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Phases of the Moon for May.

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First Quarter	...	5	6.56 p.m.
Full Moon	...	12	0.48 a.m.
Last Quarter	...	20	2.48 a.m.
New Moon	...	27	10.20 a.m.
Perigee ...	...	1	4.30 p.m.
Perigee ..	...	29	9.0 a.m.
Apogee ...	...	17	10.30 a.m.

Commercial.

London Wool Sales.

WELLINGTON, May 27.

The Department of Industries and Commerce has received the following cablegram from the Agent-General, dated London, May 26:—"The wool sales closed with a good tone all round, and a further advance in medium and coarse crossbred wool. The estimated value of New Zealand wools are as follows:—Fine crossbred 11d to 1s 1d per lb, medium 9d to 9½d, coarse 6d to 8¼d, superior merino 1s 1½d to 1s 2d, average 11d to 1s, inferior 9d to 10d. All lambs wool is from one halfpenny to one penny per lb higher than the closing rates at the March sales.

Australian Markets.

SYDNEY, May 27

Wheat—New Zealand chick 4s 11d to 5s 1d; milling South Australian nominally, 5s 11d, Manitoban, 5s 7d, Argentine 5s 1½d. Californian 5s.
Flour—£12 5s to £12 10s per ton.
Oats—N.Z. prime feeding 2s 8d to 2s 9d
Barley, Cape and English 4s to 4s 1d.
Maize, 3s 7d to 3s 9d
Bran—1s 1d to 1s 2d
Peas, Prussian Blue, 7s 9d to 8s.
Pollard—1s 3d to 1s 4d.
Potatoes—Circular Heads, £2 15s to £3
Onions—£3 5s to £3 15s per ton.
Butter—1s 1d to 1s 1½d
Bacon—7d to 8d
Hams—New Zealand, 1s 1d.
Cheese—6d to 8d.

MELBOURNE, May 27

Wheat—Wheat seeding, sold to 6s 3d, Indian 5s, Argentine 5s to 5s 2d, Californian 5s 1d
Oats — New Zealand, B grade 2s 10d, Algerian feeding 2s 8d
Barley—malting 5s.
Maize—3s 6d
Bran—1s 3d
Pollard—1s 4½d.
Onions—to £2 15s
Potatoes—£1 10s to £2 5s per ton.

ADELAIDE, May 27

Wheat - Wheat 5s 7d
Flour—£12 per ton
Bran—1s 3d
Pollard—1s 6d

Addington Live Stock Market

United Press Association—By Electric Telegraph

CHRISTCHURCH, May 25

CATTLE.—There was a fair yarding and a good attendance of buyers at Addington market to-day. In fat cattle the yarding totalled 230 head, the bulk of good quality. In consequence of the large supply the sale was rather dragging. A feature of the sale was a line of magnificent bullocks from Masterton, which sold at £14 15s to £18 5s. Ordinary steers brought £5 7s 6d to £10, heifers £5 17s 6d to £9; cows £5 to £9 2s 6d. Beef averaged 25s to 27s per 100lbs.

SHEEP. Fat sheep were a large entry, which included a fair proportion of first-class ewes and wethers. Butchers again competed eagerly for best ewes, going beyond the limits of export buyers. Prices for wethers are unchanged, but ewes are decidedly firmer. The range of prices was—Wethers, extra heavy, 22s to 30s, best freezing 18s to 21s 9d, lighter 15s to 17s 6d; merinos 10s 6d to 13s 9d, ewes, extra heavy, 22s to 28s; best butchers' 16s 6d to 19s, lighter 12s to 16s; merinos 6s 7d to 8s 3d. Fat lambs.—The entry totalled 2000, and contained a fair proportion of first-class quality. Export buyers competed keenly, and last week's values were maintained. Tegs brought 15s 3d to 17s 8d, freezers 12s 6d to 15s, butchers' 11s to 14s 8d.

PIGS.—There was a large entry and the quality good, but curers having reduced limits the sale was dragging. Baconers realised 45s to 69s, equal to 4½d per lb; porkers 30s to 40s, equal to 4¾d to 5d per lb; stores 13s to 26s, weaners 7s 6d to 12s.

