

Correspondence.

OUR PREMIER.

TO THE EDITOR.
 SIR.—In your last issue is a letter entitled "Our Premier," which is enough to turn one sick. Surely your correspondent, N'importe qui, can write in some other strain than this—it is getting wearisome, it is ever the same, and if the tone cannot be changed, then give some one else room. The space in your paper is somewhat limited and I for one think that something more interesting than the 'rot' which sometimes appears above that non de plume could surely be found. Now this, 'Our Premier,' is enough to make one's blood boil. Mr Seddon of all men to be put almost on a level with Christ. There are some men (a very few) who I believe earnestly try to follow in the Master's footsteps, but Mr Seddon—No, no. It cannot be. And then "Surely New Zealanders do not expect a more perfect or purer legislation than at present." Alack and well a day for some people's ideals. Your writer must be very ignorant of the Right Honourable gentleman's methods of administration, which to give even mention of would take too much of your valuable space. Also one would imagine that Mr Seddon had planned and built and given Auckland all of her institutions, parks, etc., etc., that he was responsible for all good. Ask the people of Auckland if this is so? Do we not hear at every turn what wonders 'Our Premier' has done for Auckland!! Shure and he's an angel and I can't get over it, at all, at all.—I am, etc.,

A CONSTANT READER.

TO THE EDITOR.
 SIR.—In your last issue appears a letter by N'importe qui. Now it is an old saying, "Give the Devil his due," but when one reads such d—d gush he is at a loss to know how people can be so easily gulled, and that they do not look beneath the surface and see for themselves. When your writer compares 'Our Premier' with the higher Dietsies (it is time he took a bottle of tups down and oiled his corns), is it any wonder the potato blight came our way. Well if your writer can see no imperfection in our Premier, of course he is at liberty to pile on the jam and plaster on the soft soap to his own taste, but in my opinion bad taste. If it is the Old Age Pension that makes the cap fit so nicely, then let us consider the benevolent, generous nature of this Act, which in the opinion of right thinking men, is a disgrace to any intelligent body of men, sent to represent a young and prosperous colony like N.Z. In the first place men in nine out of ten cases have to perjure themselves to get the pension, in the next place it destroys thrift and has a demoralising influence on any young colony. Then again there is nothing to prevent anyone using this money for improper purposes, or purposes contrary to the intention of the Act. Now, when I say demoralising, which is a nasty word, I will give a case in point where a young man, unmarried, receiving £350 per year salary in the Government employ, has been known to make his mother apply for the Old Age Pension. This in my opinion is demoralising, and while I do not object to an Old Age Pension, I think it should have been framed so as to educate the people to earn an honest living, and also to make children responsible for the maintenance of their aged parents when they are in a position to do so, as it is many parents who were in comfortable circumstances made their property over to their children, so as to be eligible for the pension. When your writer says "Surely we do not want a purer or better legislation," I guess and calculate as the Yankee says, it was an electioneering card, a little bit of political bribery. And after all it is easy to be generous when it is the other fellow's money that you do it with, and after all anyone in power, who was spendthrift enough to borrow two million pounds per annum, could, if he saw fit, make a good splash. Your writer talks as though all Auckland had once belonged to 'Our Premier.' Well, if he had said all they had in Westport came from the Premier (other fellow) we could understand it, but Auckland—well to find one institution that owes its origin to 'Our Premier' is beyond me, and yet your correspondent talks about art galleries, libraries, hospitals and all public institutions, etc. I may say all the Premier has done for Auckland is what he could not help. There is one thing he has done and that is to legalise gambling, in the form of the totalisator. Your writer says, "What has he not done to better the condition of the people." Well, all I can say is if encouraging gambling is going to better the condition of the people of N.Z., I am at a loss to understand how it is to come about, for in my opinion it will be a blot on the history of N.Z. for all time. And I am sure Mr Seddon will not always be there to dole out the pension when our young men and women have wasted their substance. Why place this temptation in their midst, and encourage them to ruin (as in young Dawson's case a week or so since)? If, as your writer says, he has proved himself a benefactor to all, and if he wishes to keep up his reputation, why does he not wipe this totalisator curse out of the colony and immediately draw up a code of morals to be taught in our public schools, and thus lay the foundation of a truly happy and prosperous people. As for the famous Seddon Voucher, I guess the kernel is there if we could only crack the nut, and no doubt it will not be smoothed over as easily as some folks imagine. I have already trespassed on your space, and will save up for a squall later on.—I am, etc.,

AUNT SALLY.

