

NORTH OTAGO

ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MARKETING OF HONEY

PROPOSAL FOR NEW LEGISLATION

The alleged apathy of the Government to the beekeeping industry was criticised by Mr. W. Nelson, of Otorohanga, president of the National Beekeepers' Association, at a meeting of North Otago beekeepers held in Oamaru on Wednesday. He said that the industry was capable of great expansion, and that the Government should be awakened to its possibilities. Mr. McNeil presided over the meeting.

In his address, Mr. Nelson said that organisation, standardisation, and legislative control of marketing were needed. The association was seeking the establishment of a board under Government control, to regulate prices and grades of honey. Under the existing conditions of unrestricted competitive selling, the production of honey could never be anything but a highly speculative venture. There were numerous brands at present on the market which carried no guarantee of quality. This did very serious harm to the development of the industry.

Mr. Nelson criticised certain Government measures, including the reduction of the import duty on honey and the tax on sugar. Producers who had to use sugar to feed their bees, he said, should be as much entitled to a rebate as dairymen who received a rebate on the petrol they used in their work.

PETITION PROPOSED.

A proposed petition to the Executive Commission of Agriculture setting out the proposals for the control of the industry was discussed by the meeting, and Mr. Nelson explained the proposal to establish a Honey Control Board, which would control both export and home marketing in place of the present Honey Export Control Board. One proposal was to institute a levy of 4d per lb on all honey sold to retailers in the Dominion and a levy to take the place of the present levy on exported honey. This would provide revenue for the board, which would, among other things, carry out advertising and propaganda. Another proposal was to arrange for a long-term loan of £10,000 to pay off the debt due to Messrs C. and E. Morton, Ltd., by the New Zealand Co-operative Honey Producers' Association, Ltd. (in liquidation).

MOTIONS CARRIED.

The following motions were carried unanimously:—

"This meeting of commercial honey producers expresses its entire satisfaction with the services of the Export Control Board, and desires the board's chairman (Mr. J. N. Butland) to know that they deeply appreciate his business capacity in the board's affairs, and in his personal endeavour to establish orderly marketing of honey in the Dominion."

"This meeting of commercial honey producers, representing 1257 hives of bees, enters a strong and emphatic protest against the procrastination of the Govern-

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ment in connection with the passing of legislation designed to give the industry the protection of stabilised returns to producers and reliability of quality to consumers."

REVISED GRADING REGULATIONS.

Considerable interest was taken by those present in the revised grading regulations, which Mr Nelson explained at some length. Mr Nelson said that this district produced a grade of honey unexcelled in quality by any other district in the Dominion, and compared favourably with that produced by any other country in the world. He thought he was qualified to speak on that point, for he had had beekeeping experience in every English-speaking country. The revised regulations were not to the liking of many low-grade producers, but the Control Board could prove very conclusively that a drastic revision of the grading system and pay-out points value was long overdue. It was fortunate for the industry that in the board's chairman (Mr Butland), they had a man of outstanding business capacity and courage, well able to defend the board against criticism. Those producers, who had been adversely affected, frequently directed their grievances against the grader. This was quite unjust, for the grader was not responsible for the regulations to which he had to conform.

WORK OF COMPANY.

Mr Nelson, who is also chairman of New Zealand Honey, Ltd., referred to the progress the company had made in the two years of its operation. He said the market had been in a chaotic state and competition had brought the price of honey down to 2½d per lb for good quality bulk honey, and merchants and retailers had regarded the stocking of honey as a risk. It was the task of the directors to initiate a policy that would bring order out of this chaos. Disturbingly low prices had to be quoted in order that the company might become established, but the lost interest of the merchants had been regained.

The position to-day was that the company had filled all the old low-priced contracts, he said, and they had fresh contracts signed up of nearly 140 tons for spread delivery to merchants at considerably advanced prices. The existing trading outlook of the company led him to hope that he would be in a position to recommend 5d, pro rata payout to their suppliers on this year's turnover. Accurate figures were not available, but it was estimated that in a normal year approximately 70 per cent. of their produce was sold on the local market.

NORTH OTAGO COURSING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the committee of the North Otago Coursing Club was held last night. Mr O. R. Wise (president) occupied the chair.

Several matters in connection with the South Island championship meeting to be held at Oamaru on August 2 and 3, under the auspices of the Dunedin Club, were discussed, and various arrangements made. With reference to the social, it was decided that this be held in the Eden Street Hall on the Friday night, and a Social Committee comprising Messrs L. Webb (convener), G. Atkinson, J. W. Harrison, and G. Smart was

appointed.
Messrs W. Foss, P. Shanahan, and J. M'Jennett were appointed gatekeepers for the meeting.

