

MR. WALTER REID.

Seventeen years ago Mr. Walter Reid, whose portrait appears in this issue, bought the freehold of the Rangiriri Hotel, which at that time was a house of only seven rooms. There were no saleyards, and very little shooting was done except that done out of season. Here his trade stood to him, being a cabinetmaker, and he not only made the house, one of 20 rooms, but also furnished it. He also worked up the shooting from practically nothing, until Rangiriri was called "The Sportsman's Paradise." Mr. Reid had a hand in getting the saleyards erected and sales established. He was a member of the local Road Board, and was for eight years chairman of the School Committee. Four years ago he determined to try something better, and purchased the freehold of the Pukekohe Hotel, where, with the able assistance of Mrs. Reid, a wonderful improvement was made in the house. Mr. Reid was elected chairman of the Road Board, and eight months ago, when Pukekohe was formed into a Town Board, was elected one of the commissioners and chosen chairman, a position which he still retains. He was president of the local Football Club, secretary of Lodge Franklin, No. 58, N.Z. Freemasons, and an active member of the Franklin Agricultural Society. As a mark of esteem before leaving he was chosen, and is now, president of the Franklin Rugby Union. Before leaving Pukekohe, Mr. Reid was presented with a handsome dressing-case, and Mrs. Reid was also presented with a handsome lady's dressing case, suitably inscribed, from numerous Pukekohe friends. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have earned a well-deserved rest, and have settled in a lovely home in Ponsonby, but intend paying a visit to the Old Country in the near future.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

The Royal Hotel at Tirau, owned by Mr. F. Rose, and occupied by Mr. E. Smith, was destroyed by fire last week. The fire originated in the upstairs sittingroom about a-quarter past six p.m., and spread with such rapidity that nothing was saved. The inmates were all at tea, when they were surprised to hear the pictures falling from the walls of the sittingroom upstairs, and by that time the top floor was enveloped in flames. Nothing could be done to check the fire, and the building was soon demolished. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Smith, who conducted the house in first-class style, and made himself deservedly popular with everyone he came in contact with or catered for.

NO SENTIMENT.

During the consideration by the Manukau Licensing Committee last Friday, as to which two hotels in the district should be closed, Mr. Parr, on behalf of one of the houses, pointed out that the rent of the premises constituted the support of four infant children. If the license was cancelled, the father, who was unable to work, would be deprived of the only means of livelihood. Mr. Dyer, S.M., replied that this was not an element which came within their province to consider; the committee had to be guided by the question of public convenience only. Mr. Parr rejoined that he took it that the committee was not susceptible on either sentimental or emotional questions. In arguing for the granting of renewals to the houses at Drury and Wairoa South, Mr. Nicholson contended the committee should adopt the principle of thinning out, rather than total abolition, as in the two cases quoted, where there was only one hotel in each district. Mr. Dyer concurred in this contention. There were, he said, seven hotels in the borough of Onehunga, and one just outside; the committee therefore deemed it preferable to thin this number out, rather than abolish the only licenses existing in the Drury and Wairoa South districts, and had decided to cancel the licenses of the Royal and the Victoria Hotels, in Onehunga.

WAIAPU LICENSING MEETING

At Gisborne last Friday, at the adjourned meeting of the Waiapu Licensing Committee, it was insisted that there must be a new licensee for one country hotel, and three months' adjournment was allowed to permit of some other person applying. The chairman said the committee would

have refused the license, owing to the unclean condition in which the hotel had been found. Adjourned applications were further deferred to enable the completion of improvements insisted on. A large petition and counter-petition were received regarding Te Rahui Hotel, Waiapu, which the police had reported to be unnecessary. The chairman said the committee were satisfied as to the accommodation provided, and it was useless to take evidence, because, even if they concluded that the house was not required they had no power to refuse the license on that ground. Conditional licenses for the races this week and for the stock sales were refused, the police reporting adversely in each case.

KAIPARA LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Kaipara Licensing Committee sat at Dargaville last week, there being present: Messrs. Dyer, S.M. (chairman), F. F. Day, J. Trounson, E. F. Field, L. B. Marriner, and Thos. Bassett. Renewals were granted to all the 12 hotels in the district. Certain improvements are to be effected. Packet licenses were granted to the Awaroa, Aotea, Wairoa, Baroona, and Kawau. Application for a wholesale license by Mr. Whittaker, Aratapu, caused some interest, the prohibitionists opposing it. They presented a petition with 500 signatures against it. Mr. Coates appeared for the applicant (Mr. Whittaker), and presented a petition in support. The magistrate asked if they could grant the application as involving an increase in the number of licenses. Mr. Coates quoted the Supreme Court decision that wholesale licenses were excluded. He opposed the prohibition petition as not having been filed for seven days. The petition was not admitted. The committee unanimously decided that the license was not required.

PROVISIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN GREY LYNN.

"THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SALE CONTROL ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1904."