Geraldine Live Stock Market.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

GERALDINE, May 27

There was a fairly good attendance at the Geraldine Live Stock Sale to-day. The entry of sheep was about 3000 or 4000, and there was a good demand for lambs. Fat ewes sold at 9s 3d, 9s 7d, to 11s 6d; ¾-bred lambs 9s 4d to 9s 8d; ½-bred wethers 13s; forward wethers 14s; old ewes 7s 3d. There was a small entry of cattle, and prices were a little easier. Steers sold at £5 7s 6d, and good forward steers £7 5s; fat heifers, £7; fat cows, £8 5s; cows in profit, £7; bull £4. Of the few pigs that were in, small weaners brought 7s 6d to 10s.

Burnside Stock Market

DUNEDIN, May 27

FAT CATTLE—168 were yarded, and competition was keen, prices showing an advance, beef selling at from 25s to 26s per 100lbs. Best bullocks fetched £9 10s to £11 5s, medium £7 15s to £9, best cows and heifers £7 10s to £9; medium £6 to £7 5s.

FAT SHEEP—2542 were penned, prices being fairly well maintained. Best wethers made 17s to 18s 6d, medium 14s 6d to 16s 6d, best ewes 15s to 16s 6d, extra heavy 18s 6d, medium 13s to 14s 9d. Lambs—438 were yarded, prices ruling 6d to 1s higher. Best fetched 12s to 13s 6d, medium 10s to 11s 9d.

PIGS.—138 were penned, prices for all sorts ruling firm. Suckers fetched 8s to 12s, slips 14s to 20s, stores 23s to 27s, porkers 30s to 44s, baconers 46s to 60s, heavy 65s.

Dunedin Grain Market

DUNEDIN, May 27.

WHEAT.—A large proportion of the consignments come under the heading of fowl wheat. For prime milling there is much inquiry, and as this grade is comparatively scarce the price remains very firm. Prime milling is quoted at 4s to 4s 1d, medium 3s 8d to 3s 11d; whole fowl wheat, 3s 5d to 3s 7d; broken and damaged 3s to 3s 3d; sacks extra.

OATS.—Shippers buy steadily any parcel suitable, but growers are not disposed to accept current prices, and consignments are going into store. Prime milling is in strong demand at 1s 9½d to 1s 10d; extra choice 1s 11d; good to best feed 1s 8d to 1s 9d; inferior to medium 1s 5d to 1s 7d; sacks extra.

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DEATH.

HAMPTON.—At the residence of her parents, Lauriston, on the 27th inst., PATIENCE, fourth daughter of William and Martha Hampton; aged 14 years.

Ashburton Guardian

MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PRÆVALEBIT.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1903.

A WHITE AUSTRALIA.

