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WARRANDYTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The newly formed Lawn Tennis Club held their first concert and ball on the 24th ult., and it was a great success considering the wet weather. Mr. Wyatt occupied the chair and opened the concert with a few well-chosen words. The following is the programme rendered:—Duet, Mr Mills; song, "Belle of New York," Miss O. Moore; song, "Killarney," Miss Carreean; song, "Keep a corner in your heart for me," Mr L. Wilson; recitation, "Different ways I have heard the 'Charge of the Light Brigade,'" Mr Massey; song, "Killiecrankie," Mr M'Donald; song, "Parody on Little Brown Jug," Mr Sargent; song, "On the benches in the park," Mr Massey; interval; overture, Mr Mills; physical drill by Prof. Hanna and pupils, Misses Till, Bennie, Wyatt, Austoo, Sloan, and Squires; duet, "Life's dream is o'er," Messrs Wilson and Sargent; song, "Song that reached my heart," Miss Carreean; song, "I'm going to be a millionaire," Mr Massey; song, "Good old Jeff," Mr Sargent (female chorus); song, "Waiting at the Church," Miss O. Moore; "Some of R. G. Knowles' stories," Mr Massey; song, "Teasing," Mr L. Wilson.

At the conclusion of the concert the Chairman moved a vote of thanks to all those who had assisted, especially mentioning Professor Hanna as worthy of great praise for the manner in which the ladies had attained perfection in so short a time under his teaching. The vote was carried by acclamation.

The ball was a great success, over fifty couples being present, and dancing was kept up till the early hours.

Great praise is due to Mr Sargent for the artistic manner in which he carried out the decoration of the hall.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

EVELYN RIFLE CLUB ASSOCIATION.

The competition for premiership by the four clubs forming this Association was begun on Saturday, 4th inst., under favorable conditions. Kinglake visited the Diamond Creek range and Caledonia visited the Arthur's Creek range. The conditions of each match are 8 men aside, and 7 shots at each of the three ranges—200, 500, and 600 yards. Kinglake headed their opponents by 59 points, and Arthur's Creek beat Caledonia. In the former contest the following scores were made:—

KINGLAKE.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	Total.
Owen ...	31	30	31	92
Traill ...	30	30	27	87
Pearson	28	29	29	86
Mason	29	30	26	85
Beale ...	31	26	23	80
Joner ...	26	30	24	80
Perkins	27	30	22	79
Jameson	28	27	20	75
				664

DIAMOND CREEK.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	Total.
Sebire..	30	32	26	88
E. A. Peers	27	29	26	82
Sinclair	28	31	22	81
Godfrey	27	27	25	79
E. T. Peers	27	26	24	77
Sheahan	26	28	18	72
Cox ...	24	22	20	67
Moss ...	27	26	6	59
				605

On Saturday last a match was shot off on the Arthur's Creek range between the Caledonia and Arthur's Creek Rifle Clubs in connection with the Evelyn Rifle Club Association matches, and resulted in a win for Arthur's Creek by 45 points. The following are the scores:—

ARTHUR'S CREEK

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	Total.
J. Laidlay ...	29	32	34	95
A. Rempel ...	33	29	30	92
W. Laidlay ...	31	31	27	89
W. Limmer ...	29	33	25	87
E. Phillips ...	27	30	29	86
A. Brock ...	26	31	26	83
G. Apted ...	27	29	26	82
E. Bennett ...	26	26	27	79
				694

CALEDONIA.

	200 yds	500 yds	600 yds	Total.
W. Flavin ...	31	35	26	92
C. Young ...	27	31	29	87
J. Goodson ...	27	32	27	86
J. Kelleher ...	27	28	29	84
C. N. Peake ...	30	27	26	83
A. Reredon ...	31	28	20	79
H. Vogt ...	33	28	24	75
L. Taylor ...	22	25	19	66
				649

CALEDONIA RIFLE CLUB.

