COMPOUND," for Coughs and Colds, loosens phlegm, allays irritation.

FOOTBALL.

LEARMONTH DEFEATS BEAUFORT

There was a fair attendance of the public at the Beaufort Park on Saturday afternoon, when Beaufort and Learmonth met in connection with the Learmonth district competition. Great interest was evinced in the match, which was keenly contested. G. Jenson (Learmonth) and J. E. Wallish (Beaufort) captained the opposing teams, and Richardson officiated satisfactorily as central umpire. As the ground was very soft owing to recent rain, it was badly cut up after a few minutes' play. This made the going heavy and slippery, and the ball greasy, and players were therefore at a disadvantage. In the opening term the play by both sides was fast and open. Beaufort, realising that they were up against the best team in the association, were on their mettle, and they have not played better this season. For the first five minutes neither team scored, and at one stage Beaufort gave away three free kicks in as many seconds. As the result of Ryan's and Walker's work, Dodd kicked Learmonth's first goal. Later Barney Smith and J. Ryan added singles (the latter bringing the ball in contact with the goal post). Several determined efforts to score by E. and N. Muntz, Martinez, and Wallish were rendered futile by Jensen. Doug Rogers eventually took a fine mark from McDonald, and notched Beaufort's first "sixer." Sandilant, King, L. Stevenson, Miles, and Osborne were also conspicuous for Beaufort, and Hender and Walker for Learmonth. Quarter-time scores:—Learmonth, 1 goal 2 behinds; Beaufort, 1 goal. In the second quarter the play was again even and smart, and both sides gave an exhibition of football that was worth going a long way to see. Miles, Sandilant, and King showed up for Beaufort, and Hender was an active figure on the visitors' side. Early in the term White added a minor point and Walker a major one to Learmonth's tally; both being snapshots. E. Muntz and D. Rogers gave Osmond a chance, and the latter sent up one flag for Beaufort. Martinez, N. Muntz, Sandilant, Osmond, Wallish, and Haebisch were defending staunchly for Beaufort, but Learmonth broke through and Dodd snapped a single. A pretty chain of marks and short passes by Osmond, N. and E. Muntz, D. Rogers, and H. Norman took the ball from one end of the field to the other in a flash, and Norman obtained Beaufort's second goal. A behind was added to their score as the outcome of excellent work by King and Martinez. For some time after the play was alternately in Beaufort's and Learmonth's half-forward areas, and Miles, N. Muntz, Nicholson, R. Davis, Wallish, and E. Muntz were the outstanding players on our side, and Jenkins was doing great work on the offensive for Learmonth. The visitors at length worked the ball into position, and White snapped their third major point. L. Stevenson and Osmond forwarded the leather again for the home team, and D. Rogers made a fine dash, but kicked it out of bounds. Learmonth had the better of the scoring. —Half-time scores:—Learmonth, 3 goals 4 behinds; Beaufort, 2 goals 2 behinds. Shortly after the interval, E. Muntz scored a behind for Beaufort from a free kick. The same player was associated later with Wallish, Norman, and Osmond in a chain of marks, but Learmonth got the ball away again. D. Rogers, however, gave E. Muntz another opportunity and he raised both flags for Beaufort. Only one point now divided the scores, but Jensen, with a good run, secured another single for Learmonth and widened the margin. The quality of the play began to deteriorate owing to a few of the Beaufort men showing more inclination to play the man than the ball, and several of their opponents retaliating. The result was that the game at times became very rough. Wallish, L. Stevenson, R. Davis, and D. Rogers checked several Learmonth attacks, but Hender (who beat his opponents repeatedly) and Medwell pierced the line of defence; Hender placing Jensen in possession of the ball and the latter registering the visitors' fourth goal. Shortly after, Learmonth secured another single. Rough play followed near Learmonth's goal and on the right wing, Wallish, Sandilant, N. Muntz, P. and L. Stevenson, and E. Muntz being Beaufort's stalwarts, and Walker, Smith, Dodd, Jensen, and M. Ryan showing up for the opposite side. Beaufort then got the ball into position through the instrumentality of Haebisch and D. Rogers, and J. McDonald essaying a backward shot over his head, added a minor point to our tally. Davis, E. Muntz, and Haebisch were then prominent for Beaufort and the ball went over the boundary on the right wing as three-quarter time was called. Each team notched eight points in the 20 minutes. Scores:—Learmonth, 4 goals 6 behinds; Beaufort, 3 goals 4 behinds. In the opening minutes of the closing quarter, N. Muntz passed the ball to Haebisch. The latter, amidst great applause, scored Beaufort's fourth goal and reduced the visitors' lead to two points. Smith and Hender then placed Jenkins in possession of the oval, and he notched Learmonth's fifth goal. Jenkins and J. Ryan in turn kicked the ball to within a few inches of the opening, and on each occasion it went over the boundary without anything being scored. J. Ryan then gave Jenkins a chance right in front of goal, but he only raised one flag. At this stage Learmonth had a lead of nine points, and they quickly secured another single. Stevenson made a good save for Beaufort, and N. Muntz and Osmond got the leather to D. Rogers, who tried a running shot and obtained a behind. There were now 11 minutes to go, and Wallish and E. Muntz again placed D. Rogers in possession. He shot for the opening, but the ball struck another player. After some play in the centre, Haebisch and D. Rogers gave E. Muntz a good opportunity, and he registered the home team's fifth goal. With seven minutes to go Learmonth had only three points to spare, and Beaufort made a strenuous effort to win. A goal would have given the home team the victory, and there was great excitement among their supporters. They were unable to hold Learmonth in check, and the latter kept attacking strongly. Norman, Nicholson, E. Muntz, McDonald, and D. Rogers were playing well for Beaufort, and Chisholm and Ryan for Learmonth. With one minute to go, Learmonth scored a behind, and as the ball did not again pass the centre line, they won a strenuous game by four points. Final scores:—Learmonth, 5 goals 9 behinds (39 points); Beaufort, 5 goals 5 behinds (35 points). Goalkickers:—Learmonth—Dodd, Walker, White, Jensen, and Jenkins. Beaufort—E. Muntz (2), D. Rogers, Norman, and Haebisch. For the winners good form was shown by Hender, Jensen, Medwell, J. and P. Ryan, Jenkins, Smith and Walker. Beaufort's best players were S. Osmond, W. King, E. Muntz, J. E. Wallish, D. Rogers, R. Martinez, L. Sandilant, H. Norman, and N. Muntz. Occasionally Miles, Nicholson, Davis, and L. Stevenson were prominent. Halpin, Haebisch, and McDonald did good work in the ruck.

Waubra (8 goals 4 behinds) beat Miners' Rest (2 goals 5 behinds) on Saturday.

Position of clubs.—Learmonth 40 points; Beaufort, 28; Waubra, 28; Burrumbeet, 24; Miners' Rest, 16.

Beaufort visit Burrumbeet to-day (Saturday); and on the following Saturday Skipton will visit Beaufort.

Having last Saturday forfeited the semi-final to Waterloo (the minor premiers), the Beaufort Juniors dropped out of the Buangor district competition. In the other semi-final, Buangor (3 goals 6 behinds) beat Raglan (9 behinds). Waterloo and Buangor will meet in the final, at Beaufort to-day (Saturday).

THE COSTLY COUGH.

The uncared for cough, the cough that you let run on, hoping it will disappear itself, is the costly cough. It is the cough that annoys you, keeps on hacking and tearing the delicate and sensitive membrane and tissues of your throat. Take care of your cough now. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It soothes and relieves, leaving your throat in such a healthy condition that another cough is unlikely. Sold by G. C. Bennett, M.P.S., Beaufort.

RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A lantern service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Taylor in the Raglan Church on Sunday evening, 21st ult. The subject was the parable of the 10 virgins, and the address was both interesting and instructive. The large congregation present keenly appreciated it. Suitable hymns were rendered by the choir and congregation. A duet was contributed by Mr W. Welsh and Miss M. Welsh; the latter also giving a solo.

Mr M. Brennan, the Farmers' candidate for Hampden, held a meeting at Raglan on Tuesday evening, 23rd ult. As the weather was inclement, only a few electors turned up. The candidate expressed his views at length, put the case for the Country party in a very able and convincing manner, and replied to misrepresentation by members of the opposite party and their press. The speaker also put a good case for his party and the farmers in reference to the proposal for a compulsory wheat pool.

The Raglan Football Club dance took place on Wednesday evening, 24th ult., and was well patronised. The ladies had taken an active part in arranging the function, one of them (Miss S. Grant) carrying out the secretarial duties. It was one of the most enjoyable and successful dances of the season, and the proceeds amounted to £9. During the evening a waltzing competition took place. The prizes were presented by Mrs J. Lancey and Miss W. Lancey. Six couples competed. Mr Les. Ball and his partner (Miss S. Grant) won. The judge (Mr J. Irving) had some difficulty in deciding, as all the competitors were excellent dancers. However, his verdict gave general satisfaction, and was received with applause. The music was supplied by Misses Cuthbertson, I. Grant, D. Tucker, and Mr J. Irving (piano), and Messrs G. and N. Gillingham, and J. Stevens (violins). Mr Kay carried out the duties of M.C. The catering was in the hands of Mr Hopkins, of Beaufort, the edibles being of excellent quality.

The early-sown crops are looking well, and particularly those on fallow, but the later sowings are not making satisfactory progress. The very cold weather has retarded their growth. Feed has been good throughout the winter, the stock being in good condition. The lambing has been good this year, the markings averaging 90 per cent. and over in some instances. If the coming spring be a fairly moist one, there should be abundance of pasture and plenty of fat stock.

QUICK RELIEF.

As soon as you notice any unusual looseness of the bowels take Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. Usually one dose is all that is required but, if the looseness continues, take the remedy after each operation of the bowels more than natural, following by a dose of castor oil. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy never fails to effect quick relief. Sold by G. C. Bennett, M.P.S., Beaufort.

Mr A. J. Saph (secretary of the Beaufort Football Club) has received a donation of 15/6 from Mr A. Betheras towards the club's funds.

KAY'S "LINSEED COMPOUND," the "Stockport Remedy," for Coughs and Colds. Of over 50 years' proven efficacy.

Mr W. Lynch, Lake Goldsmith, has twice won the Hunter's Cup, presented by Mr Leslie Walker to the Ararat Agricultural Society (to be won three times by same exhibitor, and the hunter to jump over eight fences).

We regret to record the death in Melbourne recently of Miss Elsie Adam, daughter of Dr. B. J. and Mrs Adam (formerly of Beaufort) and granddaughter of the late Rev. A. Adam M.A. (pioneer minister of the Beaufort Presbyterian charge). The late Miss Adam spent the early years of her girlhood in Beaufort.

The treasurer of the Beaufort Ladies' Benevolent Society begs to acknowledge the following further amounts (per Senior-constable Ellis):—Miss Lewis, £5; Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £1/1/; Mr Dinneny, 10/6; Senior-constable J. T. Ellis, Mr W. Schlicht, Messrs Hawkes Bros., Mr Patching, Mr G. H. Cougle, Messrs Sands & Johnson, and Mr E. J. Muntz, 10/ each; smaller amounts, totalling £10/18/6; and also professional services free from Drs. Eadie and Humphreys. The total amount, including gifts of blankets and clothing, is over £30.

The many Beaufort friends of Miss Lily May Watkins, of Carngham, will regret to learn of her death, which took place at the residence of her parents (Mr and Mrs Wm. Watkins) on Tuesday, 23rd ult. The late Miss Watkins was a resident of Beaufort for several years. The funeral took place on Thursday, 25th ult., and was largely attended. The coffin-bearers were four returned soldiers, viz., Messrs R. Williams, W. Brown, W. Morcombe, and P. Yeoman. The pall-bearers were Messrs A. C. Roddis, D. McDonald, R. Camp, L. Leeman, J. Ringin, Geo. Coster, J. S. Douglas, Alf. Nunn, W. Murray, J. White, H. Hayward, W. R. Baker, R. A. Brown, M. McIntosh, H. Gardner, W. Calligan, L. Stevenson, T. Lewis, G. Smith, and M. Martin. The Rev. T. A. Gair officiated at the grave.

For Influenza Colds, take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

If a clothesline is boiled before being used, it will not twist, as new rope is apt to do.

An umbrella must be perfectly dry before it is folded. Otherwise its ribs will rust and the cover rot.

Salt bacon can be made more pleasant to eat if it is soaked overnight in water, then dried on a cloth before being fried.

When making pastry, if a little lemon-juice is added to the water it will make the pastry lighter and remove all taste of fat or lard.

To sleep with the window wide open and plenty of warm clothes on the bed, is a cure for anaemia and drowsiness in the morning.

The best way to remove the stains of fruit or vegetables from the hands is to rub them well with lemon-juice and powdered borax. On no account use soap.

If a cellar has a damp smell, and cannot be thoroughly ventilated, a few trays of charcoal set on the floor, shelves, and ledges will make the air pure and sweet.

However damp your boots or shoes may be, a splendid polish can be obtained if a few drops of paraffin oil are addd to the blacking. This also prevents the leather cracking.

When mixing mustard, add a saltspoonful of salt and the same quantity of moist sugar, and mix with boiling water. It will be found to keep moist much longer, and have a better taste.

A good aperient for children is syrup of figs, but a careful diet is the best means of preventing constipation. A dessertspoonful of olive oil, given twice a day, is a safe remedy in obstinate cases.

The juice of a lemon is about one tablespoonful. A breakfast cupful of breadcrumbs weighs about four ozs. A breakfast cup of suet, not pressed down but slightly heaped, also weighs about four ounces.

If you suffer from perspiring feet, bathe them every morning in water to which just a little permanganate of potash has been added. Then dry very thoroughly, and, before putting on your stockings, powder the feet with boracic powder, giving particular attention to the part that comes between the toes.

Don't, as is often suggested, gum a piece of velvet into the heel of a shoe that slips; it will make a hole in the stocking, and a blister on the heel, when the warmth of the foot melts the gum. Not gum, but paste, should be used for heel protectors, which may be velvet or a piece cut from an old doeskin glove, and must always be perfectly smooth when fixed in place. Do not wear till quite dry.

A woman met a feminine acquaintance at a drapery sale.

"I say," she said, "do you know Belle is going to marry Jim? Isn't it remarkable? Why, the man wears a wig, he's got false teeth, and one of his legs is made of cork. What on earth do you suppose she wants to marry him for?"

"Well," said her acquaintance, "you know Belle always was a great one for remnants."

Make your District Known

Concerning some parts of the district news comes but seldom. This is not entirely our fault; we have no miraculous power of knowing what is happening at all the places within our area of circulation. It is the fault of residents in the silent places.

Will some man or woman take the matter in hand and cause the silence to cease.

If no one else is doing it for your district, will you try on these lines?

Send accounts of public and social events in your township and neighbourhood, such as weddings, deaths, accidents, concerts, matters touching district industries, etc.

Write the names of persons very distinctly.

Write only on one side of the paper.

Give information; but let criticism alone.

Write your name and address on some corner—not for publication, but to prove good faith.

Miss Belle Eadie, daughter of Dr. G. A. and Mrs Eadie, of Beaufort, returned to Australia during the week after two years' holiday in Great Britain. She spent most of her time in Wales with her brother-in-law and sister (Mr and Mrs Lloyd). Mrs Lloyd, it will be remembered, went overseas during the late war as an army nursing sister with an Australian medical unit. Miss Eadie reached Beaufort last night (Friday), and was heartily welcomed by her friends.

On Sunday afternoon Dean Tucker, of Ballarat, unveiled a soldiers' honor board at Holy Trinity Church, Snake Valley, which contains the names of 54 local soldiers who served in the Great War.

For Chronic Chest Complaints. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

The newly-established Methodist service at Buangor which is held fortnightly in the afternoon, have proved highly successful, and a regular preaching supply has been arranged for the next quarter.

Miss Lilley, who has been teaching at the Warrak school, has been farewelled on the occasion of her departure to a higher classed school at Carron, West Litchfield, in the Donald district. Miss Lilley's removal is much regretted locally.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," at the Grenville Shire Council's luncheon on Thursday, Cr. A. C. Roddis (Ripon Shire) mentioned the probability of the East riding of Ripon Shire being merged into Grenville Shire at no distant date. This will be news to the Ripon Shire councillors.

STATE ELECTIONS.

The State elections created very little stir at Beaufort, and excepting that there were more people about than usual, there was no indication that Tuesday was election day. Members of the A.W.N.L. and other ladies who were working on behalf of the Nationalist candidate, had committee rooms in Lawrence street. Beaufort was the headquarters of the Hampden electorate, and the principal booth at the Shire Hall was in charge of Mr T. A. Oddie (returning officer), who was assisted by Messrs A. Parker (substitute returning officer), N. B. Acton (deputy returning officer), A. Cougle, and P. T. Stevenson (poll clerks). There were three candidates, viz., the Hon. D. S. Oman (Minister of Lands), Nationalist, retiring; Mr M. Brennan (F.U.), and Mr H. Meagher (Labor). The officials in the booth had a quiet morning, but in the afternoon and towards closing time, they were kept busy. Between 40 and 50 electors waited about the booth at night to hear the returns (which were announced by Mr Oddie, and also posted outside the booth by the "Riponshire Advocate"). The Beaufort poll was made known at 7.25 p.m., and Mr Oman obtained a substantial majority in this booth. As the figures came to hand from other polling places in the electorate, they were announced, together with progress totals. By 8.15 it was plainly apparent that Mr Oman would have an absolute majority of fully 700, and later totals bore this out. At closing time, when there was only one small booth to come, Mr Oman's absolute majority stood at 699. Next morning the complete count showed the following result:—Brennan, 1231; Meagher, 1812; Oman, 3745; majority for Oman—1931; absolute majority, 700. During the night Mr Oman obtained, by telephone from his private secretary in Melbourne, details of the voting in other electorates, and this information showed that although the Government had not been defeated at the polls, there would be very little alteration in the numerical strength of parties in the House. Details of the voting in Hampden are appended:—

HAMPDEN.
(No. of Electors, 11,356.)

	Brennan. (F.U.)	Meagher. (Lab.)	Oman. (Nat.)
Beaufort Division—			
Beaufort ...	56	164	249
Raglan ...	31	22	35
Waterloo ...	11	16	30
Stockyard Hill	19	18	25
Skipton (within div.)	14	18	41
Snake Valley ...	10	72	111
Lintons ...	13	65	158
Wallinduc ...	6	5	21
Trawalla ...	2	19	11
Chute ...	3	5	10
Carranballac ...	16	1	23
Camperdown (div).			
Camperdown ...	70	411	849
Lismore ...	39	34	157
Skipton (within div.)	31	49	81
Terang ...	111	206	408
Naroghid ...	2	13	4
Noorat ...	60	69	158
Darlington (within D.)	2	16	18
Foxhow ...	25	3	19
Derrinallum ...	18	38	134
Berrybank ...	30	10	20
Cressy ...	25	7	12
Lake Bookaar	5	14	42
Gnarpurt ...	12	8	13
Glenormiston ...	23	25	33
Kolora ...	17	20	18
Widderin ...	22	2	15
Weerite ...	16	17	59
Duverney ...	14	5	13
Mortlake division—			
Mortlake ...	30	146	261
Darlington (within D.)	5	13	25
Ballangeich ...	12	10	32
Hexham West	11	42	33
Woorndoo ...	7	12	54
The Sisters ...	37	29	46
Kolora ...	11	3	16
Ellerslie ...	19	15	33
Dundonnel ...	4	1	18
Wickliffe division—			
Wickliffe ...	21	22	29
Lake Bolac ...	61	27	43
Streatham ...	7	19	46
Tatyoon ...	34	5	17
Ross's Bridge ...	10	14	3
Willaura ...	80	27	150
Kiora ...	16	3	4
Ballyrogan ...	7	0	8
Maroona ...	42	13	19
Stavely ...	34	1	19
Westmere ...	34	6	10
Mininera ...	35	10	19
Postal ...	11	42	91
Totals ...	1231	1812	3743

Informal—103.
Absolute majority for Oman—700.
Voting at last election.—Oman, 3,992; Hucker, 2,561.

The official declaration of the poll has been arranged for Saturday (to-day) at 12.30 p.m. at the Shire Hall.

The election results indicate that the Lawson Government will probably gain one seat, and that the state of the parties in the new Parliament will probably be as follows:—Nationalists, 31; Labor, 21; Farmers, 12; Independent, 1. In the last Parliament the numbers were:—Nationalists, 30; Labor, 21; Farmers, 13; Independent, 1.

The new Parliament will be constituted as under:—Nationalist (31).—H. Beardmore (Benambra), E. W. Greenwood (Boroondara), O. R. Snowball (Brighton), A. R. Robertson (Bulla), A. F. Cameron (Dalhousie), J. E. Mackey (Gippsland West), W. M. McPherson (Hawthorn), A. A. Billson (Ovens), S. Argyle (Toorak), S. Barnes (Walhalla), John Gordon (Waranga), H. Lawson (Castlemaine and Maldon), A. Peacock (Allandale), R. McGregor (Ballarat East), M. H. Baird (Ballarat West), E. Morley (Barwon), D. Smith (Bendigo West), F. Groves (Dandenong), D. McLeod (Daylesford), A. A. Farthing (East Melbourne), W. H. Everard (Evelyn), T. Ryan (Essendon), T. Livingston (Gippsland South), H. Angus (Gunbower), D. S. Oman (Hampden), J. W. Pennington (Kara Kara), J. McDonald (Polwarth), R. H. J. Featherston (Prahan), R. F. Toutcher (Stawell and Ararat), F. W. Eggleston (St. Kilda), J. D. Deany (Warrnambool). Labor (21).—G. C. Webber (Abbotsford), R. H. Solly (Carlton), A. Rogers (Melbourne), G. M. Pendergast (North Melbourne), J. L. Murphy (Port Melbourne), E. J. Cotter (Richmond), J. Lemmon (Williamstown), A. H. Wallace (Albert Park), L. J. Clough (Bendigo East), J. R. Jewell (Brunswick), T. Tunnecliffe (Collingwood), W. Slater (Dundas), J. W. Billson (Fitzroy), E. L. Warde (Flemington), W. Brownbill (Geelong), W. E. Thomas (Glenelg), A. Hughes (Grenville), J. Cain (Jika Jika), G. C. Frost (Maryborough), H. S. Bailey (Port Fairy), E. J. Hogan (Warrenheip). Farmers' Union Party (11).—J. Bowser (Wangaratta), J. J. Carlisle (Benalla), D. Allison (Borung), A. A. Dunstan (Eaglehawk), A. E. Lind (Gippsland East), M. W. J. Bourchier (Goulburn Valley), J. Allan (Rodney), F. E. Old (Swan Hill), E. J. Mackrell (Upper Goulburn), A. Downward (Mornington), W. S. Wettenhall (Lowan). Independent.—J. W. McLachlan (Gippsland North).
Members returned unopposed:—Nationalists (11). H. Beardmore (Benambra), E. W. Greenwood (Boroondara), O. R. Snowball (Brighton), A. R. Robertson (Bulla), A. F. Cameron (Dalhousie), J. E. Mackey (Gippsland West), W. M. McPherson (Hawthorn), A. A. Billson (Ovens), S. Argyle (Toorak), S. Barnes (Walhalla), J. Gordon (Waranga). Labor (7). G. C. Webber (Abbotsford), R. H. Solly (Carlton), A. Rogers (Melbourne), G. M. Prendergast (North Melbourne), J. L. Murphy (Port Melbourne), E. J. Cotter (Richmond), J. Lemmon (Williamstown). Farmers' Union (1).—J. Bowser (Wangaratta).

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION.
ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HAMPDEN.

THE number of votes recorded for each candidate at the Election held on 30th August was as follows:—
MARTIN BRENNAN 1231
HUGH ALOYSIUS MEAGHER, 1812
DAVID SWAN OMAN 3743
Informal—103.
Absolute majority for Oman—700.
I therefore declare DAVID SWAN OMAN duly elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electoral District of Hampden.
THOMAS ALFRED ODDIE.
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Beaufort, 3rd September, 1921.

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Dated this 30th day of August, 1921.
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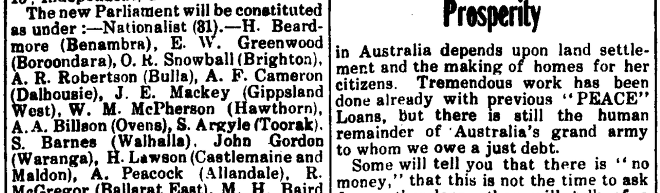

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TALES

[illegible] probably had a late order." Carter replied Carter without a moment's hesitation. "Now, you see, the actual money cost of carrying out the theft—

"Yes.

"The cost of the [illegible]

"I should [illegible]

"Only [illegible]

"Yes, [illegible] Mr. Carter, and [illegible]

"Yes, I remember.

"Now, as the detective, the conversation which must follow this point is to be confidential between us, although you have my permission to repeat it to Mr. Clifton about it if you so desire, for I no here [illegible]

"Not necessarily.

"Why not? Do you suppose that a clerk of mine would do a thing like that—

"There are a good many ways of procuring a favour of that sort from such an employee in your office. I will suggest one which might readily accomplish it."

"Well?"

"Miss Mullens has probably mailed several letters addressed to Nick Corrigan while she has been with you, hasn't she?"

"A good many, I should say."

"She therefore knows, by implication, at least, that you are more or less interested in Miss Corrigan."

"Naturally."

"Now, if Miss Mullens should receive a letter signed by Miss Corrigan, which inclosed a twenty-dollar bill, and stated that she wished to make you a present of a watch charm which would be decorated with an exact duplicate of your seal ring, and if the letter should say that all of the impressions in her possession were more or less imperfect, and that she was very anxious to procure a perfect impression without your knowledge, don't you think that Miss Mullens would be inclined to grant the request?"

"Why, yes."

"Mr. Clifton, I do not say that it was done in the manner I have described, but if it is only a coincidence that Miss Mullens came to work for you since you took the money from the subtreasury, that is probably how the duplicate was produced. If it is not a coincidence that she has been in your employ only when some expert crook has been your trail, why then it would follow that she was sent there by him purposely to secure an impression of your ring, and the fact that she is leaving you now to get married, presumably, supplies a motive for the act."

CHAPTER VII.—[illegible]

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DEATH.

GRANT.—On 26th August, at Payneham, Adelaide, Daniel, son of the late W. H. and M. Grant, of Beaufort, loved brother of Eliza (Mrs. J. Whitfield), William John, and Michael. Aged 53 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CUSHING.—To the dear memory of Dvr. Hugh O'Neill (38th Battery, A.F.A.), who died of many wounds at 37th C.C.S., Belgium, 13th Sept., 1917. Wounded Dickebusch, buried British Military Cemetery, Godewaersvelde. Requiescat in pace.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1921.

Ripon Shire's quota (£10,000) to the Diggers' Loan has not yet been fully subscribed.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—Steer, Miss Sutherland, Chepstowe, £5/2/6, calf, £2/5/; calf, Mr J. S. Douglas, Carngham, £2/17/8.

The second semi-final in the B grade billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute has been played; M. Dames (45) defeating Grant Cougle (10) by 5. Dames will meet L. French (20) in the final.

Mary Jane Ingersole, a resident of Main Lead for many years, died at that place on Wednesday. She was 69 years of age. The remains of deceased were interred in the Beaufort cemetery; the undertakers being Messrs Sands and Johnson.

There was a good attendance at the Royal Pictures, Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night, and an excellent series of films was screened. The star pictures for to-night (Saturday) are "The Forbidden Woman" (Clara K. Young) and the final episode of "The Scarlet Runner."

Mr Les. Johnston, who has been employed as a shop assistant and traveller at Messrs Hawkes Bros.' Beaufort hardware store for a number of years, has resigned his position and is leaving for St. Arnaud. For a considerable time Mr Johnston has acted as librarian at the local Presbyterian Sunday school, and he was also connected with St. Andrew's Tennis Club.