THE reply of Mr Chamberlain to the suggestion from Australia, that Indians should not be employed on mail steamers, is a telling comment on the policy of some of the Australasian Colonies with regard to the exclusion of coloured races, irrespective of nationality from the territories under their Government. The Colonial Secretary states distinctly that the British Government is pledged to accord to the natives of India almost the same rights as the other subjects of the Empire enjoy, and he declines to enter into any contract that would debar them from employment on the mail boats. We confess we are astonished that politicians claiming to have any idea of the responsibilities of Empire could have ventured to ask the Imperial Government to consider such a proposal. Indeed we have never been able to discover in the cry for a "White Australia" anything more than a fear that Asiatics and Islanders would be dangerous opponents in the labour market. There is really no other objection to Indians or to Islanders that will stand a moment's investigation. The Chinese are in a somewhat different position, since they are sufficiently numerous to outnumber, if not checked, the white population. Moreover, they offer no compensating advantages to us, and have no claims upon us. But the case of our fellow subjects in India is altogether different; and the attitude of these colonies towards them is as unreasonable as it is inconvenient. To refuse to admit British subjects to this portion of the King's dominions, must be exceedingly embarassing to the Empire; in fact, we need not go very far to see the absurdity of the position. Only the other day some Maoris, subjects of King Edward, went to Sydney, but were not allowed to land until they had given a guarantee that they would leave the country within three months. We might put a still more striking case, and say that should one of the New Zealand Cabinet Ministers—the Hon. Mr Carroll go to Australia, he would, according to Australian law, be in exactly the same fix as the Maoris referred to, unless a special exemption were made in his favour. This shows what a preposterous attitude those colonies have taken up, which have adopted these Alien Restriction laws. New Zealand has been amongst the foremost of the self-governing States in drawing this colour line, and has thus become a more glaring example of inconsistency than any of the others, owing to the manner in which racial distinction is completely ignored here in the case of the Maoris. But as certain European nationalities are also excluded from this country, the object is at once shown to be connected entirely with the question of industrial competition, since we only bar those who will work for small wages. All these Alien restriction laws, however, are utterly indefensible, on the ground of justice and fair play, and no people would cry out sooner than the inhabitants of Australasia, if similar laws were put in force against them by other nations. There may be need for some restrictions with regard to the Chinese, but even expediency cannot justify the obvious wrong inflicted on some subjects of the King by depriving them of the right to enter other parts of his dominions. The British Colonies have had great privileges granted to them, but we cannot help thinking that they have exceeded them in attempting to prevent British subjects from landing on their shores. There will probably come a time when the Imperial Government will have to give more than a mere warning that this exclusive policy is incompatible with the policy of the Empire as a whole. Commenting upon these laws of the Australian white man on the racial question, a contemporary remarks:—"All the time he talks of advancing to a higher ideal; of bringing about a stronger bond of brotherhood among mankind; while in the back ground he fiercely declares that this shall be a white man's land—a land he has stolen from the colored race. Undoubtedly, such laws are far removed from righteousness and justice."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Reading matter will be found on the first and fourth pages.

WEATHER FORECAST.—Captain Edwin wired yesterday:—Gale from between north and west and south-west; glass fall; heavy rain.

RESIGNATION—The resignation of Lieut. R. G. Shearman, of the Ashburton Guards, is gazetted.

THE MINISTER OF MINES—The Hon. Jas. McGowan arrived at Hokitika yesterday, and leaves for Greymouth to-day.

U.A.O.D.—The annual social of the Success of Ashburton Ladies' Lodge will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

POULTRY SOCIETY'S ART UNION—Messrs Milner and Thompson, East Street, have in their window a fine oil painting of a scene on the Thames, which is the sixth prize in the Art Union of the Ashburton Poultry Society.

MUTUAL UNION.—The weekly meeting of the Baring Square Mutual Union was held on Tuesday night, when there was a fair attendance. The proceedings were unusually interesting, in consequence of a number of questions handed in by members, "Question Box" being the designation in the syllabus for the night. The questions ranged from subjects pertaining to "The mystery of pain" to "Outdoor preaching," and from the "Resurrection of the body" to "No-license processions." Time was too limited for more than superfically dealing with the subjects brought under notice, and some of them are to be again tabled, and a whole evening devoted to each respectively. Next Tuesday, Mrs Peters will read a paper entitled "Hymns of the Cross."

LANDS FOR SETTLEMENT ACT.—The following addition to the regulatiou under the Land for Settlement Act is gazetted:—"(3) In addition to the limitations prescribed by sub-clauses (1) and (2) of clauses 9 and 49, a married woman shall also be subject to the special limitation that the maximum area which she shall be capable of applying for or holding shall not exceed 320 acres of first-class land, irrespective, however, of any land that her husband may be entitled to acquire or may hold: provided that this special limitation shall not apply in the case of a married woman who is separated from her husband under decree of judical separation, or is the holder of a protection order, or shall it operate to prevent a married woman from becoming a lessee under a will or by virtue of an intestacy."