The fifth shoot for the Bracelet Trophy took place on Saturday, the 27th ult., and resulted in Mr C. Young coming out on top with a score of 36 points. The conditions were 10 shots at 500 yards. Following are the scores:—

	points
C. Young ...	36
W. Flavin ...	35
J. Goodson ...	34
H. Vogt ...	31
J. Kelleher ...	30
A. Love ...	29
A. Reredon ...	29
L. Taylor ...	28
W. Duell ...	28
A. J. Wells ...	26
R. C. Harris...	19

TEMPLESTOWE SHIRE COUNCIL.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Templestowe Shire Council was held on Tuesday afternoon, 30th ult., when there were present:—Cr Andrew (President), Spears, Smith, Hunter and Jones.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The outward correspondence having been read and approved of, the principal inward was dealt with as follows:—

From J. Blair, Warrandyte, re pipe crossings at his property on new road, stating he had no objection to same being put in where shown.—Received.

From C. Reenick, Government auditor, acknowledging receipt of cheque for £25 in part payment of his account of £74 3s for special audit fees. With regard to Council's request for a reduction in the account, it was most unusual that a professional man should be asked to reduce an account strictly limited to time consumed in his work charged for at the minimum rate for ordinary audits. The Collingwood special audit, which had, he believed, occupied less time, cost over £100. Although he did not admit the claim to be well founded, he would take a further sum of £35 in settlement, which, under the circumstances, he thought, should be paid at once.—Cr Hunter moved that the sum asked for be paid. The Council had saved £4 odd by writing.—Cr Spears seconded the motion, which was carried.

From Public Works Department, stating there was no objection to the acceptance of the lowest tenders (E. Johnston, £42 10s; W. Tortice, £62 17s) for Government grant works. The balance of the money should be expended as the Council suggested.—Received.

From Public Health Department, stating that if the Council removed their sanivet, the Board would approve of the removal when informed of it.—Received. Secretary authorised to forward notice of dismissal to Mr Dunn.

From E. Kruse, rate collector, withdrawing his resignation, and asking for leave of absence till about the end of October, as he intended taking a trip to Europe.—Six months' leave of absence granted, on the motion of Crs Hunter and Spears.

From Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission of Victoria, asking for donation towards a proposed farm for aged, infirm and feeble-minded deaf mutes.—£1 1s donated, on the motion of Crs Hunter and Spears.

From H. J. Price, Heidelberg, acknowledging with thanks the honorarium presented to him in consideration of his services to the Council as Secretary during the very unpleasant and trying period through which the Shire had passed.—Received.

From E. Bieghoff, East Melbourne, drawing attention to the disgraceful state of drainage outside dairy on Templestowe-road, over the Yarra bridge.—Cr Hunter said the nuisance was caused by the drainage from the dairy being allowed to lie in the table drain. He moved that Mr Kyle's attention be drawn to the fact that the Council had received a complaint, and he be asked to have the nuisance rectified.—Seconded by Cr Smith, and carried.

From Constable Wyatt, Inspector of Nuisances, Warrandyte, reporting that since being appointed he had inspected the two slaughter yards in the Shire. They were in a fairly satisfactory condition. With regard to the drainage from the Warrandyte hotels, he had caused them to keep a receptacle for offensive matter, so as to prevent it flowing into the street. The waste water that flowed from the hotels was still a source of danger to the health of the community. He would advise that, if possible, something be done to carry the waste water away into the creeks, as under the present conditions there was likely to be an epidemic of disease break out at any time. He was handicapped a good deal in the performance of his duties through not having any by laws to guide him.—Received.

