

Mr. Ronald G. Mitton Chosen.

Mr. Ronald Gladstone Mitton, a son of Mr. E. W. Mitton, of Beach road, Grange, was on Monday chosen as this year's Rhodes Scholar for South Australia.

The Rhodes Scholarship selection committee, which was presided over by His Excellency the Governor, met at Government House at noon on Monday. There were present:—Professors R. W. Chapman and W. K. Hancock, and Messrs. J. R. Fowler, R. J. Rudall, H. Thomson, and C. T. Madigan. In addition to having sufficient scholastic attainments, a Rhodes Scholar must also show a good sports record. Mr. Mitton has both of these attainments to a high degree. There were four candidates for the scholarship, and the Woodville High School has reason to be proud, for three of them were past scholars of that institution.

School Career.

Mr. Mitton was born at Hindmarsh in 1905, attended the local public school, passed the qualifying certificate examination of the Education Department in 1918, and took up his studies at the Woodville District High School. In 1920 he passed the Junior Public examination in eight subjects, and gained first place on the honours list in four subjects. As a result of this examination, he was

player, and headed the list of goal-kickers. He was vice-captain of the college team in 1925, captain in 1926, and vice-captain of the South Australian team in the match between the South Australian Combined Amateur League against the Victorian Metropolitan Amateur League. He played regular cricket in the High School team, and was captain of the first eleven in 1920-21 and 22, and in 1922 while still at the high school, played with the West Torrens B team, and occasionally with the A grade eleven. During the 1923-24 season he scored the highest aggregate of runs in the B grade, and was presented with a gold medal for one score of 161 runs not out. In 1925-26 he was a regular player in A grade. In tennis, among other successes he won the schools singles championship. While at the Teachers' College he took a prominent part in debating and literary society work, and competed in the South Australian Literary Society Union competitions. He has been a member of the Interstate Teachers' College teams, President of the College Literary and Debating Society, and manager of the college combined football, tennis, hockey, basketball, athletic and debating teams. By his unassuming and pleasant manner, Mr. Mitton has won a wide circle of friends. He also holds the bronze medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society for proficiency in life saving, resuscitation, and swimming.

Associations With Hindmarsh.

The selection of Mr. Mitton was referred to at the Hindmarsh Corporation meeting on Monday evening. Mr. Mitton, who was a pupil at the Hindmarsh School, is a son of Mr. W. Mitton, who was at one time a prominent citizen of Hindmarsh. He is also a grandson of the late Mr. Josiah Mitton, who many years ago was Mayor of Hindmarsh.

SOFTWOOD SLEEPERS.

ECONOMICAL VALUE URGED.

Mr. R. H. Chapman (Chief Engineer of the South Australian Railways Department), who recently completed an extensive tour of the world, gave evidence before the Railways Standing Committee at Parliament House, Adelaide, on Monday. The members present were:—Mr. O'Halloran (Chairman), the Hon. J. H. Cooke and J. Carr, M.L.C.'s, and Messrs. Reidy, Blackwell, and Nicholls, M.P.'s.

The Chairman said Mr. Chapman had undertaken to examine various phases of railway systems in other countries, for the benefit of the South Australian system. Although the Railways Standing Committee was constituted primarily for the examination and discussion of proposed lines, the question of costs, including the price of sleepers, was an important factor. More was paid for sleepers in South Australia than in any other Australian State. This was due, partly, to the fact that there were in the State no big hardwood forests for sleepers. The Government wanted to know whether it was not possible to establish some system whereby they could use up their softwoods. The committee wished Mr. Chapman to make a statement upon railway costs generally, and upon the sleeper question in particular. If local timbers could be utilized in preference to imported hardwoods for sleepers, it would not only solve the problem of prohibitive prices to the State, in that direction, but mean the saving of the local industry.

Mr. Chapman said the situation abroad in sleepers was entirely different from what it was at home. In North America he had seen a number of big forests, and sleepers were very much cheaper on that Continent than in South Australia, in fact, they cost less than half the price here. Various kinds of pine were used, chiefly 8 ft. by 6 ft. was a common size for a sleeper in America. He could not say that they lasted as long or had the strength of those used here.

In reply to a question, witness said he did not see any concrete sleepers in England. They were only in the experimental stage. Italy, France, and other Continental countries had wooden sleepers, the same as in England, where they were mostly imported. The use of softwood for sleepers, continued Mr. Chapman meant treatment and plates. It was difficult to make a comparison of prices, also the length of life. The Chairman said the State Conservator of Forests (Mr. E. Julius) had stated some time ago that the total cost of sleepers at the mill was 7/ for broad gauge, and 5/3 for narrow gauge. That was as he estimated them available in South Australian forests. Could the witness give any suggestion or scheme for using the softwood sleepers? There were the matters of treatment, cost of laying, the life of the sleeper, and the cost of relaying to be considered.

The witness expressed the opinion that the Forestry Department should submit tenders to the Railway Department. If definite offers were put up to the commissioners, the amount of saving and durability would be determined.

