

Riponshire Advocate.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. **RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.** **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute was held on Monday evening. Present—Messrs. W. Williams (president), R. A. D. Sinclair, H. V. Martin (secretary), A. Parker, and W. W. Ashley. Accounts amounting to £39/6/11 were passed for payment, including bonuses of £10 each to the secretary and librarian, payable when funds are available. The secretary reported that the receipts for January were £20/3/11, and for February £12/1/11. The librarian's salary was fixed (it being understood that in future she was not to get a bonus). The hours for opening the Institute were fixed from 7 to 9 p.m., and from 2 till 5 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, and it was left to the president to convey this to the librarian. It was resolved that the new arrangements be advertised, and that they commence on Monday, 9th inst. Notwithstanding that the Mechanics' annual flower show was advertised in October for Thursday, March 26th, the Methodist Church fixed their bazaar for the same date, and the Swimming Club arranged a dance for the night before. The secretary was instructed to write to both bodies, asking them to postpone their functions till a later date, so as not to clash with the flower show. Mr. Sinclair interviewed the president of the Swimming Club (Dr. Humphreys), who said that the date had been fixed for the 18th, but altered by the secretary, and he promised to do his best. It was decided to ask Mrs. H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate, to open the flower show. Mr. J. Stieve-wright was appointed judge of flowers, with Mr. H. V. Martin as steward; Mr. T. Williams judge of fruit and vegetables, with Mr. Sinclair as steward; Mrs. R. G. Beggs and Mrs. R. F. Roberts (of "Banagal," Skip-ton), judges of cookery, with Mrs. A. M. Parker as steward. The ladies meet on 18th inst. to arrange about stalls. The following special prizes were promised:—Mr. T. Williams, 10/6 for champion gladiolus, amateur class; Mr. R. A. D. Sinclair, 10/6 for three varieties roses, open class; Mr. A. Parker, 10/6 for collection of 12 dahlias, amateur class; Mr. W. W. Ashley, 10/6 for champion dahlia, amateur class; Mr. H. V. Martin, 10/6 for champion gladiolus in show. The first prize in each section (other than those in which special prizes are offered) was fixed at 2/6. The secretary reported that Miss Lewis had donated 10 books to the Institute. Mr. Sinclair moved that Miss Lewis be thanked for her generous donation, which was seconded by the president (who said it was very good of Miss Lewis, and might be an inducement to others to give books to the Institute), and carried. Mr. Sinclair moved, and Mr. Ashley seconded, that £5 be spent in new books. Carried. The secretary said that Mrs. Hughes suggested that they hold a bridge evening the next night, as the Fire Brigade euchre and dance had been postponed, but it was considered that the notice was too short. The date of closing entries for the flower show was fixed for Monday, 23rd March. The president thanked the members for their attendance.

A. A. GRACE (late Sack's), Watch-maker and Jeweller, Beaufort. Leather Goods, Xyle, Ware, E.P. Ware, Crystal Ware, Brassware, Cutlery, Ladies' Wrist Watches, 17/6 to £10/10/. Gent's. Wrist Watches, 12/6 to £10/10/. Engagement Rings, £2/10/ to £20. All Repairs Done on the Premises.

S. R. Pascoe, vice-president of Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, was in the chair at the monthly meeting of that body, held at Mena Park on Monday, 23rd ult. Ten members were present.

VISIT OF MODERATOR.

There was a fairly large congregation, representative of all parts of the charge, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, on Thursday night, 26th ult., when the Right Rev. Dr. W. Borland, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of Victoria (accompanied by Mrs. Borland), paid an official visit to the district, and an impressive service was held. The Ripon Shire Council was represented by Cms. A. C. Roddie (president) and H. P. Mackenzie. The Church of England vicar (Rev. A. Talbot) was also present. Suitable hymns were sung by the choir and congregation. Miss H. Wetherspoon presided at the organ. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., assisted the Moderator in conducting the service. The choir rendered the anthem, "Sun of My Soul" (Miss Nellie Anderson and Mr. A. L. Wetherspoon each taking a solo part). Rev. Dr. Borland chose as the text of his address, "I am the way." He said that they were all wayfarers. Some of them thought of the place ahead as the land of the heart's desire. The way to that land ought always to be thought worth while. Jesus Himself was the way, and those who were with Him on the way that led to eternity were the people of this way. Paul said, "To live is Christ," and life in Christ was the life for them all. Were they sure they were with Him in the way that led out of the present straits into the large place of Christian opportunity? They would have two fellow wayfarers—the one described in the parable of the good Samaritan—the good neighbor. They could all learn to be good neighbors. However good neighbors they might think themselves, or others think them, there were always splendid opportunities of being better. They might take more interest in the affairs of the congregation, and those wider in their scope of Christian interests—the Women's Missionary Union, for instance. Their church showed them how they could have a new conception of what neighborliness meant. Their Home Mission could teach country folk to be neighborly by looking into the work in the congested areas in the city. The church could introduce them through this society to quite different problems to their own. They would see how their church had been led by the spirit of the living God to do these things. Then there was the difficult work for unemployed men in the City of Melbourne. The work there was the most distinctive he had seen since he came to Melbourne. These men were on the point of being lost, and they were trying to save them. The great number of them were keen to get work and could not get it. These men in future would be a strength to the organization that had saved them. Had they ever been on the starvation line, or had one of their own family far from home and out of work? They should not let any small and narrow prejudices deter them from the work that was being done there in the name of God. The Home Mission could interest city people in the work done all over the country in places like the New Mallee, where the people could not provide Kirk and school themselves. These were the things their church could show them—playing the good Samaritan. Another wayfarer they could not be real Christians without making the acquaintance of was Paul of Tarsus, who would put the missionary spirit

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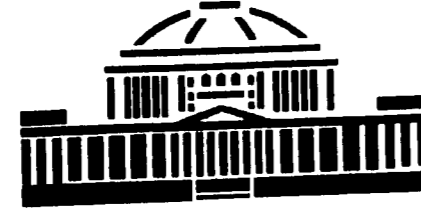
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Ideal weather was experienced on Saturday, on the occasion of the Beaufort Jockey Club's gymkhana, held at the racecourse at Waterloo Flat.

Handicap Pony Race, of £5. Four furlongs, 14.2 a.m. First, 41, second, 41. T. Lakey's b. g. TOOWONG (Mentha), 8.0, ... 1

Bending Race. First, 41; second, 107. Miss Jean Smith's WATERLOO (owner), 1 min. 15 sec. ... 1

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WOOL SALES.

At the Geelong wool sales on Thursday, 26th ult., district clips sold as follows:—Merinos—Lightwood Park/CW (Carnham), extra sup. 213d. sup. 195d. bks. 114; Eye-brow/Skipton, sup. H 163d. sup. 163d; R/Carnham, 1st com. 164d; PC/AC (in box), Moorallah (Streatham), A com 153d, 1st com. 153d, bkn. 14d, bks. 16d; R/Skipton, 1st com., 151d; AW/Skipton, sup. com., 151; MM/C (Beaufort), AA, 15d; ALG/Skipton, sup. lms., 151d.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Under fair conditions, with a slight variation in wind and light, the Beaufort Rifle Club held a couple of practice matches on Saturday afternoon. Following are the leading scores off the rifle:—500 yds. (8 shots).—W. J. B. Johnson, 40; J. P. Fraser, 37; E. G. Bergs, 37; R. Lightfoot 36; E. Lightfoot, 31.

WARRACK V. BUANGOR.

Beaufort Town visited Buangor on Saturday, and defeated the local team. H. V. Martin was the town captain. J. Murray, who captained the home team in the absence of W. Bossence, won the toss, and sent Beaufort to the wickets. Cole and C. Pringle opened the batting to W. Murray, whose first over was sensational, as Cole was dropped off the third ball, and Pringle was bowled without the last. Beaufort had made a poor start with 2 for 7. Manley was next, and with Cole, soon put a respectable total on the board, and when Cole was bowled for 24, the total was 3 for 52. Jenkin followed, and quickly added to the total, but at 82, Manley was bowled by Mathews, after a splendid innings for 43. Martin was bowled first ball, and Pascoe failed to stay, and with R. Pringle in, Jenkin hit out, and at the call of time, was responsible for making top score with 49; the juniors, R. Pringle and L. Lowe, lending a helping hand. At the call of time, Beaufort had lost 9 wickets for 131. W. Murray was the most successful bowler; getting 5 for 45; and was supported by E. Mathews (3 for 38). The Buangor batsmen failed to get going against the bowling of Cole (4 for 5) and Morvell (5 for 15), and were all out for 26. Following on, they did much better, and were able to save an outright defeat, as at 7 p.m. they had lost only 9 wickets for 75. H. Green was top scorer with 24, including one six and three fours. E. Mathews (17) and W. Mathews (14) were the other double figure scorers. The wickets were secured by Martin (5 for 27), Jenkin (2 for 22), and Morvell (1 for 22). The fielding on both sides was not as good as it might have been, for although a number of good catches were taken, a number of chances were missed. Scores:—

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not in any way identify ourselves with opinions expressed by our correspondents.

BEAUFORT TOWN.

J. Cole, b. W. Murray ... 24 C. Pringle, b. W. Murray ... 0 J. B. Hall, c and b. W. Murray ... 1

BUANGOR.

J. Murray, c Jenkin, b Morvell, 10 H. Green, b C. Morvell ... 0 E. Mathews, c Martin, b Morvell, 1

CRICKET.

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BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY.

