

Sayings of the Week.

City and Suburbs.

AUCKLAND has now been immune from plague for some five or six months, and I see no reason why there should be another visitation this summer, if the citizens help in a determined effort to keep the city clean, and maintain an increasing war against the rats. I hope the suburbs will attend to their duty in this respect, though I rather fear that amongst some local bodies there is a tendency towards laxity. Obviously it is of little use the city spending time and money putting its house in order if the suburban bodies do not join in the crusade for cleanliness.—*Mr. C. J. Parr, Mayor of Auckland.*

Requires No Prophet.

I am not a prophet, and I am not the son of a prophet; but, standing here now I say that our future prosperity depends on the great land question, and the way we deal with it will determine the future vitality of our national existence.—*Sir John Findlay.*

No Bigots.

A candidate who is a bigot, if returned, only intensifies the spirit of class hatred and suspicion, and wastes the time of the House in unprofitable discussion. Men should be elected who have no selfish interests to serve, for only thus can we all unite to advance New Zealand.—*Mr. Laurence Johnstone, Auckland.*

Not Cheaper in the End.

Eastern labour is not cheaper than Western. A Chinaman or Hindoo works for 1/ a day, while a New Zealander and Australian receives 8/; but this apparent difference is because the Australasian's work is eight times as productive on the average.—*Mr. John Johnson.*

Settling Souls.

Within the last 10 years 64,000 people had been placed on the land, and during his premiership 8,000 souls had been settled, more land being settled than had been dealt with under any other Minister during the past 15 years.—*Sir Joseph Ward.*

East and West.

The man who is not prepared to train for the defence of his country does not deserve to have a country to train in. If to-morrow this country, with all its advantages, were put below the tyrant heel of an Eastern or semi-Eastern despotism, the man who now objects to military training would learn by bitter experience that the man, even without land, has many things to be thankful for in such a free country as New Zealand under the British flag.—*Sir John Findlay.*

A Matter of Principles.

The underlying principle in connection with the Judiciary is that a Judge should be outside the influence of any political party. If our Judges are not sufficiently paid let us pay them more, but for the sake of all that is right and honest, do not pay them anything outside their salaries fixed by Act of Parliament.—*Mr. Massey.*

How the Money Goes.

Fifteen members sitting, lying about; the Chairman of Committee half asleep; the Minister nearly asleep; half the members sound asleep; and the House voting away millions of money—not many, only three and a bit. It's absolutely true—you can see for yourself, if you like to go along some fine morning.—*Mr. Fisher, at Wellington.*

Mr. Massey on Wages.

If the cost of living increased much longer as it was doing at present, then 9/ per day wages was little enough for a man to receive in order to enable him and his wife to live decently and bring up a family.—*Mr. Massey.*

A Coming Disappointment.

Their opponents were leaving no stone unturned to put the Government out, but they were going to be disappointed, because the people of New Zealand had no desire to give the reins to the old reactionary party.—*Sir Joseph Ward.*

Capital Punishment.

Although I am as strong for prison reform as anybody, I must, as an intelligent being, remember that the first consideration is the safety of society, the benefit of the criminal being only a secondary consideration. So long, therefore, as the extreme punishment is the only real deterrent to a certain class of offenders, as I believe it to be, I firmly believe it should remain on the Statute Book.—*Sir John Findlay.*

Mr. Fowld's Future.

I have been practically divorced from my wife and family for the last five years while a Minister of the Crown, and as Mrs. Fowlds would not leave

North and South.

Railway construction was being pushed ahead much more rapidly in the North Island than in the South Island, and there was justification for that in the much more rapid development in the North.—*The Hon. J. A. Millar.*

A Good Margin.

The Admiralty estimated the maximum number of possible invaders at 70,000. If an expeditionary force, consisting of six divisions left England we should still have 100,000 men in the special reserve, and 200,000 territorials, in addition to the remaining regulars and reservists, a total of 400,000.—*Lord Haldane.*

An Alliance Terminated.

