

stringers of the Sandspit wharf were in a fairly good state, it was a pity not to replace the piles at the outer end of the wharf, before it collapsed. It was most important for the residents of the locality to have the wharf maintained. Mr Todd said it was all quite correct, there was money in hand to do the work, and he had given instructions many months ago to have it done.

TELEPHONES.

Applications were made respectively by Mr Cyril V. Grant for the Hoteo North telephone association, and Mr A. Litten for permission to erect telephone wires over and across roads. The applications were granted. The chairman said he was very pleased to help forward telephone matters. They were a very great convenience. One thing the riding members would require to see, that was that the wires should be at least 14 feet above the road. The government line on the Tauroa road was low enough to knock off a rider's hat. Mr Todd was glad to hear Mr Thomson preach the gospel of telephones. At one time his voice was as of one crying in the wilderness.

ADJUSTMENT OF ASSETS.

The report of the Council's delegates to the adjustment necessary by the exclusion of Warkworth Town district from the County was submitted. The main clause was, the acceptance by the Board of liability in respect of the stone crusher to the extent of £12 per year for the period ending January 5th 1921. The chairman said the delegates were deserving of the Council's best thanks. He thought they were entitled to succeed in equity. The agreement was fair. Mr Gubb moved "That the Council ratifies the agreement" seconded by the chairman and carried. A letter was read from D. Hissibon objecting to the Council's instruction, that all communications regarding the stone crusher should be sent to the chairman of the committee. Mr Todd said a chairman had been appointed at the expressed desire of Mr Hissibon, and the only cause he knew for the letter was his refusal to authorise the payment by the Council of salary of the engineer brought from Auckland, during a stoppage caused by the scows resting on the bosom of the delightful mud flat of Matakana. The Chairman said Mr Hissibon must comply with the Council's instructions. Mr Todd said he was going to Auckland chiefly to see if metal orders could be secured in connection with concrete construction work.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The engineer's report stated that the sawmillers after considerable delay had submitted totara piles for the Sandspit wharf, but they had to be condemned. No others had been forthcoming so a price for manukau piles had been obtained. Some of the timber for the new Leigh Wharf had also been condemned, so far it has not been replaced with good timber. The delay in procuring timber had also affected the re-building of a bridge near Mr Mark Phillips'. Heford's bridge at Port Albert was satisfactorily completed. The spaulding of stone in Nobilo's quarry, North Albertland was complete and tenders would be called for knapping and carving. A tender was let for quarrying 400 yards of metal in Partridge's quarry, Port Albert, at 6s per yard. Pearnan's deviation on the Wellsford Valley road had been graded, and a grade of one in 24 secured. An agreement for a small deviation through T. I. Powell's land, North Albertland, had been secured. Several deviations could be carried out with advantage on the Mahurangi Heads road. The road to Ahuroa school was of such a nature as not to justify the expenditure of money thereon. Details of plans and specifications for the expenditure of grants which had been approved, were mentioned. In company with the Hoteo riding member, the Te Hana-Mangawai road had been inspected, and plans for next season's work arranged. The report was accepted on the motion of Mr Todd.

Mr Wyatt thought some provision was necessary to ensure tenders starting on their jobs soon after they were let. Beyond the arrival of some timber, nothing seemed to have been done in regard to building the new Leigh wharf, though the most of the contract time had expired. The engineer said the contractors stated that they would finish to time.

EXTENSION WANTED.

The Albertland South Road Board asked that the Council would extend boundaries of its district so as to include the Albert Outlying district. The chairman said a petition was requisite both from the ratepayers of the outlying district desiring to be transferred, and also from the ratepayers of the road district agreeing to receive them. Even then the Council had discretionary power. He for one was opposed to enlarging a road district. Mr Blair moved "That the Council deems it inadvisable to enlarge the boundaries of the Albertland South Road Board" seconded by Mr Schollum and carried.

TREES.