At the March meeting of the Ripon Shire Council on Monday, Mr R. A. Young, clerk of works, Beaufort Water Supply, reported as follows:—Steady progress is being made in laying the pipe line from Jonathan's Reservoir to Beaufort, and it is anticipated that it will be completed by Wednesday next. A connecting piece, with which the concrete pipes will be linked up, has already been fixed in the pipe line leading from Jackson's Reservoir to the Beaufort reticulation. The system should be in full working order by the 18th inst., when the higher pressure and cleaner water will be available. The heavy rains during last week-end caused some delay to pipe laying, and scoured out several chains of refilled trench, fortunately without damage to the pipes.
 Cr. Troy said a yellow clay wash was liable to discolor the water, and the bank of Jonathan's dam should be lined with stone or gravel to purify the water. The cost might be about £50. It was very desirable to sheet this bank, and tenders had been called for it. It was just the one thing required to finish a good job.
 Crs. Sinclair, Mackenzie, and Kirkpatrick spoke in support.
 Cr. Troy referred to the opening of the water supply scheme, to be held on the day of next meeting, on the second Monday in April.
 Further details were left to the secretary and North Riding members to arrange.
 Cr. Troy said a photograph should be taken of the official opening, and this was agreed to.
 It was arranged to start the next meeting at 10 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
 On Sunday the Beaufort Presbyterian Sunday School celebrated its anniversary. The service was conducted in the Church by the Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., and the children's choir was conducted by Mr A. A. Grace, Miss N. Wotherpoon presided at the organ. It is nearly 80 years since the establishment of the school, and notwithstanding the fact that it has always been well attended, an anniversary celebration has not been held for almost 20 years. The hearty thanks of all concerned is due to Mr Grace for his untiring efforts in training the children, and for the unflagging interest he has taken in the Sunday School since he became a citizen of the town.
 Hymns rendered by the choir were "King of Kings," "We Love to Sing Our Saviour's Praise," "Marching Along At Our Captain's Word," "God is Love," and "Suffer the Children to Come Unto Me" (Miss Athol Ellis taking the solo part in the latter).
 Rev. J. P. MacDougall then gave an address to the children, taking as his text, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He illustrated his remarks by the story of a little boy and his mother. One day the mother asked her son his thoughts, and he answered that he would give anything whatever to make a fortune, so that he could enjoy the luxuries of life. Then he asked his mother what she thought, and she told him the story of "The Skylark's Bargain." "One day," she said, "there was a little skylark flying away up in the heavens, when suddenly he espied a little gnome with a wee wagon. On investigating, he found that the gnome was selling worms for skylark's feathers—two a feather. The greedy little skylark immediately pulled out a feather and purchased two. Then each day he watched for the wagon and bought more, until he had lost so many feathers that he could not fly into the sky with his father and mother any more. Becoming miserable and afraid, he spent all one day searching for worms, and then, when he had a great many, he offered to give them to the gnome if he would return him his feathers. Of course, the gnome refused, and the poor little skylark died, thus giving his life for his folly." The little boy immediately grasped the moral "that gold and things are more valuable than gold," and promised his mother that he would never again say that he would give anything for a fortune.
 The service ended with the retiring hymn, "Jesus is the Captain of Our Mighty Band," sung by the choir.
 During the evening session, Rev. J. P. MacDougall gave an address to the parents. He said that most

people to-day seemed to think that it was more difficult to bring up their children in a religious atmosphere than it was in the "good old days." In his opinion, this was not so, for every age had its own problems, and it was the duty of the parents of this generation to solve their problems. The present-day policy seemed to be one of incurring liabilities and then shirking them. Children were a gift from God, and moths and fathers were responsible to Him for their upbringing. All religious ceremonies encouraged curiosity in the child. Take, for example, the curiosity of the young Jesus when he attended the "Feast of the Passover" for the first time. It was the privilege of parents to answer their little ones wisely and tactfully, for the father stood as the high priest of God to his children. Society and civilisation were founded on the ten commandments; yet the tendency of the age seemed to be toward forgetting the fact that the commandments existed. It was the duty of all parents to make their children familiar with these laws of God, for law was the schoolmaster who led all to Christ and eternal life. The only way to have a strong Church and a strong and prosperous land was to bring up the little children in the way of their Lord.
 The choir sang "Marching Along at Our Captain's Word," "Be a Little Sunbeam," "Let It Pass," and "God is Love." Miss Athol Ellis again took the solo parts of "Suffer the Children to Come Unto Me," and Miss Nellie Anderson and Mr Jim Anderson gave a duet, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."
 Both services were well attended.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL.

On Monday night a social for the children was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, and during the evening the annual prizes were distributed. Following are the awards:—Kindergarten—Girls—Nancy Ellis, 1; Lois Buchanan, 2; Alice McCracken, 3. Boys—W. Ellis, 1; R. Lowe, 2; Max Buchanan, 3. Junior Girls—Audrey Anderson, 1; Eunice Johnson, 2; Doris Johnson, 3. Junior Boys—N. Hobson and K. Stevens, equal 1; Graham Buchanan, 2. Sub-intermediate Girls—Lesley Stevens, 1; Elva Hobson, 2; Nan Williams, 3. Sub-intermediate Boys—A. Stevens, 1; Allan MacDougall, 2; Bob Ellis, 3. Intermediate Girls—Marjorie Parker, 1; Athol Ellis, 2; Annie Hill, 3. Senior Girls—Winnie Stevens, 1; Dorothy Stevens, 2; Evelyn Hobson, 3. The time was passed in games and competitions, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. After supper, the Rev. J. P. MacDougall moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr A. A. Grace for the great interest he had taken in the Sunday School and its activities since he had become a resident of Beaufort.

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 At about 2.15 p.m. on Monday, residents of Beaufort were startled by the sound of the fire-bell. It appears that Mr J. T. Parker, who resides on the Waterloo road, attempted to burn a heap of rubbish, with the result that the blaze got out of control. However, before the fire brigade arrived on the scene, and Mr I. T. McEwale, Trawalla, 12/1.
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RIPON SHIRE COUNCIL.

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 General Business.
 Cr. Mackenzie said that the work promised near Mr L. Smith's, Trawalla, had not been done.
 Cr. Sinclair asked why the gutter at Bates' corner had not been done.
 The engineer—It would be done this week.
 Cr. Troy moved that the road and drain in Cumming street be attended to. Two bridges near Mr O'Brien's also needed attention. Seconded by Cr. Mackenzie, and carried.
 Cr. Troy—When the Fire Brigade was practising in the street at Beaufort, he was dumfounded to hear that they only had 700 ft. of hose available. He recommended that the attention of the local representative of the board be drawn to the fact, and that he be asked to use his best endeavours to get sufficient hose to control a fire from the plug. Several hundred feet of hose would not reach some of the houses from the plugs.
 Cr. Sinclair—The firemen had not complained to him as their representative on the board. There were 700 ft. of new hose, but there was also medium hose and good hose. He would go into the matter and use his best endeavours to get the matter remedied. They should have at least 1000 ft.
 Cr. Sinclair reported in regard to the conference of shires at Ballarat, about the appointment of a health inspector, that the Ripon shire being appointed, but an absolute majority thought the matter should be deferred for 12 months, as the time was inopportune, owing to financial difficulties. They realised that when the time came, they should all give their support and join together.
 Cr. Russell—He thought at last meeting that this council was against the scheme, on account of economy.
 Cr. Sinclair—They were told to support the thing, as it had to come.
 Cr. Russell—They had always put it off, on account of the expense.
 Cr. Kirkpatrick—He was the only one who opposed it at last meeting.
 Cr. Sinclair—They decided to amalgamate with other shires and get it finalised.
 The president—At the conference he wanted to know, in the event of a beast dying in a remote part of the district, who had to stand the cost of disposing of the carcass. He did not think any of their men could pass the difficult examination required for a health inspector, which seemed to him to be a jolly sight harder than becoming a doctor. (Laughter)
 Cr. Troy drew attention to the damage done in the school garden by two cows, and expressed the opinion that the herdsman and ranger should exercise greater supervision over wandering stock.
 Cr. Sinclair said the herdsman had told him on Sunday that there was not a cow in the streets. He was doing his duty pretty well.
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the unemployed employers to be taken into account. They were in a pretty bad position. The unemployed employer could not employ the men he usually did. Secondary industries in Melbourne were in desperate straits. The unemployed employer was hard put to it to save his own money or the money of shareholders given in trust to work an industry and return a profit. These men were gradually being forced out of business, and the unemployed employer had to be given serious consideration in this country as well as the employee. The employer was willing and ready to employ, but could not possibly do so.

Inaction of Government. All this unemployment had been intensified by the inaction of the Government. They put it off, and when reductions were made, they were only sectional reductions, and the people concerned had a hard time. If they could have reduced 10 per cent. right through, they would have felt it very little. There was little money in circulation at any time, and vendor and buyer often did not see any cash, owing to the credit system, because of the confidence between all business people. Confidence in a country enabled an enormous amount of money to be handled without its being seen or with the same method of running a Government, there would be no difficulty about their having confidence in them and lending them more money. He was satisfied that Australia had to look to the primary producer for rescue and restoration. Primary produce was being exported at present at a loss. The banks had stood by the people, and would stand by them again. Though the banks might be forced to a certain measure of inflation, they had been stemming the tide and backing the man on the land. England had been very severely criticised for lack of confidence in Australia. That was not fair. People in the Old Country had lent a lot of money, and had heard talk of repudiation, and so people became rather shy about sending money out here. If confidence and good government were restored, they would have no difficulty in raising money. All measures designed to help Australia were no good if she could not sell her products in the markets of the world, and restrict her own market to what she could make in this country. Protective measures were useless if there were difficulties inside the country militating against them. In a report of the Tariff Board in 1925-6, it was mentioned that nothing but economic disaster could be seen ahead at no distant date. In 1926-27 the Tariff Board's report stated that the cost of production was indirectly increasing the cost of living. In 1927-28 the Board reported that the most serious condition Australia had to face was the high cost of production. It was a serious position that the cost of production in other countries had declined, and in Australia had risen. Though the Tariff Board reported that to the Government, nothing was done. Infant industries must be supported, and a few other subsidiary industries started, if they wanted to get production, but it was a complicated matter to know where to stop. Protective duties put on to counteract dumping should be taken off when dumping stopped. There should be protection for the weak, but not for weakness, from both sides. The Economic Commission, led by Sir Arthur Duckham, reported in 1929, that protection was in some respects unscientifically carried out, and extended to cover industries that did not deserve it; that the total burden of the tariff had reached an uneconomic limit, and an increase might threaten the standard of living. Nothing was done by the Government again. Many remembered the time when they got £1 a week, and said they were better off than when they got £1 a week. The standard of living had dropped already. It was not what they got but the value they received for their wages that counted. In conclusion, he pointed out that this movement was one that should be supported.

Young Speaker Impresses Hearers. Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, a very able and convincing speaker, said he thought this movement embraced all parties. The people of the cities were beginning to realise how entirely dependent they were on the primary industries. The cost of production of the three main primary products of Australia—wool, wheat, and butter—was less than in any primary producing country in the world. He was not referring to the artificial cost. The Australian producer had the main attributes of initiative, determination and physique. They had the natural conditions and the right type of man power. The trouble was the artificial cost of production built up by a rotten economic system. These faults were what this

movement had to see rectified. To make it possible for the primary producer to pay his way, the cost of production had to be cut down. He did not think the world had ever produced in wool, wheat, and butter. It was going to take the world a few years to recover its commercial equilibrium. Prompt action was required to enable the primary producer to stay on the land till the world had recovered its purchasing power. The Government could help by restoring confidence, so that the farmer could get financial accommodation at a reasonable rate. Talk about cutting down interest forcibly was not going to help. The cost of government in Australia was too high. The cost of the public service, old-age and soldiers' dependents' pensions, and duplication by the Commonwealth of State departments should be looked into with a view to reduction. Another reason of the high cost of Government was the political bribing of electorates to make seats safe for members of Parliament. Reduction of salaries was going to entail hardship, but the speaker instanced a farmer who had earned a minus quantity of £1000 for 21 years' hard work. If this reduction was spread, the hardship would not be so great because the cost of living would come down in proportion. The indirect effect of excessive taxation was the most serious. If they lowered the railway freights, that would wonderfully assist the primary producer. The handicaps placed on industry by the Arbitration Court should be lightened, and arbitration simplified and put on a different basis. From 1911 to 1928 wages steadily increased to almost 200 per cent., but the cost of living rose so consistently with it that the benefit to the workers was only about 11 per cent. What this movement had to do was to put before the Government a plan based on common sense. (Applause.)

