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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A CONGESTED UNIVERSITY.

The question of the congestion at the Adelaide University was introduced into the Assembly on Tuesday by Mr. Young. Addressing the Premier, he said he had received a letter stating that people had been informed that there would be no room at the University for 1920 students. He asked whether some provision could not be made to enable those who had been preparing for four or five years, to go to that institution? It was a serious position. The Premier said the facts were as stated by Mr. Young. The University was pressed for room, and the council had asked the Government for a piece of land adjacent to the University, on which they desired to erect a building. He believed the authorities there had a project in hand. The Government could not provide the money, but he understood that the University Council was going to proceed with the work, which would cost about £20,000 or £30,000, and to provide buildings of a more or less permanent character.



Mr. S. Howard.

Cup, with record time for the half-mile. In football he was vice-captain of the college team, and won the Courier Medal for most consistent play during the season. In 1918 he was captain of the 4th Squadron A.F.C. team. In cricket he was vice-captain, and won the Governor's bat for bowling and the Old Collegian Fielding Trophy in 1916. In tennis he was inter-collegiate representative, and in shooting in 1916 he was top of 78B Senior Cadets and won the marksmanship badge. He was secretary of the Christian Union and School Chronicle Committee, and sergeant in cadets. In 1916 he was captain of the school, head of house, captain of the athletic sports team, vice-captain of the football team, vice-captain of tennis, vice-captain of cricket, general sports committee secretary, president of the Christian Union, manager of Chronicle, lieutenant of cadets, and on the literary society committee. In 1917 he went on active service, and was depot wireless translator, Wendover, England. In 1918 he obtained a commission in the Australian Flying Corps, was patrol leader on active service, president of the 4th Squadron mess committee, captain of the 4th Squadron football team, and billeting officer for squadron. In 1919 he was appointed official interpreter of German to the Cologne representatives of the Armistice Commission. He was president of the squadron mess committee, messing officer for the 2nd Wing, Royal Air Force, squadron sports committee, and sports officer for men on transport returning to Australia.

War Incidents.

At 4 a.m. on August 15, 1918, Lieutenants S. Howard and E. A. Cato set out from the aerodrome on a voluntary patrol behind the German lines. They crossed the lines at 6,000 ft., and when near Armentieres saw a German two-seater aeroplane making a reconnaissance. Lieutenant Howard, closely followed by Lieutenant Cato, dived on the Hun and drove him to the ground, where he was seen to crash by Lieutenant Cato. Lieutenant Howard, having four bombs, then decided to attack a train which was being loaded up with German troops in the Armentieres railway station. He dived upon the station from 2,000 ft., machine-gunning the troops and causing many casualties. When at a height of 20 ft. he lost two of his bombs, which exploded in a carriage, wrecking it. Machine gunfire was opened up on his machine from all sides, and he was wounded in the ankle. The same burst blew out the control stick from his machine, leaving a stump of 6 in. The following burst tore a large hole in the petrol tank, and the engine immediately gave out. Lieutenant Howard, being now in a difficult position, made a desperate effort. He grasped the stump of the control lever, and succeeded in righting the machine before it got quite out of control, and with his left hand scratched his carburettor feed-pipe over to the emergency tank, at the same time opening up the throttle to its full extent. The engine picked up, and Lieutenant Howard flew off to the English lines, and flying till the petrol at last gave out, landed in a small field near Arras.

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MORE LAND FOR BOTANIC GARDEN.

Minister's Promise of "Strong Recommendation."

On Tuesday the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Gunn), the Speaker of the House of Assembly (the Hon. F. W. Coneybeer), and Mr. Ponder, M.P., introduced to the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. E. A. Anstey) a deputation of members of the Board of Governors of the Botanic Garden, who asked that the Old Exhibition grounds and buildings should be added to the area of the garden. Letters supporting the request were read from the Mayor of Adelaide and the President of the royal Agricultural Society.

