

NATIONAL APPLE SHOW.

EXHIBITS FROM THIS DISTRICT.

GENERAL CHAT ABOUT APPLES.

The National Patriotic Apple Show opened in Dunedin yesterday. It is bound to attract attention, and give the apple-growing industry quite a boost.

Port Albert and Warkworth are among the districts represented at the Show. Others are Whangarei, Heleusville, Auckland suburbs, Tauranga, and Thames. These provide the Auckland provincial exhibit, which is in competition with five other provincial exhibits.

What is most necessary in connection with the apple-growing industry is to create a wider local demand for apples. That is, to hammer into the heads of all New Zealand families that there is something in the claim—"An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Apart from its usefulness as a stomachic, the apple is also a really good food. All superior apples, that are out for the top price in the local market, should be wrapped like those for export, and the wrappers should contain all sorts of recipes in which the apple largely figures—not forgetting apple steaks, for which the larger varieties are so suitable.

Although not nearly enough use is made of the apple, we think that in one branch of industry it is used a great deal too much. We refer to jam. To ask for a tin of jam made from a particular fruit, and find that it is half apple is not pleasing. No doubt apple and raspberry jam is alright, but if you do not want apple and raspberry jam, and you do want raspberry jam, content is not likely to result from the discovery that you have got the former and not the latter.

It seems difficult to get a jam which is not bumped out with apple. We question whether this helps the apple-growing industry. It is not at all unlikely that it may create a prejudice.

The subject is one worthy of discussion by Fruitgrowing Associations.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

A Y.M.C.A. social and dance is announced for next Wednesday.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Rodney Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall, on Saturday next, May 5th, at 2 p.m.

A Palmerston boy when asked why he was not at school, replied, "I object to going to school on the grounds of undue hardship and public interest."

All members of the Jewish persuasion in the camps, as far as possible were given leave from April 6th to 13, for the Jewish holidays and pass-over.

"I don't know what is going to become of Tarauaki," said Mr Mc Laren at the Military Service Appeal Board at Hawera. "It is deplorable the amount of sickness in the province, according to the statements of appellants before the Board." The chairman acquiesced

Says a New York paper:—Any young swain can say "good-night" to his fair lady in 15 minutes, the faculty of Barnard College for Girls believes. A sort of Dan Cupid time-table has been arranged by the faculty, and Barnard girls are now living and loving by schedule. Among the rules are: "Callers must go at 10.30, fifteen minutes extra for goodnights in the reception hall. No lowered lights when a man comes to call. Automobile rides are prohibited. Six inches of space must separate dancers"

SHOW JUDGING.

MORE COMMENTS.

THE SYSTEM GENERALLY UNSATISFACTORY.

The remarks in last issue on Show judging have attracted a great deal of attention, and are being discussed all over the district. We will hold space available for all who care to use the columns of the "R. & O. Times" to express their views.

The subject is one of the highest importance, in connection with our agricultural and pastoral industries—or, at any rate, can be made so—and there is no reason why this district should not after full consideration, and close threshing of details, evolve new methods that will commend themselves to the Dominion generally.

"What does The Best mean?—that is the whole thing," said a farmer to the "R. & O. Times," referring to the remarks in last issue. "Our present system of judging is absolutely farcical, if the animal really the best does not get the first prize in a class in which that prize is offered for The Best.

"A settler sends a cow to the Show this year and gets first prize; he sends the same cow next year and gets nothing. He does not know why he got first prize, and he does not know why he got nothing. How, then, is he guided in his farming?"

"Shows as at present conducted afford no real test of quality, and therefore fail in their purpose. Oh, yes, I would be willing to meet with others to discuss the whole question, with a view to seeing whether some beneficial alteration can be effected. Meantime I would like to thank the "R. & O. Times" for bringing these matters forward in such a prominent way. Reform and Progress are good watch-words. It is a double harness team alright."

The columns are open, friends. Go right ahead with the discussion.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

WARKWORTH.

The Householders met on Monday and after considerable discussion failed to elect a school committee.

KAIPARA FLATS.

At the meeting held at Kaipara Flats Mr R. E. Henderson was elected Chairman and Secretary, and Messrs E. Adolph, sen., E. Adolph, jun., and D.W. Adamson, and Alf. Gubb members of the Committee.

PUHOI.

The following were elected a committee:—Messrs John Schollum, jun., William Schollum, John Wenzlick, Albert Beyer, and Edward Schischka.

STREAMLANDS.

At Streamlands the following were elected a committee:—Messrs A. Phillips, H. I. Phillips, A. Toovey, F. Grimmer, and J. R. Blair.

BARTON'S CIRCUS RETURNS.

Barton's Circus, which did so well here on its last visit in March, is to pay a return. This will be on the 10th inst., when an entire change of programme will be presented. Puhoi will be played on the 11th.

