

ant anticipation that the local is a real live body and may be expected to appear on the scene of injustice at any moment, yet we make haste to the correction before any misconception arises. It was a representative of "The Digger" who interviewed the Minister, and not as stated in your paragraph. We are glad to note that you are giving publicity to the cause of the settlers and that you will be successful.—Editor "The Digger."

DECLARED ON OUR CORRESPONDENT.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Your Otahuti correspondent has a facile imagination. I was present at the football match which he reported in your latest issue, and I can remember nothing which would justify him in making such a report. I would like to recall the fine little address which Mr Sim made at the loss of the match, when he thanked the Calcium team on behalf of his Club for a real good game, and expressing the heartfelt goodwill towards the visitors. It was my privilege to respond on behalf of Calcium Club, and in doing so I do not think that I gave any cause for such a newspaper report to appear at a later date. I am quite sure that the majority of the Otahuti Club members and players will resent the tone of your correspondent's report.—I am, etc.,

R. McDONALD.

Isla Bank, August 4, 1920.

A REPLY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—“Spectator” in your last week's edition states that I have made several bad blunders in my report of the Calcium—Otahuti match, we will see if he is a model of correctness.

My statement that Otahuti had a weak team in is quite alright, as there are several causes which will weaken a team, and anyone who understands football knows full well that lack of combination is one of the most serious, when a team is lacking in that respect “Spectator,” do not risk too much on it.

I lay no claim to being an authority on any special subject, but by what reason does a man, because he plays football himself, become debarred from judging between clean and dirty sport.

I am fully acquainted with the fact that Mr Baird, who played for Calcium in his spare time, is at present in Australia, but I did not know he learnt his football with “Spectator” and his club.

Calcium certainly forfeited the match by deliberately breaking the rules they themselves helped to frame, and which “Spectator” would like to upset, the meeting of delegates merely upholding their own rulings; the match in question was played under protest. The same evident dislike for criticism runs through the letter signed by Messrs McBride and Stewart, and so is not sufficiently camouflaged to hide its origin. I would advise them to get rid of that filthy matter which blurs their vision and read over the report of the match again when they will find I did not comment on the referee who controlled the game at all.

They are of the opinion I have rendered a dis-service to all lovers of the game, well Messrs McBride and Stewart, “all” is a word that covers a lot and yours is not the only place that the sun shines upon.—I am, etc.,

CORRESPONDENT.

Otahuti, 7/8/20.

AN ENQUIRY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I should like to make enquiries through your columns, whether or not the Returned Soldiers' Association, of which I am a member, have made any effort to obtain the reduction of the ten year tenure, which is the period forced on a soldier settler before he is allowed to transfer or sell, then only with the sanction of the Government. As you probably know, a civilian taking up land can sell or transfer within five years, or even a shorter period if he makes his holding freehold. This, to my mind, is an injustice to the returned men and ranks very sorely with a great number of settlers. Ten years is a big span in a man's or woman's life, and it does not seem to be justice in a free country to force a man or woman to live in one place which may not agree with their health, or perhaps unsuitable to them in other ways. Of course a settler can go out of his holding if he likes to throw it up, or again transfer to another soldier if his health fails, but he has to go out on a Government valuation. The Government will probably value the holding say, at ten pounds per acre, when very likely your neighbour will give you fifteen pounds an acre. This, I say, is unfair, as a soldier selling out

should have as much right to make a profit as a civilian, and the extra money gained can start the soldier who has sold in some other business, more to his liking, or more suitable to his health. I should like to ask a question or two. (1) Can a returned soldier sell his holding to anyone he likes, providing he makes it freehold. (2) Can he sell before the ten years expires if his holding is freehold. Thanking you in anticipation.—I am, etc.,

A SETTLER.

The Returned Soldiers' Association have not made very effective representations to secure a reduction in the ten year period. In reference to question number one: No. There is always the restriction on the title for the period of ten years. In special circumstances the Land Board may approve of transfer to another returned soldier. This provision is regarded by the Department to be a factor in stopping speculation in soldiers' holdings which has been bought with cheap money.—Editor.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHLAND POWER BOARD.

