

FREIGHTS ON DAIRY PRODUCE.**NO REDUCTION AT PRESENT.**

The question of freight rates on butter and cheese was discussed last week at a conference of representatives of the dairy factories and associations of the Dominion, and representatives of export houses and shipping interests.

No report of the proceedings was furnished to the Press. It is understood, however, says the "Dominion" that it is unlikely there will be any reduction in freight rates at the present time, but that the whole position will be reviewed in January of next year.

This decision is apparently in line with the agreement arrived at in London on July 18th, when the committee appointed by Mr Massey's conference of New Zealand producers and ship-owners exhaustively reviewed the position of shipment and freights generally from both points of view. It was then agreed that the question of freights and cargoes be again considered in New Zealand not later than the first week in next January. The ship-owners expressed their readiness to give every consideration to the position then, irrespective of existing contracts and with reference to such reduction in the working cost of steamers as may have then taken place. It was also agreed that negotiations with regard to the renewal of current contracts should take place at the same time.

MILITARY SPORTS.

During last week's fine weather the No. 1 Troop, D Squadron, 3rd A.M.R., held a camp at Whangateau, and after a week's enjoyable training a very interesting sports programme was provided by the camp.

The O.C. (Lt. J. C. E. Wyatt), Staff Sgt. Major McNamara, N.C.O.'s, and men of the camp are to be congratulated on the manner in which the whole show was organised and for the fine display of horsemanship in each event.

The following is the list of winning competitors:—Victoria Cross Race, Tpr. E. J. Wyatt 1, Tpr. D. G. Bell 2; Flag Race, Cpl. N. A. Neeley 1, Tpr. D. G. Bell 2; Snatching the handkerchief, Tpr. T. J. Harris 1, Tpr. D. G. Bell 2; leading race, Cpl. N. A. Neeley 1, Tpr. T. J. Harris 2; cigar race, Tpr. G. F. Harris 1, Sgt. E. B. Birdsall 2; Lloyd Lindsay, Tpr. E. J. Wyatt's section 1, Sgt. E. B. Birdsall's section 2; tent pegging (individual), Tpr. J. E. Brown 1, Tpr. D. G. Bell 2; tent pegging (sections), Tpr. E. J. Wyatt's 1, Sgt. Birdsall's 2.

In the afternoon at 3.30 p.m. the camp played visitors a game of football, which after a hard game resulted in a win for the visitors by 11 points to 6.

GOLF.

The Rodney Golf Club played a four-ball best-ball at the Solway Links on Saturday last. For various reasons the attendance was not up to the usual.

In the ladies section Mrs Buchanan and Miss Jackson defeated Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Pickering, 4 up.

In the men's Messrs Culling and J. Morrison defeated Messrs Buchanan and Hamilton, 3 up.

On Saturday next, 27th inst., the semi-final of the Club Championship will be played. The draw was announced in last week's issue.

SOCIAL AND DANCE.

A peep into fairyland would justly describe the thoughts of one who looked into the Town Hall on Friday night last when the Golf Club held their annual social.

Willing hands and deft fingers had spent many hours decorating the hall in a well-planned colour scheme with greenery and coloured paper; and the result fully repaid the workers for their toil, as many exclamations of delight testified.

Cosy little alcoves, hidden by ferns and palms, were formed in the corners of the hall, and proved very attractive to bashful youth and coy maiden, while the stage was comfortably furnished with carpets and easy chairs

for the convenience of non-dancers.

Mr A. Schollum (cornet), and the Misses Schollum (piano and violin), assisted by Mr Ken. Prime (violin), provided the music, assisted during several dances by Mr Lewis Munro, an old Warkworth boy, who gave an exhibition of piano playing such as has seldom been heard in Warkworth.

One and all, to judge by the happy, smiling faces, had a real good time, and were loth to leave when the last dance was called at 2 a.m.

The beauty of the hall, or the dainties, or the witchery of the music, inspired one anonymous budding poet to effuse thus:—

THE GOLF SOCIAL.