Mr Alon Vipond wished to purchase some kauri trees on the road at the back of his farm. The riding member was deputed to make a deal.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

The engineer submitted an estimate of the expenditure in the 1912-13 financial year. The rates struck for the year, to meet the expenditure from loan rates, and the expectancy of expenditure with road deviations, for the coming year, it was recommended to deduct a further ten per cent

leaving the estimated amount for expenditure from rate accounts at approximately £3000. In connection with the scheme of works to be submitted by riding members to next meeting, Mr Todd was not sanguine that the chairman's new proposal would work out. Mr Thomson replied, that the main advantage would be in connection with the engineer. His work could be better arranged, and should curtail travelling and at the same time give the Council more supervision.

THE BRIDGE RATE.

Mr McKenzie said he had fallen in. He had asked for the striking of a half-penny general and a half-penny separate rate in Hoteo riding, thinking there was still a farthing bridge rate to be imposed. There was no bridge rate, nor any provision to continue the placing apart of a portion of the general rate for bridge purposes. Mr Ross said the intention of the last council was to strike a bridge rate, but it was found that a vote of the rate-payers would require to be taken, so an extra farthing general rate was imposed for bridge purposes. Mr Todd said it was a year to year arrangement, and might be dropped this year and resumed again next year. Matakana was on its own. Mr Wyatt thought it would be a very unfair thing that some ridings should have to pay for benefits for other ridings, and then be denied help when their turn came. Mr Gubb said he would have preferred a solid loan to a bridge rate, but once a sum had been earmarked for bridges each riding should participate. Mr Shepherd said it could be easily adjusted, if it was determined not to proceed with a bridge fund by granting help to those ridings who had not benefited. The chairman said the only thing open was to give a notice of motion prior to next meeting dealing with the matter. Personally he thought a bridge fund should be limited to specific bridges, which were more than riding matters. Mr McKenzie said he would hand in a notice of motion before next meeting.

STORAGE OF METAL.

The clerk was directed to write to the new Minister of Railways asking for the storage of metal in the railway station yards during winter months.

DEFENCE ACT.

The late Minister of Defence wrote expressing his sincere thanks to the members of the council for their hearty commendation of his administration of the Defence Act. The letter concluded "I can assure you it is very gratifying for me to know that my actions as Minister of Defence have met with such approval from all parts of the Dominion."

NEXT MEETING.

Mr Ross moved "That the next meeting be held on August the 29th. Seconded by Mr McKenzie and carried.

Grape Juice

Says an authority, my attention was first directed to the sale of this beverage at the Pan American, where I noticed the large demand made for it in the various refreshment stalls. Having heard the statement made at various times in New Zealand that grape juice could not be manufactured as a beverage without fermentation, and knowing that this belief had deterred many settlers from cultivating the grape, I made enquiry as to the statement being correct or otherwise. The grape juice sold here is not a preparation or concoction, but is the simple unfermented juice of the grape. The process by which it is prepared is simple but effectual. Only the best selected grapes are used. They are gathered when fully ripe, everything defective being removed, and within twenty-four hours after being picked they are pressed on the spot where they are grown, and under a pressure of eighty tons. This pressure extracts all that is of value, leaving as a residue the skins, seeds, and fibrous pulp. The juice thus extracted is not bottled, but just heated sufficiently to bottle it air tight in glass. The best makers are careful to keep it free from contact with metal, and so it is heated in vessels lined with porcelain. One of the largest manufacturers has a storage capacity for over 200,000 gallons. During the present season one firm alone has produced and placed on the market about 150,000 gallons of bright, fresh, unfermented grape juice all pressed on the spot where the grapes were grown.

Many of the leading physicians speak highly of the beneficial effects of drinking the pure grape juice. One states that: "In no other form can the human organism absorb so large a quantity of blood purifying liquids with such a minimum of distressing after effects." Another says "The grape juice is 'vegetable milk' containing almost the same properties as mothers milk. Its retrogenous elements feed the nerve tissues of the brain and the body; its carbohydrates make rich red coursing blood, while its gluten and sugar properties strengthen the muscles and make flesh." By the case, this grape juice is sold at a reasonable rate. A case of three dozen half pint, or 8oz, bottles is sold for 34s; for two dozen one pint, or 16oz bottles, 26s; or for one dozen quart, or 32oz bottles, 25s per case. Many residents in the grape districts make a quantity for their own use, and they assure me that its keeping quality is good, and that it is a favourite beverage in their families. Those who have not the necessary facilities for keeping the grape juice airtight in ordinary bottles put it in Mason jars can secure it in the same way that they adopt for bottled fruit, the result being satisfactory.