It was agreed that the North Otago Club's membership tickets would not be available for the championship meeting.

It was also decided that the Dunedin Club be asked to appoint a Judicial Committee.

The committee decided that the Dunedin Club be charged 5s for every hare killed during the championship.

Messrs A. Rennie and J. Fraser were appointed delegates to the conference at Oamaru to consider the South Island Challenge Cup rules.

It was decided that an Open Stake be added to the programme for the local club's meeting on August 17, the nomination fee to be £1.

The following nominations, representing the various clubs, have been received for the Challenge Stake:—Christchurch—Scarboro, Lead On, Purple King, Sage King; Balclutha—Homedale, Black Hawk, Why Parade, Terminus Lass; Invercargill—Native Chief, Tommy C., Capital, Golden Worry; Dunedin—Vanity Fair, Paddy's Lass, Hall Mark, Bold Brigand; North Otago—Happy Nancy, Satin Boy, Miss Mannequin, Winiata.

COMMUNITY SING

The song leaders at the weekly sessions of community sings, Messrs P. Linton Hodge and James Weir, report that they were delighted with the fine spirit which prevailed at Wednesday night's sing. The Opera House was packed to capacity, and this week's session proved an outstanding success. The singing was of a high standard, and all entered enthusiastically into the hour's entertainment. Mrs Loper again enlivened the proceedings with her excellent playing at the piano.

Several gifts were sent in for the baby's clothing appeal, and also a contribution from Messrs Hodge's Economic Drapery, Ltd. Wednesday night's sing realised the good sum of £11, so that over £100 has now been reached so far this season. It is hoped to reach the £250 mark, and this will be possible if the public maintains the same interest as shown during the past few weeks.

Special items were given on Wednesday night, and these were much appreciated. The St. Patrick's School choir, under the conductorship of Bro. Lathey, sang very sweetly, and a feature of their performance was the manner in which they were dressed and grouped on the stage. Mrs Loper played the accompaniment. Mr Colin Campbell, of Timaru, who possesses a very fine baritone voice, was heard to advantage in two numbers, and these proved very popular with the crowd. Miss Tonkin accompanied him on the piano.

FUNCTION AT ARDGOWAN

In order to raise funds to assist in carrying out improvements to the Ardgowan School and grounds, the School Committee held a very successful old-time dance in the local hall, at which there was a large gathering, including many from the surrounding districts and Oamaru. The chairman of the committee (Mr W. Smith) extended a hearty welcome to all.

A programme of items was also presented by Mr J. M'Lean's concert party from Oamaru, and the following contributed items:—Songs, Mrs Gordon

Souness and Mr J. M'Lean; tap dance. Miss Betty M'Lean; characterisation of well-known screen stars, Miss Betty M'Lean; violin solos, Mr L. Barsdell. Two very enjoyable and interesting numbers were given by members of St. Luke's Kiwi Club under the leadership of Miss Collingwood. Those taking part were: Misses Hooper, P. Leslie, J. Wallace, M'Caffrey, O. Hedges, Thwaites, and Mr Lester Hedges. Mr J. M'Lean took the solo parts in both numbers. These sketches were presented in costume. The accompaniments were played by Mrs J. Swindley and Mr Jackson.

For the dance, music was supplied by Mr R. Jackson's orchestra, and an extra was played by Mr J. Gibson on the bagpipes. Mr W. Rowlands carried out the duties of M.C. The old-time dances were entered into with zest by the older people present, and these dances comprised the "Circassian Circle," "Jolly Miller," "The Parisians," and "Mazurka," and also the "Waltz Vienna."

At the conclusion of the concert programme the chairman (Mr Smith) thanked the performers and all those who had assisted to make the function such a success, and also the ladies for dispensing supper. The school funds will benefit considerably as a result of this effort.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SESSION REPORT

The annual report of the session shows that the close of the seventy-first year of the history of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church marked a period in which there had been many and important changes, and the session expressed its thanks for the Divine guidance which had been vouchsafed to the congregation.