1. Last night a sound of revelry
Came from the Warkworth Hall,
Where all select folks gathered,
It was the golfer's ball.
2. The hall was a verdant forest,
With ferns and rimus green;
With fairy lamps to light all,
And rainbow tints between.
3. The ladies, bright as flowerets,
That with sweet Spring appear,
Made each shy partner whisper,
"If I could only dare!"
4. They were clad, as a violet modest,
Daffodil—dressed in gold—
A shamrock, pure white lily,
And rosebud, too, I'm told.
5. The music—no choir celestial,
Could e'er with it compare;
Like elfin, fairy music
It floated on the air.
6. The supper was quite the finest,
That mortal man has seen,
Then came the dance of twilight,
(A cloud the moon did screen.)
7. In the wee, small hours of morning,
All folks did homeward go,
"Best social of the season—
Golfer's, of course, you know"

WEED DESTRUCTION.**CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS.**

While the hoe and the cultivator are likely to remain as the two most efficient weapons to use in the combat with weeds, there are certain cases where the use of some chemical may be extremely desirable. A good example of the latter is the case of a grain crop infected with an annual such as wild mustard, where it is possible by spraying with iron sulphate or copper sulphate to injure the weed to such an extent that it is unable to ripen its seeds.

There are also numerous plots of waste ground in towns, miles of roadsides all over the country, railroad tracks, and large areas of stony or rocky ground that cannot be cultivated where the employment of chemical means for keeping down weeds might be profitably considered.

The spray should be applied in fine calm weather when there is a probability that no rain will fall during the next 24 hours. The amount of spraying mixture will vary somewhat with the kind of spraying machine used, but as a general rule at least 60 gallons are necessary to cover an acre. The spray should be applied while the weeds are young.

The chemical substances that are most employed for killing weeds are sulphuric acid, iron sulphate, copper sulphate, common salt, caustic soda, sodium arsenite, carbolic acid, orchard heating oil and fuel oil. After the use of some of these the soil remains sterile until the chemical has been washed out by rain. In calculating the strength to be used it has to be remembered that a gallon of water weighs 10 pounds.

Sulphuric acid or oil of vitriol has a corrosive effect on the spraying apparatus and can be used only in a weak solution varying from 3 to 10 per cent. It has no injurious effect on wheat, oats or barley crops, and has a fertilising effect on the soil.

Iron sulphate of copper as is used in a solution of 15 to 20 per cent. but cannot be applied with safety to a crop of beans or flax.

Copper sulphate or bluestone can be used instead of iron sulphate, but only in a solution of 1½ to 2½ per cent.

Common salt or sodium chloride is used in a strength of 20 to 25 per cent. It checks the growth of other plants besides weeds until it has been washed out by rain.

Caustic soda or sodium hydrate is used in a 5 per cent. solution. It kills all kinds of vegetation.

Sodium arsenite is used at the rate of 2 pounds to 60 gallons of water. It is very poisonous and the powder is dangerous to health if inhaled. It kills all vegetation.

Carbolic acid is used in a solution of 12½ per cent. or stronger.

Orchard heating oil is applied at full strength in a fine mist. It destroys all vegetation, but is not poisonous and does not injure the soil.

Fuel oil can be used on waste ground or garden paths. After its use the soil remains sterile for a considerable period.

Mary Ellen, "oop fra' the country," got into an omnibus. Presently the conductor said affably—"Your fare, miss." The girl blushed. The conductor repeated "Your fare, miss," and the girl blushed more deeply. By this time the conductor began to look foolish. After a pause he again repeated—"Miss, your fare." "Well," said the girl, "they do say I'm good looking at home, but I don't see why you want to say it out loud."

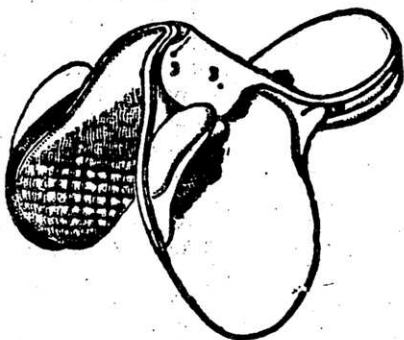
Two girls were quarrelling. "You are always saying mean things about people," said one to the other. "The trouble with you is you've got a chauffeur's tongue." "A chauffeur's tongue?" echoed the other girl. "Yes," was the answer, "It's always running people down."

"Aye, tear her tattered ensign down!" was given out in the morning's dictation lesson. When the exercises were handed in the governess found on Maggie Burns's paper. "I titter tatter upside down."

Motorist: "She's not much to look at, but I can honestly say I haven't spent a penny on repairs for over thirteen months." Pedestrian: "I believe you—at any rate, that's what the chap who did the repairs told me."

A Japanese advertiser in Tokio proclaims that his superfine vinegar is more acid than the tongue of the most fiendish mother-in-law.

"Yes, I advertised for an office boy, but I'm afraid you are not old enough." Boy: "All right, I'll come back next week."

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