

'S OF THE DAY

Day Sports.
 The Labour Day Sports Committee was in the use of the Pukekura Sports ground for the annual Labour Day Sports. The programme was approved by the Park Committee yesterday on the usual customary terms.

Temptation.
 "I did not resist the temptation to cross the bridge," said Mr. C. E. Bellinger, at the meeting of the Pukekura Committee at New Plymouth yesterday when the new Poet's Bridge was under consideration. "Did you carry it on it?" asked the secretary of the committee, with a smile. "No," said Mr. Bellinger, "I left that to you."

Criticism.
 At the monthly meeting of the North Taranaki Arts and Crafts Society in New Plymouth, an unusual form last night saw members gathered at the exhibition of paintings and drawings at the society's display and criticised and discussed upon each others work. At the meeting a supper was served by Mrs. Bellinger.

Sanitation.
 The rapid approach to completion of the new houses at Brooklands Road, New Plymouth, is indicated by the calling of tenders for the construction of about 100 of sewers. These will connect the houses, which are being built on the Brooklands Road frontage, with the borough sewerage system. The tenders will be so laid that they can be seen from the interior of the site as they are laid.

Statue.
 At the annual meeting of the New Plymouth Health Stamp Campaign last night the medical officer, Dr. F. W. W. Dawson, stated that the committee could well take the statue of Ferdinand de Lesseps at the entrance to the Suez Canal as a model. "Look at the children who are in camp," added Dr. Dawson.

Recognition.
 The action of the New Plymouth citizen whose identity was under the nom-de-plume of "John" was expressed by the Mayor, Mr. C. Gilmour, at last night's meeting of the New Plymouth Health Stamp Campaign committee. "Thank you, John, could always be relied upon for an honorary donation whenever funds were needed for a deserving cause, and his services were really "thankful" to the committee.

American Celebration.
 In commemoration of the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus 444 years ago, yesterday was observed as a day of Latin American as a day of celebration. At Auckland the Pan-American festival yesterday over the Consulate General for Panama, Senor Gueiros, and the national flags of the United States, Argentina and Ecuador were hoisted above the offices of the representative of those countries in Auckland. The festival was made by members of the American Corps.

Transport.
 The use of air transport in business has been illustrated more and more in the past few days. There is a present screening at Christchurch to be shown at New Plymouth on Friday. It is having record-breaking success everywhere it is shown and to the loss of time it is to leave Christchurch by air at 10 a.m. on Friday with the Union Airways service to reach New Plymouth in 1 1/2 hours. The film at New Plymouth at 1.46 p.m. will be on the screen punctually at 2.00 p.m.

Ratepayers' Contributions.
 Amounting to £9015/3/7, equivalent to 100 per cent of the total general rate levied, have been received by the Egmont County Council in the month of striking of the rate. The payment is in response to the request of the council to again grant a 5 per cent. on general rates in that period, the rebate being £368/3/-. Ratepayers in the district provided £3397/7/-, central £1000, and south £2544/0/8. The total is greater than last year, but less than the total of the rates levied.

Approval of Treatment.
 In acknowledging the good wishes of the Pukekura Park Committee, Captain Bellinger, N.Z.S.C., in a letter to the committee which was read at its meeting yesterday, said he would thank the committee for the consideration which had been given to him at all times during the service in Taranaki, especially the use of the grounds had at the disposal of the Department, and he appreciated the attention and desired to thank the committee and the superintendent staff of the park.

Footpaths.
 A subsidy of £1 for £1 for the construction and maintenance of footpaths on State and ordinary main roads in approved cases only will be granted by the Main Board. Advice to this effect has been received by the Egmont County Council from the Main Highway Board.

MEMORIAL ENTRANCE

PUKEKURA PARK GATES

ALTERNATIVE SCHEME

TENDER ACCEPTED

The impossibility of obtaining satisfactory quotations for the supply of Mount Somers stone for the memorial entrance gates at Pukekura Park made tendering by contractors for the work very difficult and although four tenders were received by the Park Committee at its meeting yesterday the prices were altogether beyond the finances of the committee and an alternative scheme, suggested by the architects, Messrs. Griffiths and Syme, for the construction of the gates and wall in concrete, with a cement plaster finish pointed to resemble stone courses, was approved.

Alternative tenders for this work were also received and submitted to the committee and the lowest tender of Messrs. Boon Bros., New Plymouth, for £1575 was, subject to the approval of the New Plymouth Borough Council, accepted.

UNSATISFACTORY.

In reporting this situation to the committee the architects stated that the tenders were disappointing and unsatisfactory, and then the explanation in respect to the supplies of Mount Somers stone was given. If the work was to be done in stone an entirely new design would have to be made. Other stone than that from Mount Somers, obtainable in New Zealand, was considered unsuitable for this district, and the cost of imported stone would make the price of the work prohibitive.

They therefore suggested the construction of the work in what was called waterproof stone with a tinted plaster finish, marked out and pointed to resemble stone. For this they had obtained from the original tenderers alternative tenders and between that of Boon Bros. and the highest tender received there was a difference of nearly £300. The tenders were three New Plymouth firms and one Christchurch firm.

SHOULD BE IN STONE.

Mr. W. P. Short emphasised that it would be a pity to erect a memorial in anything but stone and he expressed the opinion that the use of concrete would not make the job as permanent and it would never give the appearance nor satisfaction that stone would. He suggested that the design could be amended and the height of the gates reduced and other amendments made that would reduce the cost and still permit the committee to adhere to the use of stone.

