

Parliamentary.

(Per Press Association.)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House met at 2.30. The report of the Coal Committee was presented, recommending that the haulage rates be revised on the principle of giving relief to the properties most remote from the ports of shipment; that the system of loading coal by stails at Westport should be superseded by the hydraulic crane system; that the Government obtain expert information as to the price at which coal can be conveyed by sea, and failing the adoption of such style by the companies interested the Government to take into consideration the advisability of procuring steamers for the purpose of conveying coal purchased by the Government at the ports for shipment to the various ports now being supplied from the West Coast and opening retail agencies under State control, but that legislation be passed providing for weighing the coal retailed to the consumer and affording buyers the fullest facility for satisfying themselves as to the weight of their purchases.

It was moved that the report lie on the table and be printed and referred to the Government for consideration. Mr. Duthie opposed the adoption of the report until members had time to debate it, and moved that consideration be deferred till Thursday next. The Premier said that while the hard working miner got only 2s per ton for his coal, the consumer paid £2 for it, the middleman amassing large fortunes. It was said that the Government were powerless to effect a reduction in the price of coal. That might be true of past Governments, but it could not be said of the present administration, who had power and intended to exercise it if necessary. An important factor in the high price of coal was that the monopoly practically existed, and it was the duty of the Government, in the interests of the people, to step in and endeavour to reduce the cost. If the State could buy coal at 17s 6d per ton why should the poor cottagers have to pay £2.

Captain Russell contended that State interference in such affairs was prejudicial in the highest degree. It was admitted that the cost of heating was not excessive, and he was certain capital had not been remunerated, while there was no evidence that the shipping companies were charging too high freight. How were they then going to reduce the price? The debate was interrupted by the 5.30 adjournment.

Evening Sitting. The House met at 7.30. The Pacific Cable Authorisation Bill was read a second time. The amendments made in the Local Government Voting Reform Bill were agreed to. The Factories Act Amendment, Assignment of Small Debts, Native Land Laws Amendment, Trustee Act Amendment, Pharmacy Act Amendment, and the Government Life Insurance Act Amendment Bills were read a second time, it being agreed to commit them at a later stage.

October 14. After the Telegraph Office closed the Pacific Cable Authorisation Bill was passed through committee after a brief debate without amendment. The Factories Act Amendment Bill was committed. Jam factories were exempted from the operation of the Bill, which, together with the Pacific Cable Authorisation Bill, passed its final stages. The House rose at 3.30 a.m.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. FOR SALE about the end of next week, the WHOLE of the GASCOYNE WILLIAMS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Exact date of sale and catalogue in future issue.

Also, for private treaty—AN ENGLISH SINGER PIANO, nearly new—a Handmade and Superior Instrument—On view at the premises, Augustus street, Parawai. J. B. WEST and CO. Auctioneers.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, POLLEN STREET. DIVINE SERVICES will be held TOMORROW (Sunday) as follows:—Morning at 11: Rev. D. J. Murray. Subject, "The Church of the Future." Evening at 6: Rev. D. J. Murray. Subject, "Hope for the Fallen."

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, MACKAY STREET. DIVINE SERVICES will be held TOMORROW (Sunday) as follows:—Morning at 11: Rev. E. Drake, Subject, "The Blessedness of Forgiveness." Afternoon at 2.30: Service of Song "The Roll Call."

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WILL be repeated TOMORROW AFTERNOON at 2.30. Collection.

ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. DIVINE SERVICES will be held TOMORROW (Sunday) as follows:—Morning at 11: Special Service for the Young. Rev. J. Mackenzie, M.A. Evening at 6.30: Rev. J. Mackenzie, M.A. Subject, "In the hour of danger."

BAPTIST and CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, MARY STREET. DIVINE SERVICES will be held TOMORROW (Sunday) as follows:—Morning at 11: Rev. Arthur Dewdney Subject, "Can these bones live?" Evening at 6.30: Rev. Arthur Dewdney Subject, "His Father was Right."

POLLEN STREET LECTURE HALL, CHURCH OF CHRIST. DIVINE SERVICES will be held TOMORROW (Sunday) as follows:—Morning at 11: Fellowship and Breaking of Bread. Subject, "The Death of the Heathen." "The Christian's millstone lost?"

SUNDAY MEETINGS conducted by S. Adjutant and Mrs. Rundle. Straight and talk lively, Singing, Homely Feelings. You are welcome.

ADVT. RUNDLE.

Social Gatherings.

St. George's vicarage was on Wednesday evening the scene of a very pleasant gathering, when the Sunday-School teachers, to the number of 25, on the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan assembled there. A very agreeable surprise was in store for one of the number, as her fellow teachers awaited themselves of the occasion to present Mrs. O'Callaghan with a very handsome pair of gold-mounted spectacles as a slight token of their esteem and regard for her personally, and in recognition of her labor of love in the school for over twenty-two years. The presentation was made by the vicar on behalf of the teachers. After several hours spent in social intercourse and the many ways young people have of enjoying themselves the whole party adjourned to the dining room, where ample justice was done to the abundance of good things adorning Mrs. O'Callaghan's table. At midnight, exactly the party took their leave with many expressions of regret for the happiest evening they had had for years past.

