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The Returned Soldiers' League has never been as prominent in the public eye as it has been recently. As a progressive movement it arrived at the conclusion that the passive policy adopted with a varying degree of success in the past was becoming more and more negligent of results. People were beginning to forget the promises made when their troops returned from the slaughter, and were being hailed as their country's deliverers. Prominent citizens were heard to remark that the time had arrived when diggers should forget that they were soldiers first; or getting, or deliberately overlooking the fact that the loss of limbs, and eyesight, the thumping of an abnormal heart, the ceaseless knocking of the tubercular germ, the shattered nerves, and the wantonness caused by a damaged constitution made it impossible for such a large percentage of returned men to forget.

The League has at all times been reasonable in its demands on the community. It has always acted on the principle of "live and let live," but it has insisted, and will continue to insist while returned soldiers exist, on preference of employment being given to returned men. It is almost an impossible task to force the preference policy on to private employers, but the League would be worthy of censure if it failed to fight fragment breaches of the policy by Governments and public institutions. A fair degree of preference has been given to labourers and men on the lower rung of the ladder, but, as a rule, when a job is offering requiring energy and brains, a little above the rung, diggers have been passed by, and men who had the advantage of four and five years' extra training for the job have secured the plum.

Passing resolutions at Sub-branch and Executive meetings was proving of little avail, so, to use the words of our leading daily, the League suddenly became militant. It has, as the result of its energy, brought home to the community that the Returned Soldiers' Organisation is a mighty power in the land. As was only to be expected, the League's enemies came to the fore and tried to damage the organisation by making false and misleading statements in the daily press. Miserable snipers hiding behind "nom de plumes" sought to inflict injury. It is a remarkable fact that not one of the League's detractors who criticised its attitude adopted regarding the R.S.P.C.A. appointment, had the courage to sign his name to his screeds. On the other hand, the League's defenders all had their signatures attached. Many of the snipers who potted at the League from behind cover were, if their "nom de plumes" give a correct indication, returned soldier comrades. Most of the ex-service men outside the League are apathetic and would join if approached, but there is small, contemptibleiot wot not only refuse to assist the movement from within, but are ever ready to lead an assault against the League's citadel from without.

Experience teaches that these traitors, the self-righteous comrades, invariable rush in for the League's protection on the slightest pretext. We consider that the recent firm and policy of the young and influential taken by the League over fragment breaches of the avowed policy of the community, of preference to soldiers, has greatly strengthened its power, and will have far-reaching effects. Many of our enemies charged the League with only concerning itself about getting a few easy jobs for a few of the bravest men who have chosen to fight a war. No, and on no occasion, our knowledge, has this accusation been supported by facts. We, who have been active in the movement for 41 years, know such an accusation to be a wicked lie.

E. St. Ives Bilton: Opinions differed amongst the old 28th as to whether there was anything in the Gyppo guide, my own being that generally speaking he was somewhat of a wag. However, I found that he was never at a loss for a word, and extremely difficult to corner. On one occasion Sergeant X.Y.Z. secured the aid of one whilst undergoing a tour of inspection through the museum, and became much interested in a variety of skulls on exhibition.

"Who did this one belong to?" asked the Sergeant.

"That," replied the obliging one, "belonged to Rameses!"

"And this one?"

"Cleopatra!"

Chancing to set eyes on a small one, evidently that of a child, our hero again sought the desired information of his enlightened enlightener.

"Oh," said he, "that was Napoleon's."

"Napoleon?" roared our man, "Napoleon? He had a bigger skull than that!"

"Oh!" was the answer, with a pensive smile, "That, was when he was a little fellah, before he grew big.

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July, 1923
Executive Meeting Minutes

20/8/23.

Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, Cooke, Harvey, Bader, Watt, Bolton, Shand and Bateon.

The President welcomed Mr. Bateon, who took his seat on the Executive for the first time, vice Mr. Morris resigned.

H. E. Weight.

In view of the advice received from Mr. T. A. L. Davey, it was decided that no further action be taken in regard to the Supreme Court action.

Moved Mr. Harvey, seconded Mr. Cooke, that a report be made in connection with the President, Rabbi Freedman, and the Secretary, wait on the Premier in connection with Mr. Weight's case.—Carried.

Mr. Wheatcroft.

The President reported that Mr. Wheatcroft had visited the office, and he had interviewed him, and he had been successful in securing him another position. His motion was endorsed.

Subiaco.

Mr. Shand reported on the lost receipt book, that belonged to the Subiaco Sub-branch, and was supported by Mr. Cornall. The report was received and it was decided that this matter be dropped.

R.M. & L.M.A.

The State Secretary stated that a suggestion had been received that reciprocal arrangements be made in the direction of having a representative of the Maimed & Limbless Men's Association at our Executive meeting, and vice versa, with no power to vote, but permission to speak.

It was moved Mr. Cooke, seconded Mr. Watt, that the suggestion be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. C. J. Cooke was elected as delegate.

Beverley.

The invitation from the Beverley Sub-branch deferred from last meeting was again brought forward, and it was decided that Mr. Colebatch be written to and, as he did not commit their annual general meeting, and smoke social, and that Beverley be advised to this effect.

Funeral Expenses, C. E. Straugh.

A letter was received from the Perth Sub-branch enclosing one from the South African (Veterans Association, concerning the funeral expenses of this man, and asking if this League could bear part of the cost.—Moved Mr. Bolton, seconded Mr. Cooke, that under our Constitution we are unable to assist in the direction desired.—Carried.

Founding Home Appeal.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Founding Home Appeal, asking the League for £4, to assist during their fete. The secretary had already dealt with this matter, and it was decided that a reply be sent in the terms of his first letter.

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"Australian Victories in France."

The Lothian Book Publishing Company had for some time been endeavouring to obtain an order from the League for this book, published by General Monash, and it was moved Mr. Cooke, seconded Mr. Bateon, that their letter be handed to Clarke and Co., of Palace Chambers, in order that he may communicate with the Company.—Carried.

Soldier Settlement Scheme.

A letter from the Williams Sub-branch was received stating forth a motion carried by the Sub-branch, stating that they viewed with grave concern the attitude of the Controller of the S.S.S. towards soldier settlers, and asking the Executive to watch the matter carefully in the interests of the settler.

It was decided that a reply be sent stating that all possible is being done in the desired direction.

Returned Soldiers Government Works.

A letter was received from the Perth Sub-branch embodying a motion carried at their last meeting which read:—

That the State Secretary be requested to write to the Premier personally for the information in regard to returned soldiers employed on Government works, as such information is necessary and of vital importance to returned soldiers.

Moved Mr. Cooke, seconded Mr. Shand, that in the opinion of the Executive, no practical information was obtained by obtaining the desired information, and that no further action be taken.—Carried.

Reduction of Interest S.S.S.

A letter was read and received from the Federal Executive, regarding a reply from the Prime Minister's Department in connection with the reduction of the rate of interest, and in view of the fact that it was thought that something further could be done at a Conference, it was decided that this matter be again referred to the Federal Executive, and they be asked if anything further had been done by the Premier's Conference in connection with this matter.

