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Busy Bowler

The New Zealand fast bowler, R. W. Blair had a busy Saturday, playing in two matches—for Hutt Valley against Wanganui and for his club, Petone United. After Wanganui had been dismissed for 75 by lunchtime (Blair took four of the wickets for 32) he went to Upper Hutt, where he took another four wickets and had a bat. He was not required to bat for Hutt Valley which made 529 for seven wickets declared. Blair bowled 25.2 overs on Saturday and 42 over the week-end. He took four for 40 in Wanganui's second innings.

Traffic Congestion

The Port of Kaiapoi, opened amid great ceremony the previous week-end, was indirectly a disruptive influence on Saturday. The fleet of the Waimakariri Sailing and Power Boat Club, competing in the R class squadron championship, had reached the first buoy when the motorship Ranginui, which had just left Kaiapoi, bore down on the race and scattered the yachts across the river. The fleet reformed after the ship had passed out to the bar of the river.

Big Trout

A fine female brown trout weighing 13lb 8oz has won for Mr John Parker, of Greymouth, the Westland Acclimatisation Society's Milne-Bennington Shield, a trophy for anglers. The trout was caught by Mr Parker in the Grey river on the evening of October 6. The society's prize for the biggest eel caught was won by Mr Rowland Buckland, of Camerons. His entry, caught in a tributary of the Teremakau river, weighed 27lb.

"Satellite" Damaged

Part of the satellite exhibition, which had its Australia and New Zealand debut in Wanganui during the week, was severely damaged by fire on Saturday. The exhibition, which was a display of all phases of the recent satellite projects, closed its Wanganui season on Saturday afternoon. Most of the exhibition was loaded into a trailer and taken to the back of a house in Anzac parade, where it was being kept for the week-end. At 9.30 p.m. smoke was seen coming from the trailer. The satellite, in the form of a perspex sphere, and other equipment was badly damaged.—(P.A.)

N.Z. Honey Praised

An American expert on apiculture said yesterday that New Zealand honey was second to none. Dr. E. J. Dyce, professor of apiculture at Cornell University in New York State, said in Dunedin: "New Zealand is one of the top honey-producing countries of the world. Not only is the quality high but production is good, and there is a very good organisation for marketing, especially over-

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seas. He attributed the quality of honey in New Zealand to the clover. Dr. Dyce is in New Zealand to extend his knowledge "for there is no beekeeper so small that you can't learn something from him." There were some things New Zealand could learn from the United States, but he had been shown labour-saving devices in New Zealand that he had never seen before.—(P.A.)

Farewell To Icebreaker

A crowd of about 2000 thronged the Moturoa wharf, New Plymouth, to give the United States Navy icebreaker Staten Island a quiet but warm farewell from Port Taranaki yesterday. The ship, which is on the way to the Antarctic, sailed for Lyttelton after a five-day visit to New Plymouth. The Staten Island was steered for a short distance on her way out of the port by the Mayor of New Plymouth (Mr A. G. Honnor). "It was easy," he said. He left the ship with the harbourmaster (Captain J. Flett) aboard the pilot boat.—(P.A.)

Kangaroo For Zoo

A baby kangaroo, not quite four months old, has been given to the children's section of the Auckland Zoo by Mrs M. Tedd. It was given to her by Captain C. Jones, master of the freighter, Cape Nelson. Captain Jones was given the kangaroo when its mother was run over and killed in Australia, near Bunbury. The baby was thrown from its mother's pouch. When found it was so small it could hardly stand.

Overseas Showmen

Few overseas showmen are travelling through New Zealand this season, according to Mr C. F. Drew, president of the New Zealand Master Showmen's Association. He said in Wanganui that Australian press publicity on New Zealand's financial problems seemed to have scared Australian showmen away though the New Zealand association would guarantee a Dominion tour.

Fewer Poachers

"A more general observance of game laws is becoming apparent on the West Coast," says the annual report of the Westland Acclimatisation Society. "This can be attributed to the more systematic coverage provided by the employment of additional field officers." The report adds, however, that the task of patrolling a 350-mile long strip of territory, "much of it favourable to game poaching," is not an easy one, and says that patrolling will have to be sustained for some considerable time.

Electric Blanket Deaths

Three deaths in the last 18 months have been caused by electric blankets—two by asphyxiation and one from burns—according to a statement by Mr C. H. McKeich, of the State Electricity Department, in the November issue of "Live Lines," the journal

of the Power Supply Authorities' Association. There are now between 100,000 and 150,000 electric blankets in New Zealand.

Personal Items

Mr Seijiro Yanagita, president of Japan Air Lines, has been elected president of the International Air Transport Association.

Mr R. A. Davison, a public accountant, of Wellington, has been appointed to the New Zealand board of directors of the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd.