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"The Digger."

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1920.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

The activities of the Prince are being
watched with keen interest throughout
the Dominion and on Thursday next
Southland will greet him with that same
welcome which has characterised his tour
in other parts. There are two outstand-
ing features of the Prince's reception in
the Dominion. One is the great number
of veterans of three wars who have par-
aded before him, and the other, "the fine
appearance and bearing of your cadets and
school children, as sturdy a breed of
young Britons as one would wish to see."
Our future king has given no better proofs
of insight and good judgment than in
singling out these features of a welcome
which at all points is heart stirring. To
the onlooker it is apparent that the Prince
is rarely fortunate in having gained such
a place as he has in the hearts both of
those who have rendered supreme service
to the Empire, and those upon whom its
future depends. The sympathetic un-
derstanding he has so readily established
with the children who eagerly throng to
do him homage, is of fine promise for the
years in which these same children will
be the men and women carrying on the
life and work of the Empire and the
Prince will assume the responsibilities of
Imperial rule. But it is not less true
that in facing the spacious responsibilities
imposed upon him by birth and destiny,
the Prince derives inestimable advantage
from his comradeship with men from all
parts of the Empire who served with him
in the late war. The relationship which
is pointedly expressed in the affectionate
appellation of "the Digger Prince" has
united the Prince of Wales in a firm bond
of comradeship and sympathy not only
with the soldiers of the Empire, but with
all, men and women alike, who loyally
served and suffered in the greatest and
most searching ordeal to which the British
nation has ever been subjected. While in
his own youthful promise the Prince is
admirably in tune and sympathy with
the splendid youth of the Empire, he is
able at the same time to speak on a
footing of comradeship to all surviving
members of the gallant host whose
achievements and sacrifices enabled the
nation to weather the storms of war. Not
often in history has a youthful prince
been thus doubly recommended to the
affection and respect of the people over
whom in fullness of time he will be called
upon to rule, and in his reception here,
and in other dominions—very conspicu-
ously in his reception by returned soldiers
and by the devoted nurses, to whom sol-
diers, and the nation owe so much—ample
assurance is given of a full-hearted and
loyal response to his expressed hope that
the comradeship born in war be continued
in peace.

THE DIGGER'S LETTER BOX.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Invercargill.

Dear Sir.—Now that the Department
have closed down on advances under the
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act, is it
not fair that you should acquaint the
people exactly what applications will be
dealt with by your department. Instead
of that applications are still coming into
your office and are being returned, which
is not only a waste of time but an exten-
sion of that glorious indefiniteness which
characterises the Land Board. If funds
are low we will gladly put a paragraph in
"The Digger" free of charge, and thus
save returned men the trouble of sending
in an application.—Edt.

E.H.D., Waimatua.—Clippings from
Home papers are suitable and appreciated.

Glasgow, Invercargill, writes asking
if the sound which comes from the bag-
pipes is music or a noise. While New
Zealand troops were on their way to the
front some of them were fortunate enough
to call at American points. One of the
contingents had pipes and marched
through the city playing them. The press
gave prominent headings to the event and
this vexed question was raised. One
paper was bold enough to say: "It is cer-
tain that its quality, its thrilling incessant
skirling, is one that sets the heart to beat-
ing and the mind to working over in
high colours inherited memories that hold
an eternal lure." As far as the question
itself is concerned we should say much
depends upon whether you are a Scotch-
man or a Sein Feiner. However these col-
umns are open for both sides of the ques-
tion to be discussed.—Edt.

OTAUTAU.

The Otago Football Club in their
opening match with the Wright's Bush
Club, after a hard game won by six points
to nil, but the respective teams were ever
so much more developed last Saturday,
when the return match was played at
Wright's Bush, and glimpses of good
football were obtained when the game was
opened out.

Galt, Gilchrist, and Brown, kept the
Wright's Bush backs together, while Cam-
eron, Digger Atkins, Hogg, Ryan, and
Buchanan, showed to advantage in the
forwards. Otago was hard pressed in
the opening stages but their remarkable
staying power began to tell, and in the
second spell they had their opponents
breathing rather heavily.

A fine bit of play resulted in J. C.
Lindsay being put out of touch at the
corner flag, from R. McLeod (half),
through A. McLeod (who used the blind
side) to C. Lindsay, to the wing (J. Lind-
say), who was put out of touch. From the
line-out, R. Sims scored, but the try was
unconverted; the next try was scored
through faulty play by Wright's Bush
wing, and after good following up by
Otago forwards J. McCrostie scored near
the posts, the attempt at goal failed.

J. Cochrane at five-eighths played a
splendid game, his kicking being of a
high standard, while F. Finlayson as full-
back was cool and steady. Steele on the
wing has plenty of pace which he uses
when the opportunity arrives.