The Chairman said nothing had resulted from enquiries up to the present. Before the Government could consent definitely to any policy they must have something to go upon. If the Forestry Department would make a definite offer, and consider prices, that would open up a suggestion.

Mr. Reidy said they were up against it. There were between 12,000 and 14,000

acres of forests in the south-east, and in the north of this State. The trees in most cases, were ripe, and matured, but there was no market. The market was controlled by the imported timbers. There was the Australian oak, or stringy bark, to be experimented on. On the subject of rails, Mr. Chapman said he had found over a considerable territory the 85-lb. rail being run on by 60,000 lb. axle weight.

November Examinations.

FACULTY OF LAWS.

ELEMENTS OF LAW AND LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY (110).

(In order of merit.)

First Class.—Hutchesson, Gordon Bramwell, and Wynes, William Anstey (equal); Ewens, John Qualtrough; Harry, Romilly Carveth; McEntee, Kevin Vincent.

Second Class.—Downey, Donnell Raymond, and Shoobridge, Ivan (equal); Pick, Sidney; Philcox, Claude Joseph Owen, A.C.U.A.

Third Class.—Tousner, Berthold Herbert; Chapman, Frank Hewett, de Boehme, Cecil Brooks; Boucaut, Ian Penn, and Shepherd, Geoffrey Lincoln (equal); Young, Martin, Gillett, Jervyn Clein, and Johnston, Laurence Frederick John (equal).

LAW OF CONTRACTS (111). (In order of merit.)

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Yelland, Dene Sturt; Ewens, John Qualtrough; Hutchesson, Gordon Bramwell; Harry, Romilly Carveth; Downey, Donnell Raymond; Pick, Sydney.

Third Class.—Shoobridge, Ivan; Rymill, Arthur Campbell; Teusner, Berthold Herbert; de Boehme, Cecil Brooks; Chapman, Frank, Hewett, and Shepherd, Geoffrey Lincoln (equal); Young, Martin; McEntee, Kevin Vincent.

LAW OF PROPERTY, PART I. (112).

First Class.—McEwin, John Neil.

Second Class.—Cornish, Jack Rodolph; Ewens, John Qualtrough.

Third Class.—Harry, Romilly Carveth; Irwin, Robert Newenham; Parsons, Phillip Brendon Agas (equal); Hutchesson, Gordon Bramwell; Power, Louis Bertrand; Shoobridge, Ivan; Seales, William Arthur; Rymill, Arthur Campbell.

LAW OF PROPERTY, PART II. (112A).

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Laught, Keith Alexander; Davies, Cecil Ernest; Culshaw, George Vincent.

Third Class.—Colquhoun, Colin Roy; Treloar, Albert Edward Coran; Beauchamp, Edward Benjamin, and Maddeford, Sheila Lamont (equal); Homburg, Renolf, and Mangan, John Arthur Leslie (equal); Leaver, Edward; Cummins, Alice Mary; Goodhart, Mabel Flora, and von Bertouch, Benard (equal).

LAW OF WRONGS (113). (In order of merit.)

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Brazel, James Francis; Culshaw, George Vincent; Philcox, Claude Joseph Owen, A.C.U.A.; Treloar, Albert Edward Coran; Hollidge, Geoffrey David; McEwin, John Neil, and Mangan, John Arthur Leslie (equal).

Third Class.—Yelland, Dene Sturt; Irwin, Robert Newenham; von Bertouch, Benard; Parsons, Phillip Brendon Agas; Homburg, Renolf; Kelly, Michael Lawrence, and Page, Robert Rooke (equal); Goodhart, Mabel Flora; Rochlin, Elijah; Glynn, Denis McMahon; Power, Louis Bertrand; Laught, Keith Alexander, and McCarthy, Joseph Francis (equal).

LAW OF EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE (114).

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Brazel, James Francis; Beauchamp, Edward Benjamin, and Leader, Haynes (equal).

Third Class.—Leaver, Edward; Hollidge, Geoffrey David; Heggaton, Keith Yaudan; Gillespie, William Charles; Donnithorne, William, and Kelly, Michael Lawrence (equal).

FACULTY OF LAW.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (115). (In order of merit.)

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—Rollison, Gerald Dominic; Gillespie, William Charles; Donnithorne, William, and Leader, Haynes (equal); Cornish Jack Rodolph.

Third Class.—Maddeford, Sheila Lamont; Parsons, Phillip Brendon Agas; Boucaut, Douglas de Rey, McEwin, John Neil, and Symons, Reginald Albert (equal); Mollison, Thomas; Wemyss, Eleanor Evelyn Beatrice, M.A.

ROMAN LAW (116).

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—None.

Third Class.—Henderson, Roland.

JURISPRUDENCE (117).

First Class.—None.

Second Class.—None.

Third Class.—Hardy, John Scott.

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (118).

First Class.—None passed.

Second Class.—Kelly, Michael Lawrence.