KAIPARA FLATS.

(Own Correspondent.)

FARMERS' UNION.
 THE ordinary monthly meeting of this Branch of the F.U. was held in the Rainy Hill on the 11th inst., Mr A. Hood presiding. The attendance was good considering the weather and road conditions. After the usual formal preliminaries the secretary tabled the correspondence accumulating during the interim, which included a reply from the Rodney County Council, re road alongside railway line to Kaipara Flats railway station, notifying this Branch that the Council had written to the landowners affected re the removal of their fences. This communication was very favourably received, the meeting hoping that the Council will permit no delay in the construction of this section of road which is a necessity that will shortly become most urgent to the settlers to enable them to make use of the new postal arrangements which are shortly to be made adjoining the premises of Messrs Geo. Guest and Sons, and also to enable the settlers to make use of the business facilities available in the centre of the district. In re the central section of this road for which no provision has yet been made but which recently received the approval of various members of the Rodney County Council who made a visit of inspection in connection with the roads; the departmental reply to this Branch in reference is to the effect 'that provision for this road will receive careful consideration in the framing of the estimates for the current year.'

FARMERS' PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

Strong sympathy was expressed with this movement which it was recognised would be of immense benefit to the farmers and it was hoped that the difficulties in organising would ultimately be surmounted and a company formed on the same lines as the Farmers' Co-operative Co. in Canterbury, which could, it is estimated, effect a saving to the farmers of this province of £40,000 to £50,000 a year. The meeting concurred in the opinion that the chief difficulty would be found in combating the prejudice resulting from the failure of previous institutions of a similar nature, which it was believed had failed through gross mismanagement and probably also from what might be called for want of a better word commercial "tammanyism;" that the farmers have need of a strong bond of union for self protection in combating the many factions who regard the farmers from the "shearers," point of view is a fact which is repeatedly emphasised. In view of this

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came under discussion. The meeting being of opinion that the farmer can not now afford to be lax in his claim for the best and fittest representative of the agricultural interest that is available. Personal and party feeling must give place to the great urgency for the best and strongest representative men to protect and develop the chief industry of the state. The Colonial President, proves himself keenly alert to signs of the times by the wise forethought which again demonstrates his ability for his responsible position, which is felt by every branch of the Union.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Important information emanating from the Provincial secretary was tabled by the Branch secretary, 1, in re Mutual Fire Insurance, to the effect that the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Otago have begun business and are prepared to accept risks throughout the colony—terms specified. 2, in re questions to place before parliamentary candidates. 3, Proposal to organise for electoral purposes. 4, re Provincial organiser of F.U. 5, Recent Labour Conference, discussed by Employers Association, vide 'New Zealand Herald,' May 27th, 1905. 6, Enrolment of Union members for general election. 7, Royalties to Local Bodies Bill. At the close of the usual business of the Branch the secretary, Mr T. C. Sainsbury, formally tendered his resignation as secretary of this Branch, a position he has practically occupied since the first inception of the Union on the first visit of Mr Glass. The chairman accepted the resignation and expressed regret that Mr Sainsbury was leaving the district as to Mr Sainsbury's untiring efforts on behalf of the Union the success of the Branch was chiefly due; and also to the excellent and correct reports of the meetings of the Branch which he had caused to be forwarded to the Press. The meeting unanimously supported the chairman's remarks. Mr E. G. Clements was elected secretary vice Mr Sainsbury.

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KAIWAKA.

(Own Correspondent.)

A FAIR EXCHANGE.
 By looking at the old plans of this settlement it would at once be seen that the roads were run in straight lines, consequently they go over some very rough places and many deviations have had to be made to avoid them, and many more will have to be made before we get grades fit for wheel traffic. Our present church is built on a hill and the old road runs past it, but years ago it was found necessary to run a deviation around the hill to form what is now called the Kaiwaka and Mangawai road, but still anyone going to the church with wheels has to stop at the bottom of the hill, unhitch and make fast his horse, and then start to climb up, up, up, something like Jacob's ladder and when they do get up in many cases have to stand and gasp for breath and perhaps feel more inclined to say a swear than go inside to hear a prayer. The deviation referred to left a rise of land that is covered with scrub and tī-tī between the two roads, and it is well known that a good grade could be got through it to the church. The owner having been interviewed has consented to make an exchange for the cemetery site which is in a very out of the way place.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a public meeting was held at the church for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the exchange. Mr F. Clark acted as chairman. After the whole matter had been ventilated the following resolution was carried unanimously:—That this meeting consent to and authorise the cemetery committee to make an exchange of the present cemetery site for the site between the two roads on condition that they provide a road through it from the church to the main road.

