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TRADE, FINANCE, AND PASTORAL.

"Courier" Office, Monday Evening.

The local millers have pretty generally advanced the price of flour to £12 10/ per ton, and agents for Southern flours are on a par with the in Brisbane market. Neither local or Southern millers, however, are anxious to push sales. Australian Manitoba flour is in short supply, and a parcel of New South Wales flour of this variety being offered at £14.

By the steamer Tsiman, which sailed on Friday for the East, Messrs. Murray and Douglas, of Darragh's Buildings, Brisbane, shipped to other four pairs of perfectly-matched ponies—three pairs of grays and one pair of blacks—broken to saddle and harness, from 13½ to 14½ hands high, and from 4 to 6 years old. Before shipment they passed a strict veterinary examination, and were pronounced to be a fine even lot.

The reference in this morning's "Courier" to the broadacre outlook in Australia was discussed in mercantile circles to-day. There is a feeling amongst the local millers that the views expressed are worthy of the attention of the Federal authorities. The present position may, of course, be moderated or rendered more acute by the weather phases from now until the harvest. With favourable weather we may reap in all the States a yield equal to half of last year's. With a continuation of the present dry weather the estimate would be considerably reduced. To take statutory power to prohibit export would be an expedient only justifiable under the stress of the most crying necessity," said a merchant to-day, "but, of course, desperate diseases require desperate remedies. An acute stage might be reached when the Federal Parliament was in recess, and it would be well to arm the authorities with power to deal with the contingency should it arise."

The Mutual Life Association has received a wire from the Sydney office stating that at a meeting yesterday the amalgamation with the Citizens' Life Insurance Company was confirmed by 168 to 2.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The Commonwealth and State Customs revenue collected at this port to-day amounted to £3,967 18 1.

The Commonwealth Customs duties received on the 19th instant were as follow:—

CUSTOMS.

Stimulants	£50 2 3
Agricultural products and provisions	53 15 5
Apparel and textiles	98 8 10
Metals and machinery	9 15 7
Oils, paints, and varnishes	12 6 4
Earthenware, &c.	26 16 9
Drugs and chemicals	3 12 10
Wood, wicker, and cane	0 13 5
Jewellery and fancy goods	0 17 11
Leather and rubber	0 10 0
Paper and stationery	2 11 4
Vehicles	10 10 0
Musical instruments	15 18 0
Miscellaneous	50 18 6
Other miscellaneous receipts	5 7 2
Total Customs	£367 18 6

EXCISE.

Spirits	£29 2 7
Total Excise	£29 2 7
Total Customs and Excise	£397 1 1

THE SOUTHERN MARKETS.

SYDNEY, October 21.—Wheat was unsettled to-day, and large holders were not in the market. It was reported that one line had been sold in the country at equivalent to 5/7 at Darling Harbour, and that small lots had changed hands at 5/4½. Flour had brisker inquiry at £11/10 to £12.

350 packages Ceylon teas sold at 7½d. to 10d. Cream of tartar advanced to 11d., at which it was firmly held. Linseed oil was firm at 3 7½ to 3 8 for B. and S. raw, and 3 9½ to 3/10 for boiled. 100 bales of cornsacks for November delivery sold at 5/10 at ship's slings. Melbourne was reported to be offering at 5/9 for season's delivery, without business passing. Woolpacks, 2/8 to 2/10. Bran bags, 5/4½.

Produce had good inquiry to-day, and values were generally firmer. Prime maize sold readily at 4/9, and white brought 4/7 to 4/8. Chick wheat was scarce, and wanted at 4/9 to 4/10. Bran and pollard advanced to 1/6, and a further rise is anticipated. Melbourne Algerian heavy milling oats are quoted at 3/4 to 3/6, which is also asked for Tasmanian white. Victorian oaten and wheaten chaff, £5 15/; Adelaide chaff, £5 15/ to £6; local sold to £6 6/; lucerne sold to £9; lucerne to £6 15/. For the small supply of Tasmanian potatoes available £8 10/ was wanted; local tubers, £4 to £5 5/.