Harry Lauder used to sing a comic song to the effect that early rising did not agree with his health, but Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair is too honest to make that lame excuse. In the course of a discussion at the Ripon Shire council meeting on Monday upon the appointment of a finance committee, one of Cr. Sinclair's colleagues attempted to escape an irksome little task by remarking that Cr. Sinclair was always here at 10 o'clock. "I never get up until a little after ten," replied our oldest councillor, with an expression on his face which plainly indicated his belief that "the early bird stunt" does not always pay.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Cochran, of Beaufort, and their grandson, Jack Wright, had an unpleasant experience on Sunday evening when returning to the town from Chepstowe, where they had been visiting some friends. They twice passed with their pony and phaeton a man who was trotting a young draught horse in a dray. They stopped on two occasions—on the first to give their pony a drink, and on the second to light their lamp—and allowed the heavier turnout to pass. They were passing the dray for the third time, when the draught horse unexpectedly swerved and ran into their turnout. Mr Cochran and the boy jumped out and pulled Mrs Cochran (who was near the animal and would have been injured had it fallen) with them. Happily no one was hurt, and no serious damage was done to either pony or phaeton. Mr Cochran, who has had 60 years' experience among horses, asserts that young draught horses have a habit of acting in this erratic way when driven too fast.

For Children's Hacking Cough.
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Kelly & McDonald report having held their sale at Lexton on Wednesday, 7th inst., when they yarded 750 sheep and four head of cattle, and with the exception of a small lot of sheep, a total clearance was effected. They also offered, on account of the estate of the late J. Retallick, 118 acres of land, which was sold under the hammer at £8/3/ per acre. The following were the sales:—361 comeback weaners, 14/; 130 cross and comeback ewes, 4, 6, and 8-tooth, with 130 lambs at foot, 15/; 60 merino wethers, 4-tooth, 15/6; 36 cross and comeback ewes and wethers, 15/; 47 comeback ewes and wethers, 14/; 25 cross ewes and wethers, 14/6; 20 aged ewes, 6/; cow, £6/15/; 2 steers at £2/5/; calf, £1/2/.

For Chronic Chest Complaints.
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

A bazaar in aid of the Middle Creek Public Hall is to be opened on Thursday afternoon, continuing on that and the following evenings, and finishing with a ball at 9 p.m.

A very successful social was held on Monday, 20th inst., in the Lake Goldsmith school hall, in aid of school fund. About 40 couples were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The music was supplied by Messrs T. Ryan and W. Lynch (violins), while Mr Martin assisted as M.C. A number of the new settlers on Trawalla were present, and were warmly welcomed by the district residents. The ladies of the district attended to the refreshments in their usual efficient manner, and a tasty supper was provided. The joint secretaries (Messrs W. Lynch and N. Stokes), who were assisted by Mr T. Mulcahy (chairman of school committee), are to be commended on the successful gathering, and the school funds will be substantially augmented by the effort.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.
For Coughs and Colds, never fails

RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1921.

Present—Crs. Hannah (voted to the chair), Elder, J. McDonald, Young, Russell, Roddis D. McDonald, Sinclair, and Stewart (who arrived after the conclusion of the statutory meeting, and whilst the correspondence was being dealt with).

After his election as president (reported elsewhere), Cr. Roddis presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as typed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Closer Settlement Board, stating that the Board is prepared to assist in repairing and constructing Trawalla Estate roads on the usual terms and conditions. One-half of the cost of the work will be given to the council as a grant, and the balance as a loan extending over a period of 20 years, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum. This letter was in reply to one from the Shire engineer asking if the board were prepared to contribute in specified cases of five boundary roads and repairing and strengthening of large bridge over Mt. Emu Creek. Referred to roads committee, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and J. McDonald.

From Shire of East Loddon, asking co-operation and assistance in getting the Country Roads Board to make provision for more steam rollers to be stationed at handy places in suitable districts of Victoria.—No action taken, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Elder.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking appointment of representative to attend annual session on 19th and 20th October.—Cr. Hannah moved that the president and secretary be appointed. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair. Cr. Elder, who considered it hardly worth going to, and said Hampden shire had turned it down some time ago, moved as an amendment that no action be taken. Seconded by Cr. Young, and negatived; only these two councillors voting in favor. The motion was carried. Cr. Hannah was, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and Russell, appointed as a substitute in the event of the president (Cr. Roddis) being unable to attend.

From National Road Association of Australia, asking pecuniary assistance and co-operation in making known their objective and soliciting public opinion in favor of good roads.—Received.

From Constable T. L. Day, Skipton, agreeing to accept position of inspector of nuisances.—Received.

From E. Millist, Skipton, notifying that he had been appointed sanitary contractor by the Shire of Hampden, and expected to be paid at the same rate per pan per week as from the Shire of Hampden.—Appointment confirmed on motion of Crs. Hannah and Elder.

From Mrs W. H. Halpin and family, thanking council for sympathy in their recent bereavement.—Received.

From Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, thanking council for donation of £9/2/6, proceeds of sale of buttons at Beaufort, per Cr. Hannah.—Received; Cr. Hannah mentioning that Mrs Acton and Miss Muntz had helped, and that a number had been disposed of at Skipton.

From V. J. Parson, Raglan, drawing attention to the fact that after a good rain it was impossible for the school children to cross the road near the school, owing to the volume of water that runs beside and across the road. A proper crossing is urgently needed and would be greatly appreciated by all residents of the township. The road on the Raglan side of the bridge near the church also needs attention.—Engineer to inspect and report at next meeting, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Hannah.

From Wm. Nunn, Chepstowe, asking council to form and metal a few chains of road opposite Mt. Emu reserve gate leading east to entrance on his property.—Left in hands of engineer, on motion of Crs. D. McDonald and Russell.

From John A. Cushing, Skipton, intimating that he had been appointed secretary of Skipton Town Common for 12 months ending 25th June, 1922.—Appointment confirmed, on motion of Cr. Hannah.

From Shire of Lexton, intimating that further consideration of amalgamation of office of engineer with Ripon Shire has been postponed, and that they would be advised when anything further is done. Cr. Hannah stated that Cr. Sinclair and he had been deputed to wait on Lexton Shire with the idea of coming to a definite understanding as to the term Mr Muntz was to act as their engineer and as to how much salary he was to be paid. Amalgamation with Avoca or Ripon was not likely to be effected for a long time. Mr Muntz was acting for Lexton until the end of the year in consideration of Lexton paying him £100 a year, the amount of travelling expenses allowed by Ripon, and which they would not now have to pay. Cr. Sinclair said Lexton was not too warm on amalgamation, and had side-stepped it. He suggested that the South riding amalgamate with Ripon, thinking it a capital idea to get Ercildoune, Waubra, and Langi-Kal-Kal, but it was considered that portion would be more likely to go to Ballarat Shire, as only a road divided them. Cr. Young asked under what authority Mr Muntz was spending four days a month in Lexton Shire. The great trouble was that the ratepayers thought the council was not frank enough with them. He asked for information, but was not given much satisfaction. Cr. Hannah said they would have to go back a good distance—a year or two. Cr. Young—The resolution on books was for six months. He wanted to know what authority Mr Muntz had to act since then. Cr. Hannah replied that they had been negotiating with Lexton for some time, but there had been nothing to report. Cr. Young said it had been carried after a close division of 4 to 4 on the president's casting-vote. Something must have been brought up again. The president said he had opposed it, but owing to the increase in the officers' salaries and the high wages ruling, councillors considered what should be done in committee, and it was thought that it would be an advantage to Ripon Shire to get a little out of Lexton. Probably it would be just as well to let it go till the end of the year and then make an adjustment. Cr. Young said that was not an answer to his question, and asked under what authority did Mr Muntz go to Lexton. Cr. Hannah—The council. Cr. Sinclair said Mr Muntz had been given permission by the council. The secretary read the minute passed on 4th October, 1920, giving Mr Muntz permission to act four days per month for a period of six months. Cr. Hannah said that was the position. It was in connection with Mr Simpkin, a returned soldier, it being thought he would get through his qualifying examinations in that time. He had been up twice and failed. Mr Muntz said he had passed the major part. The president asked Cr. Young if it were clear to him. Cr. Young replied that it was clear that it had been allowed to drift on. The engineer must get permission from Melbourne to act for two shires. Cr. Sinclair said permission had been given by this council in committee. Cr. Hannah said Cr. Young's point was that there was nothing on the books, but only a verbal permission in committee. Cr. Sinclair then moved that the engineer be given permission to go to Lexton Shire till the end of the year to carry on the engineer's work at the rate of £100 a year. Cr. Russell asked if it were quite clear that the engineer was to draw £100 a year from Lexton. Cr. Hannah said he did not draw anything, but forgoes his £100 travelling expenses, which meant a saving of £100 to Ripon. He seconded the motion. Cr. Young said an amendment would be a direct negative. There was not a word in Lexton's letter about an allowance. The engineer said that arrangement was made with Crs. Hannah and Sinclair. Cr. Hannah thought it should have stated it in the letter. Mr Muntz said that Crs. Hannah and Sinclair were appointed as a deputation with power to make arrangements. Cr. Sinclair said when he was there Lexton Shire councillors did not definitely say they would give £100 a year. Mr Muntz—They did so at the next meeting. Cr. Russell would like to see the words added to the motion—"Under conditions promised to Crs. Sinclair and Hannah." The engineer said that he had not been paid travelling expenses by either council and did not propose to claim it. It meant that from 1st April he had been working for nothing. Cr. Hannah mentioned that it was only a temporary arrangement. Mr Muntz said he did not think there was any chance of making a permanent arrangement. Lexton Shire was such a small shire that it really could not afford to pay him what it should. He thought Lexton and Avoca would amalgamate, and that Ripon had not a chance to get any of the Waubra end, which would be taking all the good stuff, and which Avoca would never agree to. The motion was then put and carried; Cr. Young voting in the negative. Cr. Russell—You are not getting Lexton to acknowledge the condition. Mr Muntz—It does not affect the question. You agreed to pay me £100 a year travelling expenses, and will not have to pay anything till January 1st. It is between Lexton and I. Cr. Russell—I do not think that is the proper way to deal with it.

From A. Parker, editor "Riponshire Advocate," asking the council to change its day of meeting from the first to the second Monday in the month, as it clashed with the police magistrate's court day, and was inconvenient both to the officers and the local press.—Cr. Sinclair said it looked a bit suspicious; Cr. Hannah adding that the press and the officers must have had their heads together. Cr. Young said he did not know anything about the letter, but had intended taking the opportunity of asking the police magistrate to alter his day to the second Monday. However, if it would convenience the officers, he would move that the request be granted. The secretary, in reply to a question, said the second Monday would be more convenient for the officers. Upon Cr. D. McDonald saying it would not be fair to hold the wages over, Mr Muntz said it would not affect the wages. Several councillors said it would not make any difference to them, but no other day than a Monday would suit them. Cr. Hannah did not wish to oppose it, but thought they should hold it over for a month, as it was no use carrying a motion and regretting it afterwards. The president said they had been meeting on that date for 40 years, and it was not wise to rush it. Cr. Sinclair—It will not make any difference. It will convenience the press and the officers and not affect the council. What more do we want? After further discussion, the motion was put and carried; Cr. Stewart voting against it, and Cr. Hannah remarking, "You old conservative."

From D. Smith, Snake Valley, applying for a slaughtering license.—Granted under usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Russell.

From Closer Settlement Board, notifying that 31st December was the closing date for applications by returned soldiers for land qualification certificates.—Referred to advisory committee.

From officer in charge of Immigration and Labor Bureau, notifying that amongst 127 immigrants shortly arriving there were 25 married men available for country farm work, and he would be pleased to hear of any vacancies.—Cr. Sinclair stating that women for housework could get a few billets in Beaufort. Referred to secretary for attention, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Sinclair.

REPORTS.

The engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz, (B.C.E.) reported as follows:—

1. With Mr Acton I have gone into the question raised by Cr. Russell as to the inconvenience caused by length of time taken by a traction engine crossing a bridge with a house. There is apparently no remedy if the delay is no longer than would be caused if drawn by horses. A by-law might be made limiting the size of a load, the delay being caused usually by house being too wide for the bridge, or a by-law reducing width between wheels which would probably have the same effect; but we are doubtful as to the expediency of such by-laws. The question of traction engine traffic generally is not at all simple, and owners so far have been fairly considerate; so it might be better to leave it alone, as the Act as it stands gives considerable powers.—Cr. Elder asked if notices could not be put on the Skipton bridge that anyone going over it with a load did so at his own risk. The engineer said he did not like putting up a notice that a bridge was unsafe with a load of 3 tons, as a person might break through with 2½ tons. So far as he knew, there was no liability of the council. Probably the work would not be done till January. Cr. Elder—How are the wheat loads to get over it? The engineer said it was not safe to do anything till November. As soon as he got word from the board that they agreed to the work being done by day labor, he would get the material on the ground. He assured Cr. Elder that the work would be completed by the end of February. He took as instruction to start the work in the middle of November. Cr. Hannah referred to the damage done to roads by traction engines, and the engineer pointed out that damages could only be claimed when overweight was carried. Cr. Young mentioned that the question was to be brought before the Municipal Association's conference.

2. Trawalla developmental roads have been gazetted, but the length was very much reduced. By direction of the president I went to Melbourne and waited on the board, with the result that they decided to gazette the Trawalla west road (which I have been calling the Lillirie road) as originally decided. They also promised to extend the Trawalla east road (which I have been calling the Brewster road) after the council decides the best direction to extend. The Trawalla road (which I have been calling the Chepstowe road) was gazetted as asked. They would also be quite willing to alter names, but I am not sure that their names are not the best. I could not get authority to proceed at once with the work; in any case, they have altered my plans so much that they will have to be done over again.—Left in hands of engineer with power to act, on motion of Crs. Stewart and D. McDonald.

3. In view of letter from the Closer Settlement Board to-day, it would be as well for the committee to further consider subsidiary roads, Trawalla.—Referred to committee. Cr. Young thought they should have a plan on the table, so that they would know where they were. The engineer said he had asked for a copy of a plan, and was told it would cost £7/10/. It could be got later on for 15/. It was decided to wait for it.

4. Owing to bad weather, no forming has been done this month, but, in any case, I could not go on with the Trawalla roads, as I have not got the consent of the board.—Received.

5. Gravelling at Caramballac will start this week. There was more of the other work than I expected.—Received.

6. Very little work has been done on contracts this month, owing to the wet weather. Details are submitted separately.—Received.

The treasurer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported that £108/15/6 had been received and banked since last report (less 7/6 which had been overpaid to bank); that £1014/0/3 had been paid by cheques; that there was a dishonored cheque of £2/14/; that the overdraft was £2805 15/11, as against £1895/19/8 at last report; and that the credit to the vermin destruction a/c. was £54/17/, of which £1 10/ was received since last report.—Received.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the financial position of the ridings was as follows:—North, Dr. £1727/6/2; East, Dr. £597/10/11; West, Dr. £303/12/; Beaufort water supply, Dr. £530/12/8; trust a/c., Cr. £226/11/3; total Cr. balances, £226/11/3; total Dr. balances, £3139/1/9; net Dr. balance, £2912/10/6.—Received.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—A. Parker, £35/4/6; salaries, £74/13/9; H. McDougall, £2/2/; J. A. Blay, £2/13/9; returning officer (election expenses), £10/12/; Mrs Evans, £2/10/; secretary's petty cash, £4; C. Morvell, £24/5/; G. A. Gellie, £10/14/; E. Millist, £2/1/; W. Fitzpatrick, £7/10/; T. Cleveland, £4/10/; Beaufort water supply, £3/10/; A. Baker, £2/10/; G. Carver, 15/; Postmaster-General, £3/18/6; H. Norman, £15/15/; C. Morvell, £3/5/; War Loan a/c., £210; Northern Insurance Co., 13/6; S. George, £18/7/6; Shire of Grenville, £2/5/1; R. Ward, £3/8/1; W. T. Nunn, £2; A. Angus, 17/6; J. W. Nunn, £5/5/; W. O'Sullivan, £5/7/9; W. Murray, £7/15/3; A. Wilkie, £2/5/3; Johnston Bros., £3/6/; J. Ryan, £2/13/10; T. Treleaven, £3/18/; Buchanan Bros., £7 4/; J. R. Harrison & Son, £1/11/3; M. B. John, £1/1/; Troy Bros., £10/13/11; A. J. Skene, £3/7/6; L. Stevenson, £11 14/6; T. Cleveland, £2/8/; W. King, £10/8/3; H. Hayward, senr., £7/7/; vouchers, £218/6/2; H. M. Stuart, £7; Hawkes Bros., £18/1/6; contract payments—J. W. Nunn, £22/13/6; Stevenson Bros., £17/18/; R. Broadbent, £180; J. M. Roddis, £37/14/; deposits refunded—J. W. Nunn, £6/10/; Stevenson Bros., £4/16/; total, £972/8/7.

The following Country Roads Board a/cs. were also recommended for payment:—A. Angus, £9/12/6; vouchers, £119/13/4; total, £129/5/10.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

As nothing had been done to the fence around the police station at Snake Valley, it was decided, on the motion of the president and Cr. Sinclair, to write to Hon. D. S. Oman, M.L.A., on the subject.

The president drew attention to the necessity of temporarily repairing a ford over the Emu Creek near Ringin's for the use of Trawalla settlers, and it was decided, on the motion of Crs. D. McDonald and Hannah, that it be left in the hands of the engineer.

Cr. Sinclair refuted the statement made by Mr T. Haxton at a recent election meeting, and remarked that it was totally untrue. God knew he got enough blame over the wandering cow nuisance—one of his relatives said he was going out on his head at the next election—but every time a complaint was made to him he took it to the secretary. He wanted to show the ratepayers that councillors were not as bad as they were painted.

Cr. D. McDonald drew attention to the bad state of the road leading from Mortchup to Snake Valley, and moved that it be referred to the East Riding members, which was seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Elder and Stewart, that two trappers be engaged for a fortnight at £2 a week each and skins to destroy rabbits on Lake Goldsmith reserve.

Cr. J. McDonald drew attention to a washaway at the new bridge at McLeod's and to the furze coming down the Fiery Creek and spreading over the reserve at Middle Creek and down to Eurambeen, and moved that both matters be referred to the North Riding members for attention. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

Cr. Russell drew attention to three broken culverts on the Carngham and Beaufort road, and moved that the engineer have them attended to. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

The tender of J. M. Roddis at £15/2/6 was, on the motion of Crs. Hannah and Stewart, accepted for the grazing right to the Carngham Recreation Reserve.

Cr. Young said he had one matter to refer to in connection with the recent North Riding election, and hoped it would be the last. That was in connection with a postal ballot paper. It was stated publicly in the Mechanics' Institute at Beaufort on the night of the election the manner in which a certain ballot paper was signed. Only four persons were present, and no harm resulted. The returning officer should be very careful that there was not any leakage of this kind, as it impaired the secrecy of the ballot-box. He could not say that it was the fault of the returning officer.

Cr. Sinclair said that ballot-papers marked with a cross and 1 and 2 were allowed, as the intention of the voter was clear. Was there anything to show whose vote it was?

Cr. Young said he thought that as attention had been called to it that was sufficient. He could not go into details.

Outstanding rates amounting to £532 (principally on the Trawalla soldier settlement, which the council had decided should not be charged until the next financial year), were struck out, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and D. McDonald.

Cr. Stewart said they were being blamed by other councils for establishing a bad precedent.

Cr. Hannah—That is our own business.

In answer to Cr. D. McDonald, the secretary said the rates had come in very fairly this year, and that very little was outstanding. About the middle of the month he would be taking proceedings for the recovery of all unpaid rates.

MOTION BY NOTICE.

Cr. Hannah, pursuant to notice, moved—"That by-law No. 25, for prescribing the fees to be charged for registration of certain premises, etc., be adopted." Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried; the secretary reading the by-law.

HAMPDEN POLL DECLARED.

In the presence of a small gathering of electors, the official declaration of the poll for Hampden electorate took place at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday. In the unavoidable absence of the returning officer (Mr Thos. A. Oddie), the Sub.-R.O. (Mr A. Parker) officiated. He stated that Mr H. Meagher (the Labor candidate) had telegraphed regretting that he was unable to attend owing to an attack of influenza. The final figures were:—

Brennan	... ...	1231
Meagher	... ...	1812
Oman	... ...	3743

Informal—107

Absolute majority for Oman—700.

He then formally declared David Swan Oman elected as member for Hampden in the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. D. S. Oman (Minister of Lands) remarked that needless to say he was very gratified at the result in Hampden. Right from one end of the constituency to the other he received very generous support, and he would like to take this opportunity of tendering his very sincere thanks to all his friends who rendered service to him that day. Without their assistance, this result could not have been achieved. Speaking of the elections all over the State, he said that whilst the Ministerial party had been returned intact, and with Dr. Featherstone (Prahran) added, they had not succeeded in obtaining an absolute majority in the House. The Farmers' Union had lost one seat, and Labor stood to-day with 21. As a matter of fact, the position was very obscure, and he did not feel disposed to comment on it. He thought it should be left to the House to interpret the will of the people, because so many statements had been made that one could hardly interpret the actual feeling of the country. He had personally represented this constituency for 21 years, and had received most generous support. On each occasion that support had practically been maintained or increased. On this occasion he thought he was justified in saying that it was the strongest support he had ever had. What he appreciated was that in the stretch of country from Cressy to Willaura, extending through the great agricultural areas, notwithstanding the personal feeling against him regarding the wheat pool, he had polled an absolute majority against the Farmers' Union candidate. That showed that the people there had confidence in him, and he was very gratified that they had. Regarding his future policy, it would be his endeavor in the future, as it had been in the past, to try and do fairly by all sections of the people. He could assure them that once the election was over, he knew neither political friend nor opponent. Any man who had a case to put could approach him, and he would take any opportunity and do the best he could for him. That had always been his policy, and it would be continued. He hoped that the outcome finally would be that they would have stable government, and that the best interests of the country would be considered, whatever subsequent action might be taken. With these few remarks, he again tendered them his sincere thanks for the great honor they had done him. He was proud of the fact that Beaufort, Waterloo, and Snake Valley had given him such generous support. He came from the southern end of the constituency, and again and again he had met with generous support here, although not always from Snake Valley, as this was the first time they had given it to him so fully. At Waterloo, Beaufort, and all the booths in the district, he had been given generous support, and he thanked the people for it.

Mr Geo. Pringle, who apologised for the absence of Mr M. Brennan (the Country party candidate), said he had received word from him and he had told him that he was somewhat disappointed down the other end at not receiving larger support, but added that the general feeling down there was that the Farmers' Union should not have taken any steps to defeat the Government. He (Mr Pringle) was not here to comment on that, or as to what the future would be, as this had to be fought out in the House when the parties met. He was just here to thank all those who had assisted and supported the Farmers' cause during the recent campaign. Personally he thought that in future if the farmers wanted more representation they must broaden their constitution. He thought there was a move on to have a vote taken immediately with that purpose in view. Until they broadened their constitution, and could bring others into the field to support them, he did not see very much chance in view of increasing the number of their representatives in either House. With these few remarks, he thanked those who had supported Mr Brennan in the campaign, and on behalf of Mr Brennan, congratulated Mr Oman upon the splendid victory he had received at the hands of the electors.

Mr Oman—He might have said that one thing he appreciated was the fact that in this contest there had not been the least friction between the candidates, and he hoped the same good feeling would continue. That had been his experience right through. It had never been a personal fight, and he felt very pleased.

Mr Pringle—He meant to refer to that. He did not think it had been a personal fight. He had pleasure in moving the usual vote of thanks to the returning officer.

Mr Oman seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr Parker, in response, said it would give him pleasure to convey their thanks to Mr Oddie. They had always endeavored to give fair play to all parties, irrespective of political opinions. They had always given any information required to the best of their ability. He regretted that a good many people were off the rolls all over the constituency. However, this was their own fault, as in nearly every case where inquiries were made, it was found that they had made out Commonwealth enrolment cards but had neglected to make out State cards. People came to the booth and were refused a vote, and then said they had made out a card, but it was found that they were enrolled for the Commonwealth and made the mistake of thinking that by filling in the one card they would be enrolled for the State also. They confused the two rolls. The sooner there was one uniform roll for the Commonwealth and State the better, as it would save any confusion. He expressed appreciation of the courtesy shown him by Miss Pollock, the local postmistress, who had been most obliging in giving him his mail early and in attending to telegrams, and had helped forward the correspondence part of the election.

Mr Oman—He would like to say, in connection with the vote of thanks to the returning officer, that he had hurried through his tea on election night and got down here at 20 past eight thinking he would have to wait half-an-hour, but found returns posted already. The same promptness was noticeable with regard to the other returns. He appreciated it very much, and so did the public. He thought it was a record.

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SHIRE COUNCIL'S STATUTORY MEETING.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLORS.

At the statutory meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, the secretary read the returning officers' reports that the recent elections had resulted in Mr S. Young being elected a councillor for the North Riding, and in Crs. P. Russell and H. M. Elder being returned unopposed for the East and West Ridings respectively.

Cr. Hannah (chairman) offered a few words of welcome to the newly-elected councillors. Crs. Elder and Russell were old friends at the council table, and he welcomed them very cordially as old members. As to Cr. Young, their new member, the vote that he polled certainly entitled him to a seat at the council table. Notwithstanding the fact that, as ex-Cr. Beggs' colleagues, they deeply regretted his removal from the council, they were all democratic enough to hold out the right hand of welcome to Cr. Young and treat him with the same courtesy as had been extended from one councillor to another at the table, ever since he came here, at any rate. They were really sorry to lose ex-Cr. Beggs, and he was sure that had Cr. Young sat at the table with ex-Cr. Beggs as a colleague, he would have developed that very high regard for ex-Cr. Beggs that all councillors sitting at the table had. However, the public were very fickle. One man was elected one day and turned down another. At the same time, Cr. Young had come into the council on a ticket that he (Cr. Hannah) felt quite sure was not endorsed by the majority of the ratepayers. Cr. Young had said when he (the chairman) said the fact of Cr. J. McDonald being elected was an endorsement of the platform of the council, that it was not. He (the chairman) was going to say the same thing to-day. The people had elected Cr. Young, he was sure, more on personal grounds than on politics. One man, one vote, would not be endorsed by 20 per cent. of the ratepayers in the shire. Rating on unimproved values, Mr Young said in one of his election speeches, was a matter that had practically not been considered by the council. He had, and some of the other councillors with him, given great consideration to it for a number of years. The more he saw, read, and heard of it, the more convinced he was that it was not so equitable as rating on unimproved values. In rating on improved values there were anomalies that were absolutely unfair, but to his way of thinking, rating on unimproved values was much more unfair. During the recent elections several shires took a referendum on rating on unimproved values, and he did not know if one shire had adopted it. He thought there were five he had read of, and that they had all turned it down. He felt, as far as Cr. Young was concerned, that if he could show him and this council that rating on unimproved values was the fairer way, he would be with him. He was not going to oppose any measure Cr. Young brought forward because it was brought forward by him, but he would vote for measures, not men. He hoped Cr. Young's stay in the council would be pleasant, notwithstanding the fact that he might run counter to some of his colleagues. Knowing Cr. Young as he did, he felt sure that any difference they had at the council table would not be carried outside.

Cr. Young thanked the chairman for his kindly welcome to this august body. He did not wish to enter into any debate at present with regard to the questions the chairman brought forward. He could say from his heart that he realised the responsibility he had taken on in joining the council. Though previously the precincts of this hall were considered to be sacred, in his election campaign it had been dubbed "a place for lost souls," and it had been said, "Abandon all hope all ye who enter here." He could say he did not abandon hope. He hoped perhaps to obtain redemption later on, and trusted to convince some of the councillors that his views, at any rate, were worthy of consideration. In any case there was no reason why there should be any feeling or heat at any time because they happened to differ in their views. He had worked on various public bodies with various gentlemen present, and somehow they had always managed to get along very well together. In conclusion, he could only say that he would endeavor to faithfully discharge his duties to the ratepayers. (Applause).

Cr. Russell thanked the chairman very much for the remarks made. He was pleased at the fact that he had been returned for the East Riding without opposition. He thanked all the ratepayers for their kindness in sending him back again, and could only say that he would try to do his best in the next three years, and that he was highly pleased at the confidence they had placed in him in again returning him unopposed.

Cr. Elder also thanked the chairman for his kind remarks. Since he had been here he had had a good time and had been well treated by his brother councillors. Fortunately, in his riding, they had no burning questions. In the West riding they seemed to be highly satisfied with and to appreciate the work done by their members.—[Cr. Sinclair—When one gets opposition they are not, eh?]—They seemed to be in the fortunate position of not having much opposition down there.

Cr. Young—There was one thing he omitted to say in returning thanks. He had great personal regard for ex-Cr. Beggs, but not politically or municipally.

