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FOOTBALL NOTES.

**PUBLIC SERVICE (12) v. BANKS
AND LAW (3).**

(Black). (Blue and Black).

The teams were:—

Service—backs: O'Connell; Saunders,
Fortune, O'Callaghan; Preston, J. Dal-
gleish; L. Dalgleish—forwards: Hunter,
O'Connor, Anderson, Sprout, McDermott,
Langbein, Doogue and Kingsland.

Banks—backs: Christophers; Lopdell,
Stead, Prain; Gilmour, St. George; Tait
—forwards: Broughton, Todd, Wilcox,
Kirkland, Knox, Pryde, Irving and Delar-
gey.

Only a few people witnessed this shilling
with the grandstand free match, and the
money's worth was not worth it. Play
hovered about middle for some time, the
scrums on the lines showing out like poppy
beds, and diversity in the colours of the
jerseys adding to the illusion. There were
two representatives in the Banks and Law,
Stead and Gilmour, and they didn't seem
to take the game very seriously. Two on
the other side were Fortune and Langbein,
and the former excelled himself. There was
also on the Public Service side, Dal-
gleish, who ought to be a representative.
Well these three seemed to be in earnest
and their side won. Dykes was away so
the losing backs were not playing under
their best conditions, though their full,
Christopher, played the game of his life.
About half-way through the first spell Gil-
mour did one of his meteoric solos, and
feinting, sent a promoted junior Service
back to chase air. Gilmour scored close
to the posts and Dykes wasn't there to
kick the goal. Banks and Law 3. The
scorers continued to attack, but L. Dal-
gleish won in an exchange of kicks follow-
ing on a deal of silly play of the "tag"
variety. Then J. Dalgleish made a run
on his own through the well-known non-
tacklers, his pass being fumbled and a line
at five yards from the money-men's line.
Immediately Service passed, and Fortune
scored by the posts with a five of the
other side hanging on to his jersey, which
didn't tear. Then another bad kick left
the score at Banks and Law 3, Public Ser-
vice 3. Service pressed and Sprout show-
ed up. This player is strenuous and un-
tiring, but too often forces the other side
by his strength of boot in the variety of
stuff some teams name dribbling. Half-
time found the play at half-way.

Service with the wind punted high into
attack, St. George showing up well in de-
fence and in attempted attack. Lopdell
missed a pass and the play was against
Banks and Law. Stead cleared, but Dal-
gleish did a solid tackle. Banks and Law
cross-kicked in defence right over the goal
face, Fortune gathered and out-bodied Gil-
mour, O'Callaghan later missing him.
There Fortune ended; no goal resulted.
Service 6, Banks and Law 3. Punting
to nowhere became popular. Stead put in
a good dribble, Sprout returning the com-
pliment, and a force resulting. Christop-
hers stopped a dangerous Service advance.
Lopdell missed in lashing and O'Connell
scored with J. Dalgleish in attendance.
Another of the kicks left the tally, Service
8, Banks and Law 3. Stead charged a
J. Dalgleish kick, and he and Gilmour
passed into Service lines, a free relieving.
Then a line heel put Service into attack
and J. Dalgleish went along untackled to
be pushed out at the corner. Banks and
Law clearing at once, Stead punting to
Fortune who marked, no one else jumping
at the ball. Then at about half-way For-
tune got a punted ball into his black arms.
He ran, as usual, untackled to the full,
punted sweetly over the poor fellow's
head, and flopped on it. Brains for For-
tune. The kick was a good one, but the
score was only Service 12, Banks and Law
3. There was some rushing about at half-
way, Stead brightening things up with an
attempt to open the game out. Fortune,
however, was in fettle, and he cleared to
half-way, following on with a great run
to the Combined lines. He does like non-
tacklers after Canterbury dives. Then
came a scrum, a line, a free to the dis-
tressed ones, and a whistle with the ball
at half-way and the score at: Public Ser-
vice 12, Banks and Law 10. Service
have now 11 banner points and Banks and
Law 10. Union with 12 and a match to
play with Bluff who have 9. Mr Isaac
Jenkins viewed the game.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

SOUTHLAND (14) v. OTAGO (3).