The forwards, though lacking in com-
bination are the making of a fine pack,
and are veritable tigers for work, A. S.
McCrostie, R. Sim, front row, with C.
Donald lock, are very solid players and
with J. McCrostie, T. Counsell, T. Grieve,
D. McFarlane and Angus McKenzie, in the
van, go to the making of a perfect team
with plenty of practice. The game ended
in Otago's favour by six points to nil.
Mr Eric Galt made a most impartial
referee—not too much whistle goes to im-
proving the wind of the teams after a few
matches.

Saturday next Waianawa journey to
Otago to try conclusions when a good
game should result.

ST. ANDREW'S SCOTTISH SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Society was held re-
cently. Present: Mr Matheson (chair-
man), Messdames Matheson and Ireland,
and Messrs Campbell, McKenzie, McFad-
en, Malcolm, Stewart, Anderson, Math-
eson, Burnett and Holmes. A programme
committee was appointed and other work
allocated for future functions. The com-
mittee will meet again on 22nd May.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The committee appointed to deal with
the erection of a monument to com-
memorate the deeds of those who have
made the supreme sacrifice are now ac-
cepting donations towards this worthy
cause. The Otago Progressive League
have donated a section, and it is expected
that there will be a ready response to the
committee's appeal for funds.

TUATAPERE.

The Waiau Rovers met the Orepuki
team on the Papatotara ground, and suf-
fered defeat by 5 points to 3. The
banners competition for the Western Dis-
trict is now reaching a rather interesting
stage, and Waiau's defeat on Saturday
has upset some of the knowing one's
calculations.

The local branch of the R.S.A. journey-
ed to Orawia last Wednesday evening to
hold their usual monthly meeting. It
was a happy idea to change the meeting
place for once to Orawia, for a very pleas-
ant and profitable time was spent, a num-
ber of matters of particular interest to
our soldier settlers being brought before
the meeting and discussed. It was decid-
ed to send several remits on to Inver-
cargill. After the ordinary business had
been transacted a social evening was held,
and a short programme was gone through,
items being given by Messrs A. Findlay,
McIntosh, McFeely, Lascelles, G. Griffin,
Watson, R. Chamberlain, and McDonald.
After supper Mr Andrew Findlay moved
a hearty vote of thanks to the Tuatapere
men for their visit to Orawia, and said
it was meetings such as these that would
keep the men together and strengthen the
parent association.

Mr D. Colquhoun, district organiser for
the R.S.A. addressed a meeting at Tuat-
apere on Tuesday evening. Mr W. Cun-
ningham presided over a fair attendance.
The Organiser dwelt specially on mat-
ters relating to land and pensions, and his
remarks were listened to with close atten-
tion. He also briefly outlined matters of
interest to returned men that the R.S.A.
were bringing forward. At the close of
his address Mr Colquhoun was accorded a
hearty vote of thanks, the mover, Mr
Cunningham, speaking of the great need
of the R.S.A. and the excellent work it
had already accomplished. Mr C. Gard-
ner of Clifden, also addressed the meet-
ing. He stated that he had been request-
ed to contest the vacancy on the Land
Board. He outlined his views in regard
to soldier settlement, his ideas meeting
with the warm approval of those present.
Mr McFeely in moving a vote of thanks
to Mr Gardner for placing his views be-
fore them, said that they must remain
loyal to their executive in Invercargill and
support the R.S.A. candidate. Neverthe-
less the R.S.A. representative should be a
nominee of the Government, and not have
to fight an election as a representative
for the Crown tenants.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Miss Hazlett gave a most enjoyable
picture-party on Tuesday evening.

Canon and Mrs MacFarland (Auckland),
are the guests of Mr Cruickshanks, Gala
street.

Mrs Morrah gave a nice little dance on
Friday evening at her home in Gladstone.
Some of the guests present were: Mr and
Mrs Haggitt, Mr and Mrs Caws, Mr and
Mrs A. Moffett, Mr and Mrs Cuthbertson,
Misses Bews, Prain, Hunt, Hazlett, Hag-
gitt, Snow, Messrs Callender, Rae, Gil-
mour, Hewitt, Irving, Keddell, Lopdell,
and Ive.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at
the Soldiers' Home on Tuesday, the occa-
sion being to say good-bye to Matron
Looney and the V.A.D.'s. Some of
those present were: Mr and Mrs J. L.
Watson, Mr and Mrs Hodgkins, Mrs
Haggitt, Messdames T. S. Millar, Rennie
and Hurst, Misses Bews, Tucker, Muir,
Corbett, Smith, The Hon. A. F. Hawke,
Messrs R. A. Anderson and Cuthbertson.