Cr. Sinclair moved that the best thanks of the council, on behalf of the ratepayers of the North Riding, be tendered to ex-Cr. Beggs for the excellent work he had done during his term of office, and that a minute be placed on the books in appreciation of his services. Replying to the chairman, he said he thought it should be on behalf of the ratepayers, as even those who had voted against him would be pleased to say that he deserved thanks for what he had done for the council. They all knew he had been an excellent councillor, but the ratepayers did not see eye to eye with his municipal views and so forth. No councillor had given so many years of service and deserved thanks more than ex-Cr. Beggs.

Cr. Russell seconded the motion, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S ALLOWANCE.

Cr. Roddis moved that the president's allowance be £60. Seconded by Cr. Russell.

Cr. Young—He was going to move an amendment, as he thought the president's allowance in this shire altogether too high. He noticed in the last balance-sheet that it was £85, but they had something exceptional in connection with the last year of the war. On looking over allowances made by various councils, he found that at Echuca, Wangaratta, Castlemaine, and Maryborough, which were boroughs, it was much lower, and ran down to £25. He thought they should greatly reduce it.

The chairman—They might fix it on the revenue in these boroughs.

Cr. Young—His impression was the allowance was too high. He had gone on the last few years. He moved that it be struck out altogether.

The chairman—That was not democratic.

Cr. Young—It was, under the present circumstances. They were short of money. Only certain people obtained hospitality at the shire. When they were hard up for money, he thought they should not have a president's allowance. If the income were not sufficient to keep down expenditure, here was a start by cutting that out. He moved to that effect.

In answer to Cr. Elder, the secretary said it was £60 the year before.

Cr. D. McDonald seconded the motion with a view to having it discussed. He had never been in the president's chair—[Cr. Sinclair—But you hope to be.]—but in talking the matter over with ex-councillors they had assured him that they had been well out of pocket. He did not think they were men who were extravagant, but they were quite decided on the point that the presidential allowance did not nearly cover out-of-pocket expenses. Under these circumstances he did not think the council would be justified in cutting it down.

The chairman said that as ex-president he did not know how the allowance was. He had never taken a shilling from the president's fund. That money was paid out by the secretary to the caterer and wine and spirit merchant and so forth. If there were anything over, they would hear directly. To start with, there was £36 for the luncheon only. Was it a fair thing to ask the East and West riding members to come 20 miles to look after the ratepayers' business and not have a free lunch.

Cr. Young—Their time was more valuable than their lunch at 2/.

The chairman—He knew that, but they were prepared to give their time. He thought it only common courtesy that they should be entertained to that extent by the president. He asked the secretary what was the balance.

The secretary replied that after paying for the luncheon it would just come out square. He did not know what the president had paid away himself.

The chairman—If president, a man had to put his hand in his pocket for every fund throughout the shire, but if an ordinary member he would not do it. He was quite sure it cost a man £50 a year apart from the president's allowance. It meant that if any man were not in too good a position financially, he would not have a chance to get into the chair at all. It would be left open for the monied man every time. Every man elected, he thought, should have the opportunity of occupying the position of president.

Cr. Elder—He was with Cr. Young in that they should economise. The time was ripe for it, but in this matter it would not be fair to wipe out the allowance altogether. If it could be done on less money, he said by all means let it be done. They had to take into consideration that gentlemen living in the vicinity of the council chamber were practically put to no expense at all, but every time he (Cr. Elder) came to a meeting he was out of pocket by it. If his services were not worth a free lunch, he did not think he should come.

Cr. Young—They are worth more.

Cr. Elder—He knew the president had been put to considerable expense during his term of office, and considering the time he had lost doing shire work, if he had £100 a year it would not be too much.

Cr. Sinclair—They should be clear on this matter. One year it was £80 odd. That was the year following peace year. The president during peace year had been put to great expense and spent something like £50. The council thought they should compensate him, because he was not a wealthy man and could not afford to be out of pocket. As the price for the luncheon had been raised, like other things, they had increased the allowance from £52 to £60 a year. He did not think it a democratic move on Cr. Young's part. It would be something like the London city council, where the Lord Mayor must be worth £100,000, and must spend £10,000 out of his own pocket. It meant that a poor man could not take the position.

The chairman—He thought the intention was that councillors should pay for lunch out of their own pockets.

Cr. Young—Not at all.

Cr. Sinclair—It would be a miserable thing if councillors had to go to an hotel and pay for their dinner. If they were not worth their lunch, they should not be in the council.

Cr. Young—They did not come here to get lunch. With reference to this not being democratic, it was his own idea. The mere fact of the council meeting in the day time only gave certain people a chance to represent the ratepayers. Personally he believed the council should meet at night time—[Expressions of surprise and a subdued whistle. A voice: It would be alright for Beaufort.]—They were a business body and were not out to be entertained. It was not a matter of a 2/ luncheon. The fact of there being no president's allowance would cut out subscriptions to clubs, if they had to put their hands into their pockets. When they knew there was a president's allowance, people came along for a donation for clubs.

Cr. Sinclair—They would come along just the same.

Cr. Young—If the president had no money to disburse, clubs could not very well come along. Relative to being democratic, he believed in payment of members, but he did not believe that this president's allowance of £60 should be paid on the ground of a luncheon. Luncheon meant only a matter of 24/ per year, and he would take any councillor to lunch with him any time he liked to come.

The amendment was lost, only Cr. Young voting for it.

The motion that the allowance be £60 was then carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Cr. A. C. Roddis was unanimously elected president, on the nomination of Crs. Russell and D. McDonald.

Cr. Hannah—He had pleasure in vacating the chair in favor of Cr. Roddis, and hoped that his 12 months' occupancy of it would be as pleasant as his (Cr. Hannah's) had been.

Cr. Roddis thanked his colleagues very much. This came as a surprise to him to-day, as he had not really thought of it. He had thought it would probably be just as well to sit down this time. Because it came from the East riding, it made him feel proud to think that he had the confidence of his colleagues, and he thanked the other councillors for voting as they had done. He held the president's chair about seven or eight years ago, and had a very strenuous time when the war was on. He had tried to do his best, and on this occasion would do the same. He wanted the assistance of the councillors and the support of the officers in every possible way. He was so taken by surprise that he could not express his appreciation of what they had done in placing him in so proud a position. He trusted that when his term expired they would all be proud of his actions. He intended to carry out his duties in a quiet way, and do his best for the people throughout the shire. It afforded him great pleasure to move a vote of thanks to ex-president Hannah, who had carried out his duties faithfully and had a strenuous time in connection with land settlement. The opinion of the people throughout the shire was that Cr. Hannah was an ideal president. They sometimes heard a president being slated, but this was not so in Cr. Hannah's case.

In seconding the vote of thanks, Cr. Sinclair said Cr. Hannah had been an ideal president and had been of great assistance to the North riding and the township of Beaufort. Now that he was not in the president's chair, he would be greatly missed in Beaufort. He trusted that when the president was required to come to Beaufort to carry out the duties of his position as Lord Mayor of Snake Valley—(laughter)—or president of the shire, he would be able to do it. He noticed a press report the other day, and hoped the president would not continue to think or say that there should be severance of the East Riding of Ripon and its inclusion in Grenville, as he did the other day at the Grenville council's dinner. Now that he was president he hoped he would not continue that talk of severing any riding from Ripon.

The president—He did not think he made it so plain as it appeared in the paper. What he did say was that it was talked about. The engineer spoke previously, and spoke very nicely. He (the president) did somewhat similar. He said it might be probable. His idea was that owing to higher salaries and wages there would have to be amalgamation of shires, and that their country running south might go to Grenville Shire.

Cr. Sinclair—You don't want it, do you?

The president—He really believed it would be alright. He must tell the truth.

Cr. Hannah—He appreciated the vote of thanks, and knew there was a ring of sincerity about it. He had tried to do his best during his term as president. It was nice to know that in some little way his efforts had been appreciated by his colleagues.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The incoming councillors were appointed returning officers for the various ridings.

Some discussion took place on the advisability of appointing the whole council as a finance committee, or electing only three members to do that work. The latter course was generally favored, and on motion of Crs. Russell and D. McDonald, President Roddis and Crs. Sinclair and Hannah were appointed as a finance committee.

On motion of Crs. Hannah and Sinclair, the remaining councillors were appointed as a tender committee.

Cr. Sinclair moved that Crs. Hannah, Elder, and J. McDonald act as a machinery committee. Seconded by Cr. D. McDonald, and carried.

Crs. Hannah, D. McDonald, and Young were then appointed as a roads committee, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and J. McDonald.

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At their office, Beaufort, on Thursday, Messrs W. H. Halpin & Son, estate agents, offered by auction, on a/c. Mr Ben Panther, 80 acres of freehold land, situated at Raglan, together with house, barn, stable, and other necessary buildings. Mr T. Evans (of Coghlan, Boase, and Co., Ballarat) acted as auctioneer. There was a fair attendance, and bidding started at £10 an acre and finished at £11/7/6, which was refused by the owner and the property passed in for private sale. Mr J. R. Wotherspoon was the highest bidder.

At their monthly meeting on Monday night, the members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade decided to hold the annual ball in a little over a week's time. Musicians have been engaged from Ararat, and the function promises to be a very enjoyable one.

At Ararat on Saturday a Beaufort team of golfers played against Chalambar, with the following results in holes and aces:—Chalambar—75 holes, 62 aces; Beaufort—15 holes, 16 aces. The Beaufort club's annual tournament commenced yesterday (Friday) and will be continued to-day (Saturday). The number of entries received is the highest on record.

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IN MEMORIAM.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1921.

Ripon Shire's quota (£10,000) to the Diggers' Loan has not yet been fully subscribed.

The following district sales were effected at the Ballarat stock market on Tuesday:—Steer, Miss Sutherland, Chepstowe, £5/2/6, calf, £2/5/; calf, Mr J. S. Douglas, Carngham, £2/17/8.

The second semi-final in the B. grade billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute has been played; M. Dames (45) defeating Grant Cougle (10) by 5. Dames will meet L. French (20) in the final.

Mary Jane Ingersole, a resident of Main Lead for many years, died at that place on Wednesday. She was 69 years of age. The remains of deceased were interred in the Beaufort cemetery; the undertakers being Messrs Sands and Johnson.

There was a good attendance at the Royal Pictures, Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night, and an excellent series of films was screened. The star pictures for to-night (Saturday) are "The Forbidden Woman" (Clara K. Young) and the final episode of "The Scarlet Runner."

Mr Les. Johnston, who has been employed as a shop assistant and traveller at Messrs Hawkes Bros.' Beaufort hardware store for a number of years, has resigned his position and is leaving for St. Arnaud. For a considerable time Mr Johnston has acted as librarian at the local Presbyterian Sunday school, and he was also connected with St. Andrew's Tennis Club.

Harry Lauder used to sing a comic song to the effect that early rising did not agree with his health, but Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair is too honest to make that lame excuse. In the course of a discussion at the Ripon Shire council meeting on Monday upon the appointment of a finance committee, one of Cr. Sinclair's colleagues attempted to escape an irksome little task by remarking that Cr. Sinclair was always here at 10 o'clock. "I never get up until a little after ten," replied our oldest councillor, with an expression on his face which plainly indicated his belief that "the early bird stunt" does not always pay.

Mr and Mrs J. B. Cochran, of Beaufort, and their grandson, Jack Wright, had an unpleasant experience on Sunday evening when returning to the town from Chepstowe, where they had been visiting some friends. They twice passed with their pony and phaeton a man who was trotting a young draught horse in a dray. They stopped on two occasions—on the first to give their pony a drink, and on the second to light their lamp—and allowed the heavier turnout to pass. They were passing the dray for the third time, when the draught horse unexpectedly swerved and ran into their turnout. Mr Cochran and the boy jumped out and pulled Mrs Cochran (who was near the animal and would have been injured had it fallen) with them. Happily no one was hurt, and no serious damage was done to either pony or phaeton. Mr Cochran, who has had 60 years' experience among horses, asserts that young draught horses have a habit of acting in this erratic way when driven too fast.

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Kelly & McDonald report having held their sale at Lexton on Wednesday, 7th inst., when they yarded 750 sheep and four head of cattle, and with the exception of a small lot of sheep, a total clearance was effected. They also offered, on account of the estate of the late J. Retallick, 118 acres of land, which was sold under the hammer at £6/3/ per acre. The following were the sales:—361 comeback weaners, 14/; 130 cross and comeback ewes, 4, 6, and 8-tooth, with 130 lambs at foot, 15/; 60 merino wethers, 4-tooth, 15/6; 36 cross and comeback ewes and wethers, 15/; 47 comeback ewes and wethers, 14/; 25 cross ewes and wethers, 14/6; 20 aged ewes, 6/; cow, £6/15/; 2 steers at £2/5/; calf, £1/2/.

For Chronic Chest Complaints, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

A bazaar in aid of the Middle Creek Public Hall is to be opened on Thursday afternoon, continuing on that and the following evenings, and finishing with a ball at 9 p.m.

A very successful social was held on Monday, 29th inst., in the Lake Goldsmith school hall, in aid of school fund. About 40 couples were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The music was supplied by Messrs T. Ryan and W. Lynch (violins), while Mr Martin assisted as M.C. A number of the new settlers on Trawalla were present, and were warmly welcomed by the district residents. The ladies of the district attended to the refreshments in their usual efficient manner, and a tasty supper was provided. The joint secretaries (Messrs W. Lynch and N. Stokes), who were assisted by Mr T. Mulcahy (chairman of school committee), are to be commended on the successful gathering, and the school funds will be substantially augmented by the effort.

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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1921.

Present—Crs. Hannah (voted to the chair), Elder, J. McDonald, Young, Russell, Roddis D. McDonald, Sinclair, and Stewart (who arrived after the conclusion of the statutory meeting, and whilst the correspondence was being dealt with).

After his election as president (reported elsewhere), Cr. Roddis presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as typed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Closer Settlement Board, stating that the Board is prepared to assist in repairing and constructing Trawalla Estate roads on the usual terms and conditions. One-half of the cost of the work will be given to the council as a grant, and the balance as a loan extending over a period of 20 years, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum. This letter was in reply to one from the Shire engineer asking if the board were prepared to contribute in specified cases of five boundary roads and repairing and strengthening of large bridge over Mt. Emu Creek. Referred to roads committee, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and J. McDonald.

From Shire of East Loddon, asking co-operation and assistance in getting the Country Roads Board to make provision for more steam rollers to be stationed at handy places in suitable districts of Victoria.—No action taken, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Elder.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking appointment of representative to attend annual session on 19th and 20th October.—Cr. Hannah moved that the president and secretary be appointed. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair. Cr. Elder, who considered it hardly worth going to, and said Hampden shire had turned it down some time ago, moved as an amendment that no action be taken. Seconded by Cr. Young, and negatived; only these two councillors voting in favor. The motion was carried. Cr. Hannah was, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and Russell, appointed as a substitute in the event of the president (Cr. Roddis) being unable to attend.

From National Road Association of Australia, asking pecuniary assistance and co-operation in making known their objective and soliciting public opinion in favor of good roads.—Received.

From Constable T. L. Day, Skipton, agreeing to accept position of inspector of nuisances.—Received.

From E. Millist, Skipton, notifying that he had been appointed sanitary contractor by the Shire of Hampden, and expected to be paid at the same rate per pan per week as from the Shire of Hampden.—Appointment confirmed on motion of Crs. Hannah and Elder.

From Mrs W. H. Halpin and family, thanking council for sympathy in their recent bereavement.—Received.

From Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, thanking council for donation of £9/2/6, proceeds of sale of buttons at Beaufort, per Cr. Hannah.—Received; Cr. Hannah mentioning that Mrs Acton and Miss Muntz had helped, and that a number had been disposed of at Skipton.

From V. J. Parson, Raglan, drawing attention to the fact that after a good rain it was impossible for the school children to cross the road near the school, owing to the volume of water that runs beside and across the road. A proper crossing is urgently needed and would be greatly appreciated by all residents of the township. The road on the Raglan side of the bridge near the church also needs attention.—Engineer to inspect and report at next meeting, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and Hannah.

From Wm. Nunn, Chepstowe, asking council to form and metal a few chains of road opposite Mt. Emu reserve gate leading east to entrance on his property.—Left in hands of engineer, on motion of Crs. D. McDonald and Russell.

From John A. Cushing, Skipton, intimating that he had been appointed secretary of Skipton Town Common for 12 months ending 25th June, 1922.—Appointment confirmed, on motion of Cr. Hannah.

From Shire of Lexton, intimating that further consideration of amalgamation of office of engineer with Ripon Shire has been postponed, and that they would be advised when anything further is done. Cr. Hannah stated that Cr. Sinclair and he had been deputed to wait on Lexton Shire with the idea of coming to a definite understanding as to the term Mr Muntz was to act as their engineer and as to how much salary he was to be paid. Amalgamation with Avoca or Ripon was not likely to be effected for a long time. Mr Muntz was acting for Lexton until the end of the year in consideration of Lexton paying him £100 a year, the amount of travelling expenses allowed by Ripon, and which they would not now have to pay. Cr. Sinclair said Lexton was not too warm on amalgamation, and had side-stepped it. He suggested that the South riding amalgamate with Ripon, thinking it a capital idea to get Ercildoune, Waubra, and Langi-Kal-Kal, but it was considered that portion would be more likely to go to Ballarat Shire, as only a road divided them. Cr. Young asked under what authority Mr Muntz was spending four days a month in Lexton Shire. The great trouble was that the ratepayers thought the council was not frank enough with them. He asked for information, but was not given much satisfaction. Cr. Hannah said they would have to go back a good distance—a year or two. Cr. Young—The resolution on books was for six months. He wanted to know what authority Mr Muntz had to act since then. Cr. Hannah replied that they had been negotiating with Lexton for some time, but there had been nothing to report. Cr. Young said it had been carried after a close division of 4 to 4 on the president's casting-vote. Something must have been brought up again. The president said he had opposed it, but owing to the increase in the officers' salaries and the high wages ruling, councillors considered what should be done in committee, and it was thought that it would be an advantage to Ripon Shire to get a little out of Lexton. Probably it would be just as well to let it go till the end of the year and then make an adjustment. Cr. Young said that was not an answer to his question, and asked again under what authority did Mr Muntz go to Lexton. Cr. Hannah—The council. Cr. Sinclair said Mr Muntz had been given permission by the council. The secretary read the minute passed on 4th October, 1920, giving Mr Muntz permission to act four days per month for a period of six months. Cr. Hannah said that was the position. It was in connection with Mr Simpkin, a returned soldier, it being thought he would get through his qualifying examinations in that time. He had been up twice and failed. Mr Muntz said he had passed the major part. The president asked Cr. Young if it were clear to him. Cr. Young replied that it was clear that it had been allowed to drift on. The engineer must get permission from Melbourne to act for two shires. Cr. Sinclair said permission had been given by this council in committee. Cr. Hannah said Cr. Young's point was that there was nothing on the books, but only a verbal permission in committee. Cr. Sinclair then moved that the engineer be given permission to go to Lexton Shire till the end of the year to carry on the engineer's work at the rate of £100 a year. Cr. Russell asked if it were quite clear that the engineer was to draw £100 a year from Lexton. Cr. Hannah said he did not draw anything, but forgoes his £100 travelling expenses, which meant a saving of £100 to Ripon. He seconded the motion. Cr. Young said an amendment would be a direct negative. There was not a word in Lexton's letter about an allowance. The engineer said that arrangement was made with Crs. Hannah and Sinclair. Cr. Hannah thought it should have stated it in the letter. Mr Muntz said that Crs. Hannah and Sinclair were appointed as a deputation with power to make arrangements. Cr. Sinclair said when he was there Lexton Shire councillors did not definitely say they would give £100 a year. Mr Muntz—They did so at the next meeting. Cr. Russell would like to see the words added to the motion—"Under conditions promised to Crs. Sinclair and Hannah." The engineer said that he had not been paid travelling expenses by either council and did not propose to claim it. It meant that from 1st April he had been working for nothing. Cr. Hannah mentioned that it was only a temporary arrangement. Mr Muntz said he did not think there was any chance of making a permanent arrangement. Lexton Shire was such a small shire that it really could not afford to pay him what it should. He thought Lexton and Avoca would amalgamate, and that Ripon had not a chance to get any of the Waubra end, which would be taking all the good stuff, and which Avoca would never agree to. The motion was then put and carried; Cr. Young voting in the negative. Cr. Russell—You are not getting Lexton to acknowledge the condition. Mr Muntz—It does not affect the question. You agreed to pay me £100 a year travelling expenses, and will not have to pay anything till January 1st. It is between Lexton and I. Cr. Russell—I do not think that is the proper way to deal with it.

From A. Parker, editor "Riponshire Advocate," asking the council to change its day of meeting from the first to the second Monday in the month, as it clashed with the police magistrate's court day, and was inconvenient both to the officers and the local press.—Cr. Sinclair said it looked a bit suspicious; Cr. Hannah adding that the press and the officers must have had their heads together. Cr. Young said he did not know anything about the letter, but had intended taking the opportunity of asking the police magistrate to alter his day to the second Monday. However, if it would convenience the officers, he would move that the request be granted. The secretary, in reply to a question, said the second Monday would be more convenient for the officers. Upon Cr. D. McDonald saying it would not be fair to hold the wages over, Mr Muntz said it would not affect the wages. Several councillors said it would not make any difference to them, but no other day than a Monday would suit them. Cr. Hannah did not wish to oppose it, but thought they should hold it over for a month, as it was no use carrying a motion and regretting it afterwards. The president said they had been meeting on that date for 40 years, and it was not wise to rush it. Cr. Sinclair—It will not make any difference. It will convenience the press and the officers and not affect the council. What more do we want? After further discussion, the motion was put and carried; Cr. Stewart voting against it, and Cr. Hannah remarking, "You old conservative."

From D. Smith, Snake Valley, applying for a slaughtering license.—Granted under usual conditions, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Russell.

From Closer Settlement Board, notifying that 31st December was the closing date for applications by returned soldiers for land qualification certificates.—Referred to advisory committee.

From officer in charge of Immigration and Labor Bureau, notifying that amongst 127 immigrants shortly arriving there were 25 married men available for country farm work, and he would be pleased to hear of any vacancies.—Cr. Sinclair stating that women for housework could get a few billets in Beaufort. Referred to secretary for attention, on motion of Crs. Hannah and Sinclair.

REPORTS.

The engineer (Mr E. J. Muntz, (B.C.E.) reported as follows:—

1. With Mr Acton I have gone into the question raised by Cr. Russell as to the inconvenience caused by length of time taken by a traction engine crossing a bridge with a house. There is apparently no remedy if the delay is no longer than would be caused if drawn by horses. A by-law might be made limiting the size of a load, the delay being caused usually by house being too wide for the bridge, or a by-law reducing width between wheels which would probably have the same effect; but we are doubtful as to the expediency of such by-laws. The question of traction engine traffic generally is not at all simple, and owners so far have been fairly considerate; so it might be better to leave it alone, as the Act as it stands gives considerable powers.—Cr. Elder asked if notices could not be put on the Skipton bridge that anyone going over it with a load did so at his own risk. The engineer said he did not like putting up a notice that a bridge was unsafe with a load of 3 tons, as a person might break through with 2½ tons. So far as he knew, there was no liability of the council. Probably the work would not be done till January. Cr. Elder—How are the wheat loads to get over it? The engineer said it was not safe to do anything till November. As soon as he got word from the board that they agreed to the work being done by day labor, he would get the material on the ground. He assured Cr. Elder that the work would be completed by the end of February. He took an instruction to start the work in the middle of November. Cr. Hannah referred to the damage done to roads by traction engines, and the engineer pointed out that damages could only be claimed when overweight was carried. Cr. Young mentioned that the question was to be brought before the Municipal Association's conference.

2. Trawalla developmental roads have been gazetted, but the length was very much reduced. By direction of the president I went to Melbourne and waited on the board, with the result that they decided to gazette the Trawalla west road (which I have been calling the Lillirie road) as originally decided. They also promised to extend the Trawalla east road (which I have been calling the Brewster road) after the council decides the best direction to extend. The Trawalla road (which I have been calling the Chepstowe road) was gazetted as asked. They would also be quite willing to alter names, but I am not sure that their names are not the best. I could not get authority to proceed at once with the work; in any case, they have altered my plans so much that they will have to be done over again.—Left in hands of engineer with power to act, on motion of Crs. Stewart and D. McDonald.

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3. In view of letter from the Closer Settlement Board to-day, it would be as well for the committee to further consider subsidiary roads, Trawalla.—Referred to committee. Cr. Young thought they should have a plan on the table, so that they would know where they were. The engineer said he had asked for a copy of a plan, and was told it would cost £7/10/. It could be got later on for 15/. It was decided to wait for it.

4. Owing to bad weather, no forming has been done this month, but, in any case, I could not go on with the Trawalla roads, as I have not got the consent of the board.—Received.

5. Gravelling at Caramballac will start this week. There was more of the other work than I expected.—Received.

6. Very little work has been done on contracts this month, owing to the wet weather. Details are submitted separately.—Received.

The treasurer (Mr E. J. Muntz) reported that £108/15/6 had been received and banked since last report (less 7/6 which had been overpaid to bank); that £1014/0/3 had been paid by cheques; that there was a dishonored cheque of £2/14/; that the overdraft was £2805 13/11, as against £1895/19/8 at last report; and that the credit to the vermin destruction a/c. was £54/17/, of which £1 10/ was received since last report.—Received.

The secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the financial position of the ridings was as follows:—North, Dr. £1727/6/2; East, Dr. £597/10/11; West, Dr. £303/12/; Beaufort water supply, Dr. £530/12/8; trust a/c., Cr. £226/11/3; total Cr. balances, £226/11/3; total Dr. balances, £3139/1/9; net Dr. balance, £2912/10/6.—Received.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:—A. Parker, £35/4/6; salaries, £74/13/9; H. McDougall, £2/2/; J. A. Blay, £2/13/9; returning officer (election expenses), £10/12/; Mrs Evans, £2/10/; secretary's petty cash, £4; C. Morvell, £24/5/; G. A. Gellie, £10/14/; E. Millist, £2/1/; W. Fitzpatrick, £7/10/; T. Cleveland, £4/10/; Beaufort water supply, £3/10/; A. Baker, £2/10/; G. Carver, 15/; Postmaster-General, £3/18/6; H. Norman, £15/15/; C. Morvell, £3/5/; War Loan a/c., £210; Northern Insurance Co., 13/6; S. George, £18/7/6; Shire of Grenville, £2/5/1; R. Ward, £3/8/1; W. T. Nunn, £2; A. Angus, 17/6; J. W. Nunn, £5/5/; W. O'Sullivan, £5/7/9; W. Murray, £7/15/3; A. Wilkie, £2/5/3; Johnston Bros., £3/6/; J. Ryan, £2/13/10; T. Treleaven, £3/18/; Buchanan Bros., £7 4/; J. R. Harrison & Son, £1/11/3; M. B. John, £1/1/; Troy Bros., £10/13/11; A. J. Skene, £3/7/6; L. Stevenson, £11 14/6; T. Cleveland, £2/8/; W. King, £10/8/3; H. Hayward, senr., £7/7/; vouchers, £218/6/2; H. M. Stuart, £7; Hawkes Bros., £18/1/6; contract payments—J. W. Nunn, £22/13/6; Stevenson Bros., £17/18/; R. Broadbent, £180; J. M. Roddis, £37/14/; deposits refunded—J. W. Nunn, £6/10/; Stevenson Bros., £4/16/; total, £972/8/7.

The following Country Roads Board a/cs. were also recommended for payment:—A. Angus, £9/12/6; vouchers, £119/13/4; total, £129/5/10.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

As nothing had been done to the fence around the police station at Snake Valley, it was decided, on the motion of the president and Cr. Sinclair, to write to Hon. D. S. Oman, M.L.A., on the subject.

The president drew attention to the necessity of temporarily repairing a ford over the Emu Creek near Ringin's for the use of Trawalla settlers, and it was decided, on the motion of Crs. D. McDonald and Hannah, that it be left in the hands of the engineer.

Cr. Sinclair refuted the statement made by Mr T. Haxton at a recent election meeting, and remarked that it was totally untrue. God knew he got enough blame over the wandering cow nuisance—one of his relatives said he was going out on his head at the next election—but every time a complaint was made to him he took it to the secretary. He wanted to show the ratepayers that councillors were not as bad as they were painted.