R.S.P.C.A.

The Hon. J. Duffell, M.L.C., who had promised to attend this meeting to address the members of the Executive on the question of the R.S.P.C.A. secretaryship, did not put in an appearance. A document was read by the President giving the views of Miss Villiers to the position of secretary.

Moved Mr. Cornall, seconded Mr. Shand, that the question of giving publicity to the proceedings of the Executive in regard to the matter of the R.S.P.C.A. appointment be left to the President, and that Rabbi Freedman, Messrs. Cooke and Cornall be deputed to the President with a view to formulating a plan of action, with power to act.—Carried.

Standing orders were suspended to enable the President of the Sub-branch to bring forward the matter of the R.S.L. Band instruments. After a statement by Mr. Cornall, it was resolved that the Secretary write to General White, Senator Pearce, and the Minister for Defence, and endeavour to finalise the matter of band instruments.

Resumption of Standing Orders.

Standing orders were then resumed.

Reports.

The State Secretary read a report by Mr. Malcolm concerning the attitude of the Secretary of the Perth Club, towards the policy of preference to returned soldiers. It was suggested by him that the Executive might consider the committee of the Club with a view to obtaining satisfaction, and it was decided that the action be taken by the State Secretary in accordance with the suggestion made.

Federal Executive Special Meeting.

Mr. Watt gave a detailed report of the general meeting of the Federal Executive held in Melbourne on the 8th June, in connection with the R.S.L. and Page appointments. He also dealt with the abolition of the Repatriation Commission and the League's efforts in this connection, and touched on his visit to Kalgoorlie. The reports were received and Mr. Watt thanked.

Subiaco Memorial.

Mr. Shand stated that the Subiaco Memorial Committee proposed erecting a tower clock, and such clock is not procurable in Australia, therefore it had been necessary to send to England for same. He desired that representation should be made by the State Secretary through the Federal Executive with a view to obtaining a remission of duty on the clock. It was decided that efforts be made by the State Secretary in this direction.

Not Forgotten League.

Mr. Harvey reported as chairman of the Propaganda and Social Committee, that in response to a number of circulars sent out by him, he had received an amount of money from the funds of the Not Forgotten League, and also the loan of £7 received from the Executive some time ago be repaid, and was very hopeful as to the future of the League.

C. L. Harvey.

Owing to Mr. Harvey accepting a position in the North-West for three months, it was decided that leave of absence be granted him for that period.

Montgomery.

Mr. Cooke presented the case of Mr. Montgomery, and it was decided that the matter be referred to the Repatriation Committee to take up with the Repatriation Department, and report to the President before Saturday next.

Unemployment Maimed and Limbless.

It was reported by Mr. Watt that, in view of the unemployment existing in the ranks of the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association, a suggestion had been received; that it might be possible to make arrangements with the Government to take these men on as cadets in some form of employment, to receive a small wage and possibly have that augmented by the Commonwealth Government.

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Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Rabbi Freedman—That a Committee, consisting of the Members of Council, and Mr. Watt be appointed to confer with the Committee from the R.M. and L.M.A., to discuss the matter of unemployment.—Carried.

**Colonial Tinny.**

The President reported that since last meeting Colonel Tinny had left the State to take up a higher office in the Eastern States, and stated that he had personally interviewed him, and expressed the League's appreciation of the work he had done on behalf of returned soldiers in the State, and regretted that it has been found necessary to effect a transfer to another State. Also he had met the new Deputy Commissioner, Colonel Farr, and extended to him a welcome on behalf of the League. The action taken by the President was endorsed.

**McCaughy Bequest.**

The President reported that he had been elected a member of the Bequest in this State.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

The report by the State Secretary concerning the method of calling special meetings was laid on the table.

**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING.**

24/6/23.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive held on Sunday, 24th June, 1923, at 11.30 a.m., at the Soldiers' Institute.

**Present.**

Messrs. Humphrey, Watt, Cooke, Cornell, Bader, Kirke, Bateson, McDonald, Isaac, Shand, and Harvey.

**Federal Appointments.**

The President explained that the reason for calling the meeting was a telegram received from Melbourne stating that the Empire Exhibition Committee had arranged to meet the Federal Executive on Friday, 29th June, and the matter for consideration was whether this State should send a delegate. A telegram had been sent to Melbourne asking whether the State Branches would be agreeable to pool expenses, but the reply left the matter in doubt, and it appears to the present that this branch would have to bear the expense of sending a delegate.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. McDonald—That a delegate be now appointed to go to Melbourne, in accordance with the telegram, and that the question of necessity be left to a Committee of five, consisting of the President, Rabbi Freedman, Messrs. Isaac, McDonald, and Watt.—Carried.

Names were called for a delegate, and Mr. Cooke was the only nominee, and was appointed.

It was further moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bader—That should the Committee find it necessary to appoint a proxy, that Mr. David be appointed as first choice, with Mr. Martin as emergency in the event of Mr. David not being able to act.—Carried.

**Reports.**

**Branch Membership.**—Mr. Robson submitted a report dealing with the branch membership and making certain recommendations with a view to assisting branches in their organisation. It was pointed out that the report was not complete, as a great number of branches had not sent in the latest returns. It was definitely known that the membership would be increased considerably when these came to hand. The report was received and further discussion deferred until next meeting.

**Finance Committee.**—A report of the Finance Committee, dated 4th July, was received and adopted.

**Employment Bureau.**—The report of the Employment Bureau was received and adopted.

**Entertainments.**

Mr. Bader stated that he had been successful in arranging a number of concert parties to visit Returned Soldiers in hospitals, and wished to express his thanks to the artists from the Unity Theatre, Prince of Wales, Shafesbury, Royal Theatres. He was also negotiating with the Southern Singers and Westminister College Singers.

**Tubercular Cases.**

Mr. Bader referred to the Spahlinger treatment for tuberculosis, and advocated that this League should do everything in its power to encourage any treatment which would benefit sufferers from this disease. He proposed to make further inquiries into what was being done, and report at the next meeting.

**Fremantle Institute.**

Mr. Wilson referred to an amount which had been collected for subscriptions in Fremantle and placed to the credit of the Institute. Mr. Watt paid the subscription, and the State Secretary was instructed to furnish a full report on this matter at next meeting.

**STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING.**

4/7/23.

**Present.**


**Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Messrs. Beechey and Jane, Mr. Cooke being absent on League business, and Mr. McDonald unable to attend owing to illness.

**Ryan Appointment.**

The President stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Cooke, but the contents were marked private and confidential, and he was unable to divulge. The letter was presented, and it was resolved that any information should have been supplied to the Executive of the League, but recognised that under the circumstances the President was bound to keep the matter confidential, and that it would be ascertained by the President whether the letter was addressed to the Secretary or any other person, and later be transferred to any branch desired.

**Subiaco Sub-branch.**

A letter was received from the Subiaco Sub-branch, asking for a ruling in the matter of illegal wearing of an R.S.I. badge, and the President stated that in such cases the Executive would take any action considered necessary.

