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**Section Commanders.**—Corporals M. D. Bree, D. O'Halloran, G. Fookes, R. Murdock.

**No. 2 Platoon.**

**Platoon Commander.**—Lieut. V. E. Kerr.

**Platoon Sergeant:** Sergeant A. Brodie.

**Section Commanders:** Corporals K. Fookes, J. Galbraith, F. Read, S. Cottier.

**No. 3 Platoon.**

**Platoon Commander:** Lieut. Leggat.

**Platoon Sergeant:** Sergeant G. R. Webb.

**Section Commanders:** Corporals L. Ennis, T. Fookes, J. Duffin, M. Fletcher.

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**Platoon Commander:** Lieut. F. J. Eggleton.

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**Section Commanders:** Corporals E. Gibson, S. Hutchen, T. Revell, T. Jones.

**No. 2 Platoon.**

**Platoon Commander:** Lieut. G. Johnson.

**Platoon Sergeant:** Sergeant Robertson.

**Section Commanders.**—Corporals H. Bellringer, K. Bleakley, A. Petty, T. Syme.

**No. 3 Platoon.**

**Platoon Commander:** Lieut. T. McDonald.

**Platoon Sergeant:** Sergeant Lysons.

**Section Commanders:** Corporals S. Bayly, C. Jackson, R. Bates, H. Olson.

**No. 4 Platoon.**

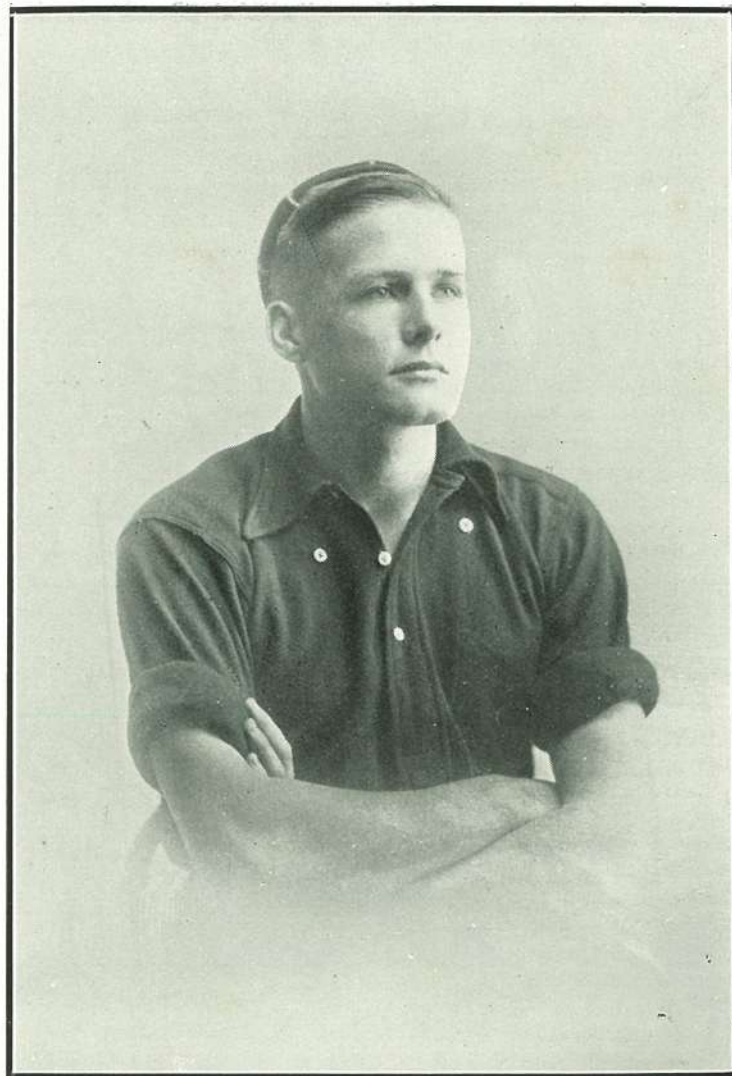
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## EDITORIAL.

(R. M. Dolby.)

THE recent highly successful reunion has again brought the Old Boys' Association to our notice. The large number of members present shows the lively interest of all concerned in the body to which they belong. It is easily seen that the Old Boys' Association is of great value not only to the individual members but also to the school. First, it keeps each Old Boy in communication with his old friends. This is most easily done by a reunion in which all can meet and renew acquaintances and the memories of old times. To the school, the connection with such an influential body of men cannot be otherwise than beneficial. Indeed, the great assistance which the Old Boys have rendered to the school is well known. The Association contributed materially to the fund for the construction of the Assembly Hall, they erected the Memorial Gates, and now they are well on the way to accumulate sufficient resources to build a gymnasium. It is to be hoped that the boys now at the school will, in their turn, prove as active supporters of the Association as the present members.

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It is a recognised fact that some form of religious instruction should be included in the curriculum of every school, certainly of every boarding school. Such teaching is intended to have literary value as well as to give moral instruction. At the present time a system of



teaching the Scripture has been inaugurated at the school. It is of course quite non-sectarian, consisting of ordinary Scriptural reading and explanations. It is hard to understand why the Bible, which has been described as "the most majestic thing in our literature and the most spiritually living thing we inherit," is so little studied from a literary standpoint. Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch has said that "the Authorised Version of the Holy Bible is as a literary achievement one of the greatest in our language; with the possible exception of the complete Works of Shakespeare, the very greatest. The Bible—more deeply than all the writings of Shakespeare—far more deeply—has influenced our literature." Considering this, it is to be hoped that the teaching of Scripture will be carried on for this purpose as well as for the great moral benefits it should give.

A question which must necessarily confront boys who intend to take one or two years of post-matriculation work at the school, is whether to study for a section of their degree or for a university entrance scholarship. An objection to the latter course is that the scholarship, if gained, does not pay more than half the expenses incurred at the University, and so, many boys would not, even then, be able to afford the necessary outlay. Another consideration is the fact that after passing the matriculation examination, one or probably two years are spent before the degree course is actually commenced. This loss of time may in some cases be a very important factor. The examination results in recent years have shown that valuable work may be done at school, where two sections of the B.A. degree may be gained. For boys with limited means it is certainly better to take this course, and the third section of the degree may be gained after the student has left school and has entered some occupation. In the case of those who intend to enter the teaching profession this system is very useful, and, upon the completion of two years after passing matriculation, the training college course may be entered upon with more benefit. In many cases the boy who is doing Degree work at school is engaged in work as useful and as important as that done by a scholarship student; it is certainly more useful than the work done by a boy who simply spends another year at school after matriculation has

been passed; but, whereas a student in each of the latter cases is eligible for a higher leaving certificate the Degree student is not. This seems hardly fair to the boys concerned and thus it is to be hoped that the conditions for a higher leaving certificate will be extended to embrace Degree students.

It is unnecessary to stress the great value of swimming both as a physical exercise and as a means of saving life. No one can dispute the necessity for such instruction in schools, for in many instances lives have been lost where they might have been saved were a knowledge of swimming and life-saving more general. It is pleasing to note that at the school every facility is given to pupils to gain proficiency in these arts. This is clearly shown by the satisfactory results which have been obtained this season by boys from this school. In life-saving a large number of boys were successful in the elementary, proficiency, and bronze medallion stages. In long distance swimming 224 pupils entered and swam distances varying from 100 yards to over four miles. Finally, at practically every carnival held in Taranaki, school boys have secured high places. Such a record shows that great credit is due to the instructor as well as to the boys themselves for their keenness in this branch of sport.

It is with deep regret that we read of the sudden death of Mr. T. Furlong, who was an old boy of the school and had always maintained his interest in it. Mr. Furlong took a prominent part in public affairs in New Plymouth, and was specially active with regard to the repatriation of soldiers. He was a member of the local board and never spared himself in helping to settle down again to private life those men who had been to the front. He gave an example of public spirit which is one of the most valuable qualities which should be acquired at a public school. His death will be felt as a severe loss to the many old boys and others with whom he was associated in connection with the school.



## BREAKING-UP CEREMONY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

### A RECORD YEAR.

The Assembly Hall was crowded to overflowing on the evening of Friday, December 14, on the occasion of the annual breaking-up ceremony and prize distribution. Mr. L. A. Nolan, chairman of the Board of Governors, presided; and associated with him on the platform were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson), Colonel C. W. Melvill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Rev. E. H. Strong, Dr. Fookes, Messrs. S. G. Smith, M.P., E. P. Webster, A. E. Washer, J. S. S. Medley, C. H. Wynyard, W. H. Moyes (principal) and members of the staff. The Mayoress was presented with a handsome bouquet of pink arum lilies and maiden-hair fern.

Proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem. The school prizes were presented by Colonel Melvill, and the sports trophies by Mrs. Wilson.

### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The chairman, after apologising for the absence of Messrs. Sladden, Atkinson, Eaves and Billing, extended a cordial welcome to all present.

He then went on to refer to changes during the year in the personnel of the Board of Governors. The vacancies created by the resignation of Messrs. J. S. Fox, H. Trimble and A. Morton had been filled by Messrs. H. Billing, H. J. Eaves and J. S. S. Medley.

During the course of his address he mentioned valuable additions to the school buildings. The new laundry block and two new class rooms had supplied urgently needed requirements.

In outlining the year's record Mr. Nolan considered that year had been the most successful in the school's history. Both scholastically and athletically the year's efforts had been attended with remarkable success. Four scholarships had been won in the school, but even more pleasing was the outstanding success of "old boys" at all four universities. The school's cricket, football, and

shooting teams had all been successful. In shooting, a fine record had again been put up in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition and the Governor-General's trophy had been won. With regard to football he heartily congratulated the school on winning and retaining the Moasear Cup.

During the course of the year the Board of Governors had waited on the Minister of Education, the Hon. C. J. Parr, to bring before him the need for providing more boarding accommodation. As a result of the conference a scheme, smaller than the scheme submitted, was under consideration. A grant of £150 had been made for carrying on the work in the gully. The Minister had been pleased to notice the efforts made by the Old Boys' Association to raise funds for the building of a school gymnasium. When their fund reached £1000 he would be prepared to grant Government assistance.

Mr. Nolan, in alluding to the efforts made by the Old Boys' Association in connection with anything that was concerned with the welfare of the school, considered it to be undoubtedly a great power for good.

He then made reference to the proposed amalgamation of the High School and Technical College. He believed it was likely to take place next year. Such an amalgamation would be beneficial. It would not mean that the High School would lose its individuality, nor did it mean any loss of tone, but they would eventually have a fully equipped school by the addition of wood-working and engineering shops, a real want at present.

In conclusion Mr. Nolan paid a high tribute to Mr. Moyes and his staff, remarking that there was probably no better staffed school in New Zealand than the New Plymouth Boys' High School.

### HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster, Mr. W. H. Moyes, in presenting his report said it was pleasing to be able to report that the past year had been one of the most successful in the history of the school. The school had opened with a roll number of 391, made up of 319 upper school and 72 preparatory pupils. The total roll for the year had been



404. The boarding accommodation, which made provision for 150 boarders, had been fully utilised. In addition to boarders from all parts of Taranaki, boys in residence had come from Fiji, Christchurch, Wellington, Tauranga, Auckland, Hamilton, Bay of Plenty, Wanganui, Taumarunui, Hunterville, Te Aroha, Taihape, Masterton, Waipawa, Palmerston North and Te Kuiti. It was gratifying to note that the increased roll number had placed the school a grade higher on the departmental list, thus enabling two extra assistants to be included on the staff, which then consisted of twelve full-time assistants in the upper school and three in the lower.

Mr. V. E. Kerr, B.A., Mr. T. M. McDonald, M.A., and Mr. M. Fowler, B.Sc., had joined the teaching staff during the year. As all three were residential the difficulty of adequate supervision in the houses had been overcome, and conditions were again similar to those that obtained before the war. In the early part of the year Mr. H. Calder, B.A., and Mr. J. McMahon were appointed to temporary positions on the staff and remained at the school until the end of the first term.

#### EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

In the annual examinations the successes gained by pupils of the school were in every way creditable. R. W. Bellringer won a University National Scholarship, and A. Brodie, J. Brodie and A. W. Griffin gained Taranaki Scholarships. Twenty-two boys passed the Matriculation and the Accountants' Preliminary Examinations, while fifteen gained partial passes. A Senior National Scholarship was won by C. H. Strombom.

A pleasing feature of the year's work was the success achieved by post matriculation pupils, who had remained at school to take degree work. R. Robertson, P. Mitalfe and W. Alexander were successful in passing the terms examination for the first section of the B.A., and also passed the terms examination for the second section of the same degree. In addition to these successes, L. Dinmiss gained the first section of the LL.B.

He went on to say that many parents still failed to realise the great benefit to be derived by their boys, from a year at the school after the matriculation had been passed.

The work done in the preparatory department reflected great credit on those responsible for this section of the school. Twenty-two boys entered for the examinations, and of these seventeen gained proficiency, three gained competency, and one failed. Some indication of the work done could be gleaned from the Inspector's report, which was particularly good.

#### SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

In the football field the school had done particularly well, defeating Wanganui College, Auckland Grammar School, Te Aute College and the Palmerston North High School and winning the Moascar Cup. As the cup contests had created a good deal of interest throughout New Zealand, Mr. Moyes thought it might be as well to define the attitude of the school towards that competition. The school felt that competitions could be overdone, but considered that no harm should result from a competition merely because the award of a trophy was attached to it. They felt too, that many of those who professed to be strongly opposed to the contest in connection with that particular trophy were not consistent in their attitude, for they apparently had no objection to inter-collegiate contests in shooting, cricket, and military drill, for which trophies were awarded. He considered, however, that the conditions under which some of the challenge trophies were awarded were becoming unwieldy, and that as they placed too great a strain on the schools concerned it was more than probable that the school would in the future be compelled to drop out of some competitions, in which it had hitherto engaged with marked success. In spite of the fact that some people asserted that Rugby was exerting a demoralising effect on those enthusiasts who followed it up, he said that as far as school football was concerned, it was still what it had always been—a clean, healthy, manly game, developing all that was best in those who played it.

In cricket also the school had had a successful year. The first eleven had competed in the senior grade competition and had given a good account of itself. The annual match against Wanganui College, which had been played on the local school's ground, had resulted in a win for the school. He was pleased to say that amongst



the pupils, cricket was becoming almost as popular as football.

Shooting had been taken up with great enthusiasm. In the 1922 Imperial Challenge Shield competitions, results of which came to hand in the early part of the year, the school with nine teams had scored an average of 93.3, the highest unit average for the Empire. In the 1923 competition, owing to changes in the regulations, as a result of which every eligible boy had to take part, 36 teams, comprising 316 boys, had had to be entered. In that competition the school had again won the trophy presented by his Excellency the Governor-General; 1911 teams had entered. New Plymouth Boys' High School had gained 14th place for the Empire and top place for New Zealand. In the Christchurch Press Shield Competition, results of which were not yet to hand, the school had gained 670 points out of a possible of 680. In the area rifle meeting, O. Rainger had won the senior championship for the district and M. Lysons had won the junior championship for Cadets under 17. The chief event of the year in connection with shooting, had been the visit of Viscount Jellicoe to present in person the trophy he had donated for the most efficient shooting school in the Dominion.

Throughout the year regular classes in swimming and life-saving had been conducted at the baths. Six boys had gained honorary instructors' certificates, 7 had gained teachers' certificates, 33 had gained bronze medallions, 92 were granted certificates of merit, 164 were awarded certificates of proficiency, and 184 gained elementary certificates. In addition to this three boys were appointed examiners to the North Taranaki Head Centre Royal Life-Saving Society, and H. Hawkins was the winner of the Flannagan Cup awarded for long-distance swimming.

#### SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

The aim throughout the year had been to subordinate the examination aspect and to ensure the all-round development of the pupil. An attempt had been made to co-ordinate the history throughout the school, though that had been rendered difficult owing to the variety required by the various examinations. In the main, the



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C. Strombom, D. M. McLean, R. Dolby, M. Robertson, D. O'Halloran, G. Webb.  
E. Gibson, J. Paterson, D. Mackay, S. F. Fookes (Head Boy), W. Alexander, B. B. Mahraj, M. Lysons.  
E. Mason, T. Fookes, G. Grant.



history had been taught with a view to the training of citizens rather than with the purely examination objective.

In the language work it had been recognised, as in former years, that the mother tongue was of supreme importance. Greater stress had been laid on the mastery of comprehension and expression, hence considerable time had been devoted to literature.

Mr. Moyes made special reference to the work of the school orchestra and paid a special tribute to Mr. Dobson, resident music master, and to E. Lomas, a pupil of the school, who had acted as conductor for the orchestra.

Mention was made of the successful inauguration of a special school service at St. Mary's on Sunday mornings. Those services had been conducted by the Rev. E. H. Strong, whom he thanked sincerely for the great interest he had taken in the welfare of the boys.

He wished to convey to the Old Boys' Association his sincere appreciation of their continued interest in the school. The handsome memorial gates afforded tangible evidence of their loyalty and activity.

It was with deep regret that he had to refer to the death of two old boys, Mr. J. E. Wilson and Mr. R. M. Rockel, who had been closely connected with the school. Mr. Wilson had at one time been a member of the Board of Governors, as well as president of the Old Boys' Association. In Mr. Rockel the school had lost a staunch supporter from amongst its younger Old Boys. To the relatives of both of these old boys he extended his deepest sympathy.

Mr. Moyes wished to extend his sincere thanks to all those who had helped the school during the year. He mentioned particularly Mr. List, for essay prizes; Mr. W. H. Skinner and Mr. Osborne for cricket bats; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan and Messrs. Washer, Atkinson, Fox, Webster and Collier, for school prizes; those who had contributed to the school sports fund and all those who had supplied cars for the use of visiting school teams. He also expressed appreciation of the help and assistance given him by the Board of Governors, and of the help and loyalty of his staff.



## COLONEL MELVILL'S ADDRESS.

Colonel Melvill, in the course of a short address, said that ever since he had first come to New Plymouth, some four years previously, he had had a warm spot in his heart for the Boys' High School. Speaking as a soldier he said he had marked particularly the keenness and ability of the Cadet company. As a sport he had followed with interest the school's success on the cricket and football field. To those boys who had won prizes, he offered his hearty congratulations and to those leaving he stressed the importance of strengthening the influence of the Old Boys' Association—personally he still belonged to his old association—and urged them to remember that the reputation of the school was in their hands.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Colonel Melvill presented the school prizes and the Mayoress afterwards presented the sports trophies. The school prize list was as follows:—

**Preparatory School.**

Form Ib.—First prize, T. Le May.

Form Ia.—First prize, J. Fairbrother.

Form I.—First prize, H. Law.

Form IIb.—First prize, P. Fairbrother.

Form IIa.—First prize, N. Brookman.

Form II.—First prize, S. Allhusen; second prize, J. D. Duigan.

Prizes for best kept agricultural plot (presented by Messrs. Washer, Atkinson, Webster, Nolan and Fox).—First, A. Washer; second, G. Simons.

**Upper School.**

Form IIIc.—First in form, H. George; first in mathematics and science, L. Rowe.

Form IIIe.—First in form and first in languages, W. E. Parrott; second in form and second in languages, F. L. Crudis; first in mathematics and science, J. S. Stronge; second in mathematics and science, J. W. Davidson.

Form IIIb.—First in form, G. MacDiarmid; second in form and second in languages, R. O'Dea; first in mathematics and science, A. Berryman.

Form IIIa.—First in form, first in mathematics and first in languages, H. B. Latter; second in form and second in languages, R. J. Carey; second in mathematics and first in history, P. G. Grover.

Agricultural Prize.—R. Forsyth.

Commercial Prize.—Form III., J. E. Warner, G. S. Anderson.

Form IVc.—Form prize, N. S. MacDiarmid; mathematics and science, G. A. Corney; first in history and second in geography, C. S. Collins.

Form IVb.—First in form, first in languages, second in mathematics, J. K. O'Dea; second in languages and first in geography, J. H. Sutton; first in mathematics and science, A. H. Sampson.

Form IVa.—First in form, first in languages, C. G. Calvert; second in form, first in mathematics and science, E. Fauchelle; second in mathematics and science and first in drawing, A. E. Read; second in languages, G. L. Wells; first in history and second in geography, E. Tonks; agriculture prize, R. Buick; commercial prize, E. G. Harman.

Form Vc.—First in form and first in languages, H. H. Brown; first in mathematics and science, P. H. Carman.

Form Vb.—First in form and first in mathematics and science, C. H. Strombom; second in form and first in languages, W. J. Mountjoy; second in mathematics and science, C. E. Baunton.

Form Va.—First in form, first in languages and first in mathematics and science, J. L. Simcock; second in form and second in languages, L. Christie; second in mathematics and science, R. M. Robertson; agriculture prize, A. D. Guy; commercial prize, J. Paterson.

Form VIb.—Form prize, G. R. Webb.

Form VIa.—First in form and first in languages, H. I. McIvor; second in form and first in mathematics and science, R. M. Dolby.



Music Prize (presented by H. Collier and Co.).—G. MacDiarmid.

Taranaki Daily News Prizes for Essays on New Zealand History.—Senior: First, H. I. McIvor; second, S. F. Fookes. Junior: First, H. L. Garner; second, G. L. Wells.

Bendall Memorial Prize for English Literature.—H. I. McIvor.

White Memorial Prize for an Essay on an Imperial Subject.—J. Lysaght.

Head Boy's Prize.—H. W. Brown.

Dux of the School.—H. I. McIvor.

#### ATHLETIC SPORTS PRIZES.

Old Boys' Trophy and Pewter, winner of Senior Championship, and Mr. Greiner's Gold Medal.—J. D. Mackay.

Junior Championship Cup, winner of Junior Championship, and Silver Medal.—L. C. Holmes.

Bennett Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Under 14 Championship, also first in 100 yards under 14, first in 75 yards under 14.—A. S. Allhusen.

Carter Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Under 12 Championship, also first in 50 yards under 11, first in 100 yards under 12, first in 50 yards under 12, first in 150 yards under 12, H. L. Thomson.

Moyes Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Under 10 Championship, also first in 100 yards under 10, first in 75 yards under 10.—G. B. Saunders.

Noakes Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of 120 Yards Senior Hurdles, also first in Long Jump Senior, first in Throwing Cricket Ball Senior.—J. D. Mackay.

Beekbessinger Cup, winner of 100yds. Junior Championship.—L. C. Holmes.

Harman Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of 440yds. Junior Handicap.—J. F. Telford.

Fookes Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Mile Senior.—D. M. Wilson.

Bothamley Cup, winner of 440yds. Junior Championship.—L. C. Holmes.

Mason Memorial Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of 880yds. Senior.—J. D. Mackay.

1911 Steeplechase Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of Senior Steeplechase.—E. A. Bowen.

Bryce Cup, fastest time Senior Steeplechase.—D. M. Wilson.

Noakes Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of Junior Steeplechase and fastest time Junior Steeplechase.—D. R. Parkin.

Old Boys' Shield, winner of 440yds. Senior Championship.—J. D. Mackay.

Pridham Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of Old Boys' Race.—Mr. L. B. Webster.

First 75yds. under 10, first 50yds. under 10.—T. A. Thomson.

Equal Fastest Time Junior Steeplechase.—M. Rogers.

First Long Jump Junior.—S. Cottier.

First 75yds. under 12.—O. Clarke.

First 880yds. Junior.—F. Davis.

First High Jump Junior, first 120yds. Hurdles Junior.—C. Collins.

First 440yds. Senior Handicap, first 220yds. Open, first 100yds. Senior.—C. Gilmour.

First High Jump Senior.—H. A. Innull.

First 100yds. under 15.—R. Taylor.

First 150yds. Open.—T. C. Fookes.

First 100yds. Junior.—J. Warner.

First Three-legged Race.—F. Read and H. Knuckey.

First Potato Race over 14.—J. Ogle.

First Potato Race under 14.—S. Batger.



First Sack Race.—D. Hetherington and J. Hetherington.

First Mile Junior.—L. Tuffery.

First 220yds. under 14.—H. K. Gruszning.

First Throwing Cricket Ball Junior.—W. Brewster.

First Invitation Race.—M. Gray.

#### SHOOTING PRIZES.

Searle Cup and Pewter, winner of Miniature Range Senior Championship.—W. E. Alexander.

Hamblyn Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Under 16 Championship.—M. Lysons.

Loveday Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Under 15 Championship.—J. Medley.

McLeod and Slade Cup and Silver Medal, winner Under 14 Championship.—R. Lawrence.

Kelly Memorial Cup and Silver Medal, Long Range Highest Score Devenish Shield.—T. Syme.

MacDiarmid Belt and Pewter, Long Range Championship.—H. W. Brown.

Lady Godley Cup, 25yds. .303 Senior Classfiring Championship.—W. E. Alexander.

Lady Godley Cup and Silver Medal, 25yds. .22 Junior Classfiring Championship.—W. M. Groombridge.

Cadet Cup, Best N.C.O.—H. W. Brown.

#### SWIMMING PRIZES.

Sykes Memorial Cup and Pewter, winner of Senior Championship.—H. Hawkins.

Junior Championship Cup and Silver Medal, winner of Junior Championship.—C. Tate.

Fox Cup and Replica, winner of Under 14 Championship.—G. S. Anderson.

Smith and Easton Cup, winner of Life-Saving Competition.—F. B. Blundell.

Flannagan Cup and Replica, winner of Open Sea Swimming.—H. Hawkins.

O'Halloran Shield, winners of Relay Race.—Form III. (J. Law, E. Wigg, S. Black, G. S. Anderson).

#### SWIMMING PRIZES (MEDALS).

First 100yds. Open, first 33 1-3yds. Open.—E. Bowen.

First 33 1-3yds. Preparatory Race.—D. Hetherington.

First 66 2-3yds. Open.—C. Tate.

First New Boys' Race.—W. R. Rawson.

First Learners' Race.—T. Morgan.

First Breast Stroke.—G. Sutherland.

First 66 2-3yds. Preparatory Race.—A. Hutchen.

First Back Stroke.—G. Saunders.

First Diving for Plates.—W. Penman.

First Greasy Boom.—A. Fookes.

First 25yds. under 14.—R. Panekhurst.

First 220yds. Open.—J. Ogle.

First Open Dive.—A. Petty.

First Awkward Entry.—E. Gibson.

First Ribbon Dive.—R. Murdoch.

First Corfu Dive.—J. Penman.

First Long Plunge.—C. Robb.

First Old Boys' Race.—D. Sykes.

#### BOXING TROPHIES.

Lepper Memorial Cup and Chaney Cup, winner of Senior Championship.—E. D. Gibson.

Kidd Memorial Cup and Nolan Cup, under 11st. Championship.—L. Ennis.

Chivers Cup and Mrs. Nolan's Cup, under 10st. Championship.—W. A. Brodie.

Bennett Medal and Bronze Medal, under 9st. Championship.—R. Fletcher.



Bennett Medal and Bronze Medal, under 8st. Championship.—J. Beaven.

Bronze Medal, under 7st. Championship; Kenny Gold Medal, most scientific boxer.—H. F. Fookes.

Bronze Medal, under 6st. Championship.—W. Carter.

Bronze Medal, under 5st. Championship.—V. S. Madgwick.

### LAWN TENNIS.

Candy Cup and Bronze Medal, winner of Singles Tennis Championship.—J. T. Shaw.

Bayly Medal for Winner of 1922 Bayly Memorial Scholarship.—P. G. Grover.

An order for £1 1s by an anonymous donor for wicket-keeping in Wanganui match.—H. P. Mitealfe.

### THE MAYOR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The Mayor, in congratulating the school on its success, said that he felt he would be failing in his duty if he did not take a keen interest in and attend the functions of an institution which was becoming an important factor in the progress of the town. If that year were the high water year of the school it was up to the boys who were remaining to keep the tide in. Those who were leaving he advised to apply to their lives, the standard of conduct and the rules of the game they had learnt at their school.

During the evening selections were rendered by the school orchestra under the conductorship of E. Lomas; the boys sang the "Land of Hope and Glory" and the stirring school song "Forty Years On."

The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.





FIRST ELEVEN, 1924.

Oakley Studio, N.P.

A. Petty, S. Cottier, R. Fletcher, D. McLean, C. Strombom, G. Grant, E. Mason.  
J. Palmer, D. Mackie, W. Alexander (captain), B. B. Mahraj, K. Fookes.



## HOUSE NOTES.

(E. B. Mason and D. C. O'Halloran.)

On February 6 once again the long quiet in the boarding houses was broken by the boisterous arrival of the returning boarders.

There have been several alterations in the staff since our last issue. Mr. Fowler left us at the end of last year and we tender him our congratulations on his marriage. We are extremely sorry to have lost after an all too brief stay, Mr. Saxton, who filled a temporary vacancy on our boarding staff, and we wish him the very best of success in his journalistic career. Mr. Dyer also joined our boarding staff at the beginning of the year, but on the arrival of Mr. R. C. Wilson and Mr. J. Leggat, he became a day master. We extend a hearty welcome to these masters and sincerely hope that their stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.

We are very glad to again have the Rev. Strong to conduct each Sunday morning at St. Mary's, the special chapel service which he inaugurated last year. We take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for his efforts in making this service such a great success.

For the first two or three weeks the new boys wore the usual woeful, timid look, but when they had been duly initiated, they began to look on life as more pleasant, though no doubt disturbed by the unspeakable dread of the new boys' concert looming ahead.

During the term one of our house masters, who has evidently partaken of "Champion" flour extensively, startled fifty youths who were imprudent enough to talk before grace at the commencement of tea, by kindly giving "one all round." Next night complete silence reigned.

For one week during the term, the whole school was under canvas on the racecourse, when we had a taste of barrack life. The youthful soldiers entered most zealously into the camp work, and, by the time "lights out" sounded, were quite ready to sleep even on paliasses. On the whole, the camp was a great success in every way, and we were lucky in having fine weather throughout.



During the heavy gale in March a calamity occurred in the kitchen, where the chimney collapsed. Many of the smaller boys were rather apprehensive, but after two or three days of cold fare, a temporary chimney was erected. The permanent chimney built since has been called by one master the "War Memorial," and judging from its size, the name is a very appropriate one.

Another calamity occurred on the night of the gale. A certain valiant master, while braving the elements to investigate the chimney disaster, was somewhat roughly handled by the south wind. Indeed, his hat was so quickly whisked from his head, that before he could recover from his surprise it was gone for ever.

This year there are no available tennis courts at school, so that we have been unable to play. Courts do not grow by themselves and masters cannot be expected to make them, consequently the state of the courts depend on the enthusiasm of the boys.

One dark night as the hour was approaching midnight, one of the prefects, noticing a light burning in one of the junior class-rooms, decided to investigate. On opening the door he found a youth, clad in pyjamas, assiduously "swotting," and was greeted with "Where are the other boys?" The trembling senior, having realised that the apparition was a somnambulist and not a ghost as he had feared, led the energetic student back to bed.

On March 18 the First Eleven left, full of confidence, for Wanganui, but returned with their hopes shattered and broken. Nevertheless, they profess to have had a most enjoyable time.

In prep. one night a certain student, Frank, asked the prefect in charge, "How many cents in a franc?" The wit of the class immediately responded, "There is no sense in a Frank." The pun was not apparent to all, for one youth, evidently of Scotch descent, burst into loud laughter after the lapse of some minutes.

The headmaster remarked at prayers one morning that he did not want the "nippers" to cut the bamboos and leave the remains lying about. It has since been discovered that one of our diminutive prefects was in the

habit of so doing and thus he has since been dubbed "Nipper."

The swimming sports were held at the beginning of the term and in preparation for this, the boarders spent most of their free time at the various beaches, the baths and the river. As a result, the success of the boarders was most pronounced in the local carnivals. At first the number of entries from the boarders was extraordinary, but when they discovered that they were expected to do their preparation in addition, many lost interest in aquatics.

Football started two weeks before Easter and we are looking forward to a successful season. A practice match was played against Tukapa juniors on the Saturday preceding Easter, and, considering the amount of training the fifteen had done, school did very well. On Easter Saturday a seven-a-side team went to the Kaponga tournament and played very creditably. We might add that the eight comprising the team and emergency were boarders.

We now have some strange music pupils. Our pugilistic friend, "Hoot," is making rapid progress and his masterpiece is "Home, Sweet Home." A certain master is also doing quite nicely with his five-finger exercises, while "Cully," who is becoming quite accomplished, when asked why he was allowing his hair to grow so long, confidently replied, "Oh! it's more like a musician's, don't you know?"

Boarders were delighted with an incident which one day occurred in class. The effect of "irony"—where the opposite of what is intended is said—was being explained by the master. A small boy put up his hand. "Please, sir, I know an occasion where irony had the opposite effect to what was intended." "All right, let us hear it," was the reply. "Well, please sir, last night at tea the boarders were making a lot of noise and Mr. — said, 'Go on, make a bit more noise!' and, please sir, they did."

We have had two very interesting lectures this term. Mr. Stevens showed us some fine slides of South America and the nitrate deposits. We take this opportunity of



thanking him. Rev. Strong also gave a lecture, accompanied by some very fine slides of the Holy Land; we heartily thank him for this enjoyable entertainment.

Considerable amusement was afforded the school by the tricks and juggling of Mr. Jackie Fisher, who called during the term.

### THE ROLL, 1924.

The roll now stands at 438, of whom 175 are boarders. In the Upper School there are 365 boys, of whom 139 are boarders; in the Lower School the numbers are 73 and 36 respectively. The following is the complete roll:—

#### FORM VI. A.

\*Alexander, W.  
Bree, M. D.  
Baunton, C.  
Dolby, R. M.  
Fookes, S. F.  
Galbraith, J.  
Jackson, C. L.  
Lysons, M. C.  
\*Mackay, D.  
McLean, D. P.  
Robertson, M.  
Shaw, C.  
Smith, G. L.  
\*Strombom, C.  
\*Watts, L. B.  
Webb, G.

#### FORM VI. B.

Bates, R. W.  
Bellringer, H. E.  
Crawshaw, H.  
Duffin, H. J.  
\*Gibson, E. D.  
\*Grant, D. G.  
\*Mason, E. B.  
Moverley, A.  
\*O'Halloran, D. C.  
Thomson, H.

#### FORM V. A.

Bailey, T. L.  
\*Barak, V. S.  
Benjamin, C. B.  
Brodie, W. A.  
\*Buick, R. F.

Calvert, C. G.  
Cartwright, G. A.  
\*Cooper, S. G.  
\*Fauchelle, E.  
Fookes, T. C.  
Garner, H. L.  
Groombridge, W. M.  
\*Harman, E. G.  
Hoby, B. W. G.  
Hutchen, S. W.  
\*Hutchinson, J. M.  
\*Jones, T. O.  
Leech, E. M.  
\*Mahraj, B. B.  
Medley, J. S.  
\*O'Dea, J. K.  
\*Olson, H. F.  
\*Read, A. E.  
Robertson, D.  
Sampson, A. N.  
\*Saunders, G. I.  
\*Silson, T. F.  
\*Syme, T.  
Thomas, J. H.  
\*Tiplady, S. A.  
Tonks, E. W.  
Tuffery, L. B.  
\*Wells, G. L.  
\*Westerman, J. C.

#### FORM V. B.

Bayly, G. S.  
Bleakley, K. W.  
Broome, D. I.  
Brown, H. H.  
\*Brugh, J.  
\*Buckeridge, J.

\*Carman, P. H.  
\*Fletcher, M.  
\*Fookes, A. C.  
Fookes, G. R.  
Fookes, K. F.  
Ford, N. F.  
Geddes, M.  
\*Green, C. W.  
Hill, L. T.  
Lealand, N. P.  
\*MacRae, M. F.  
\*Noonan, R. R.  
\*Paterson, A. J.  
\*Pease, J. J.  
Rawson, W. R.  
\*Read, F. L.  
\*Revell, T. P.  
Richardson, A. S.  
\*Ritter, W. H.  
\*Roche, R. L.  
Roebuck, N. C.  
Russell, S. H.  
Shaw, I. B.  
Sutton, F. W.  
\*Sutton, J. H.  
\*Walker, A. G.  
Woodhouse, G. C.  
Wright, D. R.

#### FORM V. C.

Abraham, J. E.  
Anthony, H. J.  
\*Batger, J. R.  
\*Batger, A. S.  
Bellringer, T. C.  
Beverley, E. S.  
Bowen, E. A.  
Burgess, L. D.  
Burgess, M. R.  
Collinge, B. E. H.  
\*Collins, C. J.  
Cottier, S. W.  
\*Crawford, D. O.  
\*Eaves, T. W.  
\*Ennis, L.  
Fox, D.  
Hawkins, H. D.  
Jackson, A. K.  
MacDiarmid, N. S.  
McNeill, C. A.  
Meredith, P.  
\*Murdoch, R.  
Palmer, J.  
Penman, J. J.  
Petty, R. A.  
\*Pillay, V. M. S.  
Rakau, T.  
Sladden, P.

\*Smith, H. N.  
\*Somerville, D. N.  
Trueman, L. F.  
Woodham, A. C.  
\*Wyborn, S. R.

#### FORM IV. A.

\*Anderson, G. S.  
Baxter, R. J.  
Berryman, A. R.  
Bree, R. H.  
Brown, R. W.  
\*Buist, E. W.  
Campbell, C. G.  
Carey, R. J.  
\*Carter, W. H.  
Davis, F. L.  
Ewart, J. W.  
Fookes, H. F.  
George, H.  
Grover, P. G.  
Gruszning, H. K.  
\*Hayton, T. S.  
Hill, N. R.  
\*Honeyfield, E. L.  
\*Hooker, J. N.  
Jones, W. R.  
\*Latter, H. B.  
Lawrence, R. G. A.  
\*MacDiarmid, G. C.  
\*Murray, G. F.  
\*O'Dea, R. J.  
Olson, H. E.  
Pepper, M. D.  
Scott, A. W.  
Spiers, S. D.  
Stronge, J. S.  
Thomson, J. S.  
Warner, J. E.  
\*Wigg, E.

#### FORM IV. B.

Atkins, S. W.  
\*Betts, V. C.  
Billing, S.  
Bowater, E. L.  
Canning, F. R.  
Chivers, P.  
\*Clegg, K. D.  
Cleland, F.  
Crudis, F. L.  
\*Dalziell, R. W.  
\*Davidson, J. W.  
Dickey, I. H.  
\*Dobson, H. W.  
Evans, A. E.  
\*Forsyth, R. J.  
\*Hilliard, J. G.



\*Law, J. D.  
 \*List, R. T.  
 \*Lucena, G. L.  
 \*Lysaght, F. H.  
 \*Noonan, F. J.  
 Parrott, W. E.  
 \*Pease, B. H.  
 Pelham, H. N.  
 Rogers, F. J.  
 Rogers, L. M.  
 \*Rowe, L.  
 Sampson, S. H.  
 \*Sheard, I. J.  
 \*Sherwin, J. D.  
 Telford, F. J.  
 Vile, C. F.  
 West, A.  
 \*Wetere, K.

## FORM IV. C.

Baker, P. S.  
 \*Barlow, L. R.  
 \*Beaven, J. H.  
 Bensley, F. E.  
 Black, S. A.  
 Bullock, D.  
 \*Cooke, B. E.  
 \*Easton, G.  
 Gilmour, F. C.  
 Gorringe, H. H.  
 \*Griffiths, W. O' C.  
 Harris, R. T.  
 Hodge, C. A.  
 Holmes, J. N.  
 Jenkins, A. R.  
 \*Le May, I. E.  
 Locke, A. R.  
 \*Martin, R. C.  
 McCormick, L. C.  
 \*McLean, R. W.  
 Morgan, T. D.  
 Panckhurst, R.  
 Parkin, D. R.  
 Penman, W.  
 \*Penny, L.  
 Plumtree, C. H.  
 Rawson, T. W.  
 \*Robb, C.  
 Sarten, W. H.  
 Steffenson, F.  
 Taylor, P. R.  
 \*Utting, W. C.  
 Wray, A. G.

## FORM III. A.

\*Abbott, A. G. O.  
 Aish, R. G.  
 Allhusen, S.

\*Beaven, G. G.  
 Bell, B. C.  
 \*Betts, H.  
 Booker, J. G.  
 Calvert, G. D.  
 Davies, T. O. S.  
 Davis, R. A.  
 Ewart, G. L.  
 Hudson, R. H. C.  
 \*Lamb, J. A.  
 \*Murray, J. T.  
 \*Phillips, D. G.  
 Pratt, W. J.  
 Riding, E.  
 Russell, L. H.  
 \*Satherly, R.  
 \*Standish, M. L.  
 \*Squire, K. R.  
 Tonks, S. G.  
 Trueman, R. C.  
 \*Wall, H. W. C.  
 \*Watt, W. J.  
 White, S. M.  
 \*Wilson, L. H.  
 \*Wilton, O. H.  
 Wood, R. C.