In the fruit market pineapples, Queensland, sold at 5/ to 8/ per case; passion fruit, to 7/; tomatoes, Queensland, choice, 5/ to 6/; others, 2/ to 4/ per quarter case; oranges, to 10/; navel, to 20/; cucumbers, Queensland, choice, 7 to 8/; others, 5/ to 6/ per packet; bananas, Fiji G.M.'s, 16 per case, 4/6 to 9/ per bunch; Chinese, 14/ to 14/6 per case, 2/6 to 6/ per bunch; loquats, to 1/.

At the Homebush fat stock sales sheep sold from 7/6 to 24/, with a few to 25/; ditto, shorn, 6/ to 15/; lambs, 6/6 to 17/; cattle, £5 15/ to £12 10/. Best beef was worth 3½ per 100lb.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

SYDNEY, October 21.—At to-day's wool sales 818 bales were catalogued, and 7176 bales sold. The market was practically unchanged. Prices were firm at the closing rates of last week for all best grades of merino and crossbred lots, but short, faulty, and burry sorts were very irregular and weak. The top price for greasy was 14½d., and for scoured 23½d.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.

With few exceptions this morning's very light consignments were comprised of second and inferior quality produce. Bidding was extremely tame, and little business was transacted. Four lines of potatoes only were auctioned. The maize supplies contained but one prime lot, and the lucerne chaff consignments two prime lines.

AUCTION PRICES IN RAILWAY SHED:—

CHAFF.—Lucerne, prime, 7/ and 7 3/; medium, 4 3, passed; inferior, 2 3, passed, 3 7, and 3 9; oaten, local, 2/9, 4 2, passed; 4 8, passed, and 4 9, passed and sold; mixed, 4/9, passed, and 5 6; wheaten straw, 2 11, 3/, and 3 1, passed and sold.

LUCERNE HAY.—5 3.

MAIZE.—Prime, 4 2; second quality, 4 0½, passed, to 4 1, passed and sold; inferior, 3 8, passed, 3 9½, and 4/, passed.

POTATOES.—Blue skin, second quality, 4/3, passed; inferior, 2/6, passed; Brownell, prime, 5/, passed, and 5 1/, passed.

BARLEY.—2 10, passed, and 3/.

TURNIPS.—2/9, passed.

STRAW BEDDING.—1/9, passed.

PUMPKINS.—(Loose), 5/.

PRICES IN AUCTION SHED:—

EGGS.—Ordinary, 6d. to 6½d.; special, 6½d. to 8d. (large supplies; poor demand).

HONEY.—2d. to 2½d.

CHEESE.—7d. to 8d.

BUTTER.—9d. to 10½d.; second, 8d. to 8½d.

POULTRY.—Fowls, hens 2/4 to 2/6, roosters 3 to 4/; ducks—English, 3/ to 4 3/; Muscovy, 3/6 to 4/9; turkeys—gobblers, 14/ to 17/6; hens, 6 to 7/6; pigeons, 1/1 to 1/2; guinea fowls, 2 to 3/3; geese, 5/ to 6/ per pair.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE TRADE:—

MAIZE.—4/ to 4/3.

WHEAT.—Chick, 4/8 to 4/9.

PEAS.—Blue, 5/6 per bushel.

RICE MEAL.—£5 per ton.

MILL OFFALS.—Mill prices: Bran, £7/15/ per ton; pollard, £8 per ton. Merchants' prices: Bran, £7 10/; pollard, £7/10/.

QUEEN OF PATENTS FLOUR.—£12 per ton.

SEA FOAM FLOUR.—£12/10/ per ton.

KENNEDY'S WHITE ROSE FLOUR.—£12/10/ per ton.

HAY.—Victorian, oaten, £6/10/ to £7 per ton; lucerne, £4/10/ to £6.

CHAFF.—Victorian, oaten, dumped, £5/10/ to £6 per ton; compressed, £5/10 to £6; lucerne, £4 to £7; dumped, £5 to £7.

OILCAKE.—Sunlight, £8 to £8/5/; Star Brand, £4 to £4/5/.

CALF FEED.—Star Brand, 20/ per cwt.; Taylor's, 22/; Magic, 22/; "Perfect," £20 per ton in 200lb. bags, £21 smaller sizes; Reliance, 22/ per cwt (in 25lb. bags); "Fresh Food," 20/ per cwt, on rails, Brisbane.

FUNGUSINE.—Packets, 2/6; tins, 10/.