Cr. D. McDonald drew attention to the bad state of the road leading from Mortchup to Snake Valley, and moved that it be referred to the East Riding members, which was seconded by Cr. Russell, and carried.

It was decided, on the motion of Crs. Elder and Stewart, that two trappers be engaged for a fortnight at £2 a week each and skins to destroy rabbits on Lake Goldsmith reserve.

Cr. J. McDonald drew attention to a washaway at the new bridge at McLeod's and to the furze coming down the Fiery Creek and spreading over the reserve at Middle Creek and down to Eurambeen, and moved that both matters be referred to the North Riding members for attention. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried.

Cr. Russell drew attention to three broken culverts on the Carngham and Beaufort road, and moved that the engineer have them attended to. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried.

The tender of J. M. Roddis at £15/2/6 was, on the motion of Crs. Hannah and Stewart, accepted for the grazing right to the Carngham Recreation Reserve.

Cr. Young said he had one matter to refer to in connection with the recent North Riding election, and hoped it would be the last. That was in connection with a postal ballot paper. It was stated publicly in the Mechanics' Institute at Beaufort on the night of the election the manner in which a certain ballot paper was signed. Only four persons were present, and no harm resulted. The returning officer should be very careful that there was not any leakage of this kind, as it impaired the secrecy of the ballot-box. He could not say that it was the fault of the returning officer.

Cr. Sinclair said that ballot-papers marked with a cross and 1 and 2 were allowed, as the intention of the voter was clear. Was there anything to show whose vote it was?

Cr. Young said he thought that as attention had been called to it that was sufficient. He could not go into details.

Outstanding rates amounting to £582 (principally on the Trawalla soldier settlement, which the council had decided should not be charged until the next financial year), were struck out, on the motion of Crs. Sinclair and D. McDonald.

Cr. Stewart said they were being blamed by other councils for establishing a bad precedent.

Cr. Hannah—That is our own business.

In answer to Cr. D. McDonald, the secretary said the rates had come in very fairly this year, and that very little was outstanding. About the middle of the month he would be taking proceedings for the recovery of all unpaid rates.

MOTION BY NOTICE.

Cr. Hannah, pursuant to notice, moved—"That by-law No. 25, for prescribing the fees to be charged for registration of certain premises, etc., be adopted." Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried; the secretary reading the by-law.

HAMPDEN POLL DECLARED.

In the presence of a small gathering of electors, the official declaration of the poll for Hampden electorate took place at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday. In the unavoidable absence of the returning officer (Mr Thos. A. Oddie), the Sub.-R.O. (Mr A. Parker) officiated. He stated that Mr H. Meagher (the Labor candidate) had telegraphed regretting that he was unable to attend owing to an attack of influenza. The final figures were:—

Brennan ...	1231
Meagher ...	1812
Oman ...	3743

Informal—107

Absolute majority for Oman—700.

He then formally declared David Swan Oman elected as member for Hampden in the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. D. S. Oman (Minister of Lands) remarked that needless to say he was very gratified at the result in Hampden. Right from one end of the constituency to the other he received very generous support, and he would like to take this opportunity of tendering his very sincere thanks to all his friends who rendered service to him that day. Without their assistance, this result could not have been achieved. Speaking of the elections all over the State, he said that whilst the Ministerial party had been returned intact, and with Dr. Featherstone (Prahran) added, they had not succeeded in obtaining an absolute majority in the House. The Farmers' Union had lost one seat, and Labor stood to-day with 21. As a matter of fact, the position was very obscure, and he did not feel disposed to comment on it. He thought it should be left to the House to interpret the will of the people, because so many statements had been made that one could hardly interpret the actual feeling of the country. He had personally represented this constituency for 21 years, and had received most generous support. On each occasion that support had practically been maintained or increased. On this occasion he thought he was justified in saying that it was the strongest support he had ever had. What he appreciated was that in the stretch of country from Cressy to Willaura, extending through the great agricultural areas, notwithstanding the personal feeling against him regarding the wheat pool, he had polled an absolute majority against the Farmers' Union candidate. That showed that the people there had confidence in him, and he was very gratified that they had. Regarding his future policy, it would be his endeavor in the future, as it had been in the past, to try and do fairly by all sections of the people. He could assure them that once the election was over, he knew neither political friend nor opponent. Any man who had a case to put could approach him, and he would take any opportunity and do the best he could for him. That had always been his policy, and it would be continued. He hoped that the outcome finally would be that they would have stable government, and that the best interests of the country would be considered, whatever subsequent action might be taken. With these few remarks, he again tendered them his sincere thanks for the great honor they had done him. He was proud of the fact that Beaufort, Waterloo, and Snake Valley had given him such generous support. He came from the southern end of the constituency, and again and again he had met with generous support here, although not always from Snake Valley, as this was the first time they had given it to him so fully. At Waterloo, Beaufort, and all the booths in the district, he had been given generous support, and he thanked the people for it.

Mr Geo. Pringle, who apologised for the absence of Mr M. Brennan (the Country party candidate), said he had received word from him and he had told him that he was somewhat disappointed down the other end at not receiving larger support, but added that the general feeling down there was that the Farmers' Union should not have taken any steps to defeat the Government. He (Mr Pringle) was not here to comment on that, or as to what the future would be, as this had to be fought out in the House when the parties met. He was just here to thank all those who had assisted and supported the Farmers' cause during the recent campaign. Personally he thought that in future if the farmers wanted more representation they must broaden their constitution. He thought there was a move on to have a vote taken immediately with that purpose in view. Until they broadened their constitution, and could bring others into the field to support them, he did not see very much chance in view of increasing the number of their representatives in either House. With these few remarks, he thanked those who had supported Mr Brennan in the campaign, and on behalf of Mr Brennan, congratulated Mr Oman upon the splendid victory he had received at the hands of the electors.

Mr Oman—He might have said that one thing he appreciated was the fact that in this contest there had not been the least friction between the candidates, and he hoped the same good feeling would continue. That had been his experience right through. It had never been a personal fight, and he felt very pleased.

Mr Pringle—He meant to refer to that. He did not think it had been a personal fight. He had pleasure in moving the usual vote of thanks to the returning officer.

Mr Oman seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr Parker, in response, said it would give him pleasure to convey their thanks to Mr Oddie. They had always endeavored to give fair play to all parties, irrespective of political opinions. They had always given any information required to the best of their ability. He regretted that a good many people were off the rolls all over the constituency. However, this was their own fault, as in nearly every case where inquiries were made, it was found that they had made out Commonwealth enrolment cards but had neglected to make out State cards. People came to the booth and were refused a vote, and then said they had made out a card, but it was found that they were enrolled for the Commonwealth and made the mistake of thinking that by filling in the one card they would be enrolled for the State also. They confused the two rolls. The sooner there was one uniform roll for the Commonwealth and State the better, as it would save any confusion. He expressed appreciation of the courtesy shown him by Miss Pollock, the local postmistress, who had been most obliging in giving him his mail early and in attending to telegrams, and had kept forward the correspondence part of the election.

Mr Oman—He would like to say, in connection with the vote of thanks to the returning officer, that he had travelled through his area on election night and the down here at 10 past eight thinking he would have to wait half-an-hour, but found returns posted already. The same promptness was noticeable with regard to the other returns. He appreciated it very much, and so did the public. He thought it was a record.

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SHIRE COUNCIL'S STATUTORY MEETING.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLORS.

At the statutory meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, the secretary read the returning officers' reports that the recent elections had resulted in Mr S. Young being elected a councillor for the North Riding, and in Crs. P. Russell and H. M. Elder being returned unopposed for the East and West Ridings respectively.

Cr. Hannah (chairman) offered a few words of welcome to the newly-elected councillors. Crs. Elder and Russell were old friends at the council table, and he welcomed them very cordially as old members. As to Cr. Young, their new member, the vote that he polled certainly entitled him to a seat at the council table. Notwithstanding the fact that, as ex-Cr. Beggs' colleagues, they deeply regretted his removal from the council, they were all democratic enough to hold out the right hand of welcome to Cr. Young and treat him with the same courtesy as had been extended from one councillor to another at the table, ever since he came here, at any rate. They were really sorry to lose ex-Cr. Beggs, and he was sure that had Cr. Young sat at the table with ex-Cr. Beggs as a colleague, he would have developed that very high regard for ex-Cr. Beggs that all councillors sitting at the table had. However, the public were very fickle. One man was elected one day and turned down another. At the same time, Cr. Young had come into the council on a ticket that he (Cr. Hannah) felt quite sure was not endorsed by the majority of the ratepayers. Cr. Young had said when he (the chairman) said the fact of Cr. J. McDonald being elected was an endorsement of the platform of the council, that it was not. He (the chairman) was going to say the same thing to-day. The people had elected Cr. Young, he was sure, more on personal grounds than on politics. One man, one vote, would not be endorsed by 20 per cent. of the ratepayers in the shire. Rating on unimproved values, Mr Young said in one of his election speeches, was a matter that had practically not been considered by the council. He had, and some of the other councillors with him, given great consideration to it for a number of years. The more he saw, read, and heard of it, the more convinced he was that it was not so equitable as rating on unimproved values. In rating on improved values there were anomalies that were absolutely unfair, but to his way of thinking, rating on unimproved values was much more unfair. During the recent elections several shires took a referendum on rating on unimproved values, and he did not know if one shire had adopted it. He thought there were five he had read of, and that they had all turned it down. He felt, as far as Cr. Young was concerned, that if he could show him and this council that rating on unimproved values was the fairer way, he would be with him. He was not going to oppose any measure Cr. Young brought forward because it was brought forward by him, but he would vote for measures, not men. He hoped Cr. Young's stay in the council would be pleasant, notwithstanding the fact that he might run counter to some of his colleagues. Knowing Cr. Young as he did, he felt sure that any difference they had at the council table would not be carried outside.

Cr. Young thanked the chairman for his kindly welcome to this august body. He did not wish to enter into any debate at present with regard to the questions the chairman brought forward. He could say from his heart that he realised the responsibility he had taken on in joining the council. Though previously the precincts of this hall were considered to be sacred, in his election campaign it had been dubbed "a place for lost souls," and it had been said, "Abandon all hope all ye who enter here." He could say he did not abandon hope. He hoped perhaps to obtain redemption later on, and trusted to convince some of the councillors that his views, at any rate, were worthy of consideration. In any case there was no reason why there should be any feeling or heat at any time because they happened to differ in their views. He had worked on various public bodies with various gentlemen present, and somehow they had always managed to get along very well together. In conclusion, he could only say that he would endeavor to faithfully discharge his duties to the ratepayers. (Applause).

Cr. Russell thanked the chairman very much for the remarks made. He was pleased at the fact that he had been returned for the East Riding without opposition. He thanked all the ratepayers for their kindness in sending him back again, and could only say that he would try to do his best in the next three years, and that he was highly pleased at the confidence they had placed in him in again returning him unopposed.

Cr. Elder also thanked the chairman for his kind remarks. Since he had been here he had had a good time and had been well treated by his brother councillors. Fortunately, in his riding, they had no burning questions. In the West riding they seemed to be highly satisfied with and to appreciate the work done by their members.—[Cr. Sinclair—When one gets opposition they are not, eh?]—They seemed to be in the fortunate position of not having much opposition down there.

Cr. Young—There was one thing he omitted to say in returning thanks. He had great personal regard for ex-Cr. Beggs, but not politically or municipally.

Cr. Sinclair moved that the best thanks of the council, on behalf of the ratepayers of the North Riding, be tendered to ex-Cr. Beggs for the excellent work he had done during his term of office, and that a minute be placed on the books in appreciation of his services. Replying to the chairman, he said he thought it should be on behalf of the ratepayers, as even those who had voted against him would be pleased to say that he deserved thanks for what he had done for the council. They all knew he had been an excellent councillor, but the ratepayers did not see eye to eye with his municipal views and so forth. No councillor had given so many years of service and deserved thanks more than ex-Cr. Beggs.

Cr. Russell seconded the motion, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S ALLOWANCE.

Cr. Roddis moved that the president's allowance be £60. Seconded by Cr. Russell.

Cr. Young—He was going to move an amendment, as he thought the president's allowance in this shire altogether too high. He noticed in the last balance-sheet that it was £85, but they had something exceptional in connection with the last year of the war. On looking over allowances made by various councils, he found that at Echuca, Wangaratta, Castlemaine, and Maryborough, which were boroughs, it was much lower, and ran down to £25. He thought they should greatly reduce it.

The chairman—They might fix it on the revenue in these boroughs.

Cr. Young—His impression was the allowance was too high. He had gone on the last few years. He moved that it be struck out altogether.

The chairman—That was not democratic.

Cr. Young—It was, under the present circumstances. They were short of money. Only certain people obtained hospitality at the shire. When they were hard up for money, he thought they should not have a president's allowance. If the income were not sufficient to keep down expenditure, here was a start by cutting that out. He moved to that effect.

In answer to Cr. Elder, the secretary said it was £60 the year before.

Cr. D. McDonald seconded the motion with a view to having it discussed. He had never been in the president's chair—[Cr. Sinclair—But you hope to be.]—but in talking the matter over with ex-councillors they had assured him that they had been well out of pocket. He did not think they were men who were extravagant, but they were quite decided on the point that the presidential allowance did not nearly cover out-of-pocket expenses. Under these circumstances he did not think the council would be justified in cutting it down.

The chairman said that as ex-president he did not know how the allowance was. He had never taken a shilling from the president's fund. That money was paid out by the secretary to the caterer and wine and spirit merchant and so forth. If there were anything over, they would hear directly. To start with, there was £36 for the luncheon only. Was it a fair thing to ask the East and West riding members to come 20 miles to look after the ratepayers' business and not have a free lunch.

Cr. Young—Their time was more valuable than their lunch at 2/.

The chairman—He knew that, but they were prepared to give their time. He thought it only common courtesy that they should be entertained to that extent by the president. He asked the secretary what was the balance.

The secretary replied that after paying for the luncheon it would just come out square. He did not know what the president had paid away himself.

The chairman—If president, a man had to put his hand in his pocket for every fund throughout the shire, but if an ordinary member he would not do it. He was quite sure it cost a man £50 a year apart from the president's allowance. It meant that if any man were not in too good a position financially, he would not have a chance to get into the chair at all. It would be left open for the monied man every time. Every man elected, he thought, should have the opportunity of occupying the position of president.

Cr. Elder—He was with Cr. Young in that they should economise. The time was ripe for it, but in this matter it would not be fair to wipe out the allowance altogether. If it could be done on less money, he said by all means let it be done. They had to take into consideration that gentlemen living in the vicinity of the council chamber were practically put to no expense at all, but every time he (Cr. Elder) came to a meeting he was out of pocket by it. If his services were not worth a free lunch, he did not think he should come.

Cr. Young—They are worth more.

Cr. Elder—He knew the president had been put to considerable expense during his term of office, and considering the time he had lost doing shire work, if he had £100 a year it would not be too much.

Cr. Sinclair—They should be clear on this matter. One year it was £80 odd. That was the year following peace year. The president during peace year had been put to great expense and spent something like £50. The council thought they should compensate him, because he was not a wealthy man and could not afford to be out of pocket. As the price for the luncheon had been raised, like other things, they had increased the allowance from £52 to £60 a year. He did not think it a democratic move on Cr. Young's part. It would be something like the London city council, where the Lord Mayor must be worth £100,000, and must spend £10,000 out of his own pocket. It meant that a poor man could not take the position.

The chairman—He thought the intention was that councillors should pay for lunch out of their own pockets.

Cr. Young—Not at all.

Cr. Sinclair—It would be a miserable thing if councillors had to go to an hotel and pay for their dinner. If they were not worth their lunch, they should not be in the council.

Cr. Young—They did not come here to get lunch. With reference to this not being democratic, it was his own idea. The mere fact of the council meeting in the day time only gave certain people a chance to represent the ratepayers. Personally he believed the council should meet at night time—[Expressions of surprise and a subdued whistle. A voice: It would be alright for Beaufort.]—They were a business body and were not out to be entertained. It was not a matter of a 2/ luncheon. The fact of there being no president's allowance would cut out subscriptions to clubs, if they had to put their hands into their pockets. When they knew there was a president's allowance, people came along for a donation for clubs.

Cr. Sinclair—They would come along just the same.

Cr. Young—If the president had no money to disburse, clubs could not very well come along. Relative to being democratic, he believed in payment of members, but he did not believe that this president's allowance of £60 should be paid on the ground of a luncheon. Luncheon meant only a matter of 24/ per year, and he would take any councillor to lunch with him any time he liked to come.

The amendment was lost, only Cr. Young voting for it.

The motion that the allowance be £60 was then carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Cr. A. C. Roddis was unanimously elected president, on the nomination of Crs. Russell and D. McDonald.

Cr. Hannah—He had pleasure in vacating the chair in favor of Cr. Roddis, and hoped that his 12 months' occupancy of it would be as pleasant as his (Cr. Hannah's) had been.

Cr. Roddis thanked his colleagues very much. This came as a surprise to him to-day, as he had not really thought of it. He had thought it would probably be just as well to sit down this time. Because it came from the East riding, it made him feel proud to think that he had the confidence of his colleagues, and he thanked the other councillors for voting as they had done. He held the president's chair about seven or eight years ago, and had a very strenuous time when the war was on. He had tried to do his best, and on this occasion would do the same. He wanted the assistance of the councillors and the support of the officers in every possible way. He was so taken by surprise that he could not express his appreciation of what they had done in placing him in so proud a position. He trusted that when his term expired they would all be proud of his actions. He intended to carry out his duties in a quiet way, and do his best for the people throughout the shire. It afforded him great pleasure to move a vote of thanks to ex-president Hannah, who had carried out his duties faithfully and had a strenuous time in connection with land settlement. The opinion of the people throughout the shire was that Cr. Hannah was an ideal president. They sometimes heard a president being slated, but this was not so in Cr. Hannah's case.

In seconding the vote of thanks, Cr. Sinclair said Cr. Hannah had been an ideal president and had been of great assistance to the North riding and the township of Beaufort. Now that he was not in the president's chair, he would be greatly missed in Beaufort. He trusted that when the president was required to come to Beaufort to carry out the duties of his position as Lord Mayor of Snake Valley—(laughter)—or president of the shire, he would be able to do it. He noticed a press report the other day, and hoped the president would not continue to think or say that there should be severance of the East Riding of Ripon and its inclusion in Grenville, as he did the other day at the Grenville council's dinner. Now that he was president he hoped he would not continue that talk of severing any riding from Ripon.

The president—He did not think he made it so plain as it appeared in the paper. What he did say was that it was talked about. The engineer spoke previously, and spoke very nicely. He (the president) did somewhat similar. He said it might be probable. His idea was that owing to higher salaries and wages there would have to be amalgamation of shires, and that their country running south might go to Grenville Shire.

Cr. Sinclair—You don't want it, do you?

The president—He really believed it would be alright. He must tell the truth.

Cr. Hannah—He appreciated the vote of thanks, and knew there was a ring of sincerity about it. He had tried to do his best during his term as president. It was nice to know that in some little way his efforts had been appreciated by his colleagues.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The incoming councillors were appointed returning officers for the various ridings.

Some discussion took place on the advisability of appointing the whole council as a finance committee, or electing only three members to do that work. The latter course was generally favored, and on motion of Crs. Russell and D. McDonald, President Roddis and Crs. Sinclair and Hannah were appointed as a finance committee.

On motion of Crs. Hannah and Sinclair, the remaining councillors were appointed as a tender committee.

Cr. Sinclair moved that Crs. Hannah, Elder, and J. McDonald act as a machinery committee. Seconded by Cr. D. McDonald, and carried.

Crs. Hannah, D. McDonald, and Young were then appointed as a roads committee, on motion of Crs. Sinclair and J. McDonald.

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At their monthly meeting on Monday night, the members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade decided to hold the annual ball in a little over a week's time. Musicians have been engaged from Ararat, and the function promises to be a very enjoyable one.

At Ararat on Saturday a Beaufort team of golfers played against Chalambar, with the following results in holes and aces:—Chalambar—75 holes, 62 aces; Beaufort—15 holes, 16 aces. The Beaufort club's annual tournament commenced yesterday (Friday) and will be continued to-day (Saturday). The number of entries received is the highest on record.

G. R.

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A. V. GALBRAITH, Secretary.

HAMPDEN ELECTION.

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PART 4.

"I already wanted to see you. That car—the one you recognised—belongs to Mullins. I could not sleep when I went home last night and what her manner would be from it, and with that I decided to come of the matter with you. Let us go to Clifton, if which I refered to. Will you come?"

"Well, you really ought to see me. I don't know what I can do, but I can take other cases off my hands."

"Then I'm coming."

"Yes."

"Want to know what I found out?"

"Yes."

"Well, I have some records before me. I'll read them over to them."

"Do, please."

"Mullins is a Frenchman, and he is married. He is living in Lower Clifton. He is retired. He has two children, one of green goods man, and he will have no trouble in finding him if we want to."

"Anything crooked about him in this case?"

"Not a single."

"Think about Sally Matthews?"

"Died of pneumonia six months ago at Belle-vue Hospital."

"What about Smooth Sanderson?"

"Neighbour has disappeared, and left no address. Housekeeper, who lives in Street, Brooklyn," and the man at the other end of the phone added the address.

"Thank you," said Nick and "I think that is about all I need to know just now."

"What's up, Nick?" the voice asked.

"I don't know just yet. That's what I'm trying to find out. Good-by!"

He hung up the receiver smilingly.

CHAPTER XI. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT.

When Nick Carter hung up the receiver of his telephone he made a change in his plans for the remainder of the afternoon, for still engaged it remained for him to do some more investigating along the lines that had already been almost completely covered.

He called for Joseph to have Daisy at the door with the car as soon as possible, and soon was speeding down town again to the office of Richard Clifton.

Less than two hours had passed since he had left Clifton's office. Daisy had carried out his instructions during this time, and Nick was not surprised upon entering to find his second assistant absent, and to discover that Miss Mullens, the stenographer, was not about.

"Clifton," he said, as soon as he was in his lawyer's presence, "I want you to lay aside everything for the rest of the day no matter how important it may seem to you and to come with me in the motor to Brooklyn."

"To Brooklyn." What for?"

"It isn't that I particularly want to take you to Brooklyn with me, but it is because I have a few more questions to ask of you that are more important than any I have propounded as yet, and because I have to go to Brooklyn. I will not tear you away from your work could do the talking while we are riding in my car, which is at the door."

"Ready for questions," Clifton said.

"Yes, more questions. And I have purposely left them until the last." He had the door at Nick Carter's house which is called the file room, and is a very complete rogues' gallery, mostly of the detective's own selection. It is a gallery that was started in his father's days of yore, and which Nick, with the assistance of Chick and Patsy, had brought up to a state of perfection as was possible.

It did not contain, indeterminate, by pictures of the various rogues that could be procured, but it did contain hundreds of carefully selected photographs, and the detective was always glad to add to its equipment at every opportunity.

Before he left the house on his trip to Clifton's office, he opened the huge folding leaves of the rogues' gallery and abstracted therefrom three photographs and put them into one of his pockets.

Nick and Clifton were soon on their way across Brooklyn Bridge, Nick having utilized the short moment of waiting at Clifton's office to ask what had become of Patsy and the girl. Patsy, Clifton said, had called up over the phone from the ground floor of the building and stated that he was on the job and ready.

"I let Miss Mullens go at once," said Clifton, "because Patsy assured me that he had already had a look at her which was sufficient for his purpose. That's all I know about it."

As soon as they were seated in the car the detective took the three photographs from his pocket and selected from among them the one which he considered the best and most characteristic, he had it face upward upon Clifton's knee.

"Have you ever seen that gentleman before?" he asked.

Clifton examined the picture narrowly and with a puzzled wrinkle of his brows.

"It has a familiar look to me," he said. "I could almost swear that I have met this man, although I can not place him just now."

"Look at this one," said the detective, passing over a second photograph.

"Why, that is the same man," replied Clifton.

"Yes; but it is a different view of his face. I want to know if you can fix the time and where you saw him."

"No; only I am more positive than ever that I have met him. Possibly it was at the club or in the court-room."

"Quite so," said the detective, and he put down the third one, which happened to be a profile of the same person.

"I will have to make the same answer as before," said Clifton.

"Well, just what is the answer, now that you have studied all three of them?"

"My answer is that I have met or seen the man somewhere, and quite recently. I should say that probably the latter is the case, for I think the face is one that I would remember if I had actually made the acquaintance of the man."

"Quite likely," said Nick, return ing the photographs to his pocket. "Now, Clifton, I am going to touch upon the last part of what we called your short degree of kinship. It is the most important part of it all, and I purposely postponed questioning you until the last, for I knew it would and hoped it would hurt you less after our other talk.

"I understand, I think."

"You will remember that I said to you in the beginning that if the car and money were stolen from you at the time you took it to Nora, four months ago, there would be no over of recovering it, but if it was taken after you went for the safety deposit there is a very large chance that we might get it back again."

"I remember."

"You have watched the morning mail for fear of it closely enough to feel thoroughly satisfied that it could not have been taken from you at the time four months ago."

"I have been satisfied of that all along."

"I haven't gone very closely yet into just what you did, where you went after the satchel yesterday and it came into your office, to find that the money had disappeared."

"No I can rather surprised that you didn't do that."

"I purposely postponed until now."

"Well!"

"Tell me just how she gave the satchel to you."

"Why, I went with her to the safe and stood beside her while she opened it. She took the satchel out and handed it to me. I carried it back to the library, where we had been talking before."

"How long did you remain in the library after that?"

"Not more than twenty minutes."

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"Quite likely," said Nick, returning the photographs to his pocket. "Now, Clifton, I am going to touch upon the last part of what we called your short degree of kinship. It is the most important part of it all, and I purposely postponed questioning you until the last, for I knew it would and hoped it would hurt you less after our other talk.

"I understand, I think."

"You will remember that I said to you in the beginning that if the car and money were stolen from you at the time you took it to Nora, four months ago, there would be no over of recovering it, but if it was taken after you went for the safety yesterday there is a very large chance that we might get it back again."

"I remember."

"You have watched the morning mail for fear of it closely enough to feel thoroughly satisfied that it could not have been taken from you at the time four months ago."

"I have been satisfied of that all along."

"I haven't gone very closely yet into just what you did, where you went after the satchel yesterday and it came into your office, to find that the money had disappeared."

"No I can rather surprised that you didn't do that."

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"Well!"

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WOOL APPRAISEMENTS.

Messrs Grange Grange & Co. Pty. Ltd. report that they brought forward a catalogue of 1446 bales at their tenth sale of the 1920-21 wool clip, and sold, including private sales, 1567 bales. The selection of wool submitted consisted almost entirely of farmers' lots, amongst which were some well-bred, evenly-graded brands of merino, combed and crossbred. The greater portion of the catalogue was made up of held-over bellies, 2nd pieces, stains and locks, the same being carefully interfolded into big lines and selling extremely well. There was a full attendance of the trade, and bidding was most animated at the best rates since the opening of the May sales under "Bawra" regulations. On to-day's results, as compared with our August sales, we quote merinos and fine combacks 10% to 15% higher, combacks 10%, fine crossbreds 7½% to 10%, and coarse crossbreds 5 per cent. higher. Included amongst others, the following sales were made:—Merinos—Sup. com. 24d, 1st com. 20d, 1st pcs. 15d, A.M. 19½d, mer. 19½d, 1st M. 16½d, fice. 16½d, AA 15½d, sup. H. 15d, 2nd com. 15d; AW (Raglan), mer. 19½d; JD(Chute, mer. 19½d; WL, (Lake Goldsmith), mer. 17½d; JPW(Raglan), M. 16½d. Comebacks and crossbreds—A cbk. 18d, F cbk. 17½d, cbk. 16½d, A A 16d, cbk. H. 18d; JPW(Main Lead) Beaufort, cbk. 18½d; AHP (Raglan), AAA. 15d; HT (cos.) (Raglan), fice. 14d; AW (Raglan), cbk, 13½d. Skirtings—Bls. 14½d, 2nd pcs. 13½d, bls. and pcs. 13½d.

RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A meeting of footballers and their supporters (including a number of ladies) was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at Raglan, to consider the advisability of clearing the sports ground for playing on. Mr V. J. Panon was voted to the chair. On the motion of Messrs F. Ball and E. Lancey, it was decided to undertake the work of clearing the ground. A committee was formed to raise the necessary funds to carry out the work. Messrs J. Lancey and F. Ball each guaranteed £5 as an advance till the money was raised. A number of donations were promised in the room. A committee of ladies was appointed to arrange an entertainment to raise funds.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFT.

