

Light Lines For Backblocks.

Engineers will always differ about the merits of a policy of light lines in a country such as New Zealand, remarks the "Post" especially as factors outside ordinary engineering may intrude. For example a line costing from £2000 to £3000 a mile, may be run through an area where settlement had been hindered by roadlessness or routes all run in summer and quagmire in winter. The line serves its purpose well; it provides a comparatively outlet and inlet for goods and passengers; it pays interest, sinking fund, and working expenses. The settlers have something immensely better than the old heartbreaking struggles with horses through the mud. But the line is light, the curves are sharp, the gradients are steep in places the average speed does not give palpation of the heart, there is no agitation for a change, to involve a large expenditure in laying heavier rails, cutting down curves and gradients, changing bridges and so on. This aspect of the case was frankly described by Mr. Ronayne, General Manager of Railways, when giving evidence at the Taupo Totara enquiry last year. Yet, even granting that district agitation for the betterment of a light line will occur, we admit that a strong case for these lines in some districts can be presented. Both the Premier and Minister of Public Works have spoken sympathetically, and no doubt their words do not rest wholly on the basis of laymen impulse. It must be assumed that they have a backing of expert opinion for special cases. It is a matter of calculation between the cost of a light railway and a road metalled well enough to retain a good surface in winter, and the advantage of the railway in quickness of transit has to be considered. The Government can do a good service by ordering estimates of relative costs of roads and lines, under all heads—first cost maintenance, and so on—for various districts, in which some improvement of means of communication is urgently necessary. The first principal of profitable settlement, that is settlement profitable to the country as a whole as well as to the individual, is as intelligent provision of transport facilities. To which we add—well stated—"Evening Post."

Waiwhiu.

(Own Correspondent).

SCHOOL TREAT.

The Waiwhiu school children's annual picnic and social was held on Saturday afternoon April 19th. The weather was all that could be desired, and a good number of parents, children and friends gathered to have a good time together, and to all appearances were successful. Games of various kinds followed one the other till tea-time. Tea was served in the school being done amply justice to. The evening was cleared for the evening. This was presided over by Phillips, and the way the acquitted themselves in the reflected great credit to and their popular teacher, Mr. J. J. Phillips.

The programme:-
 Sing me a song, Pupils;
 "Tough it never," Master;
 song, "Grow little Mush-"
 Miss Nellie Torkington;
 selection, "Old Com-"
 ation, "The House that"
 Miss Myrtle Phillips;
 "Sisters gone to Sleep,"
 tion, "The Mouse and"
 or Eric Russell; phono-
 jory of the Yankee"
 "Is there any room in"
 Ivy Phillips; phono-
 Colliers"; recitation,
 "The Slave's Dream,"
 Roy Russell; chorus, "Hast"
 father" Pupils; recitation,
 "I will talk," Miss Jessie Joyce;
 raph, "The Mocking Bird,"
 on, "When Mama was a little"
 Miss Edna Phillips; solo in
 or with chorus, "Please give"
 penny" Miss Ivy Phillips; recit-
 on, "Because," Master Herbert
 vedding; recitation, Miss Irene Joyce,
 orus, "Love at Home," Pupils;
 logue, "A great affair," Miss
 Phillips and Master Norman
 lips; solo, "Walking home with"
 geline," Mr. Buttons; violin solo,
 Sing me to Sleep," Mr. H. Smith;
 with organ solo, "The Maiden's"
 Mr. R. Grimmer; recitation
 "inkle, twinkle," Mr. Buttons en-
 The Cripple Boy"; solo,
 ways find your best friend is"
 Mr. T. Oakes, encoored,
 the blue for Jesus." Mr.
 he proposed a hearty vote
 Miss Slattery and scholars
 had helped to make the
 success, and in doing so he
 ne trouble they had had to
 bl, but the results so far had
 fied them in getting one and
 the parents to support the
 nevote was carried with cheers.
 ing of the National Anthem
 he musical part of the pro-
 And were all composed of trees.
 But if Mr Webster lived today
 He'd find a meaning now,
 For "Woods" to millions simply means
 The Woods Great Peppermint Cure.

Farewell to Tauhoa's "Grand old Man."

(Own Correspondent).