Very soon after the last annual meeting of the congregation the Rev. Brian Kilroy, M.A., who had laboured so faithfully among the congregation for six years, notified the members of the session that he had been asked to consider the acceptance of a call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wellington. After long and careful consideration the session very reluctantly agreed that it seemed as though the decision as to whether he should move to the capital city, with its greater possibilities and scope for his talents, must be left in Mr Kilroy's own hands. By resolution and personal appeal the session made it very plain that Mr Kilroy's services were still required in Oamaru. However, ultimately a unanimous and most harmonious call was placed in his hands, and it proved no easy task for Mr Kilroy to decide whether his duty lay with his old congregation in St. Paul's, Oamaru, or in the newer and more expansive fields of St. Andrew's, in Wellington. The decision was made in favour of St. Andrew's Church, and the pastoral tie with St. Paul's was severed in October, 1934.

At his farewell service, Mr Kilroy preached to a congregation the like of which had seldom been seen in St. Paul's. At the valedictory social to Mr and Mrs Kilroy and Mrs Kilroy, sen., all sections of the community expressed regret at their departure, and paid worthy tributes to a beloved pastor, an outstanding preacher, and a worthy citizen.

The Rev. W. W. French, of Maheno, was appointed interim moderator, and, with the assistance of the Selection Com-

with the assistance of the Selection Committee, at once set to work to locate a successor to Mr Kilroy. It proved no easy task. Many avenues were explored, but finally word was received of the approaching return to New Zealand of the Rev. John M. M'Kenzie, who had served in the Canton Village Mission Field for 11 years. A successful endeavour was made to engage Mr M'Kenzie for supply for a period of one month, with the result that near the close of the year a very hearty call was presented to Mr M'Kenzie, who agreed to accept. Mr M'Kenzie came first as a scholar and teacher, but his experience in the business world, in the army, and in the mission field, together with his prowess in the sports field, all served to equip him for the important duty to which he had been called. With the sympathetic and prayerful co-operation of his office-bearers and congregation he must succeed.

The question of supply during the vacancy was an important one. If expressions of gratification counted for anything, the choice of the interim moderator and session had been all that could be desired. The cordiality with which the Rev. Thomas Tait, of Sydney, was received was very marked. By his outstanding ability as a preacher he drew very large congregations. By their friendly disposition, he and his daughter, Miss Tait, won the hearts of St. Paul's people, as was evidenced at their valedictory social. Mr Tait supplied for three months, and the other major period was taken by the Rev. Archibald Hunt, of Wellington, who, like his predecessors proved a preacher of no mean ability, round whom the congregation rallied most loyally. Mr Hunt still supplied at the close of the year, and took the first Sunday in the New Year.

The interim moderator himself took the services when occasion demanded, and was much appreciated, while others who supplied on occasional Sundays and were equally appreciated were the Revs. I. G. Borrie, G. A. Naylor, D. N. M'Kenzie, J. E. Adams, and S. D. Baird. At its last meeting before the close of the year the session placed on record, first its high appreciation of the work of the interim moderator during a somewhat protracted vacancy, and secondly its gratification at the wonderful loyalty of the individual members of the congregation during the long period.

During the year the office-bearers and other church workers, including all youth workers, ladies of the P.W.M.U., choir members, and social workers, had been more zealous than in past years if such were possible. They had given their time and their services ungrudgingly, with the result that the session felt that the responsibility of carrying on the spiritual side as well as the material side of the church work had been borne by the many and not by the few. There had been a definite and full realisation of responsibility by the individual members—a tribute to those who, in the past, inculcated that spirit. All vacancies in church departments caused by the removal of the former minister, his wife, and other church workers had been readily filled, or the work capably carried on by others who had temporarily assumed office. In this respect a special tribute was paid to the ladies of the P.W.M.U., and particularly the vice-presidents.

During the year death claimed seven of the members—Mesdames Murray, Gemmell, Rawson, Misses M'Caw, Stringer, Messrs G. Stringer and W. B. H. Nichols. Some of these were old and very loyal members of St. Paul's, and others, though younger, were devoted to their church.

The late Mr G. Stringer was known throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand for his loyalty to Christian principles and his devotion to his church. Mr W. B. H. Nichols was a faithful member and a devoted servant of the church. The dignity and care with which he carried out his duties as church officer for many years had been frequently remarked on by all who had the privilege of knowing him. To the relatives and friends, and to all who had suffered bereavements, the session extended its deepest sympathy.

Additions to the roll during the year numbered 44, 23 on profession of faith, and 21 by certificate from other congregations. The communion roll now stood at 457. The attendances at communion had been as follows:—September, 1934, 303; December, 1934, 315; March, 1935, 301; June, 1935, 297.