SILVER WEDDING.—Over one hundred persons assembled at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, at the invitation of Mr and Mrs Thomas Young, to celebrate their silver wedding, and also to welcome home their daughter, who has been absent for two years. The tables which were laden with good things, were most tastefully decorated with choice flowers, sent by Mrs Turvey. After supper, Mr Doyle, in a humorous speech proposed the healths of Mr and Mrs Young. Mr Young, in responding, gave a hearty invitation to all present to come to their golden wedding, should they be spared to celebrate it. Speeches were also made by Messrs Robert Young, Nelson, and Constable, Mrs Gallagher, and Adjutant Harrison. Mr C. Beech gave selections on his gramaphone; he also brought his galvanic battery, which caused much merriment among the young people. Misses Corbett and Doyle and Mr Dalley gave pianoforte solos with good taste. Like all good things, the evening passed all too quickly, all thoroughly enjoying themselves. The wedding presents which were numerous and handsome, made a nice display.

For Influenza and Cold in the Head take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d and 2s 6d

CAKE AND APRON FAIR.—Our readers are reminded that the Cake and Apron Fair in connection with the Ladies' Guild of St. Stephen's Church takes place in the schoolroom this evening. The programme includes a ping-pong tournament and musical items.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the Horticultural Society, held last evening, Mr Colin Campbell was appointed honorary secretary.

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.—Col. T. W. Porter, C.B., has appointed the following Ashburton Volunteer officers to administer the oath of allegiance on the enrolment of Volunteers:—Captain W. E. Dolman, V.D.; Captain A. A. Fooks, V.D.; and Lieutenant W. J. A. Schwartz.

THE ISLAND IN THE DOMAIN.—The Curator of the Domain (Mr W. W. Smith) is at present trimming the undergrowth of the trees on the island in the Domain, and is planting a number of native trees and shrubs there, which, when completed, will greatly improve the appearance of the island.

COURSING.—At a well-attended meeting of the Leeston Coursing Club, it was decided to run the stake off on Tuesday, June 23rd, the first dog to receive £15 the runner-up £5, third and fourth dogs £1 each. The Club has about forty members. The coursing will take place on Mr C. Withell's estate at Burnham.

A.M.R.—The Ashburton Mounted Rifles have been going through a series of manœuvres recently. Yesterday a squad went out to Chertsey for exercise, and to-day Sergeant-Major T. F. Gibson is drilling several recruits of the Ashburton and Mayfield sections at Winslow.

THE DAIRY COMMISSIONER.—Mr McGowan, the Dairy Commissioner, will arrive by the express to-morrow to inspect the proposed site of the Ashburton County Co-operative Dairy Factory Company, Limited's Factory, and will be met by Mr C. Doherty, chairman of the Provisional Committee, and Mr Henry Davis, the Mayor.

ACCIDENT.—A young fellow named Daniel Hunter, who has just been out from the Old Country six months, had rather a nasty accident near Rakaia yesterday afternoon. He was driving a plough when the team of horses swerved, and Hunter had the misfortune to get one of his feet entangled in the gear. On examination, it was found that one of the small bones was fractured, which necessitated the unfortunate fellow's removal to the County Hospital.

PERSONAL.—The London correspondent of "The Press," writing on April 17th, says:—Mr James Porter (Ashburton) and Miss M. Porter are at present in London though they are making their headquarters at Bristol. This is Mr Porter's first visit to the Home country since he settled in New Zealand some twenty-seven years back. He intends returning shortly to the colony, but there is the possibility of his coming to England again in the course of the next two years or so to settle permanently here.

A DELIBERATE WASTE OF TIME.—Why waste time walking, when for a few shillings you can buy a pair of "Exonite" celluloid mudguards, fit any make of machine, and light as a feather. Also Cycling Capes in great variety, 10s 6d each at OATES, LOWRY, AND CO., largest Cycle and Motor Importers in New Zealand. Ashburton Branch, Burnett street.—(Advt)

News in Brief.

In a field at Wangalor may be seen a crop of standing wheat as green as leeks.

One of the sheep slaughtered on Monday at the Mataura Frozen Meat Works (a crossbred ewe) turned the scale, when dressed, at 132lb.

Mr H. C. Barrett, draper, "The Hall," notifies that his shirts for men are specially designed and made for his own trade. He is also showing special value in hosiery and general lines of household drapery.