Beware of Inflation. Mr. W. G. Gibson (formerly P.M.G.) touched at length on the perils and evils of inflation. Mr. Theodore said he wanted price levels to be fixed at the 1929 prices. That was 13 per cent. higher than they were today, and meant that wages must be increased, and that the cost of living and production must go up. He did not think the primary producers could stand 1929 prices. The exchange position was a complicated one. The primary producer was finding £9,000,000 in excess of exchange in London, and the manufacturers of Australia were paying nothing and getting the benefit of an extra 30 per cent. customs duty. They must protest against that. Everyone realised the great responsibility on the shoulders of the primary producers of Australia at the present time. The farmers would not ask for one thing in the way of Government assistance if the load of unfair costs was taken off them.

Parallel Position in England a Century Ago. Commander Mackenzie read a remarkable article describing a parallel position in England after the Napoleonic Wars 100 years ago to that in Australia at the present time.

Comprehensive Resolution Carried. Hon. Allan Currie moved—"That this representative meeting of primary producers of Skipton and district wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports the Primary Producers' Restoration of Industry Movement, and approve of and endorse the nine resolutions, as adopted by the executive committee and the council." Speaking at some length on similar lines to previous speakers, he said he did not think anyone who voted for Federation had ever anticipated anything like the present burden of taxation. It would be the duty of the Government to devise means by which the primary producers could be kept on the land—not by a moratorium, which would inflict great hardships on other people.

Biggest Meeting for Years. Cr. H. M. Elder, in seconding the motion, said he had been a long time in the district, and this was one of the biggest meetings of primary producers he had ever attended. He was glad to see that the producers were waking up to their responsibilities, and hoped that the outcome would be that a branch would be formed. No doubt it would have great weight.

Telling Speech by Hon. T. Beggs. Hon. Theo. Beggs, in supporting the motion, said he thought it a great mistake that they had barred come out in the open, as Wagga, Narandara, Geraldton, and other places had come. It would test the feeling, and he thought, do good. He found they went merely on a proposal for restoration of industries, and was put in an invidious position. Looking back 70 years, they would find that the Government of Aus-

tralia never thought anything of the man on the land. First it was gold. All the politicians did was directed to help the gold miners. Then, for a short while, they turned their attention to land, beginning in 1865 and ending a few years later. Since that time they had endeavored to build up the secondary industries at the expense of the whole of Australia. They made the head too big for the body—two heads, Melbourne and Sydney. They wanted government that would help the primary producer, and that would be responsible to the whole of Australia. After all, they had no real powers of government, and were governed from behind the scenes. They wanted a Ministry responsible to Parliament for its actions, and not governed by caucus meetings held in secret. They wanted a government that would come out and take notice of the importance of the primary industries. Not until a year ago did the Australian people really realise the importance of the primary industry. As soon as production of wool fell off some £30,000,000 a year and wheat dropped by probably £20,000,000, they found that the exports of Australia had lost by £100,000,000. None of it was from secondary industries. Then they realised that wool and wheat were necessary to the survival of Australia. He could remember the time when to grow wool was considered damnation by the Government. Men turned their attention to anything but wool. Now, he thought, they saw its importance. He suggested to the meeting that they should consider the advisability of amalgamating both the Country Party and National Party into one great body, casting out all minor differences for the time being, which were of little importance, and go for a stable Australian Government. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chair, moved by Cr. Rowe, was carried by acclamation.

A committee meeting of the Graziers' Association was afterwards held.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Mrs. Ted Dawson, of Trawalla, will be pleased to learn that she is well on the road to recovery, after her recent illness.

Mr. Alf. Foreman, and Mr. Alex. Dawson, of the Victorian railways, have been spending a week's holiday with their parents at Trawalla.

Miss Violet Conboy, of Ararat, is spending a holiday with friends at Trawalla.

Misses M. and A. Mulcahy are holidaying at the Royal Hotel, Queensland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lyons, of Sydney, are visiting Beaufort.

Mr. Ron Nicol, of the staff of the E. & A. Bank, Beaufort, is absent from the town on holiday leave.

Messrs. W. J. Bruce Johnson and L. Smith represented the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., at the annual conference at Warrnambool. During the week photographs of Mr. Johnson twice appeared in A.N.A. groups in the "Argus."

Mr. H. Miller represented the Beaufort I.O.E. at the conference of the order at Daylesford.

Mr. Geo. Cleland, of Ballarat (formerly of Waterloo), has been visiting Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Etherton, of Nhill, have been visiting Mrs. Etherton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Norman, of Beaufort.

Mr. A. E. Collins, a former Beaufort handmaster, was in the town during the week-end.

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Card Social.

The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social at Messdames Bates & Dunstan's tea-rooms on Tuesday night. The winner of the men's chess prize was Mr. J. Copperwaite, who also obtained a leg-in for the men's aggregate. Mrs. Day won both the ladies' trophy and the leg-in for the ladies' aggregate.

BOWLS.

THE COLOR COMPETITION.

On Saturday afternoon, on the Beaufort Bowling green, the Reds and Blues had an enjoyable four-rink match, which resulted in the Blues being five up—81 to 76—reducing the Reds previous lead of 82 to 77. Scores (Blues being mentioned first)—Hoskins (15) beat Acton (13); Laird (22) beat Stevenson (18); Dr. Humphreys (20) lost to Harris (23); Bowe (24) beat Webster (22).

On Tuesday the Blues won a three-rink match by 6-53 to 47—and reduced the Reds' lead to 71. Scores (Blues being mentioned first)—Bowe (17) beat Stevenson (14); Laird (23) beat Acton (7); Dr. Humphreys (13) lost to Harris (26). Totals:—Blues, 53; Reds, 47.

On Thursday night the Blues were 17 up in a four-rink match, scoring 68, as against 51 by the Reds, and reducing the lead of the latter from 71 to 54. Scores (Blues being mentioned first)—Laird (11) lost to Acton (19); Troy (18) beat Webster (14); Bowe (15) beat Stevenson (10); Dr. Humphreys (24) beat Harris (8). Totals:—Blues, 68; Reds, 51.

OBITUARY.

MR. WM. BALLANTYNE.

We regret to record the death at the Ouyen Hospital on the 25th ult. of Mr. William Ballantyne, after an illness of some months' duration. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, leaves a widow and six daughters. He was a brother-in-law of Messrs. E. S. and H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort. Prior to removing to the Mallee, the late Mr. Ballantyne was farming near Beaufort for many years. He was highly respected, and was noted for his industrious habits.

MR. S. L. JENNINGS.

The death occurred on March 9th at Cloncurry Hospital, Queensland, from typhoid fever, of Mr. Stanley L. Jennings, youngest brother of Mrs. H. J. Buchanan, of Beaufort. He was 38 years of age, and visited Beaufort last year.

RAGLAN TENNIS CLUB DANCE. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th, RAGLAN HALL. Good Music; Good Fun. Gents., 2/6; Ladies, 1/. Proceeds for New Tennis Court. V. LEWIS, Hon. Secy.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 15th MARCH, 1931.

Church of England.—Beaufort, 8 and 7; Trawalla, 3.—Rev. A. Tulbot, Beaufort, 11.—Mr. E. J. Muntz. Methodist Church.—Chate, no service. Raglan, 11; Beaufort, 3 and 7.—Rev. J. Mellor. Beaufort, 11; Bungalow, 3; Waterloo, 7.—Mr. C. Waldron. Presbyterian Church.—Lexton, 11; Waterloo, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A.

METHODIST AUTUMN FAIR.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1931.

IN THE PICTURE THEATRE, BEAUFORT.

The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m. by MRS. M. THOMPSON, of TONGA.

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TRAVELLERS' HUT.

(Continued from Page 7.) Cr. Elder—It was a good idea to a certain extent, but if the North Riding wanted a hut let them build it themselves. In the West Riding it was not difficult to get accommodation. Cr. Troy—They got a different class on the highway, and he thought Cr. Elder very hard. Cr. Sinclair—The men should not be allowed to stop there a week. Cr. Mackenzie—They would not walk back from the cutting. Cr. Elder—They made a tour right round the district. Cr. Troy—This was really a Christian act, and if spread over the three readings, would not cost a great deal—not more than £30. The president—He did not refuse any shelter in the East Riding, and had got into trouble for allowing them to use an old place of his. If they were going to have something like that in Beaufort, he would tell the men to come straight up here. Cr. Stewart—The shire should build this shelter—not one riding only. Cr. Kirkpatrick—He moved that the shire build this shed. Seconded by Cr. Stewart, and carried. Cr. Elder—who voted against the motion, said that he did not object to the scheme, but people were taxed enough without taxing them with a hut for travellers.

RIPON SHIRE REPORTS.