From Wm. Hussey, Templestowe, making application for repairs to bridge across Anderson's Creek on road from Ringwood-road to his property. The bridge had been erected by him 10 years ago, and kept in repair by him ever since. It was now in a delapidated state, and unsafe for heavy traffic to cross. He considered the bridge could be put in repair for £5, with his assistance in carting material, etc.—The President said that Mr Hussey had seen him, and told him he would do the work for £4.—Cr Jones mentioned that the Engineer had informed him that he thought the work could be done with Government grant money. He (Cr Jones) strongly urged that the bridge should be attended to, seeing that the road had cost the Council so little. Mr Hussey had done a lot of work on it for nothing.—Cr Hunter pointed out that there was no proof the road was gazetted as a public highway, and if not, it was illegal to spend any Shire funds on it. He was also opposed to the Council doing work in this way. The Engineer should report on the bridge, and the work be done under his supervision.—Cr Jones said that it was a Government road, and the Council had some time ago spent £5 on it. The Engineer had already seen the work and reported on it.—Cr Spears said that the road was a continuation of Beauty Gully-road; and suggested a public highway.—It was decided, on the motion of Crs Spears and Jones, to postpone the matter till next meeting.

From G. F. Wyatt, Warrandyte, re the culvert over Whipstick Creek. He had got Mr H. Belzer to clean the pipe out and put a good, solid covering over it, so as to prevent any person throwing things down it. The cost of same was 7s 6d. If it had not been done, and a heavy rain come down, the whole of the embankment would have been washed away. The grating was broken off the pipe. From enquiries made he ascertained that it was done by a child aged 3 years, son of Mr Brown, a minor, who resided close by.—Cr Spears moved that the amount be paid to Mr Belzer.—Seconded by Cr Jones, and carried.

From E. B. Roth, G. Gosting, H. A. and Robert Mundy, and A. Adolph, E. and Chas Aumann, asking Council to form a portion of the road from Mr Henry Petty's garden, Templestowe.—Cr Hunter moved that the members of the Riding inspect the road and report. It was not a good time to form a road now, though something might be done.—Cr Spears said that he had been informed that the ratepayers interested offered to give the stone free for this work.—Cr Hunter: It would not pay us to accept it; it would cost too much to cart it.—The resolution was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer (Mr R. B. B. Franklin) reported that since last meeting £153 10s 3d had been paid into the bank. Cheques were drawn last meeting to the amount of £235 1s 4d, the overdraft now standing at £167 11s 11d.—Received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer (Mr M. L. Tisdall) reported as follows—

The contractor for metal is delivering the spalls, and I have instructed her that the work must proceed more quickly.

Mr Johnson has about 20 chains of the new road formed, and the stone carted out, and of this about six chains is broken. I have instructed him to carry on the work to the old road. The total length will be about 29 chains.

Mr Tortice has almost completed the formation on his contract, and has the posts, etc., on the ground for the fencing, and I have set out the fence lines. It will be necessary to have a survey made before the new road can be transferred to the end.

The total length of forming required to complete the road on Tortice's Hill from the present contract to the formation near Anderson's Creek, is 11½ chains, and I estimate the cost at 20s per chain. As the time is so short I would advise that this work be carried out by day labor.—Received.

PAYMENTS.

Accounts to the amount of £122 17s were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs Hunter and Smith.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The Secretary suggested that a committee should be formed to go into the matter of making by laws.—Cr Hunter said the cost would be in the framing of the by-laws by a solicitor. The question would have to be dealt with sooner or later. It was a matter principally for the Warrandyte Riding, and he would like to see the Councillors for that Riding initiate the proposal.—Cr Spears then moved, and the President seconded, that a committee of the whole Council be formed to go into the question of framing by-laws for the Shire, to meet next Monday night, at the Shire Hall, at 8 o'clock.—Carried.

Cr Hunter mentioned the road leading to Mr Gilbert Smith's property, which was in a very bad state. There had been a pipe drain under the formation, and right in the centre of the road there was now a hole about 4ft deep. If it was not repaired without delay, there would assuredly be an accident. He moved that the members of the Riding inspect it, and that it be left in their hands to have the place put in repair without delay.—Cr Smith seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Cr Hunter mentioned that Mr Reed, in Church-street, wished a drain constructed to take the water off his property. He moved that the members for the Riding inspect, with a view to having the matter attended to.—Seconded by Cr Smith, and carried.

