

Having energy and go. Cultivated lands should be split up as a first step towards developing other industries. Men were wanted for the land, and at present there was little demand for clerks and other city workers. Australia could easily carry twenty-five millions, and with such a population she could make her voice potent in the councils of the nations. He then went on to speak of the great mission of Anglo-Saxonism, and how it always stood for peaceful conquests in commerce and supremacy in life and business.

Few men are more entitled than Lord Northcote to speak with authority on Australian affairs, and he sees with the eye of a statesman that the time has come when the great self-governing colonies must seek to take a commanding position among the nations. But to do this they require population, and population can only be supported if the land is developed. At present the man seeking to acquire land is not always encouraged and helped as he should be. Too much attention is apt to be paid to the city worker, whilst the country settler is neglected. As a consequence, the cities are growing, and millions of acres of land are lying idle. To remedy this state of affairs is the one great duty of all who have the best interests of the Empire at heart.

Mr. A. M. Myers has made such a singularly capable Mayor that the people of Auckland naturally feel that the choice of a successor will be a matter of exceptional difficulty. Fortunately as Auckland has been in the men who have filled the Mayoral chair, it is doubtful if any previous occupant has been able to look back upon such a successful record of municipal work as Mr. Myers can boast of. When he first assumed the reins of office there were not a few who had misgivings on the grounds that he had had no previous experience of municipal organisation. Such misgivings have long been dispelled, and during the four years of his Mayoralty Mr. Myers has shown himself to be possessed of organising ability of the highest order, and he has attended to all civic business with skill, care and patience. Amongst the many municipal works with which he has been associated must be reckoned the initiation of a drainage scheme for the city and suburbs, the commencement of the town hall, the erection of abattoirs, the Trafalgar Road Bridge, and the extension of the Waitakeri waterworks. It is not often that anyone can show such a record, and Aucklanders will long remember with gratitude the capacity and administrative ability of their present Mayor.

The French Budget for this year, which has been passed by both the French Chambers, reaches the huge and unprecedented total of £160,000,000. Immense reserves of gold are also being accumulated in the Banque de France, and it is computed that these reserves amount to over £100,000,000. This immense sum is locked up as a war fund, and it dwarts into significance the few millions which Germany keeps locked up for emergencies. France is in a particularly strong financial position seeing that she can afford to keep idle and unproductive a sum almost equal to her expenditure for the year, and in this respect she compares favourably with Germany, the latter country being faced with a deficit of £25,000,000, and being compelled to resort to largely increased taxation. Many competent critics assert that France is now far better prepared for war than her great rival, and her dream of some day winning back the lost provinces may yet be realised.

Reinforced concrete seems to be effecting a revolution in the building and engineering trades, and is displacing the steel girder, brickwork, and stonework so largely used hitherto. The new method has been applied to a concrete viaduct 3000 feet long at Richmond, Virginia. The spans vary from 18 feet to 70 feet, the latter distance from support to support being a revelation to many builders as to what can be accomplished in this direction. A very fine elevated water-tank has also been erected at Los Angeles of the same material. The reinforced concrete posts, 70 feet high, support a tank of the same material, with a capacity of 200,000 gallons. This tank has been in use for several months without any sign of leakage. We are just beginning to recognise in New Zealand the value of this method of construction, and

in view of the works we have already undertaken it is gratifying to learn that other countries pronounce it to be an unqualified success.

Bishop Selwyn is not the least distinguished amongst the many eminent men the centenary of whose birth will be celebrated this year. Beyond all other celebrations, that in connection with the great Bishop will have a unique interest for New Zealanders, and preparations are being made to suitably mark the event. The 5th of April, the day of his birth, falls on the Monday in Holy Week, and it is felt that for many reasons that would not be a very suitable day for such a commemoration. It has, therefore, been decided to hold it on St. George's Day, April 23rd, and whatever offerings are made in connection with the celebration, are to be divided between the endowment fund of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and the building fund of the Pattenon memorial wing of St. John's College, Auckland. A strong committee has been formed in England in connection with the commemoration, and the Anglicans in New Zealand are working energetically to suitably honour his memory in the land where he worked for so long, and for which he did so much.