## FORM III. B.

Allen, R.  
 Ambury, C. R.  
 \*Carr, J. C.  
 Clarke, O. H.  
 Clarke, O. W.  
 Coad, A. H.  
 Cobham, R. T.  
 Cottam, M. S.  
 Cottier, T. S.  
 Doull, G. M.  
 Fowler, T. G.  
 Gardiner, N. F.  
 \*Gibbs, J. T.  
 \*Golding, A. H.  
 \*Hammonds, E. F.  
 \*Harper, J. W. D.  
 Harrison, G.  
 Hawkings, T. T.  
 Hay, A. W.  
 Henry, C. J.  
 Huggett, A. H.  
 Kedgley, E.  
 Mace, H. B.  
 Robertson, C. C.  
 Stanley, G. L.  
 Stevens, R. J.  
 St. George, H. M.  
 Sutton, R. E.  
 \*Vickery, K. C.  
 \*Ward, C. J.  
 Way, W. C.

## FORM III. C.

Ansley, N.  
 \*Bennett, H. S.  
 Bennoch, L. D.  
 Berridge, L. R.  
 Bracegirdle, N. T.  
 Cox, E. M.  
 Crapper, D.  
 \*Furrie, A. K.  
 \*Glengarry, J. J.  
 Grace, G. C.  
 Griffiths, C.  
 \*Harris, C. E.  
 Hetherington, D. W.  
 Hinkley, C. W.  
 Hookham, T. W.  
 Hutchen, A. K.  
 Jenkins, J. R.  
 \*Jonas, D. H.  
 Kedgley, W. E.  
 Kerr, D. G.  
 Knauf, E. G.  
 Lee, W.  
 Lobb, C. C.  
 \*Lynch, E. J.  
 \*Marx, L. V.  
 \*Miles, P. C.  
 Parkin, K. M.  
 Pettigrew, H. W.  
 Thomas, G. S.

## FORM III. D.

Arnold, E.  
 Bayly, H. W.  
 \*Beckbessinger, W. H.  
 Bransgrove, J. L. C.  
 Dinmiss, S. G.  
 \*Duigan, J. D.  
 Duncan, W.  
 Girling, R. W.  
 Jackson, E. R. C.  
 Johnson, C. N.  
 Little, C. L.  
 McLean, M. D.  
 Morris, W. J.  
 Pearce, M. C.  
 \*Ross, P. M.  
 Sharp, L. E. G.  
 Shoemark, R. S.  
 \*Tait, C. V. W.  
 Travers, R. W. C.  
 Washer, C. A.  
 Webb, W. A.  
 Whitehead, F. K.

## FORM III. E.

\*Ball, G. H.  
 \*Beck, A. W.

\*Bradmore, A. E.  
 \*Brown, H. M.  
 \*Churton, M. H.  
 \*Cleland, E. D.  
 \*Crawford, I. J.  
 Cresswell, R. M.  
 \*Fletcher, R.  
 \*Gray, J. D.  
 \*Hetet, W. C.  
 Hine, E. J.  
 Hutchinson, J. H.  
 \*Jenkin, C. C.  
 Kenny, G. A.  
 \*McCallum, E. W.  
 Moss, K. L.  
 \*O'Neill, R. W.  
 Pope, C. H.  
 \*Riley, K. J.  
 Robinson, L. J.  
 \*Sadler, S. I.  
 Skelton, M. R.  
 Smith, A. A.  
 \*Somerville, B. E.  
 \*Street, R. S.  
 Taunt, A. S.

## STANDARD 6.

\*Andrews, K.  
 \*Bartlett, R. C. S.  
 Bennett, A. K.  
 Brookman, W. N. S.  
 \*Cotterill, A. S. K.  
 Ford, J. R.  
 \*Gordon, H. H.  
 Hains, R. L.  
 \*Hardwick, J. W.  
 Hetherington, A.  
 Jackson, D.  
 \*Johnson, Wyn.  
 \*Johnson, Wyv.  
 \*Looney, D. R.  
 \*Mahraj, R.  
 Martin, L. E.  
 \*McLean, J. S.  
 Palmer, F. L.  
 \*Pitt, W. E. I.  
 \*Reakes, G. C.  
 \*Shaw, J. V.  
 \*Sutton, W. G.  
 Waddle, I. B.  
 \*Waite, F. F.

## STANDARD 5.

Beamish, J. G.  
 \*Boddy, K. R.  
 Davies, E. J.  
 Fairbrother, E. H.  
 Harvie, E. F.



\*Hetet, W. P.  
 Hetherington, J.  
 Nolan, D.  
 Okey, V. G.  
 \*Perry, J. W.  
 Stronge, C. R.  
 Thomson, H. L.  
 Whittle, H.  
 \*Wilcocks, H.  
 \*York, T. H.

## STANDARD 4.

\*Barlow, A. W.  
 \*Barlow, T. J.  
 Brookman, R. W.  
 \*Crow, B. K.  
 Garmonsway, A.  
 Harvie, G. de L.  
 \*Hempton, K.  
 Insull, G. R.  
 Kenny, C. J.  
 \*Law, H. D.  
 Le May, K. H.  
 Moyes, P. S.  
 \*Madgwick, V. S.  
 \*Scott, K.  
 \*Stevenson, J. F.

Whitcombe, D. N.  
 Thompson, T. A.

## STANDARD 3.

Fairbrother, J.  
 \*Fitzgerald, N.  
 Harvie, M.  
 Palmer, E.  
 Saunders, G.  
 \*Walsham, B.  
 Wilson, E.

## STANDARD 2.

\*Andrews, R. B.  
 \*Dunn, J. A.  
 Le May, A.  
 \*Lile, A.  
 \*Mercer, J.  
 Saunders, N. B.

## STANDARD 1.

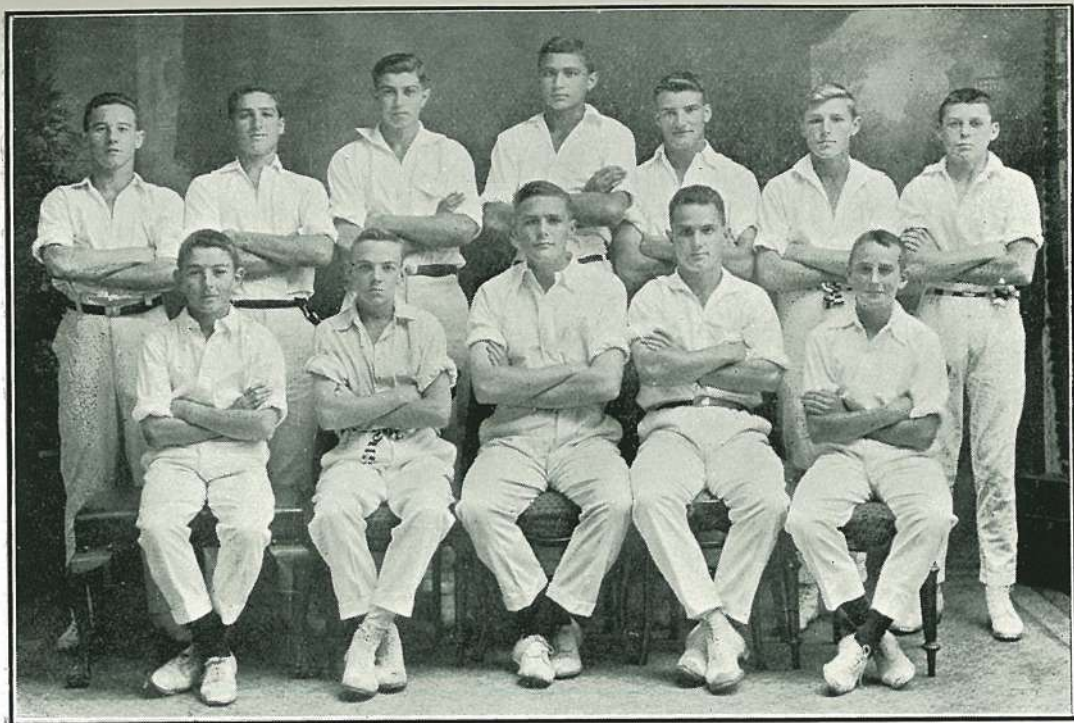
\*Lewis, R.  
 Somerton, J.  
 \*Western, H. L.  
 Weston, G. C.

The following entered during the first term:—

\*Abbott, A. G.  
 Aish, D. G.  
 Allen, R.  
 Ambury, C. R.  
 Ansley, W.  
 Arnold, E.  
 Atkins, S. W.  
 \*Ball, G. H.  
 \*Barlow, A. W.  
 Bayly, H.  
 \*Beaven, G. G.  
 \*Beck, A. W.  
 Bell, B. C.  
 \*Bennett, H. S.  
 Bennoch, L. D.  
 Berridge, L. R.  
 \*Betts, H.  
 \*Boddy, K. R.  
 Booker, J. G.  
 Bowater, E. L.  
 Brategirdle, N. P.  
 \*Bradmore, A. E.  
 Bransgrove, J. L.  
 \*Brown, H. M.  
 \*Brugh, J.  
 \*Buckeridge, J.  
 Calvert, G. D.

Canning, F. R.  
 Carr, J. E.  
 \*Churton, M. H.  
 Clarke, O. H.  
 \*Cleland, E. D.  
 Coad, H. H.  
 Cobham, R. T.  
 \*Cooper, S. G.  
 Cottam, M. S.  
 Cottier, T. S.  
 Cox, E. M.  
 Crapper, D.  
 \*Crawford, I. J.  
 Cresswell, R. M.  
 \*Crow, B. K.  
 Davis, R. A.  
 Dinmiss, S. G.  
 Doull, G. W.  
 Duncan, W.  
 \*Dunn, J. A.  
 Ewart, G. L.  
 Ford, J. R.  
 Fowler, T. G.  
 \*Furrie, A. K.  
 Gardiner, N. F.  
 \*Gibbs, J. T.  
 Girling, R. W.





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D. Crawford, H. Hawkins, T. Revell, M. Fletcher, R. Batger, J. Galbraith, H. Fookes.  
R. Buick, G. Murray, S. F. Fookes (captain), J. Pater son, J. Ewart.



*Glengarry, J. J.	*Phillips, D. G.
*Golding, W. H.	*Pitt, W. E.
Grace, G. C.	Pratt, W. J.
*Hammonds, E. F.	Riding, E.
*Harper, J. W. D.	*Riley, K. J.
Harris, C. E.	Robertson, C. C.
Harrison, G.	*Robinson, L. J.
Harvie, E. F.	*Ross, P. M.
Harvie, G. de L.	Russell, H. L.
Harvie, M.	*Sadler, S. I.
Hawkings, T. T.	*Satherley, R.
Hay, W. M.	Saunders, W. B.
Henry, C. J.	*Scott, K.
*Hetet, W. C.	Sharp, L. S.
*Hetet, W. P.	*Sherwin, J. D.
Hinkley, C. W.	Shoemark, R. S.
Hookham, T. W.	Skelton, M. R.
Huggett, A. H.	Smith, A. A.
Hutchinson, J. A.	*Squire, K. R.
Insull, G. R.	*Standish, M. L.
*Jenkin, C. C.	Stanley, G. L.
Jenkins, J. R.	Stevens, R. J.
Johnson, C. N.	St. George, H. M.
*Jonas, D. H.	*Street, R. S.
Kedgley, E.	Somerton, J.
Kedgley, W. E.	Sutton, R. E.
Knauf, E. G.	*Sutton, W. G.
*Kerr, D. G.	Taunt, A. S.
*Lamb, J. A.	Thomas, G. S.
Lee, W.	Tonks, S. G.
*Lewis, R.	Travers, R. W.
Little, C.	Trueman, R. C.
Lobb, C. C.	*Vickery, K. C.
*Looney, D. R.	*Waite, F. F.
*Lynch, E. J.	*Walker, A. G.
*Lysaght, F. H.	*Wall, H. W. C.
Mace, H. B.	*Walsham, B.
*MacRae, M. F.	*Ward, C. J.
Martin, L. E.	*Watt, W. J.
*Marx, L. B.	Way, W. C.
*McLean, J. S.	Webb, W. A.
*Miles, P. C.	*Westerman, J. C.
Morris, W. J.	*Western, H. L.
Moss, K. L.	*Wetere, K.
*Murray, G. F.	Weston, G. C.
*Murray, J. T.	White, S. M.
*Noonan, F. J.	Whitehead, K. F.
*O'Neill, R. W.	Whittle, H.
Palmer, M.	*Wilcocks, H.
Parkin, K. M.	*Wilton, O. H.
Pearce, M. E.	Wood, R. C.
Pettigrew, H. W.	

\*Indicates Boarder.

The following left at the end of last term:—Avery, D. L.; Anthony, H. J.; Black, L.; Bensley, F. E.; Bithell, R. M.; Banks, D. V.; Bellringer, S. G.; Blundell, F. B.;



Brown, H. W.; Brewster, W. D.; Brokenshire, E. L.; Crofts, C. J.; Cottier, R. B.; Christie, L.; Corney, G. A.; Corkill, C. A.; Durham, J. B.; Davies, W. B.; De Loree, R.; Doull, A.; Dinniss, C. E.; Eaves, J. E.; Erlandson, F. H.; Elder, B. D.; Eustace, J. C.; Field, A. G.; Fookes, V.; Golding, E. H.; Guy, A. D.; Geddes, J. H.; Greenwood, D. M.; Herdman, A. L.; Heycock, M. H.; Hunt, H. D.; Hoby, R. P.; Hammonds, J. K.; Henderson, W. E.; Hawkins, J. G.; Hollings, M. C.; Insull, J. E.; Insull, H. A.; Julian, T. B. R.; Johns, H. F.; Johns, F. D.; King, A. J.; Knuckey, D'A. W.; Knuckey, H. S.; Lysaght, J.; Lash, B. G.; Lomas, G. E.; Lee, D. P.; Leech, A.; Melvor, H. M. I.; Mitealfe, H. P.; Moss, A. R.; Morey, G. C.; Mountjoy, W. J.; McMillan, N.; McCann, S.; Moore, O. G.; Miller, J. R.; McNeill, H.; Martin, R. A.; McGinty, E. B.; Mackay, J. F.; Noble, W.; Ogle, J. W.; Palmer, J.; Prideaux, J.; Rainger, O. W.; Read, H. C.; Roch, N. T.; Rampton, K.; Shaw, J. T.; Smith, G. P. S.; Simecock, J. L.; Saxton, C. L.; Shaw, C. F.; Stevenson, H. Y.; Sugden, A. J.; Sherwood, N. J.; Shute, G. F.; Sampson, H. R.; Smellie, H.; Staples, R. C.; Simons, H. G.; Stewart, J.; Tate, C.; Wilson, D. M.; Wills, C.; Walker, A.; Webster, N. J.; Windelburn, J. A. R.; Western, T.; Walker, G. N.; Wilson, E. F. M.

Left during last term:—Goldsworthy, F. R.; McMahan, P.; Jeffries, E. G.; Peyton, S.; Godfrey, T. H.; Stewart, R.; Foote, W. H.; McCallum, J. M.; Sutherland, D. G.; Moyes, A. M.; Kidson, A. L.; Evans, O. I.; Field, R. L.; Hastie, R.

Left during present term.—Jackson, C. L.; Shaw, C. G.; Anthony, H.; Fox, D. A.; Pillay, V. S.; Palmer, J.; Pope, C. H.; Travers, R.; Rakau, T.; Le May, I. E.

### CRICKET.

(B. H. Mahraj.)

The season 1923-24 will go down in the annals of school cricket not because the First Eleven managed to win only one match of any consequence during the whole of the season, but because of the fact that for the first time in the history of the school, a professional coach was

engaged to coach the first three elevens. Thus a long-felt-want was at last fulfilled.

Now that we have a special coach and thus keener interest than ever is aroused, let us hope that in future better practice wickets will be at our disposal; for without these, coaching is almost impossible. Given better wickets and more school matches, there is no reason why this school should not take a prominent position in this great game.

This year the annual match against the Wanganui College was played at Wanganui and resulted in an easy win for Wanganui. We, however, must not be disheartened at the severe defeat but take to heart the lessons learned and apply them next year. Apart from this, the eleven had a very pleasant time and wish to thank heartily all those who made our stay in Wanganui so enjoyable.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all those masters, especially Messrs. Bottrill, Kerr and Pope, for so ungrudgingly giving up much of their valuable time for the benefit of their respective elevens.

### THE WANGANUI MATCH.

(March 19-20.)

For the following account of the match we are indebted to the Taranaki Herald:—

The match between the New Plymouth High School and Wanganui College provided a very disappointing exhibition of secondary school cricket, especially considering that both teams play in the senior competitions in their own districts and the College were runners-up for the championship.

The wicket appeared good at the commencement, but the outfield was thick and the boundaries wide, which accounted for only one ball reaching the boundary all day and making the scoring appear slower than it would otherwise have been.

The College skipper (Ritchie) did the right thing in going in on winning the toss, thus getting the wicket at its best, as later in the day it showed signs of failing and the ball began to kick somewhat.



Taken throughout, the batting was weak and lacked enterprise, and the fielding was patchy. Catches were dropped by both sides, which about equalised matters in this respect. Palmer, after missing two, brilliantly retrieved himself by taking a difficult one-handed catch while springing in the air. The ground work of both sides was much better and the bowling fair. The School was, if anything, slightly superior to the College in this department.

The College batsmen opened cautiously, runs coming very slowly. Harcourt was at the wickets half an hour for his two, and the first 30 runs took an hour to compile. With four wickets down for 36 and the best batsmen disposed of the chances of getting College out for small scores looked rosy, but a good partnership between Raine and Armstrong added 33 runs and Latham and Judd added a further 26. The innings closed for 113, which had taken 3 hours 20 minutes.

Mackay and Alexander shared the bowling honours, the former bowling 21 overs for 23 runs and taking four wickets. Alexander took five for 33.

School opened weakly, and with the total at six Palmer was dismissed by a soft catch taken by Craig at silly point. Fookes appeared to be settling down when he patted one back to Ludbrook. Alexander began soundly and made nine and he was smartly caught by Harcourt off Fullerton-Smith, after giving two chances which were not accepted. Mason and Fletcher both lost their wickets through risky runs being attempted. Mahraj, with 16, had the best score for the visitors and was really the only one of the side to show an inclination to tackle the bowling. The remainder were disposed of cheaply and the innings closed for 70.

Fullerton-Smith and Latham were the best College bowlers. The fielding of Craig at silly point and of Judd at cover were the brightest spots in this department of the game.

College opened the second innings with twenty minutes to play, and plainly showed the intention to play out time. When stumps were drawn they had 13 runs without the loss of a wicket.

The second day's play produced perhaps a little better standard of play than the previous day, more particularly on the part of College, who compiled 156 in the second innings and dismissed School for the small total of 35, thus winning the match by 164 runs.

The wicket became bad, and although the task of making the 200 required to win was not an impossible one, it was exceedingly improbable, in view of the state of the wicket. School's display throughout was one of the poorest of the season, and it was particularly unfortunate that it should be the case in this match. It was evident when play resumed in the morning that the local side was going to be content to play defensive cricket. This may have been correct, but it made the game tiresomely uninteresting at times. The bowling, however, was good, Alexander and Mackay having bad luck, many balls coming fast off the pitch just missing the bails by the narrowest of margins.

Harcourt and Ritchie resumed batting, carrying the score to 49 before the former was cleverly caught at square leg by Fookes. Ritchie continued patiently, though he gave several chances at short leg and in the slips, and was at the wickets for over two hours for 25 runs. The next wickets fell more cheaply and six were down for 88 when a fine partnership was established between Judd and Bunny which added 51 runs. Both played nice shots, Judd's leg strokes being good. He made 33, and Bunny, who came fifth, carried his bat for 31. Extras contributed 20.

McLean, who puzzled all the batsmen, was no-balled seven times on making his appearance at the crease, but produced good results. Mahraj was brought on later and secured two wickets in his first over for two runs scored, and finished off the College innings by getting Swainson caught and bowled with a ball which rose high to near mid-off.

School commenced the second innings somewhat disastrously, Palmer being again taken at silly point before any score. Several wickets went to balls which kicked badly and something of the nature of a rot ensued, the side being all out at 5 o'clock for 35.



Fookes played sterling cricket, his score (11) nothing like representing the value of his innings. He got away drive after drive to cover, but excellent fielding by Judd kept the runs down. He was eventually stumped, reaching forward to a ball from Swainson. Judgment in the placing of the field by Ritchie was responsible for helping to keep down runs. The scores were:—

## WANGANUI COLLEGE.

## First Innings.

Harcourt, b. Mackay .. .. .	2
Ritchie, b. Alexander .. .. .	14
Craig, c. Fookes, b. Alexander .. .. .	8
Raine, st. Grant, b. Mahraj .. .. .	15
Bunny, b. Mackay .. .. .	3
Armstrong, c. Palmer, b. Mackay .. .. .	18
Latham, b. Alexander .. .. .	19
Judd, l.b.w., b. Mackay .. .. .	7
Fullerton-Smith, b. Alexander .. .. .	0
Ludbrook, not out .. .. .	8
Swainson, b. Alexander .. .. .	7
Extras .. .. .	12
Total .. .. .	113

Bowling Analysis.—Mackay, four wickets for 23 runs; McLean, none for 25; Alexander, five for 33; Fletcher, none for 4; Mahraj, one for 15.

## Second Innings.

Harcourt, c. Fookes, b. McLean .. .. .	17
Ritchie, l.b.w., b. Mahraj .. .. .	25
Craig, c. McLean, b. Mahraj .. .. .	11
Raine, b. Mackay .. .. .	1
Bunny, not out .. .. .	31
Armstrong, l.b.w., b. McLean .. .. .	14
Latham, b. Alexander .. .. .	2
Judd, c. Alexander, b. McLean .. .. .	33
Ludbrook, run out .. .. .	0
Fullerton-Smith, l.b.w., b. Alexander .. .. .	1
Swainson, c. and b. McLean .. .. .	1
Extras .. .. .	20
Total .. .. .	156

Bowling Analysis.—Mackay, one wicket for 43 runs; McLean, four for 43; Alexander, two for 24; Mahraj, two for 16; Cottier, none for 24.

## NEW PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

## First Innings.

Palmer, c. Craig, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	4
Fookes, c. and b. Ludbrook .. .. .	6
Alexander, c. Harcourt, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	9
Mason, run out .. .. .	5
Mahraj, c. Judd, b. Latham .. .. .	16
Fletcher, run out .. .. .	4
Cottier, b. Latham .. .. .	6
Strombom, c. Latham, b. Swainson .. .. .	5
Grant, c. Craig, b. Swainson .. .. .	7
McLean, c. Harcourt, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	3
Mackay, not out .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	5
Total .. .. .	70

Bowling Analysis.—Fullerton-Smith, three wickets for 14 runs; Ludbrook, one for 11; Swainson, two for 18; Armstrong, none for 14; Latham, two for 9.

## Second Innings.

Palmer, c. Craig, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	0
Fookes, st. Ritchie, b. Swainson .. .. .	11
Mahraj, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	5
Alexander, c. Latham, b. Ludbrook .. .. .	2
Mason, b. Fullerton-Smith .. .. .	4
Fletcher, b. Judd .. .. .	2
Cottier, st. Ritchie, b. Judd .. .. .	0
Mackay, c. Fullerton-Smith, b. Judd .. .. .	4
Strombom, b. Swainson .. .. .	0
Grant, c. Ritchie, b. Judd .. .. .	0
McLean, not out .. .. .	0
Extras .. .. .	7
Total .. .. .	35

Bowling Analysis.—Fullerton-Smith, three wickets for 8 runs; Ludbrook, one for 12; Judd, four for 4; Swainson, two for 4.



## COMPETITION MATCHES.

The following are the results of the competition matches:—

v. New Plymouth, lost by 24 runs.—This was the second match of the season and the eleven put up a good game. School won the toss and taking first strike compiled 111 runs Petty 24 not out, Mahraj 23, Brown 16. New Plymouth made 155. In the second strike School did better and put on 150 (Mahraj 80 not out, Mason 15, McLean 13). Town got 130 in the second innings, thus winning the game. McLean bowled very well, getting 10 for 110 runs, and Mackay three for 33; Brown, three for 26, also did well.

v. Western Park, won by 100 runs.—In this match, although School were behind in the first innings, they played so well in the second innings that an easy win was secured. Taking first strike on a sticky wicket, the Park team had to play hard to get 112. School didn't do better, for the last wicket fell at 108. The second Saturday, though the wicket was playing well, Park were all out for 108. School knocked up 205 (Alexander 56 played one of his best innings to date, Brown 54 played a lively innings, Palmer 23, Mahraj 19, M. Fletcher 19). Alexander, nine for 76, and Mahraj, seven for 65, bowled well.

v. New Plymouth, lost by eight wickets.—This match was marked by bright batting on both sides in the second innings. In the first innings School were all out for 85 (Alexander 21, Brown 20, Mason 12). New Plymouth made 113. In the second attempt School, on account of lack of time, declared when only five wickets were down for 177 (Hamerton 72 played a very forceful innings, Mahraj 48, Alexander 16). New Plymouth, however, got the required runs for the loss of two wickets.

v. Old Boys, lost by six wickets.—This match was played in the Christmas holidays and the School team included three Old Boys. Batting first, School got 169 (H. Fookes 25, Palmer 24, Seanlan 24). Second innings, School 69 for 8 wickets (Mr. Bottrill 29, Strombom 17). Old Boys, first innings 118, second innings 4 for 124. Jeffries, six for 39, had the best bowling average for School.





IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM, 1923.

Senior B.: 14th for the Empire.

R. Fletcher, S. Bellringer, V. Fookes, W. Foote.  
R. Buick, W. Ritter, N. MacDiarmid, E. Fauchelle.

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v. Western Park, lost by an innings and two runs.—This was the second holiday match. School, first innings 95 (K. Fookes 24, Galbraith 23, H. Fookes 15). Western Park, first innings, 136. In the second innings a rot set in and the School innings closed for the poor total of 40; thus School failed to avert an innings defeat.

v. New Plymouth, lost by an innings and 15 runs.—This match was played soon after the holidays and new men were tried. Town, playing three men short, put on 135. School's first innings realised 45, and following on made 75 (Mahraj 23, Alexander 16 not out). McLean, three for 36, and Alexander, two for 26, bowled well, considering they had had very little practice.

v. Old Boys, lost by 45 runs.—This match had to be finished in the Park as no wickets were available the second day at school. Old Boys could make only 95 against McLean's fine bowling, but School did even worse for the last wicket fell at 75. In their second strike Old Boys declared when three wickets were down for 189. The School bowling did not have its usual snap. The strenuous week at camp told on the bowlers. The eleven after a bad start recovered, for 158 went up before the last man was out (Grant 44 not out, Mackay 34, and Cottier 27, all batted very well).

#### BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Av'ge.
Brown, H. W. . . . .	15	1	89	289	20.6
Hamerton, E. . . . .	15	0	72	297	18.9
Mahraj, B. B. . . . .	23	1	80*	365	16.6
Alexander, W. E. . . .	24	1	56	297	12.9
Cottier, S. . . . .	18	1	48*	201	11.8
Petty, A. . . . .	14	3	36	125	11.4
Mackay, J. D. . . . .	18	7	34	122	11.1
Mason, E. B. . . . .	25	1	60	128	9.9
Strombom, C. H. . . .	15	0	60	238	9.6
Fletcher, M. . . . .	9	1	30	144	9.3
Grant, P. D. . . . .	14	4	44*	90	9.0
Fletcher, R. . . . .	11	3	22	71	8.9
Fookes, K. . . . .	24	1	24	156	6.8
Palmer, J. . . . .	24	1	24	135	5.9
McLean, D. P. . . . .	19	1	16	90	5.0
Mitcalfe, H. P. . . . .	11	2	6*	29	3.2

\*Denotes not out.



## BOWLING AVERAGES.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av'ge.
Mackay, J. D. ....	165	37	419	50	8.4
Brown, H. W. ....	25	1	92	11	8.4
McLean, D. P. ...	180	22	580	60	9.7
Alexander, W. E. ..	135	16	467	41	11.1
Mahraj, B. B. ....	86	8	361	22	16.4

Also Bowled.—Fletcher, R., Strombom, C., Mason, E., Cottier, S.

The Second and Third Elevens both played in the Junior Competition, and though the Thirds did not meet with much success, the Seconds were very unlucky in not winning the grade. They contain some very promising boys who are almost up to the senior standard, and doubtless will get a trial next season.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

(H. E. Bellringer and G. E. Webb.)

"Time rolls its ceaseless course" and here we are in the throes of another football season with its customary reward of "shins," aches, and pains. Nothing daunted, however, the players turn out with gusto and the race-course is covered every night with black and white dots, each trying its utmost to put its own team at the head of the list.

As we are once more crowded for room our library has been converted into a class-room. This gives the librarians some difficulty and inconvenience, which we hope will soon be eased by the addition of new rooms.

Our barracks this year were a great success. On March 24 we went under canvas for the first time since 1919, and struck camp on the 29th. Although the weather was very hot and trying, the drill wonderfully improved during the short spell. Brown arms, cracked lips and a few sunburnt noses were the only injuries sustained during this pleasant week.

The whole school was granted two half-holidays when the Australian cricketers played in New Plymouth. The days were fine and much interesting and instructive cricket was witnessed. Mr. Bottrill, our cricket master, ably assisted the home team both in bowling and batting. We hope that much of the experience gained will be of use to the cricket team in the coming season.

The day boys' concert was held early this term. The vocal talent was somewhat poor, but with a little sandpapering one or two voices might be made presentable.

The annual cricket match with Wanganui Collegiate School was played on the Wanganui College grounds on March 12 and 13. The team travelled to Wanganui on the 11th and held a short practice in the afternoon. The game was played during beautiful summer weather and resulted in a comfortable win for Wanganui College.

Early in the term the annual swimming sports were held at the Municipal Baths. The events were run off very smoothly, but we must admit that this is due to the skilful management by the masters and the swimming committee. A large crowd gathered to see the championship events and they were rewarded by some very thrilling finishes. Towards the end of the swimming season the long-distance race from the Municipal Baths to the East End beach for the Flannagan Cup was held. In this H. Hawkins put up a very fine performance, finishing with the fastest time to his credit.

Although the cricket season has now ended we cannot leave it altogether without feeling satisfied, in spite of the defeat sustained against Wanganui College, with the results achieved. The team played in the Senior Grade and, due mainly to the tireless efforts of Mr. Bottrill, acquitted itself in a manner that we are not ashamed of.

Considerable interest was created in New Plymouth about the middle of the term by the arrival of H.M.S. Veronica. This interesting little vessel was the first to be berthed at the newly-constructed Newton King Wharf. Numbers of the boys gladly availed themselves of a special offer to be shown over her.

During the Easter vacation the school was represented at Kaponga by a seven-a-side team, which journeyed there for the football tournament. They put



up a fine performance and the additional training thus obtained will be of use to them now that the football season has fully opened.

The two companies of the New Plymouth Boys' High School Cadet Contingent took part in the impressive parade on Anzac Day. On the march-past Colonel C. H. Weston took the salute and congratulated Mr. Mōyes on the steadiness and marching of the boys. Colonel Weston has very kindly donated a trophy to be presented in connection with either military drill or shooting.

About mid-way through the term a vaudeville company came to New Plymouth and played the trial scene of the "Merchant of Venice." Many of the boys eagerly took this opportunity of seeing one of the most powerful scenes of Shakespeare, acted on the stage.

During the term considerable changes have taken place in the personnel of the staff. Mr. Dyer and Mr. D. F. C. Saxton joined at the beginning of the term, but after a short, and we hope, a pleasant stay Mr. Saxton relinquished the teaching profession to pursue a journalistic career. Mr. Saxton was a former head-boy, from which position he joined the preparatory staff and in 1920 left the school to take up a position on the staff of the Waitaki Boys' High School. We wish Mr. Saxton success and happiness in his new profession. To Mr. Dyer we extend a hearty welcome and the wish that his stay with us may be long and enjoyable.

It is also our pleasant duty to welcome Mr. J. Leggat, M.A., and Mr. R. C. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc., both of whom arrived from Auckland this term. We hope that their stay may be a long and pleasant one.

Owing to the new school courts not being in suitable order at present, the New Plymouth Park Tennis Club have placed their courts at the disposal of the school enthusiasts. For a nominal fee they may avail themselves of this golden opportunity to practise on Saturday mornings. It is intended that championship events will be played there later in the season and so the competitors will have the advantage of knowing the nature of the ground on which they play.

The schoolboys' reputation for nick-naming is in no way diminished this year. We have our full quota of





IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM, 1923.

Senior A.: 25th for the Empire.

M. Bree, D. Mackay, I. McIvor, D. O'Halloran, H. Y. Stevenson,  
M. Lysons, L. Christie, W. Alexander, P. Mitcalfe.

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which this is a fair sample: Bunny, Barney-Google, Wet-Willie, Hoot, Nigger, Tweed, Stag, Jenks, Drip, Rastus, Bolshy, Donk, Fishy, Pigmy, Scrooge, Chappie, Tank, Hori, and Bu-jacka.

We missed many of the old faces on re-assembling this year. Many of the boys are working near, others we may never see again. New-comers, however, are not lacking and so we are more crowded for room than ever.

Many Old Boys gathered in New Plymouth at Easter for the annual re-union. The weather was fine and a great crowd gathered at Western Park to see the football match between locals and visitors. Contrary to expectations the locals had a comfortable win of 24 points to 14. At night the re-union dinner was held at the Waratah Dining Rooms. On Easter Monday the re-union ball was held and was fully attended.

We are indebted to Mrs. Standish for a gift of books to the library. Many of our best books have to take a "back seat" on account of the lack of room. We are getting together a good library and are pleased to see so many boys are now taking such an interest in it. We have sent to England for new books and expect to have them next term.

The examination candidates at the end of last year were generally very successful and the masters have good cause to congratulate themselves and the hard-working scholars.

The zeal of one of the mathematical scholars has recently broken all previous records. This disciple of Euclid took the necessary equipment and worked a trigonometrical problem on the summit of Mt. Egmont. Surely this keenness should be encouraged by the master in charge of the subject.

The noise made one day by several of the senior scholars incensed the master below. He promptly demanded their presence and likened their din to a farm-like medley. Master: Did you not hear me bellowing like a bull. Bold Reply: Please sir, we are not used to farmyard noises. (Here the order of the boot was instituted.)



The French class came across the following line:—  
 “Merci! Je suis déjà moins malade.” Scholar’s translation: “Mercy, I am going to be sick!”

Asked to write down the story they most appreciated one class handed in efforts in which the two following were included:—

Diner in Restaurant: Waiter!

Waiter (squeakily): Yes?

Diner (furiously): Look! I have found a piece of wood in my sausage. I don’t mind eating the dog, but I object to eating the kennel. (Exit waiter rapidly.)

Small Boy: Daddy, where do burst tyres go to?

Father: Don’t know, my son, but if they go where people tell them to, there must be an awful smell of burnt rubber in the next world.

While the Sixth Form were having history a small boy entered.

Gruff Voice: Well, what’s the matter?

Boy (timidly): Please sir, Mr. — wants the stick.

Gruff Voice: Give it to him good and hard, won’t you?

(Loud chuckles from the appreciative audience.)

The following facts have been gleaned from the recent examination papers:—

Alexander I. of Russia was a wise but silly old fool.

“The Attie Warbler” is the sparrow in the attic.

Innuendo is telling a person what you don’t mean so that he’ll know what you do mean.

“The Englishman’s home is his castle” was rendered “La maison de l’Anglais est son chapeau,” and “Castles in the air” was rendered “Chapeaux dans l’air.” Apparently we have here a sly hit at fashionable head-gear.

The business-man’s axiom “ ’Tis work that passes the time, not watching the clock.” Fortunately wristlet watches do as well.

Mary Tudor made a great mistake in being the daughter of Henry VIII. and Catherine of Aragon.

Julius Caesar introduced Christianity into Britain in 55 B.C.

“Gloomy Dis was the god of the internal regions.” Presumably the author of this statement had paid too prolonged a visit to Teapot’s before the examination.

“Ebullitions of genius” is the boiling down of genius and reducing the genius of another to a small amount.

In making our arrangements to live, we should never forget that we also have to die.”

“De mortuis nil nisi bonum”: There’s nothing but bones in the dead.

“Ne plus ultra”: There’s nothing beyond Ulster. Evidently the writer of this is an ardent Orangeman.

Palsy: A kind of new writer’s dance.

Hysterics: Letters in sloping print.

A mathematical problem is dismissed with ease by the axiom, “Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to anything else.”

A grass widow: The wife of a dead vegetarian.

Oceania: A continent which contains no land.

Mephistopheles: A Greek comic poet.

Tertium quid: A legal term meaning six shillings and eightpence.

In “Trig” there’s no “sine” of an ordered design,  
 The solution you “see” for in vain,  
 B-cos you may “swot” from the days of your “cot,”  
 And only get tan-ned for your pain.

## CHAPEL NOTES.

The school services at St. Mary’s have continued during the term on Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m. We have lost the help of Lomas at the organ, and indeed it is a great loss, for not only was he gifted in a quite unusual way, but he gave of his best to our services, and helped everyone to appreciate good music. Mr. R. N. Renaud, the parish organist, has kindly come to our assistance. The choir has shaken down well and the volume of singing shows a marked increase.

Just before Easter, advantage was taken of a spare Saturday night to show at the school some slides of good



pictures illustrating the New Testament story of the life and death of our Lord. Pictures by the great masters have always an uplifting effect, and the school lantern helped to make that effect felt.

On Easter Day the Old Boys, who were holding their annual re-union, asked for a service at 9.30, and we are grateful to the vicar and churchwardens for enabling it to be held. Quite a good crowd turned up, and several of the present boys came along to form a choir for the occasion. Brown and Foden resumed their acquaintance with the Lectern, and Lomas was fortunately there to preside at the organ as of yore.

The usual commemoration of the Anzac fallen was kept on April 27, the nearest Sunday to Anzac Day, when the school roll of honour was read, and the Dead March played at the close of the service.

## SWIMMING SPORTS.

(J. Penman and H. Hawkins.)

Our annual swimming sports were held at the Municipal Baths on Thursday, February 28, when perfect weather prevailed, which favoured both spectators and contestants.

The officials were: Starter, Mr. W. H. Moyes; marksman, Mr. G. F. Bertrand; call steward, Rev. C. H. Strong; check starter, Mr. F. J. Eggleton; announcing steward, Mr. A. J. Papps; official recorder, Mr. A. W. Diprose; final stewards, Messrs. J. Connell and D. Saxton; judges, Messrs. R. H. Rockel, C. G. Bottrill and A. G. Johnson; time-keeper, Mr. Kerr.

The committee was as follows:—Mr. F. J. Eggleton (chairman), J. Patterson and D. O'Halloran (joint secretaries), E. Gibson, W. A. Alexander, J. D. Mackay, T. Revell, J. Penman, H. Hawkins and P. Sladden.

Keen and interesting races ended as follow:—

33 1-3 Yards Open.—First heat: Harrison 1; time, 22 3-5sec. Second heat: Hilliard 1; time, 25sec. Third heat: A. Webb 1; time, 24 1-5sec. Fourth heat: G. Bayley 1; time, 24 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Gilmour 1; time,

24sec. Sixth heat: Rawson 1; time, 25sec. Seventh heat: C. Stronge 1; time, 25sec. Eighth heat: Ennis 1; time, 24 1-5sec. Ninth heat: Jackson 1; time, 26sec. Tenth heat: G. Fookes 1; time, 26sec. Eleventh heat: Fletcher 1; time, 26sec. Twelfth heat: Galbraith 1; time, 24sec. Thirteenth heat: Wyborn 1; time, 24 3-5sec. Fourteenth heat: Lawrence 1; time, 25sec. Fifteenth heat: Rakau 1; time, 26 4-5sec. Sixteenth heat: Campbell 1; time, 26 3-5sec. Seventeenth heat: Groombridge 1; time, 24 1-5sec. Semi-finals—First heat: Harrison 1, Stronge 2, Webb 3; time, 22 4-5sec. Second heat: Lawrence 1, Campbell 2, Wyborn 3; time, 25 2-5sec. Final—Harrison 1, Lawrence 2, Stronge 3; won on the touch; time, 22 4-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory Boys' Race.—C. Stronge (scr.) 1, J. McLean 2, A. Hetherington 3. Won by one yard. Time, 25 1-5sec.

66 2-3 Yards Open.—First heat: H. Hawkins (scr.) 1. Second heat: P. Sladden (1sec.) 1. Third heat: G. Fookes 1. Fourth heat: Gibson 1. Fifth heat: Spiers 1. Sixth heat: R. Noonan 1. Seventh heat: Beverley 1. Eighth heat: J. Law 1. Final: H. Hawkins 1, P. Sladden 2, S. Spiers 3; time, 49 1-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards New Boys' Race.—First heat: Harrison 1. Second heat: Riley 1. Third heat: G. Sutton 1. Fourth heat: Fowler 1. Fifth heat: A. Walker 1. Sixth heat: G. Beaven 1. Final: Fowler 1, Riley 2, Beaven 3; time, 25 4-5sec.