**Perth Sub-branch.**

A letter was received from the Perth Sub-branch, asking for a ruling in the matter of the removal of a member to another branch. It was pointed out that the Perth Sub-branch was used as a means of transferring members who had no settled place of abode and were temporarily visiting the city, and that the matter was purely a matter of convenience, and such transfers could later be transferred to any branch desired.

**Central Sub-branch.**

A letter was received from the Central Sub-branch, asking for a ruling in the matter of a member's appointment. It was pointed out that the Central Sub-branch was used as a means of transferring members who had no settled place of abode and were temporarily visiting the city, and that the matter was purely a matter of convenience, and such transfers could later be transferred to any branch desired.
Ex-Imperial Men.

A letter was received from the Fremantle and Districts Sub-branch with reference to ex-Imperial men, stating that the branch held a meeting last week, but as Mr. Jane was not present the matter was deferred until next meeting.

Reparation Commission.

The President referred to the fact that the nominee of this State as soldier's representative on the Reparation Commission had been accepted, and Colonel Tilley had been appointed.

A communication was received from the President of the South Australian Branch with regard to the Federal Reparation Commission, and as this was not a matter for immediate action, it was referred to the Reparation Committee for report.

Fathers' Association.

A letter was received from the Federal Executive giving some information with regard to Fathers' Associations in the other States.

Reduced Fares B.E. Exhibition.

A letter was received from the Federal Executive stating that at present nothing had been decided upon with regard to reduced fares for the purpose of visiting the British Empire Exhibition, but that the Australian Commission was making a direct representation in various overseas companies, and the matter was being further inquired into.

Mental Patients.

A letter was received from the Federal Executive with regard to the segregation of mental patients, and it was resolved that a copy be sent to the Perth Sub-branch, who had been inquiring into this matter.

Reports.

Fremantle Wonderworld.—A report from the State Secretary on an informal meeting of the representatives of the Fremantle Sub-branches regarding the wonderworld.

State Memorial.—The President reported the result of a deputation to the Premier, when the Honorable Sir Jas. Mitchell expressed his desire for such a memorial, and stated that he would give this matter attention.

Anzac Day.—In reply to a deputation, the Premier had stated that it was his intention to bring in legislation during the coming session, with regard to the proper observance of Anzac Day.

Working Homes Board.—The Premier had promised to consider carefully the matter of adding to the Workers' Homes Board a returned soldier in the interests of soldiers obtaining homes, under the War Service Homes Act.

R.S.P.C.A.—A report was submitted by the Sub-committee dealing with this matter by Mr. Cornell that every effort should be made by this League to have matters settled amicably, as it was certainly not the desire of the League that the name and interests of the Society should in any way be hampered. It was resolved, therefore, that another request be made to the Society that they meet representatives of the League to discuss the matter.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING.

11/7/23

The President:

Present: Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, Collett, Robertson, Colebatch, Cooke, McDonald, Bader, Beechey, Watt, Wilson, Kirke, and Bateson.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Messrs. Isaac, Cornely, Bolton, and Jane.

Ryan Appointment.

Mr. Cooke's report, which had been handed to each member of the Executive prior to the meeting, was supplemented by him verbally, and after various members had stated their views, it was moved by Mr. Rosbon—That this State Executive of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. endorses the settlement arrived at between the Federal Executive and the Federal Commission of the British Empire Exhibition, over the matter of the Ryan appointment, which terminates in October next, and at the same time strongly supports the protest registered by the R.S.I. An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt, and seconded by Mr. Beechey—that the delegate's report be received. After discussion, the amendment was put to the meeting and lost, and the motion carried.

It was decided that press matter be prepared by the President, Mr. Cooke, and Rabbi Freedman.

On the advice of Mr. Bateson, seconded by Mr. Watt, a vote of thanks was tendered to the delegate for his report.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Preference Clause was not inserted in the advertisement calling for applications for the position of Secretary to the British Empire Exhibition. The President explained that this matter had been given attention, and Melbourne communicated by wire.

Sub-Branch Notes

We welcome short contributions, and suggest that each sub-branch appoint one of its members to act as special correspondent to the "L.P."

MT. BARKER.

At the general meeting held at the Club House on 17th June, a resolution of confidence in the State and Federal Executives, in connection with their stand on the preference question, was passed. The Secretary was instructed to write to the M.T. Barker Road Board objecting to the Board employing a German orchardist on casual work.

As the result of an agitation to get a returned soldier's re-union at an early date, and we are hopeful that every digger in the district will attend. The branch runs a weekly picture show, which is well patronised. We also have a decent room at the Memorial Club for the sole use of diggers. The club-room will shortly be cared for by Digger Ben Woods, and it is the wish of the branch that all ex-service men, in the future, will make use of this splendid conveniences. There they will find writing material and reading matter, and if they tire of playing billiards they can do their fighting tags and indulge in a strenuous game of ping-pong.

Memorial Club—Evening.

The Memorial Club Committee recently held their first social at the club-house. Vases of flowers in each room looked handsomely, and the ballroom looked beautiful. Heavy rain had fallen during the day and evening, and this, together with the flood state of some of the creeks, prevented a number of motorists from attending. Despite this, forty ladies and gentlemen were present, the visitors being received by the President Mr. T. G. Sounness). In the reading-room card play was indulged in. In the soldiers' room a ladies' social was held. The majority of members was present, and Mr. T. G. Sounness also played an exhibition game of 50 up. The first evening at the club was a successful success. Given fine weather for their next social, the committee are likely to be faced with a crowd that will tax the accommodation of the club to the full.

GUILDFORD-WEST GUILDFORD.

The Sub-branch held their annual ball on June 22nd in the Bassendean Town Hall. The ball was artistically decorated by Misses 'A. A. Banister, assisted by members of the Branch, the colour scheme being red, white, and blue. A feature of the decorations was the special emblem done in water-colour by our member, Mr. E. Gardener, who was the judge. The Oliphant Jack and Australian flag draped round the League badge inside a rising sun, and showing a nurse, sailor, and soldier.

Mrs. Barnes of Guildford, and Mrs. Harold Dean of Subiaco, judged the fancy sets and costumes, and the Hon. R. S. Sampson, in the absence of the member for the district, presented the prizes. Mr. Humphrey, the State President, presided the judges, and incidentally touched on the S.P.C.A. secretaryship. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies. Over 100 couples were present, and dancing continued until 1.30 a.m., and we were pleased to see their steps towards home. The ball was a great success, and the Branch expect to clear a few pounds. Mr. Walsh led the Grand March, and Mr. R. A. McWilliam was the orchestra. The dance was acclaimed by W. Allen's orchestra and Mrs. Bennett very kindly played for some dances whilst the 'musicians were at supper.
COLLIE.

The onward march of progress of the Collie Sub-branch continues with unabated enthusiasm. Last week the property of the Branch was sold, and all the necessary funds for the purchase of a new piano for the Branch's own hall were obtained. The combined efforts of members and the Ladies' Auxiliary, principally the latter, were responsible for raising the necessary funds for the piano.