CONVALESCENT.

The friends of Mr E. W. Dowson will be glad to hear his health is improving and that he hopes to be able to be about again in the warm weather.

MAUNGATUROTO.

(Own Correspondent.)

SALE OF WORK.
 The sale of work for which the ladies of this and surrounding districts have been working for all the winter, is now drawing near, the date having been arranged. A good collection of useful garments, comprising ladies and gentlemen's and children's clothing, all of which are marked at very reasonable prices; also a fine lot of miscellaneous articles, consisting of ornamental as well as useful novelties, will be offered at prices within the reach of all corners. Refreshments will be procurable in the hall throughout the day and evening, when a grand concert will be held. Several town singers are expected as well as other Auckland friends. Mr R. Thompson of Whangarei is expected to preside.



FANCY DRESS BALL.

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WHANGATEAU.

(Own Correspondent.)

SETTLERS' S.S. CO.
 Mr J. Dunning was conveyed from the scene of his late accident to the residence of Mr J. Darrach, and we were glad to discover on Friday night that the injury to his foot was not so severe as to prevent him—assisted by willing hands—sacrificing himself so far as to put in an appearance at the meeting of directors and settlers held at the local Hall on the evening of the 1st inst. Mr Dunning generally contrives to fall on his feet even under the most adverse conditions; and it is a feature of that gentleman's character to 'never say die' where less masterful men would throw up the sponge. The clear exposition given of the objects and character of the new local S.S. Company was well received.

Owing in part to concessions recently allowed in the matter of charges settlers at Pakiri and further north appear to have modified their opinions in regard to the policy of the company and its directorate; the views of people, in fact, all the way from Waipu to the Wade, appear to be changing in favour of the advisability of putting up with the apparent evil of slightly advanced charges, lest a probable importation into the company of the speculating clique might bring about exactions in the future heavy to be borne. And so it comes about that the late visits of directors to the several centres are likely to bear fruit in the second consideration that it will be more to the interests of country communities that the bona fide settler take up shares, than that the city dividend-grabber should come in and monopolise the situation urgent for the constant raising of fares and freights to the further detriment of the poor man.

It may be possible, however, to put a drag on the wheel of the would-be speculator, and big shareholder yet, for if Mr Seddon's new Bill aiming at the suppression of the monopolists in regard to the enhancement of charges by Steamship, Railway and other Companies being injurious to public interests, should become law, there will be room to hope that the penalising clauses which threaten delinquent directorship with two years 'hard,' or £1000 fine, may bring about moderation.

OMAHA.

(Own Correspondent.)

SICKNESS.
 There have been several cases of serious illness here lately. A resident at Ti Point is recovering from a dangerous attack of peritonitis but thanks chiefly to Dr McCredie's skill the sufferer is pulling through. A case of sciatica at Leigh has placed another patient in hospital, and one more troubled on recovering from a bout with rheumatic fever, but they'll all be pretty fit by the time the wedding bells ring out, and be ready to foot it out to the tune of "O'er the braes wi' Annie."

LOSSES.
 Mr A. Dunning's losses in live stock still continue. His farm is bounded for a long distance by steep cliffs, and cattle in search of inviting tufts of feed topple over on to the jagged rocks below. There has been a loss of from twelve to twenty head of stock from this cause within a few weeks.

REGRET.
 Regret is freely expressed on account of the accident to Mr J. Dunning.

The weather on the night of the SETTLERS' S.S. CO.
 31st precluded more than a small attendance at Leigh Hall to hear what Messrs Wilson and Morrison had to say as to the tremendous advantages which must accrue to the settler wise enough to part with the trifling consideration of £10. Sympathy with "the object and character" of the amalgamated Company was too deep to find expression in any immediate outlay. A relevant question by Mr C. Clarke and one or two by Mr Frearson were replied to after a putting of heads together by the cautious directors, but explanations were not of so lucid a character as would have been the case had Mr James Dunning been present to bring his well rounded periods to bear on the subjects. There is little doubt however that bald facts, in their integrity, will influence the settler later on and the Omaha public will yet find out the expediency of handing over shekels for shares rather than have to dance in the future to the piping of masked monopoly.

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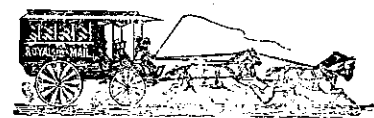
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