Fresh outrages are reported from India, and this time of a very serious nature. The prosecutor in the recent Anarchist cases was openly assassinated in the Alipur Courthouse, and a bomb was thrown at a train on the same line as that on which the Viceroy was travelling on his way to Assam for a few days' shooting. Both these outrages are supposed to have emanated from the Anarchist organisation, some of whose members are now on trial at Alipur for sedition. It would seem that a regular campaign has been commenced against officials, as the train at which the bomb was thrown contained Mr. Ilume, the Public Prosecutor, and the fact that the Viceroy was travelling on the same line would indicate that the outrage was also intended as a warning to him. Six Hindus have been sentenced for inciting to murder, and for having published placards containing recipes for the making of bombs. The editor of one of the Puna newspapers has also been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 1000 rupees for publishing seditious articles. It is gratifying to find that the native princes and most of the Mohammedans are remaining loyal and are demanding that prompt measures shall be taken to quell the growing sedition.

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Musings AND Meditations

By Dog Toby

THE COMPLETE ANGLER

THE following hints on the art of catching an eligible husband have been sent me by a lady of considerable experience in such matters. The mother of seven daughters, she has lived to see them all happily settled in life, and though feelings of modesty have led her to express a desire that her name should not appear, readers may rely on her advice as being thoroughly sound and as having borne the test of experience. Her letter runs as follows:—

"My Dear Toby,—I will gladly tell you anything I can, on condition that you do not publish my name. You will, I am sure, readily appreciate my motives in making this request. In my own early days it used to be thought that a girl ought to sit at home and wait the advent of the fairy prince, but in these days of fierce competition a girl who did that would soon find herself cut out by her less scrupulous rivals. The best ally a girl can have is a good sensible mother; but such mothers are rare, and the majority fail, from lack of experience, to really assist their daughters. First, therefore, I propose to address the mothers, and give them a little advice.

"It is a great mistake to think that the really eligible young man—that is, of course, the young man of ample means—is more ready to rise to the bait in the evening than in the morning. Encourage him to call somewhere about 11 a.m. The probability is that he has spent the night before with bachelor friends. If so, he is very likely to be feeling a little depressed, and amenable to entertaining a desire to settle down. Your daughter should be fresh and simply gowned, conveying an impression of daintiness, unaffected simplicity. To produce just the right impression both in dress and manner requires much thought and practice, but it is well worth the trouble involved.

"A girl who looks fresh and nice in the morning always appeals to a man. You should entertain him yourself for some little time, and then you might suggest that your daughter should show him some flower or other in the garden. He will think how nice and homelike everything is, and he will begin to wish for your welcome with the ill-contrast the simple, frank, unaffected friendliness of your welcome with the ill-concealed scheming by which other mothers have sought to entrap him. If a young man is really a desirable party, never let him think that you have the least idea that he might be attracted by any of your girls. They are just simple, good girls, who have never given a thought to anything but their home.

"Some mothers are great advocates of trying to arouse an interest in their daughter by giving a young fellow to understand that there are others who have been paying her attention. Personally I do not recommend this plan, as it requires great skill to properly handle it. You don't want the young man to think that you look on him in the light of a possible catch, and if you hint at others you must not convey the impression that you look on them either in that light. You might, however, quite safely make some such remark as this: 'My daughter Eva is so glad that she has been drawn with Mr. Smith in the club lawn tennis doubles, because Mr. Smith is such a splendid player, and she thinks they might win the prize.' That would be quite sufficient to make him feel that there might be a possible rival.

"Encourage your girls to talk about their brothers, and the interest they take in what their brothers do, but do not let them talk about other men. Remember that they have never given a thought to anything of that sort. Do not let them ever show any signs of being over-dressed, but always be careful to see that they have neat gloves and shoes. A man seldom notices what a woman has on, but he can always tell whether she looks

fresh and dainty. Let the young fellow understand that you are perfectly happy in your own home life, that there never was a man quite like your husband, let him see the welcome papa gets when he returns from the city. This will make him think of his own loneliness, and of what a dutiful and affectionate family, yours is. Thus encouraged, and with any reasonable amount of luck on your side, he ought to be successfully landed. Much of course depends on the daughter as well as on the mother, but I have written you such a long letter already that I feel I must postpone my advice as far as the girl is concerned till another time. After all, the mother is the most important, because a wise mother makes a wise daughter."

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