Many applications have been received by the Branch for the rental of its hall, and there is no doubt that the investment by the Branch is going to prove a valuable win for the Branch, particularly as the financial position of the Branch is concerned. By sheer hard work on the part of members the hall has been erected. For the past twelve months a working bee has been in progress on Saturdays and Sundays, in order to establish the hall as a revenue-producing concern. At the present time two committee rooms are being added to the hall, so that it will be completed in time for the annual Peace ball, which is to take place towards the end of July. It is intended by the Branch to fix the hall as a primary convenience in order that the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary may accomplish their social work with comfort.

New members of the Branch enrolled for the month of June, numbered 40, which constitutes a record. This increase is due to several reasons. One member, in the person of Mr. L. J. Hardy, generously donated a case of pipes to be presented to the members introducing the largest number of new members up to the 30th June. Another reason for the influx is the sound position upon which the Branch is established, and there is no doubt also that the publicity the League has acquired over the appointment of R. V. Ryan as co-ordinating officer to the Committee connected with the Empire Exhibition, and other similar cases, is done to induce more men to join the League.

On the 8th August next, the Collie "Merrymakers," under the direction of Mr. J. Cox, will give an entertainment in aid of the Branch's funds. For weeks past rehearsals have been taking place, as an entirely new programme is being introduced, and the popularity that this body of entertainers has acquired is sufficient guarantee that the performance which is to take place on August 8th will prove a success. The Branch is very grateful for the kindly assistance of Mr. Cox and his talented artists, particularly for the unselfish action in sacrificing so much of their time in the interest of the returned boys of Collie.

The Branch is also a competitor for the Newgate Cup, and, with the announcement of the Kalgoolie Branch that it has a string on it already, the Collie Branch assure this body that it will need a fair-slip rope before it has finished in order to secure the Cup. However, which ever Branch finally captures it will need a particularly fine record of achievements, as Collie is a noted place for carrying off trophies, in any sphere.

An average of 25 members per meeting is being maintained, and in view of the fact that a percentage of members are always unable to be present owing to working afternoon shift on the mines, the attendance at fortnightly meetings is considered very satisfactory indeed.

The Branch's advice is that Branches that have not yet formed Ladies' Auxiliary, is to try it. There is no doubt that many members would welcome such an Auxiliary, as not only would it provide additional help in the running of the Branch, but it would also encourage more members to attend meetings.

Once again the Repatriation Commission has refused medical treatment to Branch member F. W. Wood. For six months now the Collie Branch has been endeavouring to persuade the Commission to recognize this man's disability as being aggravated by War service. On three different occasions the Repatriation Department has received additional evidence from the Branch in support of Mr. Wood's case. The last time the medical officer who has operated on this man times innumerable, definitely stated that the injured foot has been absolutely aggravated by the man's War service. But still the Department is adamant. Once again, with the assistance of Dr. J. McColll, is the case being prepared for consideration by the Commission, and it is intended by the Branch, in the event of the case being again turned down, to play the whole facts of the case in the hands of each Federal member for this State, in order that the matter will receive the light of day in the Federal Parliament. Although the case has been going for the past six months, the Branch is not a bit weary, and is prepared to argue on for next six years, or until it is able to convince those in authority that this man is not receiving the consideration of the Repatriation Department that his war service justly entitles him to.

DINGUP.

At the monthly meeting held on July 1st, proposed agenda items for the next State Congress were discussed. One of our members, who is an ex-Imperial soldier, told the meeting that he had not been successful in getting into a group settlement because he is a single man. This man was not told, when leaving England, that he would have to be married before making himself eligible. The Branch considers that he has a genuine grievance, and is taking the matter up on his behalf. The Secretary reported that the Branch is steadily increasing its membership. All were pleased to know that the need for Protest Sunday no longer exists.

The first of the socials held by the Branch to raise funds to purchase a tree-puller, or some other implement which will be of most use to members, was held at Palgarrup, and was most enjoyable. The Palgarrup orchestra was responsible for the good music supplied. Another social will be held on the 14th July, which we hope will also be a great success.

KELMSCOTT.

The Kelmscott Sub-branch R.S.L. held, a very successful card and social evening on Saturday, 30th June, in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary. The State President, Mr. Humphrey, and Executive member, Mr. Bader, were present. At a late hour, owing to the mains being on, Mr. Humphrey took the opportunity of addressing those present on R.S.L. matters. A presentation of a Certificate for services rendered was made to Mr. G. E. Bunney, who retired as President after two and a half years. Mrs. Broun and Mr. A. S. Jackson kindly assisted at the piano.

ARMADALE.

The second of a series of free social evenings which the social committee under Mr. Symes is running, was held on June 27th, and, in spite of the bad weather, it was a huge success, the attendance being large. During the earlier portion of the evening a concert was arranged, items by a party of talented young ladies from the Perth Modern...
School—being a special feature, and successful items were rendered by Misses King and Milard, and Messrs. Adams and Richards, while Miss G. Richards made a stop hole pianist. The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing. Miss R. Wall was all that could be desired in supplying the music, and Mr. T. Billings made a capable M.C. Refreshments were handed around by the dieters. Thanks are due to Messrs. Smith, Symes and Devereux for their splendid help.

GUTHA.

Celebration of Anzac Day.

Much has been said, and much has been written, as to the most appropriate manner in which Anzac Day should be commemorated, but the solution of the problem has been attained by the R.S.L. in the outlying district of Gutha, where the happy medium between wusseres and purely secular celebration was struck. The day, unfortunately, opened in cloudy, unpropitious weather. However, by noon some visitors gathered at the residence of Mr. Frank Kendall, the President of the League. Soon after midday all sat down to a sumptuous meal and enjoyed a loyal toast had been drunk, the President made a short, appropriate speech, and in conclusion asked for a two-minutes silence, in memory of fallen comrades, which was observed by all standing to attention. Subsequently a short toast list was duly honored. After dinner, until 5.30 p.m., was most enjoyably spent by all in gossiping, singing, and dances, and the most pleasing feature of the afternoon consisted in the remembrance of the children by the returned men. A suitable and expensive present was given to every child in the district, and among the gifts, all and the various delights of childhood were present in abundance, and each beam and happy face indicated that the owner would carry into manhood pleasant recollections of the day.

As the sun was sinking, all were once again summoned to the festive board, which was loaded with all the good things imaginable, surmounted by a huge Anzac Day cake, some two feet high, gaily decorated, symbolical of the birth of Australia as a nation. After tea a euchre tournament took place, songs were sung, and all went merrily until well towards midnight, when the officers presiding gave the closing theme. President Frank Kendall and Secretary Charlie Stephen took the chair and reported on the excellence of the arrangements for the day, while the catering and decorations, for which Mrs. Frank Kendall was mainly responsible, and was assisted by Messrs. Dwyer and Mitchell, were quite up to metropolitan standard. A number of songs, rendered by Misses Dwyer and Wiltshire, were heartily applauded, and considerably enhanced the pleasure of the day.

BEVERLEY.

Annual Meeting.

As was expected, a very fair number of members assembled at the White Hart Hotel on Saturday, 7th July, for the annual general meeting and smoke social. A start was made, in good time, and consequently the business was concluded by nine o'clock and those present had a good three hours for indulgence in the social arts provided. Seafood was abundant, and credited out that the subscription, which worked out at about a twopenny a week, was no bar to any man joining.