Feeling the weight of advancing years, Mr. J. I. Buckton, senr., has decided to leave the district he has served in very many capacities over a long series of years, and to make Auckland city his abode. The severance of his close connection with Tauhoa was marked by a complimentary dinner provided by the residents in their handsome hall on the evening of the 16th inst. The culinary skill of the ladies was fully evidenced on the loaded tables, and their taste was displayed in the decorations. Mr. S. F. Boler presided, and desired the large gathering to made the function a social evening party. When the growing appreciation of the various courses had reached the limit of full satisfaction, the Chairman proposed the toast of the "King," which was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Chas. Parker, one of the oldest settlers in the district, proposed the health of the guest, Mr. J. I. Buckton, senr. Mrs. Clark, in a few well chosen words, briefly referred to Mr. Buckton as the pioneer settler, he having settled here as far back as 1874, a period of almost 40 years, and stated that as a Councillor and member of the Road Board, Mr. Buckton had done splendid work, one and all who were present would agree with her when saying how highly he was spoken of, and that he had done his best during the long period he had been amongst them. Having paid a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Buckton, Mrs. Clark resumed her seat amidst applause. Mr. Chas. Walker on rising to speak, said he was sorry that the elder members of the party were so bashful, he knew they were anxious to say nice things, so he would give them time by adding a few words to what had been said. He was pleased to see so many present to entertain and farewell the guest, Mr. J. I. Buckton. A gentleman at his time of life will find more pleasure or at any rate more comforts in town than in the country. In Mr. Buckton's earlier pioneer life he would have been glad to know even where the roads were to be (said the speaker) when dealing with the road question, and congratulated him for the good work he had done during his long term of office as Councillor, and at the same time expressed his best wishes for a long and happy life. Mr. S. F. Boler presented Mr. Buckton on behalf of the settlers, with a beautiful ebony walking stick silver mounted and engraved with his initials. Mr. Boler said it was indeed a very pleasant function which he had the honour to perform. In making the presentation he said he did not hesitate to say that Mr. Buckton was looked upon generally as a "Grand old man," and had worked hard for the district. He could talk for an hour or more of the good things he had done. Mr. Buckton was one that could be relied upon, and was always willing and obliging, and he fully appreciated all the acts, zeal and energy in the hard work he had undertaken for Tauhoa. Mr. Boler went on to say that he had not always agreed with Mr. Buckton on Council matters, still they had never quarrelled but at all times agreed to differ. It must be very gratifying to him to see such a number seated round the table, which included a fair sprinkling of his own family who were also settlers in the district and he believed they lived in comfort and he hoped prosperity. They did not want to say farewell altogether as they hoped to see Mr. Buckton in the district on many occasions yet. He had much pleasure in presenting their guest with the walking stick on behalf of the settlers of Tauhoa and hope it will be with him many years. (Applause.)

Leigh.

(Own Correspondent).

FAREWELL TO MR AND MRS J. W. DARROCH.

The approach of the removal from the district of Mr and Mrs James W. Darroch, of Whangateau, led to a farewell social being held in the Whangateau Hall on 10th April. The weather was very favourable, which was fortunate, as the gathering numbered over two hundred, many of whom had to be accommodated outside. Dancing chiefly filled the evening, while between the dances musical items were rendered by Messdames P. Laycock and Lees, Miss Walton, and Messrs C. Ashton, O. Blundell and Lees. The principal items of interest, however, were the presentations to Mr and Mrs Darroch. Mr. H. E. Whittaker, on behalf of the settlers and Mr. J. E. Ashworth for the cricketers, presented respectively a handsome case of table silver and a beautiful silver tea service, with speeches eulogistic of the recipients many endearing qualities and good works which have made them the friends of so many. Messrs Roy. O. Blundell and J. Torkington added their quota of mingled praise and regret, and Mr. Darroch suitably responded. Supper was partaken of and dancing was continued until well into the morning. The M's.C. were Messrs C. Dunning and L. Whittaker, and Messrs J. E. Ashworth, H. E. Whittaker and M. Smith provided the music.

Mr and Mrs Darroch having sold their property here (the purchaser being Mrs C. Bond), have now left to drive through to the Waikato, where they will spend some months ere they finally settle down on the outskirts of Auckland.

CRICKET.

The Omaha cricketers played Matakana on Saturday, 12th inst, at Matakana, when they won by an innings and 26 runs. This is probably the last match of the season, as it is said the final match with Pakiri will not be played. The season has proved a wonderful one, and a record in many ways for Omaha. The teams have not once been beaten, either in an association or friendly match, and though in the seven association played, Omaha had only 8 innings altogether, the batting total is a record for any season, also a new record was made for the highest score for a single match. The Rodney batting score was broken on three occasions, the third being by W. Dunning with 161 not out, and the season's highest averages are:-W. Dunning 75, J. Torkington 40, E. Wyatt 34. The best bowling averages are C. Dunning 43, and J. Dunning 63. The team has therefore won the Association Cup, and C. Dunning and W. Dunning the association bats for best bowling and batting.

SHOW.

The Annual meeting of the Omaha and Pakiri Show subscribers was held in the Library, Leigh, on 13th inst, Mr A. Haskell being in the chair. The reading of the Balance Sheet was exceptionally satisfactory and showed a higher credit balance than the Association has previously possessed. A vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing committee and it was decided to hold the Show next year as usual, the following committee being elected; Messrs H. Birdsall, W. Clark, John Greenwood, A. Haskell, D. A. Matheson, S. Rhodes, H. Smith, S. Smith, and A. Wyatt. Subsequently Mr John Greenwood was elected chairman and Mr D. A. Matheson re-elected Secretary. The date fixed for the next annual show is 25th February 1914.

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taken in the function. Sundry musical items were given by Messdames Clark, Parker, Boler and Litten, Messrs Boler, Walker, de Montalk and Parker, also recitations by Messrs Boler and Strand. Mrs de Montalk kindly played all the accompaniments, a most pleasant function terminated by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

A Wedding at Big Omaha.

On Wednesday April 16th, Mr Warner Croker, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Croker of Matakana was united in wedlock to Miss Olive Smith, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Smith of Big Omaha. The bride wore a charming dress of champagne voile with real silk lace trimmings and the customary veil with orange blossoms. Miss Margaret Smith who acted as bridesmaid was attired in a dainty frock of white silk. At the appointed hour a large number of friends gathered from far and near to witness the ceremony which was conducted by Rev Oscar Blundell at the residence of the bride's brother Mr Seymour Smith. The pleasing function being concluded the guests sat down to a tasteful and sumptuous breakfast. Thereafter many good things were said of the happy young couple and kind wishes expressed for their future welfare.

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