TAYLOR'S DAIRY OINTMENT.—12/.

SINGER'S EGG PRODUCER.—6/ per dozen for 1lb. packets, 14/ for 3lb. packets, 48/ for 7lb. tins, 84/ for 14lb. tins.

POTATOES.—Local, £6 to £7/10/.

ONIONS.—Imported, £5/10/ to £6/10/.

SEEDS.—Panicum, 1½d.; millet, 2d. to 3d.; lucerne, 10d. to 11d.; sorghum, 3d.; cocksfoot, 9d.; perennial rye, 8d.; clover, 1/6 per lb.

BACON.—Pineapple—middles, 10d.; best flitches, 8½d.; Q.M.E., first grade flitches, 8½d.; ditto, middles, 10d.

CREAM.—6½d. per lb. on the commercial butter content of the cream.

HAMS.—Pineapples, in seed, 1/1; cutting, 1 0½; Q.M.E., in seed 1/1, in cloth 1/0½.

BUTTER, Etc.—Lowood, 11½d.; Silverwood, 11½d.; Q.M.E., 11½d. per lb.; co-operative companies, 108/ per cwt.

LARD.—Tins and boxes, 8½d.; bladders, 6d.

CHEESE.—Yangan, large, 7½d.; Beal, 8d.; Kameruka, large 10½d.; Edam (Dutch) 10½; Glenmore large 8d.; loaf 8½d.

TRUCKS ON SALE TO-DAY:—

DUGANDAN.—To BARTER: 1954, maize, 30 bags, 4/2.

ELPHINSTONE.—To LAIDLAW: 4081, lucerne chaff, 100 bags, 2 3, passed.

FOREST HILL.—To SIEMON: 634, lucerne chaff, 50 bags (LLLL), 7/.

GRANTHAM.—To JACKSON: 5948, oaten chaff, 30 bags (CK over KG), 4/9, passed; 6 bags (CK, over RG), 4 9, passed; maize, 10 bags (CB over xD), 4 1, passed; mixed chaff, 34 bags (HR over 11), 4/9, passed. To M'COOK: 2040, pumpkins, 5/.

HOYA.—To BARTER: 3524, maize, 7 bags (x), 4 0½, passed; 16 bags (A), 4/, passed; 22 bags (WL), 4/, passed.

KINGSTHORPE.—To LAIDLAW: 3610, oaten chaff, 117 bags, 4 2, passed; 4266, 220 bags, 4/9.

KING'S CREEK.—To FORTH: 4281, oaten chaff, 220 bags, 4 8, passed.

LOWOOD.—To HOWES: 5373, blue skin potatoes, 8 bags (H61), 4 5, passed; 30 bags (H62), 2 8, passed. To DENHAM: Maize, 15 bags (596), 4/1.

SWAN CREEK.—To JACKSON: 222, lucerne chaff, 110 bags, 3/7.

TOOWOOMBA.—To SELLARS: 7026, wheaten straw chaff, 3 1.

WALLANGARRA.—To HAMILTON: 4136, Brownell potatoes, 60 bags, 7 1, passed. To BURRELL: 70 bags, 5/, passed.

WARWICK.—To HOWES: 2010, straw bedding, on offer. To DENHAM: 2597, barley, 16 bags (FM), 3/; 34 bags (CB), 2 10, passed; maize, 10 bags (DB), 3 9½.

WELLCAMP.—To BARNES: 2684, wheaten straw chaff, 80 bags, 2 11, passed.

WESTBROOK.—To BARTER: 7084, wheaten straw chaff, 160 bags, 3 1, passed.

WILSON'S PLAINS.—To DENHAM: 6451, lucerne chaff, 29 bags (WH), 7 3; mixed chaff, 38 bags (WHx), 5/.

SAMPLES REPRESENTING TRUCKS:—

GRANTHAM.—To LAIDLAW: 6687, turnips, 2 bags, 2/9, passed.

LAIDLEY.—To LAIDLAW: 6028, maize, 6 bags, 4 1, passed. To HOWES: 6143, hay, 10 bales (WW), 5 3.

MOUNT STURT.—To JACKSON: 2249, straw bedding, 1 9, passed. To DEAN: 6969, lucerne chaff, 200 bags, 4 3, passed.