At the invitation of Bandmaster E. Williams the members of the Hauraki Brass Band assembled at his residence in Rolleston street last evening for the purpose of wishing Bandman C. Richards (who is leaving for Australia) bon voyage. About 10 o'clock all sat down to an excellent supper, kindly provided by Mrs. Williams. Before leaving the supper room Bandmaster Williams, in a neat speech, on behalf of the band presented Mr. Richards with a handsome silver-mounted pipe, suitably engraved, as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by his comrades. Bandman Richards, in thanking the members for their handsome gift, expressed great regret at having to leave the Thames, but said that he would always look back with pleasure to the happy days he had spent here. The company then sang "For Ho's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne," which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and, having read their advertisements in our own and other papers, we purchased a bottle to see if it would affect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by J. E. Hansen, Grocer.

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ST. ALBANS CRICKET CLUB. A GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Central Hall, Pollen Street, THIS EVENING, at 7.30 p.m.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW in connection with the Hauraki Ladies Benevolent Society will be held at ST. GEORGE'S HALL on or about THURSDAY, November 23rd, 1899.

PROHIBITION! PROHIBITION! TO-NIGHT, AT THE CORNER OF MARY STREET. ADDRESSES BY MR. RICHARDSON, MR. PALE, AND OTHERS. Eight o'clock To-Night.

NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS against the ESTATE of the late FRANK GEORGE STRAUS of Kaurongra Creek, Hotelkeeper, must be rendered to me before 23rd October, 1899.

THAMES GAS COMPANY (LIMITED). TENDERS FOR COAL SUPPLY. TENDERS will be received at the Company's Office, Government Insurance Buildings, Queen street, Auckland, up to 12 o'clock noon of the 18th inst. for TWELVE MONTHS SUPPLY OF COAL as may be required, delivered in the bins at the Grabs-town wharf. Specifications to be seen at the Company's Office, Auckland and Thames.

THAMES COUNTY COUNCIL. TARARU CREEK ROAD. TENDERS will be received at County Office till 7 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 18th inst. for WIDENING, CURBING, ROYING, and OTHER WORK on the above road.

Auckland Cycling Club's GRAND SPRING CARNIVAL. FRIDAY TILL SUNDAY. CHEAP EXCURSION. P. S. WAKARERE leaves Thames on returning leaves Auckland on SUNDAY, October 29th, at 11.30 a.m.

RETURN FARE—FIVE SHILLINGS. Tickets at H. Kennerly's, Pollen Street. E. NORBON, Secretary.

Agent for J. Pain, London.

SPORTING

A.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

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AUCKLAND, October 13.

The following weights were declared to-day by Mr. J. O. Eviitt in connection with the first day's racing of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting:—Handicap Hurdles, 1 1/2 miles.—Nor'west 11st 6lb, Drum Major 10st 9lb, Shylcock, Splinter, and Troubadour 10st 8lb, Kanaka 10st 7lb, Tim 10st 5lb, Cannongate 9st 11lb, Straybird and Dentist 9st 10lb, Tanager 9st 8lb, Poppin 9st 7lb, Verdi, Crusado, and Favanna 9st 3lb, Forty-seven, Hylas, Korowai, Free Shot, and Tip 9st. City Handicap, 1 1/4 miles.—Record Reign 9st 2lb, Waorongono 8st 10lb, Swordfish II. 8st 7lb, Coronet 8st 6lb, Crusoe 8st 5lb, Cavalier and Blue Jacket 8st 3lb, Firchy and St. Ursula 7st 12lb, St. Crispin and Red Lancer 7st 11lb, Auld Reekie 7st 5lb, Admiral Hawke 7st 2lb, Picklock and Lillie 7st, Bellbird, The Afghan, and Doctor 6st 12lb, Knight of Athol 6st 11lb, Jonsper 6st 10lb, Co. v. v. 6st 8lb, St. Louis, Mamoa, and Regalia II. 6st 7lb.

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To the Ladies! SPECIAL SHOW OF New Millinery. S. HETHERINGTON. Has now on view an interesting display of the newest styles and most fashionable materials in Spring and Summer Millinery. These include a very choice selection of newly imported English and Continental Models, with copies of the same made on the premises. A few samples to be seen in the Windows and a large variety to select from in our Spacious Show Room. Having secured the service of Miss Calder, of Dunedin, S. HETHERINGTON has every confidence in so'iciting orders for High Class Stylish Millinery. S. HETHERINGTON, Direct Importer and Family Draper, Pollen Street.

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