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A GLANCE AT TOKONUI.

(By "Spectator.")

Have you ever had a chance
Of running out to have a glance
At the great south-eastern railway
And the city that's to be?
The railway is a wonder,
And I'm always under
The impression that it's engineers were
not T.T.

The train runs out so furious,
The passengers get curious
To know how it can be pulled up
At stations every mile;
But, the capable expert,
By being so alert,
Takes his precious burden out in envi-
able style.

Now, at Tokonui station
If you'd like a conversation
With such residents who claim a wide
reputation,
Then the first one to impress you,
And the first one to address you
Would likely be "mine host," and mayor
of the town.

He runs his house on modern lines,
And everyone who comes and dines,
Declares that Tom's a real jolly sport;
He keeps a decent stable,
Where anyone is able
To hire a buggy and a horse of any sort.

He also keeps a garage,
And when there is a marriage,
And other urgent cases come on board,
He's rung up for hire,
He's moving like wild fire,
And soon you hear the singing of his
Ford.

And then there's Charlie, too,
Who caters for a few,
Who do not like to risk their lives
Upon the train,
And the people often team
To the garage by the stream,
And Charlie takes them singing down
the lane.

And then there's George with oceans
Of socialistic notions,
A farmer of the Holland-Scotch crowd,
And, if two years next December
He's elected to be Member,
For the Clutha he will talk both long
and loud.

There's also Jack the storeman,
And Tom the Railway foreman,
And Jack and Charles, who run the
"Daily Mail,"
Then there's Billie of the bellows,
And hosts of other fellows
Too numerous to mention in detail.

WAIKAWA'S WINDING BAYS.

(By "Spectator.")

There's a land of wondrous beauty,
To which the people love to steer
When released from arduous duty,
Towards the waning of the year.
There the waters of the river,
Twist her banks so constantly
Roll and glide and ripple, ever
Journeying toward the bounding sea.

Countless hills with leafy cover,
Varied ferns and winding bays,
Endless beaches where the rover
Goes to spend his holidays.
Far removed from business worry
Where you banish all dull care,
Drop a note to Alex. Currie,
He will quickly get you there.

Alex has a goodly table,
Groaning 'neath its tempting spread,
Alex's wife is homely, able,
And I've always heard it said,
"She's so cheerful, she's so pleasant,
Always makes you glad you came,
Be you peer or be you peasant,
Always makes you just the same."

Alex, too, is entertaining
In his ever modest way,
Never tired of things pertaining
To the famed Waikawa Bay.
Tells you of its ancient history,
Yarns would cover many a page,
And about the unravell'd mystery
Of the prehistoric age.

He will take you to the region
Known to all as Curio Bay,
Where the rocks were made, saith legion
In the ages far away,
From the fern frond and the sapling
That at one time used to grow,
Says the scientist who's grappling
With the things of long ago.

All good things, 'tis oft repeated,
Come to an untimely end,
And all too soon your duly seated
Back to work your way to wend,
In Tom's old bus to catch the lumbering
Train once more for city life,
And 'mong your friends you'll aye be
numbering
Alex Currie and his wife.

OTAHUTI NOTES.

Last Saturday saw the concluding
matches played for Central Union. Ota-
huti journeyed to Wrights Bush and after
a game consisting of scrums and line-outs
for the most part, won the match by 8-3.
The Wright's Bush forwards were an ex-
ceptionally heavy lot and Otahuti had
many anxious moments, defending their
line; the scrums were bad and the ball
seldom came out clean on either side,
therefore back play was not seen.

Mr Hicks controlled the game and the
Wright's Bush ladies supplied an ex-
cellent tea, a very pleasant hour being
spent in the hall.

Waianiwa visited Calcium and defeated
the home team, the scores being Waianiwa
8, Calcium 5.

Next Saturday, 28th, at Waianiwa, Ota-
huti and Waianiwa play off at 3 p.m. for
premier honours for the season, Dr.
Ritchie Crawford having charge of the
whistle.

DRUMMOND AND OTAHUTI.

Saturday 14th, on a rather heavy ground
the home team defeated Drummond by
3 points to nil, after a very even game.
Play was mostly confined to the forwards
although there was flashes of good back play
at times, but the ground did not seem
suitable to open football; Drummond played
well and are a side to be reckoned with,
having developed considerably within the
last month or so. It is to be hoped they
are able to retain most of their present
players for next season, when they can
confidently look forward to a more suc-
cessful run. With a bit more practice
their backs would combine well, Cowie,
J. Ford, Shefflebein and W. Lindsay, be-
ing most conspicuous, especially, the last-
named who is a promising young player.
A. Lindsay, Stalker, Chilton and Burnett,
were always to the fore in a good pack.

The Otahuti forwards were in good form
playing their usual consistent game. S.
McGhie, J. Ford, W. McKenzie, G.
Grieve and R. Sim, were in fair con-
dition and with Dempster, Steele, and Fin-
layson, seemed inexhaustible.

Mr Gazzard of Oreti, controlled the game
in his usual manner. Wright's Bush
drew with Calcium, it being rather a
soul-thriller throughout.

BIRCHWOOD HUNT CLUB.

The following are the results:—

HUNTER' HURDLES; first prize,
trophy, £5 5s; second prize, £1 1s;
qualified hunters only. One and a-
half miles.