SWAN CREEK.—To DENHAM: 6082, lucerne chaff, 80 bags, 8/9.

STRATHPINE.—To EDMONDS: 68, oaten chaff, 20 bags, 2 9; blue skin potatoes, 9 bags, 3/.

TEVIOTVILLE.—To FORTH: 6166, maize, 16 bags, 3 8, passed.

The following produce was received at the Roma-street Railway Station to-day:—

	Tons cwt.		Tons cwt.
Maize	17 4	Hay	1 0
Chaff	51 8	Pumpkins	5 0
Potatoes	10 8	Straw	10 15
Barley	11 0		

Total, 110 tons 15cwt.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET.

This morning's prices: Peanuts, 2d. to 2½d. per lb.; Cape gooseberries, 4/ to 6/ per quarter-case; lemons, locals, 2/6 to 4/; mandarins, prime, 4/ to 7/; second quality, 2/ to 3/; oranges, prime, 3/6 to 5/; second quality, 2/3 to 2/6 per case; pines—rough, 1/6 to 3/9; smooth, 1/6 to 4/ per dozen; bananas, Cavendish, 2½d.; sugar, 6d. to 1/ per bunch; tomatoes, 4/ to 5/6 per quarter-case; cabbages, 2/6 to 4/6 per dozen; peas, 3/ to 6/; beans, 2/ to 3 per sugar bag; carrots, 6d. to 8d.; turnips, 2d. to 6d.; eschalots, 2d. per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 6d. to 9d.; celery, 6d. to 9d. per bundle.

Brisbaner Marktbericht, 21. Oktober.

Luzerne-Hächsel, 2/3 bis 7/3.
Hafer-Hächsel, 2/9 bis 4/9.
Gemischter-Hächsel, 4/9 bis 5/6.
Weizenstroh-Hächsel, 2/11 bis 3/1.
Luzerne-Heu, 5/3.
Mais, 3/8 bis 4/2.
Kartoffeln, 2/6 bis 5/1.
Turnipsen, 2/9.
Gerste, 2/10 bis 3/.
Stroh „Bedding", 1/9.
Kirbiss (lose), 5/.
Eier, /6 bis /8.
Butter, /8 bis /10½.
Käse, /7 bis /8.
Honig, /2 bis /2½.
Hühner, 2/4 bis 2/6.
Enten, 3/ bis 4/.
Gänse, 5/ bis 6/.
Truthähne, 14/ bis 17/6.
Truthühner, 6/ bis 7/6.

RURAL INTERESTS.

FARMERS FROM ABROAD.

The Lands Department has had inquiries from several English settlers. In one case three young fellows who came from England have gone to the Bell district to look at land. They stated that they had been disappointed on calling at the office of the Agent-General in London to find that the land on offer had been withdrawn. In another case the representative of ten English settlers called, and arrangements were made for them to inspect the Jimbour Estate.

FRUIT FLY PEST.

Experiments will be carried on at Westbrook State Farm during the present fruit fly season in connection with the proposition that the flies are attracted to kerosene placed in tins hung on the trees. Should any grower desire to see the experiment he can do so at the State Farm, while at the department in Brisbane a similar to those used in New South Wales and the one proposed to be used in Queensland will be on view.

FRUIT TRADE.

The inspections made by the Government officers at Geraldton during September included 13,170 bunches of bananas for Melbourne, and 553 bunches for Sydney; 3211 cases for Melbourne and 3833 cases for Adelaide.

LAND SELECTION.

The weekly return of the Lands Department shows that during last week the reports showed that 177,040 acres had been selected. The details were:—

Grazing.—Aramac, 39,969 acres; Hughenden, 58,223 acres; Roma, 32,803 acres. Total, 130,995 acres.

Agricultural.—Bowen: 2 a.f., 420 acres; 1 a.h., 160 acres. Brisbane: 26 a.f., 5731 acres; 3 a.h., 520 acres; 5 u.s., 787 acres. Bundaberg: 6 a.f., 845 acres; 1 a.h., 100 acres. Cairns: 1 u.s., 160 acres. Dalby: 9 a.f., 3867 acres. Mackay: 3 a.f., 1348 acres; 2 a.h., 320 acres. Port Douglas: 1 a.h., 320 acres. Roma: 6 a.f., 2427 acres; 10 a.h., 3235 acres. Townsville: 4 a.f., 962 acres; 2 a.h., 355 acres; 1 u.s., 93 acres. Total, 85 farms, 21,968 acres.