Learners' Race (width of baths).—First heat: Harman 1, Murray 2; time, 8 3-5sec. Second heat: Pratt 1, Law 2; time, 9 3-5sec. Third heat: Wells 1, J. Hetherington 2; time, 10sec. Fourth heat: G. Insull 1, Carr 2; time, 8 3-5sec. Final: Murray 1, Pratt 2, Harman 3; time, 9 3-5sec.

33 1-3 Yards Breast Stroke.—First heat: Robb 1; time, 32sec. Second heat: Anderson 1; time, 33sec. Third heat: T. Fookes 1; time, 35 1-5sec. Fourth heat: J. Beaven 1; time, 33 4-5sec. Fifth heat: P. Sladden 1; time, 32sec. Sixth heat: Saunders 1; time, 31 1-5sec. Seventh heat: Grant 1; time, 31sec. Eighth heat: Hutchen 1; time, 31 1-5sec. Ninth heat: Dolby 1; time, 33sec. Final: Hutchen 1, Anderson 2, Saunders 3; time, 31sec.



33 1-3 Yards Back Stroke.—First heat: Saunders 1, Cooper 2; time, 32sec. Second heat: Murray 1, Murdoch 2; time, 36 4-5sec. Third heat: Noonan 1, Plumtree 2; time, 30sec. Fourth heat: Carman 1, Harman 2; time, 33sec. Final: G. Saunders 1, Carman 2, Murdoch 3; time, 32 3-5sec.

Diving for Plates.—S. Hutchen 1, Wyborn 2.

Corfu Dive.—J. Penman 1, W. Penman 2.

Relay Race (four men, one length each).—First heat: Form IVb. 1; time, 100sec. Second heat: Form IVc. 1; time, 94 3-5sec. Third heat: Form IIIId. 1; time, 101sec. Final: Form IVc. 1, Form IVb. 2, Form IIIId. 3; time, 95 4-5sec.

25 Yards Under 14.—First heat: Pratt 1, Pitt 2; time, 19 1-5sec. Second heat: G. Beaven 1, St. George 2; time, 16 2-5sec. Third heat: Trueman 1, G. Sutton 2; time, 19sec. Fourth heat: Satherley 1, Lee 2; time, 19 2-5sec. Final: Beaven 1, Satherley 2; time, 17 2-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—H. Hawkins 1, W. Penman 2, Revell 3. Time, 3min. 32 4-5sec.

In the following events the competitors named qualified to compete in the finals:—

Awkward Entry.—McLean, H. Bellringer, Bullock, Petty, Gibson, Pease.

Long Plunge.—J. Penman, Robb, F. Shaw, McCallum, S. Hutchen, Ennis.

Open Dive.—W. Penman, J. Penman, Petty.

Ribbon Dive.—Petty, Grant, Pease, Scott.

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Details are as follow:—

25 Yards under 14.—G. Beaven 1, Satherley 2, Pitt 3. Won by four feet. Time, 18 4-5sec.

25 Yards Junior Championship.—First heat: W. Penman 1, J. Thomas 2, A. Webb 3; time, 15 4-5sec. Second heat: Galbraith 1, Robb 2, Lawrence 3; time, 15 2-5sec. Final: Galbraith 1, W. Penman 2, Lawrence 3; the winner had three feet to spare; time, 15 3-5sec.

25 Yards Senior Championship.—Hawkins 1, Sladden 2, Revell 3. Hawkins won easily, the next two men being close together. Time, 13 4-5sec.

Diving.—Petty 1, J. Penman 2, W. Penman 3.

50 Yards Under 14.—Satherley 1, G. Beaven 2, Pitt 3. A very close finish, touches separating the placed men. Time, 38 3-5sec.

50 Yards Senior Championship.—Hawkins 1, Revell 2, Sladden 3. Hawkins won comfortably, the next two being close together. Time, 31sec.

Long Plunge.—Hutchen 1, McCallum 2.

50 Yards Junior Championship.—W. Penman 1, Galbraith and Robb (dead heat) 2. Galbraith and Penman in that order turned first, followed by Robb. Penman sprinted over the final stages and won by five feet from Galbraith and Robb, whom the judges were unable to separate. Time, 33sec.

Awkward Entry.—Bullock 1, Petty 2.

Balloon Race.—First heat: J. Pease 1, Cottter 2, Robertson 3. Second heat: Gibson 1, Lawrence 2, McLean 3. Final: Pease 1, Gibson 2, Lawrence 3.

100 Yards Senior Championship.—Hawkins 1, Sladden 2, Revell 3. Hawkins turned a length ahead and maintained his lead throughout, Sladden and Revell being separated by a foot. Time, 1min. 12sec.

75 Yards Under 14.—Satherley 1, Beaven 2, Pitt 3. This was a splendid race, the swimmers being bunched over the early stages. On the final length Satherley went to the front and won by a touch from Beaven, who finished just ahead of Pitt. Time, 63sec.

Ribbon Dive.—Petty 1.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—W. Penman 1, Galbraith 2, Thomas 3. Galbraith led over the first two lengths, but on the last Penman quickly went to the front and won by two yards, with Galbraith just ahead of Thomas. Time, 77sec.

Obstacle Race.—First heat: Ennis 1, O'Halloran 2, Robertson 3. Second heat: Cottier 1, McLean 2, Easton 3. Final: Ennis 1, Cottier 2, McLean 3.



200 Yards Senior Championship.—Hawkins 1, Revell 2, Sladden 3. These were the only starters. Sladden led over two lengths, with Hawkins next. At the end of the fourth the order was Hawkins, Revell, Sladden. The order remained unchanged over the next two, Hawkins winning by about two yards, with a similar distance between the other two. Time, 2min. 54sec.

Relay Race (School v. Old Boys).—Old Boys (C. D. Collins, K. Taylor, Blennerhassett, H. J. Boon) defeated School (W. Penman, T. Revell, P. Sladden, H. Hawkins). At the end of the first two lengths Old Boys had established a lead of three yards, which School were unable to reduce.

33 1-3 Yards Preparatory Championship.—Pitt 1, C. Stronge 2, Gordon 3. Time, 24 3-5sec.

#### AGGREGATE TOTALS.

Senior Championship.—H. Hawkins (20 points) 1, Sladden and Revell (8) equal 2.

Junior Championship.—W. Penman (13 points) 1, Galbraith (10) 2, Robb (2) 3.

Under 14 Years Championship.—Satherley (13 points) 1, Beaven (11) 2, Pitt (3) 3.

Preparatory Championship.—Pitt 1.

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#### LIFE-SAVING.

Throughout the term life-saving classes have been carried on under the supervision of Mr. Eggleton. Our thanks are due to Mr. Eggleton, who has sacrificed much of his time in the interests of these classes. The following awards were obtained:—

Hon. Instructor's Certificate.—H. Hawkins.

Teacher's Certificate.—H. Hawkins.

Bronze Medallion.—J. Pease, J. Buckeridge, K. Wetere, G. Easton, C. Campbell, J. Law, C. Robb, S. Wyborn, J. Penman, D. Somerville, J. Beaven.





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Proficiency Certificates.—J. Pease, J. Buckeridge, K. Wetere, G. Easton, C. Campbell, J. Law, C. Robb, S. Wyborn, J. Penman, D. Somerville, S. Black, B. Cooke, T. York, J. Beaven.

Elementary Certificates.—J. Pease, J. Buckeridge, K. Wetere, G. Easton, C. Campbell, J. Law, C. Robb, S. Wyborn, J. Penman, D. Somerville, S. Black, B. Cooke, T. York, S. Spiers, B. Jenkins, J. Beaven.

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### THE GREY CHALLENGE CUP.

On March 4 the Grey Cup was competed for in the Municipal Baths. The High School A team, consisting of H. Hawkins, P. Sladden, W. Penman and T. Revell, proved to be victorious. School took the lead after two lengths and maintained it throughout the race, eventually winning by three yards from the Hawera team. Other teams who competed were: East End A, Fitzroy surf team, Waitara, Old Boys A and Old Boys B.

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### THE FLANNAGAN OPEN WATER SWIM.

This annual event was held on March 9. The course was from the Baths to the East End, a distance of two miles. School was well represented by four competitors, out of a total number of 13. The order of finishing was:

F. Ryan (Hawera), 4min. ....	1
S. Spiers (High School), 9min. ....	2
H. Hawkins (High School), scr. (fastest time)	3
K. Taylor (Old Boys), scr. ....	4
W. Penman (High School), 2½min. ....	5

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### AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

(R. Buick.)

This term was a busy one, for several crops had to be gathered and weighed. This was followed by the working out of the results so that we could make comparisons and learn something from the results we had obtained. Much observational work was done in connection with the grass and clover plots, in which over thirty varieties have been established.



On March 14 six plots were sown in fodder crops, to provide autumn and early spring feed: (1) Cape Barley, (2) Prairie Grass, (3) Algerian Oats and Tares, (4) Algerian Oats and Italian Rye, (5) Algerian Oats and Cape Barley, (6) Algerian Oats and Grey Peas. Plots 1 and 3 have made the most growth up till now.

In the Cocksfoot trial, Danish seed and New Zealand seed (Akaroa) were sown in adjacent plots. The Akaroa Cocksfoot germinated better and has made better growth than the Danish. In another plot Cowgrass is sown with Cocksfoot to demonstrate the beneficial action of a legume on ordinary pasture plants. It also makes a better balanced, highly nutritious food.

#### NOTES ON POTATO SEED EXPERIMENT.

The object of this experiment was to find out which was the best individual "seed" potato to be planted. One row of each of the following samples was planted: Average unsprouted potatoes, small sprouted and large sprouted potatoes, sprouted potatoes cut in halves, potatoes with eyes only.

The potatoes were planted on October 5, 1923, in ten rows, of eight sets of potatoes each.

The following is a detailed result of the experiment:

Plot.	Sample of Potato.	Large.	Small.	Total.
1.	Whole, large, sprouted	5lb. 1oz.	3lb. 10oz.	8lb. 11oz.
2.	Cut, large, sprouted ..	2lb. 12oz.	1lb. 4oz.	4lb. 0oz.
3.	Whole, small, sprouted	7lb. 2oz.	1lb. 1oz.	8lb. 3oz.
4.	Unsprouted .....	6lb. 15oz.	1lb. 5oz.	8lb. 4oz.
5.	Just "eyes" .....	7lb. 3oz.	2lb. 14oz.	10lb. 1oz.
6.	As row 1 but not earthed up .....	6lb. 5oz.	2lb. 3oz.	8lb. 8oz.
7.	As row 1 6in. deep ..	10lb. 4oz.	1lb. 14oz.	12lb. 10oz.
8.	As row 1 8in. deep ..	9lb. 3oz.	3lb. 14oz.	13lb. 1oz.
9.	As row 1 10in. deep ..	9lb. 15oz.	1lb. 6oz.	11lb. 5oz.
10.	As row 1 12in. deep ..	5lb. 6oz.	1lb. 10oz.	7lb. 0oz.

Rows 1—6 were planted 4 inches deep.

The potatoes were dug and weighed on February 13, 1924. From this experiment it was found that Plot 7, planted with whole large sprouted potatoes, 6in. deep, gave the best yield of edible potatoes, but Plot 8 gave the heaviest yield, though the potatoes were smaller.

#### NOTES ON EXPERIMENT TO FIND OUT THE BEST DEPTH FOR SOWING BEANS.

The seed was planted in ten rows. The first row was 2 inches deep, and the succeeding rows each 2 inches deeper than the preceding one, until a depth of sixteen inches was obtained. When the yield off each row was weighed it was found that the seed planted in rows from eight to thirteen inches gave the heaviest yield, the yield being from 126 to 141 grams weight, while the seed planted in rows from two to six inches and from fourteen to sixteen inches gave a yield of from 65 to 90 grams weight.

An experiment to find out whether it is better to sow large or small seed resulted in showing that large seed gives a healthier and heavier yield. Peas, beans, parsnips and beetroot were sown for this experiment.

The White Lupin, which was the best green manure crop from last year's trial, was saved for seed. It yielded 54lb. of good clean seed. The White Lupin is a much more vigorous grower than Blue Lupin, which yielded about 20lb. of seed, but the Blue Lupin comes to maturity quicker. The White Lupin is very suitable for Taranaki, as it is hardier and produces more foliage.

#### NOTES ON THE TRIAL WITH TURNIPS AND SWEDES TO FIND OUT WHICH RESISTS DISEASE BEST.

Variety.	No. of Plants.	Plants Diseased.	Percentage Diseased.
1. Champion Swede .....	65	2	3
2. Grandmaster Swede .....	50	10	20
3. Mammoth Turnip .....	43	12	28
4. Monarch Swede .....	15	13	26
5. Superlative Swede .....	56	5	9
6. Lincolnshirt Red Turnip ...	51	23	45
7. Imperial Green Globe Turnip	34	10	29
8. Green Valmorain Swede ....	68	7	10
9. Hardy Green Turnip .....	25	6	24
10. Romney Marsh Turnip ....	29	19	65

The best variety was Champion Swede, and the worst Romney Marsh Turnip. This trial shows that the swedes resist disease better than turnips.



## COW JUDGING.

In the boys' and girls' cow judging competition held in connection with the New Plymouth Agricultural Show the following were the School successes:—

Secondary School Pupils.—N. Hooker 1, R. Forsyth 2, L. Honeyfield 4.

Primary School Pupils.—J. Shaw 2, C. Stronge 3, H. Gordon 4.

## PREPARATORY NOTES.

Once again Prep. had a very successful annual exam., and most of the boys gained promotion. In Lower and Middle Prep. the Inspectors reported upon the general excellence of the work, while in Upper Prep. the form (with one exception) gained either a proficiency or a competency certificate.

We have just completed our first term exam. for this year and some of us with considerable trepidation await for "line up."

At the primary schools' swimming sports we were runners-up for the McHardy Shield, won by West End in record time.

Our cricket season was very successful. We won all our matches and gained the Whittle Challenge Shield—for several seasons held by West End School.

Football is now in full swing. For the primary school contests Prep. has entered two teams, and anticipate some hard games against the other boys.

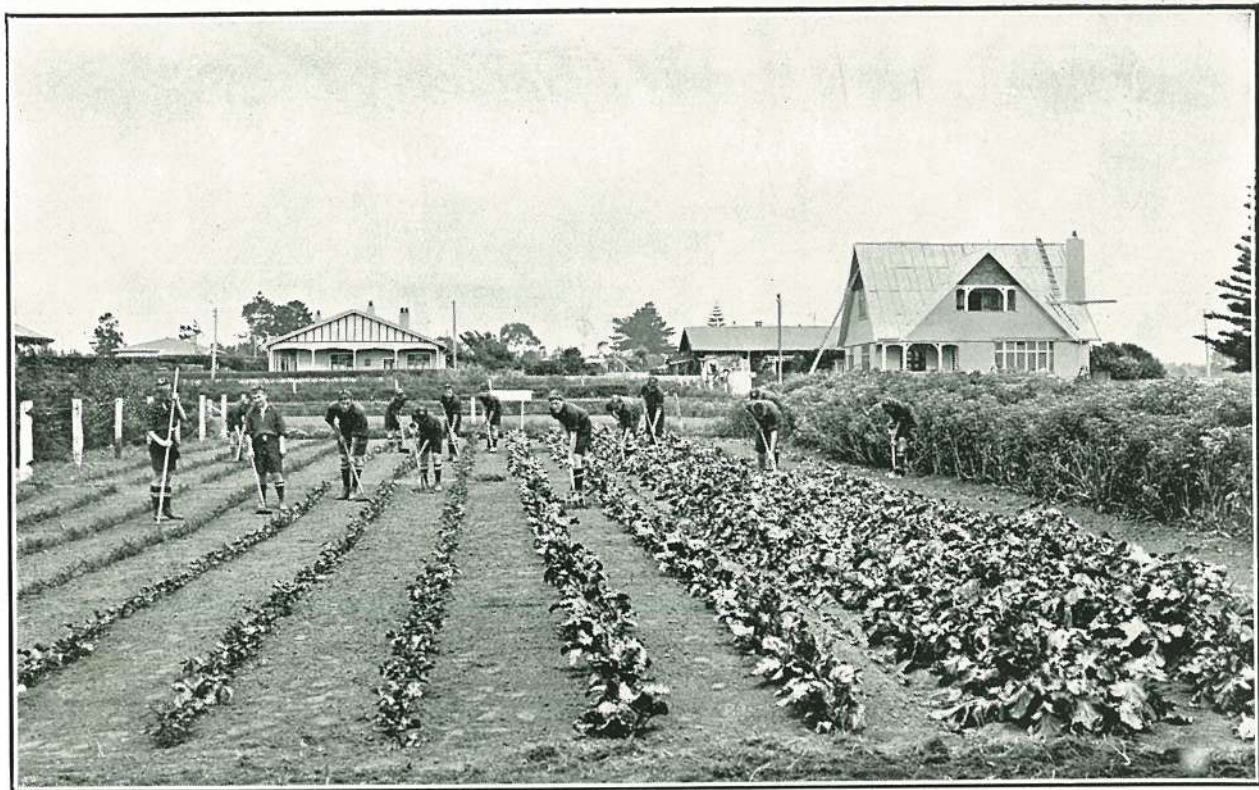
We have 74 boys in Prep. Of these 37 are boarders.

## CONCERT NOTES.

(T. Fookes.)

Although no concerts have been held so far this year, the Concert Club intends holding several during the approaching winter term. The Concert Club is severely handicapped for the want of a suitable practice room, and this is the reason why no concerts have been given during





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the first term. The increasing popularity of the school concerts was manifested by the large number of visitors which attended those held last year. The capable manner in which last year's concerts were conducted reflected great credit on the members of the Concert Club. As was the usual custom, the new boys' concerts were held early in the term. The day boys' concert was held on the first wet Thursday afternoon, and the boarders' on the following Saturday evening. Most of the new boys were overcome by stage fright, and consequently the concerts were not very entertaining. The day boys turned out to be a most unmusical lot, and the variety of songs submitted was very limited. The boarders turned on a much brighter performance, and several good singers were discovered among them.

The concert party has lost several of its leading singers, and we appeal to those new boys who possess any talent to come forward and offer their services.

During barracks, a moving picture entertainment was given in the assembly hall. The pictures were very short owing to the films breaking, but nevertheless Bree came to light and entertained us by playing the latest ragtimes on the piano.

#### THE ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra this year contains about twenty players, and practice is held regularly every Saturday night. Several new boys have joined the ranks, but we are still in need of a clarinet player and another cornet player. Last year's practice room has been converted into a dormitory, and consequently the dining-room has to serve the purpose. This room is most unsuitable for practising in, and the orchestra cannot do good work while labouring under such conditions.

The orchestra has lost several of its most valuable members. These are—E. Lomas (conductor), H. McNeill (violin), D. Guy (piano), A. Kidson (cornet) and E. Jeffries (drummer). We have lost our most energetic conductor, Eric Lomas, who for the past two years has wielded the baton with marked success. Bree has this year filled the position as conductor. The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Conductor, Bree; piano, Meredith;



first violins, Brodie, Cottier, Rogers, Moverley, Noonan, Groombridge; second violins, Gorringer, Betts, Hay, Scott, Hodge; violas, Stronge i., D. Robertson; 'cello, Thompson, Stronge ii.; cornet, H. Dobson; flutes, O'Halloran, T. Fookes, Crawshaw, Lobb; drums, etc., C. Campbell.

The orchestra hopes to give several concerts during the year, and these will help to brighten the winter evenings for the boarders.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

DECEMBER, 1923.

Degree Examinations.—B.A., second section: A. L. Herdman; subjects, French, History. B.A., first section: H. P. Mitcalfe, subjects French, English, History; M. J. Robertson, subjects English, Mathematics.

University Entrance Scholarship Examination.—Taranaki Scholarship: R. M. Dolby, 1481 marks.

Matriculation and Allied Examinations (M. denotes that the candidate obtained a full Matriculation pass; S., Solicitor's General Knowledge; P., Medical Preliminary; E., Engineering Preliminary; P.P., Partial Pass Matriculation; Comp., completed partial pass):—R. W. Bates, P.P.; C. E. Baunton, M.; H. E. Bellringer, P.P.; C. C. Burgess, P.P.; L. Christie, P.P.; R. Cottier, P.P.; H. Crawshaw, M.S.; J. E. Eaves, Comp.; S. F. Fookes, Comp.; J. Galbraith, P.P.; D. G. Grant, P.P.; R. P. Hoby, M.S.; H. D. Hunt, M.S.; H. A. H. Insull, M.S.; C. L. Jackson, M.S.P.; T. B. R. Julian, Comp.; A. L. Kidson, P.P.; N. S. Lovegrove, M.S.; E. B. Mason, P.P.; A. Moverley, P.P.; W. J. Mountjoy, M.S.P.; D. P. McLean, M.S.; D. C. O'Halloran, M.; H. C. Read, M.S.; R. M. Robertson, P.P.; C. L. Saxton, P.P.; C. G. Shaw, M.S.; J. T. Shaw, Comp.; J. L. Simcock, M.S.P.; G. T. L. Smith, M.; C. H. Strombom, M.S.P.; H. M. Thomson, P.P.; L. B. Watts, M.S.P.; R. G. Webb, Comp.; D. M. Wilson, Comp. M.S.

Senior National Scholarships.—C. E. Baunton, 1575 marks; J. Galbraith, 1463 marks; L. B. Watts, 1380 marks.

Proficiency.—S. Allhusen, H. Beckbessinger, O. Clarke, R. Cresswell, J. Duigan, O. Davies, R. Fletcher, C. Griffiths, D. Hetherington, C. Holmes, A. Hutchen, G. Kenny, M. McLean, E. MacCallum, B. Somerville, A. Washer, L. Wilson.

Competency.—E. Jackson, C. Pope, G. Simons, C. Tait.

## FORM AVERAGES.

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Form VI.—Not placed.

Form Va.—1, Tonks, E. W., 70.3; 2, Wells, G. L., 65.1.

Form Vb.—1, Fookes, A., 59.3; 2, Bayly, G., 58.0.

Form Vc.—1, Burgess, M., 57.3; 2, Wyborn, S. R., 57.2.

Form IVa.—1, Latter, H. B., 72.3; 2, MacDiarmid, G. C., 71.5.

Form IVb.—1, Rogers, F., 66.6; 2, Billing, S., 64.5.

Form IVc.—1, Beaven, J. H., 63; 2, Rawson, W., 60.

Form IIIa.—1, Wall, 74.5; 2, Bell, 73.5.

Form IIIb.—1, Stevens, R. J., 63.1; 2, Cottam, M. S., 60.

Form IIIc.—1, Lee, W., 63.5; 2, Crapper, D., 61.7.

Form IIIId.—1, Bransgrove J., 63; 2, Little, C., 61.8.

Form IIIe.—1, McCallum, E., 63.1; 2, Hetet, W., 59.4.

### Preparatory School.

Standard VI.—1, Brookman, N., 86.5; 2, McLean, J., and Jackson, D. (equal), 85.4.

Standard V.—1, Harvie, E., 85.3; 2, Thomson, H., 84.3.

Standard IV.—1, Harvie, G., 83.2; 2, Law, H., 80.1.

Standard III.—Fairbrother, J., 85.2; 2, Harvie, M., 80.4.

Standard II.—1, Mercer, J., 83.1; 2, Dunn, J., 78.4.

Standard I.—1, Lile, A., 72; 2, Somerton, J., and Western, H. (equal), 71.8.



## SHOOTING NOTES.

(W. Alexander and W. Ritter.)

The opening term of a new year has brought many changes in the arrangements for another venture into the various competitions, in which this school has so long been engaged, and although the whole aspect of shooting in the school has changed, we hope to retain that efficiency to which our predecessors have attained.

The predominant feature of this year's conditions is the necessity of firing as many as possible of the total strength of a Cadet company in order to obtain a good average, and in addition this year they are marked by the abolition of the division into teams and the adoption of a larger divisional system under which the average of a whole platoon is considered.

After considering the expense and the loss of school time in coaching such a large number of boys to the required efficiency it has been decided to abandon the entering of the whole school and attention has been confined to a hundred boys.

In addition to those already mentioned, other important changes have been made in the new conditions for the Imperial Challenge Shield. One Cadet company cannot compete for both senior and junior competitions, but it is classified by whatever division, either senior or junior, predominates in numbers. An alteration is found in the nature of firing: the customary 10 rounds deliberate have been divided into five rounds deliberate in any position and five rounds deliberate with the prone position barred. Where previously the centre of the shot hole determined the value of the shot, the outer edge is now considered.

In the last issue the detailed scores of the various teams were published, but since then the positions gained in the competition have been published. In the Senior Competition the school teams obtained third place for the Empire with an average of 78.1 per boy, and in the Junior Competition our average of 74.9 gained fourth place.

In the competition for the Governor-General's Cup, presented for the best average score for a New Zealand unit, the school was triumphant with the creditable average of 76.8 per boy.

The following are the positions of the individual teams which appeared in the prize list:—

## SENIOR.

No. 1 Platoon, 24 Company, B Team . . . .	14th
No. 1 Platoon, 24 Company, A Team . . . .	25th
No. 1 Platoon, 24 Company, C Team . . . .	40th
No. 1 Platoon, 24 Company, D Team . . . .	55th
No. 2 Platoon, 24 Company, A Team . . . .	99th
No. 3 Platoon, 24 Company, D Team . . . .	102nd
No. 2 Platoon, 24 Company, B Team . . . .	121st
No. 2 Platoon, 24 Company, C Team . . . .	154th

## JUNIOR.

No. 1 Platoon, 110 Company, C Team . . . .	32nd
No. 1 Platoon, 110 Company, A Team . . . .	40th
No. 1 Platoon, 110 Company, B Team . . . .	53rd

In the competition for the Shield presented by the proprietors of the Christchurch Weekly Press for the secondary schools in the Dominion, the school team gained third place for New Zealand and second place for the North Island. The detailed scores of this team are:—

	Slow.	Rapid.	Total.
Groombridge, W. . . . .	28	40	68
Sladden, P. . . . .	28	40	68
Buick, R. . . . .	28	39	67
Buist, E. . . . .	27	40	67
Fauchelle, E. . . . .	28	39	67
Grant, G. . . . .	27	40	67
Richardson, S. . . . .	27	40	67
Wigg, E. . . . .	28	39	67
Bree, R. . . . .	27	39	66
Fletcher, R. . . . .	28	38	66
Total . . . . .			670
Average, 67.			

The following are the results of the competition for school trophies:—

## MACDIARMID BELT.

	500yds.	300yds.	200yds.	Total.
1. Brown, H. . . . .	7	13	12	32
2. Green, C. . . . .	13	14	3	30
3. Heycock, M. . . . .	12	11	6	29



## TENNIS NOTES

## KELLY CUP.

	500yds.	300yds.	200yds.	Total.
1. Syme, T. ....	11	23	3	37
2. Green, C. ....	13	15	9	37
3. O'Halloran, D. ..	13	14	6	33

## LADY GODLEY CUP (SENIOR).

	Total.
1. W. Alexander .....	110
2. O. Rainer .....	97
2. P. Sladden .....	97

## LADY GODLEY CUP (JUNIOR).

	Total.
1. Groombridge, W. ....	118
2. Fletcher, R. ....	116
3. Knuckey, D. ....	115

## TENNIS NOTES.

(M. D. Bree.)

At the beginning of the term play was confined to one court, which soon began to show signs of wear. Added to this we have again received our full share (and perhaps a little more) of bad weather. So we have decided to postpone the championships till the third term.

We have been fortunate in securing the use of the Park Club's courts for the coming winter. For a fee of 5s we are allowed to play each Saturday morning from eight to one o'clock.

The three grass courts which were laid down some time ago are coming on well, and should be in excellent condition for next season.

## CADET NOTES.

(W. A. Brodie.)

Owing to a large increase in numbers this year, we have now nearly four hundred Cadets in the corps. This has enabled us to organise in a much more efficient way. There are now two full companies of four platoons each, instead of a contingent of six platoons such as we had last year. No. 24 Company is the senior, and is armed with rifles, while No. 110 Company is unarmed, and consists of

the smaller boys of the school. Captain Papps is officer commanding contingent, Captain Bertrand commands No. 24 Company, and Captain Diprose commands No. 110 Company. Each company has its full complement of N.C.O.'s, and except for occasional mass parades falls in separately and carries out different classes of work.

There was a very serious shortage of N.C.O.'s at the beginning of the year, and last year's Cadets suddenly found themselves platoon sergeants or section leaders. Lieut. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C., kindly came up twice a week and took an N.C.O. class. Under his tuition the N.C.O.'s improved remarkably, and by the time the contingent went into camp they had become accustomed to giving commands and enforcing discipline.

The paramount feature of the Cadet work this term was the holding of barracks on the racecourse. Through the generosity of the Jockey Club, who lent us the centre of the course and several of the buildings, we had excellent facilities for holding a military camp.

Monday, March 22, saw us pitching camp. We had been shown the method of pitching a tent earlier in the day, so that by "Lights Out" we were all comparatively comfortable for a night's sleep. In all there were about sixty tents, including the nine officers' tents and the guard tent, which were detached from the rest. Our mess was located under the main stand and the officers' mess and orderly room in the top of the stewards' stand.

We commenced training on Tuesday morning, Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Whyte, D.S.O., D.C.M., N.Z.S.C., being the camp commandant. Other members of the permanent staff with him were: Captain D. E. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C. (director of training), Lieut. L. W. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C. (adjutant), Lieut. A. J. King, N.Z.P.S. (musketry instructor), and the following staff-sergeant-majors: C. S. Mahoney (W.O. 1), J. Henry (W.O. 1), J. T. Bell (W.O. 1), and A. E. Stevens (W.O. 2). The following school officers were also present: Captain A. J. Papps (O.C. Cadet Contingent), Captain G. F. Bertrand (O.C. No. 24 Company), Captain A. W. Diprose (O.C. No. 110 Company), Lieutenants F. J. Eggleton, H. G. Dyer, V. E. Kerr and D. F. Saxton. Messrs. A. G. Johnson, G. H. Pope and T. M. McDonald also assisted.

Guard mounting, under the instruction of Sergt.-Major Mahoney, was hardly the impressive ceremony to be witnessed in a camp of old hands, but the only thing



which managed to elude the guard was a black cow, which as if in triumph at her achievement waved some particularly glaring pyjamas over her head and apparently finding them appetising began to chew the leg until they were rescued by their indignant owner. Nevertheless by the end of the week we were able to turn out quite a creditable guard.

On Thursday afternoon a mock battle afforded a welcome respite from our somewhat tedious labours. The attack was carried out by No. 1 Platoon and to make things more realistic, blank ammunition was used, though some of the onlookers expressed doubt as to the danger of the defenders even if the real thing had been used. The attackers, who had been divided into bombing and infantry sections, advanced from the south end of the race-course with a Lewis gun section on one flank. By a series of short rushes, covered by bursts of fire from the Lewis gun and other riflemen, they approached the enemy, and finally concentrated for a bayonet charge. The defenders retired a short distance, but then launched a counter attack, making honours even.

On Friday afternoon the officers and N.C.O.'s were shown the latest method of conducting class-firing practices and an ingenious method of landscape firing without injuring the target. The same afternoon after the march-past we were formed up in close column of platoons in front of the grandstand, where Colonel Whyte delivered a farewell address. The following account appeared in the Daily News:—"In congratulating the boys on the great keenness they had exhibited from beginning to end of the course, Colonel Whyte said their drill was by no means perfect, but the improvement was remarkable. He wished especially to mention the small boys of No. 110 Company, who came into camp like Brown's cows and now marched with the precision and steadfastness of trained soldiers. The instruction had not been of an advanced nature, but a solid grounding in the ABC of drill movements was essential. The neatness of the tents had improved daily, and the folding of blankets in the Cadet whose pack he had inspected. The discipline was orthodox military style had been carried out by every excellent, and he hoped the boys would carry their good behaviour into their homes, their school, and their future lives, for no employer wanted a boy who was untidy or undisciplined. Altogether the scheme of work had embraced everything essential in the early part of military





IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD TEAM, 1923.

Junior C.: 32nd for th Empire

R. Lawrence, R. Noonan, C. Tait, E. Read.  
W. Martin, R. Bree, E. Buist, M. Pepper.

Oakley Studio, N.P.



training, though physical drill had been omitted, as this could easily be done under the competent instructors on the staff of the school. He concluded by saying that he would be quite satisfied if the boys carried on in life as they had in camp. He wished to thank the Headmaster for the assistance he had given in a dozen different ways, and the Taranaki Jockey Club for its generosity in placing every convenience at the disposal of the Defence authorities.—Mr. Moyes thanked Colonel Whyte and his staff for their administration of the camp, and commented on the great improvement in the drill.”

On the Wednesday afternoon we were inspected by Colonel Commandant C. W. Melvill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., then officer in charge of the Central Military Command. He remarked on our bearing.

Though the drill was somewhat arduous compared with what we are used to, the novelty of the camp afforded ample compensation. Undoubtedly the camp has done its work, besides giving us some idea of military conditions and discipline.

Preparing for the Anzac Day parade this year was far easier than in previous years, and the marching on the day was quite creditable. The contingent marched from School to the Post Office, and there fell into its place in the procession to the Recreation Ground. There the parade marched past, and then drew up in mass for the Memorial Service, which was again very impressive. As rain was falling at the conclusion we were hurriedly dismissed outside the Recreation Ground gates.

We wish to welcome to the corps Lieut. Dyer, who had a distinguished career at the Duntroon Military College, and who therefore comes to us imbued with a great enthusiasm for military work; and also Lieut. Leggat, who arrived here from the Auckland Grammar School. Their keenness is already having its effect on the efficiency of the corps.

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### A LETTER.

Mr. Moyes, the Masters and Boys of the School,—

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your presentation and appreciation of what little work I have done during the past three years, for the School Orchestra and music.



The success of the Orchestra during that time has been due, in the first place, to the eagerness with which the boys of the Orchestra have thrown themselves into their work. They undoubtedly made a great sacrifice by giving up their Saturday evenings and other times to practice, but I feel certain that they have all realised that nothing can be gained, or even hope to be gained, without really hard work.

I should like to thank also, both on behalf of the Orchestra and myself, the resident music-master, Mr. Dobson, for the very great help he has given us.

Our progress has been dependent to no small degree on the financial assistance of Mr. Moyes, the Board of Governors, and the School Finance Committee. They have given us every possible assistance and encouragement and we feel greatly indebted to them.

While I have the opportunity I should like to make some mention of the present standard of school music. There has been a great improvement during the last few years, but it is still not what it might be. This is probably due to the fact that the town itself has not the musical advantages that some other towns have. Whether this be true or not there is still room for improvement and reforms. It is rather difficult to know when to make these reforms, for I have no doubt many are quite satisfied with the music in the town. Well, I suppose they have every reason to be satisfied with the class of music that seems to have captivated many people—Jazz. Occasionally one hears of teachers giving their pupils this modern trash on the plea of keeping their pupils interested! In such cases the need for reform is obvious, and there is not the slightest doubt as to where the reform is to commence.

Perhaps it would not be out of place to quote Dr. J. C. Bradshaw, of Christchurch, who was judge this year at the South Island Brass Band Contest. He says: "The attendances at the Barracks (where the contest was held) during the whole of last week are conclusive proof that good music adequately rendered will always attract the public. There is really no need to descend to vulgarities of the 'Banana' type. There is a vast field of legitimate light and attractive works such as the 'Mignon' excerpts heard last week, in addition to heavier compositions such as arrangements of classical overtures. Surely music of

the Jazz type may well be left for the ball-room, not, however, without regrets that such monstrosities as one hears these days can be tolerated even there."

Before concluding, I should like to add that I have had a most happy time amongst the masters, boys, and the school music, and I shall miss the Saturday evening's orchestral practice more than I can say.

I wish to thank the boys of the Orchestra for their whole-hearted and loyal support. It will be very difficult to find another orchestra who will respond so well to one's efforts, however small they may be.

This letter would be incomplete were I not to mention the valuable assistance rendered the Orchestra by Mr. Renaud, who for many years was music-master at the school. Although he has severed his connection he still maintains a very warm interest in us, and has always been only too glad and willing to help us, and to give advice. With his wide knowledge and years of experience he has always been ready to assist us whenever the opportunity arose.

Wishing Mr. Dobson and the Orchestra every success in their future progress.—I remain, yours sincerely,

ERIC LOMAS,

Christchurch, February 28, 1924.

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Since the last issue of "The Taranakian" in November the Association has had in view the furtherance of the Gymnasium Fund. Unfortunately the Queen Carnival organised by the Pukekura Park Board interfered with any effort since the beginning of the year, but the Committee has decided to run one or two concerts at the School during the next term and intend concentrating their efforts in some big function either in December or January next by which it is hoped to complete the fund. The proceeds of the football match on Easter Saturday were placed to this fund, which now stands at over £400. A subscription list has been opened and it is hoped that Old Boys away from New Plymouth will see their way to subscribe to this fund.

At the annual meeting it was decided that the annual re-union should be held at Easter, and acting on this decision the Committee made arrangements for the annual dinner to be held on Easter Saturday and the annual ball on Easter Monday. We are glad to say that these functions received a great deal of support from members and it augurs well for the future re-unions of the Association. It is hoped that Old Boys will in future try to arrange to be present at the re-union every Easter and thus keep up their interest in their old school. A full report of the re-union is found in this issue.

Might we again remind members that we are always glad to hear from them and of their doings, and it is hoped that all Old Boys will keep more in touch with the Association. We are glad to say that the Wellington



branch of the Association is now well established, and it is hoped that other towns will also form branches of the Association and thus keep our members of the Association more in touch with the School.

The Committee of the Association desire to extend their thanks to all those who assisted with the arrangements during Easter for the help they rendered and particularly to Mrs. MacDiarmid and the members of the Supper Committee and to Mesdames Nolan and Kirkby and Miss Fookes for their work in decorating the hall. The success of the ball was very largely due to the very splendid work carried out by these committees. The Committee also desire to thank Rev. E. H. Strong for conducting the Old Boys' service on Easter Sunday and Mr. F. E. Willis for his assistance in entertaining the reverse the position. The teams were:—

### ANNUAL RE-UNION.

It was decided that the re-union of Old Boys should be an annual function, to be held at Easter, and this year's re-union augurs well for the success of future functions. Unfortunately the railway strike and the jubilee celebrations at Victoria College kept a large number of members from attending, but we trust that we will have these members with us next Easter. The re-union was commenced with a football match between the local and visiting Old Boys and provided a struggle, the local team eventually winning. In the evening some 150 Old Boys attended the annual dinner in the Waratah Dining Rooms. On Sunday morning a special Old Boys' service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Strong at St. Mary's Church, and the re-union terminated with the annual ball at the School on the Monday evening. It had been the intention of the Committee to entertain the visitors at a picnic on the Sunday afternoon, but unfortunately arrangements could not be made to do this and the majority of the visitors were entertained privately.

### THE FOOTBALL MATCH.

The terraces at Western Park were thickly lined by the spectators when play commenced in the Rugby football match. It was an enthusiastic crowd, though not so

vocal as onlookers at football usually are; the reason being the difficulty of taking sides when the contestants were all ex-pupils of the school. Good play on either side was given its due measure of applause, and there were numerous occasions for it, although the play was not consistently of the highest class. The local Old Boys naturally had the advantage in combination and the scoring during the first half showed distinctly in their favour, being 18 points to 3, but in the second half honours in the play were more nearly even and, scoring being free, there were times when it looked as if the visitors might yet reverse the position. The teams were:—

Local Old Boys.—Newell, Dinmiss, Sykes (captain), Smith, B. Boon, Taylor, Morey, P. Atkinson, Leggat, Wilson, Frethey, Blundell, C. Collins, Morrison and Brewster.

Visiting Old Boys.—Rawson, Foden, Brown (captain), Rickard, L. Christie, L. O'Halloran, McHardy, Golding, Waterson, A. Christie, Mackay, Graham, D. Saxton, R. Christie and Peach.

The first quarter saw the local team score 6 points to nil, Dinmiss gaining a try and Newell kicking a goal from a penalty—one of the remarkably few successful place-kicks of the day. After the change over Boon was successful in a very determined effort to notch another try for the home team. The visitors took advantage of a mistake of their opponents and A. Christie crossed the goal-line. Then the local backs took a hand effectively and two tries were scored in quick succession, Dinmiss and Collins being the last men in possession. Another try gained by Blundell made the score 18 to 3 in favour of the local team at half-time.

On resuming the visitors were aggressive and the spectators soon lost the idea that the game was to be a walk-over. McHardy ran strongly to score from a scrum, and then a really pretty bout of passing ended in Rickard securing the visitors' third try and it was converted by Brown. With Boon in possession the visiting defence was found to be slack and he practically strolled through. After Brown had secured another three points for the visitors from a penalty kick, Boon scored the final try, making the scores: Local Old Boys 24; visiting Old Boys 14. Mr. F. Webb was the referee.