The annual accounts, and auditor's report, were next presented and adopted, and the Secretary was granted an honorarium of £15 for his services. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be forwarded the Honorary Auditor, Mr. G. B. Rossi.

The Secretary's report was then presented and adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing two months was the following: re-elected President, Mr. G. B. Rossi; Vice-President, Mr. G. B. Rossi; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Buchan; and Hon. Auditor, Mr. G. B. Rossi.

The meeting was then resolved into a special general meeting to receive and deal with items for inclusion in the agenda of the State Congress to open on 3rd October. It was resolved that the meeting was the sub-branch's previous resolutions regarding the observance of Anzac Day be supported and forwarded for inclusion in the agenda.

This concluded the business of the evening, and Mr. H. C. S. Cobleotch, of the State Executive, having arrived from Nothclay, read the report of the committee which, it was found, to enjoy themselves in accordance with the best traditions of the A.I.F. Nifan's band raised the spirits of the crowd to a most jubilant plane, and songs from Donaldson, interspersed with toasts and yarns, made the function most enjoyable.

Replying to the toast of his health, Mr. Cobleotch expressed his thanks for the warm welcome given him, and also his gratification at seeing such a large crowd of members present, which showed that Beverley Sub-branch was very much alive. Touching on the preference to returned soldiers controversy, he threw fresh light on the newspaper reports, and remarked that in regard to the Ryan case, there was that to come out which might put an entirely different complexion on the matter. He counselled members to consider all the big questions in which the returned soldiers were concerned, and always put the nation first, as what was best for the nation as a whole would usually be best for the soldiers too.

Several new members were enrolled during the evening, and there is no doubt that the thrill of an enjoyable social—Sub-Branch has had. When our worthy host came to say that his late permit had expired, a genuine murmur of regret was heard.

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WINGIES AND STUMPIES PAGE

The Secretary of the Returned Maimed and Limbsless Men's Association desires to inform members that he still has a number of unprinted cards lying at the office, 905 Hay-street, also a number of unclaimed Railway Concession Passes, and he requests those members who have not yet taken delivery to do so at the earliest possible moment.

The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Institute on Thursday evening, the 12th July, 1923, and attracted an attendance of 157, which is a record for the Association, and it is thought a record for Australia. The official of the Association were graced by the large number of members present.

Before starting the meeting, President May was forcibly ousted from the chair by Senior Vice-President, "Stumpy" Wright, and Mr. Stewart, who proceeded to compliment Mr. May on being again re-elected to the position at the head of the Association, and expressed members' appreciation of his untiring efforts towards the welfare of Western Australia's Limbsless Soldiers. On behalf of members, Mr. Wright presented the President with a gold Waltham watch, and a gold-mounted fountain pen, both of which Mr. May thanked members most sincerely for the presentation, and stated that, whilst he felt he had not deserved the gifts, he was glad they had been given him and that everything he had done and was able to do to advance the interests of this Association, had always been his greatest pleasure.

The election of office-bearers for the ensuing twelve months was carried out, with the following results:—

Vice-Presidents: Mr. P. J. Kennedy, Mr. R. P. Stewart.


In accordance with the Constitution of this Association, this again became necessary to throw open the position of Secretary to members, and applications were called for in that Press, and Mr. Stan O'Grady was unanimously re-elected unopposed to the position.

The meeting decided to have this President's Report, also the Auditors' Report and Balance Sheet, printed in pamphlet form and posted to all country members, who will receive it during the next two weeks.

Members are reminded that the next Social of the Women's Social Auxiliary of this Association will be held at the Institute on Friday, 27th July, next, at 8 p.m.

The Secretary trusts that every member will endeavour to be in attendance.

As a result of a conference between this Association and the League, it has been definitely decided for each body to appoint a delegate to attend each other's Executive meeting, by which means it is hoped more adhesion will be attained in matters of importance affecting either body, and do away with misunderstandings. The delegate from this Association will be appointed at our next meeting, and will report to our general meetings the result of his visits to the League meetings.

The scheme as outlined by Mr. Watt is for one or more members to be taken into each State Government office as cadets, at a wage consistent with the man's efficiency, the Federal Government too being asked to bring the wage up to the living standard. A Board, including in its personnel a member of the League and the Association, to increase the cadets' wage to be paid by the State Government according to certain principles, such as period of service in the position, efficiency, and grade of employment. The Premier is stated to favour the scheme. The Association favours the proposal, but it must be clearly understood that the soldier's pension shall not be taken into consideration when assessing the wages to be paid.

This scheme has been carefully considered by the Committee of the Association, who feel that, although our men are disabled, they are yet capable of filling many positions satisfactorily and earning a full wage. There are still many openings in the Government Service where members could be successfully placed, and where they could do the work entailed, to the satisfaction of their employer, and render every satisfaction for wages received.

An Executive Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. F. May, A. G. Wright, T. Oldfield, E. H. Caff, and J. N. O'Neil, has been appointed to confer with the League on this matter, and members will be notified later of any further developments.

MAIMED AND LIMBSLESS MEN'S ANNUAL REUNION.

A Successful Function.

About 150 happy-looking members of the Wingies' and Stumpies' Association attended at Keogh's Hall, Perth, on June 16th, the occasion being the Association's Annual Reunion. Short, interesting speeches, an excellent musical programme, and good eats, washed down by better drinks, all combined to make the evening one long to be remembered by the fortunate diggers present.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Lamb, M.C., who is the Hon. Auditor of the Association, proposed the toast of "Our Advertisers Please Say "I Saw Your Adv. in the Listening Post.""
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BRIDGETOWN—Thos. Wyber, Bridgeport.
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IMPEDE (CONTROL) SOCIAL EVENTS.

COLLIN SUB-BRANCH—Peace Ball towards end July.
MT. BARKER SUB-BRANCH—Social Evening monthly in conjunction with War Memorial Club Committee.
GUILDFORD—W. Guildford. (SUB-BRANCH)—Children’s Plain and Fancy Dress Ball in September.
DINGUP SUB-BRANCH—Two Socials and Dances monthly.
PERSONALITIES

Colonel Tilney, Deputy Commissioner of the Repatriation Department has earned the admiration and respect of the many diggers in Western Australia, who have occasion to solicit his Department's aid. To pilot that department through its infantile stages, was in itself a heavy task; but the Colonel's tact, coupled with his administrative ability, made the undertaking not only possible, but ensured its success. His transfer to the Sydney branch of the Repat. was hailed with regret on all hands and the wish for his prosperity and success is unanimous.

It already seems that our hopes have materialised, and now that W.A.'s nominee has been appointed to the Repatriation Commission as the soldiers' representative, we may look for absolutely sympathetic treatment. The Colonel is such a general favorite that the telegraphic congratulations which showered upon him when the appointment to the Commission was known must have been gratifying to him indeed.