Prickly Pear Selections.—Dalby: 10 farms, 17,181 acres. Roma 10 farms, 6896 acres. Total, 20 farms, 24,077 acres.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been issued by the Assistant Comptroller-General of Customs:—

The marking of carat value on rolled gold jewellery is a misdescription, and is not to be permitted. The Collector will see that in all such cases the carat value is obliterated wherever it appears.

Otto of roses, otto violets, otto carnations, otto white lilac, otto jonquil, oil of rosemary, oil bergamot, and oil of citronella are dutiable, item 296. A previous decision making otto of roses free is cancelled.

Otto cinnamon, oil winter green, oil cubebs, oil sandalwood, and oil eugenal free, item 290.

Bicycle saddles and springs therefor, also wood rims for cycles, are dutiable under item 375, and Bright drawn cycle tubing under item 372.

Acetate of lime, not being in crystal or powdered form, is free.

Diabetes biscuits for invalids come under item 38.

BANKS.

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WHERE IS QUEENSLAND?

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Being a visitor to Great Britain for some months, and returning now by the Orontes, I have been much disappointed at the very little that is known of Queensland—or even Australia—by the general public, also in a great many cases by the well-read portion of the people. In all the country districts I have visited there is a lack of knowledge of this country that is preposterous. Should you open conversation about Queensland you will hear one remark, "A good country, that—I have a brother in Montreal, or Winnipeg"—as the case may be. On the other hand, I have heard men who were fairly travelling say, "It's too cold for me; I don't want to be frozen for months each year." When I pointed out to them I was wrapped in a very thick overcoat, and they were coatless, they admitted that I probably had not yet thawed from the severe weather we experienced in Queensland! These are absolute facts. This is very much to be regretted when we have such a vast country hungry for more people, and a steady supply of the best class of British emigrants anxious for a little more room than the old country supplies. Canada has been alive to this by their methods of placing before the public information in a practical and condensed form, with, as the results show, every success. Although Queensland has a splendid Agent-general in Sir Horace Tozer, who loses no chances of looking after the State's interests, it is impossible to place practical information before the masses of people without following on the Canadian principle—by forwarding men to the country districts who know their country and can talk about it. At one of the best shows in England our State was not represented (I mean the Royal, at Lincoln). New South Wales and West Australia had a collection, which their attendants made the best of, and were rewarded by having a constant supply of visitors during the four days. The visitors evinced great interest in this country. But what a poor display for a country like Australia and a show like Lincoln, where was the very heart (I might term it) of the emigrant class which is so much desired in this country. I have been informed that West Australia received over twenty immigrants by the Orontes, with an average of over £200 per man, from the efforts made at that show. One thing I noticed in England was the few who are against any immigration raise their voice in every way, and the most unexpected places. Before Mr. Arthur Hardie left on his tour he forwarded a letter from the secretary of a union in Australia grossly misrepresenting this country. I took the pleasure in writing the "Yorkshire Post," the paper Mr. Hardie's letter appeared in, asking the people to consider my version as a twenty-one years' worker, although I felt small in running against a member of the House of Commons. On our way out some States provide literature with information about the resources of the country. I would suggest this would be a good thing for Queensland to do. It should be something in a condensed form, and attractive.—I am, sir, &c.,

Ingham, North Queensland. W. GOODACRE.

England has surrendered 524 square miles of her territory to the waves within the last thousand years. More recently the advance of the waters has been much more rapid, averaging for the last forty years 1523 acres a year.—"Liverpool Post."

REV. L. L. WIRT.

PRESENTATION FROM THE CITIZENS.

AN INTERESTING GATHERING.

Yesterday morning, the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Brisbane, presented an address to the Rev. L. L. Wirt on the occasion of his departure from the city. The function took place in the Town Hall, and the attendance was representative. Those present included Hon. E. B. Forrest, M.L.A., Rev. A. J. Griffith, Alderman J. Crase, Messrs. A. Petrie, M.L.A., J. W. Wassell, J. S. Badger, W. J. Wetherell, H. J. Oxley (chairman Congregational Union), T. J. Rothwell, R. M. Gow, W. P. Spargo, Mercer Smith, T. W. Moss, E. H. Harley, W. Kelso, and G. M. Addison.