One of the most successful social func-
tions this season was a supper-party and
dance, given by Mr and Mrs Lance Ray-
mond, in the Friendly Societies' Hall, on
Friday evening. Some of the guests were:
Mr and Mrs Morton, Mr and Mrs Bas-
tian, Mr and Miss Tucker, Mrs Cameron,
Mr and Mrs Wilson Hodges, Miss Grieve,
Mrs T. Watson, Mrs H. Fleming (Gore),
Mr and Mrs Mervin Mitchell, Mr and
Mrs Dickens, Mrs Farnell, Mr Darcy Ray-
mond (Wyndham), Mr and Mrs Hammond
(Gore), Mr and Mrs Gabites, Mr Pal-
mer, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Mrs Hamilton,
Mr Douglas, and others.

The wedding of Miss Hunt to Lieut.
Robert MacFarland, took place on Wed-
nesday. Among the wedding guests I
noticed: Mrs Bush, Mr and Mrs J. L.
Watson, Mrs and Miss Tucker, Mrs Mor-
ton, Mrs Gabites, Miss Lena McCaw, Mrs
and Miss Hazlett, Mrs and Miss Prain,
Mr and Mrs Cruickshanks, Canon and Mrs
MacFarland, Bishop Richards, The Hon.
A. F. and Mrs Hawke, Mr and Mrs Abbey
Jones, Mr and Mrs O'Beirne, Mr and Mrs
Haggitt, Mr and Mrs Hall-Jones, Mr and
Mrs R. J. Gilmore, Dr. and Mrs Craw-
ford, Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Mr and Mrs
Allan, Mr and Mrs Tapley, Mrs Ewart,
Miss Adamson (Castle Rock), and many
others.

LATE SPORTING.

(Special Reporter.)

Old Rorke's Drift was never sighted
the Timaru Cup.

Sunlit is all right at Queenstown and
Tapauui, but the stuff she met at Timaru
on Wednesday was too fast.

Red Pal ran fifth in the Roswell Handi-
cap and would have run better had the
distance been longer.

Had Burrangong won the Timaru Cup,
he would have returned his owner a
dividend of over £100, that is, of course,
if he backed him.

Tin Soldier was finishing on fast in
the Timaru Cup, and had the race been
a mile and a quarter, he might have been
in the picture.

Old Palladio with a gentleman jock just
got off the course on Wednesday in time
for the horses in the next race to do their
preliminary.

If Silverspire was a trier at Timaru,
McChesney must have ridden one of those
bad races that jockeys occasionally do.
He was a furlong away in the first mile,
but probably the Stipe was having lunch
at the time.

The only Southlander in the Maiden
Plate was Bengeroop and he went out a
good second favourite to the Blighty-land
Pit Prop, who won easily. Bengeroop
was one of those who got interfered with
at the start and finished absolutely last,
but the judge placed him third.

Silent King, who was owned by Bill
Stone at one time, was made favourite
for the Gladstone Hack and won nicely
from Nautical. Lady Pallas ran well
into fifth place, but neither Blue Ad-
miral nor Martifors were dangerous at
the finish.

Silver Peak had the silver on her in
the Smithfield Handicap, and she never
left the issue in doubt for Bill Stone.
She won comfortably in 61 3-5sec, a really
good gallop. Killowen was only a fair
fourth, and had jockey Olsen on board.

Prinum was masterly handled by
George Young in the Doncaster welter
Wednesday. He had nothing to do in the
race as nothing could extend him, but at
the barrier, where he was inclined to be
troublesome, George showed he is a
tradesman. Jock and Andy McKay were
helping to stir things up at the barrier,
but was never sighted in the race.

The San Sebastian that beat Zarkona
and Silverspire at Invercargill was not
the same horse that raced at Timaru. At
the latter place he jumped badly and was
very distressed at the end of 2½ miles. It
looks as if Joe. Henrys has again judged
the capabilities of the jumpers well, and
Manawapango will win again at Riccar-
ton for the Prince. He is an ugly brute
to show H.R.H. as a champion steeple-
chaser.

Seven of the thirteen starters in the
Timaru Cup were Southland trained, and
Eleus and Almoner carried nearly half
the money on the chaffcutter, the former
being a fifty-fifty chance. He drew No.
13 at the barrier and was outside his field
all the way. At the turn he looked like
coming on, but the effort and the pace
set by Torfida in the early stages was
too much for Bill Stone's champion, and
"Pud" Hogan led in Almoner, who was
ridden by Roy Reed. He was always in
riding second and had no difficulty in al-
igning off Linden in the run home. Killowen
was going well over the latter stages and
finished a good third.

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