

institution, for a course, on my return to New Zealand?

Answer: Only men with satisfactory practical experience are approved for courses at the agricultural colleges. Full-time tuition at Lincoln and Massey Agricultural Colleges, where it is approved, is provided under the conditions and for the periods appropriate to the available courses. While pursuing such courses student trainees are

paid at the following rates by the board:—Single men L2 a week plus board and lodging; married men L4 a week plus board and lodging. In addition, the board meets the college fees and expenses incurred in connection with books, instruments and other study material. The value of refresher courses for fully experienced men is recognised by the board and local committees and application from this class receive careful consideration.

THE ORIGIN OF CRICKET

Wherever Englishmen and especially English soldiers have gone, they have taken their national game with them. But for the outbreak of the Revolution it would have been played in Paris in 1789 under the auspices of the British Ambassador. It was introduced to Lisbon before the Battle of Busaco and later in Vienna during a Congress there. It had been played in Italy by 1828 while a cricket club was formed in Geneva as early as 1850. Of European countries to-day the Dutch and the Danes are the keenest and the most proficient.

Cricket is by no means unknown in America—in fact it has been played all over the American continent and a match at New York took place in 1751. The first team of professional cricketers that ever left England toured the U.S.A. and Canada in 1859 and they have been followed by many subsequent teams. The compliment has been returned by the Philadelphians, Pennsylvania and Haverford Universities.

In England it was being played by boys of the free school of Guildford in or about 1550 for in 1598, one John Derrick then 58, giving evidence before a jury testified to his having played there as a boy himself at "crikett and other plaies". However, its origin may be even earlier still as various authorities have tried to identify its infancy with a fifteenth century game

called "Handyn or Handoute", stool-ball or the Scottish "Cat and Doug" all of which seem to have contributed something. It was not born but evolved itself slowly as a specialised variety of the generic club-ball.

Dr. Johnson gave the derivation of "cricket" as being from "cryce"—Saxon—a stick.

When You Return, Remember

Traffic keeps to the left-hand side of the road.

Hotels close at 1800 hours (six o'clock in civic street) and drinking after hours is frowned upon.

Jay-walking is an offence in urban areas (*including* Wanganui and Timaru).

Robbing of orchards and vineyards is not altogether popular with the owners, and laws of trespass are strict.

Numerous items of food and clothing can be bought only when the necessary coupons are produced.

It is by no means fine every day during the summer as it is in Italy. Ask any Southland man.

Once army pay ceases it will be necessary to work in order to eat, drink and be merry—in fact, in order to live.