The second term of the Oakhurst School, Tancred Street, Ashburton, begins on Thursday, June 4th. The Misses Packer will be at home on Tuesday and Wednesday next from 3 to 5 p.m.

Messrs Friedlander Bros. will offer on Saturday, June 6th, under instructions from the executors in the estate of the late Alexander Gordon, a 53 acre farm at Winchmore.

Persons about to purchase Winter Drapery and Clothing are invited to call and see some very special lines just opened up by Mr E. Gibbard, the Ready-Money Draper, Tancred Street. A number of advertisements giving particulars appear in this issue, to which we draw attention.

A cable message from Sydney last night states that Mr Tait, the new Victorian Railway Commissioner, is among the passengers by the Miowera.

The motor race accidents in France have caused extra precautions to be taken in connection with the coming great race in Ireland.

Since the passing of the Licensing Act of 1881, of the 26 hotels in the Napier licensing district 14 have had their licenses endorsed. In the 22 years since the act came into force there have been altogether 24 endorsements. Of this number three have each had three endorsements, three have each had their licenses endorsed twice, and seven have each had an endorsement.

In order that Hawke's Bay shall get the credit for what butter and cheese it is actually producing, the Napier Chamber of Commerce is asking the various dairy factories to supply it with the quarterly return of the output, so that the figures may be included in the Chamber reports. It is asserted that Wellington gets the credit of exported butter which has been manufactured in Hawke's Bay and railed to that port for shipment.

Notwithstanding the wet weather, the Caledonian dance of last evening was largely attended. These "twa oor" dances are now thoroughly established and very popular. It was announced that the dance next week is to be held on Thursday evening.

"Oh take me to thy heart again." Not till you use New Century Soft Rubber Hair Curlers.

SMALLPOX.

United Press Association—By Electric Telegraph.

CHRISTCHURCH, May 27

Dr. Finch, District Health Officer, was informed last evening that a suspicious case had occurred at Springfield, near the terminus of the Midland Railway line. He went there to-day and examined the patient, a girl six or seven years old, daughter of a man employed on the railway works, and together with the local doctor came to the conclusion that the case was not one of small-pox, but more likely to be chicken pox. So far as is known the child has had no connection in any way with the Gracchus or Lyttelton case.

The case of the Lascar on the Gracchus is not small pox, but he is supposed to be only suffering from the fumes of the disinfectants.

Cousins, the Lyttelton patient, has developed no further symptoms of smallpox, and his condition is unchanged.

At a meeting of the Hospital Board a letter was read from Dr. Valentine suggesting the erection of a corrugated iron building for the reception of four patients, the structure to be on runners, to facilitate its removal to any desired locality. The suggestion was adopted.

Dr. Valentine arrived to-night. Fifteen medical students in Dunedin volunteered service in any part of the colony, under Dr. Valentine, if required, in connection with the outbreak.

DUNEDIN, May 27.

There are no fresh developments in connection with the smallpox scare, except that a very large number of persons are being vaccinated. The lady passenger by the Gracchus, who has been pronounced as having had a mild attack of smallpox, is progressing favourably. The health authorities are now fairly sanguine that the community has escaped further infection from the Gracchus.

Borough Council.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the Ashburton Borough Council was held last evening. Present—His Worship the Mayor (in the chair), Crs Reid, Wilson, Thomas, Wallace, Davison, Clark, Timmins, and Friedlander.

An apology was rendered for the absence of Cr Whitaker.

FINANCE.

The Mayor reported that the debit balance at the Bank was £2599 13s 10d, and the amounts received from all sources since last meeting totalled £54 7s 3d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was read:—From Department of Agriculture, forwarding notices under the Birds' Nuisance Act.—Received.

Cr Davison moved that the Mayor be appointed delegate to the Conference to be held in Christchurch.

Cr Thomas said that it was quite clear that some drastic measures would have to be enforced with regard to the bird nuisance.

Cr Clark seconded the nomination.

Cr Reid did not think that there was any need for a delegate to be sent down. According to the Act, local bodies could be called upon to do their share of abating the nuisance.