This annual fixture was played at Mil-
ton on Saturday, and resulted, after a
hard game, in a win for Southland by 14
points to 3. For Southland, McDonough
got two tries; James, one; and Strang,
one, the latter converting his try. For
Otago, McDougall dropped a penalty goal.
The teams were entertained royally at
Milton, being met at the station by the
Mayor of Milton, who conferred upon
them "the freedom of the city." They
were also conducted over the Bruce Wool-

len Mills by the manager (Mr Gray), and
after the match, the customary dinner
was held, and greatly enjoyed. Of the
games played, Southland has won five and
Otago 3. Mr H. White was referee on
Saturday.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

TOWN (6) v. WESTERN DISTRICT (6).

On Saturday a Town School fifteen trav-
elled to Riverton and played a Western
District School team, the game ending
in a draw, 6 points all. Trotter got both
tries for Western District after good runs,
and for Town Murray and Lemm each
scored, Lemm's try being the result of a
good dribbling rush by Hamill.

EASTERN DISTRICT (9) v. TOWN (5).

Another Town team went to Mataura
where it was defeated by the Eastern Dis-
trict School team, by 9 points to 5. For
Town MacGregor scored and Wilson con-
verted. As a result of the game five of
the Eastern District boys will play in
the Rep. trials in town.

N.Z.R.S.A.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTES No. 8.

1.—To ask the Prime Minister whether
as there is apparently still a feeling that
the sheep farmer from the Gisborne dis-
trict, who so far has not attempted to
ship his wool will be called upon by the
Government to hand his wool over for
pledged that the opinion of the Solicitor-
General's opinion on the position. (Note.
—If this opinion is obtained it will clear
the atmosphere of a feeling that is cur-
rent all through the country that the
Government have been acting ultra vires).
—Mr Brown, M.P.

Reply.—The Right Hon. Mr Massey re-
plied that the opinion of the solicitor-
General had already been obtained in re-
gard to this matter and he advised as fol-
lows:—

1.—The export of wool otherwise than
by the Government save with the consent
of the Minister of Customs, is prohibited
by Order in Council.

2.—The sale of wool otherwise than to
the Government is prohibited by War
Regulations of 8th October, 1918.

3.—These prohibitions so far as they
relate to wool of the 1919-20 and earlier
clips, will remain in force for at least two
years after the termination of War by
Treaty of Peace.

2.—To ask the Minister in Charge of
Pensions Department, whether it is in-
tended to amend the Pension's Act this
Session so as to enable members of the
mercantile marine to participate in the
benefits of that legislation and thus enjoy
the privileges of the Pensions Act equally
with members of the Expeditionary
Forces?

Reply.—The Hon. Sir W. H. Herries
replied that it was not proposed to make
special provision by way of war pension
for members of the mercantile marine.
Section 12, of the war Pensions Act, 1916,
was passed with idea of providing for
war pensions for officers and men employ-
ed on transports and their dependents,
but the Attorney-General advised that it
would not be prudent to make regulations
as the section quoted proposed. The Gov-
ernment accordingly decided that each
case should be considered on its merits,
the War Pensions' Board being authoris-
ed to make recommendations in regard to
injury or death arising from any warlike
operation. Under this arrangement pen-
sions are now being paid, but not in re-
spect of disability or death associated with
the ordinary perils of the sea arising from
natural causes.

3.—To ask the Minister of Lands
whether the Government will allow the
returned soldiers from the South African
War to ballot for land on the same basis
as the returned soldiers from the Great
War.—Mr Jones, M.P.

Reply.—The Hon. Mr Guthrie replied
that when the claims of most of the dis-
charged soldiers who had served during
the recent war had been dealt with, the
question of allowing soldiers returned from
the South African War, to ballot for land
in the same manner as soldiers returned
from the Great War, would be considered.

4.—To ask the Minister of Lands
whether he will favourably consider the
question of procuring Education Reserve
12 IB, lots 1 and 2, blocks 5 and 9, Poe-
rua Survey District, for the purposes of
soldier settlement. (Note.—The land in
question is good dairying country and
suitable for sub-division at once).—Mr
Seddon, M.P.

Reply.—The Hon. Mr Guthrie replied
that the land in question was encumbered
with a lease which had eight years to run.
It was not considered advisable to deal
with the land until the freehold could be
acquired by means of exchange under the
Education Reserves Act or otherwise.