Cr Smith said that some months ago the Doncaster Council wrote to them, and asked them to contribute towards works on Manningham-road, but the proposal was not entertained, on account of the Council having no funds available. If the Doncaster Council were of the same mind now, he thought something should be done, as the road was in a bad state. He moved that the Secretary write to the Doncaster Council, and ask for particulars of the places which required attention, and an estimate of the cost.—Cr Hunter seconded the motion, which was carried.

Cr Smith referred to the junction of Manningham-road, and Thompson's road. A drain there had silted up, and the water had made a bad rut. It required immediate attention. Another place on Manningham-road, which was also in a dangerous state, was behind the late Mr O'Brien's property, where the water ran down the middle of the road, and had formed a deep rut. He moved that the dayman be instructed to attend to these places at once.—Seconded by Cr Hunter, and carried.

Cr Smith moved that Rate-collector Hunter's salary be increased from £10 to £13 per annum. Councillors would, he though, see the justice of the proposal, for the rate collectors were not paid in proportion to the work done, or the responsibility of the office.—Cr Spears seconded the motion, as he had always considered those officers underpaid.—The President also supported the proposition, which was agreed to.

The Council went into committee to consider the adjusting of the Riding accounts, and, on resuming general business, the President heartily thanked members of the Templestowe Riding for the very generous manner in which they had treated the Warrandyte Riding, and trusted the present happy and amicable relations amongst Councillors would long continue. In view of the way in which the Templestowe members had met them he appealed to Cr Jones not to persist in motions for works. If he did, he (the speaker) would be reluctantly obliged to vote against it, for they had not the money.

Cr Jones consented to withdraw one, but the other was in connection with Government grant works on Tortice's Hill, which must be spent before June 30th, or it would lapse. There was still £38 unexpended, and this work was estimated by the Engineer to cost £20. He recommended that the work be done by day labor, but he (the speaker) favored tenders, as he thought the work could be done for less, and moved that tenders be called, returnable at next meeting, for forming between creek and present formation.—Seconded by Crs Spears, and carried.

Cr Spears deferred his motion to increase Rate collector Kruse's salary, as that officer had been granted six months' leave of absence.

Cr Spears moved that tenders be called for the supply of rubble from Anderson's Creek (six to 12 chains) on the new road, through Messrs Blair's and Stiggant's. The road would be useless if this was not done, and there was still some money available from the Government grant.—Seconded by the President, and carried.

The President drew attention to the damage the water was doing on the new road at Smith and Blair's properties. The Engineer recommended a pipe being put in to carry the water down the old road, and the best thing was to do that as soon as possible.—Cr Spears could see the new road was going to be costly, as it would catch all surface and other water. The pipes were a necessity. It was a hard matter to get daymen at Warrandyte, and he supposed the work would have to be done by tender.—Cr Hunter thought it was unsatisfactory to let pipe work by tender, for unless the Engineer was there before the pipes were covered there was no telling how the job might be done.—It was resolved on Crs Spears' and Jones' resolution, to leave the matter in the hands of the Warrandyte members to try and get it done by day labor. The President said that a new pipe was needed near Kruse's, and this was included in the motion.

Cr Jones referred to the work at Evans' bridge, which had not yet been done, and it was decided to again write to the Doncaster Council on the matter.

Cr Hunter moved the Secretary write to the Minister of Public Works bringing under his notice the state of the main road through the Shire, caused by the heavy traffic of carting mining machinery to the Warrandyte mines, and ask him for special assistance in the circumstances.—Seconded by Cr Spears, and carried.

On the resolution of Cr Spears, Mr Gillespie was appointed Rate Collector for the Warrandyte Riding during Mr Kruse's absence.

The Council then adjourned.—*Heidelberg News.*

For Chronic Chest Complaints,

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s. 6d.