Sir, and Gentlemen,—In the “Southland Times,” on Wednesday, August 11th, there appears the report of the recent meeting of your Board. We note that you received a communication from the engineer stating that they had appointed, or anticipated appointing, Mr W. C. Erickson, of New South Wales, to the position of storekeeper to the Board at a salary of £7 per week; also Mr J. W. Ellis, of Sydney, to the position of chief clerk, on the construction staff, at a salary of £10 per week. Now why were these appointments not advertised for and an opportunity given to compete for these positions, and incidentally, Southlanders who are paying for the hydro-electric scheme. Are there no brains in this country that can fill these positions? Another point is this, that the Board have no technical advisor and yet the appointment of an electrical engineer is continually shelved. If this is the way the Board is going to conduct its business we predict the unanimous disapproval of the people of Southland at an early date.

SOUTHLAND'S SOLDIERS.

To the Residents in the Counties of Southland, Wallace, Lakes, Fiord, and Stewart Island.

The Compiler of the Southland Soldiers' and their Next-of-kin Roll of Honour Book has posted a specimen copy of sixteen pages to all Head School Teachers within the aforesaid Counties known as Group Area No. 14, Southland Military District for the purpose of receiving orders for the sale of 3500 books guaranteed before ordering the Printer to proceed with the whole book, this number being required by the Publisher to reach his lowest quotation of price per book net. Copies have been placed also in the hands of all Borough Mayors and Town Board Chairmen. This book, when well circulated will prove a crowning act to the grand patriotism displayed in the Southland Queen Carnival, the funds of which are proving such a help and blessing to soldiers and their relatives. Subscribers to the book would do well to group the orders in school areas as much as possible, to make the delivery more expeditious and certain. Mr Troup proposes serving the main centres of delivery by an advertisement in each local paper, giving hour and date of delivery. The price of the book is 4s delivered.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs J. T. Prain has gone for a holiday to Auckland.

Mr H. O'Beirne (Nelson), is the guest of Mrs F. G. O'Beirne, Esk street.

The Officer's and Members of the 8th Southland Regiment, gave a most delightful ball in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening.

Miss Macdonald (Edendale) and the Misses Storey (Veilaw), gave a most enjoyable dance in Ashley's Hall on Thursday evening last. Amongst the guests I noticed: Mrs and Mrs Ball-Jones, Dr. and Mrs Ritchie Crawford, Mr and Mrs Caws, Dr. and Mrs McCaw, Mr and Mrs A. Macalister, Mr and Mrs Tapley, Mrs Hazlett, Mr and Mrs J. L. Watson, Mr and Mrs H. Macalister, Misses Hackworth, Tucker, Henderson, Hazlett, Morrish, Corbett, McCaw, Broughton, Wylie, Ronaldson, Guthrie, Carswell, H. Macdonald, and Messrs Thompson, Tucker, Wadsworth, Hazlett, Morrish, Prain, Watson, Macdonald, Williams, Broughton, Dr. Macdonald, Wilding, Rao, etc.

SHEEP AND CATTLE COUNTRY.

1116 Acres, Nightcaps District; good house and all buildings. Price £7 10s per acre. Easy terms.

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PEACE ANNIVERSARY.

COMPLIMENTARY BALL TO RETURNED SOLDIERS AND NURSES.

ALL Returned Soldiers and Nurses in the Southland Province are cordially invited to a Complimentary Ball tendered by the citizens of Southland in Celebration of the Anniversary of Peace.

The Ball will be held in the King's Hall, Invercargill, on FRIDAY, 27th August, commencing at 8 p.m., and will be solely for Returned Men, Nurses, and their partners. Admission by Uniform or R.S.A. Badge. The soldiers are respectfully requested to wear uniform.

Time being limited, no personal invitations are being sent out.

To assist the Committee in arranging for catering, etc., please notify the Secretary of your intention to be present.

H. J. FARRANT,

Hon. Secretary.
Box 272, Invercargill.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The residence of Mrs B. Richardson, of Wyndham, was recently destroyed by fire.

The Soviets and Letis have concluded a peace treaty which will probably be signed at Riga.

Five captured German warships have arrived at New York. They will be exhibited for 12 months and then sunk.

The committee responsible for the weekly quadrilles at Orepuki are handing over surplus cash to the District Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Association.

The following committee was appointed for the Te Tia Library: T. W. Munro (chairman), B. C. Dorrell, B. Richards, C. Lindsay, H. Bevan. Mr E. G. Dawson was appointed secretary and librarian.