The address, which was beautifully illuminated, was signed by 160 prominent citizens, the signatories including Sir Arthur Morgan (Deputy Governor), the Premier and other Ministers, the Mayor, and the leading public men of Brisbane. It was in the form of a large folding volume, bound in dark morocco, inlaid with a double gilt border, and bevelled at the edges. The text of the address was inscribed on one of the inner pages, and the names of the signatories were written on the opposite page. Around the text there was an artistically designed border composed of representations of Queensland plants and trees, painted in light green, and above and below the text, and also on either side, there were insertions of photographic views of the principal public buildings in the city, including the Executive Offices, Parliament House, the Institute of Social Service, and Victoria Bridge. The address, which was much admired, was the work of Mr. W. H. Clark, for Messrs. R. S. Hews and Co., Brisbane.

Mr. T. J. Rothwell, one of the joint hon. secretaries, read the address, which was as follows:—

Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, Pastor, Wharf-street Congregational Church, Chairman Congregational Union of Queensland, President Brisbane Institute of Social Service, &c.

Rev. Sir,—We, the undersigned citizens of Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland, wish to convey to you our extreme regret at your departure from our midst, and to express our regard for the public-spiritedness which has characterised all your actions during the four years of your residence in this city. We recognise that you have consistently striven for the welfare of the people, and we desire to record our high appreciation of your efforts in religious, educational, philanthropic, and social work. The successful establishment of the Brisbane Institute of Social Service, a non-sectarian organisation, which through your strong and inspiring personality and able efforts was opened free of debt, is destined to make happier and more useful the lives of those who avail themselves of its benefits, and it will ever be a monument to your zeal for the social uplifting of the industrial classes. We would also record our appreciation of the earnest and enthusiastic support you have given to the movement for the establishment of a Queensland University. We wish you and your family godspeed, and trust that in whatever sphere of action you may enter that you may have long life, health, and happiness to continue your good labours in the cause of humanity."

The Mayor said he had been requested by a large number of citizens to present the address signed by them to the Rev. Mr. Wirt. It was a great pleasure to him to have the opportunity of doing so. There were very few in Brisbane who were not acquainted with Mr. Wirt in some way or other, and they would all admit that he had done a lot of good work since he came to Brisbane. For one work alone he deserved the thanks of the public, and that was the establishment of the Institute of Social Service, in which he was the chief mover and promoter, and to the success of which he contributed so much. They would all regret Mr. Wirt's departure. (Hear, hear.) Personally, though he had not an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Wirt, he admired his character and work, and his many estimable qualities. In conclusion, he proposed the toast of health and prosperity to Mr. Wirt, and begged him, on behalf of the citizens, to accept the illuminated address. (Applause.)

The Hon. E. B. Forrest, in supporting the toast, said he shared in the Mayor's feeling of pleasure in being present to help in doing honour to a very worthy man; but at the same time he regretted very keenly the departure of Mr. Wirt, who had done some real good for Brisbane. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Wirt came to the city four or five years ago, unannounced by any flourish of trumpets, and took up his work unostentatiously. He was not long in the city, however, before he proved the stuff that was in him. (Hear, hear.) Now that he was going, their only satisfaction was in knowing that Mr. Wirt's good work would live after him. He (Mr. Forrest) was sure that he voiced the feelings of everyone present, and of the citizens at large, in saying that they parted with Mr. Wirt with feelings of very deep regret. (Hear, hear.) He wished Mr. and Mrs. Wirt all possible success and prosperity wherever their new home might be. (Applause).

Mr. J. S. Badger also supported the toast. He endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Forrest, and said that, though he could not claim any near degree of intimacy with Mr. Wirt, he knew him well enough to esteem him very highly. He felt that Mr. Wirt had done great work in Brisbane, the harvest of which would be reaped in the years to come. (Applause.) He was glad that Mr. Wirt was an American. Like all good Americans, he was sure that Mr. Wirt would land on his feet wherever he went. He cordially joined in wishing success and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Wirt. (Applause).