For Children's Whooping Cough at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, is 6d, 2s 6d.

Garden Notes.

Make good sowing of peas, broad beans, onions, parsley, radish, turnip white stone or snowball, lettuce, cauliflower and cabbages. Potatoes may be safely planted on the higher ground. Transplant shrubs and plant fruit trees.

In the flower garden, plant roses, the queen of flowers. See to the pruning of established plants, next to a good mulching of cow manure for light soils, and stable manure for the heavy or clay soils, proper pruning is the most important operation. For the hybrid perpetual varieties a rather severe pruning is best. First, clear out all dead and straggling branches, and cut the clean strong growth back to 9 or 12 inches, the climbing rose will require totally different treatment. If for covering a wall or fence, encourage the young, strong, clean shoots, cut out the old, used up wood entirely and shorten back slightly branches that have done flowering.

Sow sweet peas, there is yet time. Put in cuttings of roses nine inches long, cut to a bud at each end, well ripened new wood, plant firmly five inches deep, add grit, shell, or sand to the soil; treat fuchsias same way.

If you are unable to keep weeds down, just pull them up, they must be got rid of; dig all vacant ground.

Garden Notes will be continued periodically and questions of general interest answered.

OLD EDONY.

Mullet Point.

(Own Correspondent.)

A very enjoyable entertainment was held in our schoolhouse on Wednesday night, July 10th, when a good number of our people took part in a varied programme, after which it was decided to hold Band of Hope meetings once a month, on the Wednesday evening, in each month previous to full moon. The following committee was elected:—Rev. Paris, president; Rev. Blundell, vice-president; Mr J. W. Moore, chairman of committee, and Messdames E. Kaapar, J. D. Algie and Miss J. Phillips, Messrs R. Goldsworthy junr., T. H. Scandrett, and G. Gill, with Mr F. Kaapar as secretary.

Mr Moore occupied the chair for the evening, and the programme was as follows:—

Hymn, 176; duet, "No Night There" Mrs Kasper and Mrs Algie; song, Mr C. Moore; song, Mrs S. Algie; dialogue, Miss Phillips and Mr Dawson; organ solo, Miss E. Phillips; song, Miss J. Phillips; reading, Miss Mela Moore; violin duet, Mr and Miss G. Goldsworthy; song, Miss Moore; reading, Mr Scandrett; song, Mrs Kasper; song, Miss J. Phillips; reading, Miss A. Phillips; trio, three Moores; song, Mrs S. Algie; violin duet, Mr and Miss Goldsworthy.

Leigh.

FOOTBALL.

(Own Correspondent.)

The Matakana footballers played Omaha, at Whangateau Domain, on Saturday, 13th, when the visiting team secured a win by nine points to three. Dances were held the same evening, in both Leigh and Dacre's halls.

SALE.

The property of Mrs Hadwick, at Coxhead's Creek, has recently changed hands, Mr Angus Neeley being the purchaser. Mrs Hadwick has removed to a cottage erected for her at the top of the old Wharf Road, Leigh.

DEATH.

Another blank has been made in our midst, through the death of Mrs R. H. Sadler, of Whangateau, on Tuesday, 16th inst. Acting on medical advice, Mrs Sadler was removed to town, but the operation performed by Dr. Savage was unsuccessful. The remains were removed from Auckland, and the funeral took place at Whangateau cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. Father O'Hara, of Puhou.

Kaipara Flats.

(By a Correspondent.)