Third Class.—Brazel, James Francis; Leader, Haynes; Beauchamp, Edward Benjamin, and Leaver, Edward (equal); Culshaw, George Vincent; Hollidge, Geoffrey David, Maddeford, Sheila Lamont, Mangan, John Arthur Leslie, Symons, Reginald Albert, and Treloar, Albert Edward Coran (equal); Hardy, John Scott, Reeves, Charles Wheatley, and Rollison, Gerald Dominic (equal); Rochlin, Elijah; Goodhart, Mabel Flora; Gillespie, William Charles; Donnithorne, William.

RECOMMENDED FOR THE STOW PRIZE.

Ewens, John Qualtrough.

RECOMMENDED FOR THE DAVID MURRAY SCHOLARSHIP.

No award.

FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR DARNLEY NAYLOR.

A meeting of the Classical Association was held at the Adelaide University on Monday afternoon to bid farewell to Professor Darnley Naylor on the eve of his departure for England. Mr. W. R. Bayly (head master of Prince Alfred College) occupied the chair, and in behalf of the members of the association presented Professor Naylor with a gold watchchain.

Mr. D. H. Hollidge, M.A., moved:—“That we, the members of the Classical Association of South Australia, desire to express our appreciation of the valuable contribution to classical learning made by Professor H. Darnley Naylor during his 20 years residence in this State. He was the founder of the association, and has been its only President. He has always been ready to give of his best to secure the aims for which the association exists. By his ever-growing zeal in the pursuit of knowledge, and in the extension of the bounds of knowledge, he has been an inspiration to all students of the ancient classics. It is with deep regret that we contemplate his departure from the Commonwealth. We wish him and his family long life and great prosperity, and hope before long to have the opportunity of welcoming them back to Adelaide.” Mr. Hollidge added that the following extract from the presidential address to the Classical Association of Great Britain given last January by the British Prime Minister (Mr. Baldwin) was eminently applicable to his guest. “It is no blind chance that has led one of our greatest scholars to devote his life to the ideal of the League of Nations. Rather it is his desire to make his contribution to redeeming the failure of those very Greeks whom he, more perhaps than any living man, has helped this modern world to understand.”

Mr. G. A. McMillan (St. Peter's College) supported on behalf of the schools.

Professor Naylor, in replying, emphasized the necessity of an understanding of the classics, and particularly of Greek, in order to perfectly understand the English language. Efforts by people without such acquaintance to write English were never so successful as those made by men thoroughly trained in classical lore. Referring to Professor T. G. Tucker, who was shortly to succeed him, Professor Naylor said he regarded him as the most distinguished scholar who had ever been in Australia. He possessed a European reputation for his work on the Greek language, and was probably unsurpassed in the universities of the world as a lecturer. He was also a powerful literary critic, and would be a strong reinforcement for Professor Strong on the literary side of university work in Adelaide. He thanked the association heartily for the honour it had done him, and for the interesting memento of their happy association in Adelaide.

THE ELDER SCHOLARSHIP.

Miss Ruth Naylor, who, as stated yesterday, has been awarded the Elder Scholarship for singing, tenable for three years at the Conservatorium, has had a successful career as a student. In 1919 she won Mr. William Silver's piano scholarship, which was extended over a period of three years. This was followed by the Public Examinations Scholarship, which she also held for three years, and at the end of 1924, she was awarded the diploma of A.M.U.A. for pianoforte. Miss Naylor achieved her first success as a vocalist by winning the 1924 Community Singing Scholarship, tenable for one year. She then began her studies under Miss Hilda Gill at the Conservatorium. This promising student possesses a soprano voice of rich quality and wide range, and has already made several successful appearances on the concert platform.

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awarded the Government bursary, but resigned and entered the Education Department as a probationary student. He passed the Senior Public examination in 1921, in eight subjects with six credits, and in the following year the Higher Public in five subjects, with one credit. During the years 1923-26, he has been a student of the University and the Teachers' College. He has been successful in all the required examinations in the general course at the Teachers' College, and passed the test in connection with the military instruction camp, held at the Jubilee Oval. At the close of 1924, he was selected with four other students to study an additional two years at the University in order to train for high school teaching. During his four years at the University he has pursued the studies of the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Arts, and the honours course for Bachelor of Science, and in view of his appointment there is every reason to believe that he will graduate for the latter degree during the present year. For the B.A. degree he has passed eight units.

Future Study.

While at Oxford, Mr. Mitton proposes to take a course of study to further qualify him as a teacher with the object of returning to this State to take up work in the secondary schools, or obtaining a position on the staff of one of the universities. His ambition is to study for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy if he has the required status, or the honours B.A. Degree in philosophy, politics, and economics.

Sports Record.

Mr. Mitton first played football with the Hindmarsh Public School team, of which he was captain in 1918. He was a member of the first 18 of the Woodville High School, has been a regular member of the Teachers' College team since entering that institution, and was awarded the college honour badge. In 1924 he won the college medal for the most consistent