5.—To ask the Minister of Lands

whether he will explain the reason why
the Glengarry Estate purchased in Nov-
ember 1919, has not been opened for
soldier settlement in time to allow suc-
cessful applicants to take full advantage
of the approaching dairying season.—Mr
McNichol, M.P.

Reply.—The Hon. Mr Guthrie replied
that the survey of the Glengarry settle-
ment had now been completed and the
Public Works Department was making an
engineering survey of the proposed road
to enable it to furnish an estimate of the
cost of roading. Until that estimate was
received an actual date for the opening
could not be fixed, but he had instructed
that the opening was to be proceeded with
as expeditiously as possible.

6.—To ask the Minister of Railways
whether he will extend beyond 34 the age
at which labourers and tradesmen may
enter the railway service. (Note.—A
considerable number of railway employees
who joined the service at ages between 34
and 40, and who have served for many
years are ineligible under the existing re-
gulations for permanent appointment.—
Mr Sidey, M.P.

Reply.—The Right Hon. Mr Massey
replied that the age limit at which men
might be taken on the permanent staff of
the Department had been fixed as a result
of experience extending over a long period.
The representations made would, however,
receive careful consideration when the in-
vestigations that are now being made were
completed.

7.—To ask the Minister of Lands
whether it is a fact that returned soldiers
who wish to purchase a property have to
pay £2 to the Valuation Department,
whilst workers under the State Advances
have to pay only 7s 6d which covers the
inspection of buildings erected; and if so
why the anomaly.—Mr Witty, M.P.

Reply.—The Hon. Mr Guthrie replied
that the fees chargeable for valuations
under the D.S.S. Regulations varied as
they were fixed on a shifting scale, the
fee for advances exceeding £500 was fixed
at £2 2s. Although the fee payable to
the State Advance Office for the valuation
of worker's dwellings was 7s 6d, additional
fees of 7s 6d were charged on each occasion
that an inspection of such dwelling under
construction was required for the purpose
of making progress payments. The State
Advances Office charged exactly the same
fees as were prescribed under the D.S.S.
regulations for valuations of dwellings
other than worker's dwellings, the limit
for which was a loan of £750 as against
£1000 under the D.S.S. regulations. When
an application for a loan under the D.S.S.
Act was unsuccessful, provision was made
whereby the valuation fee with respect to
subsequent applications might be reduced
or dispensed with.

The following replies to the remits for-
warded to the Repatriation Department
are circularised for your information:—

1.—That the Association ask the Gov-
ernment and Parliament for a pledge that
land settlement and repatriation benefits
generally shall not be rendered inoperative
until such times as every soldier has had
ample opportunity to train himself, or to
otherwise arrange his affairs in order to
allow him to take full advantage of the
said benefits.

Reply.—Your Association has previously
been informed by Hon. Minister that am-
ple notice will be given before the Govern-
ment closes down the benefits provided by
the Land Settlement and Repatriation
Acts, and the matter will be dealt with by
Parliament this Session.

2.—That when a married man is com-
pleting his indentures under the appren-
tices scheme, the sustenance scale, and
not the £3 5s flat rate, should apply. The
remit is again approved since it was pass-
ed in Christchurch, the allowance has
been made exclusive, instead of inclusive,
of pension. This has not, however, met
the case of the married man.

Reply.—Present flat rate—Single ap-
prentice, £3 per week, plus pension; mar-
ried apprentice, £3 5s per week, plus pen-
sion. The extra 5s per week was granted
to the married apprentice, because, unlike
the subsidised worker, the allowance paid
to the apprentice is reduced in accordance
with any increase granted by his employer.
The R.S.A. is apparently under a misap-
prehension as the adoption by the above
resolution by the Department would mean
a reduction in the allowance paid to mar-
ried apprentices and married men with one
child, and would certainly cause consid-
erable dissatisfaction amongst these men.
Men with two or more children would
benefit slightly, but there are very few
such men amongst apprentices. In the
opinion of the Department, cases of undue
financial hardship should be submitted to
the Repatriation Board, who will no doubt
grant additional financial assistance if the
circumstances of the case warrant it.

A man in Abingdon was fined by a
magistrate for sleeping and snoring in
church. Nothing was done to the clergy-
man for putting him to sleep.—"Rich-
mond Dispatch," May 17, 1870.

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