## RE-UNION DINNER.

The re-union dinner was held at the Waratah Dining Rooms on Easter Saturday night, over 150 Old Boys and guests sitting down to dinner. The President (Mr. C. H. Wynyard) was in the chair, and the guests included the Principal (Mr. W. H. Moyes) and masters of the school, the Chairman (Mr. H. R. Billing) and members of the Board of Governors, and the following representatives of other Associations: Messrs. W. Devenish, E. M. Stace (Nelson College), C. H. Weston (Christ's College), F. E. Willis (Wanganui College), A. H. Blennerhassett (Auckland Grammar School), T. H. Carr (King's College), and A. L. Moore (New Plymouth Technical College). Apologies were received from numerous Old Boys and from his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson). After dinner had been served the toast of "The King" was honoured, and was followed by the toast of "The School," proposed by Mr. A. Hempton, who described himself as a comparative junior, he having entered the school only 38 years ago. He recalled that the attendance then included 40 boys and 20 girls, and the girls always showed more brains than the boys. (Laughter.) To-day he could scarcely realise it was the same school as he had attended so many years ago. It was making a name second to none throughout the country. Old Boys rejoiced in the success of the school and of those who were instrumental in bringing it to so high a position.

Mr. Moyes, in responding to the toast, referred to the difficulties of securing accommodation and equipment that had accompanied the growth of the past ten years. Such gatherings as this one brought a realisation of the sympathy of the Old Boys and of the fact that there was more in education than lessons. This gave the school authorities fresh heart to go on battling until they would have what was right—a school equipped in every detail to carry on the work. The near future would probably see still greater changes, Mr. Moyes continued. From conversations he had had with many Old Boys, he was afraid that all did not see eye to eye. He referred to the proposed amalgamation of the Boys' High School and the Technical College and he wished to give them the reason for it. He wished to assure them in the first place that the proposal came from the authorities in New Plymouth and not from the Department of Education. Technical schools were originally started with the object of providing classes for young men at work, those who had not had



C. H. WYNYARD,  
President Old Boys' Association, 1924



the advantages of a secondary education. For some reason or other the public did not support them and changes were made, with the result that in towns of the size of New Plymouth there were now day schools with the same aims, ideals and objects as the high schools. There was the ridiculous position of having two schools catering for the same class of students and doing practically the same work. The only difference was that, whereas Latin was still an important thing in the High School curriculum, it was not so important in the Technical School, and the latter was equipped for vocational classes, while the High School was not. So long as the two schools existed it would be impossible to get the department to equip the High School properly. The boards had seen that it would be to the advantage of everybody to have one school properly equipped for vocational training as well as for professional work. He told them this because some Old Boys looked with disfavour on the proposal. The contention that it would lower the tone of the school was absurd.

Another matter to which Mr. Moyes referred was the institution of a school church service. Several years ago service had been held in the Assembly Hall and when the Rev. Strong came to New Plymouth he had started a service at St. Mary's at 9.30 o'clock on Sunday mornings. A permanent chaplain was necessary and he would like the Old Boys to work out some scheme which would provide the cash to enable the school to have one for all time.

Referring to opposition to the preparatory department of the school, Mr. Moyes said he hoped that if a time came when the department said it had to go, the Old Boys would make their voice heard in no uncertain manner. Other schools had them, but for some reason the department had picked on this school, and whenever more room was asked for, the reply was that the preparatory department should be done away with. Speaking of university classes at the school, Mr. Moyes said that, this not being a university town, a number of boys who could not afford to go to a university if they won a scholarship, preferred to take degree work at the school or become exempted students of the university. This year some boys were thus taking a section of their degree, which debarred them from competing for scholarships.

"Sister Colleges" was proposed by Mr. Owen Bayly.



Mr. C. H. Weston, who responded for Christ's College, remarked that the New Plymouth School was putting its brand of strength of character upon the boys it was turning out. He was very pleased to hear what was being done in regard to church services, because he hoped that some day it would lead to the school having its own chapel, built in Taranaki stone, just as St. Mary's was built. Others who responded were Mr. W. Devenish (Nelson College) and Mr. F. Willis (Wanganui Collegiate School).

Proposing "The Board of Governors," Mr. Wynyard mentioned a number of things the Old Boys' Association had in hand to assist the school, including a scheme to provide a gymnasium. They had in view the placing of swimming baths in close proximity to the school.

Responding, Mr. Billing remarked, humorously, that at the next annual dinner there would probably be a lady to respond to the toast of the ladies. They had been assured by the Director of Education that the next appointment to the Board would be that of a lady.

Other toasts honoured were: "Sports and Pastimes" (proposed by Mr. E. P. Webster, responded to by Dr. R. G. B. Sinclair and Mr. J. M. Hine); "Absent Old Boys" (Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid); "The Ladies" (Mr. H. W. Kirkby—Mr. C. D. Collins); "The Press" (Mr. R. A. Blundell).

A very pleasing programme of music and elocution was contributed by Messrs. J. Dobson, C. Hume Fyfe, A. E. Brooker, D. Saxton, W. P. Okey, R. B. Macdonald, and B. Hartman.

Among the visiting Old Boys there were: Arthur Hempton, Dan. Rawson, Grange Waterson, Ted Foden, L. Dimmiss, Arthur Christie, "Squit" Winfield (Wellington), Owen Bayly, A. J. Healy, Lionel O'Halloran (Auckland), Jimmy Sinclair, Laurie Pease, H. Clark, T. Hassell, H. W. Brown, Claude Kyngdon (Hawera), A. Knuckey, C. J. Rogers, H. W. Aubrey (Eltham), Jack Hine (Te Kuiti), Stan. McMurray (Waverley), Eric Lomas (Christchurch), Jack Henderson (Wellington), V. Fookes (Palmerston North), Denis Winfield (Inglewood), Pat O'Carroll (Whangarei), Eric Day (Hamilton), P. H. Meuli (Tariki), H. McIvor (Wanganui), E. Beckbessinger (Waitara), Bill Mackay (Hamilton), Willard Ewing

(Stratford), W. Northern (Awakino), E. Golding (Stratford), H. Rickard (Auckland), George Graham (Waitara), Dick and Laurie Christie (Manaia), L. Neill (Te Awamutu), A. Moyes (Waverley).

## THE BALL.

Rhythmic music, gay dresses in brilliant contrast with the sombre black and white of the men's suits, the graceful surge of hundreds of dancers over the polished floor; these made the School Assembly Hall on the night of Easter Monday a very different place to what it ordinarily is as the habitat of blue-uniformed, lusty school boys. Former Old Boys' balls have been successful, but this one was generally held to have eclipsed them all. With about 300 present there was no uncomfortable crowding, and every arrangement was such as to make dancing a pleasure. Looking on, too, had its strong attractions, for the hall presented a very beautiful scene of colour and animation. The decoration was an artistic triumph for Mesdames A. Kirkby and L. A. Nolan and Miss Fookes, who formed the committee responsible for it. A vivid red and green were the colours used, and the contrast with the white walls and the dark vaulted roof was most effective. The decoration struck the happy note of being adequate without being overpowering by its mere extent. The supper, served in the dining hall of the boarding school, was on a scale in keeping with the other arrangements.

The effort that had been expended by the organisers was repaid by the success of the ball and the enjoyment of all present. The ladies' committee consisted of Mesdames A. M. MacDiarmid (chairwoman), T. P. Anderson, H. R. Billing, E. F. Fookes, D. Hutchen, A. Kirkby, W. H. Moyes, L. A. Nolan, A. J. Papps, R. H. Roedel and J. Wilson. The ball committee of the Old Boys' Association was composed of Messrs. A. Bewley, H. R. Billing, R. A. Blundell, C. D. Collins, R. H. George, R. G. Howell, H. W. Kirkby, A. M. MacDiarmid, A. J. Papps, J. D. Willis, C. H. Wynyard, Dr. E. F. Fookes. The secretaries, to whose energy much of the success was due, were Messrs. P. F. Atkinson and J. Bracken Wilson.



## WELLINGTON BRANCH.

The Wellington branch held their first re-union on November 17, 1923, which took the form of a smoke concert, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Arthur Hempton (vice-president) was in the chair and apologised for the absence of the president, Mr. Walter Rawson. There was a fair attendance of Old Boys and the following kindred Associations were represented:—Wellington College, Dr. Elliott; Nelson College, Dr. Barthorp and Mr. G. Cooper; Auckland Grammar School, Dr. Pinfold. A wire was read during the evening from the New Plymouth Association stating that the re-union was to be held at Easter and it was felt sure that the Wellington branch would be well represented. It is hoped that the re-union would be an annual event.

## OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

The 1923-24 season was the best the Club has experienced since its foundation. The senior team, under the captaincy of A. Bewley, won the North Taranaki competition for the first time, while the second team was runner-up in the junior competition. The senior eleven was to have journeyed to Hawera at the end of the season to play Okaiawa, the winners of the South Taranaki competition, for the championship of the province, but unfortunately weather conditions made play impossible, and owing to the lateness of the season, a fresh date could not be arranged.

The Club had four representatives in the team chosen to represent this end of the province against the New South Wales eleven, Bottrill and Osborne especially playing with marked success.

It was gratifying to see last season that players were taking a greater interest in practice than they had done in past years, and the Club is indebted to Mr. C. N. Kingston for the time he spent in coaching, especially junior players.

The membership of the Club has greatly increased since last season, and if possible three teams will be entered for the local competitions next season. Old Boys who intend to play are urgently requested to get in touch with the secretary as soon as the season opens.

In conclusion the Club has to thank those outsiders who generously gave their support last year and the School authorities for assistance rendered at different times.

## OLD BOYS JUNIOR.

It is pleasing to note that a junior team was again entered in the competition, and contrary to expectations put up a very creditable performance. While the senior team accounted for the senior competition our juniors were successful in gaining second place in their grade. Out of eleven matches played the team was successful on nine occasions. This performance was in no small degree due to the invaluable coaching which the team received from Mr. C. Kingston. That Mr. Kingston's efforts were keenly appreciated by the members of the team was shown by the large number who attended the practices. The team would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Kingston for his assistance.

The personnel of the team throughout the season was as follows:—F. Newell, G. Thompson, G. Moorhead, P. Pope, C. Dinniss, W. Moorhead, B. Lash, L. Harris (captain), E. Lash (vice-captain), Hawkins, S. Dowland, E. Smith, N. Lovegrove, A. Carter, L. Hoffmann, R. Ward. Of the above the following gained representative honours: B. Lash, F. Newell and L. Harris.

## BATTING AVERAGES.

	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
Harris, L. . . . .	308	68	28
Thompson, G. . .	226	50	25
Newell, F. . . . .	286	69	22
Dinniss, C. . . . .	189	54	21
Moorhead, W. . .	194	33	14
Lash, B. . . . .	186	50	13
Moorhead, G. . .	107	27*	10.6
Lash, E. . . . .	101	43	9.2
Dowland, S. . . .	54	25*	9
Hoffmann, L. . .	20	10*	4
Pope, P. . . . .	48	18	4

\*Not out.



## BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Harris, L. ....	43	241	5.6
Lash, E. ....	24	171	7.1
Moorhead, G. ..	12	86	7.2
Dinniss, C. ....	11	100	9
Newell, F. ....	10	111	11.1

## OLD BOYS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

The 1924 football season has now commenced, and from present indications promises to be one of the most successful from our Club's point of view, as well as from the general point of view. Throughout the country zest has been added to the national game by reason of the forthcoming departure of the All Blacks team, and the interest thus created appears to have manifested itself in all club football. Numerically our Club is this year the strongest it has yet been, the membership being at present over eighty players. Early in the season a seven-a-side competition was held locally in aid of the Queen Carnival funds and a team entered from the Old Boys' Club participated in the competition. The team which played in the final and was extremely unfortunate in losing the competition, consisted of the following players:—R. Brewster, C. Collins, R. Ward, J. Brodie, A. H. Boon, R. Wilson and H. Hawkins.

Five teams have been entered in local championship competitions. To date the senior team has played three matches, but has been defeated by a narrow margin in each instance. The team has been extremely unlucky in encountering a succession of injuries to its players, and is at present without the services of several of its strongest members, including D. Sykes, A. Boon, R. Blundell, G. Morgan, L. Frethey, J. Leggat, J. McClymont, all of whom have been incapacitated owing to injuries. We sincerely hope to see the majority of these players again wearing the jersey before the season terminates. The team this year has been blessed with a very capable manager in the person of Mr. F. M. Whyte, and it is most obvious that his endeavours have been most beneficial to the whole Club. Mr. Whyte, as a delegate from the Club, has been appointed a member of the Taranaki Rugby Union, and is a member of the Management Committee of that body.

The junior teams are displaying keen interest in the game, and all promise to be successful in their respective grade competitions. A training class has been instituted, and with the able assistance of Mr. Eggleton a course of physical training and team work is being carried out. Two evenings in each week are devoted to training, the first evening being held in the Central School Gymnasium and the second on the Sports Ground, Pukekura Park, where sprint exercises are indulged in. The thanks of the Club are due to the controlling authorities of both the Central School and the Sports Ground for the use of their various training facilities.

At the sixth annual general meeting of the Club the following officers were elected:—Patron: Dr. E. F. Fookes. President: C. H. Wynyard, Esq. Vice-Presidents: Drs. Home, Davie, Wade, Brewster and Eadie Brown, Messrs. R. H. George, H. R. Billing, E. P. Webster, A. E. Sykes, W. H. Moyes, P. J. H. White, F. N. Whitcombe, A. M. MacDiarmid, A. R. Standish, A. M. Bradbury, R. H. Quilliam, F. Willis, J. B. Cresswell, A. Bewley, F. M. Whyte, A. D. Kealing, D. H. Thomson. Hon. Auditor: J. Braeken Wilson. Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers: Messrs. R. G. Howell and E. G. Smith. Delegates to Taranaki Rugby Union: Messrs. F. M. Whyte and C. H. Wynyard. Club Captain and Manager: F. M. Whyte, Esq. Executive Committee: Messrs. D. Sykes, D. Doile, R. Bullard, L. Frethey, R. Blundell.

## OLD BOYS' NOTES.

Handley Brown, last year's Head Boy, is working on Mr. O. J. Hawken's farm at Mokoia. He is this year playing football for the Hawera senior team and was picked to play in the trial match against Wellington. He has been selected to play in the North Island trial match for the selection of the All Black team to visit England this year.

Jimmy Sinclair is now doctor at the Hawera Hospital and is also playing in the Hawera senior team. He has been selected to play in the trial match and should in all probability be selected to go on tour with the All Blacks. We were very glad to see him at this year's re-union.

M. Osborne, who is in the Bank of New South Wales at Hawera, is also a member of the Hawera senior football team.



We were very pleased to see Arthur Hempton, one of the older Old Boys, at the re-union. He is manager of the Bank of New Zealand and is vice-president of the Wellington branch of the Association.

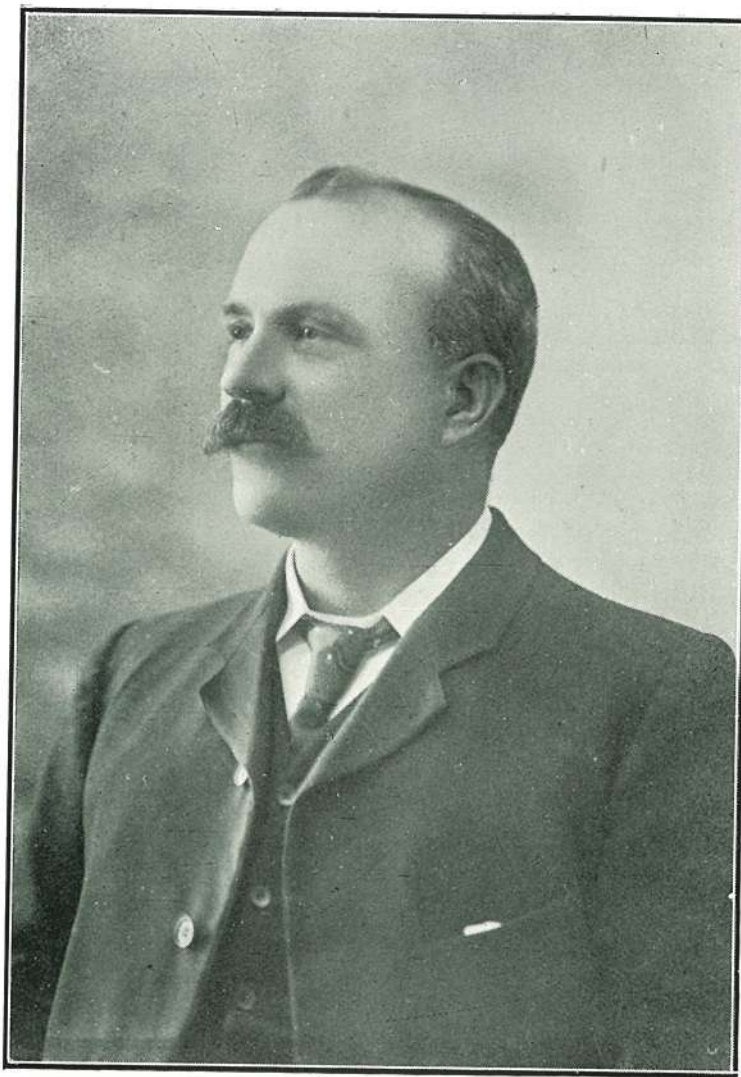
Derek Denny-Brown was successful in November in completing his doctor's degree and is now assistant lecturer in anatomy at the Otago University. Other Old Boys attending the Otago University are Brian Johns and Norman Waddle (sitting for the first section of their final), A. B. Sturtevant and Newton Quilliam (second professional), Peter Griffiths (third year), R. H. Bellringer (second year), M. Heycock (first year medicine), and R. Hoby (first year agricultural). Ken. Roberts, who now has his B.Sc., is doing research work in chemistry. Cliff Johnson (third year dental), Maurice Cachemaille (second year (dental), and Murray Nicholson (third dental). The last-named supplies us with these notes, and also reports that during the first term H. J. Mackie, who was in school in 1906, recently visited the University. He has his B.A. degree and is the New Zealand travelling secretary for the Students' Christian Union. Brian Johns is playing in the B 'Varsity fifteen, while Peter Griffiths is in the B hockey team.

Basil Grayling, our representative in the Waitara district, advises us that there are no fresh movements among Old Boys in that town. Jack Ogle is working in the Bank of New Zealand at Waitara. Gerald Chong is now manager of the United Pharmacy in that town.

Alan Buchanan (1918) is now farming at Rangiotu, near Palmerston North.

Owen Moss, who is in charge of the Phoenix Assurance Company at Stratford, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in that district:—Jack and Arthur Walter, Jack Sangster, King and Edgar Meuli are all playing for the Stratford senior fifteen. Alec Sangster is in the Toko first juniors. George Graham was visiting the Whangamomona district recently. Howard Webber is working on a farm at Inaha. Laurie Pease is on his father's farm at Mangatoki. Donald Guy is on the staff of Newton King, Ltd., and plays for the Stratford first junior fifteen.

Harry Calder, who is on the staff of the Auckland West Grammar School, was in town for the vacation recently. He informs us that Keith Clemow is on the staff



THOMAS FURLONG.

Died April 10, 1924; in his 56th year.



of the City Engineer. "Weed" Hamblyn is touring the country as a representative of the Agricultural Department.

Oswald Moore, who is on his way Home, wrote from Cape Town. He informs us that while there he visited Victoria Falls and Rhodes' grave in the Matopos. He was spending three or four more days in Cape Town and expected to leave for England on the following day.

J. L. Simecock is now with J. Irwin, chemist, at Auckland.

Charles Noble is on the teaching staff of the District High School of Waiuku, near Auckland.

Gerald Webster and Claude Morey are leaving on a trip to Canada and the United States at the end of May, and we are looking forward to receiving some notes on their experiences while there. We wish them the best of luck.

John Baddley is on the staff of the Union Bank in town. Other Old Boys on the bank staffs in town are Ken. Dailey, Ken. Rampton, O. Ellis and Gordon Martin (New South Wales), L. Dimmiss (Commercial), Dick Doile, Ron. Blundell and Ken. Taylor (New Zealand), Alec Shaw and S. Lealand (National).

Harry Johns is farming at Riverlea.

Brian Horner, who has until recently been with a firm of surveyors at Gisborne, is now surveyor to the Wairarapa Electric Power Board and has his headquarters at Carterton. He is sitting for his final examination this year.

H. W. Rickard, who was in town for the Old Boys' re-union at Easter, is in the Land and Survey Department at Auckland. He is in the Third Battery of the N.Z.F.A., and reports that he has recently been in camp with the Battery at Ngaruawahia.

Sefton Herbert, who is farming at Otakeho, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in South Taranaki:—Ken. "Robbie," who has been in the Bank of New Zealand at Wellington, is now working on a farm near here. The Snowdon Brothers are farming in Inaha. Dick Christie is working in a chemist's shop at Manaia. Arthur Parkinson is in the Bank of New Zealand at Manaia. Howard Putt is farming at Otakeho. Harold Clarke is



teaching at Otakeho. Charlie Patterson is farming at Kapuni. Aubrey Stevenson is farming at Kapuni. Les. Malt is in the Public Works Department and is working in this district in connection with the Te Roti-Opunake railway.

Jack Miller is working on his father's farm at Uruti.

Laurie Christie is on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Manaia and he and Dick Christie are in the Waimate senior team.

The following Old Boys are attending Canterbury College and Training College:—Eric Smart, Monte Barak, Gordon Hughson, Jack and Alex. Brodie, Charlie Drader, and Jim Shaw. Old Boys are well represented in the Canterbury senior fifteen and to see Jack Brodie, Eric Smart and Jim Shaw in the backs and Charlie Drader in the forwards must remind one very much of the old School Fifteen. Eric Lomas is in the office of Sargent, Slater and Dale, solicitors.

Owen Bayly, whom we were glad to see at the re-union, is now practising as a solicitor in Auckland. He supplies us with the following notes:—Fred. Batten is in charge of the London Dental Surgery here. Bill Noakes is in the National Insurance Company. Ian Renaud is in the Stamps Office. Lionel O'Halloran is with Jackson, Russel, Ostler and Tonks, solicitors. Russell Matthews is on the staff of Foster and Miller, engineers. John Terry and Jack Clemow are on the staff of Nicholson and Gribbin, solicitors. Keith Clemow has a position on the staff of the City Engineer. Ron. Sinclair is with Reyburn, McArthur and Boyes, solicitors. Kevin O'Halloran is teaching at Manurewa, North Auckland. Alistair McHardy is dairy farming near Morrinsville. Henry Calder is on the staff of the Mt. Albert Grammar School. Ken. Brokenshire is resident doctor at the Auckland Hospital. Frank Mace is in the National and Harold Grayling is in the Bank of New Zealand. Norman Little is a solicitor here. Douglas and Keith Fox are farming in the Waikato. Dave Penman, who is with J. J. Craig, is attending lectures in accountancy. Charlie Fair is with Stanton, Johnston and Spence, solicitors. Gordon Salt, M.Sc., is lecturing at the Auckland University. Irwin Howell is on the engineering staff of the District Railway Department. Lansley Waller is with the South Bri-

tish Insurance. Arthur Moody is with the North British Insurance Company. Ron. Syme is lecturing at the Auckland University. Colonel Ian Standish is stationed at Auckland in charge of the District Artillery.

Don. Saxton, who has been on the staff of the School, has now taken a position on the reporting staff of the Taranaki Daily News. Old Boys are very well represented on the staff of both the local papers. Hugh Fraser is sub-editor and Leslie Jillett and Noel Ellerm are reporters on the Daily News staff, while Frank Kelly, Cedric Newell and Clay Shaw are on the staff of the Taranaki Herald.

We are glad to see that Con Peach, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is around again and helping the first junior team to win a few matches.

I. W. Palmer, captain of last year's First Eleven, is on the staff of the Borough Engineer.

Cyril Lash, who is in the New Plymouth Savings Bank, was this year a member of the Taranaki cricket eleven which played against the New South Wales team. He was also in the North Island team which played Wellington and compiled a good score each innings in that match.

Other Old Boys in the Taranaki team were C. G. Bottrill, Arthur Osborne and Austin Bewley.

Jack Hine is in the office of Hine, Vernon and Howarth, solicitors, Te Kuiti. We were glad to see him at the re-union. He sits for his final in the LL.B. degree this November.

Bert Boon, who is on the teaching staff of the Education Board, was unfortunate enough to break his ankle while playing for the Old Boys' team recently. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him in the field again soon.

Jackson Palmer is in the office of Duff and Wynyard, public accountants.

Gordon Beck, who is in the District Railway Engineer's office, has been in charge of the railway construction work at Moturoa.

Burford Norman, who is farming at Mt. Whariti, near Woodville, writes regretting his inability to be present at the re-union. He is still very interested in the old school and intends visiting New Plymouth shortly.



Pat. O'Carroll, who is on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Whangarei, was in town during Easter. He states that he does not see very many Old Boys, but occasionally sees H. Good. He was successful in qualifying for the Taranaki golf championship at Easter, being defeated in the second round.

Among the Old Boys at the re-union was Bill Mackay, who is farming north of Hamilton.

C. Duckworth is in the Public Works Department at Shannon.

T. G. A. Harle is in the inspector's office of the Union Bank of Australia at Wellington.

Roy Hill is in the Union Steamship Company at Wellington.

Leslie King has been transferred to the Bank of New Zealand at Wellington.

W. E. Monk is in the general manager's office of the National Bank at Wellington.

Teddy Reeves is working with Williams Bros. near Wanganui.

Colin Smart, who until recently was with Ballinger Bros. at Wellington, is now accountant in the firm of Smart Bros. in New Plymouth.

Grange Waterson, the energetic secretary of the Wellington branch of the Association, is in the office of the Gear Meat Company there. He was in town for the re-union for Easter and states that we may look forward to a good batch from Wellington for the next re-union. The jubilee celebrations of the Wellington University was responsible for the absence of a large number from this year's re-union.

E. J. Carthew has recently taken up a farm at Koru, near town.

As it is possible that the School Fifteen will be visiting Nelson during the coming football season it is suggested that a re-union of Old Boys should be held at Wellington either immediately before or after the match at Nelson, when it is felt that there would be a good attendance of Old Boys who were travelling with the team.

"Burgo" Bruce, who is teaching in the Awakino district, is in the Clifton senior fifteen.

W. H. Jenkinson, who was prior to his departure from New Plymouth some years ago a very energetic member of the Committee of the Association, is again back in town. He is representative here of the Perpetual Forests, Limited.

Claude Kyngdon is now in the Hawera branch of the Bank of Australasia. We were glad to see him at the re-union.

Newnham Cornwall, who is captain of the s.s. Otaki, was in town recently and visited the school while his boat was in port.

Leslie Hill, who was until recently accountant to Wynyard and Wilson, solicitors at Auckland, is now practising as a public accountant at Whangarei.

Eric Day, who is in business as an auctioneer in Hamilton, was present at this year's re-union.

Reg. Brokenshire, who has recently joined the band of benedicts, is now a partner in the firm of Standish and Anderson, solicitors.

Reg. Howell, the energetic secretary of the Old Boys' Football and Life-Saving Clubs and a member of the executive of the Association, is now on the staff of Standish and Anderson.

Stan. Grayling, who completed his law examinations last year, is now managing clerk to Weston and Billing, solicitors, of this town.

H. McIvor is on the staff of the Bank of Australasia at Wanganui.

Chris. Saxton, who left school at the end of last year, is on the staff of the Taranaki Herald.

L. B. Dinmiss is in the office of the Public Trust Department at Wellington.

Tom Penn is in his father's office at Stratford.

Willard Ewing, who was in town for the re-union, is representative of the Taranaki Daily News at Stratford.

Eric Pearce is farming at Kakarama and was present at the re-union.

Vickery Fookes is now on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales at Palmerston North.



We were glad to see H. Pirritt, who was at school in 1914, at the re-union. He is farming in the Waikato.

We are in receipt of a letter from Howard J. Mackie, who is now in Christchurch. He states that he hopes to visit the old school again this year.

Bruce Jonas is working on his father's farm at On-gaere Road.

J. Hammonds is working in his father's shop at Manaia.

P. Mitcalfe is studying at a Training College near Wellington.

J. Lovegrove is teaching at Moturoa School.

W. Mountjoy is teaching at Fitzroy School.

H. Insull is teaching at Central School.

D. Banks is teaching in Wellington.

De Loree is working at a factory in Auckland.

O. Rainger is working at Foote Bros.' warehouse in Auckland.

M. Heycock is studying at Otago University.

J. Sutherland is working at the Bank of New South Wales in Inglewood.

H. Lee is working at the Harbour Board office in Auckland.

A. Herdman is studying at the University at Wellington.

J. Prideaux is working in the office of Croker and McCormick, solicitors.

E. Jeffries is in the Commercial Bank.

C. Corkill is working on his father's farm at Inglewood.

J. McCallum is working on his father's farm at Inaha.

A. Holmes is working on his father's farm at Pihama.

H. Reid is teaching at Waitara School.

C. Tait is working at Rattenbury's bookshop in Waitara.

P. McMahan is attending the Technical School.

R. Bithell is working at the News office.

J. Eustace is working on his father's farm at Oaonui.

C. Corney is attending the Technical School.

J. Hawkings is farming at Smart Road.

A. McNeill is with his father in town.

Clay Shaw is a reporter for the Herald.

R. Hoby is studying at Otago University.

D. Johns is attending Nelson College.

H. Knuckey is working on a farm at Eltham.

B. Davies is working at the Bank of New Zealand in Inglewood.

## OBITUARY.

### THOMAS FURLONG.

Mr. Furlong was the only son of the late Mr. Thos. Furlong and was born in New Plymouth on St. Patrick's Day, 1868, and he has resided here ever since. He received his early education at the private schools of Messrs. Ellis and O'Connell and later attended the New Plymouth Boys' High School in 1881, being one of the original pupils. After leaving school Mr. Furlong joined his father, who died about four years ago, in a hairdressing and tobacconist business in Devon Street and this they carried on successfully until about seven years ago when they retired. Both were exceedingly popular among their fellow-townsmen and they also had a wide circle of friends in the surrounding country districts who would not think of coming into town without calling at the shop for a friendly shake of the hand.

Although he retired from business Mr. Furlong has been associated with many local institutions which have made big demands upon his time, but this he freely and willingly gave. He was always thorough in anything he undertook to do and his presence and valued assistance will be much missed by those who have been connected with him in different activities. He was always to the fore in any movement having for its object the advancement of New Plymouth and the extension of its commercial interests. He had been a director of the New Plymouth Gas Company for many years and had also been chairman of the company, a position he resigned two or three years ago, but he still retained his seat on the directorate. He was also a director of the Mortgage Loan and Investment Co., Ltd., and was acting-chairman of directors of the New Plymouth Land Investment Society. He



had also held important positions in connection with other companies and had taken a keen interest in the operations throughout the district in connection with the development of oil. He was chairman of the company which was formed for the purpose of developing oil resources in the Inglewood district. For some time he was also a member of the New Plymouth Borough Council and on one occasion contested a mayoral election, but without success. Mr. Furlong did splendid service during the war as chairman of the New Plymouth branch of the National Efficiency Board and was a very valued member of the Repatriation Board. He was a true friend to all ex-service men, ever ready to hear of their trials and troubles and willing to give them assistance. Not alone was his generosity extended to returned soldiers, however; there are many others who have not only received the benefit of his advice, but also his practical help.

The late Mr. Furlong was prominent in Masonic circles and was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and of the Ngamotu Lodge. He also manifested a keen interest in Friendly Society work and was a member of the Foresters' Lodge.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives.

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#### ROBERT McKENZIE ROCKEL.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of Robert McKenzie Rockel, at the end of last year. Rob was at school in 1914 and was a keen supporter of all the school institutions. He was bugler to the Cadet Company and later was acting-lieutenant in the Company. He was a member of the Magazine and Library Committees and was a keen supporter of the Concert Club. He passed his Matriculation examination in 1918, and proceeded to the Otago University to study medicine. He was in his third year when he became ill and although it was known that he was ill the news of his death came as a great shock to his old schoolmates. By his death the school and associations have lost a staunch supporter, and we extend to his relatives our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they must feel.



R. M. ROCKEL.  
Died December 8, 1923; aged 24.



**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The engagement is announced of Sefton Herbert to Miss Amelia Bullof, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bullof, of Waipuke and formerly of New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Philip Atkinson to Miss Evie Fookes, elder daughter of Dr. E. F. Fookes, of New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Kevin O'Halloran to Miss E. White, of Manurewa, North Island.

The engagement is announced of Albert Bayly to Miss Hazel Luxton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Luxton, Omata.

The engagement is announced of David Sykes to Miss Lola Bates, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bates, of New Plymouth.

**MARRIAGES.**

EASON—MARTIN.—On April 2, Edith Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, Smart Road, to Ernest Harry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Eason, Fitzroy.

GIBSON—PARKIN.—At Inglewood on April 21, 1924, Cedric T. Gibson, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. W. Gibson, New Plymouth, to May G., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Parkin, of Inglewood.

WAY—McCRODIE.—On April 8, 1924, at New Plymouth, Catherine May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCrodie, of New Plymouth, to Norman Francis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Way, of New Plymouth.

OSBORNE—HARPER.—On April 21, at New Plymouth, Winifred Edith, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harper, to Arthur Henry, third son of the Rev. S. S. Osborne, of New Plymouth.

DOILE—PATERSON.—On November 6, 1923, at New Plymouth, Bernice May, daughter of Mrs. Paterson, to Donald Angus, son of Mrs. Doile, New Plymouth.



PITT—SMART.—On April 8, 1924, at Te Henui, Henry Pitt, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitt, New Plymouth, to Minnie Vida Pearl Smart, granddaughter of Mrs. E. A. Bullock, New Plymouth.

OGLE—HONNOR.—At New Plymouth, on April 28, 1924, Stafford William George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ogle, of Bell Block, to Elsie May, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Honnor, of Courtenay Street, New Plymouth.

KELLY—BALFOUR.—At Wanganui, on February 29, 1924, Isabella Alma, only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Balfour, St. John's Hill, to Francis Crellin, only surviving son of the late Mr. Charles Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, of New Plymouth.

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### BIRTHS.

BOTTRILL.—At New Plymouth, on December 22, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bottrill, a daughter.

WILKIE.—At Vogeltown, New Plymouth, on February 10, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, a son.

OKEY.—On May 7, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Okey, twins.

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### DEATHS.

ROCKEL.—On December 8, 1923, at New Plymouth, Robert McKenzie Rockel, only son of R. H. Rockel; aged 24 years.

FURLONG.—On April 10, 1924, at New Plymouth, Thomas Furlong; in his 56th year.



DEATHS

WILLIAM... son of Mr and Mrs George...  
daughter of Mrs. P. A. Dutton, New Brunswick.

CHARLES... son of Mr and Mrs George...  
daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Dutton, of Chatham  
Street, New Brunswick.

ELLY... daughter of Mr and Mrs...  
daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Dutton, of Chatham  
Street, New Brunswick.

BIRTHS

WILLIAM... son of Mr and Mrs G. Dutton a daughter.

WILLIAM... son of Mr and Mrs W. G. White a son.

WILLIAM... son of Mr and Mrs G. Dutton a son.

DEATHS

ROBERT... son of R. H. Dutton, aged 34 years.

THOMAS... son of Mr and Mrs...



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New Plymouth :

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## EDITORIAL.

(R. M. Dolby.)

IT is now some months since the first English public school boys arrived in New Zealand to take up their positions on farms. A short time ago it was proposed that some of these boys should spend after their arrival in the Dominion a year or two at some secondary school. The advantages of such a course are at once evident, as the boys could become familiar with the country while attending the school, and would probably accustom themselves to the new surroundings sooner than if they went straight on to a farm. While at school they could study subjects which would be of use to them later on. Such a course would include agriculture and, preferably, some manual training which would also prove very useful. Again, they would be able to make a number of friends while at school and so would soon feel quite at home. During the holidays they could secure temporary situations on farms perhaps on those of some of their friends, and thus would gain some practical experience. In short, this scheme seems very advantageous for any boys who wish to leave the Old Country and take up farming in New Zealand, the only drawback being the early age at which they would have to leave home. Even this, however, is really an advantage, for, if they found that they were not suited for work on the land, they could return to England and still be quite young enough to enter any desired profession.



This year, for the second time, the school has succeeded in winning the Moascar Cup and the team deserve the highest praise for the important part they have taken in advancing the school to the high position it now holds. Such a competition as that for the Moascar Cup is very useful in bringing about friendly competition between secondary schools, but there are, however, a few details in the management which could be improved. The chief of these is the date at which challenges may be entered. As the regulations stand at present a challenge may be put in at the very end of the season after most schools have broken up for the term holidays. Such a procedure is hardly fair to the holders of the cup, as it means that the team must keep in training, and practice whenever possible so as to be able to play at some time after the beginning of the third term. It is to be hoped that next year the New Zealand Rugby Union will do something to remedy this state of affairs by fixing a reasonable closing date after which no challenges can be entered.

Another annual competition in which the school takes part is that for the Imperial Challenge Shield. Under the present regulations it is necessary to fire as many as possible of the total strength of the cadet company in order to secure a good average. With a school consisting of up to 150 boys it is possible to train and fire the whole company, thus gaining a good average even if the individual scores are not of outstanding merit. Where, however, the school contains three or four hundred boys, the expense and time required to coach the whole contingent is so great as to make this proceeding almost impossible. Under such conditions it would be very difficult for a large school to make a good showing unless so much time were devoted to it as seriously to interfere with the school work. This can only be remedied by altering the regulations to a more reasonable form.

Most of the boys who attend a secondary school after passing the matriculation examination either prepare to take the subjects required for the University Entrance Scholarship Examination, or commence at once to keep terms in two or more subjects so as to obtain a section of their degree. The latter boys, during the whole of their degree work, will probably take four or five subjects. In the Scholarship Examination a minimum of six

subjects must be taken to secure the required number of marks. At least one or two of these subjects will be of no further use to the candidate for, if he is going to take his degree in languages, he will not require Science and, if, on the other hand, he intends to take a degree in Science, he will not require languages. It would be a great deal better if the syllabus for this examination were modified so as to allow of greater concentration on the subjects most required by the candidate, and it is to be hoped that, in the near future, the University Senate will see its way to alter the syllabus accordingly.

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### LORD JELlicOE'S VISIT.

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For the following account we are indebted to the Taranaki Herald and Budget.

Before the unveiling of the Cenotaph on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 16, the Governor-General and party visited the school, where his Excellency presented the Challenge Cup awarded by himself for the New Zealand school securing the best results in the Imperial Challenge Shield Shooting Competition; 1923 was the second occasion on which the school won the cup, having also won it in 1921, the first year of its presentation.

Owing to the inclement weather experienced during the day, the ceremony was held in the Assembly Hall. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Jellicoe and the Hon. Lucy Jellicoe, was met on arrival by Mr. W. H. Moyes, the principal, who presented the masters. Accompanying the Governor-General's party were his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson), Major-General C. W. Melvill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C.N.Z. Forces; Colonel-Commandant C. G. Powles, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C. to H.M. the King, N.Z.S.C.; Colonel J. H. Whyte, D.S.O., D.C.M., N.Z.S.C.; Major D. E. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C.; Captain Goss and Captain Curtiss; while among those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Billing, Mr and Mrs. J. S. S. Medley and Mr. E. Lash, representing the Board of Governors, Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., and Mrs. W. H. Moyes. Apologies were received from the Hon. Sir Walter Carn-cross, the Hon. Oliver Samuel, M.L.C., Messrs. R. Masters, O. Hawken, J. C. Rolleston and J. R. Corrigan, M.P.'s.



"It is with a mingled feeling of pleasure and regret that I have to welcome their Excellencies to this school," said Mr. Moyes. It was a great honour to have their Excellencies with them again and he regretted that it was the last occasion on which they would visit the school in their official capacity. Not only on behalf of his school, but on behalf of all the schools in the Dominion, Mr. Moyes desired to take that opportunity of expressing his keen appreciation of the great personal interest their Excellencies had taken in the secondary school boys of this country. He felt he would not be exaggerating to say that when their Excellencies left the Dominion they would carry with them the best wishes, affection and loyalty of thousands of schoolboys who had been fortunate enough to meet them. Nothing would bind this country closer to Britain than the great esteem and respect in which their Excellencies were held by the people of this Dominion.

Proceeding, Mr. Moyes said that no victory that the school had gained had been more dear to them than this one. The kindness, sympathy and great interest taken in the school by his Excellency had made them regard this as one of the proudest achievements in the history of the school. "We bid farewell to their Excellencies with sincere regret," concluded Mr. Moyes. "Our best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity go with them, and I hope that, if ever they come again to these shores, the school will once again have the honour of welcoming them here."

#### LORD JELlicOE'S SPEECH.

His Excellency said it gave him great pleasure to visit the school a second time for the same purpose—the purpose that brought him there on the last occasion. He recollected on that occasion that the school had already lost the trophy to Nelson and he fancied, if he remembered correctly, that he expressed the opinion that he did not think it would be long before the school recovered it. The prophecy might have been rather rash, but it was quickly fulfilled, and upon its fulfilment he wished to congratulate the school.