Quietly doing splendid work for the down and out digger is Charlie Walker, late of the 11th Battalion, and Hon Secretary of the Fremantle Amelioration Fund. Charlie is mainly responsible for the success of the numerous socials held at the Fremantle Soldiers' Institute in aid of his fund. Diggers whose sole effort on behalf of unfortunate comrades is to criticise on the street the actions of the men in the movement who do things, and in doing them sometimes make mistakes, are advised to endeavour to emulate the actions of the men of the Charlie Walker type.

Presidents of sub-branches and others who are anxious to know how a meeting should be conducted, are advised to look through the window when Mrs. Arthur Stewar and President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the League at Boulder, is conducting one of her meetings.

Boulder Sub-branch are fortunate in having a strong and reliable Women's Auxiliary to assist them in their efforts. Not the least enthusiastic worker is the popular Mrs. Mcgilvray.

Our sympathy is with Mr. Geo. B. Barham in the great loss that he sustained recently when his wife suddenly passed away. George had both his legs amputated as the result of his war service. Some good men seem to have more than their share of sorrow in this world.

When the late Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, Colonel Tilney, left for New South Wales, the State Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' League wrote to the New South Wales Branch expressing the League's appreciation of Colonel Tilney's services while acting as Deputy Commissioner in this State. The President of the Returned Soldiers' League in New South Wales has written stating that they, in turn, were very sorry to lose Colonel Farr, who succeeded Colonel Tilney in W.A., and as a matter of fact, tried to stop his transfer. It is stated that his relationship with the League was always harmonious, and he was of great assistance in the efforts made for better conditions for soldiers generally. His own staff in N.S.W. joins in the regret at his departure.

Returned men who remember the late genial Harry Surridge, of the 11th Battalion, will be glad to learn that, through representations made by the Collie Sub-branch, the Defence Department has been induced to consent to the erection of a headstone over this old warrior's grave at Collie.

Fred White, the well-known caretaker of the Perth Technical School, is best known to Australians as being one of the first men who criss-crossed our continent per medium of a push bike. Fred had many exciting experiences with hostile natives in Central Australia when on his perilous journey with the 2nd Brigade Field Artillery, and, owing to injuries received at the War, Fred would now find great difficulty in pedalling a bike the length of the Terrace.

We have it on good authority that Major Christie, Vice-President of the Kalgoolie Branch, is practising in his spare time at euchre and eating pasties having accepted a challenge from Roy Millen, Boulder's President, for a substantial side wager. We have no sporting editor, but our office boy is going to put a week's wages on the burly Major in the pasty competition. He has a mistaken idea that capacity counts for everything, and that Roy is giving away too big a handicap.

After a protracted illness, Sister Jessie Gibson, ex-A.N.F., died at the Perth Public Hospital. She was received with regret by all diggers with whom she had associated in over five years of War service.

THE RYAN CASE

Interview with Mr. C. J. Cooke.

At the recent Conference in Melbourne the Federal Executive of the League and the British Empire Commission, Mr. C. J. Cooke, represented this State's Branch of the League. In the course of an interview a representative of the Daily News, Mr. Cooke stated that when the representatives of the returned soldiers met the Commission, the latter opened up "absolutely new ground," in stating that "the recognition of the sentiment of comradeship not only amongst returned soldiers, but amongst all men who have borne their part in the many strenuous battles to preserve the rights of humanity against tyrannous aggression," was the real foundation of the British Empire. It was stated that the representation of returned soldiers would now be a further step in the improvement of the British Empire. The R.S.L. executive replied that if this were the case, why had not the applicants for the position been notified that it was not to be filled, and that the Commission admitted that the appointment had not been advertised that no such appointment was to be made, and regretted that such a course had not been adopted.

The records and minutes of the Commission had shown clearly that a full-time executive officer was at that juncture urgently required, and the Commission contended that a returned soldier was not immediately available at the time. The matter was questioned by the League representatives, who were informed that the employees of the Commission one returned soldier had actually refused the position in question. The Commissioner should have been on account of the nature of the work, and the re

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There is no organ, however, deeply placed, which the surgeon's knife in skillful hands will not explore. The lungs, liver, abdomen, intestines, kidneys, and even the heart, the brain, and the delicate eye a surgeon will manipulate and put in order. What was accounted a surprisingly successful operation a generation or two ago is now so frequently performed as to excite little or no comment, whilst more daring feats of surgery are continually being successfully undertaken. A telegraph messenger in Hobart was operated on recently by Dr. Ratten. He was born without a bridge to his nose, and after the operation, not only was he rendered normal in appearance, but he was able to speak quite intelligibly. The doctor explained that he drilled a hole at the bottom end of the frontal bone (forehead) and took a piece of bone and flesh from one of the boy's legs, and, shaping it to form a bridge for the nose, fixed and engrailed it in position, and now the boy had quite an ordinary-looking nose, through which he can breathe freely.

The custom of a thousand years ago is prevalent to-day, and will ever be, for that matter. If any individual or party is rightly accused of some breach of justice, it is invariable for excuses or misrepresentations to be made. So in the case of the S.P.C.A. trouble, the League was on solid ground with the sympathy of the public to back it, whereas the Association was placed in a false position by its misdirected administration; then, following precedent from time immemorial, the opponents of the men who fought for civilisation cast insinuations of a damaging nature at the League. In all the correspondence which graced (and otherwise) the columns of the daily papers, scarcely one of the anti-League champions had the courage to expose his identity; whilst, on the other hand, every word in the balance on the side of the R.S.L. was acknowledged by the writer's signature.

The people who resorted to the mean and damaging tactics of spreading abroad the erroneous reports that the League had lost sight of the purpose of the Association's existence, and that there was to be an 'organised boycott of the animal ball', could, if they chose, reverse the line of fire. It was the wrongful action on the part of the S.P.C.A. Committee which jeopardised the interests of the dumb animals. The fact of the disinclination to appoint a man to a position essentially a man's, is in itself a forfeit to the best interests of the organisation's purpose; while the alienation of the public sympathy could only be calculated to prove harmful to the degree of support rendered. It is gratifying to note that a review of the position is imminent, even though it be tardy.

It is gratifying to note that there are still members of Parliament representing the States in the Federal House who at least say the digger should receive the full measure of the benefits covered by war-time promises. It would be more pleasing to enjoy something more tangible than these party tactical utterances.

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Money is positively necessary to enable the Government to meet its obligations to the returned man, as well as for many other purposes, as the payment of war pensions, the cost of soldier settlement, and of the maintenance of disabled men in hospitals and hostels.

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If subscription is paid in full at time of application, interest amounting to £2 17s. 6d. on each £100 will be paid on 15th March, 1924. If paid by instalments, interest payable on 15th March, 1924, will be at the rate of £2 12s. 6d. for each £100. Thereafter interest will be paid on 15th March and 15th September in each year at the rate of 5 per cent.

CONVERSION PRIVILEGES.

5 PER CENT. LOAN, 1923.

Holders of 5 per cent. Bonds or Stock maturing on the 15th September, 1923, may convert, and will receive on 15th September, 1923, a cash bonus of £2 for each £100 converted.