Mr. Gunn said he was a member of the royal commission which went into the matter of the reserves along North terrace, and which recommended that the grounds should be handed over to the Botanic Garden. They were used only once a year, in connection with the agricultural show, and soon would not be required even for that purpose.

Mr. T. H. Brooker (Chairman) said that as long as he had been connected with the board of governors—nearly 25 years—it had been recognised that the area of the garden was too small. The garden had never before been so much appreciated as at the present day, and was the first spot visited by people who came here from all parts of the world. If the land asked for were given them, they would have a total area of about 50 acres, exclusive of the old lunatic asylum grounds. The Government might feel there were financial difficulties in the way of granting the request, but he was sure the natural producing powers of the State would soon remove them, and meanwhile the board were in a position to go on with some of the initial improvements that would be required. Nobody would regret it if the land were added to the garden, but all the people of South Australia would be grateful to the Government.

The Hon. John Lewis said he represented the Park Lands League as well as the Botanic Garden. It was a small deputation, but they could have filled the Town Hall with supporters if necessary. He had always been opposed to the alienation of park lands, but this would be for the good of the people. He was of opinion that neither the Hospital nor the Tramways Barn should have been built where they now were, and he hoped the latter and the Consumptive Home would some day be removed and the land annexed to the Botanic Garden.

—For Scientific Purposes.—

Mrs. Osborn, in supporting the request, said she wished to point out the value of the extra ground from a scientific standpoint. Everybody admitted that the popular side of the garden was appreciated and catered for, but much could be done on the scientific side. This work was very important, and almost a national duty. Mrs. Osborn suggested the cultivation of a representative collection of native flora, which would be of great use to agriculturists and others. The cultivation of a representative collection of the known and suspected poisonous plants, and the growth of a large collection of medicinal plants.

Dr. Angus Jonsson said that in the original plan of Adelaide as drawn up by Col. Light, all the land from Frome road to the tram depot and from North terrace to the Zoological Garden had been intended for a botanic garden. He suggested that the old exhibition building might be used to relieve the congestion at the Economic Museum. In regard to the growing of herbs, a doctor had told him that his son had found it a very profitable business, and also that much stronger varieties of certain plants, particularly belladonna and liquorice root, could be produced in South Australia than in other countries.

Mr. Ponder said that what should be one of the most magnificent drives in Adelaide was Frome road, but it was rendered an eyesore by the unsightly iron fence on one side and the very unsightly rubbish depot which the Superintendent of Public Buildings was permitted to maintain there. If the Botanic Garden Board secured the site, they promised to improve it at very little cost indeed, and to provide a beautiful Frome road entrance to the Garden.

Mr. Coneybeer pointed out that they were asking the Government only to make good a long standing promise.

—An Australian Section.—

Mr. J. F. Bailey, Director of the Garden, said he could especially endorse Mrs. Osborn's remarks regarding the cultivation of medicinal and foder plants. He had planted plots of tobacco, cotton, and sorghum, which had attracted great attention, but these experiments had necessarily been on a very small scale, owing to the lack of space. Another use to which he desired to put additional ground was the making of an Australian section of the garden. In Australia they had plants equal to almost anything grown in any part of the world, and if the space were available they could make a very good display with the native flora.

The Commissioner, in reply, said he was in full sympathy with the request. This was a utilitarian age, but they must not overlook the picturesque, the aesthetic, and the scientific. It had been stated that a promise had been made by a previous Commissioner of Crown Lands, but he would not trouble about that. The present was the time for doing something, as the question of an isolation hospital had been turned down, and other buildings were being removed from the vicinity. It was a question of policy, but he promised to make a strong recommendation to Cabinet in support of the request.

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.