The following reports were dealt with at the Ripon Shire Council meeting on Monday— The Treasurer reported that £8873 11/5 had been received and banked since last report; that £3884/11/5 had been paid by cheques, and the Cr. balance was £784/14/8, as against a Cr. balance of £298/19/8 at last report.—Adopted. The Secretary (Mr N. B. Acton) reported that the readings account was as follows:—North, Dr. £477 8/5; East, Cr. £710/9/8; West, Dr. £151/8/10; Beaufort water supply, Cr. £252/5/2; trust, Cr. £435/8/9.—Adopted. Cr. Mackenzie moved that proceedings be taken for the recovery of the amount of a dishonored cheque for £3/5. Seconded by Cr. Sinclair, and carried. The following accounts were passed for payment on the recommendation of the finance committee:— A. Parker, £3/10/3; Arnall & Jackson, £18/7/7; salaries, £16/5/5; engineer's car allowance, £12/10/10; M. Roberts, £5; secretary's petty cash, £3; School of Mines, £1/15/1; T. A. Holden, £14/12/2; F. Meares, £2/10/10; A. E. Gayatt, £6; G. V. Slater, 5/; A. G. Hayward, £10/18/9; C. Morvell, £2/10/10; T. E. Millist, £7/12/2; Electric Supply, £11; Northern Insurance Co., £2/18/5; M. Hill, £2; Commercial Union Insurance Co., 6/6; P. M. G., £10/4/8; J. V. Nethazell, £10/1/6; Mining Supplies Co., £5 1/10; Wise Bros., £2/14/4; M. George, 15/1; R. Ward, £1/14/2; Yeoman Bros., £15/6/6; W. H. Williams, £3/1/5; B. & W. Coop, £3 8/2; Gray's Pty. Ltd., £4/10/11; Benoit & Co. Pty. Ltd., £28/3/9; Buckland Reinforced Concrete, £4 17/9; Morris & Ludwig, £8/8/9; H. Norman, £12/12/2; Austral Otis Co., £6/8/6; S. Goodie, £2/10/10; Day Bros., £1/15/1; Northern Insurance Co., £1/1; Buchanan Bros., £8/3/3; Victorian Insurance Co., £2/4/6; vouchers, £207/7/2; E. Gillingham, £25 10/10; Alf. Nunn, £11/8/6; voucher, £1/4/2; J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., £3/16/8; R. A. Young, £24; H. E. Cuthbertson, 4/7; J. N. Cook, 18/1; M. George, 5/; Day Bros., £32; total, £720/14/6. Country Roads Board payments—H. B. Irwin, £200; Alf. Nunn, £186/10/10; vouchers, £233/18/8; Wise Bros., £26/15/5; Johnson Bros., £6/4/7; J. Callaghan, 13/3; vouchers, £79/8/8; Alf. Nunn, £42/5/7; C. Scott, £27 16/10; Whitfield Bros., £25; G. H. Smith, £4/10/10; L. R. Scott, £2 16/10; total, £835/18/10. The secretary said the council was well in credit. The engineer laid a letter from Mr G. Gillingham, of Raglan, on the table, stating that he had decided to forfeit the contract for stone at Banongil in the West riding. On the motion of Crs. Stewart and Elder, it was decided to offer the contract to the next highest tenderer, and that Mr Gillingham's deposit be forfeited. Cr. Elder asked that it be added to the motion that the work be gone on with as soon as possible. This was agreed to. The engineer laid a letter on the table from the Australian Cement Co., amending the contract. The Electric Light Committee reported that at a meeting held on 9/2/1931, and attended by Crs. Troy, Sinclair, and Mackenzie, correspondence was read from M. Hill, resigning his position as engineer-in-charge of the 22nd March, 1931. It was resolved, on the motion of Crs. Troy and Sinclair, that the resignation be accepted, with regret. It was also decided, on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Sinclair, that a reference be given Mr Hill for the very able manner in which he had carried out his duties. The following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Sinclair—Steel Co., £3/17/2; J. A. Harris, £1/12/1; B. & W. Co-op, £11/1/1; W. O'Sullivan, 9/6; McPherson's Pty. Ltd., 14/1; wages, £38/12/2; total, £56/2/9. It was resolved, on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Sinclair, that if certain consumers in arrears do not pay their accounts within a week, the supply be cut off immediately. A further meeting on 13/2/1931, a further meeting was held, which was attended by Crs. Troy and Mackenzie. It was resolved on the motion of Crs. Mackenzie and Troy, that Mr J. B. Roderick be appointed to the position of engineer-in-charge of the power station, Beaufort, at a salary at the rate of £365 per annum, and to commence duties on 22nd March, 1931, as specified in schedule of duties drawn up.—Adopted. Cr. Troy said Mr Hill was thoroughly deserving of a testimonial. He moved that one be given him. Seconded by Cr. McDonald and carried. Cr. Sinclair said Mr Roderick was appointed under the award rate, and had to provide his own assistance.

BEAUFORT H.E. SCHOOL.

REVIEW OF WORK OF BEAUFORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS.

Committee. Messrs W. Glover (chairman), J. Day, A. M. Parker, J. Glover, E. Kewley, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Kirkpatrick, J. Cole, H. J. Buchanan, and A. J. Saph (correspondent). Higher Elementary School Established. Education Department regulations being that £1000 had to be found and eight acres of land for a playing ground. Land allotted to school along Waterloo road by Council, and payments of £1000 extended by Department over a period of five years. The amount was guaranteed by the Council. Up to date, payments of £800 have been made, and £180 is in sight for the final payment, falling due in June. School Plantation. Fifty acres of land allotted to the school for plantation purposes some years previously on the Yam Holes has now been fenced. Two or three plantings of pines have been made, and the trees are making fair progress, besides a few acres sown down with wattles. The plantation is being controlled by trustees (Messrs W. and J. Glover, B. Johnson, T. Williams, H. Buchanan, and Inspector) and school funds should greatly benefit from same in years to come. New Playing Ground. Five valuable town allotments were purchased by the Department, thanks to the wonderful interest taken by Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr S. Young. The total cost of the land and improvements to same amount to £555. Of this amount £455 was paid by the Department, the school committee raising the balance of £100. In addition, the council erected a magnificent fence around same at a cost of approximately £50. The playing ground is free of debt. Ground will be officially opened on April 13th. Main Sources of Revenue. Raised by Mothers' Guild (exclusive of their work at Thistle Club carnival), swimming carnival, and other efforts, approximately £800; Thistle Club effort, £175; picnics to Melbourne, £96; swimming carnivals, £39; Commander and Mrs. Mackenzie, £50; Miss Lewis, £10; Back to Beaufort committee, £15. Thanks. The retiring committee extend their sincere thanks to the Mothers' Guild. This small body of loyal workers has practically raised the whole of the amount for the H.E.S., amounting to £1000. They have worked for the benefit of the school week after week during the past five years. To the Council for consideration shown at all times to deputations from the committee, in helping to establish the school, assisting with cost of plantation fencing, fencing playing ground, etc., to Messrs S. Young and Crouch for valuable services and advice tendered at all times free of cost. The election of the new committee will take place at the SHIRE HALL on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, MARCH 17th, and the committee earnestly appeal to every parent to make it their business to be present, if possible. On behalf of the committee, A. J. SAPH, Correspondent.

OBITUARY. MRS L. DOUGLAS. METHODIST CHURCH. HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The death occurred at Snake Valley of Mrs Lillian Douglas, wife of Mr J. S. Douglas, of Carngham, who passed away at her residence on Friday evening, 6th inst., after an illness extending over a period of many months. The deceased was a regular worshipper in the Presbyterian Church, for a number of years was leader of the choir, and took an active part in all matters for the church, and also in all functions of public interest. A meeting of old Carnghamites was held in the Mechanics' on Saturday last. Cr. A. R. Roddis in the chair. It was decided, out of respect of the late Mrs J. S. Douglas, to adjourn to 11th inst., also to send a letter of condolence to Mr J. S. Douglas at the Carngham Cemetery, and was largely attended. Representatives of Beaufort, Linton, and Ballarat were among the mourners. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. Rev. Elliot conducted impressive services at the house, and at the grave spoke of the saintly character of the deceased and of his knowledge of her patience and forbearance under all her sufferings. The bearers of the casket were Messrs Walter Murray, Wm. Murray (brothers), Walter, Ken, Jack, and Bill Douglas (nephews), who were also chief mourners, with Messrs John S. Douglas (husband), George and Adam Douglas (brothers-in-law), J. Mathieson, senr., and J. Mathieson, junr. (cousins), who were accompanied by Messrs W. McKay, Jas. Brown (members of session of Carngham Presbyterian Church), Crs. P. Russell, D. McDonald, and Messrs sell, D. McDonald, and Messrs Chas. McDonald, E. Walton, T. Lewis, J. Whittle, J. McKay, H. Anderson, D. Brown (Linton board of management). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs F. W. Barnes & Son. MISS E. C. McDONALD. Miss Euphemia Christina McDonald, a highly respected resident of the district, died rather suddenly on Friday night, 13th inst., at the residence of her nephew, Mr Alfred Hillman, of Middle Creek. The deceased, who was 68 years of age, was of a very cheerful and friendly disposition, and was a popular figure in the locality. Her death is deeply regretted. She was a daughter of the late Mr Hugh McDonald, and was born at Ballyrogan. She had lived at Middle Creek for the past 35 years. She leaves two brothers, Messrs Allan McDonald (of Middle Creek) and Alexander McDonald (of Yendon); her sister, Mrs E. McLeod (of Bangor), having predeceased her by five months. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, when her remains were interred in the family grave in the Bangor Cemetery. There was a very large attendance of relatives and friends, which testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. Among the many beautiful wreaths was one from Sir Brudenell and Lady White. The coffin-bearers were Messrs R. T. Macdonald, A. McDonald, H. McDonald, and T. Ford; the pall-bearers being Messrs J. A. Lewis, J. Hillman, J. O'Brien, F. Liston, H. Hovey, V. Ahern, H. Dunn, and H. Carmichael. Rev. J. P. MacDougall, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, conducted the services at the house and graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr J. Dunn, undertaker, Ararat.

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT. MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1931.

(Before Messrs. J. R. Wotherspoon and R. A. D. Sinclair, J'sP.) Debt Cases. A debt case that had been settled out of court was withdrawn. William Geo. Gillingham sued Alan J. Gibson for the recovery of £5/19/6 for amount of a cheque drawn by defendant and not paid. No notice of defence was filed. The bench gave an order against defendant for payment of the amount claimed, with 16% costs. V. Wilson, trading as Wilson's Beaufort Motors, proceeded against E. Cartwright for the recovery of £2 9/11 for the use and hire of a motor. No notice of defence was filed. The bench gave an order against defendant for payment of the amount claimed, with 15% costs. The B. & W. Farmers' Co-operative Society sued Daniel Guthrie for the recovery of £3/13/11 for goods sold and delivered. No notice of defence was filed. A verdict was given against the defendant for payment of the amount claimed, with £1/1/1 costs. Another debt case that had been settled out of court was withdrawn. Charge of Assault. Senior-constable R. McCormick charged Robt. Pratt with having at Waterloo on 12th March, 1931, unlawfully assaulted his wife, Emma Frances Pratt. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said the circumstances were peculiar. Senior-constable McCormick outlined the case for the prosecution, and said the women were very reluctant to come into court. Emma Frances Pratt gave evidence that she had been married 10 years and was the mother of three children. Last Thursday her husband came to the kitchen door, and walked away and took the baby with him. He took the baby to the gate, and she called to the child, who came back. Defendant called her a vile name, and hit her several times across the head. It was not the first time he had done so, either. She had threatened to put the police on to him for maintenance of his three children. Defendant was sober, and she had never known him to be drunk. At her defence—He did not strike at her before she mentioned the police. Eliza Crick, Waterloo, mother of the last witness, gave corroborative evidence. To defendant—She did not hear anything that was said between defendant and his wife. To Mr Sinclair—Defendant struck his wife with his fist over the head. She had seen him strike her on other occasions in Melbourne. Defendant—He had never struck her with his fist yet; if he struck her at all, it was with the open hand. Senior-constable R. McCormick gave evidence of an interview with defendant, in the course of which he admitted that he saw red and made a clout at his wife. Defendant stated on oath that on the date in question he returned after a long search for work. He came to the kitchen door, and his wife did not come out, but asked him what he wanted. He stayed over at a shed for a while playing with the little boy, and took him down to the road to get a parcel for him from his bicycle. His wife came and called the child away, and told him the police were after him for maintenance of his children. He saw red, and supplied by Messrs F. W. Barnes & Son. (Continued on Page 2.)

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

(Continued from Page 1.)
 posed he hit her, but it was not with the closed fist. On previous occasions he had struck at his wife when she struck at him. He did not expect the reception he got after going through the country for many miles looking for work. His wife had repeatedly told him that she did not intend to live with him.
 To Mr Sinclair—He had no home, and no work, and it was no use his going back to Waterloo.
 Senior-constable McCormick—Could defendant wonder that his wife did not want to go back to him after his mal-treatment of her?
 To the Bench—Defendant's wife did not put the police on to him; no warrant for his arrest having been taken out.

