

The Thames Drainage Board.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, June 1.

In connection with the dispute between the Thames Hauraki Company and Drainage Board re the drainage of the Thames deep levels, it is understood that the contributing companies who own the Big Pump are agreeable to the adoption of the Hon. Mr. Seddon's suggestion to refer the matter to arbitration as to what amount is to be paid to the Thames Hauraki Company, providing that the companies are not called upon to pay increased rates. It is hardly likely, however, that the Minister will depart from the attitude taken up by him at yesterday's interview, when he declined to go into details as to who was to pay or where the money was to come from. It is held by the Drainage Board, or at least some of the members of the deputation, that the mines specially deriving the benefit should pay the increase of rates equivalent to the amount to be paid to the Thames Hauraki Company. It is thought, however, that an amicable settlement is probable as the result of the stand taken by the Minister and his suggestion to allow the Mining Inspector to assess the amount which the Thames Hauraki is entitled to.

Auckland News.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, June 1.

William Denton, of Waihi, carter, has filed a petition of insolvency. His assets are set down at £10, and his liabilities £42 18s 6d. In reply to a deputation from the Friendly Societies, who asked that the medical officer at the Rotorua sanatorium should be allowed to attend Friendly Society members, as there was no other medical gentleman residing there, the Premier said he would not agree to a Government medical officer being allowed to engage in a private practice, as it would lead to abuse. A deputation from the Sawmillers' Association waited on the Premier with reference to the decision of the Supreme Court that standing timber was chargeable with land tax, but Mr. Seddon expressed the opinion that these owners should not be relieved from the land tax on their timber.

Southern News.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, June 1.

The Agent-General has received a communication from Mr. August Reichwald of 9, New Bond street, London, the representative in Great Britain of Krupp's steel works, intimating that he is in a position to dispose of large quantities of chrome ore and schellite, provided the price and quality are suitable. In order to save time Mr. Reichwald suggests that owners of these ores should quote to him direct their prices, payment net cash on receipt and determination of analysis in London; also it would be advisable to send him a few samples, say a small bag of each ore, or a complete analysis of each, and he would like to be informed as to what quantity of each kind of ore could be delivered this year. A public meeting of the supporters and admirers of Mr. Jellicoe was held in the Opera House last night, and was largely attended—in fact, crowds were unable to gain admission. The chief question really discussed was the Supreme Court's and Appeal Court's action with reference to Mr. Jellicoe's recent charges against Justice Edwards. At times the meeting was rather lively, but generally the speakers had a good hearing. Resolutions were carried in favor of the Government taking steps to remove Justice Edwards, and also in favor of legislating in the direction that provision should be made to protect those who reasonably thought a Judge was biased and who moved accordingly.

MINING NEWS.

WOODSTOCK.

The Woodstock Company treated 1426 tons for a return of bullion valued at £1760.

PURIRI MINING.

The Ashville syndicate (Puriri) has crushed 55 tons for a yield valued at £77.

TARARU CREEK.

The Tararu Creek treated 1400 tons for bullion valued at £1427.

AUCKLAND SHAREMARKET.

AUCKLAND, June 1.

The following quotations were issued by the Auckland Stock Exchange at 4 p.m.:

Table of stock market quotations including items like Mosman, Crown, Waihi, and various shares.

