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Kennel Notes.

BY "SPANIEL."

Now that the war is over, fanciers of all kinds are settling down to develop their special hobby. Particularly is this so amongst those who breed dogs, who by the way, are man's faithful friend.

Several shows have been held throughout New Zealand quite recently and perbaps a review of the Otago Kennel Club's Show may give a very fair idea as to the state of the "Fancy" at present.

The judge of all breeds was Mr J. D. Graham, of Wanganui.

Deerhounds were not very numerous but the quality was good.

Mr R. W. Brown, of Dunedin, exhibited a fine young dog of his own breeding, who not only won all his classes, but also won the Ladie's Braclet and secured the honour of best in the show.

Greyhounds were well represented, owners recognising in the judge, one having special ability in making awards for the breed. The quality was good.

Setters: The Gordon was not very numercus, but quality was good and the winner was to be found in "Otanomonio Don." The English were more numerous. Some

really good ones came forward, though their condition was not all that could be desired.

Two very good dogs namely "Blue" and 'Southland Shot" were the chief to dispute the ownerships of the special prize. Eventually the former scored, his better condition standing out.

Irish only brought forward one entry but he was not a well bred one.

Retrievers have fallen away in numbers, but the quality in "Brown's" was fairly good. Heads being the chief draw back as they showed coarsness.

Rough Collies were only passable, both in numbers and quality.

A very good bearded Collie was shown namely A. Ewart's, "Wave," which was placed third.

Bulldogs as usual, made strong classes, but Mr Graham seemed to be sudden in making his wards. Being a breeder of these, he no doubt found them easy to place. "Awamea" an Invercargill bred dog took first honours. He is cloddy and very short in the body but has faulty quarters, being to beefy and also deficient in underjaw.

The dog most fancied by many was Mrs J. A. Doig's "Pongo." We predict a good many wins for this dog if well shown. He is a typical bulldog. Plenty of him with a good natural front, heavy bone, low to ground, well placed ears and a good head.

Mr Sam Cardham's "Silver Lulu," now in her eighth year, accounted for first honours in bitches. She is one of the best but has not often been well shown. A fault which should be marked against the

Coming to Aircdales we found Mrs Bitscloff to the fore by a young one by the the name of "Wairiki Wise Wench," which was accounted special for best Airedales—either sex. A nice pup, typical, with a good colour, but too shy.

In dogs, J. Doe's "Briars Result" was winner. A good sort of dog, but requires expert attention to make him appear anything like "Wise Wench."

Fox terriers were not as numerous as GHCHRIST'S TONIC AND BLOOD one might expect. Everybody likes a good "foxie.' What he cannot do isn't evening. orth doing

> Mrs D. M. Garrett's "Rosymere Marvel" won in dogs. His strong point being style, which is a great asset to many terriers. He is just on the big side and could do with more length of head.

Northland Nada won for Mr W. Ross. He was well shown but we were not impressed with her type.

Wire-haired fox terriers were a good lot, the winner being Mrs Biltcliff's "Glenmore Bristler." He was shown to perfection and deserved his win.

Mr J. B. Reid's "Speak" was second dog. He is a goodie and we would like to see him exhibited after having a little expert attention paid him.

good, and a great shower, but also requires the same attention as "Speak."

Scotch terriers were small in number but the quality was very good and Mr Goodwin's pair were the best we have seen for a long time.

G. L. Lewis showed Ch. Carnasoon Wee was now paid. The same year it con-Dolly, but age is telling. She was in bad | tested in Invercargill being first in B. coat.

Irish terriers were keenly contested, the hest dog being J. Doe's "Paddy's Selec- Quickstep, £15. In 1914 the band contion." He also won the special for best Irish in show. "Paddy's" strong point is 1st, B. Grade, £120, and won the North head, and no doubt this feature, combined with his great showing ability, prize £20; B. Wills winning the Soprano lands him on top when in a tight corner. | Cornet Championship. The year 1915 was We would like him a little narrower in front and also more cobby in body. He | Christchurch they succeeded in being 4th is big enough but this is not a bad fault A. Grade, prize £25, second in the Quickin a stud dog.

Mr W. Henderson's "Peg O' My Heart"-we like, though age has not improved her. "Peg" is a good colour.

In puppies J. Doe's "Double Selection" won over T. Hogson's "Conagher Athenry." The latter failed to show himself up to backyard form, but he may mend his ways in the near future and turn the tables.

Cocker spaniels were a good exhibit. The best in the show being a black dog, 'Sylvan Smiler,' 'bred by Mr A. Kidd.