"I have just been visiting your nearest rival—the Technical College," said his Excellency, "and I must express my admiration of the sporting way in which they took the decision when they thought they should have

won the trophy." (Applause.) Not knowing the conditions, proceeded his Excellency, they had thought they had won the trophy on points, and he admired the spirit in which they took the decision, and the hearty manner in which they congratulated the winners. He was quite sure that, if it should turn out that the Technical College should win the cup this year, they would be just as heartily congratulated by the Boys' High School.

His Excellency commented upon the striking advance that had been made in shooting amongst the schools of the Dominion during the past two or three years, and he quoted a report issued by the National Rifle Association to the effect that in no part of the Empire was greater effort or more enthusiasm being shown. He was well aware of the difficulties in efficiently carrying out shooting in the arduous school life of this Dominion and the greatest credit was due, not only to the boys, but to those who had supervised them, that their shooting had been carried on and, as in the case of the school, that 100 per cent. of the shooting boys had competed. If the same fine spirit was shown in everything they undertook, the school must become a model educational establishment. If the same eagerness, keenness and sportsmanship were conveyed to the sterner work before them, they would make this Dominion a jewel in the crown of the Empire. Indeed, it was already a bright jewel in the Empire's crown and it behoved the boys and girls to fulfil the bright future that lay ahead of New Zealand. "You boys are doing your duty and I know you will continue to do so," said Lord Jellicoe. He hoped they would win the trophy again, but he regretted that he would not be here to present it. "We will regret many things when we leave this Dominion," said his Excellency, "but nothing, I feel, will approach the sense of parting with the boys and girls of this country." During the last four years they had come in close contact with the boys and girls and had learned to admire them, and had watched them growing up straight, honest and pure, worthy of those who had come before them, and never forgetting the great Empire to which they owed their loyalty.

"In bidding you good-bye, boys," said his Excellency, "I would like to express my earnest and sincere hope that there will be great happiness and prosperity



before you and that you will all do your part in the building up of the great Empire. It is now my pleasure to present the trophy so well won and most heartily to congratulate the winners of it."

#### THE JELlicOE CUP.

The head boy (S. F. Fookes) then came forward to accept the handsome silver cup and was congratulated both by Lord Jellicoe and Lady Jellicoe. The cup is inscribed:—

The Dominion of New Zealand Challenge Trophy in connection with the Imperial Challenge Shield.

Presented by his Excellency the Governor-General, Admiral of the Fleet, Viscount Jellicoe, O.M., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., 1922.

On silver shields on the base are inscribed the names of the winning schools to date: 1921, New Plymouth Boys' High School; 1922, Nelson College; 1923, New Plymouth Boys' High School.

Bronze medals were also presented to the boys who were members of the team, as follows:—Sergeant-Major J. D. Mackay, Sergeant-Major W. E. Alexander, Sergeant M. D. Bree, Sergeant M. C. Lysons, Corporal D. C. O'Halloran, Cadet R. Buick, Cadet R. Fletcher, Cadet N. MacDiarmid.

Eleven other boys won medals, but these were not presented as the boys in question have now left school.

Cheers were given by the school for Lord and Lady Jellicoe, and his Excellency, having a few minutes to spare, accompanied by Lady Jellicoe and the Hon. Lucy, inspected the rows of boys, chatting freely with them. They were also greatly interested in the photographs of their previous visit and in other school pictures which adorn the walls of the hall.

Before making his departure, his Excellency turned to the boys with a cheery: "Good-bye, boys; Kia Ora."

## AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

(R. Buick.)

Since the publication of the Agriculture Notes in the previous magazine work on the plots has been continued and new experiments have been carried out.

#### NOTES ON GRASS AND CLOVER PLOTS.

A comprehensive collection of grasses and clovers has been built up and we have now some sixty different varieties in the plots. We hope to add to our collection as time goes on. Several rare varieties true to name and a grass new to Taranaki—Kikuyu—were obtained through the Department of Agriculture; others were supplied by Newton King, Ltd., and Wright Stephenson and Co., Ltd.

These plots provide the necessary material for identification by means of the stem, roots and leaves as well as by the flowers and seeds, which is the usual scientific method.

For study and observation these plots are very suitable; measurements have been taken of rate of growth during certain periods of the year, ability to recover after cutting and time of flowering, etc. As several of the varieties have just been sown, complete records are not yet available, but the observations and tabulations will be continued.

#### THE FLOWERING OF GRASSES AND CLOVERS.

##### Time of Flowering.

1. Poa Annuua—All the year round.
2. Meadow Foxtail—September 3, 1924.
3. Sweet Vernal—September 13, 1924.
4. Prairie—September 14, 1924.
5. Tall Fescue—September 16, 1924.
6. Poa Pratensis—October 1, 1924.
7. Ratstail—October 1, 1924.
8. Hawke's Bay Perennial Rye—October 8, 1924.
9. Western Wolths—October 13, 1924.
10. Canterbury Perennial Rye—October 13, 1924.
11. Chewing's Fescue—October 18, 1924.
12. Danish Cocksfoot—October 20, 1924.
13. Italian Rye—October 24, 1924.
14. Akaroa Cocksfoot—October 24, 1924.



15. Crested Dogstail—October 24, 1924.
16. Crimson Clover—September 17, 1924.
17. Little Trefoil—October 8, 1924.
18. Alsike—October 18, 1924.
19. Red Clover—October 19, 1924.
20. Cowgrass—October 22, 1924.
21. White Clover—October 24, 1924.

It will be seen that Meadow Foxtail, being the first grass to flower, is an early grass. It made excellent growth in the plots and appears to be worthy of inclusion in certain Taranaki pastures. The general opinion is that Cowgrass flowers about the middle of November, but it will be seen that it has flowered almost a month earlier.

### GROWTH OF GRASSES.

Measurements were taken of growth made by 21 different grasses over a period of 24 days. The rows of grasses were cut bare on June 18 and top-dressed with lime and superphosphate at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre. Prairie grass proved itself of great value as a winter fodder crop, its growth of 14 inches proving its ability to grow during the colder months of the year, while the other grasses made comparatively little growth. Paspalum, which makes great growth in summer and spring, did poorly with a growth of 1 inch. Phalaris bulbosa, which is not used much, appears to be worth a trial as it gained second place with a growth of 8 inches. Italian rye and Western-wolths both made fair growth.

The following table indicates the growth made by various grasses.

Name of Grass.	Inches.
1. Prairie .....	14
2. Phalaris bulbosa .....	8
3. Italian ryegrass .....	7
4. Western-wolths .....	6½
5. Perennial rye, Hawke's Bay .....	6
6. Perennial rye, Canterbury .....	5
7. Meadow Foxtail .....	5
8. Tall Fescue .....	5
9. Sweet vernal .....	3½
10. Timothy .....	3½
11. Cocksfoot .....	3
12. Chewing's Fescue .....	3





OLD BOYS' FIRST FIFTEEN, 1924.

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: R. G. Howell (hon. sec.), J. McClymont, R. Wilson, R. Blundell, J. Leggat, B. Moore, L. Frethey,  
F. M. Whyte (manager).

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F. R. Newell.

Front Row: E. Olson, W. M. Bullard, C. Smart, G. Morey.



13. Yorkshire fog .....	3
14. Crested dogstail .....	3
15. <i>Poa pratensis</i> .....	2
16. Meadow Fescue .....	2
17. <i>Agropyrum repens</i> .....	1½
18. <i>Paspalum</i> .....	1
19. <i>Poa annua</i> .....	1
20. Brown top .....	$\frac{3}{4}$
21. Red top .....	$\frac{3}{4}$

## RECENTLY-PLANTED GRASSES.

1. Kikuyu (*Pennisetum clandestinum*).—This grass is grown from rooted stems first brought from Rhodesia. It doesn't seed. It is looked on as an excellent pasture grass in South Africa and is very palatable. On an experimental area in North Auckland the roots were spaced in rows 5 feet apart and 3 feet between the plants in rows. Lotus major and other clovers should be broadcasted between the rows when the Kikuyu becomes established. The grass was planted in the school plots on September 12, 1924, and is doing well at present.

2. Marram Grass (*Ammophila arenaria*).
3. Pingao (*Scirpus frondosus*).
4. Ice Plant (*Mesembryanthemum edule*).

These three plants are planted along sandy seashores to prevent sand shifting. This is the first step in the reclamation and pasture establishment of such areas.

## NOTES ON MANURIAL TRIAL, 1924.

The trial is to find out the best amount of superphosphate to supply in growing potatoes. The variety of potato used as the crop indicator was Sutton's Supreme. The potatoes were planted on August 20, 1924, in plots each 20ft. by 9ft. in area. There were seven rows in each plot; the rows were 2½ft. apart and the first and last rows were 1¼ft. from each side. There were eleven plots and the sets of potatoes were planted 1ft. apart. The manure was applied at time of planting. A few plants had appeared above ground on September 20, 1924. The following was the amount of manure (super) applied on each plot per acre:—Plot 1, no manure; plot 2, 1 cwt.; plot 3, 2 cwt.; plot 4, 3 cwt.; plot 5, 4 cwt.; plot 6, 5 cwt.; plot 7, 6 cwt.; plot 8, 7 cwt.; plot 9, 8 cwt.; plot 10, 9 cwt.; plot 11, 10 cwt.



N.B.—At present by far the greatest growth has taken place on the heavier manured plots. The difference is very striking. Previous year's trials indicated that of the three classes of manures, the phosphates gave the best results. This trial should throw some light on the amount of phosphate to use.

#### LUCERNE TRIAL.

A new cut on the lucerne plots was made on May 5, 1924, and this was followed by a fresh cut on September 26, 1924, and the weights in both cases showed that the Hunter River variety was making nearly twice as much growth as the Marlborough variety. In the first cut it was found that the Hunter River variety gave one and a half times as much lucerne as the Marlborough variety, and in the second and third cuts the Hunter River variety gave twice as much as the Marlborough variety. Another point is that the third cut in both varieties gave three times the weight of the first or second cut. Thus, although it requires several years' observations and results before anything definite can be learned, the indications are that the Hunter River lucerne is more suitable for Taranaki than the well-known Marlborough lucerne.

#### COCKSFOOT TRIAL.

Since the publication of the previous magazine containing notes on the cocksfoot trial, new results are at hand. For a start the Akaroa cocksfoot made best growth, but now (October 24, 1924) the Danish cocksfoot is making the better growth and is slightly earlier, some of it being in flower already, while the Akaroa cocksfoot shows no sign of flowering.

The plot in which cocksfoot and cowgrass were sown together has made splendid growth and has an abundance of fresh green fodder. It has a healthy colour, has made a high growth, and is free from weeds. This plot shows the beneficial action of a legume on grass.

Thanks are due to F. Cooper, Ltd., seed merchants, Wellington, who donated some fifty-three packets of seeds for trial in the plots. Some were sown on September 29 and the remainder on October 22. The results of these will be published later.

In the New Plymouth Winter Show, 1924, our Preparatory boys competed in the Mangold Competition of the Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs. The following are the results:—Noel Brookman, 1st mangold chart, 3rd mangold (show); D. Jackson, 2nd mangold (show).

The Board of Governors' prize for the best kept plot at school was awarded to Noel Brookman.

The new demonstration lawn, consisting of a pure seeding of Brown Top (*Agrostis tenuis*) is making very satisfactory growth and promises to provide a good wearing surface, not greatly affected by unfavourable weather conditions. Early in the spring it was top-dressed with superphosphate at the rate of 3 cwt. per acre, with beneficial results.

#### RYECORN (SECALE CEREALE).

This was sown on May 28, 1924, to provide green feed in winter and early spring. It made better growth than the other fodder crops and was relished by stock. It was cut and carted out when about 4ft. high. It is a crop highly spoken of in Southland and should find more favour in the North Island.

#### HOUSE NOTES.

(E. B. Mason.)

During the interval since our last number there has been a marked decline in the number of "happenings" in boarding life, but this has not been occasioned by a lessening of the youthful vigour, humour and "playfulness" of the boarders.

The houses are now under the charge of Mr. J. Leggat. By his efforts, following the enthusiasm shown by Mr. Kerr when he was in charge of the houses in the late part of last year and the first term of this year, the houses have once more regained that discipline and spirit which are so essential to the well-being and smooth conduct of an establishment of this kind.

An additional music-room has been built to meet the requirements of a large number of pupils. This room, being well lighted and exposed to the sun, should prove a distinct advantage to Mr. Dobson, who has hitherto had to teach in rooms where the hygienic conditions were far from being good.



The two grass courts at the rear of the laundry have received a large amount of attention, and the labour expended upon them will no doubt be repaid as the season advances. Already the nearer court has been played on, while the other, though more sparsely turfed, will doubtless be ready soon.

We were not sorry to see the end of football this season, for it has been a more than usually long and strenuous one. Our chief regret was that the Day Boys could not meet us in our annual match, when both sides fight for the honour of the party they represent.

Cricket is now in full swing and as everyone appears to take more interest in it this season we hope for a decided improvement in the standard of cricket in the school.

We had our usual exeat this term—one week-end with the Monday on which to return. Great was the rejoicing when the next Monday was found to be Labour Day and this, too, proved another very enjoyable holiday. Many boarders went to the Labour Day sports and spent quite a pleasant afternoon at Western Park. A few of the younger boys won quite a handsome amount of pocket-money in the juvenile events.

The younger boarders celebrated Guy Fawkes in the accustomed manner, in fact, some were so zealous that a certain master had cause to rebuke them in no uncertain manner. The erring ones were lined up in the Assembly Hall and numbered off. The total was 76. The master, after a little strenuous mathematical reasoning, worked out the maximum of "whacks" per boy which he felt he was capable of delivering to that great multitude. Soon the hall resounded with the whacks of a trusty cane and the howls and shrieks of the persecuted, who, nevertheless, appeared to enjoy the tragedy.

The punishment of erring souls has taken a new form lately. Anything from fifty to two hundred weeds in the tennis courts is the favourite penalty. After one particularly lucrative "haul" the door of a master's room was adorned with sacks of these weeds—the contents probably amounting to thousands of those undesirable tenants of a tennis court.

On the Saturday preceding Labour Day quite a number of boarders went out to Rewa Rewa range to a rifle meeting, but not many were successful in gaining prize-money, although a few won amounts not to be despised by boarders, especially when the term is so far advanced.

The boarders took great interest in the Circular Road Race and nearly all who were able were present to witness the finish of the race. Most of them competed in either one or the other of the two athletic events which were held on the racecourse to fill in the time before the arrival of the cyclists.

The long and cheerless Saturday nights during winter have been considerably brightened by the promoting by the house masters of community singing. Every boy seems to enjoy to the full these impromptu entertainments, and a little variety is obtained by the performance of hakas at which a number of boys have made themselves quite adept.

The Concert Club, it is rumoured, is about to favour us with a programme in the near future. The boarders look forward to these concerts and find that they disperse awhile the monotony of boarding life. It is a pity that the concert party cannot give more entertainments, but the members, it must be remembered, are not free from the onerous duties of school life.

One night when the boarders were at prep. a pungent, acrid odour spread through the whole house. Some boys scented the familiar odour and immediately shrieked "Fire! Fire!" and forthwith began to hunt industriously for the outbreak. Rumours quickly spread round the school, but the boarders maintained a disdainful air and were not to be confounded by such news. The conflagration was reported to have engulfed the whole wooden part of the building, but the fire was ultimately discovered in a master's room. He had apparently spread his towel near a heater and the heat proved fierce enough to ignite the towel, and consequently there belched forth from the window "huge volumes of smoke tinged with red from the blazing fire within."

Boys seem to have a remarkable aptitude for bestowing nicknames and a few are very remarkable. Some at random are: Steak and Eggs, Frantic, Lord, Gobo, Betty, Bertha, Trollop and Voxy.



## CADET NOTES.

(W. A. Brodie.)

That military training is considered one of the most important phases of school life is evinced by the time and trouble devoted to it; that its influence is beneficial is shown by the Cadets' increasing regard for discipline. On the other hand it gives the N.C.O. a confidence in his ability which is liable to stand him in good stead in after life. So again this year we have slipped back into the old familiar groove, perhaps to some a drudgery, but to most of us a pleasant duty.

Immediately upon the commencement of the third term a guard of honour of 100 picked Cadets diligently practised the various manoeuvres associated with such a body for September 17, when the Governor-General was to present the Jellicoe Cup and numerous Imperial challenge medals. Much to our disappointment the day turned out wet so that the arrangements had to be altered, the presentations having to take place in the hall instead of on the cricket ground as originally intended.

The usual class-firing, by which every Cadet has to fire fifteen rounds, has been carried on again this term, one platoon being on the range each day. By means of Lieutenant A. J. King's invention there is little trouble experienced in putting up targets, so that we have dispatched the class-firing much more quickly than in previous years.

Fortunately with the advent of fine weather we have been able to drill on the cricket ground again. During drill period a certain master is to be seen keeping an eye on the pitch to catch some unfortunate corporal or sergeant with his squad on the wicket.

## ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE.

(S. Fookes.)

The annual steeplechases were held on Thursday, October 2, at the New Plymouth Golf Club's links at Waiwakaiho. Through the generosity of the club we were allowed the use of the Club-house as a dressing-room,

All the morning the weather had been threatening, and shortly after noon there was a heavy downpour for over half-an-hour. Fortunately the weather cleared and remained fine until after the senior event. The sodden nature of the turf and the strong head wind prevented fast times from being established.

Sixty-eight competitors started in the junior event, which was won by K. Scott (30sec.), while C. Robertson, who started from scratch and finished 50 yards behind the winner, covered the course in the fastest time.

In the senior steeplechase there were about 250 starters, the winner being S. Spiers, who put up a fine performance, starting from 30sec., and also registering fastest time. The second boy was D. Robertson, who started from scratch and ran a plucky race. It is an interesting fact that in the last two years brothers have been second in both the senior and junior races. In 1923 Wilson, D. (senior), Wilson, E. (junior); 1924, Robertson, D. (senior), Robertson, C. (junior).

The capabilities of the competitors had been well gauged by the handicappers, as shown by the fact that in both the races a short handicap competitor finished first, a scratch man second, whilst long and short handicap competitors were well distributed throughout the first thirty to finish.

## JUNIOR STEEPLECHASE.

The Junior Steeplechase, which was decided first, was run over the same course as in previous years. Owing to the dead nature of the turf and the fast pace set, the limit men were soon caught. The field then began to string out into groups, when running along the sand-hills, where three boys had obtained a good lead. Soon after Scott and Gardiner were leading, but with half a mile to go were joined by Hinkley, C. Robertson and Johnson. Coming through the last gate, a couple of hundred yards from home, Scott assumed the lead from Robertson and finished strongly with yards to spare. The next three men, Hinkley, Johnson and Gardiner were close together. Details:—

	Actual time.
1. K. Scott (30sec.)	13min. 56sec.
2. C. Robertson (scr.)	13min. 27sec.
3. C. Hinkley (scr.)	13min. 35sec.
4. N. Johnson (20sec.)	14min. 2sec.



5. Gardiner (20sec.)	14min. 10sec.
6. A. Smith (30sec.)	14min. 24sec.
7. Madgwick (40sec.)	14min. 36sec.
8. Hudson (20sec.)	14min. 21sec.
9. Kedgley (scr.)	14min. 2sec.
10. Watt (scr.)	14min. 3sec.
11. Looney (10sec.)	14min. 15sec.
12. Crowe (40sec.)	14min. 54sec.
13. H. L. Thomson (40sec.)	14min. 57sec.
14. Cresswell (30sec.)	14min. 49sec.
15. E. Harvie (40sec.)	15min. 6sec.
16. N. Saunders (90sec.)	15min. 57sec.
17. Dunn (90sec.)	16min.
18. Pitt (scr.)	14min. 35sec.
19. J. McLean (10sec.)	14min. 45sec.
20 Phillips (scr.)	14min. 45sec.

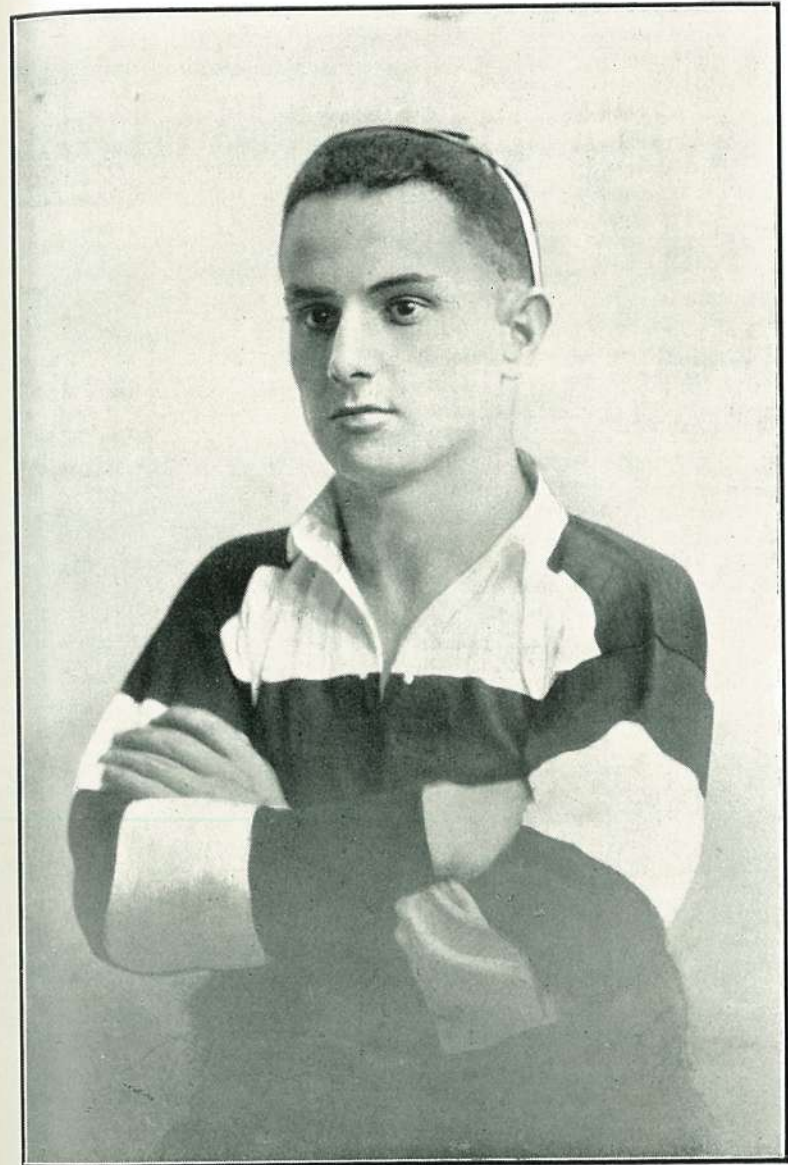
The next to finish were: D. Jackson (10sec.), Palmer (90sec.), Insull (40sec.), G. Saunders (40sec.), Ford (30sec.), McLean, P. Fairbrother (90sec.), Lewis (90sec.), G. Harvie (40sec.), P. Moyes (40sec.), Trueman (30sec.).

#### SENIOR STEEPLECHASE.

The senior course was the same as in previous years. A handicap of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes was conceded by the scratch competitors, D. Robertson, C. Gilmour and D. Crawford. After covering half a mile D. Robertson had greatly improved his position. On returning to the links from the beach Spiers and Davis were in the lead well ahead of the rest of the competitors. Davis soon dropped out and Spiers led over to the fairway by about 100 yards from Robertson, who had come up from scratch. Then came Waite and Warner. Going round the hill Spiers greatly increased his lead and won with ease by 48 seconds from D. Robertson, with Waite and Warner close up. Then followed the other competitors separated by very short intervals. Details:—

#### Actual time.

1. S. Spiers (30sec.)	24min. 0sec.
2. D. Robertson (scr.)	24min. 18sec.
3. Waite (70sec.)	25min. 40sec.
4. Warner (60sec.)	25min. 37sec.
5. H. H. Brown (80sec.)	26min. 7sec.
6. J. Beaven (50sec.)	25min. 39sec.
7. Buckeridge (60sec.)	25min. 50sec.
8. J. Hutchinson (40sec.)	25min. 31sec.



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9. Tuffery (10sec.)	25min. 5sec.
10. W. Rawson (30sec.)	25min. 35sec.
11. List (60sec.)	26min. 10sec.
12. E. Jackson (40sec.)	25min. 59sec.
13. N. MacDiarmid (30sec.)	25min. 53sec.
14. Betts (70sec.)	26min. 4sec.
15. Buick (80sec.)	26min. 48sec.
16. Brodie (10sec.)	25min. 42sec.
17. R. Browne (60sec.)	26min. 34sec.
18. Lobb (60sec.)	26min. 36sec.
19. T. Bellringer (60sec.)	26min. 46sec.
20. Baxter (60sec.)	26min. 51sec.

The next to finish were: Bennoek (110sec.), Walsham (130sec.), George (60sec.), Telford (30sec.), Lawrence (60sec.), Strombom (30sec.), Gilmour (ser.), Griffiths (110sec.), Gorringe (70sec.), D. Crawford (ser.), Bree (10sec.), Forsyth (40sec.), J. W. Rawson (110sec.), Grace (100sec.), Webb (80sec.), Berryman (80sec.), Gruszning (80sec.), Roebuck (40sec.), Collins (30sec.), R. O'Dea (120sec.).

#### CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior.—Gilmour 5, Crawford 3.

Junior.—Warner 5, Buckeridge 3, Lobb 1.

Under 14.—C. Robertson 5, Hinkley 3, Kedgley 1.

Under 12.—H. L. Thomson 5, E. Harvie 3, Insull 1.

Under 10.—N. Saunders 5, Palmer 3, Lewis 1.

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#### CRICKET.

(B. B. Mahraj.)

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Although the Senior Group started practice about the middle of October and competition matches started soon after, the First Eleven, on account of the "Sports" and the wretched weather conditions, have not been able to complete a match yet.

The long-awaited Old Boys' match eventuated on October 25. As a result of the first day's play School has put up a good tally and has disposed of four of the Old Boys' team very cheaply, so the finish ought to be even more interesting than that of the match at the Pukekura Park last season.



A match has been arranged for the Eleven against Nelson College, to be played at the end of the term. It is to be hoped this will become an annual fixture, for it will go a long way towards stimulating interest and enthusiasm without which there can certainly be no hope of reaching a high standard.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. T. Bates and Messrs. Bellringer Bros., for their kind donation of cricket bats.

### BOXING NOTES.

(E. D. Gibson.)

Thursday evening, November 6, saw one of the most successful boxing tournaments that has yet been held at the school. The Assembly Hall was completely filled with enthusiastic spectators and their appreciation of the bouts witnessed was evinced by the hearty applause given at the end of each round.

The contestants were very closely matched in nearly every case, and this fact, together with the strenuous training of the competitors, resulted in many interesting and well fought bouts.

Much credit is due to Mr. Eggleton and our newly appointed boxing instructor, Mr. Thompson, both of whom sacrificed much in making our tournament a successful one. We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Potvine for his invaluable services as referee throughout the championships.

During the evening Mr. Thompson and R. Loveridge (New Zealand amateur light-weight champion) gave an exhibition of various punches, and later on S. Higgins and Loveridge fought a very interesting exhibition bout.

The following were the officials:—Judges: Messrs. W. H. Moyes, J. W. Connell, J. Leggatt. Timekeeper: Mr. G. Bertrand. Announcer: Mr. A. J. Papps. Glove stewards: Messrs. H. G. Dyer and G. Pope. Medical examiners: Drs. Milroy and Fookes. Official recorder: Mr. R. Wilson. Seconds: E. Gibson, W. Alexander, J. D. Mackay and J. Paterson. Mr. H. Potvine gave entire satisfaction as referee.

The following were the winners of the various championships:—

Senior Championship (Lepper Memorial and Chaney Cup).—L. Ennis.

Under 11st. Championship (Kidd Memorial Cup).—R. Fletcher, 10.4.

Under 10st. Championship (Chivers' Cup).—R. Ward, 9.3.

Under 9st. Championship (medal).—J. Galbraith, 9.0.

Under 8st. Championship (medal).—N. Roebuck, 7.5.

Under 7st. Championship (medal).—R. Satherly, 6.7.

Under 6st. Championship (medal).—V. Madgwick, 5.1.

Under 5st. Championship (medal).—B. Crow, 4.10.

The following bouts were previously decided:—Under 8st.: Roebuck beat Washer; H. Fookes beat Cleland; Barlow beat Beaven; and Wybourne beat Ross. Under 7st.: Satherly beat Carter. Under 5st.: Madgwick defeated Andrews; Mercer defeated Korkis. The bouts consisted of three two-minute rounds.

We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for the following report of the championships:—

#### THE BOUTS.

##### UNDER FIVE STONE.

Final.—B. Crow (4.10) beat Lile (5.4). Crow had every bit the best of the fight in the first round, and forced Lile from corner to corner. Lile made an effort to parry his opponent's blows in the second round, but Crow had him completely at his mercy, and the fight was stopped.

##### UNDER SIX STONE.

Final.—Madgwick (5.1) defeated Mercer (5.6). Madgwick, although lighter than Mercer, had the advantage of a longer reach, and used his left to advantage. In the second round he continued to beat off his opponent with his left and an occasional right cross. As Mercer was plainly distressed the referee named the winner before the conclusion of the round.

##### UNDER SEVEN STONE.

Final.—R. Satherly (6.7) defeated R. Hutchen (6.13). This contest was decidedly more interesting than the last mentioned, for the boys were evenly matched in every



respect, and did not hesitate to make it willing. Hutchen was the prettier boxer of the two; his footwork was clever, and he used both hands freely. Satherly did the greater part of the leading, and it was more than likely his aggressive tactics that gave him the decision. His blows at all times were delivered wildly but were by no means lacking in force. Satherly scored in the second round with his left, but he was generally met with a nice right cross that made him guard his face. A strenuous pace was set by Satherly in the last round, but Hutchen stood up to him in a commendable manner and provided the spectators with an exciting bout.

#### UNDER EIGHT STONE.

Semi-finals.—Roebuck (7.5) outpointed Barlow (7.11) after three rounds which were all in the winner's favour. H. Fookes (7.13) defeated Wybourne (7.13); Wybourne was a very determined boxer, but failed to counter Fookes' straight left, which repeatedly smashed into Wybourne's face.

Final.—Roebuck beat Fookes. Fookes used his left well but Roebuck never failed to connect with his right cross, which often found a mark on Fookes' face. The first round was even. In the second Fookes was more aggressive, but in coming to the attack was inclined to let his guard drop. This eventually proved to be his downfall, for Roebuck connected with a few rights to the jaw that left Fookes in a dazed condition.

#### UNDER NINE STONE.

Semi-finals.—H. Brown (8.8) defeated Green (8.12); Green had weight and reach in his favour, but owing mainly to apparent ignorance of the game he failed to advantage by either of these points; his face was ever an open target for Brown's left. J. Galbraith, a bye.

Final.—J. Galbraith (9.0) beat H. Brown (8.8). Galbraith had the attributes possessed by Brown's former opponent, and he certainly made use of them. His long reach made Brown's straight left of no use, consequently the lighter boy had few chances of getting his blows home, excepting upon the few occasions when there was any in-fighting. Brown gallantly survived the first two rounds and the major portion of the last round before he was forced to acknowledge defeat.

#### UNDER TEN STONE.

Final.—R. Ward (9.3) defeated K. Riley (9.5). Ward's powerful lefts and rights to the body completely upset Riley at the start, but he settled down later in the round and occasionally connected with his opponent's face. Riley's blows had little effect on Ward, who was boxing magnificently. His footwork was a treat to watch and his blows were never signalled and came cleanly from the shoulders. Ward lost little time in mixing it in the second round, and after landing a few lefts and rights Riley's condition was such that the referee was forced to stop the bout.

#### UNDER ELEVEN STONE.

Semi-finals.—A. Brodie (10.1) beat McLean (10.7). The first round was very even. McLean was, however, slightly in the lead owing to the fact that he had a longer reach than Brodie and used his left more skilfully. Brodie improved immensely in the second round. He was by no means a scientific boxer, but his abundance of pluck and endurance more than atoned for that. Brodie's persistent attacking upset McLean in the last round, and he won comfortably.

Fletcher (10.4) beat D. Cooper (10.2). Fletcher scored heavily with a beautiful left, but in using it he was inclined to let his guard drop from his face, so leaving it exposed to attack. Cooper fought through the first and second rounds in a creditable manner, and now and then connected with a right cross. Fletcher was using both hands to perfection in the last round, but the fight had to be brought to an end as Cooper was being punished too much. Cooper made a very plucky showing, however, and was applauded by the spectators as he left the ring.

Final.—Fletcher defeated Brodie. This was by far the most exciting bout of the evening. Brodie continued to employ his tactics of continually rushing to the attack and endeavouring to rattle his opponent. His attempts to ruffle Fletcher were futile. Fletcher showed a far better knowledge of the game than his opponent, and at the end of the first round had a comfortable lead in points. Brodie did his fair share of leading, and both boys delivered some stiff blows. In the second round Fletcher drew Brodie's left time and again and right crossed him with a powerful blow. Brodie's blows were inclined to be wild, and his opponent took the majority of them on the



glove. Fletcher took advantage of every opening afforded him in the last round, and repeatedly drove his lightning left into his opponent's face. Brodie kept up a dogged attack until the sound of the gong, but his efforts were not rewarded with success.

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

L. Ennis (10.6) defeated W. Penman (10.4). Ennis, although shorter in the reach of the two, used his left with determination. His one endeavour was to make the fighting close and so make Penman's longer reach useless. This plan was naturally the best to adopt for the shorter boy, and had Penman but kept the bout open the possibilities are that he would have won. Ennis scored with nice left jabs to the body in the second round, but was stopped upon one occasion by a stiff upper-cut. Penman absorbed a good deal of punishment which could well have been avoided had he been aggressive instead of continually keeping on the defence. There was little of interest in the last round; Ennis continued to do most of the leading. Both boys were over-fond of clinching, and this naturally robbed the fight of a great deal of its interest.

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#### FOOTBALL.

(A. J. Paterson.)

The 1924 season has, like its two predecessors, been most successful from every point of view. Not only has the First Fifteen attained the high standard set by the two previous teams, but the junior teams also have shown a gratifying improvement on the standard of previous years and, although we are losing many of our best players at the end of the year, the outlook for the future is still bright. Good results, however, can only be obtained if in future the fifteen devotes itself as seriously to training as this year's team has done. At the beginning of the season matters did not look bright, for the first few games were most crude and unassuring; but gradually players were sorted out into their correct places, and combination began to take shape. By the time half the season was over the team was not recognisable as the same which took the field earlier in the season, and we realised that, despite the absence of many of our previous year's

champions the team should put up good fights in the inter-school games. The first game was the Moascar Cup game with Wanganui Technical College. In this the team played disappointingly, and although we managed to snatch a narrow victory, the team realised that much better efforts were necessary and trained accordingly. Then followed the annual fixture with Wanganui Collegiate School, played this year at New Plymouth. In this game the team came to its true form, but unfortunately Alexander, our most experienced five-eighth, broke his collarbone and was out of action until the last match of the season. His loss was greatly felt in the remaining matches. Then followed the most strenuous game of the season—that against Te Aute for the Moascar Cup, from which we emerged with honours even. The following Saturday found our Auckland Grammar School friends here, and after a brilliant game our opponents were victorious by three points. This was the first defeat sustained for three years, and we wish to congratulate the Grammar School boys on their success. The team then left for Nelson, rather weary and worn, but the trip freshened us up, and on a muddy ground we emerged victorious. The holidays then gave the team a much-needed rest, and it was at full strength and at top form for the last match of the season, that against Mount Albert Grammar School, whom we were pleased to have with us for a few days. On a wet day the team gave its best exhibition for the year and succeeded in retaining the Moascar Cup. Thus ended a very strenuous and successful season.

The Second Fifteen has also had a most successful season, and is probably better than any second fifteen of the past. Being considerably heavier than the First Fifteen, especially in the forwards, it was able to provide excellent practice games for the firsts, and no praise is too high for these boys who came out day after day without fail to give this much-needed practice. In the Taranaki Third Grade Championship it did very well by winning most of its matches, and would have done still better had it not had to supply as many as five or six players for the First Fifteen when some of the latter were injured.

The Third Fifteen succeeded in winning the Taranaki Fourth Grade Championship. They played consistently clever football throughout the year, and put the seal on their performances by brilliantly defeating Hawera Technical School First Fifteen in the final.



The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Fifteens played in the same Fourth Grade Championship with varying success, but the experience gained by all these boys will be of great value next season. Lower down the School was divided into groups each under a master well versed in the art of the game, and all experienced a pleasant season. We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Moyes for so kindly entertaining visiting teams and our own, the good people of New Plymouth who took visiting teams to their homes during their stay in this town, and the masters who have done so much for us in the way of organising our games and coaching the teams. To Alexander, who represented Taranaki against Wellington and played a brilliant game, and to our last year's captain, H. W. Brown, now in England as a member of the All Blacks, we also extend our congratulations. We confidently expect great things in the future from these two players.

#### COMPETITION MATCHES.

The first match was against Star. Although the ground was sodden School played good football, winning the match by 17 to 0. Mackay kicked three penalty goals. Bellringer and Crawford scored a try each, one of which Paterson converted.

The second match was played against Rahotu at Rahotu. Good play was hampered by a strong wind, but nevertheless Rahotu defeated us by 17 to 13. Crawford scored two tries and Mackay converted both and kicked a penalty.

The third match was played against Okato and in an uninteresting game School won by 14 to 13. Tries were scored by Tiplady, Mackay and Alexander, while Petty converted one try and Crawford kicked a penalty goal.

The fourth match was against Rahotu, and School, who played brilliant football, left the field victorious by 24 to 5. Crawford scored three tries, S. Fookes, Mackay and Ennis one each. Mackay converted three tries.

The fifth match was played against Old Boys. School took the field without several of the permanent members, who were suffering from injuries sustained on the previous Saturday. Mackay, S. Fookes and Fletcher scored tries, the final score being 9 to 5.





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The sixth match was played against Tukapa, and after a very close game School emerged winners by 8 to 6. Bellringer scored one try and Mackay scored a try which he also converted.

Although we had competed in the First Junior Competition with marked success, we found it impossible to complete the programme of matches owing to the number of secondary school engagements we were about to fulfil.

#### **SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS.**

On Easter Saturday a seven-a-side team, comprising Mackay, Paterson, Fletcher, Alexander, Mason, Gibson and Ennis, journeyed to Kaponga to take part in the tournament. In the first round we defeated Kaponga B by 13 points to nil. Mackay scored two tries, both of which he converted, while Paterson scored one try. In the second round we met Stratford A, who defeated us by 13 points to 3. Mackay scored for School. We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Moss for so kindly entertaining us.

On June 3 we entered two teams for the Dewar Shield tournament at Stratford. The A team was defeated in the first round by Stratford A by 3 points to nil. The B team, however, played meritoriously, reaching the semi-final, where Toko, the ultimate winners of the tournament, defeated them by the narrow margin of three points.

#### **WANGANUI COLLEGE MATCH.**

The Wanganui Collegiate team arrived on July 24 and were met by Mr. Moyes, Mr. Papps and members of the School team. Once again we have to thank the kind people of this town for billeting the Wanganui team.

The match was played in fine weather and after a spectacular and exciting game School emerged victorious. We are indebted to the Taranaki Daily News for the following account:—

Wanganui kicked off with the sun at their backs, and the New Plymouth backs almost immediately opened out in a couple of bright passing rushes. The passing, however, was hesitant and the visitors tackled solidly and surely. Hooking cleanly the New Plymouth forwards sent the backs racing to the twenty-five flag, and the attack was sustained till Duncan broke through with a tricky run. Both teams were settling down to their task,



the deadly tackling, however, preventing dangerous invasions by either set of backs. At this stage the visiting backs were handling splendidly and swept the home team back to the twenty-five line, where Ormond was grassed.

A free-kick against the visitors swung play back to half-way, where a poor pass from Ormond to Carroll let New Plymouth through. An exciting passage occurred when H. McKenzie initiated an in-and-out passing bout which carried Wanganui well down the line, but the New Plymouth forwards with a splendid rush swept right down the field and Gibson appeared to score. The referee's verdict, however, was a scrum out.

Throwing the ball about in a breezy and convincing style, the visiting backs swept down almost into New Plymouth's territory, where Scanlan tried a penalty kick which went astray. Wanganui held their advantage till the New Plymouth forwards carried all before them and shot the ball out to the backs. The leather came to K. Fookes, who had two men in attendance. Shaking off a half-tackle by H. McKenzie, he cut in brilliantly and made a stab run for the line, scoring a splendid try near the posts. Petty narrowly failed with the kick.