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Thames Borough Council

The ordinary meeting of the Council was held last evening. Present: His Worship the Mayor (Mr H. J. Green), Councillors Poulgrain, Burch, Foy, Trembath, Radford, Davey, Wood, and Menzies.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Balance sheet.—The balance sheet for the year ended March 31st, 1899, was received from the Auditor-General, certified as correct.—Received. Estimates.—The estimates for the year ending March 31st, 1900, were read and adopted. Rating.—Notice of motion was given that the rates to be struck for the ensuing year be the same as last year, with the exception that the charge for water to householders outside the Borough boundary be on houses of 5 rooms, 10s; 6 rooms, 15s; 7 rooms, 20s; and more than 7 rooms, 30s.—A special meeting of the Council will be held on the 16th instant to pass the above resolution. Burgess Roll.—Mr J. Foster wrote that he was not the owner of the Pollen Street Lecture Hall in the sense of the Rating Act, but Mr E. H. Taylor was.—On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Mr Wood, it was decided to place the name of Mr Taylor on the roll. Endowment.—Mr N. Kenny, Clerk to the Ohinemuri County Council, telegraphed: "William Carpenter on electoral roll for Thames Borough endowment. If name to be altered see Counties' Act 1885, section 68."—It was decided to have "the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough" on the roll in lieu of Mr Carpenter's. Waihou Endowment.—Mr W. C. Kennington, of the Lands and Survey Department, Auckland, wrote that the warrant for the issue of a certificate of title to the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Thames, for endowment in the Waitoa survey district and Ruahine No. 2 Block, was forwarded to the District Land Registrar on 30th March.—Received. Goldfields Revenue.—Mr E. W. Cave wrote intimating that he had paid £42 5s 9d to the credit of the Council, being revenue for period ended April 22.—Received. Karaka.—Mr John Redwood drew attention to the bad state of the footpath in the Karaka Road, near the Protestant Alliance Hall.—The Mayor moved, and it was seconded by Cr Radford, and carried, that the work should be done at once. Crown Grant.—The District Land Registrar, Auckland, notified that the Crown grant for the Waitoa endowment would be issued on the payment of the fees, £2 16s.—Received. Rates.—Mrs F. Connolly wrote that she was unable to pay the rates due on her property, and requested the Council to remit them.—Granted. Moanataiari Aqueduct.—The Under-Secretary for Mines wrote stating that a voucher for £45 had been passed for payment, on account of repairs to the above aqueduct.—A telegram from the Cashier to the Treasury announced that the sum mentioned had been placed to the Council's credit at the Bank of New Zealand.—Received. Fines.—The Paymaster-General notified that £6 6s had been placed to the credit of the Council on account of fines collected during the quarter ended 31st March in the Magistrate's Court. He also notified that £64 9s 8d had been paid in on account of gold duty for the same quarter.—Received. Charitable Aid.—Mr T. Cantley, Secretary to the Charitable Aid Board, forwarded a list of persons receiving charitable aid in the borough, for the private information of the Council.—Received. Drains.—Mr M. Paul, Chairman of the Kaueranga District School Committee, requested the Council to have the drain fronting the Baillie street face of the school cleaned out, as it was completely choked.—Agreed to.—A letter from Mr W. Burton was referred to the General Purposes Committee. Work.—Mr Jas. McDonald, blacksmith, requested a share of the blacksmith work required by the Council.—Received. Kaueranga Boys' School.—On Cr Radford's motion it was decided to call the attention of the Kaueranga School Committee to the necessity for properly filling in underneath the floor of the school, where a large quantity of water now lodged after every heavy rain. Reports.—The reports of the Foreman of Works and Tarmac were received.—On the motion of the Mayor it was decided that the breastwork of the Karaka Creek should be repaired where required, and also that the General Purposes Committee should visit the creek.—The reports were then adopted.—The reports of the General Purposes and Finance Committees were received and adopted, and the accounts were passed for payment. Pollen Street.—Cr Trembath drew attention to the necessity of placing a grating in the waterables at the junction of Pollen and Cochrane streets. Several children had fallen into the culvert, and if they were swept into the culvert they would with difficulty be extricated.—It was agreed that the grating should be placed as indicated. Meat and Milk Inspection Committee.—Mr E. W. Hollis, hon. secretary to the Committee, forwarded a copy of Mr Dunlop's letter to the Committee, in which he expressed the opinion that it was injudicious on the part of the Council to appoint Cr Trembath as one of the Borough representatives on the Committee.—Received.—Cr Radford and Trembath spoke at length on the matter, but we are compelled to hold over their remarks until to-morrow. The Council then rose.

Recreation Ground for the Borough.

DISCUSSION AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

At the meeting of the Borough Council last evening two letters were read from Messrs R. Wilson and L. Melhose offering land for sale suitable for a public park.

Mr Robert Wilson, manager of the Thames Gas Works, wrote in answer to a communication from the Council, offering to sell the allotments at the corner of Mary and Queen streets, on the foreshore opposite the works, for £250, subject to a clause being inserted in the deed of conveyance, giving the company permission to open at any time when required the main drain which runs through the allotment and railway embankment on to the beach. It will be recalled that at the previous meeting Mrs Herbert, of Auckland, offered to sell her land for £100, and Mr Lamb for £70. Mr L. Melhose offered eleven allotments bounded by Queen, Cochrane, and Davy streets (as per plan) for £1100. The Mayor said he had been in hopes that they would have been able to secure a piece of ground suitable for a public park between Queen street and the railway line, which if filled in, would have accomplished two desirable ends—that of providing a promenade ground and also doing away with a most unsightly spot. As, however, the owners asked £450 for the land, and the cost of filling in would be about £400, he was most reluctantly obliged to abandon the project. The area would have been about two acres. He did not intend, however, to allow the matter of securing a promenade to drop, and he would now suggest that it would be a good plan to endeavor to purchase the land near the Thames railway station at Grahamestown from the Harbor Board, which was at present covered with metal, timber, etc., and was an unsightly spot. He had consulted some of the Councillors, and they were in favor of the proposal. He did not think they could, under the Recreation Reserve Act, spend any money in improving land held under lease, as it was essential that they should first of all acquire the freehold, and then they could expend the balance of the money in improvements. The piece of land in question was V shaped, and was the property of the Harbor Board, but was leased from that body by Mr Rickett, whose lease had 2 1/2 years to run. It was bounded on each side by two streets, which, however, could be closed without causing any inconvenience to the public, and included in the promenade. He proposed: "That three members be appointed a special Committee to confer with a Committee of the Harbor Board on the matter."