Mr Wotherspoon said the Bench would like to hear the other case before coming to a decision.
Claim For Maintenance.
 Emma Frances Pratt charged Robert Pratt with having, on 30th December, 1931, left his children, Valda May, Kelvin Ashley, and Maxwell Pratt, without adequate means of support.

Senior-constable McCormick said it was really a case between the parties, who were in an unfortunate position. During the past 22 months the children were without means of support. The defendant had not supported them, perhaps through no fault of his own.
 Emma Frances Pratt stated that the children were aged 9, 7, and 3 years. Defendant sent her £2 just before Xmas. That was the last she received from him or heard of him, till he put in an appearance on Thursday. They were in Melbourne six years. Defendant had only done about 11 weeks' work in the last two years. When they were in business in Melbourne, defendant would not work for 12 months.

To Mr Sinclair—Defendant would work now, because he had to. In November, defendant said he would not support the children. He had threatened her, and she would never live with him again. She had never known him to be drunk, but he had a most violent temper.
 To defendant—In Melbourne he told people that he would never work for a boss any more. He did not bring any money into the house. He had always given her what he had earned, but it was not enough to keep the kiddies. The highest he had ever earned was £3/6 a week.
 Defendant told the Bench that since 12th November he had been looking for work in Victoria and New South Wales. He sent his wife £2 from Baulham, and begged a stamp from the man he was working for to write to his wife. He afterwards went through the Western District and South Australia looking for work. He had chances of a job, but had not the money to buy tools. He lived like thousands of others, on poor devils who were little better off than himself.

Mr Sinclair—Was there any possibility of husband and wife living together?
 Mrs Pratt—She could never live with him again. His temper was too bad, and he had accused her of such terrible things.
 Defendant—Of course your temper is not bad, is it?
 Mr Wotherspoon said the Bench had decided to adjourn the matter of the assault for three months, because if defendant's wife was afraid of him coming along and doing some damage, it was a very awkward position for her, and awkward for him. If he came before the court in the meantime, he would go to gaol. He had no right to see red and strike his wife. Perhaps there were words on both sides, but that did not if he came before the court again, this case would be brought forward, and he would get into very serious trouble. This should be a warning to

him not to do anything like that again. It was a very bad position for a woman to be afraid of any danger of a man doing her bodily harm. Defendant must get such thoughts out of his mind. In the second case, they thought defendant had been unfortunate, and possibly had done the best he could, but the circumstances were rather beyond his control. If he were in constant work, it would be a totally different thing. They thought it best to adjourn the case for three months. In three months conditions might be much better, and he would have had time to cool down, and things might go on all right. If they sent him to gaol, it would do no good, and only harden him. Defendant must undertake not to go to his wife and threaten her in any way.

Defendant—Certainly. He bore no malice, and did not wish to murder her or anything like that. He could get it out of his mind, if she could get it out of her's.

Senior-constable McCormick—Defendant was fortunate in getting such a chance. The Bench could send him to gaol.

Mr. Sinclair—If the parties talked the matter over and tried to live together, things would be better.

Senior-constable McCormick—He would not like to be the arbitrator.

BALLARAT HOSPITAL.

The usual meeting of the committee of the Beaufort Queen, in connection with the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospital, was held in the Shire Hall on Monday evening. Donations amounting to £21/8 were handed in. Letters were received from Misses Franc and Ward, offering to organise efforts in their district. A letter was received from Misses Lynch and Ward, of Lake Goldsmith, notifying the committee that they had arranged a grand ball and supper, to take place at Lake Goldsmith on April 15th. The date of the Beaufort Hospital ball has been held over until a definite reply has been received from the Ballarat musicians, (Mr J. H. Rexton and party). Mr Win Bryce, on behalf of Bryce's Ballarat Orchestra, has kindly offered their services at any time to assist the effort. The Skip-ton Dramatic Club wrote, offering their services in aid of the effort, on a 50-50 basis, but as arrangements had been made with two Ballarat concert parties to visit Beaufort during April, the secretary was instructed to thank them for their kind offer. The Ballarat City Band will visit Beaufort to-morrow (Sunday), and give a recital in the Park, and a concert in the hall in the evening, at which leading Ballarat artists will assist. Arrangements were finalised to hold a monster Easter egg appeal, on behalf of the queen, and valuable prizes will be offered. Representatives of the committee will visit Waterloo on Monday evening, and address a meeting to be held there. A general meeting was arranged for Monday evening, March 30th, to which everyone is cordially invited. Any suggestions to assist the effort will be welcomed, and will be considered by the committee. Your kind assistance is asked for.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Two practice matches were fired in eight shots each by members of the Beaufort Rifle Club on Saturday at the 500 yds. range. The leading scores of the rifle were:—First Match—J. P. Fraser, 39; T. G. Beggs, 38; W. J. B. Johnson, 38. Second Match—E. Lightfoot, 35; M. Crick, 32; W. Cowell, 31.

B. N. Hospital Expenditure.

For the past two months, the expenditure at the Beaufort Bush Nursing Hospital has been £236.

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.
 Tuesday.
 Prices were firm for quality bullocks in the cattle market. There was a slightly increased yarding of 145. Cows and heifers also sold well at late rates. Quotations:—Prime heavy bullocks, £13/10/ to £15/2/6; prime lightweights, £12 to £13; 200, £10 to £11/10/; useful, £8 to £9; prime cows, £10/10/ to £12/17/6; good, £8 to £10; useful, £6 to £7. Calves numbered 49, mostly good. The best made 47/8. Sheep—6126 penned. Prices showed little alteration. The majority consisted of ewes of various weights. Prime wethers were scarce. Prime crossbred wethers, 13/ to 15/; extra, to 16/7; good, 10/ to 12/; useful, 8/ to 9/; prime crossbred ewes, 11/ to 13/10; good, 8/ to 10/; useful, 6/ to 7/7; prime merino wethers, 12/ to 14/; good, 10/ to 11/; useful, 7/ to 9/. Two thousand five hundred and seventy-two lambs penned, with best quality very firm. Prime, 14/ to 16/2; good, 11/ to 13/; useful, 8/ to 10/.

Messrs D. R. Hannah & Co. report:—Sheep—340 ewes, Mr J. McKenzie, Mount Rowan; 104 ewes and wethers, Messrs Richardson Bros., Wallinduc, wethers, to 12/4, ewes to 10/4; 100 wethers, Mr A. Jolly, Ballarat, to 9/; 61 ewes, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere; 27 ewes, Mr J. Pitcher, Lismore, to 8/10; 17, Mr F. Fenton, Snake Valley; 3 B.L. rams, Mr H. Birkett, Windermere. Lambs—50, Messrs Cushing Bros., Lake Goldsmith; 36, Mr G. J. Swan, Dowling; 2, Mr T. Shaw, Wattle Flat, at 12/4.
 The following district sales were effected by other auctioneers:—129 combeback ewes and wethers, Mr T. Greenbank, Carnigham, wethers 8/4, ewes to 7/7; 6 woolly sheep, Mr J. L. McErvale, Brewster, at 12/1; 72 crossbred and combeback wethers, Mr A. MacPhie, Chute, to 13/1.
Photographic Study.
 In the "Argus" camera supplement on Saturday was a charming study, "The Trysting Gate," which was awarded honorable mention in Class 1 of the "Argus" photographic competition. The picture was entered by Mrs Lynn Lewis, of "Warrapungo," Beaufort.

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COMING EVENTS

Beaufort Mechanics' Flower Show.
 The second annual flower show under the auspices of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute will be held in the Picture Theatre on Thursday afternoon and evening next, the 26th inst., and promises to be a very attractive and successful exhibition. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate. The schedule appears in our advertising columns, and the admission to the show is 6d; children, 3d. The entry fee on each entry is 3d, or 2d for any number of entries. Half the net proceeds of the show will be spent in the purchase of new books for the Institute.

Beaufort Thistle Club's Sports.
 The Beaufort Thistle Club have an attractive programme of high-level dancing and sports for their annual gala day on Easter Monday in the Beaufort Park. Entries for foot racing, woodchopping, and cycling events close with the secretary (Mr W. Manson) to-day (Saturday). A grand Scottish concert will be given in the Picture Theatre at night by Mr Jack Scott's company from Melbourne. A dance will follow. The profit on the sports will be handed over to the local queen in the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospital.

On account of Mrs Jane Packham, of Beaufort, who is leaving the district, Mr Theo. W. Schlicht will hold auction sale of a 6-roomed house, furniture, etc., on the premises, Park Road, Beaufort, on Thursday, 26th March.

On Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, at the office of Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd., Beaufort, 36 acres of land, known as the Pollock paddock, situated on the Waterloo road, in the township of Beaufort, will be sold by Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. and Theo. W. Schlicht, auctioneers, in conjunction.

The Skipton Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Hospital invites Beaufort and Stockyard Hill members to assist in the Borriyallaok gardens, on Saturday, 28th March.
 A joint meeting of ratepayers of Ripon and Arrat Shires will be held in the Middle Creek Public Hall on Thursday evening, 26th inst., at 8.30, to protest against the inaction of the respective councils to reduce overhead and other expenses; and consider matters affecting ratepayers generally.
 The Beaufort and District Swimming Club will hold an Old-time and Modern Dance in the Picture Theatre on Wednesday night next, in aid of the Baths Improvement Fund.

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CRICKET

RIPON COMPETITION.

FINAL MATCH.

BEAUFORT TOWN V. WATERLOO.

Owing to the wet weather on Saturday, the final match of the Ripon cricket competition was postponed till Monday; the finalists being Beaufort Town and Waterloo (minor premiers). The match commenced on the Waterloo sports ground on Monday afternoon under perfect weather conditions. There was a good attendance of followers of both teams, and at the end of the day's play, Beaufort Town had a lead of 12 runs, with one wicket in hand. The umpires were Messrs Les. Neil (Mt. Lonarch) and J. Yawkins (Beaufort Country). The Town team was captained by H. V. Martin, and Waterloo by D. Lynch. Waterloo won the toss and decided to bat.

E. S. Crouch was the Town's wicket-keeper.

Joe Lamb and N. Dromey opened for Waterloo to the bowling of J. Cole and C. Pringle.

Lamb hit a ball into the air behind the wicket early in the match, and it was missed.

Dromey was smartly caught off Pringle by Cole for nil, and the score was 1 for 2.

He was followed by T. Ryan, and there was great applause when Ryan sent the first ball to the boundary for the innings.

Joe Lamb was clean bowled by Morvell when his tally was 6; the total then being 2 for 17.

D. Lynch was the next player to partner Ryan, and was batting well, but had the misfortune to be run out when his score was 2; the Waterloo tally being 3 for 20 at the fall of his wicket.