Other members emphasised that the tenders for stone were altogether beyond the committee's financial resources and they saw little objection to the scheme proposed by the architects. Mr. E. R. C. Gilmour pointed out that the gates at the Boys' High School were not of stone and they were standing up in appearance to weather conditions, and appeared to be lasting well.

LOOK AHEAD.

Mr. Short said it was necessary to look a long way ahead, and they should visualise something that would practically be everlasting.

It was subsequently resolved to approve the alternative scheme submitted by the architects and that subject to the approval of the Borough Council the architects be instructed to proceed with accepting the tender of Boon Bros.

Mr. Short recorded his protest against the work being done in any material other than stone.

In an explanation given to a representative of the Taranaki Herald afterwards, the architects stated that every care would be taken with the work to ensure that a durable finish was obtained. The wall, when built, would be allowed to dry thoroughly before the finishing coat of cement plaster was applied. This would be made of a new cement now being manufactured in New Zealand, which would be "waterproofed" by machinery to make it durable and ensure also that the finishing coat and colouring would dry out and have an even appearance which would be lasting. To obtain this result the colouring pigment is ground into the mixture by machinery. During the finishing stage the work will be specially protected to ensure an even drying out by retarding the process by protecting the work from undue moisture and draughts.

There will be no change in the design adopted by the committee, the only change being in the material to be used in the construction of the work.

The alternative tenders included £400 to cover the cost of the double gates, turnstiles, tablets and inscription. However, separate prices were being obtained and, with gates in wrought iron, turnstile, tablets and lettering in bronze, it was thought this amount could be reduced by £100.

Messrs. J. McLeod and C. E. Bellinger were appointed a sub-committee to consider a suitable form of inscription for the tablet and to submit a proposal to the committee for approval.

AMERICANS RECEIVED

BUCKINGHAM PALACE PARTY

KING AND QUEEN ENTERTAIN

PREVENTING

WORK IN TAR

THREE ADDITIONAL

STATISTICS FOR DISTRICT

The prevention of tuberculosis is being carried out by health officers throughout the district and Taranaki is doing its part in this respect. Speaking to the Herald reporter this morning Mr. W. Dawson, medical officer for Taranaki, outlined the activities in the district and stated that good work was being done.

Every case discharged from Taranaki hospitals was closely followed up, to see that the patient was under satisfactory conditions and the usual precautions and the good methods taught in hospital. If things were not as well as the patients were readmitted to hospital.

Dr. Dawson named three methods of the prevention and cure of tuberculosis in New Plymouth—the housing scheme to ensure that everybody was under satisfactory conditions, the supply of milk to all school children, and the construction of the tuberculosis hospital at the New Plymouth Hospital.

WORK AMONG MAORI

He stressed the point that attention was given to education among the Maoris. Two districts devoted their full time to the education of Maori homes and education of Natives in this respect.

Routine examination of children in 1935, states the annual report of Dr. M. H. Watt, Director of Health, resulted in the discovery of a percentage of all forms of tuberculosis was .06 for European children and .08 for Maori children. At all ages Maori showed undue susceptibility to the tubercle bacillus. The following table shows the death-rate per 10,000 of population for the Maori and European population in 1930 to 1935:—

Year	Maoris
1930	34.03
1931	36.63
1932	41.65
1933	38.20
1934	40.25
1935	40.26

During the past few years for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis among the Maoris were strengthened, but it still appears there was too much neglect of principles and all too much reliance on medicine. The problem was considered well as medico-hygienic and the Maori was better housed and self-supporting, education more often doomed to failure.

RISE LAST YEAR

Dr. Watt's report points out that a marked rise occurred in the death-rate from tuberculosis advancing from 3.88 per 10,000 the lowest ever recorded in New Zealand to 4.56.

Until 1935, the last year for which a complete index is available, the continuous downward movement in the death-rate for both sexes at New Plymouth from 1909 until 1932 a definite failure of the young woman from the age of 20 to participate in the improvement. The rate for this group, however, fell for the period 1929-33 at 35. The figures show that the average yearly number of deaths from tuberculosis are greater of population, in the following groups: 20-25, 6.5; 25-30, 5.2. For men the following age-groups show the highest death-rates per 10,000: 5-10, 5.6; 40-45, 5.9; 45-50, 5.5; 55-60, 6.4; 60-65, 6.5; 65-70, 6.5.

PULMONARY CASES

Pulmonary tuberculosis accounts for the largest proportion of 1933 deaths from this type of disease, 3.24 per 10,000 of population, of the disease accounting for 11.5 per cent of the total deaths. The figures were 3.32 and 3.88 in 1932 and 1935 they were 3.1. Tuberculosis of the respiratory tract took sixth place in the principal causes of death in 1935, ranking 11th in 1932. Tuberculosis, cancer, cerebral haemorrhage, apoplexy, accidents and nephritis were the other causes of death. Of the 576 deaths from tuberculosis in 1935, a total of 471 were due to pulmonary tuberculosis and 105 to other forms of the disease.

The report states that a little investigation of the type of tuberculosis responsible for cases of tuberculosis among the Maoris has been carried out in New Zealand, the small amount of information available points to about 80 per cent of the cases from being due to human type and 20 per cent to bovine type of bacillus.

SAVED SEVERAL

EFFICIENT R.N.V.R.

RECENT NAVAL TRAINING

Per Press Association
 AUCKLAND, 12
 "I think we had a very clear demonstration of the efficiency of the Naval Volunteer Reserve when the said Rear-Admiral the Hon. E. B. Mond, officer commanding the land Division of the Royal Navy, visited the Reserve at Auckland."