FROM THE RICH TO THE POOR.

Lord Hylton Shifts his Budget Burden.

COTTAGERS TO PAY HIGHER RENTS.

Lord Hylton, the owner of Kilmersdon, in North-east Somerset, has not taken long to devise means which will have the effect of making the working-classes pay towards the extra burdens imposed on him by the Budget.

This village lord owns a park four miles in circumference, in which is a column 150ft. high, from which he can view his domain. Through his agent he has just sent to all his tenants the following letter:—

Hylton Estates Office, Kilmersdon, Bath,
April 18th, 1910.

Sir,—Owing to the great increase in taxation of late it has been now determined to revise the cottage rents on the estate, most of which stand at the same figure as they did years ago, when the burdens on all property were much lower. If you wish to continue your tenancy at the new rent of £...... per annum, which is .... per week, to which will be added two-thirds of the rates, as heretofore, you are requested to tear off and sign the slip attached to this letter and return it to me by May 1st.

The new rent will start from midsummer, June 24th, 1910. Please note that if I do not receive the slip signed by you on or before May 1st I shall understand that you do not wish to continue the tenancy, and the same will expire at midsummer next.—Yours faithfuy, Edward Knox.

The "slip" to be detached and signed reads:—

I hereby agree to continue my tenancy on the same conditions as at present, except that the rent shall be £...... per annum instead of £...... per annum.

A "Daily Chronicle" representative who made inquiries yesterday in the district found that the increase of rent thus blandly announced varies from 20 to 100 per cent. His pursuit of knowledge was beset with the usual difficulty, which could only be overcome by the promise to say nothing that could lead to the identification of the informant.

More Cottages Wanted.

A man at the Radstock end of the parish has had his rent, formerly £4 10s., doubled, while instances of a less drastic increase, such as £5 to £7 10s., or £6 to £8, are common. The initial amounts are, of course, small, but so are the incomes, and the effect is reasonably comparable with that which would be experienced by the artisan dweller in the city who found his rent increased by a similar percentage.

Attention was drawn at Charlton to a two-roomed house occupied by three persons where the rent has been raised by £2. The cottages appear to be neither specially good nor bad of their class. They are not regarded as palaces by the tenants.

"We do our best to make them look nice," said one woman, "but to see what they really are, you ought to look at an empty one." There are no empty ones, however. More cottages are wanted, and this fact no doubt explains why Lord Hylton thinks himself in a position to raise the rents.

Lord Hylton is a strong Tory, and so is Mr. Edward Knox, his agent. And the people are not sympathetic with that point of view. There was recently a parish council election at which, in the words of one unrepentant and unregenerate Radical, "We made a clean sweep of 'em." The council consists of eleven members, and the "Progressives" sent in eleven candidates. The lowest man on their list received eighty-six votes; the highest on the beaten schedule received but thirty-five—and he, alas! was Mr. Edward Knox.

The phrase in Lord Hylton's circular "owing to the great increase in taxation of late" is much commented upon in the district. The people look at their small cottages; then they look at Lord Hylton's big park, and they significantly ask who is the best able to bear the increase.

It is pointed out, too, that by spending money on the maintenance of his cottages and by erecting more, for which he could at once find tenants, Lord Hylton would become entitled under the Budget to a considerably increased allowance from his assessment to income tax under Schedule A. Building cottages, however, does not appear to be his hobby. At Charlton, while some eighteen or twenty have disappeared in the course of thirty years or so, only four have been added.

The whole neighbourhood suffers because of this dearth of houses. The miners have long distances to walk to get to their work.

The circular is practically a confession that he is shifting his burdens in a magnanimous fashion on to the shoulders of the poorest people on his estate.

SIX IN A BED.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE PARENTS CHARGED WITH NEGLECTING THEIR CHILDREN.

Two Mansfield Woodhouse parents appeared before the Mansfield Bench to-day charged with neglecting their four children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering. The defendants were Wallace Gladwin and his wife Alice, of Sherwood-street, Mansfield Woodhouse, and the prosecution was at the instance of the N.S.P.C.C.