Mrs N. B. Acton (secretary of the Beaufort Red Cross Society) recently collected money in the district and sent a truck of firewood to the Ballarat convalescent home. She received the following letter from Miss Beccie McDonald, hon. secy. Ballarat Red Cross Society:—Will you please accept for yourself and convey to your good friends at Beaufort our sincere thanks for the truck of wood you sent for the convalescent home. It was good of you to take all that trouble for us. The wood is splendid.

BEAUFORT WESLEY GUILD.

At the meeting of the Wesley Guild on Wednesday, 31st ult., there was a splendid attendance of members. Rev. W. H. Taylor (president) occupied the chair. The meeting was of a devotional character, the subject being "Our favourite hymns." A good deal of interest was shown in the topic. Additional interest was created by the fact that the former minister of the church (Rev. E. H. Coltman) was present and gave a short address, and he also rendered one of his favourite hymns, Miss Jackson accompanying him on the organ. The chairman quoted one of his favourites, "Nearer my God to Thee," and told some interesting stories relating to several hymns. When an opportunity was given to members to call for their favourite hymns, there was quite a competition as to who should get in first and the meeting had to close before the list was exhausted. The president remarked that there would be no difficulty in filling in another splendid evening with the same subject. Several new members were received and, it was announced that 43 were now enrolled.

The Rev. Father Close, who for over twelve months has been stationed at Ararat as assistant to Rev. Dean O'Hare, has been transferred to Terang. The rev. gentleman gained a large circle of friends throughout the Ararat district, and these join in the wish that the change may be beneficial to Father Close's health. His successor is the Rev. Father Wood, who, like Father Close, is an ex-chaplain, having done duty abroad during the war.

STACK MEASUREMENT.—To find the contents of an oblong stack with perpendicular ends, multiply the length by the average width (between bottom and eaves) and the product by the height from the ground to the eaves. For the top multiply the area at the eaves by half the height to the right. The weight may be ascertained very accurately by measuring the cubic contents of a truss, and from this calculating the height of a cubic foot.

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	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09
Jan.	183	193	264	80	149	462	107	8	61	89	221
Feb.	180	26	35	80	202	341	126	94	106	51	91
Mar.	274	107	96	158	140	73	96	257	89	180	187
Apr.	299	279	211	121	60	71	144	58	307	18	254
May	190	181	154	94	228	330	235	243	204	336	375
June	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	99	100	158	103	56	180	350	258	317	120	143
Aug.	177	402	209	194	117	265	159	187	302	240	473
Sep.	180	237	410	250	207	120	283	361	114	384	170
Oct.	261	151	261	170	216	30	279	465	113	291	141
Nov.	152	91	50	77	340	213	76	402	180	173	105
Dec.	[illegible]	81	86	62	267	16	246	42	479	70	117
Tots.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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1919.—January, 18; February, 254; March, 149; April, 38; May, 284; June, 311; July, 236; August, 143; September, 350; October, 158; November, 48; December, 221.

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Totals—1909, 29.69; 1910, 29.84; 1911, 36.01; 1912, 28.12; 1913, 35.39; 1914, 18.14; 1915, 21.95; 1916, 27.77; 1917, 22.22; 1918, 20.91; 1919, 20.16; 1920, 26.56

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SCARLET FEVER.

The secretary of Ripon Shire (Mr N. B. Acton) has been notified of a case of scarlet fever at Raglan.

PERSONAL.

Miss Jane Greenwood, of Beaufort, was seriously ill early in the week, but has since taken a turn for the better.—Mr A. L. Wotherspoon, of Beaufort, has not been enjoying good health of late, and had to undergo an operation.

ON HOLIDAY LEAVE.

Mr A. Betheras, manager of the Beaufort branch of the Bank of Victoria, is on holiday leave. Mr J. W. Lash is the relieving officer.

BILLIARDS.

The final game in the B grade billiard tournament at the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was played on Saturday night, when M. Dames (45) defeated L. French (20) by 20 in 150 up. The trophies are valued at £1/1/ and 10/6.

ROYAL PICTURES.

On Saturday night there was a large attendance at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, when the proprietor of the Royal Pictures screened an entertaining programme, including "The Forbidden Woman" (Clara S. Young), the final episode of "The Scarlet Runner," Pathe's news, and a comedy. The star films to-night (Saturday) will be "The Love Expert" (Constance Talmadge) and "The Great Gamble" (a new serial in three parts).

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

On Friday, 9th inst., a football team from the Waterloo State school visited Beaufort and played the boys of the local Higher Elementary School. Although Beaufort did not score till the last quarter, the game ended in a draw. The visitors scored a behind to nil in the first term, a behind to nil in the second quarter, and 2 goals 2 behinds to nil in the third term. Beaufort made a good recovery in the last quarter and registered 2 goals 4 behinds to nil. Final scores:—Waterlooo, 2 goals 4 behinds (16 points); Beaufort, 2 goals 4 behinds (16 points).

THE 19TH HOLE.

While a golf tournament was in progress at Beaufort last week-end, a humorous placard was displayed at the Golden Age hotel. It bore the terse inscription, "The 19th hole," and was fastened to the wall beneath a hand pointing to the bar entrance. No doubt more than one adipose golfer, after going round the 18 holes on the links, felt his tongue cleave to a dry palate, and wished to heaven "the 19th hole" were nearer than the corner of Neill and Livingstone streets. Had there not been so many ladies about, the patient sufferers might have tipped a caddy to "run the rabbit."

A NOISY DRUNK.

A noisy but rather amusing drunk of the migratory class advertised his presence in Beaufort so persistently on Wednesday afternoon that the local police thought fit to give him a temporary resting-place in the watch-house as a compulsory guest of the Government. Next morning the visitor, who answered to the name of Patrick Alexander Brady, appeared in a somewhat penitent mood before Mr R. A. D. Sinclair, J.P., on the charge known as "D. and D." The defendant was discharged on condition that he cleared out of the town.

AMERICAN TEA.

The ladies of St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, are organising the annual strawberry fete, and in connection therewith they held an American tea in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance, and admission was by gift. Rev. W. C. Wood presided. A song was contributed by Mrs P. J. Kelly, a duet by Mrs Kelly and Miss Alma Harris, and a couple of recitations by Miss Rae Pope. A competition, the winner of which had to fill in the names of the greatest number of Victorian railway stations in the list of veiled allusions supplied, aroused keen interest. Miss Hilda Miller, who guessed the names of 14 stations correctly, secured the prize. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies.

BUANGOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The final meeting of the Buangor District Football Association was held on Thursday evening, 8th inst. Present—Messrs V. J. Parson (chairman), Harty, McDougall, Ball, Vowles, Flynn, Green, French, and Coates. A balance-sheet showing the sum of £8 at credit was adopted. A protest against Waterloo (the premiers) for playing W. Skene in the final match was lodged by Buangor, on the ground that he had not complied with the residential qualification. After hearing evidence from the Buangor delegates in support of the protest, Mr F. Ball moved that Mr W. Skene's qualification be accepted as satisfactory. The motion was carried on the casting vote of the chairman. The protest was therefore dismissed, and Buangor's deposit returned to them. Eulogistic reference was made by the delegates to the services rendered the association by the president (Mr Parson) and secretary (Mr W. Green), and it was unanimously decided to present Mr Green with an inscribed medal in recognition of his services. The balance in hand was equally divided between competing clubs, and the association wound up.

DIGGERS' LOAN.

Ripon Shire's quota to the Diggers' Loan was £9000, but the amount subscribed (£2,600) was far short of it.

FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL.

Keen interest is being shown in the first semi-final game in the Learmonth district football competition, to be played at Learmonth to-day (Saturday) between Beaufort and Burrumbeet. The beaten club will drop out of the competition, so both can be relied on to put the best teams available into the field. The Beaufort boys have been training this week, and the team will be selected from the following: Davis, Dixon, Dalkin, Hay, Haebisch, Halpin, King, Muntz (2), Martin, Martinez, Miles, McDonald, Nicholson, Norman, Osmond, Paxton, T. Rodgers, D. Rogers, Sandilant, Stevenson (2), and Wallish. A fleet of motor cars and a charabanc will accompany the team to Learmonth. Mr A. J. Saph (secretary) acknowledges the following donations:—Mac Robertson's, 2 boxes old gold chocolate; Mr J. A. Blay, oranges; A. E. S., chewing gum. The association has decided to grant £4/10/ to Beaufort as a travelling allowance. Learmonth (the minor premiers) and Waubra play the second semi-final at Learmonth on the 24th inst. Being the lowest team on the list at end of the first round, Miners' Rest has already dropped out of the competition.

MINING.

The Surprise G.M. Co. (a co-operative party working at Chute, in which several Beaufort business people are interested) have erected a whim and resumed sinking. The co-operative company of miners working at Poverty Point have named their mine the "Big Blunder." The tributary has been struck, and the water is still being kept down with a whip. If the ground proves payable, another shaft may be sunk nearer the wash, and a whim erected.

TRANSFERRED.

Mr S. Osmond, clerk at the Beaufort branch of the E.S.A.&L. Bank for several months, has been transferred to Ringwood. He is a good footballer and golfer, and made many friends during his brief stay here.

WESLEY GUILD.

At the weekly meeting of the Beaufort Wesley Guild on Monday night, which was well attended, Mr R. A. D. Sinclair gave an interesting paper on "Adam Lindsay Gordon and his Poems." Mr Sinclair's late father was well acquainted with the poet as a young man on a station at Coleraine. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The president of the guild (Rev. W. H. Taylor) occupied the chair.

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A local land board sits at Beaufort on Thursday, 29th inst.

The Beaufort golf ball will be held in the Societies' Hall on Thursday, 29th Sept.

The rainfall for the week ending Thursday was six points, but smart showers fell on Friday afternoon.

The Goulburn River is in flood, and rising rapidly. It is reported that the river is coming down at a higher level than for some years.

Another aeroplane made the flight from Blenheim (N.Z.) across Cook Strait to Wellington on Thursday. The time taken was 15 minutes.

The National Federation Conference approved of the re-establishment of a police superannuation fund.

Members of the Farmers' Union believe that the wheatgrowers will accept the voluntary pool.

The Archbishop-designate of Melbourne, the Rev. Harrington C. Lees, and his wife will sail for Melbourne by the steamer "Narkunda" in January, states a cable message from London.

The health of the Federal Labor leader (Mr Tudor) has improved, but he is still confined to his room. The question of the leadership of the Party will be considered at a meeting of the Federal Labor party, to be held on September 29.

Officers of the Federal Treasury received £152,000 from the various States towards the grand total of the Diggers' Loan. All the returns have not yet been received, but the money is coming steadily in. The Federal Treasurer (Sir Joseph Cook) said that there was no doubt that the full amount would be received, as £9,770,000 was already in hand.

There was a dramatic conclusion to the State political crisis late on Tuesday afternoon, when Mr Allan's claim that the Farmers' Union Party would vote solidly in one direction or the other had to stand the test of a division. A no-confidence motion was moved by Mr Prendergast, Leader of the Labor Party. The Premier (Mr Lawson) outlined the Government's proposal for a voluntary wheat pool. The Government would arrange that to all farmers who consigned to the pool an advance of 4/ per bushel would be made on delivery—3/4 to the grower and 8d to cover rail freight and other expenses. Scrip would be issued for pool wheat, and it would be made transferable. To ensure the success of the pool growers must consign satisfactory quantities to it, and the Government would lend all possible aid to make it a success. On a division being taken, the voting was 37 to 26; seven F.U. members supporting the Government.

With Cr. E. T. Henderson in the chair, the committee, staff, and pupils of the Mildura State school (writes the "Sunraysia Daily") officially farewelled Mr Alexander Harmer, ex-head-master of the school, and welcomed Mr Frank O'Brien, the new head-teacher, who came from Footscray to take charge of the school. Reference was made by Mr Walton, of the staff, and Mr E. Griffiths, of the committee, to Mr Harmer's excellent work in Mildura, and to the way in which Mrs Harmer had endeared herself to all that came in contact with her. A presentation of a silver cake basket and a set of serviette rings was made to Mr and Mrs Harmer. Miss Marjorie Hobday and Master Stanley Hudson gave bouquets of violets to the departing teacher and his wife. When Mr Harmer asked that the school should be dismissed half-an-hour earlier, and his request was complied with, deafening cheers came from the six hundred pupils assembled in the school-yard. One of them afterwards spoke of Mr Harmer as "Good-oh," and this seems to have been the opinion of the staff and committee, as well as of the children. Mrs Harmer is a daughter of Mrs Tulloch, of Beaufort.

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BEAUFORT GOLF TOURNAMENT.

RECORDS BROKEN.

The Beaufort Golf Club's third annual tournament was held at the local links on Friday, 9th inst., and Saturday. The meeting was under the auspices of the Victorian Golf Association, the events being open to members of any recognised club in the Commonwealth. It was the most successful yet held by the club, and the entries totalled 400, which constitutes a record. Competitors were present from Avoca, Ararat (Union Jack and Chalambar Clubs), Ballarat North, Alfredton, and Skipton. Ideal weather conditions favored the tournament. The links were in good going order, and golfers described the scrapes as "dead true." For this credit is due to the caretaker, Mr F. Seadon. Five events were got off on the first day, and an equal number on the second. The arrangements were in the hands of an enthusiastic and hardworking committee, and Messrs D. F. Troy (president) and E. J. Emery (hon. secretary) were at the head of affairs. Both carried out their duties with close attention to detail and extended unfailing courtesy to competitors. In short, Mr Troy made a capital leader, and the secretarial duties could not have been in better hands. The programme was got off without a hitch or undue delay, and as 56 pairs entered for the mixed foursomes alone, it will be seen that the task of the management was no light one. The club is indebted to to Mr W. H. Evans for regulating the play, receiving the cards, and recording the results of the various events. No fault was found with the work of the handicapper; Mr Emery showing good judgment in that capacity. Morning tea and luncheon were provided in a marquee at the links for players; satisfaction being expressed with the very nice lunch provided by the caterers, Mr and Mrs Les. Miles. The ladies of the local club provided afternoon tea at the golf pavilion, where Mrs Meredith and her little daughter were very attentive to the requirements of the players. The visitors were high in their praises of the hospitality extended to them. Miss R. Forbes, of the Chalambar Club (who is the country lady champion of Victoria), put up a record for the local course in the ladies' handicap with a score of 83—8—75 over 18 holes. In the ladies' scratch event (9 holes) a tie resulted between Miss Webb, of Chalambar, and Miss Cornell, of Ballarat North, with 45 each. They played five holes to decide it, and there was a very close finish; Miss Webb being the winner. Miss A. Coates, of Beaufort, had a good win in the ladies' eclectic score competition (9 holes) with 41—6—35. J. Polson, of Chalambar, broke the record for the local links in the men's handicap, with a score of 74—2—72 over 18 holes; and also won the men's scratch event (18 holes) with 74. Keen interest was taken in the continuous clock putting competition (which was conducted by Mr S. Young). This event was won on the first day by J. Polson and on the second day by Miss Webb. It is expected that there will be a substantial profit on the meeting. Appended are details of the various events:—

FRIDAY'S PLAY.

Ladies' Handicap, 18 holes, stroke play. Trophies, value £1/1/ and 10/6.
Miss R. Forbes, 83—8—75.
Miss Myra Harris, 95—16—79.
Miss Whiteside, 95—16—79.
Miss A. Coates, 97—18—79.

The tie between the three last-named players was played off and won by Miss Harris.

There were 26 competitors, the other scores being:—Mrs J. D. Clarke, 88—8—80; Mrs Shaw, 91—8—83; Miss Cochrane, 99—16—83; Mrs Griffiths, 101—18—83; Mrs Acton, 111—26—85; Miss A. L. McKay, 97—10—87; Miss Crocker, 106—18—88; Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, 108—20—88; Miss Thomas, 112—23—89; Miss Forbes, 112—22—90; Miss Marchant, 116—26—90; Miss Holgate, 100—9—91; Mrs C. McCulloch, 101—10—91; Miss M. Webb, 107—16—91; Miss W. M. Wotherspoon, 109—16—93; Miss Lewis, 119—26—93; Miss Anderson, 112—16—96; Mrs Troy, 120—20—100; Mrs Andrews, 137—36—101; Mrs Betheras, 118—16—102; Miss Andrews, 132—27—105; Mrs Campbell, 159—40—119.

Ladies' Eclectic Score Competition, 9 holes, stroke play. Trophies, valued £1/1/ and 10/6.
Miss A. Coates, 41—6—35.
Miss K. Forbes, 38—2—36.
Mrs Griffiths, 42—6—36.

The tie between Mrs Griffiths and Miss Forbes was played off, and won by the latter.

There were 23 competitors, the other scores being:—Mrs J. D. Clarke, 40—2—38; Miss A. H. McKay, 41—3—38; Miss Myra Harris, 44—5—39; Miss Whiteside, 44—5—39; Miss Cochrane, 45—5—40; Mrs Shaw, 42—2—40; Miss Anderson, 46—5—41; Mrs C. McCulloch, 45—3—42; Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, 49—7—42; Miss W. M. Wotherspoon, 49—5—43; Miss M. Webb, 48—5—43; Miss Thomas, 50—7—43; Mrs Betheras, 49—5—44; Miss Holgate, 47—3—44; Mrs Acton, 52—8—44; Mrs Troy, 52—7—45; Miss Forbes, 52—7—45; Miss Marchant, 54—8—46; Miss Lewis, 54—8—46; Miss Andrews, 62—9—53.

Men's Handicap, 18 holes, stroke play. Trophies, valued £1/1/ and 10/6.
R. A. D. Sinclair, 99—28—71.
R. Halpin, 106—32—74.
P. H. Procter, 94—18—76.

Eighteen competitors. Other scores:—J. Egan, 81—4—77; F. Doyle, 85—8—77; Dr. G. A. Eadie, 88—8—80; J. Martin, 85—4—81; N. B. Acton, 91—10—81; L. Egan, 93—10—83; H. E. Webb, 93—10—83; J. H. Webb, 94—10—84; J. A. Harris, 106—22—84; W. J. Irwin, 98—13—85; S. Young, 96—10—86; J. A. Richardson, 99—12—87; M. E. L. Watkin, 105—14—91; J. F. Wotherspoon, 108—16—92; J. Macdonald, 112—16—96.

Ladies' Foursomes Handicap, 18 holes, stroke play. Two trophies valued at £1/1/ each, and two trophies valued at 10/6 each.
Miss A. L. McKay and Mrs H. Shaw, 89—9—80;
Miss A. Cochrane and Miss V. L. Wotherspoon, 105—23—82.
Mrs J. D. Clarke and Miss Webb, 96—12—84.
Mrs D. R. Hannah and Mrs P. Kelly, 112—28—84.
Miss Coates and Miss A. Harris, 103—19—84.

Eighteen pairs competed. Other scores:—Miss Crocker and Mrs Griffiths, 104—18—86; Miss Holgate and Miss Whiteside, 99—12—87; Miss R. Forbes and Miss Forbes, 103—15—88; Miss C. McCulloch and Miss Anderson, 105—13—92; Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon and Miss Pollock, 128—35—93; Miss Myra Harris and Miss Marchant, 115—21—94; Mrs L. Watkin and Miss E. Nickols, 121—25—96; Miss W. Wotherspoon and Mrs Young, 116—19—97; Mrs Betheras and Miss Lewis, 121—21—100; Miss A. Stevenson and Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, 119—18—101; Mrs Troy and Mrs Acton, 125—23—102; Mrs J. McCulloch and Miss Andrews, 132—20—112; Mrs DeBaere and Mrs J. A. Harris, 165—35—130.

Men's Foursomes, 18 holes, stroke play. Two trophies valued £1/1/ each, and two trophies valued 10/6 each.
R. Stevenson and J. Martin, 92—17—75.
H. E. Webb and J. H. Webb, 88—11—77.
E. J. Emery and Dr. G. A. Eadie, 85—5—80.
J. Campbell and A. Betheras, 91—11—80.

Fifteen pairs competed. Other scores:—S. MacDonald and W. J. Irwin, 94—12—82; T. Doyle and L. Egan, 92—9—83; R. E. Halpin and T. M. Bowe, 108—25—83; J. J. Mooney and J. A. Richardson, 97—11—86; L. J. D. Stevenson and P. H. Procter, 102—16—86; R. Hare and S. Young, 99—12—87; N. B. Acton and D. F. Troy, 100—13—87; M. E. L. Watkin and L. Watkin, 103—15—88; R. A. D. Sinclair and J. A. Harris, 113—25—88; J. Macdonald and P. J. Kelly, 118—28—90; J. Egan and Dr. Nicholl, 98—6—92.

SATURDAY'S PLAY.

Men's Handicap, 18 holes, stroke play. Trophies valued £1/1/ and 10/6.
J. Polson, 74—2—72.
J. R. Gordon, 88—15—73.
H. Storrar, 79—5—74.

Forty competitors. Other scores:—J. A. Harris, 98—22—76; R. Halpin, 104—29—76; J. A. Richardson, 89—12—77; T. Cochrane, 86—8—78; J. J. Mooney, 88—10—78; A. Betheras, 90—12—78; L. J. D. Stevenson, 92—14—78; R. F. McDonald, 110—32—78; J. J. Griffiths, 91—12—79; N. B. Acton, 90—10—80; V. Cates, 85—4—81; J. Campbell, 91—10—81; W. F. Laidlaw, 97—6—81; J. Martin, 86—4—82; W. Woodward, 90—8—82; A. E. Casley, 100—18—82; R. A. D. Sinclair, 106—24—82; D. F. Troy, 98—16—82; J. Egan, 87—4—83; Dr. G. A. Eadie, 91—8—83; J. L. Richardson, 93—10—83; J. Macdonald, 100—6—84; J. Shaw, 95—11—84; E. J. Emery, 86—2—84; J. Whittaker, 117—32—85; S. Macdonald, 98—12—86; T. Doyle, 95—8—87; S. Young, 97—10—87; E. O. Chapman, 99—12—87; C. H. Anderson, 101—13—88; Dr. Crawford, 93—4—89; T. Williams, 98—8—90; H. G. Troup, 99—9—90; W. A. Kilpatrick, 100—10—90; A. McIntyre, 111—20—91; M. J. N. Breen, 107—13—94; H. W. Gill, 107—9—98.

Men's Scratch Event, 18 holes, stroke play. Trophy value £1/1/.
J. Polson, 74.
H. Storrar, 79.
J. Martin, 86.
T. Cochrane, 86.

Seventeen competitors. Other scores:—J. Egan, 87; N. B. Acton, 90; W. Woodward, 90; Dr. G. A. Eadie, 91; J. Campbell, 91; J. L. Richardson, 93; Dr. Crawford, 93; S. Young, 97; T. Williams, 98; D. F. Troy, 98; E. O. Chapman, 99; A. E. Casley, 100; H. W. Gill, 107.

Ladies' Handicap, 9 holes, stroke play. Trophies, value £1/1/ and 2/6.
Miss Cornell, 45—9—36.
Miss M. Webb, 45—8—37.
Miss Purcell, 55—15—40.
Miss A. L. McKay, 46—5—41.
Mrs D. F. Troy, 51—10—41.

Twenty-nine competitors. Other scores:—Mrs J. D. Clarke, 48—4—44; Mrs J. McKay, 53—9—44; Miss Lewis, 57—13—44; Miss V. Burgess, 50—5—45; Miss W. M. Wotherspoon, 53—8—45; Miss McIntyre, 58—13—45; Miss Mitchell, 56—11—45; Miss Bourke, 63—18—45; Miss R. Forbes, 48—2—46; Miss Myra Harris, 54—8—46; Miss Anderson, 54—8—46; Mrs Shaw, 51—4—47; Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, 57—10—47; Miss A. Coates, 57—9—48; Mrs Acton, 61—13—48; Mrs J. J. Griffiths, 58—9—49; Miss Whittaker, 70—20—50; Mrs C. McCulloch, 57—5—51; Mrs D. R. Hannah, 62—11—51; Mrs Richardson, 65—14—51; Miss Damman, 64—11—53; Mrs Andrews, 73—18—55; Mrs J. McCulloch, 62—6—56; Miss A. Breen, 71—15—56.

Ladies' Scratch Event, 9 holes, stroke play. Trophy valued £1/1/.
Miss M. Webb, 45.
Miss Cornell, 45.
Miss A. L. McKay, 46.

The tie between Misses Webb and Cornell was played off, and Miss Webb won.

Eight competitors. Other scores:—Miss R. Forbes, 48; Mrs J. D. Clarke, 48; Mrs D. F. Troy, 51; Miss Myra Harris, 54; Miss Anderson, 54.

Mixed Foursomes, 18 holes, stroke play. Two trophies value £1/1/ each, and two trophies value 10/6 each.
L. J. D. Stevenson and Miss Coates, 89—16—73.
E. J. Emory and Miss V. L. Wotherspoon, 92—16—76.
J. W. Lush and Miss Pollock, 105—28—77.

Forty-nine pairs competed. Other scores:—J. Martin and Mrs DeBaere, 96—17—79; P. H. Procter and Mrs Procter, 103—24—79; J. C. Henderson and Miss Mitchell, 92—13—79; V. Cates and Mrs Shaw, 86—6—80; J. L. Richardson and Miss M. Webb, 98—18—80; J. J. Griffiths and Mrs Troup, 98—18—80; T. M. Bowe and Miss Lewis, 102—22—80; J. Egan and Miss A. L. McKay, 88—7—81; T. Doyle and Miss Myra Harris, 93—12—81; Dr. Eadie and Miss Purcell, 94—13—81; W. Woodward and Miss V. Burgess, 91—9—82; J. Polson and Miss Cornell, 92—10—82; J. F. Wotherspoon and Mrs J. R. Wotherspoon, 100—18—82; J. Shaw and Miss Damman, 99—16—83; N. B. Acton and Mrs Acton, 101—18—83; H. G. Troup and Mrs J. J. Griffiths, 97—13—84; T. A. Gordon and Miss Anderson, 104—20—84; W. S. Laidlaw and Mrs Laidlaw, 112—28—84; T. Williams and Miss Cochrane, 97—12—85; J. A. Richardson and Miss R. Forbes, 94—8—86; McCulloch and Mrs J. McCulloch, 100—14—86; S. Young and Mrs Young, 103—17—86; S. Macdonald and Miss A. Stevenson, 101—14—87; R. Stevenson and Mrs P. J. Kelly, 113—26—87; J. Whittaker and Miss Whittaker, 123—36—87; E. O. Chapman and Mrs Chapman, 104—16—88; A. McIntyre and Mrs McIntyre, 111—23—88; R. A. D. Sinclair and Mrs D. R. Hannah, 113—25—88; J. R. Gordon and Mrs C. McCulloch, 101—12—89; T. McNaughton and Mrs McNaughton, 125—36—89; H. Storrar and Miss Andrews, 106—16—90; Dr. Crawford and Mrs Crawford, 105—14—91; J. A. Harris and Mrs J. A. Harris, 122—31—91; A. Betheras and Mrs Betheras, 106—14—92; D. F. Troy and Mrs Troy, 110—18—92; Mooney and Mrs Richardson, 112—19—93; M. E. L. Watkin and Miss Nickols, 114—20—94; J. Campbell and Mrs Campbell, 119—25—94; A. E. Casley and Miss Crocker, 113—18—95; A. L. Wotherspoon and Mrs A. L. Wotherspoon, 120—25—95; M. J. N. Breen and Miss Breen, 117—21—96; Laidlaw and Mrs Andrews, 121—25—96; H. W. Gill and Miss W. Wotherspoon, 110—12—98; T. Cochrane and Mrs J. D. Clarke, 107—8—99; W. A. Kilpatrick and Miss Forbes, 115—16—99; L. Watkin and Mrs Watkin, 123—20—103.

Continuous Clock Putting Competition.—This interesting event, for which the entries were numerous, was won by J. Polson on the Friday, and by Miss Webb on the Saturday.

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FOOTBALL.