Again the session acknowledged the liberality with which the congregation had contributed to St. Paul's own social service fund, particularly on the occasion of the special appeal at the June communion. This amount, along with very generous contributions from two members at present absent from Oamaru, helped in some degree to bring cheer to many homes.

While there had been no change in the personnel of the session, it was a matter of deep regret that for reasons of health Mr A. Gray was obliged to resign his commission as one of the presbytery elders, and also his duties as district elder. Mr Charles Stringer was elected to act with Mr Archibald on presbytery, and Mr R. J. Meldrum had taken over Mr Gray's district.

The Rev. H. T. Blair continued to supply the pulpit at the Eveline outstation, and to superintend both Sunday school and Bible class work in the north end of the parish. The session recorded its appreciation of Mr Blair's work, and also its sincere thanks for the voluntary services on many occasions by the Rev. P. C. Rennie during the vacancy.

The generous gift of two elders' chairs by Miss Gilchrist, Mrs Orbell, Mrs Holmes, and Mr N. C. Gilchrist in memory of their brother, the late Mr James C. Gilchrist, was received and very much appreciated. These chairs now completed a beautiful and valuable communion suite, nearly all of which had been presented by members of the same family.

The members of the Board of Management, who automatically retire after three years' service, are Messrs Norman Meldrum, S. H. Wilson, James M'Pherson, Charles Don. H. Donald, H. Parker, and James Simpson, all of whom were eligible for re-election. The session thanked each retiring member for faithful services rendered, and expressed the hope that all would consent to re-election. The congregation would be asked to elect not less than seven managers at the annual meeting.

In conclusion, the session appealed to all office-bearers, members, and adherents for continued devotion to the great work

of the Christian Church. The work was necessary and varied. The members' presence in the sanctuary on the Lord's Day was very important, their prayers for the work and the workers were equally important, and their kindly interest in the needs of many of their fellows in these days of stress and trial were probably amongst the finest indications of the true Christ-like spirit.

MANAGERS' REPORT.

Shortly after the last annual meeting it was learnt with regret that the Rev. Brian Kilroy had accepted a call to St.

Andrew's Church, Wellington. While regretting losing such a capable moderator, the managers joined in offering congratulations to Mr Kilroy on being called to such an important charge. The goodwill of the managers followed him to his new sphere of labour. Both the Revs. T. Tait and J. M. M'Kenzie occupied the manse during the periods each supplied St. Paul's pulpit. In this connection the managers were very grateful to all those ladies and gentlemen of the congregation who so willingly assisted in temporarily furnishing the manse. The manse grounds had been kept in order during the vacancy.

The increasing buoyancy of the revenue was assisted by the reorganisation of the envelope system, and the resuscitation of the Sustenation Committee. This work entailed a great deal of self-sacrificing work on the part of the members of the committees interested. There was still room for the development of these activities.

The renovations to the halls had been completed, and now presented a gratifying appearance. This completed another part of the programme of essential renovations to the church property. To be able during the last five years to reroof the church, paint and renovate the church, paint and renovate the halls, and erect new fences at a total cost of £1085 15s was a notable achievement. The question of repainting the church at Eveline was now under consideration by the Committee of Management.

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs H. Archibald (convener), A. Crichton, H. Donald, J. A. Meldrum, A. C. Whyte, A. R. Tait, P. L. Brown, R. W. Hill, and J. S. Dodds was appointed last March to supervise affairs at Eveline. The insurances on all church buildings and contents were under review by a special committee, its aim being to provide sufficient cover. Last Christmas the managers disposed of 25 additional P.S.S.A. calendars, making a total of 75. This increase was largely due to the enthusiasm of a member. In March an appeal was made to members and adherents to contribute the cost of a hymn book, thus assisting the Committee of Management in replacing many books past further use. A fair response was received. During the vacancy many extra matters had claimed attention. Thanks were due to all those members who so willingly gave of their time to assist.