The sneak thief is evident in Invercargill again. Articles have been stolen from clothes-lines and outhouses. A lady had her handbags snatched from them while walking along Dee street.

According to an advertisement appearing in the local paper, the “Digger” firm of Messrs Colin McDonald, R. B. Caws and Co., lost an overcoat in the vicinity of Wallace town. Always thought you were T.T., Bob!

According to recent London advice, Lord Northcliffe has opened a sanatorium for aged printers. The “Digger” staff still goes strong although it wasn't born in 1820. However, there is no need for a sanatorium, crematorium, moratorium, or any other “torium.”

A special display of children's, maids' and misses' spring millinery are now on hand and we invite your inspection. The values speak for themselves, and the exquisite styles are even better than anything we have yet had the pleasure of showing. Silk and crim models, 14/6 to 25/-. Ready-to-wear tagals, Henderson's straws, etc., 8/11 to 27/6. Untrimmed straws, 5/11 to 19/6. Trimmed panamas, 14/6 to 19/6. Black and white pull-on hats 5/6. Children's silk kimono dresses, 10/6 to 17/6, with knickers to match. Poplin dresses, all sizes, 16/6 to 35/- Velvet dresses, 24/5 to 45/-. In colonial tweeds from 13/6 to 49/6. Velvet tunics and trousers 19/6 to 27/6. We extend a special invitation to you to visit our show. H. and J. Smith, Ltd., Progressive Stores, Tay street, Invercargill, and Main street, Gore. Phone 1163.

LAST WEEK

—OF—

“THE EXHIBITION” END OF SEASON SALE

SALE FINISHES ON SATURDAY NIGHT, 14th AUGUST.



On many occasions during the last 4 or 5 years we have advised buying to save higher prices in the future. We advise the same now. We are carrying on our Sale just as of old, reducing everything and letting everyone share in the advantage of well bought stocks.

EVENING DRESSES AND COATS.
The balance of these are being cleared this week at HALF-PRICE.

40 Only CHECKED AND PLAIN ALL-WOOL LADIES' COATS, in latest styles. Usually 119/6 to 130/-. This week 90/- This is a plum line and demonstrates that value and low prices go hand in hand at “The Exhibition.”

In ALL-WOOL JERSEY COATS a few of exceptional value at 30/- and 45/- for the last week.

15 Only TWEED SKIRTS, in dark Greys and Browns at 32/6, 35/6, 37/6, and 39/6, are special last week values.

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THE QUALITY HOUSE.

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ADVERTISERS!

We guarantee the “Digger” to penetrate the whole of Southland, Lake District, South Otago, and to a lesser degree, a few places beyond this sphere, including as far north as Auckland. The destiny of the “Digger” as an effective and efficient advertising medium is assured.

We can tell you of a number who can testify to our claim and we are always ready to discuss advertising with firms who are desirous of reaching the purchasing public.

Remember ONE advertisement in the “Digger” covers the whole field.

We guarantee to have the largest circulation of any weekly, south of Dunedin, and the largest circulation outside of the leading morning and evening papers.

Failure to change your advertisement is failure to get effective service, and no fault of the “Digger.”

A FEW POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

“An excellent paper.”—Col. Pow, General Secretary, N.Z.R.S.A.
“Let me compliment you on your excellent production, “The Digger.”—General Sir Andrew Russell.

“Your Journal is an excellent advertising medium. I have just received by mail an enquiry from Gore, Nightcaps, and Waimatuku, regarding a farm advertised in the “Digger.” An Invercargill business man.

“Please send me the ‘Digger’ for 12 months.”—A subscriber from Clarendon, near Milton.

“The boys are anxiously awaiting the ‘Digger’ every week.”—Diggers of Calcium.

“Reference to my poultry advertisement in the ‘Digger,’ I have just received an enquiry from Purekino, near Clinton.” An Invercargill poultry fancier.

“Please post me ‘Digger.’”—“W.A.” Auckland.

“As the ‘Digger’ is a war journal, I should like to have a complete file for record.”—Parliamentary Librarian.

“It is surprising the number who come into my shop and ask for the ‘Digger.’ I buy three every week and am lucky to get home with one of them.”—A Local Barber.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

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