The number of hospitals, benevolent asylums, and other institutions for the relief of the sick and suffering in Victoria increased from 30 in 1856 to 208 in 1905.

A MUNICIPAL SQUABBLE.

The dispute among the Councillors of the Lilydale Shire regarding the basis upon which the Government municipal subsidy should be divided between the three Ridings was reopened at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 23rd ult., when all Councillors were present. Until recently the subsidy had been distributed among the Ridings according to the amount of rates collected in each, the principle upon which the money is granted by the Government. Three months ago Cr Taylor carried a motion to the effect that the money should be disposed of according to necessity, and the question arose as to which portions of the Shire required the greatest expenditure. This alteration adversely affects the North-western Riding in that, although it contributes the larger amount of rates, it may possibly receive none of the endowment, and that the other Ridings who benefit by it can combine and out vote the North-western members as to where the money shall be spent.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Council Cr Taylor brought the matter on for discussion, and said that the Council, as business men, should have the business properly adopted, and with a view of bringing it to a head he would move that the opinion of the Mayor of Melbourne be sought.

Cr Janson: Oh, settle it ourselves. What do we want outsiders for!

Cr Taylor considered the proportion of one-seventh to the North-western Riding and three-sevenths to each of the other two would be a fair thing.

Cr Hughes: I don't see why we should delegate our duties to anyone. What's the use of asking him what we know ourselves!

Cr Taylor: You represent a certain Riding and will vote a certain way. If we liked to make a certain application we can cause the minority a great hardship.

Cr Janson suggested that Mr Cameron should be asked to arbitrate in the dispute, but Cr Taylor objected on the ground that he was a politician; he would not like to put the onus of deciding the matter upon him.

Cr Hughes: Your motion is that it be apportioned to the most necessitous Ridings. Who are the best judges?

Cr Taylor: We want to find out.

Cr Hughes: I want to find out, too. Your motion puts it so that the East and South-west Ridings can absolutely rate the money away as you choose.

Cr Taylor: But you don't suppose—

Cr Hughes: I don't suppose anything. I don't trust anybody.

Cr Kinsella: What evidence could you produce to an outside person to show which is the most necessitous Riding!

Cr Wilson: The money is given according to the amount of rates collected, and that's the basis we should go on. It's not given to be scrambled after like cats and dogs after bones.

The President pointed out that were it not for the outside Ridings the Shire would be in a higher class, which would mean that it would receive a much smaller amount of subsidy.

Cr Wilson: What has that to do with it; first class or any other class. It doesn't matter what class; the money is given on a certain basis.

Cr Burgi: If the Eastern Riding were not "hooked" on to this comparatively wealthy part of the Shire it would be in a class getting a higher rate of subsidy, and if the North-Western Riding wasn't joined with the other poorer parts they would be getting a lower subsidy than they do now.

Cr Hughes: That's no argument. We contribute the greater part of the rates, and the money's granted to us on the money we pay. (Cr. Janson: That's right.) If I hold land here I pay higher for it than you do for it outside, don't I? The subsidy is given to us on the amount we pay, and why not distribute it that way?

Cr Wallace said he had thought of distributing the money according to the square mileage. However, the fairest way would be to distribute it equally for this year and allow councillors 12 months to think over it.

Cr Taylor said that that would dispose of all arguments in favor of altering it at all.

Cr Wallace: Honestly, wouldn't it be best, because any two ridings could outvote the other one.

Cr Hughes: That's the very motion.

Cr Taylor: The mere fact that we haven't done so sought to convince you. We have had three meetings and at any one of these we could have apportioned the subsidy in a way which you would have regarded as a hardship.

The President: The argument about the riding paying a high rate proves that you don't require the Government subsidy.

Cr Janson: Look at the roads in our Riding; and the township footpaths are a disgrace; they need asphalting.

Cr Taylor: Ha, ha. We can't indulge in asphalt. It's not a question of getting more money; it's a matter of principle. Will you agree to the three-seventh and one-seventh?