During the past 30 years there has been many a keen tussle on the football field between Beaufort and Skipton, and the spirit of friendly rivalry between these two teams is still alive. On the last occasion on which they met, two years ago, Beaufort snapped a victory by one point in the closing minute. When these old rivals faced each other again at the Beaufort Park on Saturday, those who anticipated a strenuous game were not disappointed. There was a good attendance of the public, considering that there were counter attractions. Cairns was in charge of the visitors (who obtained premiership honors in the Linton district competition this season), and J. E. Wallish captained Beaufort. Nankervis umpired the match satisfactorily as far as Beaufort was concerned, but many of his decisions did not find favor with a section of Skipton's supporters, who asserted that he did not make a sharp enough distinction between a pass and a throw and allowed the Beaufort players to take too many liberties with Austin during the first and second quarters. The play in the first term was open and fast. The honors were fairly even, as Beaufort had seven scoring shots to five. At one stage the scores were equal. At its conclusion, Beaufort were seven points in the lead, the tallies being:—Beaufort, 4 goals 3 behinds; Skipton, 3 goals 2 behinds. The second quarter was also notable for fast and systematic football, and Skipton had four scoring shots to three, but the home team's goal-shooting was better than their opponents'. At half-time Beaufort were 11 points to the good, the scores then being:—Beaufort, 6 goals 4 behinds; Skipton, 4 goals 5 behinds. The visitors made a good deal of headway in the third term, mainly because of the skilful work of E. Austin (who played the game in the fair, manly spirit that it should be played, and although a big, powerful man, did not indulge in rough play, even when unfairly treated by an opponent). Skipton's goal-shooting was also superior. They had three scoring shots to two, and notched a couple of "sixers." In the first ten minutes they reduced Beaufort's lead to two points, but the latter were four points ahead again by three-quarter time, when the scoring-board indicated the following:—Beaufort, 7 goals 4 behinds; Skipton, 6 goals 6 behinds. In the last quarter the play was rather too crowded, although, of course, it was Beaufort's best policy to make it so in order to maintain their four-point margin. One of A. McIntyre's shots hit the goal-post, and Austin found the opening once, but the ball was touched, so that Skipton had their share of bad luck. They had four scoring shots to one. With eight minutes to go, Beaufort's lead was reduced to two points, and shortly after to one. A goal then placed Skipton five points in the lead. It was a splendid finish, and there was intense excitement among the supporters of both teams. The noise of the barracking and the screeching of motor-car horns made a lively din. Three minutes from the end of the game Beaufort were making a desperate effort to score. With only a minute to go, the ball was kicked out of bounds on the forward right wing and caught in a tree. "Time-off" was called whilst boys climbed the tree and brought the oval to earth again. From the throw-in, Beaufort worked the ball dangerously close to their goal. They only wanted a "sixer" to give them a one-point victory and make history repeat itself, and strained every nerve to get it. A second or two before the bell rang, E. Muntz had a snapshot, but, unfortunately, only obtained a behind. For this he was freely forgiven, as he had been playing a rattling game all day, and the most reliable forward on earth cannot always kick straight. Skipton thus gained a well-earned win by four points. Final scores:—Skipton, 7 goals 9 behinds (51 points); Beaufort, 7 goals 5 behinds (47 points). Goalkickers:—Skipton—A. Elder (2), E. Austin (2), R. Wilkie, Langley, and McKenzie. Beaufort—D. Rogers (3), E. Muntz (3), and Norman. On the winning side excellent form was shown by E. Austin, A. Elder, Rowe, Cairns, McKay, Langley, A. McIntyre, Millist, and Wilkie. The most prominent players for Beaufort were E. Muntz, I. H. Hay, J. E. Wallish, W. King, L. Sandilant, H. Norman, D. Rogers, J. Nicholson, H. Martinez, and L. Miles. On the back line P. Stevenson rendered useful service occasionally, as did also W. I. Halpin, R. Davis, J. McDonald and Haebisch in ruck. Beaufort's score was chiefly attributable to brilliant flashes of chain-marking and short passes, which were a feature of the game.

Saturday's matches in the Learmonth district competition resulted as follow:—Miners' Rest (4 goals 8 behinds) beat Learmonth (2 goals 7 behinds). Burrumbeet beat Waubra.

Position of clubs:—Learmonth, 44 pts.; Burrumbeet, 32; Beaufort and Waubra, 28 each; Miners' Rest, 20.

Beaufort and Burrumbeet play the first semi-final at Learmonth on Saturday.

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FIERY CREEK LODGE.

INSTALLATION OF W.M. AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS.

The installation of Bro. Gilbert Lovitt as W.M. of the Fiery Creek Lodge and the investiture of his officers took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Beaufort, on Tuesday evening, in the presence of 93 members of the craft, including no fewer than 30 P.M's. A good many visiting brethren attended from Ararat, Avoca, Ballarat, Buangor, Clunes, Kilmore, Learmonth, Northcote, and Skipton, besides representatives of other lodges living in the district. It was a record attendance. The retiring W.M., W. Bro. W. R. Glover, conducted the opening portion of the installation ceremony, although the major part of the work and the actual installation of Bro. Lovitt in King Solomon's chair was very impressively performed by the M.W.G.M., M.W. Bro. W. T. Hickford, assisted by the following Grand Lodge officers:—W. Bro. F. Lee, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bros. D. N. Trenery, S.G.D., and W. T. Dally, G. St.B., presenting officers; R.W. Bro. A. A. Thomas, P.J.G.W., R.W. Bro. F. Robinson, P.J.G.W., and W. Bro. J. H. Pollard, Grand Trumpeter. The I.P.M. was invested by the newly-installed W.M., and the remainder of the officers (a list of whom is appended) by W. Bros. Trenery, Dally, and Pollard:—I.P.M., W. Bro. W. R. Glover; S.W., Bro. N. B. Acton; J.W., Bro. E. S. Buchanan; chaplain, W. Bro. A. H. Sands; treasurer, W. Bro. W. J. Stevenson, G.S.; secretary, W. Bro. E. J. Muntz, P.S.G.D.; D.C., W. Bro. H. Smith; S.D., Bro. A. E. Crick; J.D., Bro. Gil. Smith; organist, Bro. Rev. W. C. Wood; I.G., Bro. N. S. McLeod; tyler, Bro. W. J. Bruce Johnson; stewards, Bros. E. J. Muntz, junr., and D. R. Hannah. Bro. Rev. W. C. Wood acted as organist throughout the ceremony. The M.W.G.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented W. Bro. T. Williams with a handsome P.M's. jewel as a memento of his year of office, and the recipient returned thanks.

The installation was afterwards celebrated by a banquet in the Societies' Hall, which was nicely decorated with lines of flags suspended from the ceiling, the Union Jack being prominent. The tables also were beautifully decorated with flowers; daffodils and plum blossom being freely used. Eighty-eight brethren partook of the banquet, which was on a very lavish scale. The catering of Bro. Les. Miles gave unbounded satisfaction. The customary Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honored, two very eloquent and instructive speeches by the M.W.G.M. on the principles of Freemasonry during the night being attentively listened to and loudly applauded. The W.M. (W. Bro. Lovitt) presided over the gathering, received the congratulations of the distinguished brethren present, with hearty good wishes for a successful year of office, and made a very happy response to the toast of his health. R.W. Bro. A. A. Thomas, P.J.G.W., presented W. Bros. T. Williams and H. J. B. Seager with life governors' certificates of the Freemasons' Homes; both of these brethren responding. Harmony was contributed by the Fiery Creek quartette, W. Bro J. R. Wotherspoon, P.J.G.D., Bros. D. Rogers and J. F. Wotherspoon (the latter being encored). W. Bro. E. J. Muntz, P.S.G.D., capably carried out the secretarial duties, and was assisted by the W.M., I.P.M., and a strong committee of brethren in making the arrangements. The installation was especially interesting on account of the visit of the M.W.G.M. and Grand Lodge officers, and was undoubtedly one of the most successful and enjoyable everheld by the Fiery Creek Lodge.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—122 head of cattle forward for to-day's market. There was a firmer demand from the outset, and as sales progressed the demand became keener and the market recovered to prices ruling a fortnight ago. Quotations:—Prime bullocks, £14/10/ to £16; extra heavy, to £17/5/6; good, £12 to £13/10/; useful, £9/10/ to £11; best cows, to £10/10/. Sheep—Sales opened at about last week's rates, firming during the morning. Towards the close the demand was not quite so keen, when last week's rates were just about maintained. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 22/, to 26/; good, 18/ to 21/; useful, 13/ to 16/; prime crossbred ewes, 20/ to 25/; good, 16/ to 18/; useful, 10/ to 13/; merino wethers, 16/ to 20/. Lambs—Another increased yarding, 1978 being penned. There was a good demand for the prime quality, but for others animation was lacking, and there was a substantial reduction in values. Quotations:—Prime, 20/ to 23/; extra, to 26/7; good, 15/ to 19/; useful, 12/ to 14/.

It will be learned with regret by a large circle of friends that Mr and Mrs John Walton, of Carngham, have purchased a business near Melbourne, and will be leaving the district shortly. Mr Walton has conducted the business of a general storekeeper and carrier, and has also held the position of postmaster at Carngham for nearly 20 years. He formerly led a seafaring life, and has travelled round the world many times, with the result that he has gained that important part of one's education which only comes by travel. Of sterling character, honorable, broadminded and straightforward, he has gained the respect and esteem of the right-thinking men and women of the entire district. Being a man rather above the average in intelligence, he would have filled with distinction positions in public life, but he declined to nominate. The departure of Mr and Mrs Walton and family from this district is a source of regret to a great many, whose good wishes they carry with them.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Six members of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute committee were present at the monthly meeting of that body on Monday night; Mr D. Stevenson (president) presiding. The secretary (Mr Acton) stated that the new books were purchased for 6/ each. Members considered this a high price. Mr D. F. Troy reported that the librarian had started repairing a number of damaged books, and the book committee intended giving her some assistance. Mrs W. H. Halpin and family wrote, returning thanks for the expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The secretary reported that the receipts for the month totalled £9 19 9. Billiards brought in £5/5/6 last month and about 10/ more this month. The debit balance at the bank was £29 15/3. Accounts totalling £8/9/6 were passed for payment. The secretary apologised for the absence of Messrs G. H. Cougle, A. L. Wotherspoon, A. Parker, D. R. Hannah, and R. A. D. Sinclair. It was resolved to put the old linoleum from the meeting-room up for sale by auction at the first opportunity. In answer to Mr Troy, the secretary said the ladies had raised only £1 short of the amount required. Provided the ladies were agreeable, the amount was included in the accounts. It was mentioned that the ladies thought of furnishing the room with a hearth-rug and a few cane chairs later. Dr. G. A. Eadie moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had made the effort. Seconded by Mr J. W. Harris (whose suggestion that the ladies be thanked through the press was agreed to), and carried. It was resolved to procure a small load of dry wood. A complaint in regard to suckers from a tree in the yard getting into the adjoining property was discussed, but no action taken. The president reported that a new billiard table would cost £175, and the alterations to the building not much less than £200. Dr. Eadie—They might buy a very good secondhand table. The president—The building would have to be altered in the summer time. Mr J. W. Harris—It was a lot of money and would take getting. Dr. Eadie—They were not getting ahead of themselves now. They should try and build up a fund with that object in view, without launching out straight away. The president—We ought to run something for it. Mr J. W. Harris—I would not run you. You have too much "foot." (Laughter). Mr Troy—They got the last billiard table easily enough, but it only cost about £75. What about making a charge on every game of cards—the lowest scorer to pay 3d? The president—It might be gambling. Mr Troy—No more than playing billiards was. Dr. Eadie—They started charging for cards once before, but he did not think it panned out. Mr J. W. Harris—They might try handing round the plate occasionally for contributions towards this fund. Mr M. Dames—He thought they should launch out on a bigger scale than taxing the card players. Mr J. W. Harris—Yes; it is a little social gathering and popularises the institute. Relative to a proposal to instal a telephone, the secretary said they would have to pay £3 per year rent and could charge 2d per call. The president—He did not think it would pay, as they would need 1000 calls to do that. Mr J. W. Harris expressed the same opinion. The president—They would not get half that number of calls. Dr. Eadie—It would only give loafers an excuse to hang about here if they had a 'phone, and they might be here for any purpose. He did not think it a good scheme.

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Wool Appraisements.

The Australian Estates & Mortgage Co Ltd. report:—We submitted a catalogue of some 3,602 bales of wool, drawn from the Western district of Victoria, south-east of South Australia, central Victoria and Gippsland, as well as several small lots from Western Australia and one well-grown lot from the Upper Murray district. During the present series, the market has continued to improve as sales progressed, while Tuesday's auction seemed to elicit the keenest competition for the round. All sections of the trade were represented, and competition was keen on all descriptions of fleece and pieces. Merinos and comeback, especially those showing fine quality, were most in demand, and prices for these sorts, as well as pieces suitable for Continental requirements, showed an appreciable advance on our previous sale. Interlots, both fleece and pieces, sold particularly well, and the satisfactory clearance in this direction goes to show the advisability of growers having small lots of less than four bales, bracketed with others of similar style and quality to make a big lot. An excellent clearance was made—in fact the most satisfactory for the season—only about 100 bales being passed at auction. Prices:—1 com. 26½d, A com. 19½d, sup. com. 19½d, AAA 19d, AAAE 19d, M 18½d, MF 18½d, AAF 16½d, F 16½d, A cbk. 15d, AA 14½d.

SNAKE VALLEY.

A meeting to form a cricket club to compete in the district competition was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday last. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr W. G. Murray; vice-presidents, Crs. A. C. Roddis, D. McDonald, P. Russell, and Messrs J. J. Kirby, and H. W. Wilson; secretary and treasurer, Mr H. Reitze, committee, Messrs M. Moynihan, P. Yeoman, W. Baker, W. Gray, and A. Braty. Mr W. E. Baker was elected captain, and Mr M. Moynihan vice-captain. In view of the heavy expense incurred in purchasing the necessary material, it was resolved to hold a euchre tournament and dance to raise funds.

The senior girls of the Linton State school, accompanied by their teacher, Mr Petterson, journeyed to Snake Valley on Saturday last to play a rounders match with the senior girls of the local State school. The result was:—Linton, 19 rounders; Carngham, 2 rounders. The visitors were entertained at tea by the local girls, assisted by Mrs A. Nunn.

A euchre tournament in aid of the local Mechanics' Hall building fund was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday, 9th inst. The prize-winners were Miss Etta Lewis and Mr H. Reitze; consolation prizes, Miss F. Ringin and Mr Geo. Reitze, junr. The musicians for the dance were Misses Reitze and Snell (piano) and Messrs Reitze and Smith (violin). Mr F. Martin was M.C.

Notification has been received that Miss P. E. Reed, head teacher of the Koyuga East State School, has been appointed first assistant in the local school, and will commence duty here on 26th September.

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BAZAAR AT MIDDLE CREEK.

A debt was recently incurred by purchasing a piano for the Middle Creek Public Hall, and in order to wipe it out the local ladies have for some time been energetically organising a bazaar. This function, which promises to be a complete success, took place in the hall on Thursday and Friday. The interior of the building had undergone a great change in appearance, and the proficiency of the ladies in the decorative art was convincingly manifest. An array of neat and well-stocked stalls attracted the eye, and tempted even the most rigid economist to buy. There was a large attendance on Thursday afternoon, motor-car and buggy loads of people coming from various parts of the district, and even from Ballarat. The weather conditions were ideal. Mr W. Ahern (chairman of the hall committee) presided, and mentioned that the hall committee had enlisted the services of a bazaar committee. Their newly-elected local North Riding member (Cr. J. McDonald) had been asked to open the bazaar, and he introduced him in that capacity. Cr. J. McDonald, who was well received, remarked that most people knew what the bazaar was in aid of, but in case any of them did not, he might tell them that it was in aid of the new piano just lately purchased for the hall, and on which they owed £70. The ladies of Middle Creek were good enough to "get together" and organise a bazaar, and he congratulated them upon the artistic appearance of the stalls. They all hoped the money would flow in freely. The clerk of the weather must have been smiling on them when he gave them so good a day for the opening. The old English definition of a bazaar was that it was a building fit for a market place, but he believed most people would not venture to make a definition of a bazaar such as he was just opening, and so he would leave it to those present to define when they were leaving. (Laughter). He hoped they would all enjoy themselves and get absolute bargains. He then formally declared the bazaar open for business. (Applause). Brisk trade was done by the stall-holders during the afternoon. Miss Irene Fay had charge of the fancy goods stall, Mrs Franc of the produce stall, Mrs Hillman of the sweets stall, Mrs G. Waldron of the bran pie, and Mrs J. McDonald of the refreshment stall. Each of the ladies mentioned had an energetic staff of assistants. There was also a large attendance in the evening, and a satisfactory volume of business was done. The bazaar was continued last night (Friday), and was followed by an equally successful and enjoyable ball. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial profit. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Miss Irene Fay, who was assisted by an enthusiastic and hard-working committee.

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G. R.
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District Land and Survey Office, Ballarat, 15/9/21.

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D. STEVENSON, President.
N. B. ACTON, Hon. Secy.
17/9/21.

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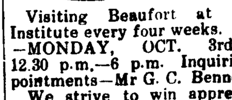

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By NICHOLAS CARTER.

Author of "A Duple Crime," "The Lady Detective," "Hounded to Death," Etc., Etc.

PART I.

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"How does it happen that you are interested in this affair at all?

"I was away at boarding-school until two years ago, sir. I am an orphan. My parents both died when I was very young. I have always been under the care of my guardian. I was just taken away from school a few months ago. Believe me, I did not know that I had a fortune left me.

"Have you been induced to procure an interpreter, Miss Corrigan in which case you should give her an impression in order to have another call made like it."

"I have, sir," replied the "that you have received the letter, for your own sake, I think it will go very far towards establishing your innocence in the matter."

"I have, sir, better, sir. It is in my desk at the office." [illegible]

"Well, sir, I will ask you, Do you see anything about the black bag?"

"Why, sir, I can't say that my mind has taken up in New York some [illegible]

"Where is your home? Where do you live?"

"In Hamilton Street. Not very far from here."

"Within easy walking distance?"

"Yes."

"We will go there at once. If you will lock the store after I have assured myself that the bag is not here."

"Oh, it is not here, sir. I can assure you of that much. There is nothing here only what you can see. The store and this small room at the rear of it is all there is to that place."

"There is a safe over there in the corner," said Nick, stepping to the doorway between the two rooms and pointing to a small safe that stood only four feet high from the floor.

"Yes," she said, "my aunt uses that to keep her books in, I think."

"The books seem to be piled on top of it just at the present moment," said Nick, and he stepped into the store and turned the handle of the safe door, only to find that the dial of the combination lock had been whirled, and that the door was locked.

When she made no reply, the detective made another effort to open the door, and, finding it impossible to do so, asked:

"Do you know the combination?"

"I do," she replied, "although it is only an accident that I happen to know it. I am not one of the prying kind, and I was not attempting to find it out, by-the-by."

"Never mind that," said Nick. "If you know the combination, tell me what it is."

She mentioned three numbers, and the detective began rapidly to whirl the dial of the combination lock. [illegible] than it takes to describe it he had completed the one turn to the right to the first number, the two complete turns to the left to the second number, the three complete turns to the right to the third number and was in the act of attempt, and the door swung open, until the door was wide open. Then he raised himself from the kneeling position and peered into the safe.

"Do you stand in the side of the door, so that one is not able to see what is usually divided into two compartments," he said, [illegible]

[illegible] Nick, [illegible] the door, [illegible] the safe door, [illegible] the door, [illegible] the door, [illegible] the

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IN MEMORIAM.

BUCHANAN.—Consecrated to the memory of Lorna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Buchanan, and darling little sister of Ivan and Graham, who died suddenly 23rd Sept., 1920. Aged 5 years.
But who shall so forecast the years
And find in loss a gain to match?
Or reach a hand through time to catch
The far-off interest of tears?

PHILLIPS.—In loving memory of our dear son Pte. F. G. Phillips (Fred), killed in action in Belgium, 25th September, 1917. Aged 21 years. Also our loving nephew, Will, died of wounds, 27th August, 1918.
There's not a day goes by, dear Fred,
But that we think of you;
Your loving ways, your kindly deeds,
Are pleasant to recall.
You went to help win your country,
And died beloved by all.
Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.
Inserted by his loving mother, father, and sisters.
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BEREAVEMENT CARD.

I WISH to tender my sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams and Mr. R. Thomson, also many other friends, for their kindness and sympathy in my recent sad bereavement.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1921.

SHOW VISITORS

A fair number of Beaufort and district residents went cityward during the week: the attraction in the metropolis being the Royal Show.

SNAKES' EARLY APPEARANCE.

Snakes are making their appearance early this season owing to their being flooded out by recent heavy rains and compelled to migrate to drier spots. Within a week five reptiles have been killed in and around Beaufort.

Agricultural and Pastoral.

Shearing operations have reached an advanced stage in and around the Beaufort district, and some sheds have already cut out. Although there has been a superabundance of rain of late, farmers and graziers have every reason to anticipate a bountiful season.

PERSONAL.

At the end of last week, Mr A. L. Wotherspoon, a member of the firm of Messrs J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort, had to undergo a serious operation in Melbourne. He is progressing as well as can be expected, and it is hoped that this operation will remove the cause of the trouble from which he has been so great a sufferer for some time past.

A CANINE TRAVELLER.

A traveller without a ticket, and one immune from prosecution or challenge by the "flying gang," is often seen in the guard's van of passenger trains from Melbourne to Stawell. The culprit is a small terrier, and it is very skilful at eluding the efforts of the railway officials to prevent it from boarding trains.

THE PICTURES.

The proprietor of the Royal Pictures screened a varied and interesting programme at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Saturday night, when there was a fairly large attendance. Constance Talmadge was featured in the amusing drama, "The Love Expert," and the first episode of the new serial, "The Great Gamble," was also shown, together with topical and humorous films. The stars for to-night (Saturday) are "Yes or No" (Norma Talmadge), and the second episode of "The Great Gamble."

"NOT AN OFFICER HERE."

At the Beaufort v. Burrumbeet football match at Learmonth on Saturday a slight rumpus occurred on the field, and the public rushed the arena in the twinkling of an eye. Actuated by curiosity, like the rest, a Beaufort Digger, wearing one of those short military greatcoats known as a "British warmer," elbowed his way into the centre of the throng. He also expressed his opinion in blunt Aussie fashion, and evidently got on the nerves of a peppery old lady, who angrily remarked, "You might have been an officer in the Army, but you are not an officer here." Of course the laugh was against the Digger, whose mates knew he had never worn a "Sam Brown."

CHARABANC TRIP.

A party of about 30 Beaufort residents and footballers journeyed to Learmonth on Saturday in a charabanc. Although the larger automobile was easily outpaced by ordinary cars, its passengers certainly had a more comfortable ride; the only drawback being the dust. When passing Trawalla soldier settlement the majority of those on board had their first opportunity of seeing how the Digger shaped as a ploughman, fencer, and bush carpenter, and the unanimous opinion was that he had made good use of his time. When the well-known figure of Jacky Gellart came into view, seated on a plough behind a fine team of draught horses, the ladies of the party gave him a "rally." Indeed he looked as much at home on his perch as an old "cocky" who had been at the game for years. "Good luck to him," said a soldier's sister, "and all like him who are doing their best to make good." Until the charabanc came within sight of the picturesque township of Learmonth, with its old-fashioned church steeple and its houses huddled together almost down to the water's edge of a silvery little lake, set in a background of cultivated green hills, there was nothing more to attract the eye and take the attention of the male passengers away from the game of cards in which they were engrossed. After the match some time was lost in picking up a few "strays" before the charabanc started for home, and a dust-covered party "packed up their troubles in the old kit-bag" and sang all the way to Beaufort.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald will sell on Thursday, 13th October, at 3 p.m., at their office, Beaufort, 380 acres freehold land at Trawalla, a/c. Mr S. Hancock.

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A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

It is reported that the proceeds of the bazaar held last week by the local ladies in aid of the Middle Creek Hall amounted to £155. Alterations to the present building are contemplated.

ACCIDENT.

Willie Sargent, the little son of Mr and Mrs Thos. Sargent, of Beaufort, met with a nasty accident on Saturday. He was playing with a scythe, when it slipped and inflicted a wound on one of his hands, to close which several stitches were required.

GOING TO SEA.

Mr Eric Bailes, son of Mr and Mrs Tom D. Bailes, Beaufort, intends to have a taste of seafaring life. He is a telegraph operator in the postal department, and has obtained a position as wireless operator on a ship. Mr Bailes was recently stationed at Ballarat and Daylesford.

SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS.

At the Royal Agricultural Society's show, Melbourne, this week, Mr Geo. Topper, of Beaufort, won first prize for rye grass (perennial), and his brother (Mr T. J. Topper) obtained second.

BEAUFORT A.N.A.

There was a fair attendance of members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night. The vice-president (Mr H. J. Troy) occupied the chair. Three new members were proposed—an encouraging sign, as the branch has been consistently adding to its ranks of late. Accounts and sick-pay amounting to £4 odd were passed for payment. The secretary (Mr W. J. Bruce Johnson) reported that the trustees had secured, on behalf of the branch, a Diggers' Loan bond for £210.

ST. ANDREW'S TENNIS CLUB.

A well-attended and thoroughly enjoyable social was held by the members of St. Andrew's Tennis Club at the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School Hall on Tuesday evening. Rev. A. H. Ross presided. Games were vigorously indulged in, and instead of the usual guessing competitions, there were egg and spoon races. Mrs T. McDonald won the ladies' event, and Mr E. J. Muntz, junr., the men's. A song was rendered by Miss Taylor in pleasing style. The ladies provided supper, and Messrs R. T. McDonald and Ron Stevenson shared the secretarial duties.

WORLEY'S CIRCUS.

Worley's circus gave an excellent performance to a fairly large house at Beaufort on Thursday night. The show was the best of its kind that has visited the town in recent years, and entertaining items were given by a clever troupe of trapezists, tight-rope walkers, acrobats, equestrians and equestriennes, and performing horses and mules. The feat of Miss Worley in lifting a local resident 12st. 6lbs. in weight off the ground with her teeth whilst she was suspended from the trapeze was an extraordinary one, and she afterwards lifted a boy from the audience into mid-air with her teeth and spun him round like a wheel. The youngster, needless to state, got the shock of his life. The clowns and dummies, inseparable from the circus ring, imparted the humorous element into the programme. A second performance was given on Friday night.

FIRE BRIGADE BALL.

The members of the Beaufort Fire Brigade held their annual ball at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday night; about 40 couples attending. The ballroom and platform were nicely decorated with flags and curtains. The latest jazz music was supplied by Boyd's orchestra of four performers from Ararat. Mr Maurice Kelly officiated as M.C. During the evening Miss Lily Walton gave a couple of songs and an exhibition of step-dancing, the items being encored. A tasty supper was provided, the edibles being supplied by Messrs Les. Miles and W. A. Hopkins. The firemen acted as waiters, and Mrs Meredith superintended the arrangements. Mr W. Dixon capably discharged the secretarial duties, and was assisted in the preliminary work by the captain (Mr C. Day) and other officers and members. Mr G. Gordon acted as doorkeeper. It is anticipated that there will be a profit of about £2.

For Children's Hacking Cough.
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

There were 410 cases of twin births and five cases of triplet births in Victoria during the year 1920. According to the figures of the Statist, one mother in every 89 gave birth to twins, and one in every 9156 was delivered of triplets.

A motion to limit a tenure of office of incumbents was discussed at the Melbourne Anglican Synod last week. It was declared by the vicar-general (Archdeacon Hindley) to be one of the most important that could be submitted. In favor of the suggested change it was argued that, revolutionary though it might be, the change would tend to make the church more of a living force in the State. The present system, which gave clergymen a life tenure in a parish where they lacked influence and appreciation, meant stagnation, whereas the provision of a means for changing incumbents would bring clergymen and parishoners into closer touch and would make for advancement. After prolonged discussion, the motion was agreed to by both houses—clergy and laity.