33. With respect to every district the electors whereof have duly determined in manner prescribed by the Licensing Acts that no licenses be granted therein, and so long as, pursuant to such determination, no licenses are in force therein, the following provisions shall apply:—

(1) It shall not be lawful for any person whomsoever—

(a) To solicit or receive any order for any liquor within such district: nor (b) to sell, or expose or keep for sale, any liquor within such district: nor (c) to send (either from without or within such district) or deliver to any person residing therein, or at any place situate therein, any liquor which the person sending or delivery the same has reasonable ground to suspect is intended to be sold, or exposed or kept for sale, therein: nor (d) To send or deliver to any person residing therein or to any place situate therein any package containing liquor, unless such package bears distinctly written or printed on the outside thereof a statement that it contains liquor. Any inspector appointed under the Licensing Acts may detain and in the presence of at least two witnesses examine the contents of any package in respect whereof a violation of this provision is reasonably suspected by him.

"THE LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1904."

5. (a) Every person who gives any order (whether verbal or in writing) for any liquor intended to be sent or taken into the district shall notify the person to whom the order is given that the liquor is intended to be sent or taken, and shall give to such last-mentioned person a statement in writing of his name and address, and (where the order is given on account of any other person) the name and address of such other person.

(b) Every person who sells any liquor in compliance with any such order shall, if so notified as aforesaid, or if aware that the liquor ordered is to be sent or taken into such district, furnish to some clerk of a Magistrate's Court, to be appointed by the Minister, a statement in writing of the nature and quantity of the liquor so sent or taken, and of the name and address of the person ordering the same, and of the person to whom it is sent or by whom it is taken; and all such statements shall be filed by the clerk.

(c) Every brewer, wine or spirit merchant, or other vendor of liquor shall keep a book in which he shall enter all orders received by him for the delivery of liquor in such district, the nature and quantity of all liquor so delivered by him in compliance with any such order, and the address of the person ordering the same and of the person to whom the liquor is to be delivered.

(d) All statements filed as aforesaid, and every such book as aforesaid, shall be open to inspection by any Magistrate, Inspector of Licensed Premises, or by any person appointed in that behalf by any Court before which proceedings under this section or under section 33 of the Amendment Act of 1895 have been taken, but save as aforesaid shall not be open to inspection by any person

(e) Every person who (i) Being a resident in such district, obtains, or who, acting on behalf of any such resident, obtains or orders liquors to be delivered in such district to him or any such resident without notifying the vendor or the vendor's agent that he is such a resident as aforesaid, or that the liquor is to be delivered to such a resident as aforesaid: or (ii) Sells any liquor to, or for delivery to, any such resident as aforesaid without making an entry of the sale in the books aforesaid, or without furnishing a statement to the clerk of the Magistrate's Court as aforesaid: or (iii) Knowing that any liquor is being supplied in breach of this section, delivers such liquor to any resident as aforesaid, is liable to a fine for the first offence not exceeding twenty pounds, and for the second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds; or, if he be a licensee, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds for a first offence and one hundred pounds for a second offence, and for a third or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or his license may be cancelled.

(f) Nothing in this section shall prevent any resident in such district, when outside the district, from obtaining for his own personal use, with right to take the same into the district if he chooses, liquor not exceeding one quart of spirits or wine, or one gallon of beer in any one day; and it shall not be necessary for the vendor to enter such sale as required by paragraph (c) hereof, or to furnish any statement to the clerk of the Magistrate's Court in respect thereof.

NEW ZEALAND HOTEL.

The name of "New Zealand" would always awaken Mr. Seddon. Traveling through Castlemaine (says the "Melbourne Argus") he saw on a roadside inn the sign "New Zealand Hotel." From a door a woman waved a white handkerchief at the special train. "She's a New Zealander!" Mr. Seddon cried, and ran to the door of the car to reply to the salute. The train whirled away too quickly to allow him. The Premier said nothing. But on the return journey he sat at a window near the door, watching for the hotel. He waited while the train travelled four miles; then the sign came into view again. Mr. Seddon opened the door, and, standing on the observation platform, waved to the hotel-keeper, who was again on the lookout for him.

Hicks: "My hair comes out in handfuls. If it keeps on I'll soon be bald."
Wicks: "Nonsense, if it keeps on you can never be bald."

Taking your neighbour's goods is variously designated as stealing, stealing among the poor, business methods among the middle classes, and kleptomaniac or bridge among the aristocracy.—"The Queen."

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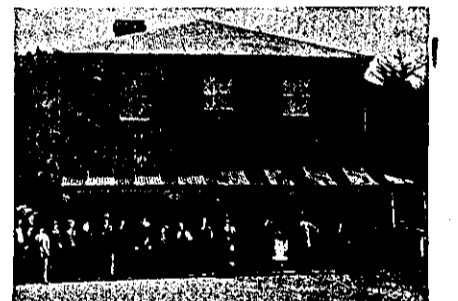
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O W H A R O A HOTEL,

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