Mr. J. Harrop White, who appeared to prosecute, said the case had been under the observation of the society since September. The three elder children were fairly well nourished, but the baby, aged one year and eight months, was ill-nourished, and up to a few days ago was 8lbs. less than the normal weight of a child that age. In justice to the parents he must say that no vermin was found on the children, but they were insufficiently clothed, and there was only one bed for the father, mother, and the four children. The bed was in a filthy condition and was without a blanket or covering except two old jackets. The house was also in a filthy condition. A return of the male defendant's wages for six weeks, including Easter, which was a short week, showed an average weekly wage of £1 9s. 8d. Since the summons had been issued, added Mr. White, the defendants had made an improvement as regards cleanliness, but there was still only one bed. The society had no desire to be vindictive, their object being to bring about an improvement in the condition of the children. He was prepared to suggest to the Bench that the case be adjourned for a time in order to see if the defendants would make a further improvement.

This suggestion was accepted by the Bench, and the case was adjourned for a month, both defendants being warned that they must make the necessary improvement in the condition of the children and their home, otherwise they would be brought up again.

ILKESTON ASSAULT.

At Ilkeston to-day Isaac Siddons summoned George Burton, High Holborn, Ilkeston, for assaulting him on April 16th.

The complainant said he looked after some houses at High Holborn, and on April 16th, while examining the property after a thunderstorm, the defendant remarked, "I shall pay no rent for a —— place like this."

Witness told him to get out of the property as soon as possible, whereupon the defendant turned upon him and struck him half-a-dozen blows on the head and face.

The defendant said the complainant took off his coat and wanted to fight him, and if he had not hit the complainant the latter would have hit him.

The Bench fined the defendant 5s. and £1 1s. 6d. costs.

CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND OVERSEERS.

The annual meeting of the Creswell Parish Council was held last evening. Mr. W. R. Bradley was elected chairman, and Mr. F. Binge vice-chairman.

Messrs. S. Evans, J.P., W. Harper and J. Eyre were reappointed the overseers. Mr. Bradley was appointed the representative of the Council for the administration of the Gisborne Charity. A precept for £280 was issued upon the overseers for the electric lighting for the year.

Mr. F. Binge announced that the Post Office authorities had granted an adequate staff so that every letter in Creswell could be delivered before 9 o'clock in the morning. (Applause.)

King Edward went for a motor ride to-day, says Reuter, and lunched at Cauterets.

The Ranelagh polo team was yesterday defeated by Meadowbrook by 6 goals to one and a half at Lakewood, states Reuter.

AN UNHAPPY HOME.

Mansfield Woodhouse Miner's Bad Habits.

LAZINESS AND GAMBLING.

Laziness and gambling were the causes of the wretchedness which existed in the home of James Percy Cupit, miner, of Sheepwash-lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, the sequel being heard at the Mansfield Petty Sessions to-day, when the defendant was charged by his wife, Lily Cupit, who asked for a separation order.

Mr. R. H. Wiggins said the defendant was an ex-lance-corporal in the Grenadier Guards, and was in receipt of a pension of 6d. per day, and was also in full work at the Mansfield Colliery, where he earned 5s. 6d. a day. He had a wife and five children, but absolutely refused to maintain them. The parties were married at East Stoke, near Newark, in December, 1900. On December 6th last year they went to live in Sheepwash-lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, but for eight weeks the defendant had not given his wife a copper, and she and the children had been maintained through the help of neighbours, and more especially through the kindness of the defendant's cousin. The matter had been laid before Inspector Bestley, of the N.S.P.C.C.

The complainant said her husband had only given her 10s. per week and sometimes 8s., and out of this she had 6s. a week rent to pay. Last Saturday she left him and stayed with neighbours, and although she was down as tenant of the house, the defendant refused to come out. Her husband indulged in horse racing, and when he won she would sometimes get a little money, but if he lost she got nothing. On one occasion he sold a pig for 55s. He, however, lost 36s. of this, and told her that he "had put 10s. on Minoru for to-morrow."