Mr. Wirt, in responding to the toast, said this was a busy hour for the citizens of Brisbane, and therefore he appreciated all the more deeply their kindness in making the presentation, and in attending in such numbers. He was deeply grateful for this further evidence of their esteem. He expected a leave taking in his Church, and possibly one from his friends in the Institute, but this kindness shown by the citizens, headed by his friend the Mayor, touched him to the heart's core. It was something he did not expect and deserve, but it was something that would remain in his memory when most other Australian experiences had faded away. He felt quite unworthy of being the recipient of such an honour, but he was none the less appreciative of it, and he thanked them all from his heart for their great kindness. Some one had said that the quintessence of happiness was to do a goodness by stealth, and have it found out by accident. He felt he was somewhere in that position. When he came to Brisbane he saw an opportunity for usefulness, and having seen it he did not think of again looking back, until he had the work accomplished. That work was to him a labour of love. (Applause.) The fact that a man was a minister of a church did not, in his opinion, abrogate the right to respond to the call that came to him as a citizen. (Hear, hear.) Wherever it was his lot to reside, he had always taken an interest in public affairs. He had tried to represent a Christianity that was masculine, strong, and virile. The Christianity which did not go into the homes of the poor and would not stand for probity and honour and uprightness in a community was not worth anything. Practical Christianity was his motto—a Christianity that showed itself in work for the whole community, and not for little cliques and sets. (Applause.) In the work he had done for Brisbane he had the help of many friends, amongst them the Mayor and his predecessors, the Hon. E. B. Forrest, Mr. Wassel, Mr. Wetherell and many others whom he would like to name and all of whom he now wished to thank. He also wanted to take this opportunity of thanking the Press, and especially the "Courier," for the splendid way in which it had backed up the Institute. Without the "Courier's" assistance they could not have done the work, and while thanking the Press generally he wished to thank the "Courier" especially, and to give it his sincere meed of praise for the interest it took in the work of establishing the Institute, and for the splendid backing it had given them. He had no more to say, except to thank them all sincerely. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Rothwell, seconded by Mr. Gow, it was decided to devote the balance of the address fund, if any, to the Institute of Social Service, and on the motion of Mr. Kelso a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor.

CONGREGATIONAL FAREWELL.

In the evening, in the Wharf-street Congregational Church, a farewell "social" was tendered by the congregation to the Rev. Loyal L. Wirt and Mrs. Wirt. There was a fairly large attendance, and the proceedings were marked by the utmost enthusiasm. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Thorne, senior deacon, and in addition to the officers of the Wharf-street and other metropolitan Congregational Churches there were representatives of outside denominations present. Prior to the gathering the organist (Mrs. Reeve) contributed a number of selections.

The secretary (Mr. M'Naught) read letters of apology from the Revs. A. J. Griffith, Brighton-road Church, and W. G. Sands, Vulture-street Church, both of whom were precluded from being present owing to other duties.

The Chairman said they had joyful recollections of what Mr. and Mrs. Wirt had been able to do for them. He hoped Mr. Wirt would continue to succeed wherever he went, and that though out of sight he would not be out of mind. He made reference to the spiritual increases during Mr. Wirt's pastorate, in which 160 members had been added. It had not been a spasmodic increase, but a gradual growth, and the 160 members were likely to remain.

Mr. H. J. Oxley, treasurer, said they all remembered with thankfulness the enthusiasm with which Mr. Wirt was inspired in lifting the debt off the church. (Hear, hear.) His predecessor had reduced the debt from £2200 to £1350, and during the interregnum before Mr. Wirt took charge it was further reduced to £1250. It remained for Mr. Wirt during the first year of his pastorate to raise £1074 17s. 10d., and thus enable them to clear the mortgage. (Hear, hear.) It was also Mr. Wirt's privilege to initiate and carry into effect the Wharf-street Mission Society, whereby a larger sum was raised for the Home and Foreign Missions. During the last three years the increase in cash collections averaged £74 10s. 4d. per annum, Mr Wirt had admitted exactly one-half of the present active workers in connection with the church. He expressed his personal regret at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt, and mentioned that a sum of £150 had been voted to defray their travelling expenses to the old land.

