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Those desiring to make a profitable land investment should promptly consult Buscke and Parker, Gisborne. These enterprising land agents have on the market a small grazing run of 2750 acres leasehold, which they are disposing of at exceptional rates. All in grass, it is subdivided into ten paddocks, well-watered by permanent streams, and has a six-roomed house, woolshed, yards and dip. It is two-sheep country, and is offered at £7 per acre. It is considered by those who know to be one of the best and cheapest properties in the market, and situated in splendid country it cannot fail to bring in quick returns to the purchaser.

Some idea of the treatment that American soldiers are receiving in German prison camps may be gathered from a letter received by a boy's parents at Minneapolis:—"We are having the very best treatment," he says. "The Germans provide us with the best of everything. There is only one thing we could wish for, and that is to be at Lakewood Park." Lakewood Park evidently impressed the German censor as a pleasure resort. It is a cemetery.

Mr. Harry Hall, land and estate agent, Gisborne, has for sale a first-class property of 1000 acres freehold, all in good grass, wintering 2600 sheep and 100 cattle. There are eight paddocks, well fenced and watered, and a modern 12-roomed house, in addition to woolshed, sheep-yards, dip, whare, buggy and motor sheds, stables, orchard tennis court etc. The price is £20 per acre stock at valuation. This property is nine miles from Gisborne, and has been recommended by the manager of a large mercantile firm. Another splendid investment is offered in a property of 1600 acres freehold (22 miles from Gisborne), carrying at present 2200 sheep and 200 cattle. Full particulars appear in an advertisement in this issue.

A well-known figure in Dunedin and amongst bowlers will be missed by the unexpected and sudden death of Mr. C. T. Paterson. The late Mr. Paterson was the son of Captain Paterson, Dunedin (formerly of Hobart).

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Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Sir Thomas Mackenzie and Mr. Gosling have been appointed a committee to inquire into the best policy for the care of soldiers' graves in the United Kingdom.

Mr. F. M. Inder, of Naseby, has been appointed Acting-Town Clerk of Woodville. There were 16 applications from all parts of the Dominion.

The German bells that have been hung in the tower of the old German church at the corner of Hereford and Montreal Streets, Christchurch, for many years, have been taken down, in accordance with the instructions of the Acting-Prime Minister. They were obtained by Mr. Ruddenklau, formerly a prominent citizen of Christchurch and at one time Mayor, says a Christchurch paper. About 40 years ago he visited Germany, a few years after the Franco-German War. A German church had been established in Christchurch, and the bells, which were made out of French cannon captured during the war, were presented to the church by the Emperor William I., grandfather of the present Kaiser. The bells are to be melted down and the metal kept for despatch to France. Whether the metal will be presented in the form of a memorial to the heroism of the nation's French allies is not certain, but it is probable that this course will be followed.

During the past 18 months the Auckland Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association collected a total amount of £17,680 for patriotic and charitable objects.

Special regulations published in last week's Gazette authorise the Wellington Acclimatisation Society to kill red deer on account of age, infirmity, or deformity, in certain portions of the Wellington district. The authority will operate for the next two months. The society has sought this power in order to improve the herds by judicious culling, sportsmen having reported malformed herds in various parts of the district.

Captain Leo Myers, late of Auckland, and brother of the Hon. Arthur Myers, has been appointed honorary organiser of the Riflemen's Aid Society. Captain Myers enlisted as a private in the King's Royal Rifles shortly after the outbreak of war, and spent three and a-half years under canvas (including several months in the trenches in France), eventually rising to the rank of captain in his regiment. Since being invalided home from France, Captain Myers, who is now in his 48th year, has been training troops in one of the camps in England.

"Whilst passing through France," writes Sergt.-Major Barcham (formerly of Awapuni) to a Palmerston friend, "I did not see a single fit man out of uniform. Women are carrying on everywhere and replacing the men. It was a great sight to see them working in the fields—ploughing, fencing, and digging; in fact, they do everything, and work harder than any man does in New Zealand. The whole countryside is under cultivation, and looks inexpressibly beautiful. If the Manawatu were cultivated on the same scale it would be worth about £2000 an acre. At any rate, what I saw of France convinces me that we have a lot to learn from the French peasant in the way of agriculture. France is the most beautiful country I have seen, and is worth fighting for."



From left: Private W. L. C. Humby, of Auckland, killed in action; Private John Forsyth, of Lochiel, Southland, killed in action; Private B. A. Buckley, of Hook, Waimate, South Canterbury, killed in action; Private R. Bradley, of Waipukurau (H.B.), killed in action.

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