Cr Janson: No.

Cr Hughes: It's given pro rata and should be distributed pro rata.

Cr Taylor: You get an outsider to say that and I'll cave in.

Cr Wallace: That's as if we're not able to mind our own business.

After further discussion, Cr Wallace moved that the subsidy be equally divided between the three Riding for this year.—Cr Janson seconded, though he still considered the pro rata basis the only fair one, but Cr Hughes said he would sooner be beaten right out than give away a point.

Cr Taylor moved an amendment, that the matter be deferred, and that the opinion of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and the chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works be sought; the Council need not necessarily be bound by what they say. The amendment was seconded by Cr Kinsella and lost by five votes to four.

Cr Hughes moved a further amendment that the subsidy be divided as heretofore, according to the amount of rate collected in each Riding, and pointed out that the North-Western was a poor riding; that several bridges would be needed shortly, and that they would probably have to raise another loan in the next 12 months with which to do something to the township.—Seconded by Cr Wilson.

This amendment was also lost, and Cr Wallace's motion was carried by five votes to four.—*Lilydale Express.*

FIGHT AT A COUNCIL MEETING.

A COUNCILLOR "NAMED."

The disorderly scenes which have rendered the Healesville Council so notorious recently culminated in an exchange of blows at a meeting of that body on the 29th ult.

Mr H. S. Kay, who was at the previous meeting appointed to the position of secretary, presented a voluminous report, describing the condition in which he found the affairs of the Shire. This report was considered when the Council resumed its deliberations after the tea adjournment.

Cr Crowley made a lengthy speech, and freely criticised the report. He asked if the Secretary had compiled it himself, but the President refused to put the question, adding that, as on other occasions, it was not backed up by fact.

Cr Crowley repeated the question in various forms, but the President as often refused to put it. He then said he would put the matter more plainly, and asked the Secretary to deny that Mr Alexander was in the office at half-past eleven on Sunday night looking over the books.

The President remained obdurate, and Cr Crowley drifted into a wild and abusive speech, in the course of which he referred to Cr Sheehan as a "miserable little rat" and "this miserable undersized rat."

Cr Sheehan rose to a point of order several times, and then Cr Crowley threatened to "knock his head off," and to transform the appearance of his countenance to such an extent that his most intimate friends would fail to recognise him.

Cr Sheehan dared Cr Crowley to carry out his threat, and the latter moved towards him repeating his threat and the "miserable little rat" expressions. Cr Sheehan pushed him back, but Cr Crowley returned to the attack, and apparently jostled Cr Sheehan, and the latter then "hauled off" and hit his tormentor full in the mouth.

A scuffle ensued, and several of the spectators in the body of the hall ran up to take a hand, but one of the councillors, who was apparently desirous of seeing fair play, warned them to "get," and they "got." The combatants struggled into a corner, and after a minute or two's tussling they were separated by their colleagues, and the extent of the damage sustained by each was assessed. Cr Crowley's mouth was bleeding, and there were several other marks on his face and head. Cr Sheehan also got a "few," and the side of his face was badly scratched.

The Councillors reassembled at the table, and Cr Tevlin suggested that as they were excited and not in a fit state to go on with the business, they should adjourn, but the President decided to go on.

Cr Crowley resumed his speech, and accused the President of having taken sides in the dispute, but Cr Keppel ignored the insinuations. He (Cr Crowley) then resumed his criticism of the report, and repeated his opprobrium regarding Cr Sheehan.

The President called on Cr Crowley three times to withdraw the offensive remarks. Cr Crowley refused to do so, and the President then instructed the Secretary to take a note of the fact in the minutes that he had "named" Cr Crowley for his disorderliness, and to direct the Council's solicitor to take action against him.