5 PER CENT. LOAN, 1948.

Owners of Stock or Bonds who have already applied for Conversion of their holdings of 5 per cent, 1923 Stock or Bonds into the Commonwealth 5 per cent. Conversion Loan, 1948, may now re-convert such holdings into Stock or Bonds of the 5 per cent. Loan, 1928, at par.

Persons who so re-convert will receive on 15th September, 1923, a cash bonus of £1 for each £100 of Stock or Bonds re-converted. This cash bonus will be in addition to the cash bonus of equal amount which has already been paid by the Commonwealth in accordance with the Prospectus of 11th April, 1923.

4% PER CENT. LOAN, 1925.

Every person who makes a cash subscription for Stock or Bonds of the Commonwealth 5 per cent. Loan, 1929, has the right, up to the amount of such subscriptions, to convert Stock or Bonds of the 4% per cent. Loan, maturing on 15th December, 1925, into Stock or Bonds of the 5 per cent. Loan, 1928, at par.

Persons who so convert their 4% per cent. Stock or Bonds maturing on 15th December, 1925, will receive from the Commonwealth on 15th September, 1923, three months' interest at the rate of 4% per cent. per annum on the old Stock or Bonds. Thereafter, interest on all Stock or Bonds converted into Stock or Bonds of the 5 per cent. Loan, 1928, will be paid half-yearly on the 15th March and 15th September at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

CONVERSION APPLICATIONS.

Owners of Stock or Bonds desiring to convert their holdings must make application for conversion on the prescribed form not later than the date notified by the Treasurer as the last date for the receipt of applications. Conversion will be effected as on 15th September, 1923, at face value without charge.

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Commonwealth Treasury, Melbourne. EARLE PAGE, Treasurer.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sidney Johnson: Thanks for copy. The nursery firm informed us that a huge bundle of packets printed in Germany had been in their possession for 14 years. An employee, without orders, recently made use of a few packets. The managers, acting on our advice, burnt the remainder. The firm itself is O.K.

P. R. Gilham: Forwarding list as desired in a few days.

W. S. Rutherford: Writing you.

R. E.: Thanks for copy. Probably be included in next issue.

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THE LISTENING POST.

An application has been made to the Premier's Department for the use of Government Gardens, Perth, alternately with Perth City and McMahon's Concert Bands, and should this application be successful, certain performances throughout the season will be given in aid of the Soldiers' Cot Fund.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Perth Public Hospital on Sunday, July 1st, when the band rendered lively selections to the inmates in the Soldiers' Wards. A series of these performances are being arranged for various institutions.

It has been decided to purchase a new uniform for the band as soon as funds permit, at an approximate cost of £250.

A series of dances are being held at the Soldiers' Institute every alternate Wednesday evening, which are becoming most popular. The annual ball, which Mr. E. Banks has kindly offered to organise, will be held at the Literary Institute, Perth, on Wednesday evening, August 8th. An enjoyable evening is assured.

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The ex-Kaiser was most appropriately named; his average cost to humanity during the 30 years preceding the signing of the Armistice was 5,000,000,- 000 dollars a year—no wonder he was called Bill.

With the fantastic fluctuations of the German mark one is reminded of the days when the German cry was all “Der Tag,” for now, with certain dates in Germany recorded to the nearest minute, the matter of war-rope, it becomes “der tag-rag.”

Recently London the East End sailors were having their case heard in court, and they requested a minimum wage of £4 10s. a week, with a sliding scale up to a maximum of £9 a week. It seems incredible that any set of employees should ask for a maximum to their screws in these days.

No other living insect has such a literature as a bee, yet the bee-keeping authorities recently appointed a committee to take up the study afresh. Bee lore was ancient when Aristotle dealt with the subject; the song of the hive is the theme of Homer, of Odyssey; and, long occupied Pliny. In later days Reaumur, of the thermometer, gave us a classic on the subject: Huber, the blind Swiss, led the way for Darwin, and Avery, as well as for Masterlock. Over 20,000 years of investigations in apiculture, an attempt is being made to reach finality in research and to do for the well-being of the queen bee that which Pasteur did for the silkworm.

Recently we saw in the railway carriages on the metropolitan runs, leaflets on cleanliness in compartments. The publicis exhorted to refrain from leaving peels and papers, etc., on the coach floors. In our timetables we see also brief requests for the travelling public to behave decently in regard to occupying waiting-rooms: to be patient and courteous to the railway officials. In short, one is led to believe that the Government railways and tramways are maintained for the benefit and convenience of the staff employed in the various departments.

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Speaking at the West Perth Sub-branch smoke social, Mr. E. S. Watt stated that when returning from Melbourne recently he travelled on the train with Sir James Mitchell, and discussed soldier matters with him. The Premier, referring to the situation, said that if the R.S.I. could establish a scheme, he would be prepared to take all the “wings” and “stumpies” into Government employ on a cadet system, so that they might be taught something. The balance sheet would be, say, £2 per week, and would not in any way interfere with the pensions. Mr. Watt said that he thought the Government should clempt wages, and an allowance from the Federal Government to augment the payments—by the State would be acceptable. (Applause.)

A MOVING CONCERT.

The concert was over, and the performers were assembled in the little-dressing-room behind the scenes. After a while the conversation turned to past deeds of greatness done by the company.

Once,” remarked the baritone, looking out to see if everyone was listening—“once I was singing a song called ‘Row, Brothers, Row,’ and all the audience began to back and forwards as if they were rowing.

That’s me on the bass. ‘Why, only a week ago, I sang the ‘Last Post,’ and the entire audience began to stick imaginary postage stamps on letters, and then they all ran round to the pillar-box to catch the final collection of the day!’

CAPITALISATION OF INTEREST

Carnarvon Digger writes: I was interested in reading Mr. Humphrey’s comments (May “L.P.”) to learn that the Government approached with the object of obtaining a reduction of interest charges to soldier settlers.

It would also be a wonderful help to diggers on the land if the Government would capitalise the interest charges. One used to read so much in your journal about this vital matter, and then the State Government did the Executive got moving, but lately the matter has evidently been allowed to drop. I consider that it is in the interests of the State to capitalise the interest.

Thousands of returned men are to-day converting the wilderness into smiling fields. If a settler has drawn his full £2,000 the interest charges amount to about £110 per annum, which amount, if spent yearly for five years on improvements, would greatly enhance the value of the Government land.

At present settlers starting on virgin country or on only slightly improved farms find the interest charges act as a milestone round their neck. Many diggers considered What, then, is the result? The Agricultural Bank is very good in assisting all they can, but they have no power to capitalise the interest as desired.

As I allow this matter to drop, Mr. Listening Post. It is the vital matter pertaining to soldier settler problems. (This very necessary reform is still being sought for. Our correspondent will remember that we made the capitalisation of interest blank a feature in our columns. He may not know that we also tackled a number of members of Parliament, and that when good friend of the digger said: “What, then, is the result? The Agricultural Bank is very good in assisting all they can, but they have no power to capitalise the interest as desired."

A LITTLE PERSONAL MATTER.

A well-known elocutionist was heard to say as “The Village Blacksmith” came to an end. The village audience was thrilled, and wanted more. Having bowed his acknowledgments, the entertainer prepared to favour them with another item from his repertoire.

