

CRICKET

REPORTER DISTRICT CRICKET COMPETITION.

FINAL MATCHES.

A. GRADE.

BOX HILL v. DONCASTER.
Weather conditions were again altogether unfavorable for cricket on Saturday last, and the importance of the season under such adverse circumstances. It was a dull threatening afternoon, and unfortunately for the game the rain did not hold off long, and the players had to retire from the field at one stage. At five o'clock a heavy downpour set in, and as it gave indications of continuing play had to be abandoned for the day, with less than two hours' cricket, as a late start was made. Judging by the progress made, the match will further overlap on the football season, especially if any more bad weather is experienced, seeing the contest is to be played out. There was a large assemblage of enthusiasts at Surrey Park, among those present being Mr. H. Kent, president of the Association, who is shortly leaving on a trip to England. Doncaster had a particularly large following, and there were also numerous supporters of Box Hill in the gathering. Both teams were photographed before they started. Box Hill have only suffered defeat once during the season, but Doncaster had several reverses. Of late, however, the players have struck their best form, and in beating the redoubtable Templestowe eleven in the semi-final they greatly enhanced their prospects. The contest, therefore, should be keenly fought out.

The Box Hill skipper (R. Cox) was once more successful in winning the toss, and he decided to bat, opening with S. B. Gravenall and F. Williams. The light, however, proved very dull for the batsmen, who had great difficulty in following Gravenall was smartly caught by H. Clay behind the wickets off Britt, 1-11-13. A. E. Jones and F. Williams then made a good stand, and carried the total to 77, when through an error in judging a short run, Williams was run out by a well-made 27. He had given a difficult chance when 13. A partial collapse then occurred among the batsmen. F. Tucker, R. Cox and G. Williams going cheaply. A. E. Jones received a nasty hit on the head from a fast ball from B. Bullen, and a few balls later had his stumps shattered by the same bowler. He had made 34 in quite his best style. A. Green, who has been giving glimpses of his true form with the bat in the last few matches, followed, and quickly got busy with the bowling in making six boundary strokes. In partnership with C. Hunt, 32 runs were added, when the latter was bowled by Crouch, 7-9-126. The former completed 35, including a fine hit for six off Crouch's bowling. The innings closed for 157, which was a moderate total for a strong batting side like Box Hill, but in view of the dull light it is regarded as a satisfactory one. B. Bullen was the most successful bowler, with the good average of 3 wickets for 36 runs, his fast balls beating several of the batsmen. The match will be continued next Saturday on the same ground.

BOX HILL.—1st Innings.
S. B. Gravenall, c. Clay, b. Britt 11
F. Williams, run out 27
A. E. Jones, b. Bullen 34
F. Tucker, c. b. Adams 0
R. Cox, c. Plumb, b. Adams 8
G. Williams, b. Bullen 8
A. Green, c. Bullen, b. B. Bullen 35
C. Hunt, b. Bullen 9
V. Collier, b. Bullen 5
F. Weisse, c. Britt, b. Bullen 9
C. Daniel, not out 4
C. Sundries 15
Total 157
Bowling.—C. Crouch, 36 balls, 32 runs, 1 wicket; B. Bullen, 60 balls, 20 runs, 5 wickets; W. Adams, 24 balls, 27 runs, 2 wickets.

B. GRADE.

BLACKBURN B. v. WARRANDYTE.

Played at Metcham.

WARRANDYTE.—1st Innings.
L. T. Hill, b. Grant 17
J. Coleman, c. Hayes, b. Grant 21
E. Sloan, c. Hayes, b. Grant 10
R. McCulloch, c. Grant, b. Allen 14
W. Moore, c. Grant, b. Watts 30
L. McCulloch, not out 18
J. Schubert, b. Watts 2
W. Coleman, b. Grant 10
White, b. Watts 4
Aumann, b. Grant 0
W. McCulloch, b. Watts 23
Sundries 23
Total 150
Bowling.—G. Allen, 96 balls, 38 runs, 2 wickets; Anderson, 24 balls, 14 runs; R. Grant, 112 balls, 58 runs, 4 wickets; H. Watts, 40 balls, 17 runs, 4 wickets.

BLACKBURN B.—1st Innings.