New Plymouth .....	3
Wanganui .....	0

Jury and Bernau led the visiting van back to the attack, and Scanlan broke away spectacularly before whipping the ball out to W. McKenzie. The latter passed forward to Carroll, and an almost certain try was thrown away. Wanganui passed out from the scrum, and only sound tackling kept the line intact. Once more the New Plymouth forwards brought relief, and from a line-out Alexander cut in and whipped the leather out to Fookes. Revell was the next man and he dashed through like a champion to score a brilliant try by the posts. Petty missed another easy kick, and after half an hour's play the score was:—

New Plymouth .....	6
Wanganui .....	0

The New Plymouth backs unwound another of their brilliant bursts, Mackay racing through to the twenty-five flag. Petty made a promising run but passed wildly to Mackay, and Scanlan jumped into the breach, snapping up the ball and making a thirty yards dash along the

touch-line to score in the corner. Carroll's kick from a difficult angle was short, and immediately after the half-time bell sounded with the score:—

New Plymouth .....	6
Wanganui .....	3

Wanganui had a slanting sun to face in the second spell. The home backs quickly jumped into their stride, but Gardner was the first to hoist the danger signal, his pass after a breakaway not being accepted. Two kicks by New Plymouth rebounded and Wanganui swarmed down. A line-out took place in the corner and W. McKenzie nearly scored, Petty forcing just ahead of him. Paterson gave relief and play crossed the half-way line, where Ritchie put himself offside. Mackay made a good but unsuccessful attempt to turn the chance into points.

New Plymouth were making the pace a "cracker," the ball being thrown about with a sparkle and precision delightful to watch. Mackay was sent away on a dash for the line, but McKenzie came in well with a diving tackle. Out flashed the ball through the backs to the other side. Crawford lost possession, but picked the ball up smartly at the twenty-five flag and, after a short run, passed in to the forwards. Four of them were together and S. Fookes took the pass, hurling himself over the line to score. It was an inspiring piece of good forward play. Mackay's kick was short and low.

New Plymouth .....	9
Wanganui .....	3

Another surprise was in store for Wanganui. Alexander, after cutting his way through the visitors' ranks, threw the ball to Fookes, who cut in and passed in to Revell. Mackay joined in at the end of the chain and raced over at the corner and round near the posts. Alexander converted, raising the score to—

New Plymouth .....	14
Wanganui .....	3

A minute later S. Fookes was off-side just outside his twenty-five, and Scanlan kicked a splendid goal.

New Plymouth .....	14
Wanganui .....	6



Playing with superlative dash the home team, both backs and forwards, swept down in loose passing rushes, an in-field kick by Mackay, well followed up, promising trouble, but H. McKenzie, who had played a good game throughout, was there to force the ball. Duncan took an involuntary pass off-side and Wanganui were penalised just outside their twenty-five. Mackay made a splendid attempt, the ball sailing a little outside the post. Crawford kicked hard and H. McKenzie forced again.

After a long period of inactivity the Wanganui backs embarked on another excursion, Scanlan penetrating the defence, but Carroll failed to accept a pass in a splendid position. Wanganui were getting the ball more from the scrum, but Scanlan was apt to carry his cutting in tactics too far. Ormond found his feet but passed short to Carroll. Mackay dashed in and drew away from Carroll, ending a spectacular sprint of sixty yards by scoring a try which had the big crowd on the tip-toe of excitement. He failed to add the extra points and the score read:—

New Plymouth .....	17
Wanganui .....	6

Alexander, who was reported to have broken his collar-bone in the first spell, received a fresh injury and had to retire. Fookes and Revell closed up and McLean came on as centre. Bright passing bouts in Wanganui's twenty-five tested the visitors' defence. Following a period of tight work and a hot melee under Wanganui's goal posts, Scanlan made a determined dash down the line, giving a pretty in-field pass to Carroll, who was promptly upended.

New Plymouth suffered another casualty when Mason, the half, retired injured and was replaced by Grant. Ormond dashed through, being tackled near the line, and Wanganui strove hard to diminish the gap in the scores. The dying stages saw Wanganui still on the attack, but play had swung back to midfield when the whistle ended a memorable match, the final score being—

New Plymouth .....	17
Wanganui .....	6

Mr. A. H. Guy refereed.

In the evening both teams were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moyes at a pleasant dance in the School Assembly Hall.

The Wanganui team left for home on the Friday morning.

### MT. EDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL MATCH.

On Friday morning, September 22, the Grammar School fifteen arrived with Mr. Ryder, a former master of our School, in charge. During their stay here they were billeted with citizens of the town. We take this opportunity of thanking these people.

The match was played in a fine school spirit and to the Grammar fifteen we extend our heartiest congratulations for their brilliant victory.

After the match the two teams dined at the Terminus Hotel and afterwards proceeded to Everybody's Theatre, where a very interesting programme was screened. Members of both teams were the guests of Mrs. Roebuck at a very enjoyable dance on Monday night.

We were unable to see the Grammar team off on account of our leaving for Nelson before they left for Auckland. However, most of the Grammar team were at the station to bid us farewell on Tuesday morning.

The team left for home on Tuesday night.

We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for the following account:—

The teams took the field as under:—

Auckland Grammar.—Edmonds, Minns, Matheson, Hutchison, Stewart, Horsley, Meredith, Wells, Winstone, Watkin, Colgan (captain), McCarthy, Thompson, Bailey, Orr.

New Plymouth Boys' High School.—Petty, Mackay, Loveridge, Crawford, Revell, K. Fookes, Mason, Paterson (captain), Tiplady, Bellringer, S. Fookes, Bleakley, Read, Ennis, Gibson.

Playing with the sun in their faces in the first quarter, Grammar commenced to pass immediately, Hutchison over-running on the wing. In the next instant Loveridge, High School's centre, got a very bad smack on the head and was out for some time. He ultimately played on but was very groggy. Two penalties against High School followed, and from the second Hutchison went near goaling. Sending the ball back quickly Petty returned play to half-way. Obtaining possession from the scrummages and the line-outs, Grammar attacked and passed nicely, but the ball went awry in the three-quarter line, and Loveridge headed an exciting rush to Grammar's line, but the defence held. Horsley and Matheson were next seen racing



away down the right wing, but Mackay marked when the latter centred, and Petty later found touch at half-way with a great kick from almost under the bar. Grammar's tall forwards had an easy task in the line-outs, and Hutchison and Matheson flashed away on the left wing, but with a brilliant tackle Loveridge cut the movement short. Grammar's fast, hefty forwards played havoc among the School backs, smothering Mason, the half, who seldom had possession in the early stages of the game, the backs consequently lacking their usual swift passing rushes. The Grammar rearguard, well served with the ball from its doughty pack and by Meredith, the half, showed great dash and speed, compelling School to defend hard. Petty at full-back was magnificent with his line-kicking and fast following up, which time and again turned the attack. Just before the first quarter closed Minns, receiving the ball from his inside men, made a great run down the left wing, being thrust into touch by Petty just as he was about to score.

High School attacked on changing over, but their passing seemed to lack its usual crispness, and by the time the ball reached a winger there were always three Grammar men to deal with him. Mackay went near goaling from a penalty, but Hutchison recovered a lot of ground with his kick at half-way. Matheson, a dangerous man, cut through beautifully. His pass was over-run and Grammar lost a fine chance to open the scoring. It was apparent, however, that they could not be kept out for long, and almost immediately swept down field, Hutchison running with great dash on the wing. Just in front of the line Petty took him and he passed back into the ruck. Matheson got across, but was recalled. After several scrums right on the line McCarthy dived for a good try which Hutchison failed to improve.

Grammar .....	3
High School .....	0

School played hard with the forwards attacking. Grammar were penalised at quarter-way, and from an angle Mackay registered a poster. Soon after Grammar registered a second try when Loveridge, when defending, misjudged and kicked infield. Horsley fielded the ball, and in a flash sent away a fast line of backs, Hutchison scoring as he was felled by Petty. Wells' kick grazed the outside of the post.

Grammar .....	6
High School .....	0

School retaliated with a dashing rush into Grammar's territory, where Loveridge, beating his inside opponents nicely, passed wide to Paterson, who sent Mackay racing down touch for the right corner, where he scored after a fine run. Mackay failed to improve his try, and half-time sounded, the scores being:

Grammar .....	6
High School .....	3

In making the opening which culminated in School scoring, Loveridge got another knock and had to be assisted off the field. He was unable to continue, and the School team was re-arranged, O'Halloran going into the pack, Read playing rover, and Paterson taking the centre of the three-quarter line.

On resuming School showed improved form. The forwards battled hard against their bigger opponents, and commenced to feed their backs, who passed better. Grammar got into trouble through Edmonds fumbling a long kick from Petty, who tackled over the line, but Edmonds saved the situation for his side by holding the ball tight. Grammar stalled off a number of attacks by stalwart defence. Revell tried to cut in under the bar and Grammar later touched down to relieve. School were not to be denied, and the forwards swarmed about Grammar's goal, where Read, picking up in the loose, dived to score near the post. Mackay, though awarded no charge, failed to kick an easy goal, the ball veering outside the upright.

Grammar .....	6
High School .....	6

Excitement on the terraces became intense. School continued to show better form in the backs on the attack, but Grammar always appeared dangerous, the visiting five-eighths showing more initiative and cleverness than the local pair. School were hard put to it defending when Hutchison found the line in their quarters with a grand penalty kick, but Hutchison and Matheson had no justification in attempting drop-kicks after making splendid openings. They were both poor attempts and allowed their opponents to clear to mid-field. Grammar's attack became hotter. Colgan made a splendid run from half-way, and then sent Matheson and Hutchison sailing abreast down the left wing, with only Petty between them and the line. Petty was equal to the occasion. All Matheson had to do was to pass to Hutchison and a try was a certainty,



but just when the latter expected the ball he saw Matheson cleverly grabbed, ball and all, drop like a stone. Hutchison got moving again and raced for the corner. Then all of a sudden he cleverly attempted to beat the defence by shooting a long pass in-field, where half-a-dozen men waited to score. Unfortunately he threw the ball forward and play was recalled after the ball had been forced. Grammar had missed their chance, but continued to press. School managed to keep them out until the final quarter. It was apparent that the possibility of a draw was not satisfactory to Grammar, who up to this stage had appeared cautious. Throwing caution to the winds, but keeping a watchful eye, the visitors began to throw the ball about and open up play in the hope of finding a weakness. Their backs speeded up considerably just before the close of the third quarter and showed flashes of brilliant combination and passing.

On changing ends for the final period School had to contend with a low sun in their faces, which had troubled Grammar in the previous spell. The game became faster, with School attacking, but they were confronted with a solid defence, which at any moment the northerners seemed capable of turning to attack. After defending for a time Grammar got into try-getting action. The backing-up of one another was excellent, and running with great dash they made every tackler feel the weight of a runner. The visitors swept the field in a rush in which backs and forwards took part, seeming always to have two men to the defenders' one. Crawford turned the rush by finding touch, and School kept them out for a while. Then, as the result of one of the finest concerted passing movements one could wish to watch, came a brilliant try. From a scrum near half-way the ball flashed along the line to Hutchison, on the left wing. Blocked, he returned it infield, where his inside backs and forwards swept down in a line towards the School goal-line. For a moment the rush faltered, and then Watkin, the last of nearly a dozen to handle, dived in for the try midway between the flag and posts. Hutchison failed at goal.

Grammar .....	9
High School .....	6

Even then Grammar by no means appeared safe. Exciting play followed and enthusiasm ran high on the terraces as Crawford went racing for the left corner,





FIRST FIFTEEN, 1924.  
(Holders of Moascar Cup.)

Oakley Studio.

Back Row: S. A. Tiplady, K. W. Bleakley, T. P. Revell, D. O'Halloran, L. G. Loveridge, F. L. Read, R. Fletcher.  
Middle Row: E. D. Gibson, S. F. Fookes, W. E. Alexander (vice-capt.), A. J. Paterson (capt.), J. D. Mackay,  
K. F. Fookes, L. Ennis.

Front Row: A. Petty, E. B. Mason, H. E. Bellringer, D. O. Crawford.



where he was forced into touch at the flag. School threatened to score, but the defence was brilliant, every man getting his opponent as the ball flashed out to School's wingers, who were well marked. In an instant the scene changed, play sweeping to the opposite end, where Minns, then Horsley, were thrust out at the corner. The scrummagers of both sides worked hard at the corner on School's line, the players fighting for possession, and School cleared to quarter-way, where the Grammar hookers sent it back, but the wings got ahead of the ball. School worked up the line into Grammar's twenty-five and strove hard to find an opening. From the line-out the home backs attacked, but Mackay over-ran and Hutchison cut through alone. Petty tackled his man beautifully, and once again saved a certain try. Both teams were showing the effects of a titanic struggle, but School made one last desperate bid to score, the backs attacking in a fine run. Mackay got possession and flew down the wing for the right corner, to be cut down six feet short of the line, just as the gong sounded time, the scores being:

Grammar .....	9
High School .....	6

Mr. L. Goodacre was referee.

### NELSON TRIP.

On Tuesday, August 26, we left for Nelson. The Grammar fifteen and quite a number of well-wishers assembled at the station to bid us farewell. After a tiring journey we arrived at Wellington at 7.15 p.m. in time to catch the Ngaio, which left at 7.30. Most of the team retired early to bed, but we little knew of the unusual surprise that was to be our experience outside Nelson Harbour. We awoke after a beautiful trip across to find our good ship motionless and our surroundings completely hidden by the presence of a thick fog. In a few hours' time the pilot arrived and we followed as we thought in safety. However, after proceeding thus for about a mile our good ship ran aground and we were forced to remain there until the Regulus took us off. We eventually arrived at Nelson wharf six hours late. Our brief stay on the mud-bank enabled a member of the party to show his skill as a fisherman.



We were met on the wharf by Mr. McKay and several of the boys of the College. After being introduced to our hosts we were taken to our temporary homes.

In the afternoon we indulged in a short practice, finding the ground in a very hard state.

The next day we played on a flooded ground with rain falling all the time. Open football was made impossible by these adverse conditions.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Broad for their most enjoyable dance, which we all appreciated very much, also our hosts, who did their utmost to make our stay a pleasant one.

The day after the match we were taken for a delightful motor drive through the orchard districts to Motueka. That night we boarded the Ngaio en route for home. We were given an enthusiastic send-off, and I think that most of us will never forget the pleasant time which we had at "Sleepy Hollow."

The following account appeared in the Taranaki Herald:—

The teams took the field as follows:—

Nelson College.—Biggar, Bell, Dyer, Croucher, Rutherford, Wilkes, Irwin (captain), Airey (wing-forward), Dart, Buddle, Newman, Collins, Mills, Anderson, Smith.

New Plymouth High School.—Petty, Mackay, Loveridge, Crawford, Revell, K. Fookes, Mason, Paterson (wing-forward, captain), Tiplady, Bellringer, S. Fookes, Bleakley, Read, Ennis, Gibson.

Nelson kicked off and School opened with a passing rush, but Crawford was blocked on the wing. A forward being offside, Nelson relieved. The School forwards launched a series of attacks, but repeated free kicks to College sent them back. The College forwards beat School in the line-outs, one dangerous rush being stopped by Petty in characteristic fashion. The game at this stage consisted of spirited forward rushes. Then Nelson worked down by means of several free kicks, but K. Fookes kicked high, followed up, regained, and put School on the attack. Biggar, the Nelson full-back, who played a fine game throughout, saved several dangerous School rushes, in which Ennis, Gibson and Paterson were prominent. Nelson were forced three times in quick succession

through School forwards kicking too hard. Irwin was prominent in saving for Nelson by two nice marks. School were now having the better of the play, but the backs could not get a foothold in the mud and several promising bouts broke down. From one of these the Nelson forwards, led by Mills and Newman, broke right through, but found Petty a stumbling block. School forwards, led by Tiplady and Fookes, broke away, and Nelson again were forced. Then the ball was kicked across the field to Loveridge, who made a good run and sent a beautiful pass to Mackay, whose speed enabled him to score in the corner. He failed to goal.

High School .....	3
Nelson College .....	0

A high kick by Petty found the Nelson backs out of place, but Petty threw the College full-back over the corner flag. This was at half-time.

The rain ceased soon after the resumption of play, but the field was in a wretched state. School opened with a fine passing rush from the scrum to Mackay, who was well tackled in the corner by Croucher. The Nelson forwards rushed play back. From a free kick Rutherford failed to goal. Then came the best movement of the match. From a scrum the ball travelled along the line of the School backs to Crawford, who passed in-field. The forwards gained possession and shot the ball back again to Revell, who handed on to Loveridge, who scored near the posts. Mackay goaled.

High School .....	8
Nelson College .....	0

The School forwards continued to attack, but another epidemic of free kicks spoilt their efforts from now on. The Nelson forwards, playing with renewed vigour, penned School down, several scrums on the line giving School an anxious five minutes, but the defence held good. Finally the Nelson backs tried to open out, but the School forwards, led by Paterson, swooped down and carried the ball to half-way. Then Bellringer and Ennis led a good loose rush to the Nelson line, but Biggar saved finely. School backs opened out and the ball travelled nicely along the line to Mackay, who was beautifully tackled a yard off the line by Biggar. School kept trying to use



their backs, but invariably lost ground, as the Nelson forwards swept through quickly, taking advantage of mis-handling. Nelson then failed twice in succession at goal from free kicks, but continued to keep School penned down. Mackay relieved by a good kick to the College twenty-five. Bellringer went off slightly injured, O'Halloran replacing him. In the last minute School forwards broke through. O'Halloran picked up and passed to Ennis, who made a fine run and worked across the field to Mackay, who accepted a pass and scored in the corner. The game ended:

High School .....	11
Nelson College .....	0

On the day's play there was little between the two sets of forwards. Ennis, Bellringer and Paterson were most prominent. The School backs were better on attack than Nelson, whose backs played a purely defensive game and were no match in speed or combination for School's.

#### SCHOOL v. TE AUTE.

On August 14 the Te Aute team arrived by mail train and were taken to Marsland View. From former experiences we knew that the Te Aute team would be a solid proposition, and this fact was fully borne out as the report of the match which appeared in the Taranaki Herald will indicate.

The match between New Plymouth Boys' High School and Te Aute College for the Moascar Cup was played at Pukekura Park. The weather, which broke dull and cold in the morning and threatened rain, broke about mid-morning, and steady though light rain made conditions anything but pleasant. The ground was very slippery and in some places was quite sloppy. Notwithstanding these conditions, there was a large attendance, every vantage point in the ground being utilised to view the game, which was exhilarating and exciting throughout.

The teams took the field as follow:—

Te Aute College (Black and Red).—Full-back: Turei (12.1). Three-quarters: Smith (10.4), Kapa (9.3), Ruru (10.12). Five-eighths: Rapaera (10.4), Seymour (10.0). Half-back: Potaka (9.3). Rover: Horowai (10.4). Forwards: Leach (13.0), Kaa (13.0), Kereopa (13.5), Wanoa, vice-captain (13.7), Mackey (11.8), Huata (10.6), Tibble, captain (12.11). Reserves: Back, Whaipooti (10.0); forwards, Wickliffe (11.4), Grace (12.4).

Boys' High School (Black and White).—Full-back: Petty (10.7). Three-quarters: Mackay (11.12), Loveridge (11.7), Crawford (9.10). Five-eighths: Revell (11.1), K. Fookes (10.4). Half-back: Mason (9.7). Rover: Paterson, captain (10.5). Forwards: Tiplady (9.9), Bellringer (10.4), S. Fookes (11.7), Bleakley (12.7), Read (10.7), Ennis (10.7), Gibson (10.10). Reserves: Backs, Grant, McLean; forwards, Eaves, O'Halloran.

Play was fast at the beginning, but stayed in mid-field. Soon Kereopa burst through, but his backs failed to handle the slippery ball and Crawford found touch. Mackay put in a great run for School, being tackled inside the twenty-five by Turei. Smart defensive work by Crawford broke up a Te Aute forward rush and play hovered inside Te Aute's twenty-five. Te Aute were penalised for offside and Mackay, from past quarter-way, landed a grand goal.

High School .....	3
Te Aute .....	0

Potaka, Te Aute's clever half, was working his backs well and for some time School were hard put to it defending. Wanoa had a shot at goal when School were penalised, but was wide and School attacked. Te Aute forwards were showing the advantage of their great weight and Wanoa led a strong rush into School's territory. Petty with a good kick to touch checked them. Te Aute were controlling the scrummages and with a series of short passing rushes worked into School's territory. School were penalised for "feet up" and Smith again found touch inside the twenty-five. Te Aute backs opened out, but School were tackling and smothering their dangerous rushes well. School were holding the heavier team well, but the visitors were too quickly around the scrum to give the School backs much chance of getting away; Te Aute backs were doing all the passing. It was too slippery for good back play and Te Aute with possession from the scrummages suffered more in this respect. School passed, but Crawford on the wing failed to hold the slippery ball. Fookes made a dash for the corner and passed in to Bellringer, who was felled just short of the line. School continued to attack and played hard, but Te Aute forwards dashed through with Kereopa and Wanoa heading the rush. Petty got into difficulties with the wet ball, but finally made a good save. School were again penalised in the left-hand corner, and Wanoa put the ball just



under the bar. Petty was playing magnificently at full-back and his fine line-kicking repeatedly stemmed Te Aute's forward rushes. School attacked in a fine passing rush, which saw Crawford make a great dash for the left-hand corner. A pass infield to Paterson saw the School wing-forward just fail to reach the line. School backs brightened up, but the spoiling tactics of the visiting forwards combined with a slippery ball were breaking up many of their back rushes in their initial stage. Considering the conditions the backs of both sides handled the ball exceptionally well and the work of the School pack in holding and stopping their opponents' heavy rushes was brilliant. Just before half-time Mackay made another attempt at goal from deep in the field, sending the ball just under the bar. At half-time the score was still—

High School .....	3
Te Aute .....	0

High School attacked willingly on resumption, but Te Aute gave no chances. Turei found touch at half-way with a great kick from the twenty-five, and from the line-out School backs swept away, Crawford being downed by Turei in the corner just as a try looked imminent. Mackay had another unsuccessful try at goal from a penalty. Te Aute forwards were playing a dashing game in the open, and Leach and Kereopa led the pack into School territory. The complexion of the game changed at every instant, and immediately Paterson and Gibson were conspicuous in leading the School pack back to Te Aute's line. School began to hook the ball from the scrum despite the weight against them, but in the line-outs they had it all against them, the burly Te Aute forwards breaking away in fine style. Te Aute attacked again, but before they had time to score School had sent them back. Potaka, Te Aute's nippy half, and Ruru combined in some nice work on the left wing and for some time the visitors threatened to score there, when Petty swept through from the back and put in a great run into the opposing territory. Still in midfield, the game continued hard and fast, with neither side in the ascendant. It was wonderful defensive tackling, though School developed a tendency to go high. School attacked hard, Loveridge and Mackay making a great run down the wing, and the latter passing infield to Paterson. In a scramble School forwards got across, but were recalled for a knock-on. Again the School backs threatened, again the forwards thrust over

the line in a scramble, but again they failed to touch down cleanly and play returned to midfield, School being unfortunate not to score. From half-way Mackay dashed away, passing to Loveridge, and sent him away down the right wing. Mackay came up on the outside, and Loveridge sent the ball to him, Mackay taking the ball on the bounce to dash around and touch down behind the posts. Te Aute appealed for forward, and the referee recalled Mackay and awarded a scrum. Te Aute then attacked and Ruru went close to scoring. Te Aute pressed hard, their heavy pack pushing the scrummages and gaining yards. Te Aute were striving hard to score, but the School defended tenaciously, smothering their rushes in the early stages. Kereopa and Wanoa were both close to scoring when Te Aute were penalised and Paterson found touch at half-way. Rapaera marked, and his kick again put the visitors on the attack, but Mason, with a mark followed by a good forward rush, changed the scene momentarily. With drier conditions the game was becoming faster, with Te Aute attacking. From a scramble on the line Tibble dived in and scored well out. Wanoa failed at goal.

High School .....	3
Te Aute .....	3

With honours even intense excitement prevailed on the terraces, while the Te Aute team played with increasing dash. School delved into it vigorously, but appeared a little rattled, probably as the result of their hard luck, but the game ended within a few minutes—a draw:

High School .....	3
Te Aute .....	3

The Te Aute team gave their haka at the end of the match, to the amusement of the crowd.

### SCHOOL v. MT. ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Mt. Albert Grammar School arrived at New Plymouth in charge of Mr. Hardy. Their record in Auckland was a very fine one, they having won the Secondary School Championship.

We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for the report of the match.



The teams took the field as under:—

Boys' High School (Black and White).—Petty, Mackay, Loveridge, Crawford, K. Fookes, Alexander, Mason, Paterson (captain), Bellringer, Tiplady, S. Fookes, Bleakley, Read, Ennis, Gibson.

Mt. Albert Grammar School (Light Blue).—Butler, Ash, Monk, Kirkpatrick, Wilson, Jenkin (captain), Pirrit, Ewen, Harrop, Kinnear, Gardner, Moses, Bark, Brownlee, Henderson.

High School won the toss and elected to defend the northern goal. Following a scrum at midfield, the visitors obtained possession and Pirrit sent Wilson away. He transferred to Jenkin, and the development of a pretty movement was spoiled by a knock-on. The Blues immediately began aggressive tactics, and a free to School brought relief, Petty finding touch at past half-way. Mt. Albert secured from the throw-in, and Loveridge was responsible for breaking up another fine movement which was developing among the visitors' rearguard. The ball was returned to the Aucklanders' territory and fast following up saw Butler caught with the ball and he was penalised for holding on after the tackle, and Mackay, who had to go well back towards the centre line to get a kick, placed a fine goal, and drew first blood for the holders of the trophy, arousing great enthusiasm among the spectators. This was renewed when, within a few minutes, after there had been some fine exchanges of kicking between the teams, a penalty was given against Ewen for offside play and Mackay registered another goal for New Plymouth from close to the same spot from which the first one was kicked.

The kick-off was followed by a scrum and the School were penalised for lifting their feet before the ball was in. Petty fielded the ball cleanly and set his side off again with a good kick, and fast following up saw Mackay and Loveridge reach Mt. Albert's territory before they were stopped. The Auckland forwards were now putting a lot of sting into the game, Kinnear, Bark and Brownlee showing out conspicuously. Monk had an unsuccessful shot at goal from just inside the half-way line, and when the ball was returned Ash took it very cleverly on the full as he was running up, and cutting right across the field drew the defence and then sent Monk and Kirkpatrick away,





SECOND FIFTEEN.

Oakley Studio

Back Row: T. Revell, K. Wetere, T. Jones, M. Fletcher, R. M. Robertson, D. O'Halloran, J. Pease.  
Middle Row: E. Eaves, J. Murdoch, S. Hutchen, T. Fookes, W. Brodie, D. McLean, A. Walker.  
Front Row: D. G. Grant, R. J. Galbraith.



the last-named getting near to the line. He then punted over Mackay's head and followed up well, but Petty saved the position by marking and finding touch well down the line. Play for a time hung among the forwards, both packs fighting hard for possession of the ball. S. Fookes, Patterson, Tiplady and Gibson were the most conspicuous in the hard-working set of local forwards and they responded to every challenge of their opponents, going down gamely to stop onslaughts, and repeatedly breaking right through the scrummages. Some very tight work was seen, and neither side was able to make much impression on the opposition, until Alexander, who did great work throughout the game, found a weak spot and dummed through, passing to Loveridge, who was able to dash over and score near the posts. Alexander took the kick, but failed to improve the score.

The kick-off went into touch from the throw-in. Mt. Albert secured and the ball travelled right out to Ash, who made a great run down the line but was splendidly tackled by Crawford. The ball was shot across field and Kirkpatrick got possession, and he raced for the line, but lost possession when getting within striking distance, and Petty was again able to clear. School then developed an attacking movement, which broke down at Loveridge, who failed to gather in a somewhat difficult pass. Mt. Albert continued to attack, and they also had two shots at goaling from penalties, but neither was successful, and the first spell ended with the score:

High School .....	9
Mt. Albert .....	0

On resuming after the interval the visitors attacked hotly and rushed play into the home side's territory. The defence held, but a mistake by Mason gave the challengers a chance, and they notched their only score in the game. The ball came cleanly out of the scrum to the School half, who at once dived into the ruck with it, and losing position, a local man was caught playing the ball off-side, and from the free kick awarded to Mt. Albert Monk placed a beautiful goal from a muddy position near the half-way line.

Rain was now falling more heavily than at any other time during the game, and the ball must have been exceedingly difficult to handle, but both sides did well, and play ranged up and down the field with lightning rapidity, the



ball often travelling through the hands of most of the backs. Alexander and K. Fookes were combining well, and they managed to make plenty of openings for the scoring men, but the tackling was good and the challengers were still able to withstand the pressure which was put upon them. They were also capable of initiating movements, and repeatedly changed defence into attack by clever and judicious kicking, for which Jenkin, Wilson and Monk were principally responsible. Both sides were compelled to force down on several occasions, and while this gave momentary relief, the pressure was immediately put on again as strenuously as ever. Petty made some brilliant and sensational runs at times, and on two occasions looked as if he might score. Butler, however, who had not been impressive in the early stages of the game, improved as it progressed, and he got his side out of several tight places in the concluding stages. A penalty to School in a good position in front of the goal was entrusted to Loveridge, but he failed with the kick, and Mt. Albert set up another hot attack, sweeping right down the field. Monk cut in cleverly when on the opposition twenty-five line, and then transferred to Kirkpatrick, who missed his pass in a movement which looked like ending in a score. Petty resorted to a speculator to clear, and he fortunately found touch well down the line. School secured from the throw-in and the ball came as far as Loveridge, who tried to swerve through but was held up. An infringement gave School another shot at goal, but Loveridge again missed.

The local side maintained their advantage, however, and a pretty piece of work, which added a further three points to the score, put a fine finish to an excellent game. A scrum was formed just inside Mt. Albert territory, and School hooked very smartly and Mason got the ball away cleanly. It travelled swiftly through all hands to Mackay, who dashed down the line and scored a brilliant try, amid the greatest enthusiasm. The extra points were not added, and the whistle sounded "no side" immediately with the scores:

High School .....	12
Mt. Albert .....	3

Mr. E. Gilmour was referee.

### SCHOOL v. WANGANUI TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

On July 11 the Wanganui Technical College team arrived and were met by members of the Rugby Union and Mr. Moyes. During their visit here they stayed at Niger House. On the Sunday after the match both teams were the guests of the Union in a drive to Urenui.

The following account appeared in the Daily News:—

The teams were:

Wanganui (dark blue).—Tabart (full-back); Crichton, Stiver, Rangi Ruahine (three-quarters); Blythe, Brown (five-eighths); Ambrose (half-back); Cutelli (rover); Thompson, Smith, McKillop, Burrell, Dixon, Winter (captain), Linssen (forwards).

New Plymouth.—Petty (full-back); Mackay, K. Fookes, Crawford (three-quarters); Fletcher, Alexander, captain (five-eighths); Mason (half-back); Read (rover); Ennis, Gibson, S. Fookes, Bleakley, O'Halloran, Bellringer, Tiplady (forwards).

New Plymouth lost the toss and kicked off against a strong breeze. From the sounding of the whistle their forwards swept down to the attack, and a rattling pace was set and maintained. Three times in succession the ball was hooked back to Mason, the half-back, who set his backs in motion, but the attack broke down each time at K. Fookes, who knocked the ball on. Again the New Plymouth backs raced away, Alexander cutting in neatly to beat several men, but his pass was late and play returned to half-way. Out shot the ball to Mackay, on the New Plymouth wing, who kicked high, and in a scramble the home team were nearly over, but Wanganui relieved. The visiting forwards swept down the field, headed by Thompson, but Alexander saved. Twice in succession Wanganui were penalised for off-side play; then on account of an obstruction by a New Plymouth player the visitors were awarded a free kick. From over half-way Brown's kick was well short. Alexander snapped up the ball and away went the New Plymouth backs again, the attack breaking down when Fletcher failed to accept a premature pass.



Petty fielded cleanly from a long Wanganui punt and raced round to start his backs off again, but K. Fookes knocked on, and from the scrum that followed the tables were turned when Dixon came away in great style. Fletcher obtained possession and once more the complexion was changed when he galloped away to pass to K. Fookes when collared. The latter could not get past Stiver, however, and play returned to half-way. Petty badly misjudged a high kick, and it was an anxious moment for New Plymouth when a scrum was ordered on the goal-line. New Plymouth hooked the ball, but Alexander took his pass off-side, and Brown drew first blood for the visitors with a well-placed goal.

Wanganui .....	3
New Plymouth .....	0

From the kick-off Cutelli and Thompson headed a Wanganui rush, New Plymouth being penalised for off-side play. The kick was unsuccessful, the ball striking the hands of the home forwards, and Read led a counter-attack. Rangi Ruahine snapped up the ball, and in a difficult position found touch with an excellent line kick. The same player was again prominent a moment later, but his short punt went too far and Petty forced. From the drop-out Fletcher picked up and his backs soon swung into their stride with a lively passing bout, which broke down when Mackay passed forward. Fletcher sustained an injury to his knee, and, though he resumed his position for a time, was soon compelled to retire, being replaced by Revell. K. Fookes came in to second five-eighths and the newcomer played centre three-quarter.

With a vigorous rush the New Plymouth forwards penetrated the opposition; then from a scrum the ball was whipped out to K. Fookes, who was collared right on the line. With lightning speed the ball was hooked back and shot out to Crawford, who dashed up to ground it over the goal-line near the corner. Petty's kick failed.

Wanganui .....	3
New Plymouth .....	3

Crawford fielded from the kick-off and made another sensational run down the line. From a scrum K. Fookes received the ball and brought the home supporters to their feet with a cut-in that pierced the opposition, but his pass was not taken. New Plymouth were penalised, and

Thompson almost goaled with a fine drop kick. Then Winter marked in a good position, but his drop-kick was short. Tiplady was off-side a moment later, but fortune did not smile on the visitors, for Brown's kick was just wide. From the drop-out the New Plymouth backs sprang into their stride, and more exciting moments followed when, from an opening made by Alexander, Crawford dashed through, only to be pushed out right in the corner. Alexander again cut in from the line-out, but was tackled. Mackay, penned near his goal-line, punted in-field directly in front of his goal, but no one was there, and the home team relieved. Half-time sounded immediately with the score unchanged.

Wanganui .....	3
New Plymouth .....	3

A light drizzle commenced just before the interval, but it ceased shortly after play resumed, and the game was finished in dry though threatening weather. With undiminished vigour the forwards set a hot pace immediately. Read was penalised for not putting the ball straight into the scrum, but no goal resulted. O'Halloran led the New Plymouth vanguard in a rush, and from a scrum the backs launched a brilliant attack. With snap and precision the ball shot from Mason to Alexander, K. Fookes, Revell and Crawford, the latter being well tackled by Stiver. Mason and Alexander mishandled and Brown put Wanganui on the attack with a short punt, but Petty saved. With a sensational run down the line Mackay beat practically the whole opposition, but when a try seemed imminent he stopped short in his stride to find someone to pass to and threw away the opportunity.

Stiver changed the aspect immediately with perhaps the cleverest piece of work in the match. After a fine dash down the touch-line he short punted to the centre, where there was no opposition. The ball bounced high to fall among the New Plymouth players, who were able to effect relief. Almost immediately, however, New Plymouth were penalised, and Brown kicked a good goal, placing the visitors once more in the lead.

Wanganui .....	6
New Plymouth .....	3

New Plymouth returned to the attack, and Alexander cut in to beat several men and pass to Crawford. The latter was collared, but whipped the ball out in the other direction to K. Fookes. Mackay received in turn,



and after fending off one man was pushed out in the corner. Bellringer obtained in the line-out and dashed the remaining few yards to score. Petty could not goal, and the scores stood level.

Wanganui .....	6
New Plymouth .....	6

New Plymouth were within an ace of scoring again when the backs raced away in one direction till Revell received his pass, and then to the other corner, where Mackay was pushed out. A fierce struggle for supremacy ensued, first one side and then the other gaining the advantage. Wanganui swept down, only to be stopped by Crawford. Then the home backs dashed back and a try seemed imminent when Mackay slipped and fell. Ambrose marked gamely in the face of an opposing rush; then Tiplady reciprocated with another mark, and play came back to Wanganui's corner with S. Fookes leading the rush. From a scrum Alexander was slow to pass, and Brown intercepted, breaking clean away. With practically no opposition and a line of Wanganui men in support Thompson knocked on, and the chance was lost.

For an anxious ten minutes the home team were pressed on their goal-line till the forwards came through and Tiplady effected timely relief. With increased vigour Wanganui returned, but Petty saved. Mason set his backs in motion, but Alexander again gave a late pass, and a Wanganui man intercepted to institute a strong attack. Cutelli worked the blind side from a scrum and was just pushed into touch by Mackay.

The deciding factor in the game was the next fine movement. Bleakley and S. Fookes came through a loose scrum in grand style, and the ball was whipped out to Alexander, K. Fookes, Revell and Crawford, who dashed over in the corner to place his team for the first time in the lead. Mackay's attempt to goal was wide.

New Plymouth .....	9
Wanganui .....	6

Tabart, the Wanganui full-back, was compelled to retire on account of cramp, being replaced by Stewart. From a scrum Alexander cut in and beat several men, but was finally tackled. The ball returned to half-way, and time sounded with the score:

New Plymouth .....	9
Wanganui .....	6

Mr. F. Julian refereed.

## SECOND FIFTEEN.

The second fifteen had a very successful season, and considering that the team was changed round so much its record is very good. Following are the results:—

V. Tukapa; won 3—0. Tukapa were superior in the forwards, but School held its own in the backs. For School, Murdoch scored after a great run.

V. Old Boys; won 41—0. A field day for School. Both backs and forwards played well. For School the following scored: Brodie, McLean (2), Wetere, K. Fookes, T. Fookes, Robertson, Hutchen, Pease, O'Halloran (I). Of these tries McLean, Pease and Grant converted one each.

V. Okato; won 11—0. This game was played in the mud. McLean scored two tries and converted one. Eaves also scored.

V. Star; lost 8—3. School fielded a weak team. School's score consisted of a penalty kicked by McLean.

V. Clifton; draw, no score. This game was played in pouring rain.

V. Tukapa; lost 8—6. School had a weak team, but nevertheless put up a good fight. McLean scored both tries.

V. Old Boys; won 6—5. This was a hard game; Revell and Hutchen scored for School.

V. Okato; won 11—3. School journeyed to Okato. Galbraith scored two tries and kicked a goal. Pease converted a try.

V. Clifton; lost 17—3. Clifton's forwards were too heavy for School. Galbraith scored for School.

V. Third Fifteen; draw 8—8. This was one of the hardest games of the season. The Third Fifteen forwards played well. The Second Fifteen backs were apt to hang on too long and so lost chances. Murdoch and Jones scored for the Seconds, McLean converting one.

V. Star. Star forfeited to School.



### THIRD FIFTEEN'S GAMES.

Teams played.	Result.	Score	Score
		For.	Against.
Clifton .....	Drawn	6	6
School D .....	Won	32	0
Old Boys .....	Won	60	3
Tukapa .....	Won	3	0
Technical College .....	Won	34	0
Star .....	Won	16	3
School C .....	Won	38	0
School B .....	Won	27	0
School B .....	Won	32	0
School C .....	Won by forfeit.		
School D .....	Won by forfeit.		
Old Boys .....	Won	52	0
Technical College .....	Won by forfeit.		
Star .....	Won	25	3
Tukapa .....	Won	16	5
Hawera Technical College	Won	16	5

We are indebted to the Taranaki Herald for the following account of the Fourth Grade final:—

Hawera kicked off and play centred about half-way for a while. The Hawera forwards had the advantage in height, but the New Plymouth pack indulged in dribbling rushes which eventually took them into the opposing twenty-five. A hard tussle followed near the line and at length Arnold succeeded in crossing the line. Crawford converted.

School .....	5
Hawera .....	0

The visiting backs made persistent efforts to break away, but the tackling of the New Plymouth boys was safe.

An exciting tussle followed in School's twenty-five, but Penman broke away in the ruck, and was well supported by the remainder of the pack. When near half-way the forwards overstepped the ball, but Galbraith picked up neatly and beat the opposition all the way. Crawford failed to convert.

School .....	8
Hawera .....	0





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Back Row: S. Spiers, E. McCallum, J. Abraham, E. Arnold, W. Penman, D. Robertson, G. Bayly.  
Middle Row: L. Penny, C. Strombom, J. Medley, H. Fookes (capt.), J. Galbraith, C. Collins, I. Crawford.  
Front Row: H. Brown, K. Riley.



The Hawera backs were perhaps slightly more aggressive than their opponents, but the greasy state of the ball and the soft nature of the ground made back play almost impossible. After gradually forcing School back into their twenty-five the Hawera backs got moving and C. Bailey crossed over. Gates converted.

School .....	8
Hawera .....	5

School wasted no time in going to the attack, and as the result of a concerted forward movement Hawera were compelled to force down. Half-time was then called.