F. Langford's b m Salute, aged, 10.7
(Mr J. Langford) 1
W. M. Agnew's blk g Northwind, aged,
10.7 (J. Weir) 2
Also started: Dalminie 10.7 (A. E.
Horne). Northwind ran inside a flag when
holding a commanding lead, and Salute
won by nearly half a mile. Time, 4min
3 1-5sec.

ACK RACE; first prize, trophy, £5 5s;
second prize, £1 1s. Six furlongs.

J. McLaren's ch g Golden Link, 7yrs,
9.0 (A. S. Ellis) 1
Jas. Blee's b g Young Pallas, 4yrs, 9.0
(A. E. Horne) 2
F. Boyle's br m Lady Buller, aged, 9.12
(A. McKay) 3
Led all the way and won easily by
twelve lengths. Time, 1min 26sec.

HACK STEEPLECHASE; first prize,
trophy, £5 5s; second prize, £1 1s;
qualified hunters only. About two
miles.

J. H. Marshall's blk g Glenisla, aged,
11.2 (Owner) 1
Ross' b g Coal King, aged, 10.7 (W.
B. Dickson) 2
Also started: Captain French 10.9 (A.
E. Horne) and Northwind 10.7 (L. Smith).
Captain French fell at the first fence and
broke his neck, Northwind running off
at the same fence. Coal King ran off and
then fell after going three-quarters of a
mile, leaving Glenisla to win, pulling up,
by 200 yards.

HACK RACE; first prize, trophy £5 5s;
second prize, £1 1s. Six furlongs.

J. McLaren's ch g Golden Link, 7yrs,
9.8 (incl. 8lb penalty) (A. S. Ellis) ... 1
Jas. Blee's b g Young Pallas, 4yrs
9.0 (A. McKay) 2
Golden Link led all the way and won
easily by six lengths. Time 1min 7sec.

isla ran past him and won nicely by five
lengths. Time, 7min 44sec.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP; first
prize, trophy £7 7s; second prize, £2
2s; qualified hunters only. One and
a-quarter miles.

J. H. Marshall's blk g Glenisla, aged,
12.0 (incl. 7lb penalty) (Owner) ... 1
F. Langford's b m Salute, aged, 10.13
(Mr Jos. Langford) 2
D. W. Campbell's b g Dalminie, 7yrs
10.13 (Mr John Langford) 3
Dalminie led for nearly a mile, when
the three bunched and ran together to the
distance post. Salute took charge then
and looked like a winner, but Glenisla
caught him in the last few strides and beat
him by a short length; Dalminie a similar
distance away. Time, 2min 41sec.

NIGHTCAPS NOTES.

The voting at the polls on Saturday
for the election of new members to sit on
the Ohai Railway Board was as follows:—

	Wai.	Birch
	raki.	wood.
W. J. A. McGregor	46	21
A. W. Rodger	40	23
D. D. McDonald	41	21
D. Jardine	34	21
W. Excell	41	12
W. Crawford	33	18
J. King	20	17
R. Ronald	22	8
G. Tinker	11	2

The result of the voting is to leave the
old members sitting.

A visit to the Ohai coalfields shows
industrial development on every hand, and
it but awaits the advent of the railway
to set matters on a surer footing so as
to give facilities for education and other
advantages, and so get a permanent settle-
ment. It is reported that more sections
have been sold from the Ohai township
block on the south side of the road. The
fact that the Dunedin Building Society is
willing to advance money on buildings
erected on the freehold terrace is giving
every encouragement to miners to take up
sections in this block.

The coal mine opened up last October
by the Wairaki Coal Co. on Mr S. Mills'
property is proving highly satisfactory.
The miners have been working on the dip
up till now, but the seam of coal has com-
menced to run almost level, and this will
mean contending with water. To give
some idea of how the Wairaki Coal Com-
pany have developed this mine to such an
extent in the short period of ten months,
it may be stated that for three months
ended 30th April the company paid roy-
alty on 4700 tons of coal to the owner of
the property. The output has been stead-
ily increasing, and is about 20 tons per
day at present. There are about twenty
miners engaged in the mine. The motor
lorry service run by Mr H. Holmes has
proved inadequate, and it is reported that
the Wairaki Coal Company intend to run
their own workmen in the near future
from Nightcaps to Ohai by motor lorry.
This is only the recent development of one
coal company. The Linton colliery will
probably be putting out as much coal at
the present time as the Wairaki company.

The transmission survey party in con-
nection with the Monowai hydro-electric
scheme are in the district this week. The
party from Sunnyside, at present camped
on Sharpbridge, report 150 men engaged at
that point (Sunnyside).

It is expected that the Presbyterian
Church concert on Friday night in the
church will be well attended. The musical
items on the programme are of first-class
quality. Mr and Mrs A. G. Thomson are
on the programme, as is also Mrs R.
Duncan.

The public school concert, ever a pop-
ular function, will eventuate next Friday.
The programme, which will be mainly
carried out by the children will be worth
listening to, and the usually large audience
will be expected to be present to show
their appreciation of the efforts of the
teachers in training the children.

Our Nightcaps correspondent records the
death of Nurse Helen Greer, in the River-
ton hospital, where she had almost finished
her term as a probationer. She was well
known in the Western District and will
be missed by a large circle of friends. The
late nurse was the second daughter of
Mr and Mrs A. Greer, of Nightcaps, who
will have the sympathy of many friends
and acquaintances in their sad bereave-
ment.

MISSING.

23/2108 TURNBULL G. P.

The above-named left New Zealand
with "E." Company, 10th Reinforcements,
and returned to New Zealand by "Rem-
uera," October 1919.

Any information regarding present
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