J. Hayes, c. b. W. Coleman 0
T. Gale, not out 2
J. Hayes, b. L. T. Hill 2
Sundries 2
Total 2 wickets for 6
Bowling.—W. Coleman, 8 balls, 3 runs, 1 wicket; L. T. Hill, 8 balls, 1 run, 1 wicket.

HAWTHORN CITY COURT.

Tuesday, April 19.

Before Messrs. Philpott (chairman), Dawbarn, McLaren, Roche, Henningsson, and Chenoweth, J's.P.

Debt.

Orders were given in the following debt claims:—E. McQuade v. Leonard White, £4 18s, for use and occupation of a house, and costs 15s 6d; Roy P. Watson v. John W. Forbes, £5 6s, with 15s 6d costs; David R. Swan v. Charles A. O'Halloran, £10, with 15s 6d costs.

Milk Prosecutions.

Frederick William Rhoden was proceeded against for supplying milk below standard. There was no appearance of defendant, and a fine of £4 was imposed, with 23s 5d costs.

In a case against Harry Haggart, William O. Heron (inspector for the City of Hawthorn) gave evidence that on March 15 he purchased some milk which was served to him from a hand delivery can.

Frederick Dunn, analyst, testified to having analysed the sample sent to him by the inspector, and found it deficient in fatty solids, the extent of 8 per cent. There was no evidence of water having been added.

Defendant stated the only way he could account for the deficiency was that the milk was not properly mixed. The contents of the hand can were drawn through a tap from the large can in the delivery cart, and the fatty solids had risen to the surface of the can on the cart.

A fine of £5 was imposed, with 23s 5d costs.

William Charles Simpson was similarly proceeded against.

HAWTHORN BRANCH A.N.A.

A large attendance of members was present at the meeting held in the town hall on Monday evening, April 11, President N. Sibley occupying the chair.

Two members were elected, and £17 voted for sick pay.

Mr. Ramus, who was the first secretary of the branch in 1888-89, was present, and received a hearty welcome. He said that he was pleased to see the splendid progress the branch had made, and presented a large, hand-colored photograph of the branch, the photograph taken at the recent smoke social tendered to Mr. T. Rust. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ramus for his generous gift was proposed by Mr. P. J. Bennett, and seconded by Mr. C. Croll, the latter remarking that he distinctly remembered Mr. Ramus as secretary when he had joined the branch. The motion was carried, and the picture will be hung in the lodge room.

Mr. C. Baker asked leave to bring forward the question of the reported intention of the Government to sell the Caulfield Military Hospital for £200,000, and so the soldier patients to the Alfred Hospital. He strongly protested against the proposed action, and considered that such would be unfair to the disabled soldiers.

Mr. Glaister said that it was almost impossible now to get a civilian patient into the Alfred and other public hospitals, as they were fully occupied, and the admission of 300 soldier patients to the Alfred Hospital would prevent many civilians getting treatment.

On the advice of Mr. T. Rust, the debate was adjourned until the intentions of the Government was ascertained.

The syllabus item, which was responsible for the large attendance, was "Australian Poets," a recital by Mr. J. Howlett Ross, who is a well-known elocutionist and judge at A.N.A. and other competitions. Mr. Ross gave a short account of the beginnings of our literary history, from the opening of the first theatre in Sydney in 1789, the issue of the first paper in 1803, and the arrival of the first poet, Mr. Barton Field, judge of the Supreme Court, in 1817, his book, "The Eucalyptus," being the first book of verse published.

Then came Dr. Lang, the fighting Presbyterian divine, who abused his enemies in vigorous verse and stinging prose. Later still came Brunton Stephens, born in Scotland, a true poet and Henry Kendall, the first Australian-born poet of the first rank. Mr. Ross gave a splendid recital of selections from the writings of Stephens, Kendall, Edmund, Fisher, Adam Lindsay Gordon, Henry Lawson, and C. J. Dennis, interspersed with interesting reminiscences of the poets. He described Kendall's poem "Kerguelen" as one of the finest poems ever written, and moved his audience almost to tears with his recital of "Aratuen," written by Kendall on the death of his daughter.