School had the advantage in the opening stages of the second half, Hawera being obliged to force within a few minutes of resuming. Play then hovered about half-way, and after an exchange of high kicks the Hawera forwards took the ball away at their feet, but lost an admirable opportunity of scoring by kicking too hard and so affording School the chance of forcing down. The drop-kick gave School a chance to return play to half-way. Slowly the forwards worked their way into Hawera's twenty-five and from a scrum H. Fookes cleverly cut his way through the five-eighths and passed to a forward, who dropped the ball, but succeeded in kicking it over the line and Collins touched down. Crawford's kick failed by inches.

School .....	11
Hawera .....	5

Shortly after the kick-off School entered the Hawera twenty-five again and Riley, who picked up from the loose, made a brilliant run, stab-kicked over the full-back's head and touched down. Crawford converted.

School .....	16
Hawera .....	5

Thereafter School had by far the better of the game and towards the end Hawera found it necessary to force down time and again. With but a few minutes to go, they made an effort to score, but this they found impossible.

Mr. F. Webb was the referee.



**FOURTH FIFTEEN.**

## First Round.

April 26.—V. Star; won 5—0. Ford scored and Strombom converted.

May 3.—V. School 6ths; won 19—3. Davis, Gilmour, Robb and Strombom (2) scored. Gilmour and Strombom converted one try each.

May 31.—V. School 5ths; won 11—0. Ford and Penman scored a try each. Ford converted one and kicked a penalty goal.

June 7.—V. Tukapa; won 6—3. Penman and Collins scored a try each.

June 14.—V. Old Boys; won by default. Old Boys withdrew from the competition.

June 21.—V. Clifton; lost 9—0. Clifton were too heavy for the School team.

June 28.—V. Technical College; won 16—11. Law, Davis and Collins (2) scored tries. Ford and Law converted one each.

July 5.—V. School 3rds; lost 27—0. The thirds were too fast for the fourths.

## Second Round.

July 10.—V. School 6ths; won 11—3. This was played on Thursday instead of Saturday. Collins and Davis scored a try each, Ford converted one, and Glengarry kicked a penalty goal.

July 15.—V. School 3rds; lost 32—0. This was also played on a Thursday. The thirds were again too fast for the fourths.

July 17.—V. Star; lost 15—3. Law scored for School.

July 23.—V. Clifton; lost—forfeited. Owing to the end of the term we could not get a team.

September 6.—V. Tukapa; lost 3—0. Tukapa were too heavy for the School forwards.

September 13.—V. Technical College; won by default. Owing to their holidays Tech. were unable to get a team together.

July 20.—V. School 5ths; won by forfeit. The fifths could not get a team together.

September 20.—V. Old Boys; won by default. Old Boys withdrew from the competition in the first round.

**FIFTH FIFTEEN.**

V. Technical College; won, 12—0.

V. Clifton; won, 12—3.

V. School B; lost, 21—0.

V. School D; won, 11—3.

V. Star; lost, 21—0.

V. Old Boys; won, 27—0.

V. School A; lost, 28—0.

V. Tukapa; won, 21—0.

**SIXTH FIFTEEN.**

V. School A; lost, 32—0.

V. School B; lost, 19—3.

V. Star; lost, 28—0.

V. Tukapa; lost, 18—0.

V. Clifton; lost, 56—0.

V. School C; lost, 11—3.

V. Star; lost, 17—3.

V. Technical College; lost, 15—6.

V. Tukapa; lost, 17—0.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

(H. Bellringer.)

The term commenced on September 10, as we assembled to greet his Excellency Viscount Jellicoe when he came to New Plymouth to unveil the Cenotaph. Despite interruptions work has progressed very satisfactorily. All forms are preparing for the annual examinations which eventuate shortly. The term is expected to end on December 18.

This year the annual football match against Wanganui College was played at Pukekura Park, New Plymouth, on Thursday, July 24, instead of at the Show Grounds, Hawera, where all previous matches had been played. The fine weather and hard ground greatly helped to make the game, which was thoroughly enjoyed by both sides, fast and interesting. On the night prior to the match the visiting team was met at the Railway Station by the Principal, Mr. Papps, Mr. Nielson (secretary of the Rugby Union), and by the members of the First Fifteen. The following evening the guests were entertained at a dance given in their honour by Mr. and Mrs. Moyes. During



their stay in New Plymouth the members of the Collegiate team were billeted amongst the Old Boys of the School.

Although we ourselves did not hold an invitation race this year, representatives of the School were invited to participate in the annual sports of the Stratford District High School and of the New Plymouth Technical College. On the former occasion the event, 220 yards, was won by J. D. Mackay, while C. Gilmour carried off the 100 yards invitation race at the latter's school's sports.

We take this opportunity of congratulating H. W. Brown on the fine record he has achieved on the football field. Probably never before in the annals of Rugby football has a player risen so quickly to international fame. That he should have been captain of the First Fifteen as recently as last year and that within a few months of his leaving school he should be chosen to represent the land of his birth on the playing field is a feat of which we are justly proud of his having accomplished. We sincerely hope that the wide experience gained in his tour with the All Blacks through Great Britain and France will be of the greatest help to him in the future.

The annual boxing tournament, which was held on the evening of Thursday, November 6, was attended by a large crowd of interested spectators, who were treated with a sparkling display of the "manly art." We should like to add that the evident success of the evening was due mainly to the indefatigable efforts of the masters and the management committee.

Towards the end of the second term we received a very interesting lecture on the British and Foreign Bible Association from Mr. Mackay, of Canterbury College, who is an Old Boy of the School. At the commencement of his address he stated how pleased he was to be back at the old school again and how he had followed its growth during the last few years. Proceeding, he outlined the main object of his Association and gave a distressing picture of the conditions under which the students of Tomsk University, in Siberia, existed. He exhibited some instructive photographs of Tomsk University and read an actual letter from some of the professors thanking New Zealand for their timely help to some of the starving students. He then appealed to the boys for assistance, suggesting the novel plan carried out by many of the Old Boys at Canterbury College of going out to work for the day and devoting wages earned to the destitute Russian students.

The following have left School since the last issue:—  
Skelton, M.; Taunt, A.; Moss, K.; Broome, D.; Ford, M.; Ritter, W.; Petty, A.; McLean, M.; Cartwright, G.; Hutchen, S.; McCormick; Parkin, D.; Utting; Davidson, J.; Sheard, I.; Atkins, S.; Dickey, I.; Noonan, F.; Groombridge, W.; Cobham, R.; Ansley, N.; Jenkins, I.; Pettigrew, H.; Meredith, P.; Roche, P.; Woodhouse, C.; Bree, R.; Hooker, J.; Scott, A.; Duffin, J.; Crawshaw, H.; Anthony, H.; Cottier, S.; Bowen, A.; Hawkins, H. D.; Sladden, P.; Woodham, A.; Latter, H.; Wigg, E.; Chivers, P.; Clegg, K.; Cleland, F.; Dalziell, R.; Dobson, H.; Rogers, F.; West, A.; Easton, G.; Pankhurst, R.; Plumtree, C.; Sarten, W.; Atkins, S.; Bartlett, R.; Beamish, J.; Hempton, K.

The following entered the School since the last issue:  
Molloy, P.; Colson, E.; Ward, R.; Manley, J.; Roberts, R.; Baily, F.; Hagger, G.; Korkis, F.; Thorne, A.; Howse, L.; Loveridge, L. G.

Rain marred the visit of the Governor-General when he visited New Plymouth for the last time. On account of this the School gathered in the Assembly Hall, where Lord Jellicoe delivered his parting address and presented the Jellicoe Cup to the School for the second time. He also presented medals to individuals of the team gaining the highest aggregate points. He then proceeded to the town, where he unveiled the memorial in the pouring rain. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large crowd gathered to witness this event. Lord and Lady Jellicoe, together with their staff, were present at the Annual Military Ball held at the Coronation Hall that evening.

The annual fixture with Auckland Grammar School was played this year on Saturday, August 23, at the Sports Ground, Pukekura Park. The exceptionally fine weather made the ground very hard, and this was of great advantage to the visitors, who thoroughly deserved their win on the day's play. The Rugby Union were hosts to both teams at a dinner at the Terminus Hotel, and afterwards at the motion pictures. The following day both teams motored to the Maori village of Parihaka and Rahotu, while Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck were hosts at a very pleasant dance held at their residence the following evening. The visitors were billeted with some of the day boys during their sojourn in New Plymouth.



The Rev. F. G. Harvie one morning gave an instructive address on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals. The boys listened attentively, and it is to be hoped that some of them at least will consider carefully the remarks made on birds' nesting and similar practices.

The annual match against Nelson College was played at the College ground on Thursday, August 28. The weather on the morning of the match was anything but pleasant, and consequently the ground was extremely wet and slippery. This was of advantage to our opponents, who played well in the forwards, but it hampered our back division considerably. The same evening we were the guests of the College at a delightful ball, an excellent feature of which was the lavish supper, an item at all times greatly appreciated by the team. The Assembly Hall, which was tastefully decorated with flowers and coloured papers, presented an animated scene. The sitting-rooms, one of which was skilfully designed to display the Nelson colours—dark blue and black—while another was done in the School colours—black and white—were also beautifully and ingeniously decorated. Our arrival at Nelson had been somewhat of an eventful one, as in the thick fog of the morning the ship became shoaled on a sand bank, and the passengers were forced to beguile the time until a smaller steamer conveyed them and the baggage to the wharves. The day of our arrival was spent in inspecting Kirkpatrick's Jam Factory and Griffin's Biscuit and Sweets Factory. Cars were kindly provided on the day following the match, and a very enjoyable and instructive trip was made round Tasman Bay to Motueka. This was through the heart of the fruit-growing country, but it was, of course, out of the picking season, yet we were able to catch a glimpse of the serious difficulties with which the aspiring fruit farmer has to contend. When at last the time came for departure we turned our backs on Nelson wishing that our stay could be longer. The team, which was accompanied by Mr. Papps, Mr. Eggleton and Mr. Diprose, enjoyed the trip immensely, for the Nelsonians, whose hospitality is proverbial, certainly more than lived up to their reputation.

The number of terms students is much larger than in previous years. Latin, English, History, Mathematics, and Commercial French are all taken for the B.A., LL.B., and B. Com. degrees. There are eleven students doing terms work this year. This is a record number for the School.

School retains the Moascar Cup for one more year as the result of successfully withstanding the attempts of three other secondary schools to wrest it from them. All the matches were played in Pukekura Park, and each was witnessed by a very considerable number of spectators. The wet ground considerably hampered both sides in the first match against Wanganui Technical College, and the display has been called by some worthy critics, disappointing. The visiting team was met at the station by Mr. Moyes, Mr. Papps and other officials of the Rugby Union, and on the following evening both teams were entertained by the Taranaki Rugby Union at the motion pictures and afterwards at supper. On the Sunday both teams had a trip out to Urenui. During the time they spent in New Plymouth the visitors stayed at Niger House.

It is our pleasant duty to welcome Mr. G. M. Pearson, M.A. (Cantab.), to the staff of the School. Mr. Pearson, who is an ardent cricketer, should be a welcome addition to the Old Boys' cricket team. We hope sincerely that his sojourn with us may be a pleasant one.

The most strenuous of all the matches, perhaps, was that of the second Moascar Cup match against Te Aute College on Saturday, August 16. The Maoris were much the heavier team, and the muddy ground was assuredly in their favour. In the evening the teams were present at the Long Night Dance. On Sunday both teams attended Divine service at St. Mary's, and were afterwards conveyed by cars to Urenui as the bush track on the mountain was not open to traffic. The following day the Te Aute team left for Wanganui to defeat our old opponents, Wanganui Technical College. During their short holiday in New Plymouth the visitors resided at Marsland View.

Running against a head wind the greater part of the way, and with the turf sodden, the competitors in the annual Steeplechase had little chance of lowering the record set in 1923. The Junior Steeplechase was won by Scott, while Robertson (iii), scratch, ran a good second. The senior event was won by Spiers, who also gained fastest time, while Robertson (ii), scratch, finished second. The New Plymouth Golf Club kindly placed their property at the disposal of the sports committee, who greatly appreciate this favour.



The final match of the season against Mt. Albert Grammar School was played on Saturday, September 27, in drizzling rain that reduced the ground to a quagmire, yet, in spite of these adverse conditions, the game was fast and open. The same evening the teams attended a boxing tournament as guests of the Rugby Union, and on the following day were conveyed to Parihaka and Rahotu. The morning express on the following day returned to Auckland the visitors, who had boarded at Marsland View.

A very large crowd attended the annual athletic sports, which were held on Saturday, November 1. It is very gratifying to notice the keen interest taken by the general public in all of the School's activities. Although the weather appeared so unpromising the day before, and even during the early part of the morning itself, the atmospheric conditions eventually were perfect. Considerable labour had been expended in marking out the grounds and making the arrangements, for some days ahead, so that it was with extreme chagrin that we watched the copious showers of rain laying waste the results of such hard work; but, on the very morning of the sports themselves, the boys and masters set to and prepared the grounds with such a will that the events were started on the scheduled time. It was hardly to be expected with such a heavy ground that any records should be broken, yet three jumping records were broken and the time for the Senior Hurdles was equalled.

Last year, when H. W. Brown was included in the Taranaki representatives, the School, it was thought, had reached high water mark in the sphere of Rugby football, but we are pleased to relate that this year two of the First Fifteen, W. E. Alexander and L. G. Loveridge, played with conspicuous success in several representative games. We extend our heartiest congratulations to them and hope that the experience so gained will be of immense help after they have left School. We should like to add how gratifying it is to us to hear of so many Old Boys playing in representative teams throughout the Dominion.

The annual dancing classes were this year conducted by Miss D. Bedford and Miss Humphries. There was always a large attendance and the evenings went "with a swing." The Long Night Dance, which was a great success, was held on the eve of the High School v. Te Aute

match and the Te Aute boys were our guests. After a most enjoyable term's dancing, three well-deserved cheers, called for the Misses Bedford and Humphries, ended this pastime for the year.

We should like to congratulate heartily the New Plymouth Technical College on their winning Lord Jellicoe's shooting trophy. The Jellicoe Cup, which is presented to the school that obtains the best all-round score in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition in New Zealand, was won by School in the first and third years of its existence. Owing to their not being able to fire off the total strength of cadets this year, School did not enter for the cup.

Early in the present term Captain Mackintosh Ellis, Director of Forestry in New Zealand, gave an extremely instructive lantern lecture on "Afforestation." The lantern slides were a particularly choice selection, and were much admired by everyone who saw them. The address allowed one to catch a glimpse of the great work done by the Government Forestry Department. Afforestation is an extremely important subject, and one that bears an immense influence on the prosperity of the land, yet very few of the general public ever stop to give the matter thought. Steps are now being taken to clothe the main watersheds, most of which are at present barren, with a protective covering of vegetation, and this will not only have the effect of ensuring a regular water supply, but will also produce a favourable result on the climatic conditions. The ever-shifting sand-hills, whose acreage in New Zealand is almost incredible, are being stabilised and rendered possible of being productive areas, and not mere wastes as they are at present. The milling of timber is supervised to ensure that it is done economically, and the commercial possibilities of the substances extracted from rejected woods are being investigated with marked success. The preservation of the beautiful forest regions still remaining from fire, the depredations of unscrupulous timber exploiters, and other destroying influences, is not, by any means, the least of its objects. Furthermore, Captain Ellis has drawn up a forestry programme, which, if carried out, as we have every reason to believe will be done, will have a far-reaching effect on the happiness and prosperity of the people of New Zealand, when, in the near future, the timber shortage throughout the world will have reached a crisis.



Once again "the sport of gentlemen" makes its appearance, and the enthusiasm with which it is received allows for no doubt as to its premier position amongst summer sports. A very decided improvement is the acquisition of four more nets, making a total of six altogether. These extra nets greatly facilitate the coaching of boys who are not in any of the elevens, and should thus result, in the near future, in an improvement of the present standard of cricket in the School. A match against Nelson College has been fixed for December 23 and 24, and we venture to hope that this is the first of many more such occasions.

Owing to the long spell of fine weather experienced in the last few weeks, swimming has been growing, for some time, more and more popular as a pastime for the boys. Almost every day visits are paid to Te Henui River at the back of the Cemetery, while in the week-ends the Public Swimming Baths and the Fitzroy beach, which has of late been greatly patronised by the boarders, are the most popular resorts. Regular life-saving classes have been started under the supervision of Mr. Eggleton, and during the second term three boys were presented with honorary instructors' certificates, three gained teachers' certificates, 24 gained bronze medallions, 63 were granted certificates of merit, 220 were awarded certificates of proficiency, and 230 gained elementary certificates.

During the third term we received a very interesting lecture from Dr. Carpenter, D.Sc., of Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., on "Telescopes and the Recent Discoveries on Mars." The address, which was greatly appreciated by the boys, dealt with the discovery of the use of lenses, and with the works of Galileo Galilei and his followers, up to the masterpieces of the present day. The lecturer then went on to outline the extent of our knowledge of the planet Mars, and supplied us with some very interesting and suggestive facts which are the result of recent research. In concluding, Dr. Carpenter expressed his admiration of the type of student that frequented the secondary schools and universities of New Zealand, and invited any of us who should ever be in Seattle to make ourselves known to him, as he wished to reciprocate the hospitality he had received everywhere in this country.

The Amateur Athletic Association, which has not met with the general popularity it deserves, holds on the Sports Ground, Pukekura Park, its weekly meetings,

which are attended by a few enthusiastic Old Boys, some present pupils and a few others. The object of this worthy Association is to encourage students to continue their activities on the athletic field after they have left school, and to keep them in training throughout the year. Men and women owe it, if only to themselves, to keep in the best condition, and surely this is an almost unparalleled opportunity to do so.

Tennis conditions have greatly improved this year, as the new courts at the School are now in use, and for a nominal fee boys are entitled to use the asphalt courts at Pukekura Park during the morning. Here it is that the tennis championships are being held under very favourable conditions. The School greatly appreciates the kindness of the Park Tennis Club in allowing the boys the use of their property.

To illustrate the progress made by some of the younger scholars in English, the following "Ode to —," which, as we think, justly deserves its present popularity, is quoted:—

"Who is he that cometh like an honour'd guest,  
With maths book and with ruler,  
With question and with test?  
When he comes in he sayeth,  
'Boys, pick up the paper!  
Pick up all the chalk,  
Open all the windows,  
And knock off all the talk!'"

We admit that the metre is not perfect.

The following interesting facts have been gleaned from examination papers since the last issue of the magazine:—

The Bosphorus is a dull light that comes from decayed wood; you see it in swamps at night.

A civil war is a war fought by people who are civilised and not savages, so that they try to kill each other as painlessly and as soon as they can, without torturing them.

Secession is the shock you get when someone hits you on the head.

A peninsula is a bird that lives on icebergs. You see pictures of them in the news reels.



When a temperature is Fahrenheit, it is a lot hotter than when it is Centigrade.

It sounds liquid measure when it spills out of the thing it is in, and dry measure when it stays in.

Larvae are the streams of molten rock that come out of volcanoes when they erupt.

Glaciers are men who fix your windows when they get broken.

The Lady of Shallot had a pail face.

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### PREPARATORY NOTES.

New pupils during the current term are P. Lewis, P. Molloy and E. Colson. The roll at present shows a total of 75 pupils, 37 day boys and 38 boarders.

The annual examination by Inspectors Ballantyne and Griffin was held on October 19, and in all forms excellent results were recorded. The Standard VI. proficiency tests have yet to take place and boys are working sedulously to achieve success.

Two boys, Jackson and Brookman, have entered for the Junior National Scholarship examination, and Hardwick, A. Hetherington and Reakes have been nominated for the Bayly Memorial Scholarship.

"Shall Man or Insect Rule the World," an interesting story in our October School Journal, has initiated a fly-killing crusade, the boys vying with each other for the greatest number of victims.

Prep. Fifteen had a successful football season—runners-up in the Primary School' Competition. The match between West End and Prep, was won by Prep.—9 points to 8 points—after an intensely exciting game. Mr. Moyes kindly invited the team to a turkey dinner, since which they have borne a very distinguished title, "The Prep. Turkeys."

Cricket is now in full swing. Already we have played matches against Inglewood, West End and Central, and although on each occasion we have suffered defeat, the games have been most enjoyable, particularly our jaunt to Inglewood.

At the annual steeplechase, Kere Scott won the junior event in good style, and several Prep. boys showed to advantage in the senior race.

At the sports, W. Hardwick's high jump, 4ft. 9in., was an excellent performance, while M. Palmer and H. Thomson comfortably won their championship events.

A number of the boys have tennis fever. Some were on the courts before cock-crow, but rules have now been formulated to check the craziness of these early birds.

Our agricultural master is preparing ground for tree planting—a fierce job too—and to Prep. comes the honour of having moved the most soil—220 barrow loads. Keep keen Prep.

Wireless has its fascinators. Do you know our radio king? His contraptions of wire and batteries (made from empty marmite jars) are weird and wonderful. Actually he can "call spirits from the vasty deep."

The Lower Prep. are sadly perturbed!

"Dug outs,  
'Borneo,'  
Potato chips—  
What oh!"

1924 will soon be over. We have had a happy year and a good time in the Prep.

A Merry Xmas to All.

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### BRITISH EMPIRE SCOUT JAMBOREE.

(G. C. MacDiarmid.)

We have to compliment Scout F. Trueman, from the School, and Scout J. Rogers, an Eltham Old Boy, upon their having been two of those chosen to represent New Zealand at the British Empire Scout Jamboree. As will have been already gathered, they fully justified their selection as they were praised for the general efficiency wherever they went. These two Scouts were held to be, after being thoroughly tested, the most suitable of the Scouts in their various troops.



The purpose of the Jamboree was firstly to show the boys from overseas the greatness of the Mother Country, and secondly, to show the people and Scouts of England what a far-reaching effect the Scout movement has had. The New Zealand Scouts, 11 altogether, left New Zealand, under the leadership of Major Sandford, from New Plymouth, about the beginning of the year. Arriving in England they spent the first part of their visit in seeing the various places of interest, the most important being, of course, Wembley Exhibition. They also went to the famous village of Bournville, where cocoa and chocolates are made. Soon the object of their visit, the Jamboree, was held. This took place in Wembley Stadium in the presence of a multitude of spectators. Representatives of nearly every country acknowledging British allegiance might have been seen assembled there. A smaller Jamboree was then held in Denmark, at which they also attended.

The route they took in going to the Old Country was via Panama. Coming back they changed routes with the Australians, who had come by Suez. Thus by going via Panama and returning by way of Suez they made a complete trip round the world. The Scouts are now home again, and it need hardly be said they enjoyed every moment of their trip abroad.

### SHOOTING NOTES.

(D. O'Halloran.)

As was explained in our last issue, owing to the new conditions for the Imperial Challenge Shield competition, this year only 100 boys fired. The average score obtained was 86, out of a possible of 100. The results should be known shortly. Under the new conditions an increased amount of coaching is necessary to ensure success, and we wish to thank Mr. Bertrand for the manner in which he turned out day after day to assist those who required special attention.

This year we failed to win the Jellicoe Cup, but we offer our congratulations to New Plymouth Technical College, who were successful. The Governor-General paid us a farewell visit to present his trophy for last year. This is the second time we have had the honour of having

such a distinguished visitor, and it speaks much for the high standard of shooting maintained here that Lord Jellicoe should present his cup twice within three years. He also presented the following boys with medals which they won in the Imperial Challenge Shield competition for 1923:—

Sergeant-Major W. E. Alexander, Senior A Team.  
Sergeant-Major J. D. Mackay, Senior A Team.  
Sergeant M. Lysons, Senior A Team.  
Sergeant M. D. Bree, Senior A Team.  
Corporal D. C. O'Halloran, Senior A Team.  
Cadet R. Fletcher, Senior B Team.  
Cadet N. MacDiarmid, Senior B Team.  
Cadet E. Fauchelle, Senior B Team.  
Cadet R. Buick, Senior B Team.  
The following had left school:—  
Sergeant H. P. Mitcalfe, Senior A Team.  
Corporal I. H. M. McIvor, Senior A Team.  
Cadet H. Y. Stevenson, Senior A Team.  
Corporal S. Bellringer, Senior B Team.  
Cadet V. Fookes, Senior B Team.  
Cadet W. H. Foote, Senior B Team.  
Cadet W. Ritter, Senior B Team.

The winners of the trophies given in connection with the Imperial Challenge Shield competition are decided on the average obtained from the two best tests and the actual score in the competition. The following are the results:—

#### SÉARLE CUP.

(Over 16 years.)

	Average Score. (H.P.S. 100)
1. C. Green .....	97
2. W. Ritter .....	96.6
3. R. Fletcher .....	95.6

#### HAMBLYN CUP.

(Under 16 years.)

	Average Score.
1. P. Grover .....	89.6
2. E. Buist .....	89.3
3. L. Wilson .....	89



## CONCERT NOTES.

## LOVEDAY CUP.

(Under 15 years.)

	Average Score.
1. E. Harman .....	86.6
2. W. Carter .....	86
2. G. MacDiarmid .....	86

## McLEOD AND SLADE CUP.

(Under 14 years.)

	Average Score.
1. W. Hardwick .....	84.6
2. R. Martin .....	60

On October 25 several of our more enthusiastic shots participated in the rifle meeting held at the Rewa Rewa range. The School team won the Secondary School Competition, while several individual boys won prize-money. Those comprising the team were as follows:—Corporal C. Green, Corporal L. Ennis, Cadet W. Griffiths, Cadet S. Cooper, Cadet J. Westerman, Cadet E. Read. The match consisted of 10 rounds rapid at 200 yards, time 45sec. The results of the match were added to the aggregate of all the other matches during the day's shoot. The prize-money for the team was £3, or 10/- per man. Other successes were:—S. Cooper: Second app. and snap at 200 yards, prize-money 20/-; third rapid at 200 yards, prize-money 15/-. J. Westerman: First rapid at 200 yards, prize-money 30/-. E. Read: Second app. and snap at 25 yards, prize-money 20/-. E. Mason: Fourth app. and snap, prize-money 10/-.

## CONCERT NOTES.

(T. Fookes.)

The Concert Party gave their first concert on the evening of Saturday, November 15. There was a large gathering of parents and friends and, judging by the amount of applause, the concert was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The programme was varied, with vocal and instrumental items, and the latter part of the programme was given by the "Plantation Melody Troupe."



SCOUT F. TRUEMAN.

New Plymouth's representative to the British Empire  
Scout Jamboree.



Following is the programme:—

ORCHESTRAL ITEMS.

Minuet .....	Paderewski
Doge's March ("Merchant of Venice") .....	Rösse
"Rosebuds" (Novelette) .....	Zamecnik
"El Capitan" (March) .....	Sousa
"Bells Across the Meadows" (Intermezzo) ....	Ketélly
"Our Boys" (March) .....	Zamecnik

HIGH SCHOOL PIERROTS.

"Hitch Your Wagon to a Sunbeam" .....	Company
Song, "Memories" .....	Carter
Song, "Rollicking, Rolling Stone" .....	Alexander
Song, "There is a song down every roadway,"	
"Salaam" .....	Anderson
Song, "Funiculi, Funicula" ..	Buckeridge and Company
Pianoforte Solo, Nocturne, B major (Chopin) ...	Sutton
String Quartette, "Pleyel" .....	
Brodie, Rodgers, Thompson and Robertson	
Song, "Bobbed or Shingled?" .....	
Hutchinson, Ennis and Company	
Recitation (selected) .....	T. Le May
Trio (Mozart) .....	Brodie, Betts and Campbell
Song, "When it's Night Time in Italy," .....	
Anderson and Company	
Violin Solo (selected) .....	Brodie
"Plantation Melody Troupe" .....	Company
Song, "High School Days" .....	Company
"God Save the King."	

The Orchestra has had numerous engagements this year. The music for the Wanganui College-School football dance, and also a portion of the "Long Night" programme, was supplied by the School Orchestra. The Orchestra again played for the West End School's concert, as well as for a concert held by the New Plymouth Tennis Club.

The new music-room is now completed, and although not large enough for orchestral practises, it is well suited for teaching music in.



Quite a number of boys sat for the annual music examinations, and both in the Trinity College and Associated Board's examinations good results were obtained. All the boys are pupils of Mr. Dobson, L.T.C.L. Following are the results:—

#### TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON.

(Theory.)

Advanced Junior.—Buick, MacDiarmid, Wyborne, Meredith and Buchanan.

Junior.—Miller, Campbell and Dalziell.

(Practical.)

Higher Local.—Sutton.

Senior.—MacDiarmid.

#### ASSOCIATED BOARD.

(Theory.)

Rudiment of Music.—MacDiarmid and Phillips.

(Practical.)

Higher Division.—Ford and Campbell.

Lower.—Buick.

Elementary.—Phillips.

We desire to thank Mr. Collier for a donation of orchestral music, and also Mrs. George for the loan of orchestral parts.

### ANNUAL SPORTS.

(S. Fookes.)

In the presence of a large crowd of spectators the annual sports were held on the School grounds on Saturday, November 1. Although the day was fine, the ground was very heavy after a week of wet weather. In spite of the state of the ground some good performances were registered, as four records were broken and two equalled.

The championships resulted as follows:—

Senior.—J. D. Mackay.

Junior.—J. M. Buckeridge.

Under 14.—W. D. Hinkley.

Under 12.—H. L. Thomson.

Under 10.—M. H. Palmer.

During the afternoon tea was served in the Assembly Hall by a willing band of helpers, under Mrs. Moyes, as-

sisted by the High School girls, whose help was much appreciated. Music was supplied by Mrs. Wood's Orchestra during tea. We were much indebted to the Taranaki Jockey Club for the use of their tables and chairs.

The officials were:—

Judges.—Mr. F. E. Wilson, Mr. W. C. Weston, Dr. E. F. Fookes, Mr. E. Jackson, Mr. E. P. Webster, Mr. E. Whittle, Mr. A. L. Humphries, Mr. C. H. Wynyard.

Starter.—Mr. W. H. Moyes.

Marksmen.—Rev. E. H. Strong, Mr. A. J. Papps.

Ground Stewards.—Mr. C. G. Bottrill, Mr. A. G. Johnson, Mr. W. G. Wilkie, Mr. G. H. Pope, Mr. H. G. Dyer, Mr. J. Dobson.

Stewards.—Mr. J. W. Connell, Mr. G. F. Bertrand, Mr. V. E. Kerr, Mr. F. J. Eggleton, Mr. T. M. McDonald, Mr. J. Leggatt, Mr. R. C. Wilson, Mr. G. M. Pearson.

Timekeepers.—Mr. J. Bennett, jun., Mr. V. Dalgleish, Mr. F. C. Ferry.

Committee.—Mr. A. W. Diprose (chairman), Mr. A. M. Bradbury, E. D. Gibson, A. J. Paterson, H. E. Bellringer, T. C. Fookes, D. G. Grant.

Hon. Secretaries.—S. F. Fookes and E. B. Mason.

The results were as follows:—

150 Yards Open.—First heat: D. McLean (scr.); time, 17 1-5sec. Second heat: Taylor (9yds.); time, 17 1-5sec. Third heat: O. Davies (9yds.); time, 16 2-5sec. Fourth heat: Fookes, T. (1yd.); time, 16 4-5sec. Fifth heat: Lobb (2yds.); time, 18sec. Sixth heat: Mahraj (2yds.); time, 17 3-5sec. Seventh heat: Saunders (9yds.); time, 16 4-5sec. Eighth heat: Collins (2yds.); time, 17 2-5sec. Ninth heat: Honeyfield (8yds.); time, 17 2-5sec. Tenth heat: O'Halloran (3yds.); time, 17sec. Eleventh heat: Bleakley (5yds.); time, 18sec. Final: 1, Fookes, T. (1yd.); 2, Davies, O. (9yds.); 3, McLean, D. (scr.); time, 16 3-5sec.

100 Yards (under 15).—First heat: 1, Batger, S. (scr.); 2, Rogers (1yd.); 3, Lysaght (3yds.); time, 12 1-5sec. Second heat: 1, Allhusen (scr.); 2, Jenkin (8yds.); 3, Barlow, L. (1yd.); time, 12 3-5sec. Third heat: 1, Clarke, O. H. (scr.); 2, Betts (5yds.); 3, Crapper (2yds.);



time, 12 2-5sec. Fourth heat: 1, Lobb (scr.); 2, Satherley (6yds.); 3, Furrle (2yds.); time, 12sec. Fifth heat: 1, Colson (5yds.); 2, Brown, H. M. (scr.); 3, Lee (2yds.); time, 12 1-5sec. Final: 1, Lobb (scr.); 2, Clarke, O. H. (scr.); 3, Colson (5yds.); time, 11 4-5sec.

100 Yards—Senior Cup (Record: J. Whittle, 10 3-5sec., 1920).—First heat: 1, Gilmour (scr.); 2, Mackay (scr.); 3, Crawford (scr.); time, 11sec. Second heat: 1, McLean, D. (1yd.); 2, Collins (2yds.); time, 11 3-5sec. Third heat: 1, Fookes, T. (1yd.); 2, Gibson (3yds.); time, 11 2-5sec. Fourth heat: 1, Black (3yds.); 2, Galbraith (3yds.); time, 11 1-5sec. Fifth heat: 1, O'Halloran (2yds.); 2, Jackson (1yd.); time, 12sec. Sixth heat: 1, Petty (2yds.); 2, Saunders (5yds.); time, 11 3-5sec. Final: 1, Gilmour (scr.); 2, Fookes, T. (1yd.); 3, Black (3yds.); time, 11sec.

100 Yards—Junior Cup (Record: E. Beckbessinger, 11 1-5sec., 1916); Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup.—First heat: 1, Warner (scr.); 2, Lobb (scr.); 3, Medley (scr.); time, 11 4-5sec. (Warner thus won Mr. Beckbessinger's Cup). Second heat: 1, Taylor (1yd.); 2, Little (4yds.); time, 12 1-5sec. Third heat: 1, Bailey (3yds.); 2, Roebuck (1yd.); time, 12 1-5sec. Fourth heat: 1, F. Davis (scr.); 2, Harman (3yds.); time, 12sec. Fifth heat: 1, Barlow, L. (1yd.); 2, Sampson, A. (3yds.); time, 12 2-5sec. Sixth heat: 1, Davies, O. (3yds.); 2, Batger, S. (3yds.); time, 11 1-5sec. Final: 1, Lobb (scr.); 2, Davies, O. (3yds.); 3, Davis, F. (scr.); time, 11 3-5sec.

Long Jump—Senior Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 19ft. 9½in., 1923).—1, Mackay, 19ft. 11in.; 2, Crawford, 19ft. 3in.; 3, Petty, 18ft. 8in. The winner made a new record of 19ft. 11in.

Long Jump—Junior Cup (Record: C. D. Collins, 18ft. 2in., 1920).—1, Lobb, 18ft. 2½in.; 2, Riley, 16ft. 9in.; 3, Buckeridge, 16ft. 7½in. The winner broke the previous record by ½in., making a new one of 18ft. 2½in.

75 Yards (under 13).—1, Ford (3yds.); 2, Whittle (2yds.); 3, McLean, J. (3yds.). Time, 9 4-5sec.

880 Yards—Senior Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 2min. 11 3-5sec., 1923); Mason Memorial Cup.—1, Mackay (scr.); 2, Gilmour (scr.); 3, Telford (10yds.). Time, 2min. 12 2-5sec. Mackay won easily by 10 yards.

880 Yards—Junior Cup.—1, F. Davis (10yds.); 2, Buckeridge (scr.); 3, Grover (scr.); time, 2min. 19 1-5sec.

100 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: A. R. Bothamley, 11 3-5sec., 1916).—First heat: 1, Hinkley (scr.); 2, Robertson, C. (scr.); 3, Kedgley (scr.); time, 13 1-5sec. Second heat: 1, Booker (3yds.); 2, Scott (2yds.); 3, Jones (1yd.); time, 13 2-5sec. Third heat: 1, Ford (4yds.); 2, Barlow (5yds.); 3, Looney (1yd.); time, 13 2-5sec. Final: 1, Ford (4yds.); 2, Barlow (5yds.); 3, Kedgley (scr.); time, 12 4-5sec.

220 Yards Open.—First heat: 1, Richardson (9yds.); 2, Fookes, K. (6yds.); time, 26sec. Second heat: 1, Fookes, S. (4yds.); 2, Revell (5yds.); time, 27sec. Third heat: 1, Bailey, T. (11yds.); 2, Bayly, G. (6yds.), Murdoch (5yds.); time, 26sec. Fourth heat: 1, Fookes, T. (2yds.); 2, Petty (5yds.); time, 26sec. Fifth heat: 1, Forsyth (11yds.); 2, Honeyfield (10yds.); time, 26 1-5sec. Sixth heat: 1, Galbraith (6yds.); 2, Batger, S. (9yds.); time, 27sec. Seventh heat: 1, Saunders (8yds.); 2, Davies (11yds.); time, 27sec. Final: 1, Forsyth (11yds.); 2, Bailey, T. (11yds.); 3, Fookes, K. (6yds.); time, 26sec.

High Jump—Junior Cup (Record: R. Ward, 1917, C. D. Collins, 1920, 4ft. 9½in.).—1st, Penman, W. (scr.), Hardwick (3in.), 5ft.; 3rd, Fookes, H. (3in.), 4ft. 11in. In this event W. Penman, by jumping 5ft., broke the existing record by 2½in.

50 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 7 1-5sec., 1917).—1, Palmer (scr.); 2, Somerton (scr.); 3, Mercer (scr.). Time, 8 1-5sec.

440 Yards—Senior Cup; Old Boys' Shield (Record: J. D. Mackay, 54 1-5sec., 1923).—1, Gilmour (scr.); 2, Mackay (scr.); 3, Crawford (scr.). Time, 54 1-5sec. The winner equalled the record.

440 Yards—Senior Handicap.—1, Telford (5yds.); 2, McLean, D. (5yds.); 3, Black (5yds.). Time, 56sec. Won by 10 yards.

440 Yards—Junior Cup; Mrs. Bothamley's Cup (Record: C. Holmes, 58 4-5sec., 1923).—1, Grover (scr.); 2, Warner (scr.); 3, Lobb (scr.). Time, 58 2-5sec. The winner broke the existing record by 2-5sec.

440 Yards—Junior Handicap (Mr. Harman's Cup).—1, Davis (scr.); 2, R. Mahraj (20yds.); 3, Webb (15yds.). Time, 59 3-5sec. Won in the last few strides.



75 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: A. R. Bothamley, 9sec., 1916).—First heat: 1, Kedgley (scr.); 2, Girling (scr.); 3, Dinniss (scr.); time, 10sec. Second heat: 1, Jones (1yd.); 2, Tonks (3yds.); 3, McLean (2yds.); time, 10 2-5sec. Third heat: 1, Whittle (4yds.); 2, Ford (2yds.); 3, Barlow, A. (4yds.); time, 10sec. Final: 1, Whittle (4yds.); 2, Barlow (4yds.); 3, Ford (2yds.); time, 9 4-5sec.

50 Yards—Under 11.—1, Palmer (6yds.); 2, Somerton (4yds.); 3, Andrew (5yds.). Time, 7 3-5sec.

Three-legged Race.—First heat: 1, Honeyfield and Stronge. Second heat: 1, Hilliard and Barlow. Third heat: 1, Benjamin and Robertson. Fourth heat: 1, Smith and Johnson. Fifth heat: 1, Harvie and Whittle. Sixth heat: 1, Buick and Law. Seventh heat: 1, Thomas and Collinge. Eighth heat: 1, Calvert and Wells. Ninth heat: 1, Harman and McLean. Final: 1, Harvie, T., and Whittle (15yds.); 2, Smith, A., and Johnson, N. (10yds.); 3, Hilliard and Barlow (10yds.).

High Jump—Senior Cup (Record: D. S. Sykes, 5ft. 5½in., 1914).—1st, O'Halloran (scr.) and Fletcher (3in.), 5ft. 2in.; 3rd, Mackay (scr.) and Collins (2in.).

100 Yards—Under 12 Cup (Record: H. F. Fookes, 1919; H. L. Thomson, 1923; 13 2-5sec.).—1, Thomson, H. L. (scr.); 2, Insull (scr.); 3, Whitecombe (scr.). Time, 14sec.

Potato Race—Over 14.—First heat: 1, Lealand; 2, Richardson. Second heat: 1, Batger, S.; 2, N. MacDiarmid. Third heat: 1, Cooke; 2, Law, J. Fourth heat: 1, McLean, R.; 2, Squire. Fifth heat: 1, Hetherington, D.; 2, Jonas. Sixth heat: 1, Gray; 2, Jenkin. Seventh heat: 1, R. Mahraj; 2, Looney. Final: 1, Lealand; 2, N. MacDiarmid; 3, R. Mahraj.

Potato Race—Under 14.—First heat: 1, Shoemark; 2, McLean; 3, Dinniss. Second heat: 1, Fairbrother; 2, Smith; 3, Cresswell. Third heat: 1, Scott; 2, Nolan; 3, Whitcombe. Final: 1, Shoemark; 2, McLean.

75 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 10 4-5sec., 1917).—1, Cruickshank (scr.); 2, Palmer (scr.); 3, Somerton (scr.). Time, 11 4-5sec.