Cr Davison quoted the clause in the Act relating to the subject, and was not against the Mayor going to the meeting. The Act did not fix any amount that the Council was called upon to pay.

Cr Thomas said that it was quite necessary that a representative of the Council should attend to see "what way the cat jumped."

Cr Wilson said that the Council should do its little bit towards abating the nuisance, and expressed himself as in favour of the Mayor representing the Council at the meeting of local bodies.

Cr Reid said that the local bodies could not be made responsible for any more money than what the Act stated.

The motion was then put and carried.

From the Department of Health, asking the co-operation of the Council in regard to dealing with smallpox, and the precautions to be taken thereto in case of an outbreak.

The Mayor said that as soon as the letter was received, he saw Dr Trevor, who recommended that the same course should be taken as when the plague scare was on, viz., that the railway authorities should have a car placed at the disposal of the borough, in case of any emergency.

The Mayor's action was approved, on the motion of Cr Reid.

Should any occasion arise, the Mayor said that he would call the Council together.

From C. W. Purnell *re* fixing seal to document.—The Mayor and Cr Thomas were appointed to affix the seal.

From Moriarty Bros., asking permission to take down partition in the building they occupy.

Cr Thomas was not in favour of granting permission, unless they had a lease of the premises.

Cr Reid was in favour of permission being granted.

On the motion of Cr Clark the matter was referred to the Reserves Committee.

From Municipal Association re desirable legislation and other matters.

Cr Timmins thought that the letter should be referred to the By-laws Committee.

A committee was formed consisting of Crs Clark, Reid, and the Mayor to formulate suggestions that may be thought desirable to be placed before the Municipal Conference.

From J. Aslett, re employment.—Referred to the Works Committee.

From Technical Classes Association, in regard to representation, etc.

An amendment of Mr Friedlander was carried that the Mayor be appointed to represent the Council on the committee, against a motion of Cr Reid that Mr Collins be appointed.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee's report was read as under:—

A meeting of the subscribers of the Ashburton public library was held on Friday, the 15 inst, when it was resolved to recommend the Council to reappoint Messrs C. D. Hardie, W. Johnstone, and J. S. Tennant as the subscribers' representatives on the Library Committee of the Council. Several suggestions were made by the meeting, which will be brought before the Library Committee, and their report thereon will be duly presented to the Council for its consideration.

The report was received.

On the motion of Cr Timmins, the gentlemen named were appointed to act on the Library Committee of the Council.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee beg to report that after consideration it has been decided to order a new boiler for the steam fire engine from the makers, Messrs Shand Mason and Co, of London, and also to include in such order the taps and extras required for the engine.

Cr Wallace said that he had obtained indirect advice as to the alterations to the boiler, and it had been decided not to have the alterations made, but to order a new boiler as stated in the report.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Works Committee's report was read as follows:—

1. Mrs Thomas' application.—Your Committee beg to recommend that this application for permission to drain into the side channel in Grey Street be held in obeyance until the water supply in the S.E. part of the Borough is increased by the auxiliary supply along West and Aitken streets.

2. Railway Reserve East Street.—Your Committee recommend that the attention of the Beautifying Association be drawn to the trees shading the street on the East Street railway reserve from Kermode street to the bridge, and the Association be asked to remove two rows of pines and to replace them with one row of deciduous trees.

3. Metalling Streets.—Your Committee recommend that tenders be called for the supply of 1000 yards more or less of road shingle, and 100 yards more or less of footpath shingle; and also that a price be obtained for 200 yards of screened shingle for streets.

4. Grass on side of streets.—Your Committee have resolved to employ the teams in removing the grass off the sides of the streets and footpaths, and have appointed a sub-committee to visit the streets and decide which shall be done.

5. William Street.—As it has been found that from two to three hundred more yards of filling are required to complete the formation of William Street E, your Committee recommend that the work be completed and the necessary filling be obtained from the S.E. Belt.

6. Culverts.—As a new culvert is required by the Upper Ashburton Road Board to carry the Council's water race across farm road, your Committee recommend that the necessary culvert be fixed.