In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Ross, Mr. P. J. Bennett said that if the grave of Aratuen Kendall still lacked a headstone, and Mr. Ross would recite the poem at the next A.N.A. conference, he was certain the poem would be subscribed on the spot.

Mr. R. H. Croll said Mr. Ross had only touched the fringe of the subjects. He implored Mr. Ross to make certain that his unique collection of original manuscripts of Gordon, Stephens, Kendall and others would eventually go to one of our public libraries or museums. He should also, before it was too late, publish his reminiscences.

Sir Robert Best said it had given him very great pleasure to come and hear his old friend and schoolmate lecture. They had grown up together in Fitzroy, and he well remembered getting a black eye on one occasion from his friend. Most of them had read the authorities discussed, but it needed the splendid elocution of the lecturer to bring out the beauties of the poems.

In replying, Mr. Ross said that as schoolboys Sir Robert Best had always won the prize for elocution, and he had always come second. (Laughter.) He had hundred of volumes to select from, and necessarily only touched the fringe of the subjects. Australian literature was a hundred years old, yet our university had no lectures on the subject. The authorities should be stirred up to remedy the omission, and he would probably put a proposal to the next A.N.A. conference.

Templestowe is losing one of her esteemed residents in the person of Mr. Albert Read, who is taking up his residence in Heidelberg.

On Tuesday last a very successful sale was held on behalf of Mr. Read. His property of fifteen and a half acres was sold for £1600. The loss of Mr. Read will be keenly felt by the people, as he always played a prominent part in the social functions of the district, also being a strong and active supporter of the football and cricket clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Read had the distinction of winning the first prize at the fancy dress ball held in aid of the memorial hall, and subsequently gaining a similar one at Doncaster.

Master Lee, Cashon crowned himself with laurels by achieving the Templestowe running record by the feat of racing the mail coach along the road for a mile and a quarter.

A very closely contested match was played on the Upper Templestowe tennis court, between the Upper and Lower Templestowe teams. The Upper team claiming victory on plea of one game.

The Templestowe Cricket Club was at a disadvantage in the semi-final match with Doncaster club, being deprived of two of the best players, viz. E. Mullins and L. Fitzsimons. The former is lying very ill in St. Vincent's Hospital, but whom we are all pleased to note is on the road to recovery. The latter deserted the field in the first innings, and was subsequently sent through the important cricketing season.

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BOX HILL POLICE COURT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15.

Before Mr. R. Knight, P.M., and Messrs. Jas. Sneddon, J. M. Tweedie, F. C. Drake, J. Tully, E. F. G. Hodges, J. R. Ellingworth, and S. Foy, J's.P.

Stamp Duty Breach.
Mrs. Isabel Jenkin, of Mount Albert, was proceeded against on two charges of having upon the payment of sums totalling £3 1/2 and £3 15s, respectively, for Albert John Farley, care receipts for sums not amounting to £2 with intent to evade payment of duty. For the prosecution, it was stated that the defendant owned a house at Murrumbidgee which she had let to Farley at £1 5s per week. The latter allowed the rent to accumulate, and when he paid her in two bulks she issued separate receipts for each week.

Senior-Constable Gorey, of Russell street, stated as to interviewing Mrs. Jenkin at Mount Albert. She admitted that Farley had paid her the amounts stated, and she had issued eight receipts for same. She said she liked to give a receipt for each week. Counsel for the defence explained that Mrs. Jenkin had given Farley notice to quit, and when he sent a cheque for four weeks she divided the receipts up, as if she had given a receipt for the full amount he would have said was a monthly tenant.

The P.M. said the revenue must lose a considerable amount in duty stamps. In this case the woman was undoubtedly endeavouring to protect herself, and it did not appear that she intended to evade the payment for the stamps, as the number of receipts issued would be practically of the same value. A fine of 5s was imposed in each case.

Licensing Prosecutions.
Four men named Alfred Edwards, Alfred Hill, Arthur Ernest Hunter, and John Pritchard were each charged with being found on the licensed premises of the Tally Ho hotel during prohibited hours. The licensee of the hotel in question, Margaretta Pether Clark, was also charged with allowing certain persons to be found on her licensed premises during prohibited hours.

