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DINING OUT

This week's restaurant . . .

Name: DB Royal Hotel
Address: 20 Brougham St, New Plymouth
Telephone: 80892
Style: Casual dining

Seating capacity: 50-60
Hours: Mon-Thurs 6.15pm — 7.30pm
Fri-Sat 6pm — 9pm
Licence: Full

No hunger pains after Royal meal

The DB Royal Hotel in New Plymouth offers no frills but you won't leave the restaurant hungry.

The printed menu itself leaves a lot to be desired — it is stained and there are spelling errors — but the food is good.

Even those diners with hearty appetites may have trouble eating their way through three courses as the main meals served are large in comparison with most other restaurant meals.

Dishes on the menu are changed regularly and the variety available should suit most palates.

Features

The night my husband and I dined at the restaurant, the menu featured roast meat and seafood dishes.

My partner ordered a shrimp cocktail (\$4.50) and we both had soup of the day which was pea and ham, \$2 a bowl.

I enjoyed an orange juice (85c) while waiting for a bottle of Pink Chardon (\$9) which we ordered to go with our meal.

The soup was delicious

but unfortunately the bread rolls did not arrive until we had finished it. However, they were at least soft and piping hot.

We found the main courses cheap, ranging from \$8.50 to \$10.00

My husband ordered porterhouse steak (\$9) while I dined on the seafood platter (\$10).

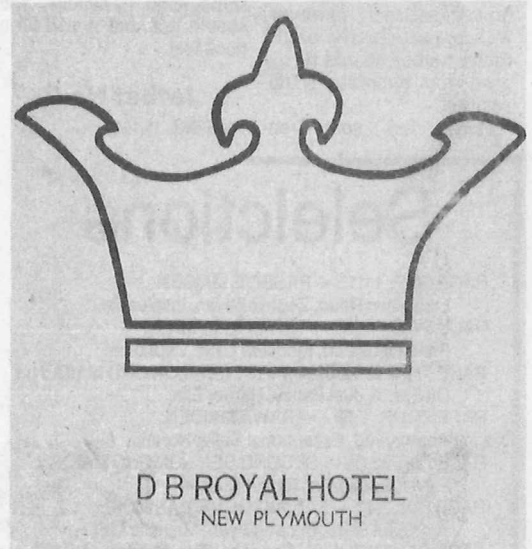
The seafood consisted of scallops, oysters and fish. But dieters beware — it was all cooked in batter.

I ate it without the batter as I found it too greasy. Not being a big eater, I struggled with my main course and managed to eat half of it.

I chose to have vegetables — pumpkin, potato, carrots and broccoli with cheese sauce — with my meal while my husband had a salad.

Children

Children dining near us were delighted with their food as all main courses come with a big helping of chips.



After our main meals we were almost replete but decided to order dessert.

My husband had dessert of the day which was chocolate steamed pudding with icecream (\$2).

I had an icecream sundae with chocolate sauce

(\$2) but found the sauce too rich for my taste.

We decided to skip coffee. Our bill came to \$41.35 which we thought reasonable. The restaurant is an excellent place to take young children as it is not over-priced and the atmosphere is casual. — C.S.