The new managers elected at the last annual meeting of the congregation were Messrs P. L. Brown, J. S. Dodds, E. C. Ferris, I. Hall, G. Knowles, K. C. M'Donald, J. A. Meldrum, W. Robson, A. C. Whyte, W. Park. Mr W. Richardson did not seek re-election. Thanks were due to him for his valued work on the Committee of Management. During the year 11 meetings were held, there being an average attendance of 20.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The managers had pleasure in presenting the balance sheet, which showed a debit balance of £10 12s 4d, as compared with £93 16s 5d last year. Open collections had increased by £26 7s and the envelopes by £22 5s. During the year substantial renovations were made to the halls, a total of £484 15s 10d being spent. An appeal was made to members to advance money by way of debentures, but the response was very poor, only £2 being raised. A sum of £200 was borrowed to tide the church over. Thanks were due to the Haeremai Club and other who gave contributions. A total

of £200 was received from the synod on previous church renovations, and this money came in handy to meet the hall renovations. Material from the halls was sold and realised £9 15s. The general funds provided the balance, £30 10s 10d. The managers thanked the various church organisations for contributions towards lighting and heating. Although the outgoings for salaries had not been so great, there had been other expenditure which had to be met. The position at Eveline was much better, the deficiency having been substantially reduced since the re-arrangement. The congregation still responded liberally to special appeals made.

The collections during the vacancy kept up very well, and now that a settlement had been effected the revenue should become much more buoyant, and the managers trusted that before long the debits would be considerably reduced. The debt owing by the church at the present time stood at £378 1s 4d. It showed an increase this year on account of the hall renovations. The flower show instituted last year yielded £23 10s, and this should prove a good source of revenue in future occasions. A renewal of the borough leasehold adjoining the church was obtained. The managers urged all to support the envelope system, or, if unable, to subscribe through the sustentation fund, and thanked all for the very generous support given during the year.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

The membership of the P.W.M.U. remained about the same, and new members would be made welcome. The Harvest Field subscribers numbered 144, which was considered a branch record for the Dominion. The total receipts for the year amounted to £123, and the following allocations were made:—India £10, China £10, New Hebrides £7, budget £22, training institute £2. The P.W.M.U. thanked the congregation for the retiring collection, £6 7s, for home mission Christmas gifts, also for the splendid response to the appeal for old clothes for the Maoris.

The attendance of the majority of the scholars at Sunday school was regular, and the interest was well maintained. The collections for missions amounted to £19 10s 1d. Through the transfer of teachers the Sunday school had lost quite a few, but it was a cause for thankfulness that others came forward to fill the gaps. In connection with the cradle roll department, 30 homes were visited during the year, nine children had been placed on the roll, and fourteen had reached their fourth birthday, and thus passed on to the primary department of the Sunday school.

There was a general improvement in the standard of work performed by the choir, and this was largely due to the untiring efforts of the organist and choir-master (Mr C. W. Naylor), assisted by the members themselves. The church expressed its thanks to Miss Gilchrist and Mr N. Gilchrist for their appreciation of the choir's efforts, also for their fine contributions to the choir funds.

The last season of the Haeremai Club was the most successful in the history of the club, from both a financial and social point of view. The roll stood at 84, which was the highest membership since the club's inception in 1930. The club was able to contribute to the manager's court the sum of £40 towards the stage renovations, together with the usual contribution of £2 towards heating and lighting.

The Senior Young Men's Bible Class forwarded £7 10s to the mission secretary, and the other classes and youth clubs

were doing excellent work for the church.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING

At the weekly shoot of the Volunteer Club T. Koppert won the rifle button and H. M'Lardy the handicap button. The following are the results:—T. Koppert 78—2—80, H. M'Lardy 78—3—80, R. Jackman 76—6—80, S. Robbie 75—4—79, Captain Gedge 75—4—79, G. M'Lardy 74—5—79, A. Smith 73—4—77, D. M'Currie 73—4—77, R. Hedges 72—3—75, D. Kearns 69—4—73.

The following were the highest scores at the Glenavy Club's weekly shoot:—N. Fleming, B. Duff, N. Gibson, C. Fleming 79, J. Brown, C. Dugdale, J. Purdie, D. M'Culloch, N. Andrews 78, R. Lindsay, J. Hollamby, jun., W. Devlin, L. Wilson, G. Todd, A. M'Culloch, D. M'Lean 77, R. Hollamby, jun., W. Devlin, L. Wilson, G. M'Culloch, G. Hamilton, L. Dasler, R. Cochrane, A. Cuthbertson 76, T. Mountford, J. Paul, William Devlin 75.