7 Works book.—Your Committee recommend the Council that a works book be kept in the Council's office, so that any Councillor may report therein any small work or matter that requires attention, and which would be duly brought before the Works Committee for consideration.

The report was received.

Cr Davison moved the adoption of clause 1.

Cr Clark seconded, and reminded the Council that draining into dry channels was often done in the Borough.

Cr Reid said that in the particular case under notice a pipe was used.

Cr Friedlander pointed out that until water was there, the channel could not be drained into.

The clause was adopted.

Clause 2.—Cr Friedlander moved and Cr Thomas seconded, that the clause be given effect to.—Adopted.

Clause 3.—Adopted on the motion of Cr Thomas.

Clause 4. was adopted on the motion of Cr Thomas.

Clause 5.—Adopted on the motion of Cr Davison

Clause 6 and 7 were adopted, as was the report as a whole.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector of Nuisances sent in his usual report, which stated that certain houses had been fumigated, and giving an explanation of the words "fairly clean." The milk and butchers' carts were clean, and notices had been given to have yards attended to where required.

On the motion of Crs Thomas and Davison the explanation was accepted, and the report was adopted on the motion of Cr Thomas.

FOREMAN'S REPORT.

The foreman's report was received.

Cr Reid, speaking to the report said that the footpaths which had been used by contractors after building operation had been carried on were generally left in an unsatisfactory condition, notably the one at the Post Office and the Somerset Hotel.

Cr Thomas moved, and Cr Friedlander seconded, that the matter mentioned by Cr Reid should be referred to the Works Committee.—Carried.

RATE.

Cr Davison moved that the rate of 2s in the £1 be struck.

Cr Reid seconded.

Cr Friedlander moved an amendment that the rate be 1s 8d in £1

Cr Clark seconded.

On a vote the motion was carried.

Crs. Wilson and Wallace were appointed to sign the rate book.

BANKING.

It was resolved to confirm the resolution re the agreement with the Bank.

SANITATION.

The report of the Sanitary Committee re the sealed pan system was read.

Cr Timmins again spoke in support of the system, which he urged should be given effect to. If the estimates of the Sanitary Committee were right, there would be no further burden to the ratepayers. He could see no objection to the system, and ratepayers should have their rubbish collected in the proper manner.

In reply to Cr Wilson, Cr Timmins said that it was a cleaner system, and would lead up to a better system. He moved and Cr Wilson seconded the adoption of the report.

Cr Friedlander said that there was an agitation going on in the newspapers about a high pressure water supply and if that were got they would not require the sealed pan system. (Cr Timmins: That is another matter altogether.) Cr Friedlander understood that the high pressure supply was for sanitary purposes. For drinking purposes, we did not want a high pressure supply, but for sanitary purposes he thought that he would support it. So far, the newspaper had been agitating for weeks and weeks, but he had not been spoken to on the subject by a single ratepayer.

Cr Thomas would oppose any loan being raised for the purpose. Under the circumstances, he would set his face against any extravagance. He could not support a loan unless it was self-supporting. Even for the work proposed, although the present system of dealing with the night soil was an abomination, still he could not support spending money in that way until the finances were in a better condition.

Cr Wallace supported Cr Thomas. It was not wise to spend £1000 on the new system.

Cr Reid was not prepared to support the sealed pan system, as it was not the success it should be. He thought the report should be held in abeyance. There were complaints about the system in Christchurch, where they were going in for the drainage system.

Cr Friedlander moved an amendment that the report be held in abeyance. He did not oppose the report.

The Mayor praised Cr Timmins for the way he had worked the matter, but he did not see how they could go in for the system now, unless the nightsoil were to be taken away further.

Cr Timmins said that the agitation for high pressure had nothing to do with sanitary matters. He held that the scheme was satisfactory in Christchurch, notwithstanding what had been said to the contary. As regarded the expense, he held there would be a saving to the ratepayers.

The amendment of Cr. Friedlander was carried.

GENERAL.

A circular from the Premier *re* soldiers' graves was ordered to lie on the table.

Cr Friedlander thought that with the large