This dog was also second in Ladies' Bracelet and runner up for best dog in show. He is a model, good black, straight legs

and good feet. The right size, weighing 25lbs, and is a great shower. Mr Graham emarked that he hadn't seen a better. Mr Leas' "Sylvan Silk" won the

special for best black bitch in show. She is a good one; nice size, and plenty of quality, but has not been well shown so In coloured cockers Mr D. Gillies, of

Oamaru, scored with Waitaki Chappie in dog section. He is a fair specimen, but is not a good shower and never does himself justice. "Sylvan Spangle," owned by Mrs F.

Robertson, won the special for best any other colour in show. She is a good bitch of the right type. Fails in head and shown too fat.

Sidney Silkies and Pekingese were only represented by one exhibit each.

The one outstanding feature of the show was the capable handling of the dogs by the judge, Mr J. D. Graham. Exhibitors were free in their expression of satisfaction at the way in which their dogs had been examined.

Now, Invercargill, buck up and get a show going, the dogs are here and the sports too. What about holding a 'Royal' show.

HIBERNIAN BAND.

SOCIAL EVENING.

A very successful social evening was held in the Friendly Societie's Hall on Wednesday last, when the supporters of the band assembled to express their appreciation of the recent successes at the contest. The president (Mr Herb. (irace), said he was glad to see the band uphold the dignity of Southland. This was a fact not fully appreciated by the public. The band had started from a small beginning and was now able to hold its own and was a force to be reckoned with. Some of the successful features of the band was the position gained by a number of its members during the recent contest. The first prize was won by the fellowing:-

E Flat Base, J. Baxter.

B. Flat Cornet (amateur) Bud. Wills. B. Flat Cornet (championship) Bud

Trombone Solo, Arthur Wills.

No. I, Quartette, P. G. Kimbel, R. Wills, S. Burtenshaw and B. Wills, second prize.

This reflected great credit on the conductor (Mr Wills) and the loyal co-operation of the hand and conductor.

The first toast of the evening was "His Majesty the King." Mr Fred Suet's bright and breezy song soon warmed everybody up to the enjoyment of the

Toast "The Hibernian Band," proposed Mr Collins, responded to by Mr R. Wills. Mr Collins said the name of Hibernia stod out in the annals of history. The early history of the country showed that they were the foremost people in Europe as far as science and art was concerned. They looked upon music as "Heaven's Delight." The first meeting to commence the band was in the old Catholic schoolroom in October, 1904, and it was not until 1908 that they were able to buy instruments. In August 1908 the band made its first appearance and in November, 1909, competed in the Invercargill competitions gaining £15, first prize. At Dunedin in 1910 they were second in the Quickstep, prize £15, "Jabber," also owned by Mr Reid, is tying with Woolston for music with 99 marks out of a possible 100. At the Contest in Christchurch, 1912, they were 3rd in B. Grade and 4th in A. Grade, Quickstep prize £20. At the Duncdin Contest the same year, 3rd B. Grade, prize £25. In 1913 the band purchased a new Pomeranians were not numerous. Mrs set, of instruments costing £620 which Grade and wen the "Boosey" Shield, 4th in A. Grade, prize £12, also 2nd in tested at the Auckland Exhibition being Is'and Shield, and 1st in the Quickstep, also a successful one for the band. At step, £15, and B. Wills wen the Soprano

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also 2nd in Quartette. During the war the band did an enormous amount of playing (gratis).

Mr Wills responded to the toast detailing many interesting reminiscences regarding the early history of the band The band might have done better at the iast contest but they would do their best to win the contest at Nelson next year. The standing of the band in the town was good also their relations with other bands. The spirit was good and the career of the soloists had been exceptionally good and very few bands in Australasia were favoured with such consistency. gratifying to know that their efforts had been so much appreciated. He thanked the president and supporters for their

loyal support and generous treatment. The next toast of the evening was "The Returned Soldiers," proposed by Mr Daniels, responded to by Mr Blake. "The Conductor," proposed by J. Brokenshire, responded to by Mr Wills. "Soloists," proposed by A. Keaney, responded to by J. Baxter and Wills Bros. Toast to the Secretary (Mr Daniels), for the valuable services rendered. A fair amount was collected as the nucleous of a fund to enable the band to go to Nelson next year. Mr Sutherland and several others spoke in very appreciative terms of the band and of Mr Wills. In fact, there is no doubt that the band stands high in the estimation of its supporters and its up to the people of Invercargill to uphold the band which upholds the honour of Southland whether it is the Hibernian, Dominion or any other band. They all are worthy of our support and appreciation.

The mildest mining camp known is at Cobalt, Canada, where there has never been a liquor saloon, and gambling it public has been prohibited.