WHANGATEAU.

(A Correspondent.)

BAD ROAD.

The road between here and Leigh is in a dreadful state. It was bad before the recent wet weather; now in one spot there is an absolute bog. It seems unlikely that it will be any better until next summer.

SHOOTING SEASON.

FIRST BAGS LIGHT.

The shooting season opened yesterday. The reports so far to hand mention only small bags.

Some of the best places in the district are specially reserved by their owners in order to afford friends from the City a bit of shooting, and no doubt when they are properly worked by the invited parties bags worth while will be secured. The birds will take sanctuary there from the places rushed on opening day, particularly if there is bush.

THE WAR.

TRENCH COMFORTS FUND.

Received towards Y.M.C.A. Trench Fund, per collectors as follows:—

- Miss Sarah Wilson £1-0-0.
- Mrs W. Wilson £6-2-6.
- Mrs Roydhouse £6-9-0.
- Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Jones £5-4-6.
- Mr G.W. Thomson (donation) £2.
- Total to date £20-16-0.

Two collectors' books still to come in.

A. TIPLADY,
Warkworth 1/5/17.

EXTENSION OF LEAVE.

Private Ross W. R. Pulham, of Matakana, has been granted extension of leave until May 29 in order to enable him to deal with his business.

HOME SERVICE.

J. F. Attwood, Warkworth, has been accepted for home service.

WOUNDED.

Whalen, Sylvester Lawrence, Te Hana.

A soldier was court-martialled at Trentham on Thursday. He was found guilty of insubordination and sentenced to 160 days' imprisonment with hard labour. Another man was found guilty at Featherston of deserting and losing equipment. He was sentenced to 96 days' hard labour. Thereafter he will be placed on a troop-ship.

RETURN VISIT.

Entire change of Programme.

BARTON BROS.

HUGE CIRCUS & BUCKJUMPERS

No Connection with any other Circus in the Dominion.

GRAND OPENING DATE.

THURSDAY, MAY 10th.

30—NEW STAR ARTISTS—30

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Special engagement of the Star Artists

Bubs—FREDO BROS—Lar.

Musical Acrobats and Patter Comedians.

You must see them to believe it.

—Including—

Aerial Gymnasts, Lady and Gentlemen

Riders, Acrobats, Tumblers, Equestrians,

Bounding Jockey Act,

Trick Horses and Ponies, all

new to New Zealand.

60---HORSES---60

New Acts, New Faces, New Features.

3—The Funniest of Clowns—3

3—The People's Favourites—3

THERE IS NOT A DULL

MOMENT.

Prices as Usual.

Street Parade, headed by a Full Brass Band, under the Baton of Mr McGuire

PUHOI FRIDAY May 11th.

PEOPLE'S POPULAR PICTURES.

Sat. May 5th, 1917.

A Magnificent Western Drama by the Lasky Co.,

THE GIRL of the GOLDEN WEST.

A Triumph of the Film World and other supporting subjects.

A HUGE PROGRAMME.

First Instalment of the Sensational Serial

"STINGAREE"

Will appear on Saturday, May 12th.

Rodney Chamber of Commerce.

Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting of the Rodney Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Warkworth Town Hall, on Monday, 7th May.

Special Business relating to preference etc.

J. BLAIR, Hon. Sec.

LOST.

STRAYED from my property, at Whangaripo, 4 full Romney and 3 Lincoln Rams, 4 and 6 tooth.

THOMAS HOULT.

MATAKANA EAST ROAD BOARD.

MESSRS JAMES YOUNG and H. G. MELVILLE, having been nominated as members of the Matakana East Road Board, and being the number required, I therefore declare them duly elected.

Signed,
I. G. WILSON,
Returning Officer.

April 30th, 1917.

Annual Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the School, on Saturday, May 5th at 2 p.m.

WARKWORTH ROAD BOARD.

Election of Members.

NOTICE is hereby given that THOMAS HARRIS EDWARDS being the only candidate nominated for East Ward, I hereby declare him to be duly elected a member of the above Board.

Extraordinary Vacancy.

THERE being no nominations received for the vacancy in the West Ward, an extraordinary vacancy is thereby created, and I hereby appoint Tuesday May 8th, 1917, at or before noon, as the day and time for receiving nominations for election of one Member to represent West Ward.

A. TIPLADY,
Returning Officer.

Council Chambers,
Warkworth, 2/5/17.

Annual Meeting.

THE Annual Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Council Chambers, Warkworth, on Saturday, May 5th, at 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Social & Dance

WILL be held in the Warkworth Town Hall on Wednesday, 9th May, at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds in aid of Y.M.C.A. War Funds.

Admission: Gents, 2/-. Ladies, 6d, and provide. Children 6d.

B. A. ANDERSON, Sec.