Cr Wood seconded, saying that the present unsightly condition of the place mentioned required altering and improving as speedily as possible. The Mayor: At present it is a disgrace to the Borough. Cr Davey: On the Harbor Board sell the land? The Town Clerk replied that the Board would have to obtain power to do so. Upon being put to the meeting the resolution was carried unanimously, the Mayor and Crs Radford and Poulgrain being appointed a committee to interview the Board. Mr Wilson's letter was received, and that of Mr Melhose referred to the Finance Committee. Cr Radford thought the Council should take over the metal, as it would all be needed on the roads, and that it should be removed as soon as possible. The Council was actually responsible for lumbering up the place more than the present lessee, and should take the first step in the direction of improvement by clearing away the present unsightly mess. The Council could not expect the Railway Department to erect a decent fence unless the Council did its part. Cr Burch: I will second that if Cr Radford adds to his motion that the approaches to the station be gravelled. Cr Radford: That has been decided on. The Town Clerk then read the following letter from the Stationmaster:—"I beg to bring under your notice the unsightly and obstructed state of the street alongside the Thames railway station. There is a quantity of timber and a large heap of stones near the station entrance that are a source of danger to passengers leaving the station after nightfall. A crossing is much needed from the railway station to the footpath; and a street lamp, say at Muir's corner. The location of Albert street, from Rickett's wood yard to the railway line, badly requires metalling. Nearly all the carting to and from the goods shed is done on this road. I would also draw attention to the objectionable maorau heap near the Stationmaster's house, which is dangerous to health. Will you kindly bring these matters before the Council and oblige."

Cr Foy pointed out that not only the Shortland required attending to, as the latter was in a disgraceful condition. The Mayor said that the reason the Council had not erected a lamp was because it was thought the Railway Department would do so. Cr Foy said that if the members of the Council had heard some of the complimentary remarks passed by people coming from the Shortland station, they would realize the necessity for placing a lamp there. Something ought to be done. Cr Poulgrain said three months ago the Council decided to have lamps erected at Shortland and Grahamestown stations, and the work was authorized.

As the winter had fairly commenced, it was quite time the matter was attended to. He, however, favored placing the lamp at the Williamson street corner, on the opposite side to Mr Muir's house. Cr Davey said the Council ought not to be blamed for not having the lamps erected. The officers were responsible. Cr Radford thought the officers had plenty of work to attend to already. Cr Davey: I say the work should be done well, and not be half done. The Mayor moved that the crossings be attended to and the lamps be erected at once. This was carried. Cr Wood moved that the Foreman be instructed not to place the spawls near the station in future. Cr Menzies seconded.—Carried. Cr Radford moved that the Stationmaster be informed that the matters referred to in his letter would be attended to.—Carried.

What Russia is Doing. Mr. John W. Bookwalter of Ohio, who has just returned to London from a two months' journey through Russia, informed a press correspondent in an interview that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He travelled 17,000 miles to the terminus of the Trans-Siberian railway, to the end of the line reaching the frontier of Afghanistan, and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. Mr. Bookwalter says: "Russia in three years has done more to open the doors of China than Great Britain and all the rest of the world has done in fifty years. No one who has not seen it with his own eyes can have the faintest idea of what Russia has done and is still doing in Central Asia. I have travelled over 1200 miles of railway which she has built from the Caspian Sea to Tashkent in Turkestan; over a branch of this line which runs to the northern frontier of India, and over another branch which goes from Merv to the border of Afghanistan. This last branch was not completed when I was there, but it will be open to traffic shortly. There are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier and penetrating into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All the work on these lines has been done by soldiers, who in this way are not in Russia, as elsewhere, non-producers. "All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the Government. All the lines are admirably built and splendidly equipped. Why, I saw a bridge across the Amu Daria, in Central Asia, at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles, and is the greatest piece of engineering work accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world; the celebrated Forth bridge, near Edinburgh, Scotland, not excepted. "Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up—such as Askabad, in Turkestan, for example, which already has 25,000 inhabitants. Near Merv the Czar is building a magnificent palace. New Bokhara, twelve miles from Old Bokhara, has 12,000 inhabitants. The Russian policy in Central Asia is not to bring the new and old into too close a contrast, and so she builds her railway station a few miles away from the old centres of population, thus forming new and modern centres. Where do the people come from to inhabit these towns? Why, from European Russia. The Government is turning her surplus European population of her Atlantic States into her great western territories. What I have just seen in Central Asia is almost an exact reproduction of what I witnessed years ago in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, when the emigrants from the East were pouring into the West. No human power can stay the onward march of the Slav through Russia, which will be the feature of the twentieth century, just as the march of the Anglo-Saxon through America has been the feature of the nineteenth."

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APPLICATION FOR A MINING PRIVILEGE IN RESPECT OF LAND.

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Any person desirous of objecting must, at least two days before the day so appointed for hearing, enter his objection, and give notice thereof in the prescribed manner. Dated at Thames this 22nd day of May, 1899. JAMES JORDAN, Mining Registrar.

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