C. Flynn was the next man in, but his stumps were scattered by Morvell before he had made any runs. Four for 21.

B. Lynch, who followed, batted carefully; his wicket being captured by Pringle when he had made half-a-dozen. Five for 42.

The next man, Jack Lamb, was bowled by Cole for 5, immediately after the latter had made a good attempt to take a catch from him, without success. Six for 47.

George Grant then put on the pads, but was out on a leg-before decision for a single; Pringle being the bowler. Seven for 48.

T. Rutherford took his turn with the bat, but was bowled by Pringle for a "duck"; the ball breaking the middle stump. Eight for 48.

E. Jay went in and notched a couple of runs before Pringle (whose average was then 5 for 15) dismissed him with a good ball. Nine for 50.

At this stage, the afternoon tea adjournment took place. Mr T. Williams (president of the association) took the opportunity of congratulating both teams upon getting into the final, and also complimented the Beaufort Country team on their performance the previous Saturday, when they were put out of the competition by the Town side, who only beat them by nine runs. He also had a word of praise for the excellent performances put up in that match for the Country team by J. Yawkins, and by J. Cole for the winners.

On play being resumed, T. Ryan (who had played a good, fighting innings), and T. Gardiner (the last man) faced the bowling. Ryan was caught out by Martin off Pringle

when he had made 21 for two hours' batting, and the Waterloo total was 53. Ryan's tally included three fours.

The outstanding feature of the innings was the effective bowling of C. Pringle, who had the fine average of 6 for 15 to his credit (including four maiden overs).

C. Morvell took 2 for 5, and the quality of his bowling is apparent from the fact that he had six maiden overs out of nine overs bowled.

C. Flynn kept wickets for Waterloo.

J. Cole and H. V. Martin opened for Beaufort Town to the bowling of D. Lynch and Dromey.

Martin scored the first run off Lynch, and soon after Cole got two off the same bowler.

Martin, however, obtained no more runs, for he was neatly caught out by B. Lynch off Dromey. One for 7.

E. S. Crouch followed, and hit the first four for his side.

Crouch soon after gave a good chance to the fieldsmen, but there was no one near enough to take advantage of it.

Owing to Jack Lamb (a very reliable fieldsmen) failing to pick the ball up cleanly, Cole narrowly escaped being run out when Crouch and he made a risky dash between wickets.

Not long afterwards Cole was out on a l.b.w. decision from B. Lynch's bowling. His contribution was 10.

Two for 27.

Ron Nicol was bowled by B. Lynch for nil. Three for 27.

R. F. Manley followed, and was also out for a "duck"; his wicket being taken by Jack Lamb. Four for 28.

V. Jenkin then partnered Crouch, who was just missed by G. Grant; this fieldsmen making a gallant attempt to take the ball, and falling heavily.

When Crouch's score was 15 he had his third "life." He gave a chance, which was missed by T. Ryan, who was sprinting towards the ball with the sun in his eyes.

Crouch, who batted well even allowing for the way Dame Fortune smiled on him, was eventually out l.b.w. to G. Grant's bowling, when he had topped the Town's score with 20. Five for 45.

Collier failed to make any runs, and had the ill luck to play a ball sent down by E. Jay on to the wicket. Six for 45.

V. Jenkin was going well when he was run out, after having obtained 9. Seven for 45.

C. Pringle followed Jenkin, and R. Pringle Collier, and the brothers batted briskly for a while.

When he had secured one run, R. Pringle was bowled by B. Lynch. This batsman's single evened the totals. Eight for 53.

C. Pringle continued batting in good style, and was caught out by Jay off B. Lynch when he had made 8, and the Town's score was 9 for 62.

C. Morvell, who had followed R. Pringle, came to light with some nice strokes, and had the honor of making the hit which made his team's score 54, and passed the Waterloo total. He was unconquered for 10 when the stumps were drawn.

W. Pascoe was holding up the wicket at the other end for Morvell, when play finished for the day. Nine for 65.

B. Lynch (4 for 14) did some good bowling for Waterloo.

The match will be continued at Waterloo to-day (Saturday).

Waterloo will need to make a good score quickly to win.

Following are the detailed scores:-

FIRST INNINGS.

Waterloo.	
N. Dromey, c Cole b Pringle	0
Joe Lamb, b Morvell	6
T. Ryan, c Martin, b Pringle	21
D. Lynch, run out	0
C. Flynn, b Morvell	0
B. Lynch, b Pringle	0
Jack Lamb, b Cole	5
G. Grant, l.b.w., b Pringle	1
T. Rutherford, b Pringle	0
E. Jay, b Pringle	2
T. Gardiner, not out	10
Sundries	0
Total	53

Bowling—C. Pringle, 6/15; C. Morvell, 2/5; J. Cole, 1/19; H. V. Martin, 0/4.

Beaufort Town.

J. Cole, l.b.w., b B. Lynch	10
H. V. Martin, c B. Lynch, b Dromey	1
E. S. Crouch, l.b.w., b Grant	20
R. Nicol, b B. Lynch	0
R. F. Manley, b Jack Lamb	0
V. Jenkin, run out	0
H. O. Collier, b E. Jay	9
C. Pringle, c Jay, b B. Lynch	0
R. Pringle, b B. Lynch	8
C. Morvell, not out	10
W. Pascoe, not out	0
Sundries	6
Total	65

Bowling—B. Lynch, 4/14; E. Jay, 9/4; G. Grant, 1/6; Jack Lamb, 1/6; N. Dromey, 1/15; D. Lynch, 0/13.

COMMERCIAL.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.

Cattle—145 penned, one-third being good to prime bullocks. Competition was brisk, and values firm. Quotations:—Prime heavy-weight bullocks, £14 to £15; prime light, £12 to £13/10; good, £10 to £11 10/; useful, £8 to £9; prime cows, £10 10/ to £11/17/6; good, £8 to £10; useful, £6 to £7. Calves—80 yarded. Best realised £8/5/7. Sheep—4367 offered. Prime quality was only moderately represented. Best quality had keen competition at fully 1/ dearer. Other grades were firm. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 14/ to 16/11; good, 11/ to 13/; useful, 8/ to 10/; prime crossbred ewes, 12/ to 14/6; extra, 16/; good, 9/ to 11/; useful, 7/ to 8/; prime merino wethers, 13/ to 15/; good, 10/ to 12/; useful, 7/ to 9/.

Best stores had improved competition. Lambs—2010, mostly good and useful, with a small proportion prime. The demand was good; prices being firm throughout. Quotations:—Prime, 14/ to 16/10; good, 11/ to 13/; useful, 8/ to 10/.

The following district sales are reported:—68 merino wethers, Mr J. Stevens, Menu Park, to 13/1; 51 merino wethers, Mr J. Ringin, Chp-stowe, to 15/10, topping the market for merino wethers, and averaging 15/3; 46 merino wethers, Mrs J. Young, Lake Goldsmith, 10/4; 40 merino ewes, Mr J. Roddis, Snake Valley, to 7/1; 31 merino wethers, Mr W. Corbett, Mortchup, 8/; 12 lambs, Mr J. Ringin, Chp-stowe, to 11/7; 1 calf, Mr R. Greenbank, Snake Valley, £3/1/; 110 merino wethers and ewes, Messrs Brennan Bros., Buangor, wethers at 11/; ewes at 8/.

Sporting Fixtures Postponed.

Owing to the very wet weather at Beaufort on Saturday, a number of sporting fixtures—including the cricket final, sparrow and pigeon matches, and a tennis tournament—were postponed.

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BERNARD O'DOWD.

A PRACTICAL DREAMER.
The following article by R.H.C. appeared in a recent issue of "Smith's Weekly":—

Bernard O'Dowd, poet—some would say Australia's Poet Laureate—just appointed Victorian Parliamentary Draughtsman, said a little piece to the English Speaking Union on one occasion. Tall, nervous-looking, hesitant as always in opening an address, he began: "I am not in good form for this kind of thing nowadays. What I know about public speaking was learned on soap-boxes down on the wharf. I have been out of practice for a long time."

In those early days he was studiously careful to his dress. It was a puzzle where he could buy trousers already bagged at the knees, but no one saw him in any others. His hats were equally democratic. In his scorn of the conventional dressing of one class, he became conventionalised in another.

But what a man he was! He was more; he was a trumpet, a bugle, a rousing new instrument which blew a clarion call to the down-trodden and oppressed of earth. He stood for the "Bottom Dog Brigade," he chanted rousing ballads to stir its sagging manhood; he stormed at its oppressors with all the wealth of an amazingly rich vocabulary and a learning which often carried him far beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals.

"Gavah the blacksmith" he was then, serious, spiritual, fierce, determined to reform a world which had shrugged off indifferently so many reformers. Old files of the "Socialist," the "Teasin," the "Bulletin," and many another once-radical journal, show how earnest he was.

"A man is a Liberal until he gets something to conserve," remarked a philosopher. A time came when rumor, forgetting for once her lying, proclaimed that Bernard had been seen (shades of Walt Whitman and his good grey homespun!) in a silk hat and all that that connotes.

The new O'Dowd had arrived, graduate of the Melbourne University, librarian at the Law Courts, father of a family.

Through every change of belief, and the changes were many, he remained essentially a poet. His savage declamations ceased, and as he mellowed, he forsook the packed ballad line (one critic had said that his ambition was one line, one word) and produced, alike new in metre and matter, that splendid poem, "The Bush."

It is his greatest achievement. Not flawless, it is strong enough to carry many more imperfections than the few it knows, yet remain proudly at the head of Australia's best in sustained poetry.

But before this, in his noblest fighting period, came that "Poetry Militant," which he sub-titled, "A Plea for the Poetry of Purpose." "Admitting a number of important exceptions," he remarks, settling into his stride, "I think that contemporary poetry is saying nothing in a multitude of beautiful words, phrases, and forms. And while the poets are making of poetry a beautiful morass of ferny forms, mossy forms, and fungoid forms, there is nothing solid in it to sustain any but the incorporeal wayfarer. The mis-directed energies of too many modern verse writers are being wasted in making crazy quilts out of pretty words."

Poetry, according to this fiery apostle, should be marching poets, working poets, poets for use, poets militant, and having cast as rubbish to the void so much of our local muse, he adds, "by the way" that we really have a great poet in Australasia. Not in one person, though, and he risks a reconstruction made up of the prime parts of some 34 Australian and New Zealand writers of verse.

He could have summarised the whole essay in two words, for surely the Answerer, the Poet of Purpose, the Worker, the Fighter, he asked for, is Bernard O'Dowd himself.

He has been silent since 1921, when there appeared, "Alma Venus and Other Verses."

O'Dowd is wholly Australian, in birth (he was born in the old gold-mining town of Beaufort, Victoria), and upbringing, but he is Celtic to the bone. Mystic dreamer, yet practical when it comes to expressing a Parliament's thoughts in an Act, his is a combination rarely enough met with.