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WEDDINGS.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Main Lead Church on Wednesday, July 27th, when Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. E. Ball, of "Roseville," Main Lead, was married to Malcolm, second son of the late Mr Alex. McDonald (of St. Arnaud) and Mrs McDonald (now of Redesdale). The Rev. W. C. Wood, of the Church of England, officiated, and Miss S. Dickman presided at the organ. The church had been prettily decorated for the occasion by friends of the bride. "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" was sung as the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She was attired in a pretty dress of white crepe de chine, hand embroidered, and trimmed with silver lace. She wore a handsome veil and a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers and asparagus fern (arranged by Mrs. L. Watkin). The bridesmaids were Misses Pearl Carmichael and Bessie Ball (cousins of the bride). The former wore a pretty dress of crepe de chine, shoes and stockings to match, and a black panne velvet hat with gold trimmings. The latter wore a dainty dress of white voile, white shoes and stockings, and a white bow on her hair. Both wore gold brooches (the gift of the bridegroom), and carried bouquets of pink heath and asparagus fern. Mr Angus McDonald (cousin of the bridegroom) acted as best man. As the bride left the church, a lucky horseshoe was placed on her arm by her little nephew, Georgie Ball, of Merbein. After the ceremony, about 40 relatives and friends sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents. The tables were tastefully decorated with pink and white heath. The Rev. W. C. Wood presided, and the usual toasts were honored. The newly-married couple left Beaufort, amid showers of confetti, for Ballarat, en route for Melbourne and Bendigo, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride travelled in a smart navy costume, with navy blue and gold hat to match. She was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents, including several cheques. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a circular brooch of pearls, and the bride's gift to the bridegroom, a gold-mounted watch-guard.

A very pretty, but quiet, wedding took place at the residence of Mrs Stokes, of Chute, on Thursday afternoon, when the Rev. W. H. Taylor united in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr Ernest V. Jude, of Stawell, and Miss Fanny Stokes. The bride was dressed in a dainty frock of white silk, with hand embroidered trimmings, and was given away by her brother (Mr Norman Stokes, of Beaufort). At the conclusion of the ceremony, the officiating clergyman tendered the young couple hearty good wishes for their future welfare and wished them God's richest blessing on their married life. Miss Stokes had acted as organist at the local church for the past six years, and her friends of the church and relatives sent along a number of useful presents, which were much admired and appreciated by the young people. A bountiful repast followed the ceremony, and the young couple left later for their future home at Stawell. The bride travelled in a slate-colored garbardine costume, with white crepe de chine hat. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a neat gold pendant, and also a beautiful handbag; whilst the bride gave the bridegroom a nice pair of gold sleeve-links. They will both be followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

GOLF.

A team representing the Beaufort Golf Club visited Ballarat on Wednesday, and defeated that team by one ace.

The first round of the ladies' and men's championships of the Beaufort Golf Club were played on Saturday, concurrently with singles handicaps. The ladies' handicap was won by Miss A. Stevenson (94—16—78). Miss A. Coates was second with 96—16—80, and Miss A. Cochrane (98—16—82) and Mrs N. B. Acton (108—26—82) tied for third place. J. W. Lush was the winner of the men's handicap with 85—20—65; J. A. Harris (96—30—66) being second, and N. B. Acton (85—18—67) third.

In the first round of the club championships the scores were as follow:—Ladies—Miss A. Stevenson, 94; Miss A. Coates, 96; Miss A. Cochrane, 98; Mrs N. B. Acton, 108; Mrs D. F. Troy, 109; and Mrs L. Watkin, 111. Men—E. J. Emery, 84; J. Martin, 84; Dr. G. A. Eadie, 85; N. B. Acton, 85; S. Young, 88; T. Williams, 92; P. H. Procter, 97; T. M. Bowe, 100; and D. F. Troy, 101. The championships, which will take two more Saturdays to complete, will be continued to-day, when the second round will be played concurrently with handicap events.

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It is considered unlikely, unless Parliament intervenes, that the Electricity Commissioners will adopt a flat rate price for electric power supplied to all parts of the State. Sir John Monash, chairman of the Electricity Commission, has already stated that the commission's charges will be graded on quantity and continuity of consumption. Thus big works in Melbourne using a large amount of power should necessarily get cheaper power than similar smaller works using much less power in the country.

A general meeting of the Beaufort Athletic Club will be held on Tuesday evening to arrange annual sports, elect officers, etc.

Messrs Kelly & McDonald hold their Beaufort stock sale on Thursday, 29th inst.

The Beaufort golf ball is to be held on Thursday night. Campbell's Jazz Orchestra (Ballarat) has been engaged. The price of a double ticket is 7/6.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 19TH SEPT., 1921.
(Before Messrs D. F. Troy and L. T. G. Smith, J's.P.)

CATTLE OWNERS FINED.

Senior-constable J. T. Ellis, summoning officer of the Shire of Ripon, charged W. King with being, on 8th Sept., the owner of a horse found wandering in Walker street, Beaufort, without any person in charge. He mentioned that defendant was shearing and could not attend the court. Hugh McDougall, ranger and herdsman for Riponshire, gave evidence in support of the charge, and stated that King had admitted ownership. A fine of 2/6, with 6/ costs, was inflicted.

Jeannie Hughes was similarly charged in regard to a heifer. She pleaded not guilty, and stated that she had told the herdsman about the animal being out. Hugh McDougall, sworn, stated that Mrs Hughes had admitted that the heifer was her's. Mr Troy—Defendant knew cattle were not allowed on the streets, and they were merely here to carry out the law. Fined 2/6, with 6/ costs.

George Pringle, who was charged with being the owner of two cows found wandering in the same locality on 8th Sept., pleaded guilty. Hugh McDougall gave sworn testimony that defendant released the two cows from the court yard and admitted that they were his property. To Mr Troy—Walker street was behind the police station. Defendant informed the bench that it was his first appearance here, and that it was the first time his cows had offended. They were usually in a paddock, but, unfortunately, they got away from him that morning, and he could not head them. He left it till lunch time, and meant to take them to the paddock then, but forgot. He asked them to fine him as lightly as possible. Fined 2/6 per head, with costs totalling 6/.

Mary Fitzpatrick, who did not appear, was similarly charged with regard to a cow. Senior-constable Ellis explained that defendant could not be present. Hugh McDougall gave evidence that Mr Fitzpatrick had admitted that the cow was his wife's. Mr Troy—Walker street must have a good bit of grass in it. They were all caught there. (Laughter). Fined 2/6, with 6/ costs.

Jas. A. Harris was proceeded against for being the owner, on 8th Sept., of four horses found wandering in Burton street. Mr S. Young appeared for defendant, who pleaded guilty. Hugh McDougall stated on oath that he put the four horses in the court yard. Later he interviewed Mr Harris, who denied being the owner of the horses. It was 10 o'clock at night. Defendant had not admitted ownership to him since. Mr Young—Although we plead guilty, we do not admit ownership even now. Senior-constable Ellis—Owing to Mr Young pleading guilty, I did not call other witnesses. Mr Young (in reply to the bench)—He offered no excuse whatever; just pleaded guilty. He was instructed that two belonged to his client's son. It was not worth while bothering about. He pleaded guilty for the lot. Mr Troy—The point they were worried over was that defendants in one or two of these cases were previous offenders, and Mr Harris also. He did not think it was a matter of the amount of the fine, even if they made it the full penalty. There seemed to be a certain amount of carelessness. He thought the publicity quite sufficient punishment without making the fine too heavy. They would treat Mr Harris the same as the others and fine him 2/6 per head, with costs totalling 6/. Senior-constable Ellis—After this he was going to ask that fines be increased. It was not much use bringing them before the court, as with a 2/6 fine it really paid to have cattle on the streets. The animals were really dangerous to motor cars, &c., and especially at night. He did not want to see heavy fines, but now that people had had a good warning, he thought it was about time that they kept their stock off the streets. Mr Troy—One time they made it the full penalty of £1. Mr Young—He thought that fine was for not attending. Mr Troy—He thought the public all ought to be well warned by the statement of the senior-constable that fines would be heavier in future.

RANGER'S COSTS.

Mr Young objected to the ranger's costs, which were 15/6 for six cases. The ranger was an officer of the shire, and his pay was not deducted because he attended.

Senior-constable Ellis said the P.M. had allowed the ranger 2/6. He had to come if he had only one case, and he did not see why any difference should be made on account of others.

Mr Young—It might not have been explained on that occasion that he was an officer of the shire. If he were entitled to 15/6 costs on the lot, he was entitled to 15/6 on one case. If the mere fact of his attending entitled him to costs, and 30 people were brought here, that would be 30 half-crowns, which would reduce it to an absurdity.

Mr Troy—He quite agreed with what Mr Young had just said, but did the herdsman's pay go on?

Senior-constable Ellis—He thought his pay went on. It was pointed out to the P.M. that he had to attend court, and owing to this the P.M. allowed him 2/6 in each case.

Mr Young—The P.M.'s ruling did not override the present bench's ruling. What did this man lose by attending? What would it lead to if they allowed the costs? He thought the costs allowed the ranger were extraordinary.

Senior-constable Ellis—They were not always liable to have such a lot of cases.

In answer to Mr Troy, Mr McDougall said he was not ranger at the time the P.M. allowed it. He was on better pay than Mr Dickman, as he got a small salary and the rest in commission. While he was here he might lose something else. This went to make up his salary. If he did not make it out of commission, the council had to make it up.

Mr Troy—If they allowed the costs in these cases, as Mr Young was also a councillor, it would be a good opportunity——

Mr Young—It had nothing to do with him as a councillor whatever.

Mr Troy—If the opportunity ever arose it might be brought up at a council meeting and exactly what they thought of this thing found out.

Mr Troy—That had nothing to do with the council whatever, but rested with the prosecuting officer. The question was, "What did the witness lose by attending here?" He pointed out that it was an absurdity to allow him 2/6 for each case. He ought to be allowed 7/6 for the afternoon, and that amount split up among the defendants. There was nothing whatever in the Justices' Act to entitle him to 15/6 costs as a witness.

Mr Troy—He might have one case, and it was only fair to give him the fat day with the lean day.

Mr Young—He said the position was they were wrong in allowing him 2/6 in each case. If there were 20 cases, would they say he was entitled to £2 10/?

Mr Troy—He did not, under those circumstances, but he might bring one case many days.

Mr Young—The highest paid was 10/6 for a bank manager or auctioneer. It did not affect his client, but he thought they ought to consider it carefully.

Senior-constable Ellis—As these cases were nearly through, he asked them to let it go and he would interview the council and see what they thought.

Mr Young—It had nothing to do with the council. It was a matter for the bench.

Senior-constable Ellis—It was a matter of salary with Mr McDougall.

Mr Troy—He was trying to get some guide for the future.

The costs were allowed to stand.

OTHER CASES.

Richard Sitter admitted ownership of a bull found wandering in Walker street on 8th Sept., and Hugh McDougall gave evidence to the same effect. Mr Troy—They had to treat defendant the same as the others. Defendant should take his tip and keep it off the streets, as no doubt the fines would have to be heavier. Fined 2/6, with 6/ costs.

David Stevenson, who did not appear, was charged with being the owner of a bull that was straying on the same date in Walker street. Hugh McDougall, sworn, stated that he interviewed Mr Stevenson, who admitted that the bull was his property. A penalty of 2/6, with 6/ costs, was inflicted.

A similar charge was made against James Stevenson in regard to two wandering steers. Defendant did not attend the court. Hugh McDougall gave evidence that defendant had released the steers and admitted that they were his property. Fined 2/6 per head, with 6/ costs.

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WATERLOO.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

The Waterloo Rovers, premiers of the Buangor Football Association, held a very successful plain and fancy dress ball on Friday, 16th inst., in the Mechanics' Hall. The ballroom was tastefully decorated with the club's colors, red and blue balloons, golden wattle, and evergreens. The music was supplied by Messrs E. Vowles and W. Wilson. Mr W. Kay was an efficient M.C. Mr G. Russell acted as doorkeeper, and Mr W. Jones as secretary. The judges were Messrs W. Jones, G. Russell, W. Lamont, H. Jones, and G. Smith. The prizes for best costumes were awarded to Miss E. Vowles ("Golden Butterfly") and Mr W. A. Skene ("Mephistopheles"), and were the gifts of Messrs Cougle and G. C. Bennett. The prize for best sustained character was obtained by "The Football Set" (Mrs Wangler, Misses Grace and Rene Fox, and Rankin, with Master Freddie Fox as umpire). The other wearers of fancy costume were:—Miss T. Laney ("Red Cross Nurse"), Miss McCallum ("Scotch Lassie"), Miss D. Nixon ("Nyal's Face Cream"), Miss L. Kay ("Fashions"), Miss H. Smith ("Spring"), Miss N. Lilley ("Spring"), Miss M. Jones ("Gipsy"), Mr W. Kay ("Stockman"), Mr N. Dromey ("Charles II"), Mr I. Laney ("Red Indian Chief"), Mr J. Grant ("Cowboy"), Messrs A. Smith and P. Stevens ("Pierrots"), and Mrs Polkinghorne ("Lady of the Bath"). About 65 couples were present, and the takings amounted to £11/13/. A guessing competition for a cushion was won by Miss Joyce Skene. The catering arrangements were very satisfactorily carried out by Mr L. Miles. Musical items were contributed by Messrs G. Vowles and J. J. Meaney.

On Saturday the Lexton footballers visited Waterloo, and a very enjoyable game resulted in an easy win for Waterloo. Final scores:—Waterloo, 4 goals 5 behinds (29 points); Lexton, 5 behinds (5 points). Afternoon tea was provided by the Waterloo ladies, and in the evening an equally enjoyable dance was held.

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TRANSFERRED.

Mr Noonan, operating porter at Beaufort for several months, has been transferred to Flinders street, Melbourne. Mr Cole, of Ballan, will succeed him here. Mr Noonan has not had good health during his stay in Beaufort, hence his removal to a milder climate.

A NATURAL CURIOSITY.

It must have been fully 30 years ago since the sons of the late Mr George Wotherspoon carved their initials on the limb of a willow tree in the back yard of their father's residence in Lawrence street, Beaufort. The property was afterwards occupied by Mrs McDougall for several years, and since then by Mr A. Parker for 25 years. The other day the willow-tree was cut down, and on a piece of wood about 2 ft. long which came out of the heart of the tree was discovered the initials cut by the Wotherspoon boys so long ago, viz., G.L.W. and A.W. The letters are as clear and well-preserved as though they were but recently cut. The bark had grown over them—hence their fine state of preservation.

FOOTBALL.

BURRUMBEET DEFEATS BEAUFORT.

Accompanied by fairly large contingents of followers, the Beaufort and Burrumbeet football teams journeyed to Learmonth on Saturday to play the first semi final game in the Learmonth district competition. A fleet of motor cars and a charabanc conveyed the Beaufort folk to the scene of the match, and a few enthusiasts cycled the 24 miles. The charabanc (which had a number of players on board) did not reach Learmonth till 3.30 p.m., so that a rather late start was made with the game. The weather was favorable, and there was a fairly large attendance of the public. The central umpire was Stevens, and he carried out his duties satisfactorily. D. R. Hannah and Moodie acted as goal umpires, and Yates and Walker officiated on the boundaries. J. Moodie (Burrumbeet) and J. E. Wallish (Beaufort) captained the rival teams. Both clubs put the strongest combination available into the field, as the losers had to drop out of the competition. A steady breeze was blowing diagonally across the field when the match commenced, and it mostly affected the play around the goal nearest the township, veering round a point or two in Burrumbeet's favor in the last quarter. Throughout the match there were occasional flashes of smart, systematic, open play by both teams, but for the most part the game was rather too crowded and an exceedingly strenuous one. In the opening quarter Beaufort kicked with the wind, which was too tricky to be of much advantage to them. After a period of rough, give and take play in the centre, Beaufort got the ball into position, but owing to the unfavorable wind, it repeatedly went over the left boundary close to goal. D. Rogers took a fine mark, but lost the ball in turning to take a snapshot. Wallish, Hay, King, E. Muntz, Davis, Haebisch, D. Rogers, Nicholson, and Osmond were conspicuous for Beaufort at this stage, and White, Wilmot, Moodie and Penglaze were doing useful work for Burrumbeet. Later a chain of passes by H. McIntyre, Moody, and Mitchell gave the latter a sporting chance, but he kicked the leather out of bounds. The ball remained at Burrumbeet's end, and they were the first to score, H. McIntyre notching a single. A series of attacks and counter-attacks followed; Hay, King, Nicholson, Wallish, N. Muntz, D. Rogers, and V. Martin showing up for Beaufort, and J. and H. McIntyre, Willis, J. Moodie, Flanagan, Turner, and Penglaze for the other side. Beaufort eventually forced the oval over the boundary on the right wing near goal. Shortly after the throw-in, R. Davis sent the ball to E. Muntz, who scored a major point for Beaufort by a lucky snapshot off the ground. Osmond then gave D. Rogers an opportunity, and the latter added a behind to our tally. White passed the ball to J. McIntyre, but Wallish sent it half-forward again as the bell rang. In this term Beaufort had two scoring shots to one. Scores:—Beaufort, 1 goal 1 behind; Burrumbeet, 1 behind. Beaufort had four scoring shots to two in the second term, and by concerted play and systematic short passing, obtained the big lead of 23 points over their opponents. In the opening minutes Haebisch, L. Stevenson, and Hay were doing well for Beaufort, and J. McIntyre, Turner and Dobson for Burrumbeet. Upon White and McIntyre getting the ball into position, Mitchell punched it through the opening and added a single to Burrumbeet's score. For a time the ball was alternately in and out of bounds on the left wing near Burrumbeet's goal and on the half-forward line, and Wilmot, Henderson, and H. Moody had ineffective shots. Together with White, Penglaze, and H. McIntyre, the three players already mentioned were working hard for Burrumbeet, and P. Stevenson, E. and N. Muntz, Hay, Osmond, J. Nicholson, and D. Rogers were the shining lights on the other side. Eventually T. Dobson kicked a minor point for Burrumbeet. Shortly after, a disturbance was noticeable near the centre, and two or three players commenced to show fight. It is alleged that the two captains (Wallish and J. Moody) came to cross purposes owing to Moody throwing Nicholson, and that another Burrumbeet player and a Beaufort man interfered. An excited crowd swarmed on to the ground, but was quickly dispersed by the police. On play being resumed, D. Rogers, Wallish, Osmond, and E. Muntz brought the ball close to Beaufort's goal on the right, but a free kick to Penglaze checked them. Soon after the leather was passed from Nicholson and Wallish to Hay, and the latter raised two flags for Beaufort. Wallish next gave H. Norman an opportunity, and this excellent forward registered Beaufort's third goal. Davis and Hay again brought the ball forward, and H. Norman obtained our fourth goal from a penalty kick. Despite the determined defence by Moody and Flanagan, D. Rogers, with a smart dash, forwarded the leather again. Norman and Davis were next prominent, and the leather went over the left boundary close to Beaufort's goal. Shortly after King added a single to our tally. McDonald, Davis, Hay, and King were foremost among the attackers later, and White, Wilmot, and J. McIntyre, Henderson staunchly defended. A pretty series of marks by Osmond, N. Muntz, D. Rogers, Hay, and E. Muntz deserved better success, but the ball was forced out of bounds on the left wing within the forward area. Half-time scores:—Beaufort, 4 goals 2 behinds; Burrumbeet, 3 behinds. In the third quarter, each team had three scoring shots, and Burrumbeet began to make the game interesting. E. Muntz, Osmond, N. Muntz, D. Rogers, and Norman opened up the play with a nice chain of marks, but J. Moody relieved, and the ball went out of bounds on the left wing. Hay sent the leather forward from a free kick, but McIntyre marked it. White and Wilmot were the next to show up, and the ball went over the left boundary close to Burrumbeet's goal several times. A clever bit of play and meritorious marking by Wallish, E. and N. Muntz, and Nicholson, gave Harry Norman an easy chance in front of the sticks, and he registered Beaufort's fifth goal. White sent the oval dangerously close to his team's goal, but Martinez and P. Stevenson made a good save. Play for a time hovered about the centre left wing, and J. McDonald, N. Muntz, and Haebisch were active for our side, and H. McIntyre and Duncan for Burrumbeet. D. Rogers pulled down a mark within scoring distance of our goal, and was given two shots owing to an opponent running over his mark, but was each time only good for a single. Burrumbeet then took a hand, but Wallish brought the ball back. Hay carried on, and after a good dash, essayed a running shot. The ball just dribbled through the behind posts, but was missed by J. Moody. McIntyre Bros. were again prominent, and the ball twice went over the left boundary near our opponents' goal. Willis took a mark in fine style, and was responsible for Burrumbeet's [illegible]. J. McIntyre booted the ball into position, but Martinez and P. Stevenson relieved in good style. Mitchell marked and forwarded the leather, and Dobson snapped Burrumbeet's second goal. Osmond and E. Muntz again came to light and got the ball to Hay. The latter was awarded a free-kick, and scored Beaufort's sixth goal. Free kicks to H. McIntyre and Connelly resulted in their sending the ball on to J. McIntyre just as the bell rang. To the surprise of the spectators play continued, and T. Dobson registered Burrumbeet's third goal by a free kick. The goal umpire at Beaufort's end did not put up his flags, and the central umpire decided that the goal should stand, as the ringing of the bell was not audible at the end of the field where the "sixer" was scored. Unfortunately for Beaufort, the vagrant wind must have wafted the subdued and rather unmusical notes of the unsuitable old cowbell across the rippling waters of Lake Learmonth. Three quarter-time scores:—Beaufort, 6 goals 3 behinds; Burrumbeet, 3 goals 3 behinds. In the last quarter Burrumbeet made a great recovery. Playing systematically and with considerable dash, they gave Beaufort some of their own back, and had seven scoring shots to nil. Beaufort started the term with a lead of three goals. Burrumbeet attacked at once, with H. McIntyre, J. Moody, and J. McIntyre going strong. Wallish, N. Muntz, Halpin, and D. Rogers put up a good defence (the latter taking a mark splendidly and making a disconcerting dash). Burrumbeet kept pressing forward, and Anderson, with a snapshot off the ground, registered a single for them. Halpin, Martin, and Miles held up their opponents' attacks for a while, and the ball went out of bounds on the left wing near goal. Later, J. McIntyre marked a considerable distance out in the field, and with a magnificent long kick obtained Burrumbeet's fourth goal. Mitchell and H. McIntyre then showed up, and the latter scored a minor point for Burrumbeet. Turner and White sent the leather over the left boundary near Burrumbeet's goal. A period of crowded, scrambling play followed, and H. McIntyre, Turner, and White were doing excellent service for Burrumbeet. H. McIntyre had a shot, and P. Stevenson marked the ball a few inches in front of the sticks. Hay and Haebisch attempted a counter attack, but Flanagan and McIntyre held it up. After rough play in Burrumbeet's half-forward area, the ball went out of bounds on the left wing. Beaufort were unable to get it away, and H. McIntyre found the opening, but P. Stevenson touched the ball in its course and only a behind resulted. Beaufort's lead was now only nine points. The ball again went over the left boundary, and a little later H. Moody secured Burrumbeet's fifth goal by a free kick, and incidentally narrowed Beaufort's margin down to three points. Beaufort then got the leather down their end, but by means of handball and short passing Burrumbeet smartly worked it back to Mitchell and White, and it again went out of bounds on the left wing near their goal. A penalty kick to Rogers held Burrumbeet back for a while, but H. McIntyre soon obtained another single for them. Beaufort now only had a couple of points to spare, and play again changed over to the left wing. Rogers was awarded another free kick, and Mitchell took a fine mark in position, but kicked wide, and Nicholson marked the ball. The centre left wing was again the scene of play. With only a little over a minute to go, and when there was tense excitement, N. Muntz (who obtained possession of the ball) made an unfortunate error of judgment by dashing along the right wing against the wind. He reached the centre line, but Burrumbeet brought the ball back, and Martin marked and checked them momentarily. They made another determined thrust, and P. Stevenson prevented them from scoring for a second or two. White, however, took a mark in position, and registering Burrumbeet's sixth goal, placed them four points in the lead. Beaufort were working the ball down their end again, but it was a forlorn hope, for the bell rang before they had time to get within scoring distance. Burrumbeet thus won by four points, and were loudly applauded by their supporters. Final scores:—Burrumbeet—6 goals 7 behinds (43 points); Beaufort, 6 goals 3 behinds (39 points). Goal-kickers—Burrumbeet—Dobson (2), Willis, A. McIntyre, White, and H. McIntyre. Beaufort—H. Norman (3), Hay (2), and E. Muntz. The best players on the winning side were White, H. and J. McIntyre, H. and J. Moody, Willis, Henderson, Penglaze, and Wilmot. Occasionally Mitchell and Dobson were prominent. Beaufort's most valuable men were I. H. Hay (who was never in better form), Haebisch (who played his best game for the season), E. Muntz, H. Norman, Wallish, Osmond, D. Rogers, N. Muntz, and Davis. At times P. Stevenson and Martinez did useful work. Beaufort have lodged a protest against Burrumbeet's win on the ground of a goal being scored after the bell rang in the third quarter. This came before the association last night (Friday). Burrumbeet also lodged a protest on the ground that Osmond was not qualified to play in the semi-final.

Waubra and Learmonth play the second semi-final at Learmonth to-day (Saturday).

THE WEATHER.

Seventy-five points of rain were recorded at Beaufort on Sunday. The rain was not welcomed by the soldier settlers at Trawalla, who have been fallowing under difficulties for some time. Several of them have had annoying experiences owing to teams floundering into treacherously boggy patches of ground, and have been rather too forcibly reminded of the state of things which existed before the mud began to freeze at Flers in the winter of 1916. Once the ground is broken up by the plough, however, the soft spots will disappear.

FORMER RESIDENT'S VISIT.

Mr Fred Maher (a former Beaufort resident who has been in Western Australia for many years) came back to have a look at the old town during the week, and his impression was that, although there had been no startling progress, it had the appearance of being more solid now than ever. In W.A. he has seen several old mining towns like Beaufort gradually converted into agricultural centres, and agrees that the change is for the better. Old friends of the Maher family will be pleased to learn that all is well with the other three brothers in the western State.

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BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—A short yarding, 100 being penned. There was a keen demand during early sales at last week's best rates. Towards the close of the market enquiry weakened slightly, and lower prices had to be accepted for all grades. Quotations: Prime bullocks, £14 to £16; extra, to £17/17/6; good, £12 to £13; useful, £9 to £11; best cows, to £9/15/. Calves—39 penned. Competition was keen, and satisfactory prices were realised. Best vealers made £7/13/6. Sheep—A slightly lighter yarding than last week, 2043 being offered. Sales opened to a good demand at prices ruling higher than last week's best rates, and as sales progressed the advance became more noticeable, the market showing a rise of from 2/ to 3/ on late rates. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers (woolly), 23/ to 28/; do. shorn, 23/ to 26/; good, 20/ to 22/; useful, 15/ to 18/; prime crossbred ewes (woolly), 22/ to 25/; do. shorn, 22/ to 26/; good, 18/ to 20/; useful, 12/ to 15/; merino wethers, 18/ to 24/10. Lambs—A short yarding, 598 being penned. From the outset there was a keen demand, which became keener as sales progressed, showing a marked advance on last week's reduced rates, and higher than prices ruling a fortnight ago. Quotations:—Prime, 23/ to 27/; good, 19/ to 22/; useful, 15/ to 17/.

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Mr R. A. Brown, of Snake Valley, was driving his pony away from other horses that were feeding when it lashed out and kicked him on the arm. A small bone was broken below the elbow.

On Friday, 16th inst., Mr George Brumby, senr., of Snake Valley, was thrown out of a buggy, owing to the pony bolting. The backband of the harness broke, allowing the shafts to fall. Mr Brumby was taken to his home and treated by Dr. Donaldson. Mr Brumby sustained badly cut lips, and 12 stitches were inserted in the wound. He also sustained a badly fractured arm.

G. R.
LOCAL LAND BOARD.

SCHEDULE (supplementary) of application to be dealt with at the Court House, Beaufort, on Thursday, 29th September, 1921, at 1.30 p.m.:—Parish of Beaufort—Robt. Broadbent, 20 acres, in section I, south and adjoining H. Williams, and north and adjoining W. Morley, and fronting road, Beaufort to Main Lead.
CHAS. J. JOY, Land Officer.
District Lands Office, Ballarat, 22/9/21.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Council of the Shire of Ripon, held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday, the 5th day of September, 1921, the Council did agree to the following resolution, viz.:—
"That By-law No. 25, for prescribing the fees to be charged for registration of certain premises, etc., be adopted."
Notice is hereby further given that a meeting of the said Council will be held at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the said resolution for passing the above-mentioned By-law will be submitted for confirmation. A copy of the above-mentioned By-law has been deposited at the Shire Offices, Beaufort, and is open to the inspection of any person interested during office hours.
Dated this 24th September, 1921.
NORMAN B. ACTON, Shire Secretary.