The Kaipara Flats Flower Show Committee held a successful concert and dance in the Rutherford Hall on Friday night the 19th July. There was not much moon, but the night was bright and clear. This encouraged the good folk to roll up in a goodly number. The items given were numerous, and encores were requested, and given by several of the performers. Miss Shepherd's recitations brought down the house. "Wont you buy my pretty flowers" was a very pleasing item, and also the tableau of the Dirty Boy was a success. I think it sufficient to say that every performer gave much pleasure to the audience. The concert ended with "God save the King"; supper was served about twelve o'clock. The dancing was not over at 2 a.m.

The financial result will enable larger prizes to be given at the coming flower show.

Sufferers from Bronchitis have secured prompt and permanent relief by using "Nazol" Wunderloures have been effected by "Nazol" when other remedies have failed.

The Wool Clip.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND STATISTICS.

(Compiled by Dalgety and Co., Ltd.)

We have received a copy of Dalgety's Annual Wool Review for Australasia for the past season, published by Dalgety and Company, Limited, which is now in its fourteenth year of issue, and, as customary, appears to have been carefully written, while the statistics which relate to the whole of the Australasian sales are complete and comprehensive. There are a number of interesting facts given in the publication, the most prominent of which probably is that the value of the past season's wool production in Australia and New Zealand, for export, was 29½ millions sterling, as compared with 31½ millions sterling for the previous season, the difference in the value of the two clips being accounted for by the average value per bale in 1911-12 having been £11 15s 5d, and in 1910-11, £12 10s 4d.

A RECORD CLIP.

As was forecasted in Dalgety's last year's Annual Review, the Australasian clip exceeded that of the previous year which stood at the high water mark and was above the general average of excellence.

Actual overseas shipments of wool during the past twelve months have amounted to 2,020,547 bales (or 662,845,907 lb.) from the Commonwealth, and 493,368 bales (or 166,915,939 lb.) from New Zealand, a total of no less than 2,513,915 bales (or 829,761,846 lb.) valued at £29,591,874.

The total value of the 1,926,926 bales sold in Australasia has been £22,682,090, as against £23,346,602 in 1910-11.

AUSTRALASIAN SHEEP NUMBERS.

The flocks in Australia and New Zealand now total 117,011,654, having increased since last year's returns were published by the comparatively small number of 977,481 head. Sheep numbers have remained practically stationary during the past three years, but the figures are higher than during any period of the past 18 years, the previous record having been in 1891, when the total reached 124,991,920 head.

The smallness of the increase in recent years is largely attributable to the very large numbers which have been slaughtered for export and local consumption, and it is significant that the opinion is generally held that sheep numbers were, prior to the drought, quite as high as could with safety be carried in normal seasons.

There has been a general all round improvement in the larger flocks, and a very high standard has been reached especially in respect to merinos, a fact which will be appreciated when it is remembered that though there were many more sheep to shear, say 20 years ago, the clip shorn during the past season eclipses all previous records, while the weight cut per head is greater than in any country in the world without any deterioration in the wool, which comes an easy first, though it may not be so fine in quality as formerly.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

As regards the future, Dalgety and Company, Limited say that there are several factors which are likely to have an important bearing on the course of the wool market during the ensuing twelve months, the first of these being the certainty of diminished Australian wool production owing to the severe, though short, drought recently experienced throughout most of the woolgrowing district of the Commonwealth. Another is the great probability of a revision of the American wool tariff in favour of overseas wool growers, some pronouncement in respect to which may be expected after the Presidential election in November next. The third is the fact of favourable trade conditions generally, practically only affected at the present time by industrial troubles.

Summing up the position, as it affects wool producers, they are of the opinion that the ensuing Australasian clip will come on to a favourable market, and that there will be a strong demand from all sections of buyers at prices showing an improvement on the rates in force in the past season. The clip as a whole cannot be equal either in quality or condition to its predecessor, in addition to which it is inevitable that there will be a lighter cut per sheep, so that the enhanced values which it seems very likely will rule, should compensate growers to some extent for the drawbacks which we fear most graziers will experience.

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Yours truly, E. KEAY BROWN. 12

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