The following is the September pass list of the Australian music examination board in category of music for South Australia and Broken Hill:—

- Honors.
- Grade II.—Mr. E. E. Mitchell, F. F. Harvey.
- Grade III.—Convents of Mercy—Broken Hill, J. Anstiss; Parkside, M. C. Egar; Angus-street, L. Fisher; St. Dominic's Priory, M. T. Coghlan, O. A. Lyons; Miss Tuckwell, O. S. Parker; Eder Conservatorium, A. M. D. Wiebusch.
- Grade IV.—Dominican Convent, Cabra, M. I. Fox, M. Burns; Mr. H. G. Tenerry, G. I. Burman; Miss K. Witcombe, G. H. Friedrichs; Miss A. G. Wood, V. Gillen; Miss R. G. Teller, A.T.C.L., H. O. Marrett; Miss L. Phipps, J. G. Matheson.
- Pass.
- Grade II.—Convents of Mercy—Mount Barker, M. Buckley; Parkside, G. Edwards; Angus-street, M. S. Pantzer, C. Sparkes-Harris; Loreto Convent, C. North; Miss Ryan, Mavis Andrews, Minnie Andrews; Mr. G. T. Griffiths, Mus. Bac., F. E. Baxendale; Mr. H. G. Tenerry, G. I. Burman; Miss E. Rudemann, A.M.U.A., S. W. Hingforth; Miss E. Ward, E. Litziane; Miss E. V. Williams, Mus. Bac., E. McEwen.
- Grade III.—Convents of Mercy—Broken Hill, J. Bristowe, K. Wainwright; Mount Barker, M. Flannagan, M. Keating; Angus-street, H. Howard, M. Reidel; St. Joseph's Convents—Peterborough, M. Dunne; Koorunga, D. M. Rowe; Dominican Convent, Cabra, M. I. Hogan, A. de S. Mahar; St. Dominic's Priory, C. A. Rivetti; Mze Evelyn Ward, L. Hignett; private tuition, M. Jefferys; Miss A. Burns, A.T.C.L., D. Rolph.
- Grade IV.—Convents of Mercy—Broken Hill, M. E. Barclay, G. Horsington; Mount Barker, Q. Crawford, W. Flannagan, G. Gillen, K. Siebert; Parkside, L. M. Ryan; Angus-street, B. E. Thomas; St. Joseph's Convents—Thebarton, E. A. Bean, M. B. Chapman; Koorunga, R. A. Smyth; Dominican Convents—Glenelg, A. B. Crabb, A. T. Hack, F. Jones; Semaphore, U. Ellwood, E. P. Henderson; Kapunda, M. Goodfellow, M. Warrick; Cabra, M. M. Horgan, M. E. McCabe, E. M. Taheny, M. Triado; Franklin-street, N. Mordaunt, R. Wheeler; St. John's Convent, Port Pirie, L. Milburn; Miss B. M. Bawden, D. M. Adams; Miss K. Witcombe, B. Daly; Miss B. Mathews, E. M. E. Dawe; Miss R. M. Spicer, D. Gowden; private tuition, M. Jefferys; Miss Rudemann, A.M.U.A., I. K. Morphet; Miss d'Arcy-Irvine, A.M.U.A., R. W. Naylor; Miss D. M. Kemp, A.T.C.L., M. Newman, E. C. T. Orrock; Miss L. Phipps, I. M. Rosser; Miss Daborough, H. Simpson; Miss L. H. Reed, V. M. Simpson; Miss N. Telesaire, L. M. Stock.

