

Sayings of the Week.

Behind the Age.

WHILE farmers were more successful in farm and grass country, the dairy districts did not give support so much as might be expected. Dairy farmers were much behind the age. By joining and working together they could largely increase their profits.—*Mr. J. G. Wilson, president Wellington Farmers' Union.*

A Bone of Contention.

It is not true that woman was made from man's rib; she was really made from his funny bone.—*Mr. J. M. Barrie.*

A Timely Hint.

When I came to Wellington from Mease, a little place of which some of you probably never heard, but where there is an observatory, I was somewhat surprised to find that there was no public telescope here, by means of which valuable astronomical observations could be made. Let us hope that by the time Halley's Comet comes again there will be some little enthusiasm for astronomy, and that something will be provided so that those who come after us may be better able to study this glorious object.—*Rev. Dr. Kennedy.*

Breaking Away.

No man who valued his life would get on to a platform in Canada and suggest that there was a danger of Canada breaking away from Britain. Yet was there not a danger of Canada breaking away, and was there not a possibility that New Zealand, if her statesmen erred in the slightest degree, would also breakaway? Why? Because they had not yet succeeded in that huge task yet remaining to be accomplished by some great statesmen—namely, finding a means of giving New Zealand a community of interest with the Empire as a whole.—*Mr. A. S. Malcolm, M.P.*

The Best Defence.

Military men being all trade unionists can see no good in anything but rifles and drill; but I contend that our best defence is to have a freeholder on every 50-acre allotment.—*Mr. Robert Sloan, Takapuna.*

The Dogs of War.

New Zealand should be ready for all emergency, for millions were still being spent on armament, and they knew not when the dogs of war might become loosened.—*Sir Joseph Ward.*

Shoddy Society.

The Government House existed only for a fashionable clique and for the purpose of the imitation of a poor and shoddy "society" at Home. It was thus anything but a democratic institution, and it should not be supported at the public expense in the interests of any small clique.—*Rev. W. Beatty, Remuera.*

The Will and the Deed.

It was a curse of this community that while many agreed that certain things should be done they were ever willing to stand by and see others do them.—*Mr. E. W. G. Rathbone, President Auckland Society of Arts.*

A Kingly Utterance.

It will be my earnest endeavour to uphold constitutional government, and to safeguard in all their fulness the liberties enjoyed throughout my dominions; and under the guidance of God, the Ruler of all men, I will maintain, upon the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace, the great heritage of the united British Empire.—*King George.*

Dogs and Dinners.

The news of the world, as supplied by cables to the daily Press, was not merely inadequate, but misleading. They did not want to hear about dog fights and big dinners; they wanted to know how the cause of humanity was progressing in every part of the world.—*Mr. Andrew Fisher, Federal Premier.*

Equal Opportunity.

The principle of the greatest good for the greatest number was sound, and the world was not made for a privileged few. Every person should be given the opportunity of climbing to the topmost rung of the ladder according to his ability to do so.—*Mr. A. M. Myers, Auckland.*

Wanted a Hercules.

What the country wanted was a progressive policy of Crown and native land settlement, and the cleansing of the Augean stable of maladministration and corruption that had been piling up for the last 20 years.—*Mr. W. F. Massey, M.P.*

Native Lands.

It seemed to be a favourite complaint in the mouths of a certain section that the Government was not opening up the native lands for settlement as quickly as was expedient, and yet, if those same folk would take the trouble to look up facts and figures, they would find that in the last 20 years the Maoris had got rid of the freehold of more than one-third of their land in the North Island.—*Hon. Dr. Finlay.*

Not Much Chance.

The business people I met in both Sydney and Melbourne seemed to take a great interest in New Zealand affairs, and expressed regret they could not do more business with our Dominion; but, as I pointed out, the products of both countries are so similar there is not much chance for a very large expansion of trade.—*Mr. Frank Dyer, of W. M. Bannatyne and Co., Ltd., of Wellington.*

Making History.

Let us stop legislation, and especially speculative legislation, and our names will be recorded upon the pages of history as benefactors of our race.—*Mr. F. Lavery, M.P.*

Home Consumption.

Of the thirty million pounds' worth of produce raised in the Dominion, over one-third—principally the produce of small farmers—was consumed in the Dominion.—*Mr. Thompson, Auckland Farmers' Union.*

Born Fools.