The weekly shoot of the Weston Club was the final for a trophy presented by Mr Howell, and D. Park proved the winner. A. Howell again won the rifle button and B. Brightwell annexed the handicap button. The following are the scores:—A. Howell 80—1—80, H. Stevenson 79—1—80, D. Park 79—2—80, B. Brightwell 78—4—80, L. Clark 77—3—80, A. Harvey 77—4—80, A. M'Naughton 76—4—80, W. Sewell 77—2—79, W. Laney 76—3—79, B. Campbell 76—3—79, V. Barker 76—2—78, E. Laney 75—3—78, J. Howell 75—3—78, L. Park 76—1—77, W. Cottingham 74—3—77, G. Campbell 74—1—75, K. Falloon 71—4—75, S. Dick 72—3—75.

OAMARU BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

The Oamaru Borough Council met last night. There were present: The Mayor (Mr M. F. Cooney), Crs L. MacRae, R. Jenkins, A. R. Tait, G. White, F. Butterfield, A. Wilson, N. H. Colquhoun, G. T. Gillies, K. Familton, and A. E. Hodge.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Cr Colquhoun on his return to the council table after his long illness, expressing pleasure at his complete restoration to health.

The Finance Committee reported a debit balance of £3947 11s (including £3200 on deposit) in the district fund account, and accounts amounting to £1102 7s 6d were passed for payment.

The Finance Committee recommended that the rent of section 12, block 34, be reduced by 20 per cent. as provided by the National Expenditure Adjustment Act.—Adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended that the present rent of the offices occupied by Messrs Lee, Grave, Grave, and Zimmermann remain until March 31, 1936, and that the rent for a further term be fixed by valuers, one appointed by the tenants to act in conjunction with the borough valuer.—Adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended that Mr G. A. Rawson be informed that an allowance of half-rates could not be made, his property not having been unoccupied for the statutory period within the rating year.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Mayor and town clerk be authorised to expend up to £15 on suitable souvenir photograph albums for presentation to distinguished visitors to the town.

—Adopted.

The race inspector (Mr D. Fraser) reported that the pollution from Maerewhenua mining tailings showed a decrease, and the condition of the race supply had been more satisfactory.—Received.

The Waterworks Committee recommended that the erection of 82 chains of fencing at the race be carried out as suggested by the inspector.—Adopted.

The Works Committee reported that Mr J. M. Docherty's application requesting repairs to Yare street had been referred to the chairman and foreman for attention.

The Works Committee reported that Mr J. E. Presland's application requesting a footpath or other alternative means of entrance to his property in Tovey street had been referred to the foreman for attention.

Messrs Lee, Grave, Grave, and Zimmermann, on behalf of the executors of the late Mrs Jessie Gemmell, applied for the council's consent to the transfer of lease of lot 5, block 95, Oamaru, to the Oamaru Finance and Investment Company.—Granted.

The Oamaru Returned Soldiers' Association wrote offering the council £100 from the Poppy Day sales for the relief of unemployed returned soldiers, trusting that it would carry a subsidy of £1 for £1.—Received with thanks, the subsidy being agreed to.

Mr E. W. Grenfell (architect), on behalf of Mr J. Hinton, applied for permission to erect a balcony at the rear of the Perpetual Trustees premises, Thames street.—The request was referred to the By-laws Committee.

The Municipal Band was granted permission to hold a concert in the Opera House on Sunday, August 4.

An application by Mr F. Baxter for permission to erect a sign at Cleverley and Maxon's, Thames street, was referred to the chairmen of the Works and By-Laws Committees.

An application for an extra light in Wansbeck street was referred to the Lighting Committee.

The tender of James Craig and Co. of £12 2s 6d for the delivery of timber at Gibson's Siding was accepted, the tender, which was 2s 6d lower, from M'Callum and Co. not being received in the stipulated time.

The borough inspector (Mr A. F. Crump) reported that grazing fees amounted to £3 11s, and dog registrations to £54 15s. He had attended to the inspection of installations of electric petrol pumps. No trees had been damaged through scything on the Cape Reserve. Thirty-four animals had been destroyed in the lethal chamber since its installation. Motor drivers' licenses numbered 958 to date.

The Mayor reported that a committee had met the Oamaru Beautifying Society, and had decided to plant native trees and shrubs at Orana Park, and to continue planting trees at reserve D on Arbor Day. He would call schoolmasters together early in the week for making final arrangements for the Arbor Day celebrations.—The proposal was approved, the curator to furnish a plan for planting on Arbor Day.

The question of procuring traffic domes for streets to direct traffic was referred to the Works Committee for a report.

The Mayor reported that complaints had been made about commercial vehicles parking in Thames street and cutting through the avenue of trees. If the by-law was faulty, then it should be amended, and the question should be considered by the By-laws Committee.