Twenty-one years ago, after the great maritime strike of 1890, when the Liberal party was returned to power by the aid of Labour, some kind of alliance

Strikes and Labour Parties.

There have been more strikes in Australia since the Labour party came into power than there have ever been before in all the history of Australia and New Zealand.—*Mr. R. Fletcher, Wellington.*

What is the Government's Land Policy?

We have a policy on land. I don't know what the Government policy is. Like a good many others I was waiting to find the Government's land policy in the Prime Minister's Winton speech, but I read the speech fairly carefully, and found it merely a history and a detailing of the Acts at present in existence.—*Mr. E. T. Cury, Labour Candidate, Wellington North.*

Wanted to Know.

I have never reflected upon the integrity of Ministers, but I have said that the country is entitled to know what the cost of every loan is; and to whom brokerage, commission, or underwriting fees were paid. Surely this is a very fair question to ask. That is, I want to know, if we borrow five millions, do we get five millions, or four millions and a half? The Hon. R. McKenzie, from his seat in the House, has also seen fit to characterise Mr. Bell's reasonable request for information as a "dirty, foul, and false insinuation." It appears to me that when Ministers of the Crown find it necessary to bolster up their cause by the use of the language of Billingsgate Fishmarket, their cause is poor indeed.—*Mr. Mackintosh, Otago.*

Universal Pensions.

Universal pensions must come. We have the public Service superannuation, the teachers' superannuation, and so on. They pay part themselves by way of contribution, and the Government pays the rest—that is, you and I pay the rest. Why should you or I pay towards other people's pensions? Why should not we contribute to our own pensions?—*Mr. Fisher, Wellington.*

Great Minds Think Alike.

Mr. Massey claims to have suggested the Advances to Settlers Act, and, in fact, he claims as his every mortal thing that has been done in this country. Years before he came into the House I suggested the very same idea.—*Hon. T. Mackenzie.*

Country Nurses.

More assistance should be given to women in the back country districts by way of medical attention and nursing in cases of maternity.—*Mr. D. McLaren, Wellington.*

Like Noah's Ark.

The system of carrying out public works in New Zealand is no advance on the methods that were followed in the days of Noah. The pick, the shovel, the wheelbarrow, and the dobin are still the tools used in building railways in New Zealand, and the consequence is that the railways cost thousands of pounds a mile more than they should.—*Mr. Massey.*



A SPANISH CARTOON TO THE MEMORY OF SENOR FERRER, FOR PUBLISHING WHICH THE CARTOONIST WAS SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Auckland, even if I had the offer, I'm not a candidate for the High Commissionership.—*Mr. Fowlds.*

Simplified Spelling.

He hoped that success would attend the efforts of the American educationists who were aiming at a simplified spelling. Much ridicule had been poured up in this effort, which was absolutely unfair. He had a good deal of sympathy with a little boy who argued: "That there didn't ought to be any 'e' in scissors, and who, being English, spelt "when" "hwen."—*Mr. E. Watkins, Principal Christchurch Training College.*

The Rank and File.

It does not matter on what section you impose taxation that section will pass it on to the rank and file.—*Mr. Massey.*

To Right the Wronged.

If elected he would not find them billets, but if anyone had been wronged he would make it his duty to see that they were righted. As for finding billets for the unwashed and lick-spittles he wouldn't do it. It was this dirty, filthy system that had brought Parliament down to its present State.—*Mr. Byron Brown, at Foxton.*

was formed between the two parties. So far as I can see, the alliance only went the length of securing the votes of the workers at election times. Afterwards they and their interests were soon forgotten. Now we are out to establish our own political identity.—*Mr. W. T. Young, Labour Candidate, Wellington.*

Oyster-Gramophone Government.

No more backbone than an oyster and no more principle than a gramophone.—*Mr. Massey.*

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