Senior-Constable Hansen, of Burwood, gave evidence that in company with Sergeant White, of Oakleigh, and two other constables, he visited the Tally Ho hotel on Sunday March 13, at 8.30 p.m. They took up positions at the four doors leading into the hotel. Witnesses went to the back and demanded admission. He was admitted by the licensee's husband. On going inside two of them went to the bar parlor, where there were four defendants and two others, one of whom gave the name of Gunston, of Moreland road, Coburg, in one bedroom there was a brother of the licensee, and in the next room a man in bed with his clothes on, who turned out to be a boarder. Two ladies were in the next room. When asked for an excuse for being there, Hunter said he had come up with Pritchard to have a yarn with the licensee; Adams told them he had had his tea there, and Hill said he had come to get a stamp. Gunston, who had not been traced, stated that he was a bona fide traveller. 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FINAL MATCHES.

A. GRADE.

DONCASTER PREMIERS.

The final match in the A. Grade between Box Hill and Doncaster, was continued at Surrey Park on Saturday last, but owing to the adverse weather only about half an hour's play was possible. Heavy rain then set in, and it was mutually agreed that the game should be resumed on Sunday. Box Hill had lost 2 wickets for 11. R. Cox and S. B. Gravenall both being dismissed by C. Crouch. Delightful weather for cricket was experienced on Monday for the continuation of the match, and there was consequently a large gathering of spectators at Surrey Park. The remounting Box Hill players made a very poor show, and greatly in contrast to their fine efforts during the season. Over-confidence appeared to be the chief militating feature, but the trundling of C. Crouch was first-class. He kept a splendid length, and beat several of the batsmen badly. The whole side was out for the poor score of 50 runs, Crouch finishing up with the excellent average of 8 for 44. Doncaster thus required 114 runs to win. The innings was productive of much excitement, and great interest was manifested to the finish. The first wicket fell for 9 runs, the second for 13, third for 36, and the fourth for 38. Then a good stand was made by J. Atkinson and J. Plumb, 33 runs being added by the partnership. When seven batsmen had been disposed of for 83 runs, and with one of their leading players, L. Bullen, absent, the position looked bad for Doncaster, but J. Atkinson and J. Riddell rose to the occasion grandly, and wiped off the deficit without being separated. It was a sterling finish, and Doncaster was warmly congratulated on their uphill fight. To much praise cannot be bestowed on the splendid innings of young Atkinson, who carried his bat for 48. He should develop into one of the leading district batsmen with more experience. J. Riddell also batted well for 25 not out. C. Hunt was the most successful bowler, sending down 112 balls for 33 runs, and 4 wickets. Owing to the early start made, the lady supporters of the Box Hill club provided afternoon tea for the players of both sides. Scores—

BOX HILL.

First Innings	157
Second Innings	50
R. Cox, b. Crouch	3
S. B. Gravenall, b. Crouch	13
A. E. Jones, c. sub. b. Bullen	13
F. Williams, c. sub. b. Crouch	13
A. Green, c. Britt, b. Bullen	16
C. Daniel, b. Crouch	0
V. Collier, b. Crouch	0
G. Williams, b. Crouch	0
F. Weise, b. Crouch	4
C. Hunt, not out	3
F. Tucker, c. sub. b. Crouch	4
Sundries	6
Total	90
Bowling—B. Bullen, 96 balls, 40 runs, 2 wickets; C. Crouch, 94 balls, 44 runs, 8 wickets.	

DONCASTER.

First Innings	134
Second Innings	118
C. Crouch, b. Hunt	4
C. Johnston, b. Green	12
J. Atkinson, not out	48
H. Clay, c. Green, b. Hunt	12
B. Bullen, b. Green	1
J. Plumb, b. Williams	20
W. Adams, b. Hunt	1
L. Britt, c. Tucker, b. Hunt	0
J. Riddell, not out	25
Sundries	2
Total	118
Bowling—A. Green, 104 balls, 33 runs, 2 wickets; C. Hunt, 112 balls, 33 runs, 4 wickets; F. Williams, 32 balls, 27 runs, 1 wicket; F. Weise, 16 balls, 14 runs.	
Doncaster won by 3 wickets and 5 runs.	

B. GRADE.

BLACKBURN B. V. WARRANDYTE.

Played at Mitcham.