Looking at some bills, it is a thousand pities the Legislature did not command him to cast them in rhyme! In the days of his youth, Bernard O'Dowd was one of a small society which in various boarding houses read aloud a strange collection of books. It was a mixed but not a windy diet. One series included a Herbert Spencer volume, Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister," Holmes' "Autocrat," and Arnold's "Light of Asia."

Those days, his friends of the time took pleasure in thinking, helped to ripen the poet, who gave us such memorable lines as—

"The chained divinity that broods Behind the brows of crime,"
And
"On every dream a Daniel rides,
On every fact a Fairy,
In every child a Saviour hides,
In every mother, Mary,"
And that noble

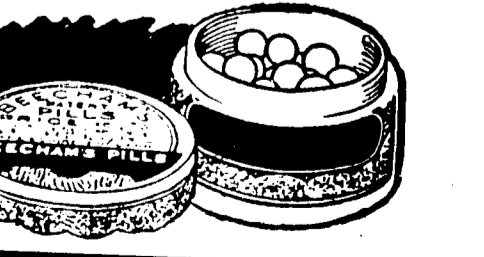
"Last sea thing dredged by sailor
Time from Space."
To say nothing of the more didactic works.

This year he is due to retire from the Public Service. Many must wish him to do so, to give leisure to extend his genius fully. But a wise Government will probably retain him a while longer, as was done in the case of his predecessor, the very capable J. T. Collins.

Skipton Aviator.
Mr G. P. ("Pat") Fairbairn, who departed from Hanworth (England) on a flight to Australia recently, is the youngest son of the late Mr Charles Fairbairn. He is a brother of Major C. O. Fairbairn, of Bannongill, Skipton, and of Mr James V. Fairbairn, of Mount Elephant, Derriallium.

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COMING EVENTS

Waterloo Sports.
The Waterloo Sports Club will hold their annual gathering on Easter Saturday, in the Waterloo Recreation Reserve. Record entries have been received, and there will be a good programme of woodchops, cycling, and footracing. The profits are to be divided between the Ballarat and Ararat Hospitals, and the Blind Appeal. All necessary booths will be on the ground. There will be a dance at night.

Beaufort Thistle Club's Sports.
The Beaufort Thistle Club have an attractive programme of High-land dancing and sports for their annual gala day on Easter Monday in the Beaufort Park. There will be a good programme of footracing, woodchopping, and cycling events. A grand Scottish concert will be given in the Picture Theatre at night by Mr Jack Scott's company from Melbourne. A dance will follow. The profit on the sports will be handed over to the local queen in the queen competition for the Ballarat Hospital.

On Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, at the office of Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd., Beaufort, 36 paddock, situated on the Waterloo road, in the township of Beaufort, McDonald Pty. Ltd. and Theo. W. Schlicht, auctioneers in conjunction.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Football Club will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening, April 1st.

The Waterloo Sunday School anniversary is to be held on Sunday next, March 29th.

At their Lexton sheep sale on Wednesday, April 1st, Messrs Kelly & McDonald Pty. Ltd. will offer by auction 1500 Comeback and Merino sheep.

Harvest festival service at Main Lead, Sunday afternoon.

A grand concert will be given in the Beaufort Picture Theatre on Thursday, April 23rd, by the choir of the Skipton street Methodist Church, Ballarat, second prize winners at recent Ballarat South-St. competition.

The monthly meeting of the Beaufort sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League will be held in the Brewster School on Monday next, 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

Lower Wages in Pastoral Industry.
The board of reference for No. 3 district (Victoria and Southern Riverina) recently met before the industrial registrar (Mr Murray M. Stewart) to adjust the rates of wages under the pastoral award for the 12 months beginning March 1. The award provides for an annual adjustment of wages in accordance with the Commonwealth statistician's retail price index numbers for the preceding calendar year. As the result of alterations in these index numbers, the prescribed weekly wages of the following employees for the ensuing 12 months will be subject to the reductions shown:—

Shearing employees in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania. Piece-workers, 7/6 a week, if not found; 5/3 a week, if found; 7d a day, if on daily rates of pay. Wool-pressers and cooks on weekly wages, 5/, if not found; 3/6, if found. Shed hands and woolscour employees, 4/ a week, without keep; 2/6 a week, with keep. Boys, aged 18-21 years, 2/11 a week, without keep; 1/7, with keep. Boys, under 18, 2/8 a week, without keep; 1/4 a week, with keep. In Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, station hands' rates are reducible, as follows:—Adults, 2/3 a week, without keep; 1/6 a week, with keep; boys, aged 18-21 years, 1/5 a week, without keep; 9d a week, with keep; boys, under 18, 1/4 a week, without keep; 7d a week, with keep. Station cooks (women), 1/ a week.

WATERLOO SPORTS.

MEETING OF CLUB.

At a meeting of the Waterloo Sports Club on Tuesday night, there was an attendance of 14 members. The president (Mr J. J. Dunn) occupied the chair.

Crs. Sinclair and Troy and Messrs Duke and Crouch attended as a deputation from the committee of the Beaufort district queen in the Ballarat queen carnival for the Baso Hospital.

Cr. Sinclair said the object of the visit of the deputation was that they wanted the Waterloo people to cooperate and do what they could for the cause of the Beaufort district queen and the Hospital. He stressed the point that Miss Lewis was not only the Beaufort queen, but the queen for Beaufort and district. They hoped the Waterloo people would get something up. He also asked the members of the Waterloo Sports Club to allot the portion of the profit on the sports they were giving to the Ballarat Hospital to the credit of the Beaufort queen. They also asked the club to consider the matter of allowing them to sell Easter eggs at the sports. They had already interviewed the booth-holder (Mr Bates) and come to a satisfactory arrangement with him.

Cr. Troy endorsed and supplemented Cr. Sinclair's remarks. The club decided to accede to the requests made.

The secretary (Mr Skene) reported that the following donations had been received:—Mr P. Russell, £1; Mr R. G. Begees, 10/-; Sir A. J. Peacock, 10/-; Mr G. Smith, 10/-; Sir Brudenell White, 5/-.

The Ararat Hospital wrote, thanking the club for the help promised by devoting portion of the profit on the sports to the hospital funds.

The secretary reported that good entries had been received for the various events at the sports. It was decided to write to the Lexton Shire Council, asking them to improve the roadway into the sports ground.

The successful tenderers for the logs for the woodchops were the Messrs Connor Bros., at 3/6 per log.

Mr H. Dunn's tender of £1/17/6 for preparing the racing tracks was accepted.

Mr J. J. Dunn was instructed to get six blocks for the standing block chop at 2/6 each.

Misuse of Baths.
Speaking at the Swimming Club dance on Wednesday night at Beaufort, the president (Dr. S. E. Humphreys) caused great laughter by humorously alluding to the way in which some people misused the local baths. He said that he was told that some people took soap to the baths with them and had a good wash, one man took his dog in for a swim, and another was seen drowning kittens there.

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Card Social.
The Beaufort Mothers' Guild held a card social at Messdames Bates & Dunstan's tea rooms on Tuesday night. The winners of the eucalypt prizes were Mr W. Newey and Mrs A. J. Hughes.

Swimming Club.
Mr W. R. Glover (vice-president) was in the chair at a meeting of the Beaufort Swimming Club, held at the Shire Hall on Monday night. Twelve members were present. Apologies were received for the absence of Dr. S. E. Humphreys and Mr A. L. Wotherspoon. A letter from the Methodist fair, as he had booked the hall first.

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW.

EFFORT FOR MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

On Thursday afternoon perfect weather rewarded the diligence of the committee who have worked so untiringly in order to make a success of the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute's second annual flower show.

The show was opened by Mrs H. P. Mackenzie, of Trawalla Estate. Mr T. Williams (the president of the Institute), in introducing her, said that the flower show was being held in order to increase the revenue of the Mechanics'. He was glad to see such a very fine display of flowers, and especially complimented Lindsay Williams on the variety and quality of the vegetables which he, a mere boy, had grown.

Mrs Mackenzie said that nothing was ever so enjoyable as a flower show, and it demonstrated how Beaufort was progressing when it was able to hold one. She was very glad to see that half the funds were going to buy new books for the library. Gardening was always one of the best occupations, and afforded a very fascinating study, but now that Beaufort had its new water supply, what transformations might not be achieved?

The ladies organised several stalls, the holders of which were: Sweets: Mrs H. Cuthbertson, Miss E. Muntz. Flowers: Mrs Hughes, Miss H. Miller. Ice cream: Mesdames Saph and R. T. Macdonald, Miss Ivy Macdonald. Refreshments: Misses H. and W. Waterspoon, McNaughton, DeBaere, Tulloch, and R. Popz, and Mesdames T. Williams and P. DeBaere.

The judges of the various sections were:—Flowers: Mr D. Sievwright. Vegetables: Mr Thos. Williams. Cookery: Mrs R. G. Beggs and Miss Beggs.

The secretarial duties were capably carried out by Mr H. V. Martin.

The awards were as follow:—

- SECTION 1—CLASS A (OPEN). 1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each) S. A. Hateley. 2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each) S. A. Hateley. 3. Champion Gladiolus S. A. Hateley.

SECTION 1 CLASS A (AMATEUR) (Within 12 miles Beaufort).

- 1. 12 varieties Gladioli (one of each) Mrs Cassells. 2. 6 varieties Gladioli (one of each) Mrs Day, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 3. Champion Gladiolus J. E. Day.

SECTION 2—CLASS B (OPEN).

- 1. 12 Dahlias. S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. 2. 6 Collarette Dahlias. No entry. 3. 6 Peony Dahlias. S. A. Hateley. 4. 6 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed. S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. 5. Champion Dahlia. S. A. Hateley. 6. 6 varieties Cactus Dahlias, not stiff-stemmed.

S. A. Hateley, 1; W. J. Lee, 2. SECTION 2—CLASS B (AMATEUR) (Within 12 miles Beaufort).

- 1. 12 Dahlias, stiff stems. Mrs Miller, 1; Mrs P. C. Trengrove, 2. 2. 3 Collarette Dahlias. Mrs P. C. Trengrove. 3. 3 Peony Dahlias. Mrs R. G. Beggs. 4. 3 Cactus Dahlias, stiff-stemmed, garden variety. Mrs J. W. Miller. 5. Champion Dahlia. Mrs P. C. Trengrove. 6. 3 varieties Cactus, not stiff-stemmed. Mrs Miller.

SECTION 3—CLASS C (OPEN).

- 1. 3 varieties Asters (3 of each). W. J. Lee, 1; S. A. Hateley, 2. 2. 3 varieties Roses. Miss Russell, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 3. 3 varieties Marigolds (3 of each) Mrs Schlicht, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 4. 6 varieties Antirrhinum (3 of each). W. J. Lee. 5. 3 varieties Antirrhinum (amateur), 3 of each. Miss B. Schlicht. 6. 6 Zinnias (1 of each). Mrs Russell. 7. 3 Zinnia (amateur), 1 of each. Mrs Schlicht, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 8. 6 varieties Phlox (3 trusses of each). No entry. 9. 3 varieties Phlox (amateur), 3 trusses of each. Mrs P. C. Trengrove. 10. 3 varieties Carnations. No entry. 11. 3 varieties Petunias. W. J. Lee.

