

Mrs. Yates, who died recently at Onehunga, was the first woman elected a Mayoress of any borough of the Empire. She was elected Mayor of Onehunga in 1893 and continued in office for a year. By virtue of her office she was the only woman J.P. at that time. Her husband also occupied the Mayoral chair at one time. The late Mrs. Yates was a daughter of the late Mr. Ovens, and was born in Caithness, Scotland, coming to New Zealand with her parents when a child. In 1875 she married Captain Yates, and had resided near her old home until her death, at the age of 78.

In giving evidence before the Second Wellington Military Service Board in support of his request for an extension of leave till Christmas to enable him to see the shearing season over and his crops in, a farmer in the Hutt Valley stated that he actually managed five farms, milked 240 cows and had over 60 acres under cultivation. Since the beginning of the war he had engaged ten women as milkers and for general farm work. The chairman (Mr. Poynton, S.M.) remarked that it had been stated that women could not be got to do this class of work. In reply the appellant said: "After the war, I will not go back to men milkers, as the women have proved so satisfactory. If you treat women well and pay them well they are quite as satisfactory for this class of farm work as men; and they are more reliable."

LADIES' GOLF.

Auckland.
The first rounds of the Auckland Ladies' Golf Club championships resulted as follows: In the senior grade Miss K. Holmes beat Miss N. Crowther, 2 up and 1 to play; Miss N. Cooper beat Miss N. Alison, 4 up and 3 to play; Miss G. Gorrie beat Miss M. MacCormick, 2 up and 1 to play; and Miss S. Henderson gave a bye to Miss M. Payton. In the junior grade Miss P. Bloomfield beat Miss W. Hellaby, 1 up on the 18th hole, and Miss E. Culling beat Miss K. Clark, 4 up and 3 to play.

Maungakiekie.
The following were the best cards returned for the eclectic match played on Wednesday last by the Maungakiekie Ladies' Club:—Mrs. Stewart, gross score 46, handicap 10, net score 36; Miss Burgess, 46—9—37; Mrs. Saxton, 48—9—39; Mrs. Rodger, 50—10—40; Miss Wilson, 51—10—41; Mrs. Trice, 52—11—41.

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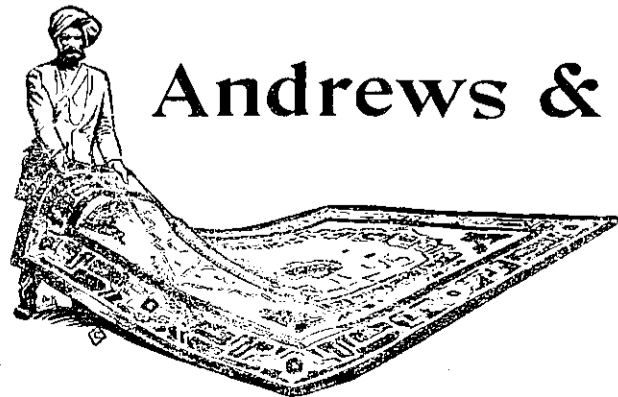
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