First Innings	116
Second Innings	12
G. Allen, not out	12
N. Gale, b. Coleman	5
Sundry	1

Total, 1 wicket for 18 runs. L. Till, for WARRANDYTE.

First Innings	150
Second Innings	135
L. Till, b. Shepherd	4
J. Coleman, c. Pearce, b. Shepherd	5
A. McCulloch, c. b. Shepherd	0
W. Moore, b. Shepherd	9
L. McCulloch, b. Shepherd	0
W. Coleman, b. Grant	38
R. Sloan, c. Hayes, b. Grant	10
J. Schubert, not out	10
J. White, c. Gale, b. Grant	0
C. Aunattu, b. Grant	2
W. McCulloch, c. b. Grant	0
Total	135
Bowling—F. Shepherd, 5 wickets for 55 runs; G. Allen, 0 for 31; R. Grant, 5 for 33; H. Watts, 0 for 6.	

MONBULK SPORTS.

A sports meeting was held by the Monbulk Sports club on Saturday, April 23, and proved a great success. The day was bright and everything passed off pleasantly. The Wood Churn and the presentation of a German gun were the main features of the day. Mally Breen proved himself the best axeman by winning the chopping event, his brother being second. Charles McCarthy annexed both the District and Sheffield handicaps. H. Bradshaw being second in each. Winners of the other events were—Flag race, Les Macalister; bonding race, C. Macalister; goal-kicking, Albert Crerar. A social and dance concluded a successful day. Mr. Evans, of Colingwood, greatly amused the audience with his singing and merry jokes to the young ladies, and Mr. Charles Dile was to be complimented on his music. Miss Brady, the local school teacher, who is leaving the district, was during the evening made the recipient of a small token of esteem. The secretary (Mr. L. Bally) desires to thank the public and all those who assisted in the undertaking. He considered the success was due to the good work of the committee and other kind helpers.

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NUNAWADING SHIRE COUNCIL.

At the fortnightly meeting of the above council on Tuesday evening there were present—C. S. Roughton (president), Hurter, Blood, Husband, Stevens, Boydland, Horkings, Young, Halliday, Fankhauser, and Ellingworth.

Correspondence.—W. L. Hodgson, Box Hill, brought under notice dangerous state of footpath on eastern side of West Station street.—Engineer to attend, on motion of C. S. Young and Boydland.

Jno. J. Jenkin, Blackburn, requested that a name plate be affixed to Fulton road. Request to be granted. A. W. Dunn, Mitcham, applied for permission to use the pavilion in Walker park on two evenings a week for a gymnasium.—Cr. Husband moved that the request be acceded to, which was seconded by Cr. Halliday, and agreed to.

E. A. Sampson, Mitcham, sought permission to extend a pipe under Mitcham road to meet junction of Mitcham and Doncaster roads, as a catchment for his dam.—Granted, under the supervision of the engineer, on motion of C. S. Halliday and Husband.

J. Constable, Mount Albert, complained of dangerous state of drain in L. 2 avenue.—As the money is low on the estimates, the work was deferred to be attended to.

A. J. Wilson, Mount Albert, stated that in the formation of View street the channel had not been continued to Mount Albert road, which caused flooding.—To be attended to. R. Nicholson, Box Hill, protested against the asphalt of footpaths in Severn street owing to excessive cost.—To be informed the council intended deferring the asphalt of the footpath for the present.

T. Tait, complained of the state of part of Springvale road, north of Springfield road.—Engineer to inspect and report.

Jas. Dunn, Mount Albert, urged council to take steps to provide an easement for the drainage of Moira park, Kenmore Heights, and adjacent locality.—Consideration deferred for engineer's report.

F. Baxter, and a number of other residents of Middleboro road south, Box Hill, urged the installation of street lamp in that thoroughfare.—Electrician to report to lighting committee.

A statement showing names of contributors for purchase of land to connect the Avenue extension with Blackburn road, together with cheque for £50, was forwarded by A. Elmore, Blackburn.—Referred to shire solicitor to have land transferred to council.

Blackburn Junior Football Club applied for use of miniature rifle range in Morton park as a training room.—Request granted.

South Riding Progress Association again directed attention to dangerous condition of part of Riversdale road, and urging that lighting be provided.—Cr. Blood stated that the engineer was having minor repairs effected.