At this moment a large figure rose at the side of the hall. The man bawled as he entered: “The Village Blacksmith fellow. Afore you go, you might just open your mouth and say ‘I’m thinking of opening up a little garriage as well.’

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Nor loath the piper is to find,
Here exiled from his land of birth
The welcoming hand of his own kind;
A heart that's still by Dornoch Firth.

The host with joyous haste sets out
To take the stranger's baggage up,
And while his guest sits down to sup
The host with trembling joy draws near.

Across the steep, with martial singing,
Rocks hide his flag.
While in his heart old passions spring,
His oxer grips the charmed bag.

With opening drone the wild pipes sigh,
His fingers find the well-loved stops,
With flaming cheek, and flashing eye
He sends strathpeays o'er kloofs and kops.

His soul is wafted leagues away,
Across six thousand miles of foam,
The koppie where he struts, at play
Are banks and braes he used to roam.

The sturdy veldt beneath his tread
Is heather in a Rossie glen;
The leafy firs are birch above-both and on.

The Inhluzan looms close through haze,
To him Ben Wevis towers at hand,
The Drakensberg to his spell'd gaze
Seems but the Grampians of his land.

He stops, at length, for breath at loss,
And leads them up the skrie;
All night beneath the Southern Cross
Alternately the Vlt and dire.

Laments, schottisches, rants and reels,
All night the wind strong echo fans,
And far across 't Unigeni peals
The sologn of Scottish clans.

Around the Inhluzan to-day,
Far o'er the donga and the vleis,
When witches in the white mist woke
And groaned and shrieked upon their way.

And long the kraals will hand the tale
From ringed Kehla to Umnfani,
How Swelaboyna rode the gale—
A Piper passed on Inhluzan.

MISS ETHEL CAMPBELL.
(By E. St. Ives Bilston.)

She is welcome! She is welcome! Let each digger boy rejoice,
Through near and far let welcome soon
For a medley of philanthropies, described
Has she performed; her praise let all be singing!
May eternal rays of sunshine light her pathway on this earth!
May the great unknown hereafter bring her joy
Is the praiseworthy of every lucky one to meet
Of the pride of every grateful digger boy.

FEDERAL TAXATION DEPARTMENT.
Reduction of State Likely.
Mr. H. S. Humphrey's Comments.

At the West Perth Sub-branch smoke social on 19th June, the President of the State Committee (Mr. H. S. Humphrey) revealed the anxiety of members employed in the Taxation Department regarding the result of the Federal Government's proposal to retire from the field of taxation of incomes up to £2,000 in favour of the States. Mr. Humphrey said that when employees in the Taxation Department enlisted, their positions were reserved. Should the State Government relieve the Federal Government of the collection of such a big portion of income tax work, there would be serious possibility of 1,000 returned soldiers throughout Australia being thrown out of employment. Those men, however, should not be sacrificed, and not until places had been found for them should work be given to civilians who had filled the jobs vacated during the war. The civilians would have to go. The League had already taken up the cudgels on behalf of the returned men in the Taxation Department in this State. The Commissioner of Taxation had been interviewed, and told what the League expected to be done, and Federal and State members of Parliament had been asked to draw the Prime Minister's attention to the position. Prime Ministers and Premiers had stated that they believed in the policy of preference to returned soldiers, and they had got into power because they had professed that belief.

"And we are going to test them," said Mr. Humphrey.

NON-COMMITTAL.

Maud: "They say that there is a fool in every family. Do you believe it, Mr. Brown?"
Young Brown: "Well—or I scarcely know. You see, I am the only member of our family!"

HOW LIKE A MAN.

Mabel: "You don't see why you should hesitate to marry on £350 a year. Dad says my gown won't cost me more than that."
Gerald: "But we must have something to eat!"
Mabel: "Isn't that just like a man. Always thinking of his stomach!"
"Camelot" : How some of our gutter press, particularly the "Shirker," loves the soldier! The loathsome rags lose no opportunity to belittle the digger and his organisation in the eyes of the community. Fair criticism being foreign to them, they stoop to lying misrepresentation and dirty abuse. The "Shirker" recently referred to the leaders of the R.S.L. in this State as "flag-flapping yahoos." In the same rag appeared the following wonderful words of wisdom in a paragraph slating the digger: "Character has been at a discount since 1914, but the day will come when it will be appreciated."

It was for such as the writers in question that we risked our lives and sacrificed our health and prosperity.

"Canza" : These few points may be of interest to your readers. Eight points on "getting on together" were given by Mr. W. L. George, the English novelist, in an address in London on "Love and Marriage."

Don't open each other's letters—you might not like the contents.

Don't bore each other—change your hair.

If you absolutely must be frank, do it in private.

Once a day say to a woman, "How beautiful you are!"

Once a day say to a man, "How strong you are!" or, if you can't say that, say "How clever you are!" because everyone believes that.

If it seems hard to be married to "him," remember that he is married to you.

Find out on your honeymoon whether screaming or crying is the more effective.

Forgive your partner 70 times seven. After that, burn the account book.

"R.S.L." : A digger pal mine received a gas account from the City Council the other day, and, owing to its magnitude, he instituted enquiries regarding meters. An ex-P.W.D. servant told him that it was easy to juggle the ordinary meter, and that he should have a "shilling in the slot" meter. An enquiry at the head office of the procedure necessary to acquire one of these "safe" meters, he was informed that the gas-he bought at 7/6 would be 10/6 with the new meter. Now, it seems that if the council want more for gas when they can't fake the meter reading, they should revise the price and at least let the consumers have an honest deal.

"X." : It does not seem to be generally known that in England the War was the means of a certain company receiving £14 for every £1, put into its capital. The report of a sub-committee of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on National Expenditure, made a complicated report which revealed the fact that certain shady businesses had been conducted by Ministers. A company known as the Prudential Trust, with an authorised capital of £200,000, was issued and subscribed, received from the Minister of Munitions a valuable contract, conferring a monopoly; it then borrowed money to erect plant, and when it found itself unable to deliver the goods it went to the Government and said "Buy me up." Thus the Government paid over £3,000,000 for a business worth perhaps one fifth and sixtieth part of that amount.

Reggd: I agree with "Spot!" (June "L.P.") that the State War Memorial should be erected in the Capital, but the "something colossal" in King's Park does not appeal to me as does a beautifully-designed structure on the river front on the east of the Repat, buildings. It could be surrounded by beautiful gardens, including numbers of parks, all converging into the central monument.

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They were discussing the order restricting hoseforth the number of K.B.E.'s.

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"Windsor, where I live, is pretty bad," said the stockbroker. "Every Mayor is knighted on retirement."

"Ah! The City of Dreadful Knight-Mayors!"

A MISNOMER.
Tom: "There goes Miss Daintree in her car. What a lily-like creature she is!"
Tim: "Not exactly. It is true that she toils not, but I often see her spinning."

NOT A PERSONAL MATTER.
Politician: "Yes, I am retiring from public life on account of sickness."
Friend: "Well, I must say you look pretty healthy to me."

"Oh, I am well enough, but both my party and the public are sick of me."
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