Almost every elector was born a member of one or other of the present parties, and they voted as they were born. A man was born a fool and he died a fool.—*Mr. F. Colbeck, Farmers' Union.*

Winter at Wakatipu.

In the winter Lake Wakatipu looked at its very best, and there were ideal places for tobogganing and ski jumping, such popular recreations in other parts of the World.—*Mr. Robert Angus, General Manager for Thos. Cook and Sons.*

The Fountain of Good English.

Personally I sympathise with those who deplore the lack of Bible-teaching in New Zealand, both from a religious and a literary point of view. It is a most extraordinary thing that the fountain of good English and glorious poetry should be barred from our schools, especially in the backblocks.—*Mr. C. E. Moran-Brown, Headmaster Boys' High School, Christchurch.*

Creeks and Quarrels.

I wish I could make every member of a Christian church realise that as far as he spends his time quarrelling with other sects he is discrediting Christianity in the eyes of the world. This applies equally to quarrels with fellow citizens of other creeds.—*Mr. Rossell.*



THE OBSTACLE.
(Note the Japanese Spider.)



THE FIGHT FOR MANCHURIA.
China: But where do I come in?

A Nasty Knock.

The Dominion's railway service, which is slow, out-of-date, and inefficient, cannot compare with the splendidly equipped and well-administered railways in Egypt and the Soudan.—*Mr. William Bradley, Egypt General Mission.*

John Bull and Sons.

I want to see the legend over the doors of the British Empire read, not "John Bull," but "John Bull and Sons."—*Mr. A. S. Malcolm, M.P.*

Children should not feel that they leave joy behind them when they enter our building.—*Miss McLean, Principal Wellington Girls' College.*

Massey Every Time.

I have a number of personal friends in the different centres who are prominent in the councils of Labour, and who have informed me that while they are anxious to get their own members elected to Parliament, if it comes to a question between the Government and the Opposition, or, as some of them put it, "between Massey and Ward," they will support "Massey every time!"—*Mr. W. F. Massey, M.P.*

Time to Digest.

The Standing Orders of Parliament should be so amended as to provide that no bills could be introduced after the first week of the session. This would give the members, as well as the country, time to become acquainted with the proposed measures, and would help to prevent that congestion of work which at present followed on the introduction of bills in the last stages of the session.—*Mr. A. S. Malcolm, M.P.*

Easy Entrance.

He was not in sympathy with making the matriculation test too difficult. Edinburgh University had turned out brilliant men in days when there was no entrance test. The standard should not be made too high, or students would be excluded who might become the best scholars.—*Sir Robert Stout.*

Humbug.

I cannot stand humbug, and there has been more humbug talked and written about the Government House grounds than I have ever before heard in Auckland, and that is saying a great deal.—*Rev. W. Beatty, Remuera.*

Cook and Columbus.

There was hardly any doubt that but for a mere accident Cook's work as a discoverer would have been greater than that of Columbus'. In fact, if one looked at the work itself, rather than at the result, it was much greater.—*Mr. G. Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools.*

An Educating Influence.

In Switzerland, where there was highly organised industry, employing many thousands of workers in every branch of technical industry, and standing as it did in the forefront of modern nations both in the output per head and in the quality of its manufactures, they had found universal military training did not involve any appreciable interference with employment, and it was regarded by employers, and employed alike as not only the just and natural system for the defence of the country, but as a valuable contribution to physical and industrial education.—*Mr. James Allen, M.P.*

A Sailor's Message.

As a sailor I have been brought into constant touch with the oversea dominions of the Crown, and I have personally realised the affectionate loyalty which holds together the many lands and diverse peoples in one glorious fellowship. Nine years ago I travelled through the Empire, accompanied by my dear wife, and had the late King lived, we should together, at his expressed wish, have visited South Africa in the coming autumn, to open the first Parliament of the South African Union, the latest and greatest evidence of that peace and harmony which my father ever loved to promote.—*King George.*

The Colour of Their Money.

Political colour and political interests often govern the allocation of Government money.—*Mr. L. R. Philipps, M.P.*

The Housewife's Health is Precious

The happiness of the whole family depends greatly on the health and strength of the housewife. If she is weak and worn out, fretful and nervous, she cannot be the wise and patient adviser of her children, the congenial companion of her husband, the calm mistress of her many trying household duties that she was when in perfect health.

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