The portion between Elgar road and Station street was included in the proposed tram route, and they were not justified in spending a large sum of money there until tramway development took place. The council was also hardly called upon to give a separate lighting service to that road, in view of the little traffic along there. Engineer Gay said that only temporary work was suggested, as it would be waste of money there if the tramway route were delayed. Reply to be sent that the engineer is to effect necessary repairs on that road, and that the council cannot at present provide lighting there, as the population would not warrant the expenditure of such line.

F. Wyatt, Box Hill, was granted an extension of the lease of the new park in Station street during the council's pleasure at the same rental of £6 for three months.

The Country Roads Board wrote with reference to the inspection of Rooks road, with a view to its declaration as a developmental road, informing council that the board will make an inspection at the earliest possible opportunity, but regretted that a definite date cannot be fixed at present.

The Department of public works stated that the Country Roads Board regretted being unable to comply with council's request for the declaration of Rooks road as a developmental road, firstly, that it is contrary to the intentions of the Country Roads Act to declare two main roads leading from one centre to a common point, and, secondly, the more important reason that the board has not sufficient funds available to deal with the roads already declared main roads, and it is considered it would be an unwise policy for the board to undertake additional financial obligations when it cannot deal efficiently with its present responsibilities.—Referred to Public Works committee for further consideration.

Reports.

Engineer W. A. Gay reported—Plan of fencing at Goodwin's corner, Blackburn, is prepared. Cost of fencing and gates is £38.—Deferred for consultation with local committee.

Plans of ovals at Box Hill are prepared for the guidance of the landscape gardener, who may prepare and suggest the laying out of the plantations in these ovals.

Cost of channeling western side of Elgar road, from White Horse road to railway crossing, would be about £86.—The President moved that this work be carried out, which was seconded by Cr. Boydland, and carried.

Three guards in Surrey Hills around trees growing on the footpaths might not be removed, except in a few cases where trees are not fully grown, and this also applies to trees on road sides in Box Hill, and Surrey Hills ridings.—Adopted.

Sanitary conveniences suggested to be built in the oval at Box Hill would cost approximately £106. This would include a pit, etc., for reception of animal also, a guard fence, etc., these buildings to be of brick.—Referred to Public Works committee.

Council canteen term of appointment expires on May 12. It will therefore be necessary to call tenders or re-appoint the canteen for another year.—Tenders to be invited.

Contracts, generally speaking, are proceeding satisfactorily. Mitchell's firm has finished the supply of maintenance metal for all ridings, they undertook to supply. Contractor Adams is now delivering the metal for Healesville road. He had yet to finish supply to Box Hill and Surrey Hills.

Have arranged for and ordered sawn timber for works at Blackburn and also for building of pavilion at Vermont reserve.

Only a limited supply of tar is obtainable, which is being used in urgent repairs on roads in Surrey Hills riding. He could not obtain tar for the works on Healesville road, which is in need of attention. This road with other roads, is in need of tar, and the shortage of tar is a great hindrance to the works.

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motor truck for the use of the electric supply department, in place of the horse and wagon at present in use. It was stated that the cost would be £250. C. S. Young and the Blood spoke strongly in favor of the proposed purchase, which it was contended, would effect a great saving both in money and the men's time. C. S. Fankhauser and Halliday also supported the recommendation, which was approved of. A committee, consisting of C. S. Young, Fankhauser and Boydland, was appointed to effect the purchase.

An extension of the electric light service to serve one consumer, in Middleboro road, Blackburn, at a cost of £14 was authorised on the applicant paying same, as extension is altogether on her own property.

Recommendations by the Public Works committee were adopted as under—

That arrangements be made for a deputation from the council and residents to the Chief Commissioner of Police for the purpose of urging that police protection be afforded in Box Hill after the hour of midnight.

That plan prepared by engineer for construction of a tank on the shire depot, in White Horse road, Box Hill, be adopted.—Question of site referred back to committee.

That council consider matter of drainage from George street, Mount Albert, and engineer's report with respect thereto.—Deferred for inspection by president and engineer.