Defendant: I have given her all the money I had; I have gambled, I know."

John Cupit, screen foreman at the Mansfield Colliery, said he had helped the defendant, who was his cousin. Last February he helped the defendant to get work, and thus give him another chance on condition that he would reform, as gambling had been his ruin. He had remonstrated with him in regard to his gambling habits. On the first occasion the defendant told him he had a perfect right to do as he liked with his own money. Witness had frequently fed the children and given money to the defendant's wife to carry on the home.

Inspector Bestley said he once remonstrated with the defendant. When he called at the house between ten and eleven the defendant was in bed.

Mr. Wiggins informed the Bench that the defendant had got through £400 obtained from his wife's friends since they had been married, but the defendant contended that this had been lost in business.

A separation order for 12s. per week was granted.

BREWERS' PROTEST.

Objection to Disgorging Extra Money Taken from the Public.

The Brewers' Society met yesterday, and unanimously resolved:—

That this meeting most strongly protests against the high licence duty proposals of the Budget, which will fall with ruinous severity upon a trade in which the consumption of both beer and spirits is steadily declining.

An official communication says: —

"The meeting was of opinion that it is desirable the public should understand the grave position in which the licensed trade will be placed on being called upon to pay the increased licence duties imposed.

"The trade is called upon to pay within a few weeks from now £2,100,000 in licence duties, in addition to the old licence duties already paid for the year, and in October next licence duties to the amount of over £4,000,000 will again become due."

No one would guess from this sad plaint that "the trade" has pocketed thousands of pounds by increasing prices to the public on the plea of this same Budget.

Now that "the trade" is faced for the first time with the certainty of having to pay over the money to the State, we are invited to weep over the hard lot of the downtrodden brewer!

NEIGHBOURS' QUARREL.

A Derby Woman Given the Benefit of the Doubt.

The cutting and wounding charge preferred against Ellen Stone, wife of Emmanuel Stone, a cab proprietor and coal dealer, of 53, Parker-street, Derby, was at the Derby Borough Police Court to-day, before Messrs. A. F. Longdon, G. Frost, and G. Shires, reduced to one of common assault upon Elizabeth Bostock, of 51, Parker-street.

The prosecutrix told the Bench that on Saturday evening last at about 7.15 p.m. she was in the yard when she saw defendant beating her daughter, and when she remonstrated with the woman the defendant used a vile expression and told her to go away. Witness went up to the girl, and when near the door the defendant, who was just inside, struck out, and witness then felt a pain in the right arm. She went into her own house and ascertained that she had a jagged wound on the right arm, in which three stitches were placed. The injury was progressing favourably, and the stitches would be removed on Friday.

In answer to Mr. J. R. Pinder, who defended, witness denied attempting to strike Mrs. Stone, or threatening to "make mincemeat of her." She did not catch her arm on the door latch when withdrawing it rapidly. Mrs. Stone and witness had been very good friends. At this point witness said that she did not wish to press the case, and if the defendant would consent to pay for medical attendance and loss of work—prosecutrix being employed in a mill—she would consent to the charge being withdrawn.

After a consultation with his client, Mr. Pinder said that the defendant had a desire to disprove the allegations made against her, and the case was proceeded with.

Sergeant Beitridge said that when the defendant was charged with the offence, she said "I am positive I did not do it." He found a meat hook (produced) on the table in the defendant's house. The wound on Mrs. Bostock's arm was one inch in length.

For the defence Mr. Pinder contended that the injury had been caused by the latch on the door, and an emphatic denial was given to the assertion that the defendant had a hook or anything else in her hand.

The defendant said that her little girl had collected 2s. for coal from the prosecutrix and when she asked for it, the girl refused to hand it over, and when she rebuked her, Mrs. Bostock interfered and tried to get into the house. When she struck out witness tried to close the door and the prosecutrix must have caught her arm on the door when she withdrew it. She denied having anything in her hand.