KINEMA ENTERTAINMENTS

MAJESTIC THEATRE

After a long spell there comes another thrilling air drama to the Majestic to-night. It is "Murder in the Clouds," and is an unusual and baffling mystery drama, involving several strange murders in the air, and the kidnapping of a beautiful girl by aeroplane. Lyle Talbot, Miss Dvorak, and Gordon Westcott head the cast in a triangular romance, while others include Robert Light, George Cooper, Charles Wilson, Henry O'Neill, and Russell Hicks.

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIONS.

At the Majestic Theatre to-morrow afternoon and night Greta Garbo appears in the Somerset Maugham story, "The Painted Veil." The story is English, and the locale in China.

OPERA HOUSE

To-morrow afternoon and night the Zane Grey story, "Code of the West," comes to the Opera House under the heading of "Home on the Range." Randolph Scott, Jackie Coogan, and Evelyn Brent have the three main roles. At the matinee, from 1.45 to 2.15, there will be a singing competition for children under 12, the song being "Home on the Range."

PORT OF OAMARU

High Water.—July 26: 11.38 a.m.

Arrival.—The Waipahi, at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, from Dunedin.

Departure.—The Waipahi, at 11 a.m. yesterday, for Wellington, Nelson, and New Plymouth, via ports.

NOTES.

The Wainui is expected on Wednesday, August 7, to load for Wellington, Napier, and Gisborne, via Timaru and Lyttelton.

The Karetu was expected to clear Hobart last Wednesday for Bluff, Dunedin, Timaru, Lyttelton, and Oamaru. She is due at this port about August 7.

A steamer is expected about Saturday, August 3, to load for Wellington, Nelson, and New Plymouth, via Timaru and Lyttelton.

The Port Fairy is expected on August 30 to load 11,000 freight carcasses and general cargo for London. Messrs Darling and M'Dowell are the agents.

The Wingatui will load at Auckland about August 2 sugar and general cargo for Oamaru. She is due at this port about Monday, August 12.

The Union Steam Ship Company advises that the date of departure of the R.M.S. Niagara from Vancouver is not yet definite, but it is intended at present to despatch her from Auckland north-bound on August 20.

DEBATING

At the fortnightly meeting of the St. Patrick's Debating and Literary Society an interesting question box was enjoyed by all present. Prior to commencing the evening's programme, opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mr A. E. Cahill, who has been promoted to Stratford.

The president (Mr J. L. Russel), on behalf of the society, presented Mr Cahill with a fountain pen, and made reference to his splendid qualities as a debater.

to his special qualities as a debater, having represented the society at the Catholic Clubs' Conference and competitions at Waimate in 1934 and at Grey-mouth this year. The society was thereby losing a very valuable member. Mr Cahill briefly acknowledged the gift and good wishes of the members. The secretary reported that a challenge had been received from the Pukeuri Debating Society.

PETROL PUMPS

DISCUSSION AT COUNCIL

Some discussion took place at the Oamaru Borough Council's meeting last night on the question of kerbside petrol pumps, Cr A. E. Hodge having given notice of motion that the resolution passed on May 23, 1929, deciding that no further kerbside petrol pumps be permitted in the borough, be rescinded. Cr Butterfield seconded the motion.

Cr Tait said he originally moved the motion, but withdrew it. It was strange that the mover and seconder were not in the By-laws Committee. In 1929 the problem of petrol pumps on the street became acute, and the then council passed the resolution which it was now desired to rescind. The council had turned down applications on principle on account of the resolution, which, but for this resolution, would, no doubt, have been granted. Others had been deterred from making applications. What was going to happen? There would be a flood of applications, and the result would be that preference would be given to some applications which, no doubt, would give rise to much dissatisfaction. There may have been a monopoly at one time, but not now. With the advent of service stations, some applications might be turned down, and hardships might be imposed. Would that be fair?

The Mayor said the rescinding of the resolution would mean the restoration to the council of the right to grant pumps if the council so desired. The reason for the resolution in 1929 was because in one particular case there was a constant removal of pumps and replacement of those removed by other pumps. The council got tired of it and acted rather impetuously. The position to-day was that the council should have the power to say whether it was right to install a pump or not. The transfer of pumps to other sites was not anticipated so that the erection of pumps in certain localities did not cease. There were garages without kerbside pumps, and to be perfectly logical all garages should have pumps or else none should. As Cr Tait said, it was a virtual monopoly. He took the definite stand of deciding every application on its merits. Cr Tait a few weeks ago thought the same as Cr Hodge, but had not advanced any reason.