That a reply be sent to Mr. W. C. Hall, in answer to his letter offering his land, lots 67, 68 and 69 White Horse road, Blackburn, for sale for £100, informing him that council, after giving the matter consideration, does not desire to purchase the land.

That request of Box Hill Tennis club re a site for tennis courts, in recently purchased park in Box Hill, etc., be deferred for consideration after a design for the laying out of the park has been adopted by council.

That plans prepared by engineer for construction of Elland avenue, lifting avenue, and right-of-way between the said avenues in Box Hill be approved, and specifications, etc., be prepared for the carrying out of the work.

That construction of main drain from Windsor crescent to Mount Albert road be carried out, and engineer prepare specification for the purpose.

General.—Cr. Horkings moved that the engineer report on the cost of erecting a water trough at the corner of Middleboro and Canterbury roads. Seconded by Cr. Ellingworth, and carried.

At the instance of C. S. Young and Boydland, the inspector is to inspect the right-of-way between Thames and Severn streets, east of Station street, Box Hill.

The engineer was instructed to have the cricket pitches covered in all the reserves for the football season, on the motion of C. S. Halliday and Boydland, and the Mitcham Football club was granted the use of the local recreation reserve.

Pursuant to notice given, Cr. Young moved the confirmation of the resolution to borrow £5000 for electric light purposes.—Seconded by Cr. Ellingworth, and carried.

HAWTHORN CITY COURT.

Tuesday, April 26.

Before Messrs. Philpott (chairman), Roche, Henningsen, Slattery, and McLaren, J.S.P.

Railway Prosecutions.—Ernest Franklin was fined £2, Robert Leach, 10/-, and William Stewart 5/- for having taken seats in railway carriages without tickets entitling them to travel. Costs 7/6 were allowed in each instance.

Non-Vaccination.—A fine of 20/- was imposed on John A. Draper for neglecting to have his child vaccinated.

Motor Cases.—Charles Summers was fined 20/- for driving a motor car on a wrong side of the road while passing a tram proceeding in the same direction.

Norman Rodgers and Ormond R. Midgley were each fined 10/- in consequence of no headlights being attached to their motor cycles.

Debt.—John Snow and Co. Pty. Ltd. sued H. S. Schlemmer for £7 4/- A verdict was given for £14/- with 23/6 costs. F. H. Golland v. S. E. Jelley, order for £6 8/10, with 15/6 costs. Samuel Walford v. Henry Torney, 18/8, with 13/- costs.

Wife Desertion.—Complaint was made by Agnes Meade against her husband, Joseph Meade for having unlawfully deserted her. An order was made for maintenance at the rate of £2 per week.

ALLEGED LARCENY AS A BAILEE.

William R. Bucknell was charged at the Camberwell City Court on Friday last in that, being a bailee, he did fraudulently convert to his own use goods valued at £250. Accused was before the Supreme Court recently charged with larceny of the goods from a dwelling, and on that occasion the Chief Justice directed an acquittal and the opening of new proceedings on the altered charge.

Ernest William Schmidt deposited that on February 21 he went to Rainbow, leaving accused in charge of his house and furniture at Balwyn. Insured accused to send some of the goods to Rainbow. Accused owed him about £10, and was to pay cartage and freight. The furniture not coming forward, he wrote to defendant on February 25, and received by way of reply on March 2 stating the furniture had been forwarded. When he received some of the furniture, noticed that boxes had been tampered with. Another wire was sent by accused that balance of furniture would be sent. Witness returned to Balwyn, and found that articles, consisting of clothes, valuable stamps, and furniture were missing. On March 15 met accused in Melbourne, and asked him to restore the missing property. Accused said, "Where will I get the money? See me to-morrow afternoon and I'll see what I can do." The property in question was valued at £250, and articles produced in court belonged to him.

Corroborative evidence was given by informant's wife, who detailed a number of cooking requisites, including a gas stove, which were missing.

Rupert Joseph deposed that on March 2 defendant brought a gas stove to his auction room in Bourke street, Melbourne, which he purchased for £2.

Mary Lawson gave evidence that accused rented a room at Carlton from her for three months. Told witness he had brought a house and some furniture at Balwyn. He gave her a table cover and dessert pan.

Detective Saker gave evidence as to accused's arrest and recovery of property (produced) to value of about £250.

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