Later on some general business was transacted, and the question of the payment of £3 2s 6d for a special audit was discussed. It was decided to refer the account to Mr Tyers for explanation, as the Council had given no authority for the employment of any but a Government auditor. Touching on Cr Crowley's remarks regarding Sunday work, Cr Kruse said he had been informed that the auditor had come up by the Sunday train, audited, the books in about three hours, returned in the evening, and charged at the rate of a guinea an hour.

Some unimportant water trust business was transacted, and the Councillors dispersed at about 1 p.m.—*Healesville Guardian.*

A TRIBUTE from NORTH MELBOURNE

The Case of Mr. T. BRENNAN.

(*By a Special Reporter.*)

During an interview, almost the first words of Mr. Thomas Brennan, bootmaker, of No. 1 Arden-street, North Melbourne, to a reporter, were to put aside all delay and place the following important facts before the public as soon as possible:—

"Because," continued Mr. Brennan, "such information must be of great value to anybody in similar circumstances to those experienced by myself some time back."

"Yes," assented the reporter, "and I would like you to tell me everything."

"I have no desire to withhold any information that will do good to others, so you can take down every word I utter. It was with my nerves and my liver that I had been ailing for a long time, and although I had been treated with all kinds of tonics and all kinds of medicines, I can truthfully say I got no benefit from them. As you might well expect I got exceedingly low-spirited at this, and eventually my spirits were so limp and droopy that I could not arouse a bit of interest in any mortal thing that was going on. Had the elections been on, as they are now, I would have taken no heed of them, as if the welfare of the country was no concern of mine, and it was the same in regard to business—it did not matter to me what happened."

"That is a very undesirable frame of mind to be in."

"There is no doubt of that," replied Mr. Brennan, "but what is a man to do when he has not got the inclination for work, nor the strength to do it even if he had the desire? I think it's the most deplorable state a man can be in, and I thank the Lord those miseries for me are over, because I know of a remedy to cure them."

"How did you find it out?"

"By reading some testimonials in the daily press—testimonials about Clements Tonic, and I was so impressed by what I read that I got some the same day, and from then till the termination of my distress I experienced nothing but a series of successes. Ah! my word, it was a grand relief, too, for instead of being restless all night, as I had been for months and months, I could always sleep quite peacefully, and another thing I was glad of was to be free from that heavy feeling in the chest, which always came when I had eaten a little food. Indeed, I have a great deal to thank Clements Tonic for, as it entirely cured my headaches—from which I was scarcely ever free for a moment—while the pains across the small of my back, which were almost a curse to me at one time, were also removed by the same grand medicine. To tell you the truth, I seemed like a different man altogether after I had been on Clements Tonic a couple of weeks, as I rose in the mornings without any fur on the tongue or any bitter taste in the mouth, and feeling as lithe and active as any man could be."

"The rest you were getting would help you in that direction."

"Naturally, for now I never dream horrible dreams like I formerly did if I lazed for a while, and that would account for being so thoroughly rested when I awoke. And you know I had been very weak, and so nervous that I could not bear the least noise, which always gave me a start, and made me quite irritable; but soon, thank God, nothing could disturb me, and for the great release that had come to my sufferings, Clements Tonic was the one medicine to thank. I came from Ireland a good while back, and have carried on business in this shop for the past seven years, and a good few of my customers know what a wonderful difference Clements Tonic made in me, and also to a relative of mine who was very ill indeed; but for all that I think the whole world should hear what a remarkable remedy it is for giving an appetite and curing all liver and nervous disorders, and I would like you to publish this account of my complete cure in any way that will give the matter the most publicity."

"I will circulate your story through the press."

"That will be the best course, and I trust many people will profit by my experience."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I Thomas Brennan, of No. 1 Arden-street North Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of four folios, and contents thereof, and in true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish it in any manner my testimonials, which I give voluntarily, and without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria, rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Thomas Brennan

Declared at North Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, this 14th day of June, 1904, before me, EDWARD FITZ-GERALD, J.P., a Justice of the Peace in and for the State of Victoria.

Correspondents would greatly assist us by sending in their contributions as early in the week as possible.

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