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BRILLIANT HURDLER

Porritt Wins at Oxford

(REUTER'S.)

LONDON, March 2.

The Oxford sports were concluded to-day. In the final of the 120 yards high hurdles A. E. Porritt (New Zealand)



A. E. Porritt

All-round athlete and Rhodes scholar, who won two events over hurdles at the Oxford sports.

won by one and a half yards in 16 3/5 sec., and in the 220 yards low hurdles he had five yards to spare, his time being 27 2/5 sec. Cleckley (America) fell at the last hurdle, when he was level with Porritt.

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BON VOYAGE TO SIR GEORGE MURRAY.

His Honor the Chief Justice, Sir George Murray, who is leaving by the R.M.S. Ormonde to-day for a visit to the old country, will carry with him the good wishes of his fellow-citizens, who hope that he will have a pleasant and profitable tour. Sir George has honestly earned an extended holiday by the quiet but effective energy he has infused into the discharge of his duties as the head of the judicial bench in South Australia. The work of the Supreme Court is heavy for the small number of judges employed upon it, but neither the Chief Justice nor his colleagues have spared themselves to keep pace with it and leave litigants no grievance concerning delay in the administration of justice. To his judicial functions Sir George has added those pertaining to the Chancellorship of the University, while on several occasions he has been called upon as Lieutenant-Governor to act as the constitutional head of the Government of the State. In every capacity he has displayed equal efficiency and dignity. His legal ability made him a worthy successor of the late Sir Samuel Way, and he has sustained with distinction the high traditions of the Supreme Court bench. At the University he has shown himself a good friend of the cause of higher education, and paid close attention to the requirements of a growing and progressive institution. With Miss Murray he has deeply interested himself in various philanthropic movements, and rendered valuable service in advancing their claims to public support and giving them liberal assistance. Though the Chief Justice never aspired to a political career, he has in other directions rendered civic service of high value, and won by sheer merit the reward of general appreciation. It will be the sincere wish of all that he will enjoy the well-deserved holiday he is taking, and profit both in health by the change of scene and rest, and in the capacity for serving the State by the knowledge and experience he is sure to gain from his travels while still comparatively young and at the height of his intellectual powers.

Law Society Secretary

Mr. Geoffrey Sandford Reed is one of the successful solicitors of the younger school, and it is a tribute to his capabilities that he is honorary secretary of the Law Society of South Australia, Incorporated. He has held that position for more than 12 months. He was born at Port Pirie in March, 1892. His parents left that town when he was 13 months old. His father was



Mr. G. S. Reed

the late Rev. William Reed, of the Methodist Church. Mr. Reed received his early education at Prince Alfred College. He attended there for nine years, and then went to the Adelaide University. He became a barrister of law in 1913, but as he had not then attained his majority he was not admitted until April, 1914.

When he was at the University he was articled to his uncle, the late Mr. R. H. Lathlean. On his admission to the Bar Mr. Reed was appointed Associate to Sir George Murray (Chief Justice), and remained in that office until he joined the forces for service overseas. When he returned he was Associate to Mr. Justice Buchanan for nine months.

Mr. Reed's next move was to join Mr. A. J. McLachlan, and he has been with him since. In that time they have been joined by Mr. T. I. Griffiths, and the partnership is now known as McLachlan, Reed, and Griffiths.

Mr. Reed is keenly interested in the Law Society, the objects of which are to guard the interests of members and to assist in the administration of justice.

At school Mr. Reed was prominent as a gymnast, but his chief recreation now is tennis.

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Mr. W. A. Hargreaves, M.A., D.Sc. B.C.E., F.I.C. (Director of Chemist Government Analyst, Chief Inspector Explosives, Chief Inspector of Inflammable Oils, Agricultural Chemist, Analyst under the Public Health and Food and Drugs Act in the Department of Chemistry) was appointed by the Executive Council on Wednesday to be Administrator of the Gas Act, 1924, and Chief Gas Examiner at a salary of £1,050. Mr. W. T. Rowe, F.I.C. (Chemist, Assistant Government Analyst and Inspector of Explosives and Analyst under the Fertilizer Act in the Department of Chemistry) was appointed Gas Examiner and Inspector of Meters.

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ANNEXATION OF ADELIE LAND. Sir Douglas Mawson was a passenger by the Melbourne express on Wednesday afternoon. He has been summoned to the Victorian capital to attend a conference with the Prime Minister's Department regarding the annexation of certain antarctic lands by Australia. The question was raised a while ago by the announcement that France claimed Adelie Land, which was explored by Sir Douglas Mawson.

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Through a clerical error in the list of successful candidates in the February Leaving Examination, the name of Mr. G. G. Newman, B.A., was omitted as the teacher of Miss Dorothy M. May, who passed in Latin and mathematics.

THE TRAMWAYS BAND.

TRUST ORDERS DISSOLUTION.

EXPENSE WARRANTED NO LONGER.

The Municipal Tramways Trust has ordered the dissolution of its band by the end of this month. Its purpose, the Trust considered, has been served.

General regret will be felt that the Municipal Tramways Trust Band is to be dissolved. The decision was reached at this week's meeting of the Trust, and it was communicated to the members of the band last night.