Miss Griffith, on behalf of the Women's Union and the women of the congregation, said that their association with Mrs. Wirt had been one of unalloyed pleasure. The young people owed a great deal to Mrs. Wirt.

Mr. H. G. Oxley, on behalf of the Kent-street School, presented Mr. Wirt with a handsome wallet.

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson, representing the Congregational Union, Mr. Caldwell, of Newcastle, Mr. Wirt's successor there, the Rev. Dr. Youngman, representing the Methodist Church, and the Rev. W. Richer, representing the Baptist Church, also delivered felicitous valedictory addresses.

The Rev. Loyal L. Wirt, in reply, said it was a sad and painful occasion for him, and his words must come with a great deal of difficulty when he was labouring under such sadness. One joy, however, was to find his senior deacon able to take the chair after his recent severe illness. The letters of love were coming to them like doves to the window, and they would gather them in their hearts and read them over and over again. He had been touched by the references to his wife. Any success which had been apparent in the church was due to the inspiration which had come from his wife, and he was glad they were not unmindful of what she had done. He made reference to the kindly testimonial given him by the citizens that morning, and mentioned that he had received many blessings during his ministry in Brisbane. Only recently two young men had expressed to him their desire to work in the ministry. He was glad to see Mr. Caldwell present, for Mr. Caldwell was an American also, but a good fellow for all that. (Laughter.) Mr. Caldwell had come to represent the American flag in their midst, but was still a good Congregationalist. Ministers might come and might go, but the pillars of the Church went on for ever, and he would exhort them all to stand by the Church and not to scatter nor to be divided in thought or action. Wherever they went the latchkey of their home would always be on the outside for any Queenslander. He was glad to learn that Mr. Oxley was to be his successor in the chair of the Congregational Union. In conclusion he again expressed his heartfelt thanks, and asked them not to forget the messages he had spoken from the pulpit.

The Revs. E. Wilson and R. Dalby led the congregation in prayer at the beginning and end of the proceedings respectively. Mrs. Reeve sang the solo "Life's Recompense," and Mr. Allen the solo "A Dream of Paradise." The choir also rendered two anthems, Mrs. Reeve presiding at the organ. After the meeting the ladies dispensed light refreshments.

MILE A MINUTE AT SEA.

Mr. Peter Cooper Hewitt, a fairly well-known American inventor, claims (says the New York correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") to have designed and built a boat, or gliding craft, which will solve the problem of going sixty miles an hour at sea, and bring New York, when the model is perfected, within thirty hours of Liverpool. One newspaper devotes almost a page to illustrations of Mr. Hewitt's boats and his claims to establishing the biggest record in the annals of speed. In appearance Mr. Hewitt's rough model, which is capable of holding two men, hardly looks like a boat, but it is a water-borne structure nevertheless, and is propelled by a gasolene motor, working a screw. It is really a development of the well-known catamaran type of boat of the Fiji Islanders, but instead of parallel logs of smooth timber, cigar-shaped arrangements are attached to the hull of the vessel, by means of which the catamaran glides over the water. They are well-constructed steel planes, taking the place of the logs of timber in the catamaran, and these planes are attached to the craft by steel arms.

Looking at Mr. Hewitt's boat in dry dock you are quite prepared to hear him explain that he had really started to build a flying machine of the aeroplane type, and that he accidentally invented his gliding craft. Many people may refuse to take his idea seriously, but he claims to have gone thirty-eight miles an hour at sea with one man aboard, and with a two hundred model he guarantees a mile a minute. Some American experts in marine propulsion say that Mr. Hewitt has hit the bull's-eye this time, and should be encouraged to continue his experiments. If he cannot apply the idea to big liners, he may, it is said, construct a craft of lightning speed which would be snapped up by the Navy for war purposes. To hit a boat going at sixty miles an hour would be practically impossible. Mr. Hewitt intends to experiment until he attains perfection. In the meantime the turbine engineers of the Cunarders Lusitania and Mauretania, which are going to regain for England the blue riband of the Atlantic, need not be alarmed just yet. Mr. Hewitt may make a mile-a-minute gliding model, but many problems must be solved if his invention is to be applied to a mile-a-minute gliding liner, although he is hopeful of accomplishing that also before long if anybody will find the money.

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