SECTION 4—CLASS D.

- 1. 3 varieties Cut Flowers. Miss Jean Stewart, 1; Mrs T. W. Schlicht, 2. 2. Basket Cut Flowers. Miss B. Schlicht, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. 3. 3 Ladies' Sprays. Miss J. Stewart, 1; Miss Russell, 2. 4. 3 Gent's. Buttonholes. Mrs B. Schlicht, 1; Miss J. Stewart, 2. 5. Collection Cut Flowers. No entry.

POT PLANTS.

- 1. Aspidistra. Mrs Hughes, 1; H. P. Mackenzie, 2. 2. Maiden Hair Fern. Miss Jean Stewart, 1; Mrs Hughes, 2. 3. Best Palm. Mrs Hughes, 1; H. P. Mackenzie, 2. 4. Pot Plant in Bloom. Mrs R. G. Beggs, 1; H. V. Martin, 2. 5. Pot Plant Fern. Mrs Hughes.

SECTION 6—CLASS F.

- 1. 4 varieties Apples (eating), one of each. Mrs Kneebone. 2. 4 varieties Cooking Apples (one of each). Mrs Kneebone. 3. 6 Tomatoes. Mrs Kneebone, 1; E. Soncum, 2; Miss Beggs, 3 and hon. mention.

SECTION 7—CLASS G.

- 1. Collection Vegetables. L. Williams (who showed a great variety), 1 and special mention. 2. 4 Potatoes. J. Duke. 3. 1 Cabbage. L. Williams. 4. 1 Vegetable Marrow. No entry. 5. 1 Turk's Cap. No entry. 6. Heaviest Pumpkin. No entry. 7. 12 pods French Beans. L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 2. 8. 12 pods Peas. L. Williams. 9. 3 Carrots. L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 2. 10. 3 Parsnips.

L. Williams, 1; Miss B. Schlicht, 2. 11. 3 Red Beet. No entry. 12. 4 Onions. Miss B. Schlicht. 13. 4 stalks Rhubarb. Miss B. Schlicht.

SECTION 8—CLASS H.

- 1. Best variety Home-made Cakes. Miss L. Stewart (who showed 30 varieties), 1 and special mention. 2. Plate Scones. Miss N. Trengrove, 1; Miss K. Stewart, 2. 3. Plate Cream Puffs. Miss K. Stewart, 1; Mrs Young, 2. 4. Plain Sponge Sandwich (light). Mrs Muntz, 1; Mrs Exell, 2. 5. Plain Sponge Sandwich (dark). Miss Jessie Hannah, 1; Miss K. Stewart, 2. 6. Plate Biscuits (4 kinds). No entry. 7. Pound Cake. No entry. 8. Shortbread. Miss Jessie Hannah, 1; Miss K. Stewart, 2. 9. Sponge Roll. Miss N. Martin, 1; Miss Jessie Hannah, 2. 10. Leaf Home-made Bread. Miss H. Miller, 1; Mrs Boyle, 2.

LIST OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

- AGGREGATE PRIZE.—A Trophy, valued at £2/2 (gift of Mrs. J. R. Hughes), will be awarded to the winner of the highest aggregate of points. To be won three times. (Three points for 1st, and 1 point for 2nd prizes). S. A. Hateley (25), 1; L. Williams (21), 2; Miss B. Schlicht (19), 3. 6 varieties Gladioli, one of each (class A, amateur)—Trophy, valued at £1/1 (gift of Mr. Swenson); second prize, trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. S. A. Hateley). J. E. Day, 1; Mrs R. G. Beggs, 2. Champion Gladiolus (Class A, amateur)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. T. Williams). J. E. Day. Champion Gladiolus of Show (open)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. H. V. Martin). S. A. Hateley. Champion Dahlia (Class B, amateur)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. W. W. Ashley). Mrs Trengrove. Best variety of 12 Dahlias (Class B, amateur)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. A. Parker). Mrs J. W. Miller. 3 Zinnias (1 of each), amateur—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. J. E. Day). Mrs T. W. Schlicht. 3 varieties Roses (Class C, open)—Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. R. A. H. Sinclair). Miss Russell. 3 varieties Asters, 3 of each (Class C, open). Trophy, valued at 10/6 (gift of Mr. H. E. Cuthbertson). W. J. Lee. All other first prizes, 2/6 each.

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Fire Brigade.

Deputy-chief-officer Turner paid a visit of inspection to the Beaufort Fire Brigade on Wednesday night. There was a good muster of firemen, under Captain J. J. Fitzpatrick.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

SKAKE VALLEY.

A meeting of the Carnegham Turf Club was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday evening, 18th inst; the president (Cr. A. C. Roddis) presiding. Mr R. Taylor, of Ballarat, was the successful tenderer for the publican's booth; the price being £12 10/.

LECTON.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Lexion branch, A.N.A., ten tenders were received for painting the interior of the A.N.A. hall.

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DISTRICT NEWS ITEMS.

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Advertisement for Skilful Tailoring of Hidden Parts, showing an illustration of a tailor.

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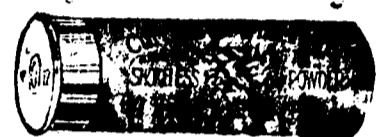
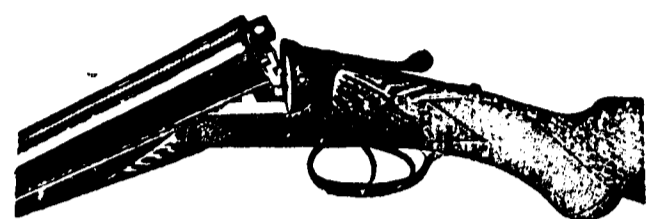
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A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

DEPRESSION IN ENGLAND AFTER NAPOLEONIC WARS. HISTORY AND PROPHECY.

(Reprinted from the "Edinburgh Review," January, 1830.) At a recent meeting of graziers and farmers at Skipton, Commander H. P. Mackenzie read this remarkable analysis of the business depression in England in 1830, by the famous English essayist, Macaulay. It was published recently by the Harriman National Bank and Trust Company, of New York. Macaulay's review and perview seem strikingly sound as applied to the present business situation, and can be commended to thinking and progressive business men. The reference to war is, of course, the Napoleonic wars.

History is full of the signs of this natural progress of society. We see in almost every part of the annals of mankind how industry of individuals, struggling up against war, taxes, famines, conflagrations, mischievous prohibitions, and more mischievous protections, creates faster than Governments can squander, and repairs whatever invaders can destroy.

We see the capital of nations increasing, and all the arts of life approaching nearer and nearer to perfection, in spite of the grossest corruption and the wildest profusion on the part of rulers.

The present moment is one of great distress. But how small will that distress appear when we think over the history of the last 40 years; a war, compared with which, all other wars sink into insignificance; taxation, such as the most heavily taxed people of former times could not have conceived; a debt larger than all the public debts that ever existed in the world added together; the fond of the people studiously rendered dear; the currency impudently debased, and improvidently restored.

Yet, is the country poorer than in 1790? We fully believe that, in spite of all the misgovernment of her rulers, she has almost constantly becoming richer and richer. Now and then there has been a stoppage, now and then a short retrogression; but as to the general contingency there can be no doubt. A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in.

If we were to prophesy that in the year 1930, a population of fifty millions, better fed, clad, and lodged than the English of our time, will cover these islands; that Sussex or Huntingdonshire will be wealthier than the wealthiest parts of the West Riding of Yorkshire now are; that cultivation, rich as that of a flower-garden, will be carried up to the very tops of Ben Nevis and Helvelyn; that machines, constructed on principles yet undiscovered, will be in every house, that there will be no highways but railroads, no travelling but by steam, that our debt, vast as it seems to us, will appear to our great-grandchildren a trifling encumbrance, which might easily be paid off in a year or two—many people would think us insane.

We prophesy nothing; but this we say—if any person had told the Parliament which met in perplexity and terror after the crash in 1720 that in 1830 the wealth of England would surpass all the wildest dreams; that the annual revenue would equal the principal of that debt which they considered an intolerable burden; that for one man of £10,000 then living there would be five men of £50,000; that London would be twice as large and twice as populous, and that, nevertheless, the mortality would have diminished to one-half what it then was; that the post-office would bring more into the exchequer than the excise and customs

had brought in together under Charles II; that stage coaches would run from London to York in 24 hours; that men would sail without wind, and would be beginning to ride without horses—our ancestors would have given as much credit to the prediction as they gave to "Gulliver's Travels"

Yet the prediction would have been true, and they would have perceived that it was not altogether absurd, if they had considered that the country was then raising every year a sum which would have purchased the fee simple of the revenue of the Plantagenets—ten times what supported the Government of Elizabeth; three times what, in the time of Oliver Cromwell, had been thought intolerably oppressive. To almost all men the state of things in which they have been used to live seems to be the necessary state of things.

We have heard it said that five per cent. is the natural increase of money, that twelve is the natural number of a jury, that 40 shillings is the natural qualification of a country voter. Hence it is, that though, in every age, everybody knows that up to his own time progressive improvement has been taking place, nobody seems to reckon on any improvement during the next generation.

We cannot absolutely prove that those are in error who tell us that society has reached the turning point—that we have seen our best days. But so said all who came before us, and with just as much apparent reason.

"A million a year will beggar us," said the patriots of 1640.

"Two millions a year will grind the country into powder," was the cry in 1660.

"Six millions a year and a debt of fifty millions!" exclaimed Swift—"the high allies have been the ruin of us"

"A hundred and forty millions of debt!" said Julius—"well may we say that we owe Lord Chatham more than we shall ever pay, if we owe him such a load as this"

"Two hundred and forty millions of debt!" cried all the statesmen of 1783 in chorus, "what abilities, or what economy on the part of a minister, can save a country so burdened?" We know that if, since 1783, no fresh debt had been incurred, the increased resources of the country would have enabled us to defray that burden at which Pitt, Fox, and Burke stood aghast—to defray it over and over again, and that with much lighter taxation than what we have actually borne. On what principle is it, that when we see nothing but improvement behind us, we are to expect nothing but deterioration before us?

It is not by the intermeddling of Mr. Southey's idol—the omniscient and omnipotent state—but by the prudence and energy of the people, that England has hitherto been carried forward in civilisation; and it is to the same prudence and the same energy that we now look with comfort and good hope.

Our rulers will best promote the improvement of the people by strictly confining themselves to their own legitimate duties—by leaving capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward, idleness and folly their natural punishment—by maintaining peace, by defending property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing strict economy in every department of the State.

Let the Government do this—the people will assuredly do the rest.

The Commissioner of Police describes as "absurd" rumors which have been current recently regarding the possibility of public disturbances.