The chief engineer and general manager (Mr. W. G. T. Goodman) stated yesterday that the dissolution of the band was a matter of deep regret to him. It was one of his hobbies and he had been gratified with its rapid progress to the front rank of bands. For the past year, however, he had been compelled to realize that the conditions did not warrant the expense of keeping it in existence, so he had to recommend its dissolution. When the band came into existence 15 years ago there were but three important places of amusement in the city and none in the suburbs. Now Adelaide had many theatres, with high-class orchestras, and almost every suburb had one or more picture shows, all of which had good programmes. As there were so many other amusements people could not be expected to go to Henley Beach two or three times a week to hear the Tramways Band, and the Trust would not be justified in incurring the expense of keeping it in existence, after its chief object, supplying a gap in the amusement world, had departed. Mr. Goodman added that he had the greatest admiration for Mr. W. H. Foote, the conductor of the band, but the Trust had to consider the financial position and could not sacrifice revenue in the interests of music. It was with much reluctance that the step had been taken.

It will be a pity to see such a fine band dissolved. It has been trained to a high degree of perfection and would hold its own in competition in any part of the world. If there is a desire to retain its services for the community it will be necessary to take steps to make it a municipal organisation or to put it on the same footing as the Adelaide Orchestra. Once the members drift apart it will be difficult to get them together again, and they will have to be re-trained in their art. The band has a full equipment of instruments and music, and it might be feasible to convert it into a new public body during the month. Since Mr. Foote has been in charge the band has reached its highest standard of excellence, and the relations between the conductor and performers have been of the happiest character.

DR. DAVIES CONCERNED.

"A NATIONAL CALAMITY."

Dr. E. Harold Davies, Director of the Elder Conservatorium, is much concerned at the loss of the Tramways Band as a musical organisation. Discussing the matter yesterday, he said:-

"The decision of the Municipal Tramways Trust to do away with the well-known Tramways Band may not be questioned. None the less, I view it personally as a national calamity. My reasons are many. First, the band, as it now exists, under the inspiring leadership of Mr. W. H. Foote, is unique. It has not only reached a state of splendid efficiency, but there is no other combination in Australia like it. Brass bands we have in plenty, many of them doing most valuable work. But the Tramways Band is a military band organisation, comprising string basses and a full complement of wood-wind and percussion instruments in addition to the brass. Its range of tone colors is infinite, and the flexibility of

its composition enables it to undertake every kind of musical work. Adelaide is the only Australian city which possesses such a band, and the possibility of its extinction is a matter which vitally concerns our pride as a 'city of culture.' At the same time we must not forget that the possession of this band is, up to the present, due to the enterprise of the Trust, and more particularly to the enthusiasm of its chief executive officer, Mr. Goodman. Secondly, the musical influence of the band is of first-rate importance, since many of its players, by virtue of their experience in the performance of classic works of music, are able to take their places in the South Australian orchestras. But, on this score, an even more important consideration is the musically-educative influence it is exerting in our midst. The number of concerts annually given by the band is somewhere between 60 and 70, to which many thousands of people listen with the keenest delight and appreciation. One can only imagine with dismay the result of this eloquent musical voice being silenced. What a loss!

A Community Band.

"But there is a third fact of even greater importance—its economic value to the State, and the possible extension of that value by its maintenance at the public expense. Music is a stimulus of the first order. No worker can 'go slow' to the strains of music, either heard or remembered. We are a sport-loving community, and I am told that our enthusiasm for sport largely detracts from the efficiency of work which has to be done on Saturday morning, when everyone is anticipating the contests of the coming afternoon; and again on Monday morning when everyone is discussing these contests in retrospect. If the economic loss entailed in this devotion to sport could be assessed in financial terms, it would amount to an inconceivable sum. On the other hand, I am firmly convinced that popular concerts of band music, or even of community sing-songs during the luncheon hour, two or three times a week would have the effect of greatly increasing the efficiency of the work done in the following hours. It would be an economic as well as an artistic gain of inestimable value. The practical suggestion I would offer is that the Tramways Band, now to become extinct, should be made a Community Band, fully endowed by public contribution, as well as by public spirit. On its present amateur basis it could be maintained at an outlay of less than £5,000 a year, but the ideal scheme would be a professional band of, say, 50 fully trained musicians, whose whole time would be required, and who, besides a daily rehearsal, would be able to give 150 concerts each year in the city and suburbs, as well as in the larger country towns. Such a band would cost, probably, £15,000 annually, but its sphere of usefulness would be practically unlimited, and the financial gain to our employers, from the inspiration and stimulus of grand musical performances constantly heard by thousands of people, would be simply immeasurable. For so trifling an outlay—not a hundredth part of what we are now expending on sport—our civilisation as well as the material prosperity of the State, would benefit in ways that cannot be reckoned. Will the Lord Mayor call a public meeting to discuss the whole question? Perhaps that some of our great-hearted citizens with vision will take a lead to secure the continuance of so valuable a factor in our lives."

Adv. 9/3/25

Sir Douglas Mawson returned from Melbourne on Saturday after attending a meeting of the Australian National Research Council. Consideration was given to the question of the proposed annexation by France of Adelie Land. Sir Douglas stated that the council went fully into the matter, and that a report would be made to the Prime Minister in about a week's time.