Cr Tait replied that he did not want to be personal.

The Mayor, continuing, said if the pumps were a nuisance they should remove the lot.

Cr Macrae opposed the motion, saying the reason for the resolution in 1929 still existed, doubly so because of the traffic in Thames street.

Cr FAMILTON said he was not sympathetic to pumps being plastered about the town, but he supported the motion for one reason only, that a man in Severn street suffered distinct hardship, and injustice had been done to him.

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On a division the motion was carried. The voting for was: Crs Jenkins, White, Colquhoun, Butterfield, Familton, Hodge, and the Mayor. Against: Crs Macrae, Tait, and Wilson. Cr Gillies refrained from voting.

Cr Tait said the action taken by a certain oil company was against his instructions. The company had disregarded his warning and an oil tank was put in and still remained sealed. He wanted to know if he had the backing of the council to guide him in future. This pump in the meantime was not authorised.

The Mayor said the only application the council could receive was from the owner.

After further discussion, the Mayor said Cr Tait could be assured that the council would not let him down, as the council would not consider applications from oil companies.

GENERAL NEWS

There were over 60 couples at the "old-time" evening held by the young men of St. Luke's Church in the Parish Hall. A very pleasant time was spent, and the arrangements made ensured the success of the evening. For the dance, Sherwin's orchestra supplied good music, and extras were played by Mrs Williamson and Mr R. Thompson. An enjoyable set supper added to the success of the evening.

The official ballot for the selection of a candidate to represent the Labour Party in the contest for the Oamaru electorate in the forthcoming elections is now completed. There were three candidates, and the result of the ballot should be available from headquarters in Wellington in the course of a few days.

PERSONAL

Mr N. H. Colquhoun returned to Oamaru from Ashburton yesterday afternoon. He is fully recovered from his long and serious illness, and is able to resume charge of his business affairs.

Queen's Hotel.—Mr W. Jones (Auckland); Mr S. Meyer (Wellington); Mr P. Sherlock, Mr R. Malmo (Christchurch); Mr J. A. Charlton (Timaru); Mr J. M. Smith, Mr I. D. James, Mr H. Smith, Mr J. A. Bradley, Mr and Mrs Paul Evans, Miss S. Shore (Dunedin); Mr and Mrs D. A. Anderson (Omarama).

New Club Hotel.—Mr Wallace (Nelson); Mr A. Paul, Mr E. Lamb, Mr J. Lindsay, Mr C. D. M'Kenzie, Mr H. L. Gibson, Mr W. A. Saunders (Dunedin); Mr J. R. Diack (Timaru); Miss N. Miller (Palmerston South); Mr J. Dunlop (Invercargill).

Miramar Hotel.—Mr R. Ballenger (Rangiora); Mr W. H. Hillis (Edendale); Mr H. A. Wallace (Wellington); Mr T. O'Donnell (Westport); Mr F. Hagley, Mr F. M. Timson (Gore).

HOCKEY

Men's Games and Referees.—Oamaru v. Municipal, at 1.45 p.m., Messrs Pinder and Mushet; Rovers v. Totara, at 3 p.m., Messrs Hore and Arnott.

Boys' Games.—Messrs Richardson, Jacobs, and Hore will be the referees.

Ladies' Games and Referees.—Arawa A v. Pirata A, at 2.45 p.m., Messrs Thomas and Jacobs; Maheno v. Athletic, at Maheno, Mr W. W. French.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Rovers.—Frew, Brain, Brown, Thorpe, Hedges, Senior, Churchill, Pinder, Moore, Coker, McDonald, Beattie.

CORRECTION, DEPARTMENT.
Arawa A v. Pirata A.—Misses E. Kidd,
E. Campbell, C. Campbell, Mather, Mrs
Bremner, Misses M. Lee, V. Barsdell,
Mrs Murtagh, Misses E. Aikenhead, E.
Symons, and M. Mushet (captain);
emergencies, Misses P. Hamilton and B.
Morrison.

Pirata.—Misses L. Thompson, C. Clare,
E. Malcolm, M. M'Kerrow, E. Bedford,
J. M'Leod, R. Clare, M. Patterson, G
Munro, J. Waterreus, D. Berry; emerg-
encies—Misses F. M'Kenzie, J. Reid, O.
M'Pherson, and A. Bedford.