50 Yards—Under 12 Cup (Record: J. Pease, 1919; H. L. Thomson, 1923; 7sec.).—First heat: 1, Thomson, H. L. (scr.); 2, Insull (scr.); 3, Whitecombe (scr.); time, 7 2-5sec. Second heat: 1, Moyes (3yds.); 2, Law (1yd.); 3, Thomson, T. (2yds.); time, 7 3-5sec. Final: 1, Thomson (scr.); 2, Moyes (3yds.); 3, Insull (scr.); time, 7 1-5sec.

Sack Race (75 yards).—First heat: 1, Hammonds; 2, Lee. Second heat: 1, Robinson; 2, Phillips. Third heat: 1, Bennoch; 2, Moverley. Fourth heat: 1, Johnson; 2, Cotterill. Fifth heat: 1, Moyes; 2, Taylor. Sixth heat: 1, Street; 2, Brookman and Hetherington, D.. Seventh heat: 1, Waddle; 2, Johnson. Final: 1, Hammonds (15yds.); 2, Waddle (20yds.); 3, Johnson, W. (10yds.).

100 Yards—Under 10 Cup (Record: G. Bell, 1917; W. Hardwick, 1919, 14 2-5sec.).—1, Palmer (scr.); 2, Cruickshank (scr.); 3, Somerton (scr.). Time, 15 4-5sec.

150 Yards—Under 12 Cup (Record: H. F. Fookes, 20sec., 1920).—1, Insull (scr.); 2, Thomson (scr.); 3, Harvie, T. (scr.). Time, 21sec.

Old Boys' Race—Mr. Pridham's Cup.—1, H. A. H. Insull; 2, E. P. Webster; 3, R. Brewster. Time, 11sec.

120 Yards Hurdles—Senior Cup; Mr. Noakes's Cup (Record: J. D. Mackay, 16 4-5sec., 1923).—First heat: 1, Mackay (scr.); 2, Crawford (scr.); time, 16 4-5sec.; in this heat Mackay equalled his own record. Second heat: 1, S. Fookes (owe 3yds.); 2, S. Hutchen (owe 3yds.); time, 19sec. Third heat: 1, D. McLean (owe 3yds.); 2, Collins (owe 3yds.); time, 19 1-5sec. Final: 1, Mackay (owe 7yds.); 2, McLean (owe 3yds.); 3, Fookes, S. (owe 3yds.); time, 17 3-5sec.

120 Yards Hurdles—Junior Cup (Record: B. A. Norman, 19 4-5sec., 1914).—First heat: 1, Lobb (scr.); 2, Brown (scr.); time, 20sec. Second heat: 1, Buckeridge (scr.); 2, Warner (scr.); time, 20sec. Third heat: 1, Olson, H. F. (owe 3yds.); 2, Beaven (owe 3yds.); time, 20 4-5sec. Final: 1, Lobb (owe 7yds.); 2, Beaven (owe 3yds.); 3, Olson (owe 3yds.); time, 20 3-5sec.

220 Yards—Under 14 Cup (Record: P. Grover, 28 2-5sec., 1922).—First heat: 1, Hinkley (scr.); 2, Robertson (scr.); 3, Kedgley (scr.); time, 30 1-5sec. Second heat: 1, Sutton, G. (5yds.); 2, Scott (2yds.) and Barlow, A. (6yds.); time, 31sec. Final: 1, Hinkley (scr.); 2, Robertson (scr.); 3, Sutton (5yds.) and Scott (2yds.); time, 30 2-5sec.



One Mile—Senior; Dr. E. F. Fookes's Cup (Record: E. G. Smith, 4min. 55 1-5sec., 1922).—1, Robertson, D. (scr.); 2, Spiers (scr.); 3, Bree (10yds.). Time, 4min. 59sec. Won easily from Spiers.

One Mile—Junior.—1, Anderson (20yds.); 2, Roebuck (20yds.); 3, Bellringer, T. (20yds.). Time, 5min. 15 2-5sec.

#### COMPETED FOR PREVIOUSLY.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Senior).—1, Crawford, D.; 2, Beverley, S. Distance, 88yds. 0ft. 1½in.

Throwing Cricket Ball (Junior).—1, Bailey, T.; 2, Batger, S. Distance, 74yds. 2ft. 1in.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.

Senior.—J. D. Mackay 26, F. C. Gilmour 22, D. Crawford 14.

Junior.—J. M. Buckeridge 17, C. Lobb 15, J. Warner 14.

Under 14.—W. D. Hinkley 13, C. Robertson 11, E. G. Kedgley 8.

Under 12.—H. L. Thomson 18, G. Insull 12, E. Harvie 4.

Under 10.—M. H. Palmer 16, F. Cruickshank 8, J. Somerton 5, N. Saunders 5.



## In Memoriam.

Mr. R. H. Rockel, M.A., died on November 21. It was with a sense of pain that the School that morning learnt of the loss it had sustained. It was difficult to realise that a personality which had been so much a part of the life of this school had been removed. For eleven years Mr. Rockel had been on the staff of the school. He had been associated with it during the most eventful years of its

history, during a period when it had grown from small beginnings into one of the leading secondary schools of the Dominion, and much of what success had been attained in those years had been due to the industry of our late master.

Mr. Rockel had spent many years in teaching. The story of his life is one of patient endeavour and of difficulties overcome by determination and hard work. He graduated for his M.A. degree in 1901, with honours in languages. After teaching for some years in primary schools, both as assistant and as headmaster, he changed over to secondary work, and spent a number of years in the Timaru Boys' High School, where he was for some time acting-headmaster. It was from Timaru that he came to New Plymouth.

Successful as he was in his profession, it was by no means his only interest, and he was far from being narrow in his outlook on life. Indeed, the extent of his knowledge in many fields beyond that of his daily work and the scope of his many activities marked him as a man of enormous energy. He was an enthusiastic church worker, a leading member of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, a recognised musical critic and student of musical history, a prominent member of the Masonic Lodge, an authority on ancient Maori history, and a keen tennis player. Yet he was nowhere superficial. To all these activities he brought a characteristic thoroughness which enabled him to master the difficulties they presented.

But it is not because of these things that we value his memory most. Before all, Mr. Rockel was a man of character, and all his work was controlled by the highest ideals. To his pupils and colleagues alike was evident his strong sense of duty. All admired his enormous capacity for hard work and the joy he took in giving of his best for the school and for the boys under his care. He displayed the warmest interest in the welfare of his pupils, and the senior boys especially realised how much their success meant to him. His fellow masters, too, regarded him as a friend to whom they could go for the advice which his wide experience in teaching qualified him to give. To the younger teachers his attitude was one of kindly helpfulness, and all recognised with gratitude his sincere desire to assist. The kindness of his nature was recognised by all with whom he came in contact.



While we feel his loss and sympathise deeply with his widow and daughter, we are thankful at the thought of such a life spent gladly in the service of others. During his life some thousands of boys must have passed under his care, and many old boys will feel sorrow for his death and count themselves privileged to have come under the influence of so cultured a mind and so noble a character. We feel that Mr. Rockel has done a great work in the world, and that the structure he has builded is one that will endure.

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### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Eighth Annual Report of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association for the year ended September 30, 1924, to be presented at the annual meeting of members to be held on Tuesday, November 18, 1924, at 7.30 p.m.

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the Eighth Annual Report of the Association.

Gymnasium Fund.—No big effort has been made during the year in this connection. It had been intended to hold a large function early in 1924, but owing to the Sports Ground Committee holding their Queen Carnival at that time our effort had to be postponed. An effort is being made to hold a big Gala Day early next year and the Committee are at present in communication with an organiser to run this function. It is hoped by this method to raise sufficient in the one effort to erect the Gymnasium and also to make further improvements at the School. During the year the receipts in this fund totalled £29 8s 3d, and at present the total amount invested amounts to £393 10s 10d. A subscription list was opened during the year in the hope that Old Boys resident outside New Plymouth might contribute to this fund. It is hoped that when the Association makes its effort to raise further funds that members will give it their full support.

Annual Re-union, 1924.—Acting on the recommendation at the last annual meeting the re-union this year was held during Easter, and a very successful function was

the result. A football match was played on Easter Saturday between visiting and local Old Boys, and in the evening the re-union dinner was held. The dinner was the most successful yet held, over 160 Old Boys being present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday morning a special service at St. Mary's Church was conducted by the School chaplain, Rev. E. H. Strong. The re-union concluded on Easter Monday with the Annual Ball in the School Assembly Hall, and this again proved to be the enjoyable function it usually is. Old Boys were present at the re-union from all parts of New Zealand, and it augurs well for the success of future re-unions. This year we were unfortunate in clashing with the jubilee celebrations of Victoria College, and this prevented large numbers of Old Boys from attending the re-union who otherwise would have been present. We would urge Old Boys to do their utmost to make Easter an annual occasion for visiting their old school and renewing the old school acquaintances. It is satisfactory to report that the re-union was run at a profit.

Sports.—The Old Boys' Clubs in the town continue to prosper and this year the Old Boys' Cricket Club were winners of the North Taranaki senior competition, while the junior team acquitted themselves creditably in the junior competition. The Football Club had a successful season, and although the senior team did not meet with much success the strength of the Club is increasing and its membership is nearly the largest in the town. With increasing experience the Club should in the near future be the leading club in New Plymouth. The Old Boys' Life-Saving Club have again had a successful season and were runners-up in the Tabor Shield competition. We would urge Old Boys to give these clubs their support and through them keep up their interest in the School. The Association extends to the School First Fifteen its heartiest congratulations on its splendid success in again retaining the Moascar Cup, which they won last year, and also on their success in their matches against Wanganui and Nelson College. We would also congratulate Handley Brown, one of our members, who has the distinction of being selected to play in the All Blacks' team now touring England.

Farewell to Handley Brown.—On Tuesday, June 17, 1924, a farewell luncheon was tendered to Handley Brown, who was selected to play in the All Blacks' team



to travel England and France. Over sixty Old Boys and masters of the School were present, and on behalf of the Association the President (Mr. C. H. Wynyard) presented Brown with a leather suit-case with the best wishes of all members for his success abroad.

On the occasion of the Moascar Cup match between the School Fifteen and Te Aute College on August 16 a gathering of Old Boys was held prior to the match, when over seventy Old Boys were present. An opportunity was taken of entertaining some of the English Public School boys who have come out to Taranaki under the Chamber of Commerce scheme, and some ten or twelve of these boys were present at the luncheon and later at the match as guests of the Association. An invitation has been extended to them to attend our next re-union.

Finance.—From the accounts it will be seen that there is a credit of £27 7s 9d to the General Account, compared with a balance of £16 8s 10d last year. The increase is represented by the profit on the re-union and also by the increase in subscriptions. It has been suggested that this year a levy should be made on members. The membership fee is only five shillings and this constitutes the whole of the Association's revenue. Now that the re-union has reached such dimensions it is thought that a reserve should be held to meet any loss that might in any year accrue from the re-union. This matter will come up for discussion at the annual meeting.

Branch Associations.—The Wellington branch still continues to prosper, and with the increasing number of members who are attending the Universities these branch associations should increase in strength.

Old Boys' Column.—This column is still kept going in "The Taranakian" and provides news of the movements of Old Boys throughout the Dominion. Once again we must appeal to members to forward any notes of interest regarding Old Boys, as this would considerably help the work of the Editor, besides adding interest to the column.

General.—The attendance at all executive meetings has been good. Now that the membership of the Association is increasing the matter of keeping in touch with all members is increasingly difficult, and it would greatly assist the working of the Association if Old Boys changing their addresses would notify the Association so that they may continue to keep in touch with them. Old Boys are continuing to do good work for the School, but we

would urge members to take a more lively interest in the School and in its doings and also in the work of the Association. Old Boys at the Universities are continuing to do credit to the School, and in this connection we would congratulate Lorimer Richardson, who recently left for England, and M. Barak on their success in gaining Sir George Grey Scholarships, and the latter on gaining the Haydon Essay Prize on Imperial affairs.

Thanks.—The thanks of the Association are due to the Ladies' Committee who so ably assisted at the Annual Ball (their efforts were in no small measure responsible for the very great success of the ball), to Rev. E. H. Strong for conducting the Old Boys' service on Easter Sunday, to the President (Mr. C. H. Wynyard) for the use of his offices for committee meetings, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moyes and the masters of the School for the very able assistance they have given the Association at all times.

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## ART GLASS MAKING.

### VISIT TO A BLACK COUNTRY WORKS.

(F. C. Kelly.)

Glassware is almost as fascinating as china when a show-room filled with the products of an art works is viewed. The following notes were jotted down to serve as a reminder of what was seen on a visit to Messrs. Stevens and Williams' art glass works at Brierley Hill, one of the towns on the fringe of the English Black Country. The show-room was a wonderful repository of beauty in colour and in form; one had not dreamed that such a multitude of different articles could be made in glass:

From Wolverhampton a train carried us the nine or ten miles (whatever the distance is) through depressing surroundings under a grey sky. Through Black Country—a succession of glimpses of slag heaps, of works of various kinds (all alike in dingy griminess) and of towns and villages, consisting of very uninteresting brick buildings, some of which found it too much of an effort to stand up straight. My companion told me that the main street in a town not far away, a few years ago sank nine feet in one drop, this being due to coal mining carried on beneath that town in bygone days. Afterwards he was not sure whether the town sank nine feet or nine inches; but one was ready to believe it either way after seeing



the peculiar angle of many of the roofs and chimneys within sight of the route for that day. Vast quantities of coal have been taken from under the Black Country, of course.

Mixing we were first initiated into, to some small extent. The ingredients of glass, we learned, are silver sand, oxide of lead (or "red lead") and potash. For tinting the glass various things are added. To obtain ruby glass, gold is used.

A bright boy was guiding us. In the furnace room, next visited, we kept close to him and stood where he stood, because nearly everywhere long metal tubes with blobs of white-hot glass on one end were being darted and twirled about by workmen. One feared the effect of even a slight touch from one of these magic wands.

Magic wands they seemed, indeed, for, in the hands of a skilful operator, the glowing blobs of glass changed shapelessness for the graceful form of fancy lamp shades.

The skill of the blowers was impressive. A certain rough form would be given to the expanding bubble of glass by placing it in a mould and blowing it out so that it conformed to the shape of the mould. But the final shaping and finishing to the perfect form desired were done by hand, the worker depending on his skilled judgment and manual dexterity to produce perfect symmetry and impart decorative twists and turns.

It was the same with wine glasses. Molten glass gathered on the end of a tube was blown out in a mould to the shape of the bowl. Then a man performed amazing feats in affixing the stem and the stand to the bowl. From a mass brought from the furnace he would detach just the right quantity of molten glass for the stem. "Dabbing" this against the end of the now-cooling bowl, still attached to the blowing tube, which he kept revolving with his left hand, using a framework rest, while with an instrument like large tweezers, held in the right hand, he shaped the stem. Again a blob of molten glass would be brought from the furnace and exactly sufficient detached to form the stand, which was shaped with the aid of no other implement than two pieces of board fastened together at one edge. Behold, then, a wineglass of perfect symmetry, requiring to finish it only a certain heating process and after that the cutting away of the surplus glass from the end of the bowl opposite to the stem.

After this we were shown something of the work involved in making articles containing glass of more than one colour. There were lamp shades in which the colour at the top gradually merged into complete transparency. To make these shades a small quantity of molten ruby glass was first taken on the end of the blowing tube, after which it was dipped into uncoloured glass. The gradation of colour was obtained in the blowing.

It was shown how layers of colour were obtained in a somewhat similar fashion, and we realised how a pattern could be picked out in varying colours by cutting through the outer layer.

The cutting department was another interesting part of the works, but there is not space to describe in detail how a train of wheels, of stone and of wood, of which those for cutting were fed with sand and water, cut the desired patterns and polished the roughened surfaces. The operators were guided only by a few white lines painted on the tumbler or on whatsoever they were putting the pattern. The details of the pattern were not traced for them to follow; so the work of etching required considerable skill.

All those articles we had seen in the making were comparatively plain and it remained for the visit to the show-room to reveal to us the beauty and the amazing variety of colour and design that can be achieved in art glass-making.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SONG, 1900

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Below is a football song and chorus composed by Mr. H. H. Ward in 1900. Elsewhere we have published a photo of the team in 1900. It is interesting to note that no competitions such as played to-day existed in those days, and consequently the matches played were against such teams as Stratford District High School, and a local team known as the "Native Roses."

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Come all you jolly High School boys  
 Put books and pens aside,  
 Roll out a lusty chorus, shout  
 And send it far and wide.  
 Forget your dates and postulates  
 Your props. and riders grim  
 Leave H.C.F's and L.C.M's to either sink or swim.



Chorus—

For our work is done, the fun's begun,  
Enjoy life while we may,  
Let's shout and sing till the rafters ring,  
For we're off on a holiday.

But yet we think that we should tell  
Our friends assembled here  
A thing or two, or more if you  
Will be disposed to hear.  
Of football wins, we've had our fill,  
No boy could wish for more,  
Although the score against was nil,  
We hoisted seventy-four.

Chorus.

Our forward van, were, every man,  
Good honest workers stout,  
In loose or scrum to make things hum  
Or heel the leather out.  
There's HORROCKS small, and HORROCKS tall,  
Big SAXTON, fighting MAC,  
No broken REID to trust indeed  
In pushing AVERY pack.

Chorus.

And should they choose to make it loose  
Like lightning comes the ball  
For "Natives crew" a trouble brew  
And snap it, pigmy PAUL.  
Then quick and straight to smart five-eighth  
What boots the Roses strength,  
Then feint or bunt or quick screw punt  
A half GOODACRE'S length.

Chorus.

But if at last when he is grassed  
To BILLING passes fine  
Like battle ship, our gallant skip,  
Then dashes o'er the line.  
The kick's acute, but BEWLEY'S boot  
Can ever reach as far,  
He needs no arc to find the mark  
But clean bisects the bar.

Chorus.

But yet we never must forget,  
Two men, outside the pack,  
Who beat in fray, Sir (FRASER) any day, Sir,  
GORDON'S on attack.  
And TOMMY not of Atkins fame  
As quick as basilick (BASIL) is  
Whose grip-like "Vice" you want not twice  
Away the oval whisks.

Chorus.

H. H. Ward, Assistant Master,  
N.P.H.S.,  
20/12/00.

## MOASCAR CUP MATCHES.

DISAPPROVED BY SCHOOL OLD BOYS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

Disapproval of undesirable practices that were creeping in in regard to school football owing to publicity as a result of the Moascar Cup matches was expressed at the annual meeting of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Association, held at the Soldiers' Club on Tuesday, November 18. There was a fair attendance, and the president (Mr. C. H. Wynyard) was in the chair.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman referred to a big effort which was to be made next February to raise funds to build a gymnasium.

"Our next great work," he then said, "is to attack the gully. It is a deplorable feature that the school has no ground of its own and the need of one is more apparent after attending matches at Pukekura Park."

Proceeding, Mr. Wynyard said play of that kind brought the school team into too close contact with the whole public, with the result that practices were creeping in that were not desirable. The chairman said it was regrettable to think that these games were the subject of a great deal of betting, and naturally playing them on a school ground before a gathering that would, in the



majority, consist of parents, friends and old boys of the school would do a great deal towards suppressing undesirable features.

The chairman said he desired to take the opportunity of congratulating the school upon retaining the Moascar Cup. He considered last year's team had done even better than the team which originally won the cup, because it had taken the field early in the season a poor team, but by hard practice and enthusiasm had won through, much to the credit of the boys themselves and their masters.

Passing on, the chairman said that the coming year was likely to be one of the most important in the history of the association, as it was hoped to make the gymnasium an accomplished fact and then to tackle the football ground in the gully. He considered the ground was really the most important, but the association had embarked upon the gymnasium scheme and could not go back. The association was greatly indebted for the assistance it had received from the masters, and, working in such hearty and close co-operation with the school, the association need have no fears as to the future.

Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid said it was a great credit to the school to have held on to the Moascar Cup, but it was felt that it had its weaknesses and one was that the Rugby Union should be in control of school matches. He did not know the feeling of the school in regard to the matter, but he knew that a section of the public felt that school football should be kept separate as a school institution and that if any money was to be made out of it it should go to the benefit of the school. (Hear, hear.)

Speaking on behalf of the school, Mr. A. J. Papps, who acted as coach to the team, thanked the chairman for his congratulations. As regards the continuance of the Moascar Cup matches, nothing definite had been decided by the school, and he was not in a position to state what its attitude would be in the future. There was a good deal of truth in what had been said, but he could not see how the position could be overcome. For instance, it had cost £80 to bring the Mt. Albert Grammar team to New Plymouth, and if it were not for the gate, out of which these expenses were paid, that team could not have travelled. As a member of the Rugby Union, he could say that the union was not making any money out of school football. In fact, it had been exceedingly generous in

encouraging Rugby in schools, and last season it had returned to school football all that it had got out of it. The problem was a big one, and it was made harder by the number of matches that had to be played. The school had far too many matches last season.

"The question is a big one," said Mr. Wynyard, "and can only be solved by the acquisition of a school ground on which a triangular tournament with two other secondary schools could be held every third year." Mr. Wynyard said he did not condemn the Moascar Cup competition, which he regarded as a good one if it could be run on lines that suited the schools.

Mr. E. P. Webster was of the opinion that the chairman had hit the nail on the head when he said that a school ground was the solution. He commented upon the number of matches played, which he considered imposed too great a strain upon the boys. He instanced the hard struggle the team had had with Te Aute and before they had time to recover they had to play their annual inter-college fixture with Wanganui. They were keener on winning that college match than they were upon retaining the Moascar Cup, added Mr. Webster, who considered that three matches in 10 days was too much for any school team.

On behalf of the younger old boys, Mr. Cecil Fookes endorsed the views expressed during the discussion.

The matter was not pursued, and the report and balance-sheet were then adopted without further discussion.

The question of an annual subscription or a levy was discussed. An annual subscription was not favoured on the grounds that members away might not pay, and therefore forfeit membership and thus drift away from the association. A recommendation was made to the committee that a levy should be struck this year for the purpose of creating a reserve fund, the amount and conditions to be decided by the committee. It was suggested that a levy of 2s. 6d. should be made on old boys who had left school since December, 1922.

Appreciative reference was made to the work of Mr. J. B. Wilson, who did not seek re-election as one of the joint secretaries and who had been in office since the inception of the association, and it was decided to place



on record appreciation of his invaluable service. Reference was also made to the work of Mr. A. M. MacDiarmid, who, having been a member of the executive since the association had been formed, was retiring, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all outgoing officers, the retiring president, and the press.

### OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The President of the Association (Henry Billing) is chairman of the High School Board of Governors, and the two vice-presidents, Dr. E. F. Fookes and E. P. Webster, are also members of the Board of Governors.

C. H. Wynyard, who was last year President of the Association, was recently married, and has left on a tour to Australia, where he will be absent for several months.

Len. Hughes, who was at school in 1916, is now a solicitor, and is practising with his uncle, Mr. R. C. Hughes, in New Plymouth.

Jackson Palmer is now on the staff of the New Plymouth Savings Bank.

Jimmy Sinclair, who was house surgeon at the Hawera Hospital, is now practising in partnership with Dr. Buist in that town.

Derek Denny-Brown, who completed his medical degree last year, is leaving for England in January. We wish him the best of luck.

The two Vice-Presidents of the Association, Dr. E. F. Fookes and Percy Webster, were desk mates when they attended the school together.

We have received the following letter from Handley Brown, our All Black representative, which gives some interesting details of their trip to Panama. He was unfortunate in straining a muscle early in the tour, and as a consequence has not been playing in the majority of matches. After the fifth match he had scored the most number of points for the All Blacks. We are looking forward to receiving further letters from him:—"I intend posting this at Panama. We are at present about 11 days

from there. So far we have had a wonderful trip. The sea has been very calm and the weather fine. Every morning at 7 o'clock we have physical drill. This is taken by Dr. Paterson, who is going to travel through England with us. Breakfast is at 8.30. At 10.30 we have scrum practice, skipping, and the medicine ball. Dinner is at 1 o'clock, and from 1.45 to 2.30 we are instructed on the rules of Rugby by Mr. Simpson, who is a member of the official party. He is a very capable referee. After that we either play deck games, cards, or read. This atmosphere seems to have a very dreary effect on the boys. Those who play cards generally play a couple of hands and then drop off to sleep. The same with those who read. It is very funny to see people lying all around the place fast asleep. Concerts and dances are held in the evening. An amusement committee has been formed, and competitions are played nearly every day. Mrs. Fletcher and myself won the deck quoits. Last night the captain gave an address on Pitcairn Island. We call there and are supposed to get there at 1 p.m. to-morrow. It is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and one mile wide. There are 184 people there, and it is 1080 feet high. It grows the best oranges in the world. They have some very funny by-laws. Here are two of them: (1) Say Mr. A's fowl is on Mr. B's property; Mr. B is allowed to shoot it and Mr. A has to pay for the powder and shot that was used. (2) If there is a stray cat on Mr. A's place and he kills it, then he has to go out and catch 300 rats and hang their tails up in the main street as a proof. I went down into the engine-room yesterday, and it is wonderful. They burn oil now in place of coal. When they burnt the latter they had to employ 30 men in the stokehold; now they have only nine. They used to burn 120 tons of coal a day; now they only burn 78 tons of oil. So you will see it is a great saving. The working of the oil is wonderful. I think I have given you most of the news up to date. I will probably write to you again when we land."

Bracken Wilson, who for the past six years, has been joint secretary of the Old Boys' Association, has resigned from that position. He is now partner in the firm of Duff, Wynyard and Wilson, accountants, in New Plymouth.

Brian Johns, who is attending Otago University, was successful in completing the first section of his final degree. He sits for final about the middle of December.



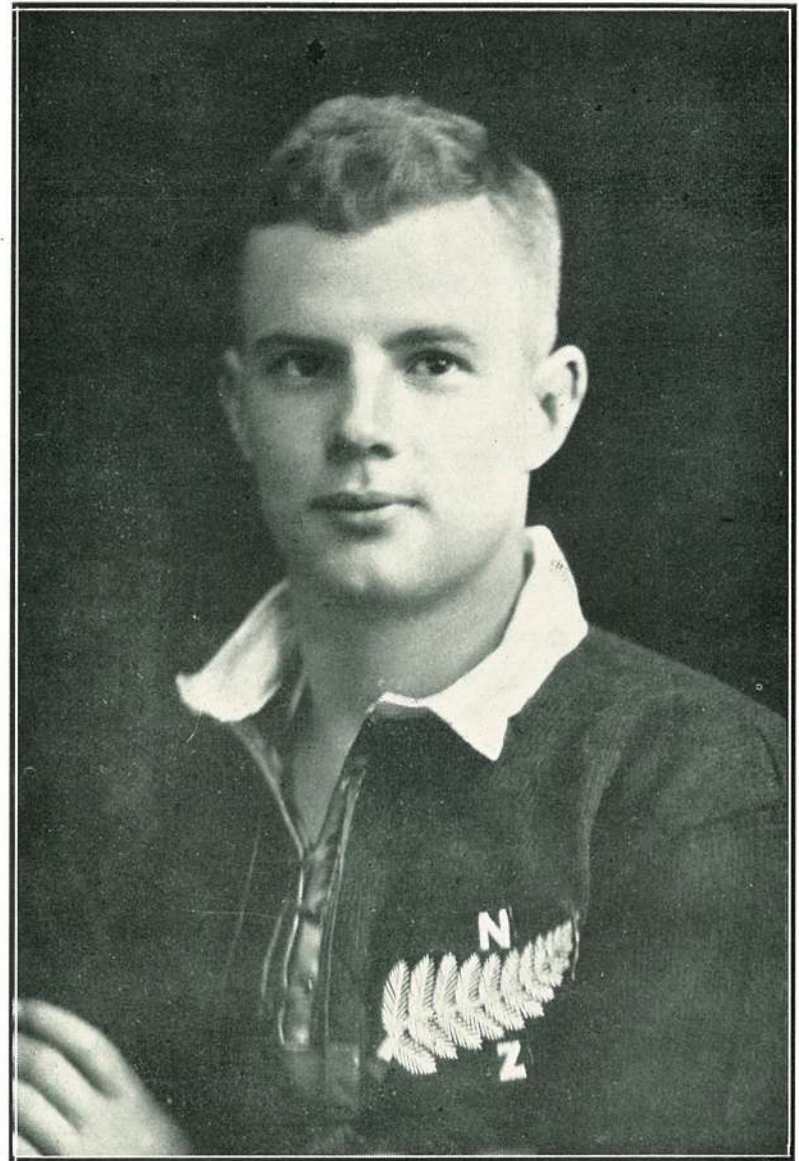
We have received an interesting note from Brian Horner, who is supervising engineer-surveyor at the Wairarapa Power Board's hydro-electric works at Carterton. He was one of the seven successful candidates in New Zealand who passed in the final of the Australian and New Zealand Surveyors' Exam. He gives us an interesting description of the work and his duties there. He intends being present at the next Old Boys' re-union.

Jim Shaw, who is attending the Canterbury Training College and Canterbury College, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in Christchurch:—Alex. Brodie is taking engineering; Jack Brodie is studying journalism, and he, Jim Shaw, Eric Smart, M. Hughson and M. Barak were playing in the Canterbury College senior fifteen. Monty Barak and Mick Hughson are taking the B.Sc. course, and the former this year was awarded the Hayden Essay Prize, while the latter won the college prize in physics. Charlie Barnett is in the Public Trust Office. Fred. Davis is pupil-teaching and also attends the School of Art at Canterbury College. Eric Lomas is in the office of Slater, Sarjeant and Dale, solicitors. Eric Smart is attending the Canterbury Engineering College and Charlie Drader is taking lectures at Canterbury College and the Training College.

Jim Hine is with Hine, Vernon and Haworth, solicitors, at Te Kuiti.

Among the visitors who went to Nelson to see the School play Nelson College were Ron. Quilliam and Braeken Wilson.

Andrew Hastie, who is farming at Kaupokonui, supplies us with the following notes of Old Boys in South Taranaki:—Bob Donald has joined the benedicts and is farming near Kaupokonui, and Seft. Herbert is shortly to follow Bob's example. H. Clarke is teaching at Manaia and is an enthusiastic member of the local Miniature Rifle Club. Lin Hughes is farming at Inaha. Claude McKay has now taken up farming near Inglewood. The Snowdon brothers (3) are farming near Inaha. Laurie Christie and Arthur Parkinson are in the Bank of New Zealand at Manaia and the former is secretary of the local Tennis Club. Aubrey Stevenson is farming near Manaia, while Ken. Robinson ("Robby") is working at Otakeho. At the Territorial Camp held at Waverley, Norman Leech was one of the officers, while Jimmie Sinclair was our medical officer. Miles Atkinson is farming near Ball Road and is shortly to be married.



H. W. BROWN.

Captain First Fifteen, 1921, 1922, 1923; All Black, 1924.



We have recently received a letter from R. V. Ayling, who was at school in 1916. He is with the Anchor Shipping Company at Nelson.

Mick Hughson, who is attending Canterbury College, won his weight at the College boxing championships, and was also runner-up for the New Zealand 'Varsity championships.

We have received a letter from Fred. Davis, who is teaching in Christchurch. He gives us full particulars of all Old Boys in that city.

Maurice Cachemaille, who is taking lectures in dentistry at Otago University, supplies us with the following notes on Old Boys in Dunedin:—Brian Johns is sitting for his final medical degree. "Peter" Quilliam is also sitting for his final. Cliff Johnson sits for his second section of the first professional in dentistry. A. B. Sturtevant completed his second professional medical exam. recently. Derek Denny-Brown, who completed his degree last year, was capped this year. He is lecturer in Anatomy at the Medical School. Ken. Roberts is doing research work in Organic Chemistry and is a laboratory instructor in that branch. Murray Nicholson was successful in passing his second section of the first professional in Dentistry. Other Old Boys attending the 'Varsity are Norman Waddle, R. W. Bellringer and Murray Heycock.

Hope Jenkinson is now in New Plymouth and is agent and representative for the New Zealand Perpetual Forests, Ltd.

Athol Wilson is with Dufaur, Lusk, Biss and Fawcett, solicitors, at Auckland.

Brian Winfield is with the Bank of New South Wales at Hawera. His brother, "Squib," is with a firm of solicitors at Wellington.

Clive Veale has now joined the sea staff of the Union S.S. Company and left for Wellington recently to take up his new work.

Mark Anthony is a writer in the naval training ship at Auckland.

Eric Cole is now an agent of the A.M.P. Society in Narrandera (N.S.W.). He wishes any Old Boys who are in the A.M.P. Society to write him at Narrandera.



Bob Caughley is now attending Victoria College at Wellington.

Don. MacDougall is working with Mr. H. G. Fletcher, solicitor, at Palmerston. He says there are three other Old Boys there—Vic. Fookes, in the Bank of New South Wales; Pat. O'Shea, who is at the High School; and B. Linn, in the Bank of New Zealand.

R. W. Dalziell is farming near Hunterville. Bob Williamson, who left school in 1919, is also farming at Hunterville, and was recently married.

C. Honnor is working on a farm at Mangamahu, near Fordell.

Dave Penman is now accountant with N. Cole, builder and contractor, at Auckland.

Bill Noakes is with the National Insurance Company at Auckland.

A. L. Herdman is attending the Wellington Training College. The following Old Boys are also attending lectures there:—John Nicholson, Percy Metcalfe, and George Smith.

O. Rainger, who left school in 1923, is working in Foote Bros.' warehouse in Auckland.

J. Howard is farming at Nukuhakari, Awakino.

Geoff. Bayly is sheep farming near Turakina.

Les. Marfell is farming at Toko.

R. H. and Percy Pease are farming at Croydon Road, Omata.

Maurice Osborne is accountant with Halliwell, Spratt and Thomson, solicitors, Hawera.

R. H. Candy is farming at Ngarua, Waitoa.

J. T. White ("Buster") is now with Whites, Ltd., at New Plymouth.

Harry Calder, who is on the staff of the Mount Albert Grammar School at Auckland, supplies us with the following Old Boys' notes:—J. Simcock is with A. Irwin, chemist, at Ponsonby. Tom Merron is now in the Auckland Customs Office. Keith Clemow is an engineer to the City Council and has recently become engaged. Charlie

Putt is on the City Engineer's staff. Ernie Beckbessinger is leaving shortly for Chicago to take a position in a commercial house there. Jack Clemow is with Nicholson and Gribbon, solicitors.

Gerald Webster and Claude Morey left New Zealand recently for a trip to America. Unfortunately owing to the immigration laws they were unable to enter the States, but went to Canada instead. When they last wrote they were near Winnipeg harvesting. They intend going to England at the end of the year to see the final All Black game there. We wish them the best of luck on their travels.

Frank Kelly is on the staff of the Taranaki Herald and we are indebted to him for an article in this issue.

On the occasion of the High School—Te Aute College football match a luncheon was held prior to the match. Over 75 Old Boys were present and there were also present as guests of the Association several of the Public School Boys who have recently come out to Taranaki. It was felt that this was a good way of keeping the members in touch with one another and they intend to have other such functions next season. It had been intended that Old Boys should go en bloc to the Park, but the weather interfered with this.

Ron. Blundell, the new joint secretary of the Association, is on the local staff of the Bank of New Zealand.

Arthur Osborne is on the staff of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Ltd.

L. Hoffmann, who had the misfortune to break his leg recently, is now about again. He is with the Alliance Assurance Company at New Plymouth.

Old Boys were very glad to see Mr. A. R. Ryder down here with the Auckland Grammar School team.

Bas. Hooper is working in New Plymouth. He is a keen pugilist and has won several bouts during the last season.

Les. Hill is now practising as an accountant at Whangarei.

Harold Gibson is practising as a solicitor at Hawera.



Prior to his departure the Old Boys' Association entertained Handley Brown, who left New Zealand with the All Blacks, at a luncheon. Over 70 Old Boys and masters were present, and on behalf of the Association the President (Mr. C. H. Wynyard) presented him with a suit case with the best wishes of the members. In doing so he congratulated Brown on his selection in the team and wished him the best of success whilst on the tour. Mr. Jas. McLeod (President of the Rugby Union) also congratulated him and stated that he was sure the School could have no better representative.

Vaughan Kirkby is farming at Tataraimaka.

Loftus Russell, who is with the Eastern Extension Cable Company, has recently been transferred from Banjowange to Cocos Island. He expects to return to New Zealand on six months' leave early in 1926.

Seymour Clifford and Owen Johns are on the staff of the Eastern Extension Cable Company at Wellington.

Wilfred Kelly is farming at Awakino.

Trevor Simpson is on the staff of the New Zealand Herald.

Hugh Fraser is Editor of the Taranaki Daily News.

We would congratulate Lorimer Richardson on his success in gaining the Sir George Grey Travelling Scholarship. He has left for England, where he will study science for three years.

Willard Ewing is representative of the Daily News at Stratford.

Stanley Hutchen and G. Plumtree, who left school this year, are in the main office of Newton King, Ltd.

Roy Jackson, who was secretary of the Association at one time, is on the staff of the National Bank at Auckland.

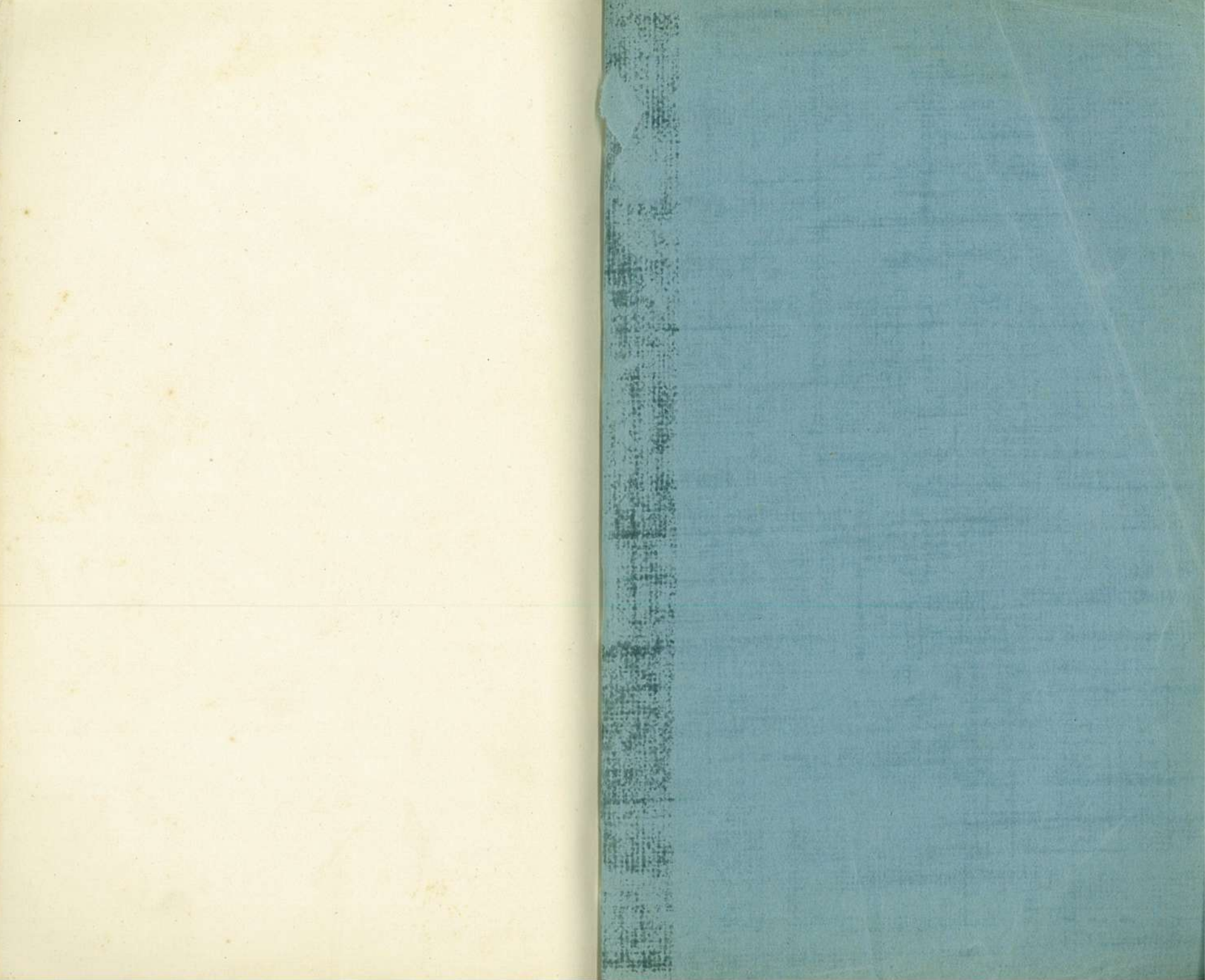
Teddy Pope is chief clerk to Perry and Perry, solicitors, at Wellington.

Ron. Boon is with Boon Bros. at New Plymouth. Bert is teaching at Warea.











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