- Grade V.—Convents of Mercy—Parkside, V. M. Brown, D. Harrington, E. M. Ryan, M. Walsh, D. Young, M. Young; Angus-street, K. Chippendale, L. Davis, J. Doady, M. Elwood, V. Fricker, M. D. Hewitt, K. Howard, M. N. Jenkins, A. Kardachi, W. Lyons, K. McArdie, L. McArdie, J. A. McArthur, L. McDonnell, J. Wedler; Mount Barker, J. Crawford, B. Eberhard, V. Shergool; Broken Hill, S. Hanlan, E. M. Smith, H. Watson; Goodwood, M. Henley.
- St. Joseph's Convents—Thebarton, M. G. Brady, F. D. Chesser, C. M. Malone, L. M. Newbold, M. K. Pannan, C. M. Traynor, I. M. A. Webb; Peterborough, M. Connolly, K. Matthews, M. Mitchell; Norwood, E. Hayes, E. Maly; Renmark, A. B. Ogilvy, G. B. Ogilvy.
- Dominican Convents—Semaphore, V. Brame, N. Funder, C. Grant, K. M. Johns, C. O'Leary, M. Philcox, S. Webling; Kapunda, K. Kerin, K. O'Brien, F. Sauer; Franklin-street, J. Walsh, R. Wilson; St. Dominic's Priory, P. Breheny, K. M. Hayman, D. V. Rice.
- Miss Mollie Bell, L.T.C.L., A. E. Allan; Miss Ryan, A. Andrews; Miss Rudemann, A.M.U.A., K. F. Burden, R. C. Dale, G. W. Hingworth, M. E. Wynes; Miss D. M. Kemp, A.T.C.L., A. M. Clarke, L. S. Newman, E. G. Vogt; Miss K. Witcombe, K. S. Cloggett, G. P. Minogue, S. P. Pingel, T. M. Stahernack, B. J. Thiele; Miss A. G. Webb, E. Gillen, G. K. Jones, A. A. P. Lee, S. M. Lloyd, E. V. Nykiel, L. C. Ohlmeyer; Miss M. Ingham, A.M.U.A., J. P. Hancock; Miss M. E. Johncock, E. M. Hicks; private tuition, C. Jefferys; Miss W. S. Roberts, A.M.U.A., D. G. McCarthy; Miss L. Phipps, L. E. McLean, U. V. Retallick; Miss A. Burns, A.T.C.L., W. H. J. Porter; Miss E. Ward, M. Rogers; Miss T. Martin, A.M.U.A., V. B. C. Thomas; Miss d'Arcy-Irvine, A.M.U.A., K. M. Wimbie.

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THE UNIVERSITY

A MUNIFICENT DONATION.

At a special meeting of the council of the University, held on Monday afternoon, the Chancellor reported that a munificent offer of £15,000 had been made by the sons and daughters of the late Mr. John Darling for a new building for the medical school at the University in memory of their father, and to bear his name. The offer was most gratefully accepted.

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GENEROUS UNIVERSITY BENEFACTORS.

Australia is a land in which the vast fortunes of some other countries are unknown, and public institutions are apt to suffer as a consequence. A million sterling is a princely endowment, yet the American benefactor may let that sum overflow to some pet charity without missing it. Generosity in the Commonwealth is measurable by a different standard. The University of Adelaide has been fortunate in its benefactors; the statues of two specially generous founders are displayed in front of its buildings on North terrace, and others are commemorated in a manner less prominent but equally durable. But the stress of modern conditions is great. Whole branches of study, such as engineering or chemistry, hardly considered when the university was founded nearly half a century ago, demand attention. The institution has ceased to be something academic and aloof. It is democratic, alive, the centre of knowledge. It aims at an ideal of being the place to which any one wanting information on any subject whatever may turn. This implies a constant strain in the provision of up-to-date equipment, and an increase in the teaching staff. A Chair of Botany is a creation comparatively new. Three professors, instead of two, are to divide the science of medicine, and pure mathematics will claim one, leaving the teachers of engineering and physics free to concentrate on their special subjects. Perhaps an even greater necessity is more building accommodation. Formerly, the need was to attract students to the university. To-day, it almost suffers by the popularity which its proved efficiency has brought upon it, and only prompt action can save it from having to refuse students when the new year opens. Such action is impossible without funds, and the Government has announced that, in the present serious state of finance, it cannot go beyond the annual grant prescribed by statute.

Specially timely, therefore, as well as generous, is the gift of the Darling family, announced elsewhere. The late Mr. John Darling was a public-spirited