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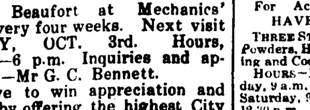

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THE SPIDER'S PARLOUR

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Author of "A Triple Crime," "The [illegible]," "Hounded to Death," Etc., Etc.

PART 6.

"Now, [illegible], did the [illegible] for [illegible] start out [illegible] assumption that there has been [illegible] Nora. [illegible] did [illegible] in order to get [illegible] that [illegible] actually in her [illegible] and that [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible] during the [illegible] time?"

"Do you mean that she might have had it sewed in her wedding gown [illegible]?" asked Chick.

"I mean this. During [illegible] yesterday I talked with Nora about the money. She appeared not in the least to be disturbed concerning it. She seemed to feel assured that it was in no danger of being stolen. I was impressed by her manner of speaking of it, and determined to give the subject more definite thought at another time. A little after that I mentioned the subject again to Clifton. He told me that she had told him that wherever they might go she had disposed of the money in such a manner that she could keep close watch over it. Now, Chick, what do you make of that statement?"

"In the light of what has occurred I she'd say that your idea as expressed a moment ago might not be very greatly at fault."

"Don't you think it's worth while to study out the matter as to just how she might possibly have disposed of that money about her person?" Nick asked.

"I do, most decidedly."

"In the original package," Nick continued, "there were one hundred smaller packages of bills, each one five-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. Now, if we consider just how much surface these bills would have covered when spread out, and if we consult with some competent dressmaker to find out just how that might have been disposed of in the making of a wedding costume, it is possible that we may discover that Nora Clifton might actually have worn that money upon her as part of her bridal apparel."

"Well, I'll be blowed!" exclaimed Patsy. "I have heard of expensive bridal dresses, but outside of the movies I don't think I ever heard of one that was worth over two million dollars."

"Hold on a minute," said Chick.

"What is it now?" the detective asked.

"If we assume, for the sake of argument, that she had that money made up into her wedding costume, we must also assume, in the light of what has happened, that the fact is known to the persons who are responsible for the mystery."

"That goes without saying," replied the detective. "Of course, if the money was there, they knew about it. It isn't likely that Nora could dispose of it and put the costume in such a manner as we have imagined without some sort of assistance, and whoever assisted her must have been as greatly appalled as Patsy was just now. That information might easily have been passed on; or, if we go back to the career of Smooth Sanderson in the matter of securing the black bag from Clifton, we will recall the fact that he did not hesitate to place a stenographer in Clifton's employ to carry out certain directions of his."

"I understand," said Chick.

"It isn't unlikely," the detective pursued, "that some person, knowing of the existence of that fortune in cash, sent a servant into the house, or some such person, to spy upon it; not with any idea that the money would be sewed in the dress, but with the general idea of spying, knowing that the money was in existence."

"That doesn't bring us any nearer to the explanation of what happened yesterday," said Patsy.

"No, but it narrows the horizon of our investigation, and brings it down to Sanderson and his associates."

"Sanderson is in prison, isn't he?"

"As it happens Sanderson is not in prison at the present moment."

"How's that?" asked Chick.

"He secured a certificate of reasonable doubt, and is now out on bail awaiting a second trial."

"What about the others who were guilty with him in that matter?"

"They have never been tried, and I learned only a few days ago, through Clifton, that the Boynton woman and her husband are both out on bail."

"I feel like saying I'll be blowed a second time," said Patsy. "Who told Clifton that?"

"Miss Mullens, the stenographer at his office. The woman is her aunt, you know."

"So that practically releases the whole gang," said Chick. "How long has Sanderson been out?"

"[illegible] weeks, I judge."

"How did you know about him?"

"I didn't know about it until Clifton told me that the Boynton woman and her husband were at liberty. It struck me at once that it wouldn't be [illegible] to make a second attempt to get possession of that money, and so I made some inquiries about Sanderson, with the result that I just told you."

"So, then, you are literally charging the same bunch with a second theft of the same two million dollars."

"Is it your idea that they have managed [illegible] to steal Nora away, either because they had reason to suppose that the money was actually in her possession, or because they believed they could force her to tell them where it is hidden?"

"That's a very correct statement of the facts as I see it," said the detective.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" asked Patsy.

"There is only one thing to do about it."

"What is that?"

"I am going to have a talk with Mr. Clifton, even at Clifton's office, at once. I am going to do it on general principles, and without much idea of what I may discover because of it. I am going to send [illegible] to police headquarters for general information, and [illegible] special order that you are to find, and bring here to me, by force if force is any, Smooth Sanderson and the two Boyntons."

"What are you going to do with them when you get them here?"

"I'll give them a third degree that will make their hair curl. I'll put them through a course of sprouts that they never dreamed of, and if they have any information about the matter, I'll come pretty near to making them give it up. Now, get about your duties. Bring me the information I want, as soon as possible. I don't believe, whatever may have happened, that Nora Clifton is in any personal danger. If she has not got the money hidden upon her person, it is possible that her abductors may resort to extreme measures and try to force her to tell where she had hidden it; but I do not believe that they will actually do her an injury. So far as that part of the circumstances is to be considered, I don't think we need give ourselves any great anxiety about her personal well being."

"Don't you think that something should be done in the line of a direct hunt for Nora herself?" Patsy asked.

"Yes, I do. I have already made as much effort in that direction as it is possible, and the only thing now that I can say that might be of assistance in the matter, is to call upon the services of Ida Jones and of Adelina."

"It's a long time since Adelina has done any detective work," said Patsy, speaking up for his wife, of whom he was inordinately proud. "As a matter of fact, she had never done very much in that line, although always eager to do so."

A Chilian girl, born of Spanish ancestors, she was enthusiastic to a degree, and very eager for excitement; and she regarded Nick Carter's work and the assistance that her husband offered him as the greatest things in life.

"Patsy, you are to accompany Chick to headquarters, and you may decide between yourselves what you are to do individually when you leave there. The things that I want done I have already expressed in my orders to Chick."

As soon as the two assistants had departed on their errand, Nick summoned Ida and told her as tersely as possible all that happened, all that he had observed, and every one of the conclusions he had arrived at, if they may be called conclusions, for as a matter of fact, they did not as yet amount to so much as a theory.

The only thing that he felt certain about was that somewhere in this affair the hand of Smooth Sanderson was apparent, for the man had earned that sobriquet not without reason.

The police, through many administrations, had known him as "the slickest thing possible," and he had won a reputation among them for cleverness, resource, and a cunning sort of daring that was excelled by no one in the underworld.

"I am sending you out, Ida," Nick told his woman assistant, "to call upon the dressmakers who were employed upon the trousseau for Nora Corrigan. I am sending you out without explicit instructions, other than to discover all that you can; and do it in your own way, which I know will be the quickest way possible. Whether or not there is anything to be hoped for in the investigation you will make remains to be seen. But I would suggest to you that before you seek the dressmaker you go to the house from which Nora disappeared and talk with the maid and the other female servants, as only you will know how to talk with them. When you have done that, go about the rest of it as your own judgment tells you to do, but report to me instantly anything you may discover which you may deem of importance."

CHAPTER XVII.—ADELINA HAS IDEAS.

"Adelina," he said, a few moments later, after rapping at the door of her small, private parlour, "you have told me several times that you wished you might do something to help Patsy and me more often than you are called upon to do. Are you still of that opinion?"

"Indeed I am," she replied. "I would like nothing better than to be able to assist you more often."

"Well, the time has come when I think you may be of a great deal of assistance in your own inimitable way."

"I am very glad," she said.

"Have you read in the papers of the disappearance of Nora Corrigan, who married my friend, Clifton, last night?"

"Of course. Ida and I have been discussing it."

"Have you any ideas about it?" asked Nick.

"I haven't what you would call an idea, unless it is an intuitive one," she replied.

"A woman's intuition is often keener than a man's judgment," Nick told her.

"Oh, yes. I've heard that before. My intuitive perceptions are sometimes keen and sometimes they are not."

"Well, tell me what you have thought about it."

"I have thought that without any doubt the same money which was originally stolen from Miss Corrigan was the object for this strange occurrence."

"That is precisely what I have thought," said the detective. "But there is one thing which perhaps you may not have considered, Adelina. Perhaps you have not thought of what disposition Miss Corrigan may have made of the money."

"I haven't thought anything about that at all, because I didn't think it was necessary," Adelina replied.

"I don't think I understand just what you mean," said Nick.

"I mean this. There was very little said about that other case in the papers. You and Mr. Clifton succeeded in keeping most of it away from the reporters. But there was enough said, and I read it all, to excite the curiosity of any person who chanced to read about it, particularly if that person happened to belong to the profession which delights in taking what does not belong to them."

"A crook, you mean?"

"Yes, just that."

"Well?"

"There was enough said in those reports to convey the idea—at least it did so to me—that old Mr. Corrigan was an eccentric sort of a man, who for some reason which did not appear, desired to have that money passed over to his daughter all in cash; and it was a natural assumption—I assumed it—that he would have directed her to keep it in that shape for a specified time."

Nick gazed across the table at Adelina without attempting to hide his surprise.

"You have come quite near to the truth, my dear."

She nodded and smiled.

"I thought so."

"Go on," said Nick. "You interest me."

"Those men who stole the money the other time were sent to prison, weren't they?"

"No, they have never been in prison, any of them; that is, they have not been in a State institution. They have been in the Tombs awaiting trial, and just now it happens that all of them are out on bail."

"Oh," she said. "I see," and she was silent for a moment.

"Go ahead with your idea, please," the detective said.

"I am beginning to think that it doesn't amount to much," she said.

"Nevertheless, what was it?"

"Let me ask you a question first."

"Very well."

"It is supposable, is it not, that Smooth Sanderson was sent to the Tombs after you arrested him, he had very little idea of being at liberty again until he had served a considerable term of imprisonment. I mean that would have been his idea, don't you think?"

"Yes. Decidedly."

"Well, he knew about that two million dollars. He handled that money."

"Not the money exactly," said Nick; "but he handled the package that contained it; and he also had slit open that package to see that the money was there."

"Well, I have always noticed that there is a strange magnetism, which goes under the name of cupidity, about the actual contact with money. Before he stole that two million dollars he had no actual knowledge of it, but when he once secured possession of that vast sum, and had slit open one end of the package containing it, and had seen it, and had pressed his fingers through that slit and touched it, it cast its spell upon him, and I believe that, after that, whether he was in jail or not, his mind would dwell constantly upon that vast sum which for a short time he possessed; which for a short time was actually his, according to his views."

"There is no doubt about that."

"He had plenty of time to think, after you arrested him, and he knew that you had recovered the money. He was locked up alone in a cell at the time. He had hours during which he could concentrate his mind upon the problem represented by that two million dollars in cash; and I have not any doubt that he estimated the affair about as I have done."

"It is not unlikely, Adelina."

"Whether he did estimate it so or not, he knew of the existence of that money, and he knew that unless it was deposited in a bank at once, it must remain in the same shape as when he saw it. He could assume that it would not be deposited in a bank at once, for the very reason that it was not so deposited before he ever had a chance to get his clutches upon it."

"You are doing well, Adelina. Go ahead!"

"Now, if he figured it out that he was due to serve a long term in prison with no opportunity for even temporary liberty before he should begin that term, and if the people who had assisted him in that former enterprise were in the same plight——"

"All but one of them, Adelina. There was one whom we did not catch, and of whom we obtained no trace."

"A man?" asked Adelina quickly.

"Yes."

"Do you know who he was?"

"No, I do not know who he was."

"Very well. We will take that man as the supposed character I am talking about."

"Go ahead."

"Smooth Sanderson in the Tombs Prison, with his mind concentrated upon the loss of that money which for a short period he had regarded as his own, and believing that he could not obtain his liberty, would have found a means of communicating with that man, and he would have made some sort of an arrangement with him the purpose of it being to steal that money a second time."

"I think, Adelina, that you have come pretty near hitting the nail on the head."

"Well, that is my idea of it. You asked for it, and now you have it for what it is worth."

"It's a very good one," he said.

"Is that all you came to see me about? Just to ask for my ideas?"

"No; I want you to do something for me."

"What?"

"Some actual detective work."

"I will be glad to do it."

The detective took a folded sheet of paper from his coat pocket and passed it to her.

"That paper contains a list of all the invited guests to the wedding and reception," he told her. "I copied it from the original list made out jointly by Clifton and Nora, and with Clifton's aid. I have put a cross up against the names of the persons who were not present at either of the functions."

"I understand," she told him.

"Now, this is what I want you to do. I want you to make individual calls as rapidly as possible upon every woman whose name you will find on that list. I want you to discuss with them freely the matter of Nora's disappearance, and to tell them frankly who you are and why you called upon them. Tell them that the object of your questions is merely to pick up what information you can."

"I see."

"I want you particularly to discuss Nora's trousseau; I want you to talk particularly about the wedding gown itself; and when you are discussing these matters of dress, I want you to inquire closely into any peculiarity of cut, fit, or draping."

"Hadn't you better tell me why you want me to ask about the cut of the dress, et cetera?"

"The idea is this, that the two million and fifty thousand dollars was still in cash in the same bills which Clifton originally procured from the subtreasury. He had delivered it over to Nora with the understanding that she was to hide it away somewhere until a year had elapsed, during which she was to keep it in that form. She did hide it away somewhere, but she did not tell Clifton, and she did not tell me, where she had hidden it. This was not because she hesitated to do so, but because neither of us cared to know. Now, Nora has been stolen away, and there could be only two reasons for that act:

"One was, that it was intended to force her to tell the hiding place of the money."

"And the other one?" said Adelina smiling, "was that it might have been supposed that she had sewed the money up in some part of her wedding gown. Is that what you intended to say?"

"Substantially that, yes."

"The idea is absurd, isn't it?"

"That is the way I regarded it at first, but the more I think about it the less absurd it appears to me. Nora made a remark which suggested that she might have made just such a disposition of the money. And that is one of the things that I want you to try to find out."

"Don't you think I ought to communicate with the dressmakers?"

"I have already given Ida that work."

"There's no objection to my following her around, is there?"

"No; nor to your consulting with her about it, only that she has left the house already."

"Oh, I can see her before I have occasion to talk with the dressmakers, for as I view the situation there is much to be done before that."

CHAPTER XVIII.—THE MAN WITH THE POINTED EARS.

Adelina had already begun her preparations to leave the house upon the assignment Nick had given her, when he departed from it and hastened as quickly as possible to the law offices of Richard Clifton.

When the detective entered the office he found Miss Mullens, the stenographer, seated at her desk with every appearance of abject dejection in the expression of her face and attitude, and she was staring, without seeing, at the printed columns of a first issue of one of the evening papers—staring at that portion of it which bore a heading referring to the mystery of the disappearance of Nora Clifton.

She did not appear to notice that any one had entered the office until Nick spoke to her, but her eyes brightened palpably then, and she exclaimed impulsively:

"Oh, I am so glad that you have come, Mr. Carter. I was just trying to determine if I ought to go to you."

"Did you have something to tell me?" asked Nick.

"I had much to tell you—and yet it seems to me now nothing at all."

"Nevertheless, tell it, Miss Mullens. I have come to you to-day because I thought that there might be something that you could tell me that could help Mr. Clifton in his great trouble. Has he been here this morning?"

"No, sir. He telephoned that he would not be here. He has made all allangements for being absent from the office for two months."

"What is it that you thought of telling me?" asked Nick.

"For one thing I was not sure that you knew that my Uncle Saunders is at liberty."

"Yes, I knew that. Has he communicated with you in any way?"

"No."

"Are you in communication with your aunt, Mrs. Boynton, or with her husband?"

"I have seen my aunt twice since that other affair. The last time was nearly a week ago, and I told her then that I could not keep up my relations with her. It was very hard, too, Mr. Carter, because in many ways she has been a mother to me."

"But all that isn't what you wanted to tell me, Miss Mullens."

"No. What I did want to tell you may have no bearing upon this case at all, but it may have."

"Tell me at once, then."

"One day when you were in Mr. Clifton's office the door was left open."

"Yes, I remember it," said Nick.

"I heard you talking over that other case with Mr. Clifton. I could not help hearing you discuss the matter. I heard you relate with great detail how the satchel containing the money probably was taken away from him in the car of the elevated train when some man, in passing through the car, stopped to shake hands with him at the very moment when Uncle Saunders, or Sanderson as you call him, was seated beside him, and the satchel was on the floor between Mr. Clifton's feet."

"I remember the occasion perfectly. Mr. Clifton had asked me to show him exactly how it was done, and when you heard us talking about it I was upon my feet demonstrating as I talked."

"I heard you say that the man who had shaken hands with Mr. Clifton that day was the accomplice of Sanderson, and that you never succeeded in getting any trace of him. Also that it had been Mr. Clifton's idea that it might have been Boynton in disguise, but you assured him that such could not be the case. You told him that it was a third man."

"Yes."

"Is that correct. Was there a third man?"

"Undoubtedly."

"And you have never had any trace of that man?"

"No."

"Do you think it possible that that man to whom we are referring might know something about the present case?"

"I have thought so; but it is also equally supposable that Sanderson himself might have done it; or that Boynton, and Boynton's wife might have done it; or, since I am on this subject so broadly, that all four of them might have been engaged in this case as they were in the other one."

"Would it be any advantage to you if I could help you to identify that man?" she asked.

"Decidedly."

"If I do so, will you try to understand, Mr. Carter, that I do not actually know anything about it and am relating to you only a surmise on my part?"

"Yes."

"I should feel dreadful if I should cast suspicion upon an innocent man."

"I can understand that."

"And yet there is a man whom I have thought might have been that person."

"Please continue, Miss Mullens."

"When you were talking with Mr. Clifton in the private room, you asked him to give you, as nearly as he could do so, a description of that person. I understood him to say that the man came through the car in which he was seated, and paused abruptly before Mr. Clifton as if he had just recognised him. Also that he retained hold of Mr. Clifton's hand when he greeted him, and succeeded in pulling Mr. Clifton to his feet."

"That is correct."

Mr. Clifton described the man to you as being tall and dark, and particularly well dressed, with a diamond stick pin in his tie that was almost as yellow as a topaz; and Mr. Clifton added one other thing to that description which made me think that I knew the man."

"About his ears?" asked Nick, smiling.

"Yes, that was it.'

"I remember," said Nick, "that he described the man's ears as being of a peculiar shape. That they were pointed at the tops, somewhat after the manner of Donatello's in Hawthorne's 'Marble Faun.'"

"That is precisely it, Mr. Carter."

"So you know such a man, do you?" asked Nick quickly.

"I do," she replied.

"Who is he?"

"His name is Bertrand Denton."

"Where does he live?"

"I don't know that."

"Where can he be found?"

"I don't know that either."

"When did you know him?"

"I had known him during the three years I lived in Brooklyn. I may as well be quite frank with you, Mr. Carter, and say that he paid his attentions to me very urgently, and frequently asked me to marry him. But there was always something about him that was repulsive to me. Whether it was the pointed ears, the keen sharp expression of his eyes, or, perhaps, his too Chesterfieldian manner, I cannot say. I do know that I never liked my Uncle Saunders at all, and that my knowledge of the fact that he had great influence over Bertrand Denton, and that Denton always seemed to stand in awe of my uncle, might have influenced me against the man.

"Mr Denton came to our house in Brooklyn quite frequently," continued Miss Mullens "and much more frequently during the time that intervened between the beginning of my employment in this office and the theft of the black bag. He was often in consultation with my uncle.

"The day after I was exonerated and discharged by the judge for the little I had to do in the matter of the black bag, Mr. Denton was one of the first ones to congratulate me, and I thought at the time that there was a peculiar expression in his keen eyes and a strange manner in his conduct which suggested that he felt some resentment toward me for my part in that affair."

"Well, what more?"

"Yesterday afternoon, an hour before the wedding ceremony was to be performed, Mr. Denton came into this office. He opened the door silently and crossed the room to my desk. He spoke no word of greeting until he stood beside it."

"Well?"

"It has been his habit to address me by my given name, although I have never given him permission to do so. He called me by it then. He said: 'Your boss is going to get the two millions after all, Mary.'

"'So it seems,' I replied to him.

"He laughed aloud, a peculiar chuckling laugh that he has, and with a half sneer in his tones, said:

"I wouldn't be too sure of that, if I were you.'

"I made no reply to that, but I did say that I would very much prefer that he would not come to see me at the office.

"He laughed at that, and said:

"'You won't be employed here very much longer, Mary, because I am coming into a fortune myself pretty soon now, and when I do so I intend to make you my wife at once.'

"I told him to go away then, and he left me, saying that he had an engagement, anyhow; and he added as he went out of the door, half turning to say it, that it was a mighty important one, too. Now, Mr. Carter, that is all that I have to tell you. But I have thought it over and over again, and I cannot help thinking that his two remarks, one about coming into a fortune, and the other about having an important engagement at that time, just before the wedding ceremony, might have had something to do with the disappearance of Mrs. Clifton. And if I can do anything to help you to find her, if I can perform any service that will in part atone for the other things I have done inadvertently, I wish to do so."

"I believe you, Miss Mullens," said Nick, rising from his chair. And now I want to ask you a few questions."

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know where Sanderson is living now, or have you any idea where I could find him."

"No, sir, I do not."

"Do you know where your aunt, Mrs. Boynton, lives?"

"No; she has never told me."

"Can you give me any information at all which may direct me how to find Bertrand Denton?"

"I am afraid not."

"Can't you tell me the names of some persons you have heard him mention, as friends or acquaintances of his?"

"No; he was always extremely reticent about the things he did, and the places he visited."

"Is he a man who smokes?" the detective asked with a sudden inspirational thought.

"Oh, yes, he smokes incessantly."

"Cigars or cigarettes?"

"Cigars. I have never seen him smoke a cigarette."

"Did you ever hear him talk about his cigars? Cigar smokers usually have a brand they are fond of, and often there is a particular place where they like to get them—where they believe them to be better than at any other place; and men are apt to speak of such things between themselves."

She brightened visibly.

"Yes," she exclaimed, "I have heard him make some such remark as that. I heard him tell Mr. Boynton once where he got his cigars, and I think he said it was on Fourth Avenue; and I am quite sure that he added: 'I'll take you in and introduce you to Al the next time you come to my rooms; so you see, Mr. Carter, the place where he goes for his cigars cannot be very far from where he lives."

"Splendid," said Nick. "You have helped me considerably after all."

"Oh, if only I have done so."

"It won't be extremely difficult to find a cigar dealer somewhere on Fourth Avenue whose first name is Al," said the detective. "As a matter of fact Fourth Avenue extends only from Eighth Street to Thirty-fourth Street, and there are not very many cigar dealers along it."

(To be Continued.)

He had been tramping for hours, and not once had he passed a place where he could refresh himself. At last, as the sun was sinking, he arrived at an old inn. When the waiter brought his order he looked at it and then at the waiter, remarking:

"Is this the best you can do in the way of a sausage?"

"Why—isn't it good?"

"Good!" repeated the hungry tourist. "Oh, yes, it looks good, but the ends don't suit me."

"The ends?" said the perplexed waiter. "What's the matter with them?"

"Not far enough apart," was the reply.

The waiter took the hint.

Seated in a big armchair, the old gentleman was interviewing the applicant for the post of valet.

The man's qualifications were satisfactory, and his references excellent. The prospective master was only waiting a few moments before engaging the man.

"So," he said, with a kindly smile, "you think you would be a suitable valet for an old wreck such as I am, do you? I have a glass-eye, a cork leg, and an artificial arm that all want looking after, not to mention false teeth, and so forth."

The applicant bent eagerly forward.

"That would be all right, sir," he said, reassuringly. "I have had plenty of practice, I once worked for three years in the assembling-room of a big motor works."

It was very late when Mr. Bings came home. To his great annoyance he found that he had forgotten his latchkey, and was obliged to ring the bell.

Mrs. Bings opened the window.

"Who's there?" she inquired.

"It's me, love!" said Bings.

"Where have you been at this time of night?"

"I've been sitting up with a sick friend, my dear."

"Oh, you have, have you?" snorted Mrs. Bings. "Well, you'd better go right back to him. You ought to be ashamed of yourself to desert him at this hour."

Then she slammed the window down and retired.

"Tell me," said the solicitor for the prosecution, "were you present at the inception of the altercation?"

"No, sir," replied the witness, "but I was there when the fight started."

NOTHING SERIOUS.

A temperance lecturer displayed to his audience two geraniums. The first, watered in the usual way, was a beautiful and vigorous plant. But the other had been dosed with alcohol, and its foliage was shrivelled and sparse, its stem twisted, and its vitality decayed.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," cried the lecturer, "what can you say to a demonstration such as this?"

"It's all right, and if I were a geranium," said a shabby man in the gallery, "I'd stick to water exclusively; but I'm not a geranium."

Up the street came the fire engines, with many a clang and clatter. From another direction came the fire escape. Soon the hoses were busy and the crowd swelled. It swelled so quickly that the young reporter from the big daily could get nowhere near the burning house.

But he was undismayed. With agility he climbed a lamp-post and surveyed the scene. A minute later he felt a tug at his ankle and, looking down, met the fierce glare of a constable.

"Now, then, down you come, young man!"

"Oh, that's all right! I'm a reporter, and I've got to do a description of the fire!"

"Nonsense—nonsense! Down you come! You can read all about the fire in the papers to-morrow."

At a fancy-dress ball for children a policeman stationed at the door was instructed not to admit any adult.

An excited woman came running up to the door and demanded admission.

"I'm sorry, mum," replied the policeman, "but I can't let anyone in but children."

"But my child is dressed as a butterfly," exclaimed the woman, "and has forgotten her wings!"

"Can't help it," replied the policeman, "orders is orders; you'll have to let her go in as a caterpillar."

"Football again!" exclaimed Tommy's mother, shaking her hand in his face. "Didn't I tell you that I wouldn't have you playing again? Now, off with those boots, and to bed this minute. There's no supper for you to-night."

Tommy glanced at the table.

"Do you mean to say you did not see me waving my arms and calling you at the back gate an hour ago, you rascal?"

Poor Tommy crept up to bed trying to forget that he felt hungry.

"Bloomin' hard luck," he muttered as he pulled the clothes over him. "Blowed if I didn't think she was applaudin' that great goal I scored."

Telephone girls sometimes glory in their mistakes if there is a joke in consequence.

The story is told by a telephone operator in one of the London exchanges about a man who asked her for the number of a local theatre.

He got the wrong number, and without asking to whom he was talking, he said:—"Can I get a box for two to-night?"

A startled voice answered him at the other end of the line:—

"We don't have boxes for two."

"Isn't this the —— theatre?" he called crossly.

"Why, no," was the answer, "this is an undertaker!"

The temperance reformer was justly proud of having converted the biggest drunkard in P——, and induced him—he was the local gravedigger—to get up on the platform and testify. This is how he did it:—

"My friends," he said, "I never thocht to stand upon this platform with the Provost on one side of me, and Toon Clerk on th' ither side o' me. I never thocht to tell ye that for a whole month I've not touched drop of anything. I've saved enough to buy me a braw oak coffin wi' brass handles and brass nails, and if I'm a teetotaller for anither month I shall be wantin' it."

For three weeks he had borne all the horrors of the annual cleaning without a murmur. Then his patience gave way.

"And you," sobbed the wife, "you used to tell me I was your queen."

"Yes," he added, with a wild glare in his eyes; "but when a man finds his queen has used his best tobacco-jar for pale oak varnish and his meerschaum pipe for a tack hammer he begins to grasp the advantages of a republic."

Sandy had been staying with some friends for about a month, and while he and his host were out for a walk one day, they called at a wayside inn for a drink. As his host was about to pay for the same, Sandy stopped him.

"No, no," he said, "I'll not allow it, ye've been keeping me in everything at yer hoose for a month, and ye've treated me to the theatres, and cab fares, and paid for all the drinks. I tell ye, I'll hae na mair of it; we'll hae to toss for this ane."

Mrs. Goodsoul: "But, my good man, don't you get tired of doing nothing?"

Cadging Clarence: "'Orful, ma'am. I gets so tired I can't do nothin' else."

"Yes, sir, Jimson said you were an old fool. But I stood by you. I defended you all right."

"Did you? That was good of you. What did you say?"

"Oh, I said you weren't so very old."

"Mr. Highnote tells me he is cultivating his voice."

"Yes: I saw him irrigating it last night."

"You look rather weary, old man."

"Yes; I've had a trying time this past week."

"What, ill?"

"No; on a jury."