Delia Mary Stone, the defendant's daughter, gave corroborative evidence.

The Bench dismissed the case, the defendant being given the benefit of the doubt.

VILLAGE EPIDEMIC.

DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK ATTRIBUTED TO INFECTION IN THE SOIL.

The pretty little village of Markyate, thirty miles from London on the Chester road, the place where so many motor accidents have occurred, is suffering from a serious epidemic of diphtheria. Five people have died recently, and cases are continually being sent to the isolation hospital, no fewer than ten having been removed this week.

All but two of the patients have been children, and so anxious are the parents becoming that the streets are entirely deserted by the youngsters.

Experts attribute the outbreak to infection in the soil. Markyate has no system of drainage. It has been noticed that when the ground has been opened for laying the mains of a new water service a black-looking layer appears in places.

WHIST DRIVE AT SHIREBROOK.

A whist drive was held in the Shirebrook Council Schools last evening in connection with the Swifts' Football Club. There were about 60 present. Winners: Ladies: 1, Mrs. Warriner (174); 2, Mrs. Lewis (174); 3, Mrs Burley (167). Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Cluxby (179); 2, Mr. Brewster (177); 3, Mr. Corby (176).

A PUZZLED TORY.

A Tirade on the "Benign Imbecility" of his Party.

A "Puzzled Imperialist," who says that he takes politics "perhaps foolishly" as something serious, writes to the "Morning Post" with regard to the query:—"What is the Unionist policy?" He has some nice things to say, and here are a few choice specimens of his epistolary remarks:—

"The Unionist Party . . . . seem to regard the ruinous, time-serving, self-seeking policy of the Cabinet with a kind of benign imbecility, with a complacency which can be born only of an incapability to grasp and grapple with a dangerous situation."

"Saints preserve us from another Anti-Budget League."

"A few vapid ventures in the North to Conservative clubs is the sum total of Opposition energy."

"Surely the present is the time for a straightforward explanation of Unionist policy, if Unionism has one; if it has not, let way be made for a new party freed from musty fetters."

Then follow a long string of questions:—

"What is our land policy?"

"What is our policy as regards beet sugar and an excise duty?"

"What is our Second Chamber policy?"

and so on. No wonder the poor gentleman is puzzled, and we do not even expect that if he sent a marked copy of the "Morning Post" to Mr. Balfour he would get an answer to his questions. That's the worst of it. Even Liberals regret that Toryism is in such a muddled condition. We would like something straightforward and honest to fight.

CHILD HOUSEBREAKER.

A Thirteen-Year-Old Skegby Girl Bound Over.

The story of how a juvenile housebreaker robbed a widow was told at the Mansfield Petty Sessions to-day, when Annie Lawson, a thirteen-year-old girl, of Skegby, was charged with stealing a lady's silver watch, two silver brooches, a purse, a copper token, and eight shillings in money, together of the value of 51s., the property of Hannah Clayton, a widow, of Skegby.

The evidence showed that the prosecutrix left home on Sunday afternoon, leaving her son in the house. She returned home on the following Tuesday, and as the result of what her son told her she examined the house, and missed the articles and money mentioned from various rooms.

Joseph Clayton, a jeweller's apprentice, said he left home on Monday morning after seeing the house properly locked up. When he returned he found that the scullery window had been smashed and the backdoor unlocked.

Police-Sergeant Gillings, who investigated the case, said that on the window sill of the scullery window he found a broken poker (produced), and also discovered that a large pane had been broken and taken out of the window frame. Later he saw the defendant, who when questioned denied any knowledge of the affair. Subsequently she said "It is quite true. I broke the window and got into the house and went all through it; you will find the things in Mrs. Clayton's closet." Witness added that he went there and found the things on a ledge. He also saw the mother, who said that she found 2s. 10d. underneath the girl's bed.

Questioned further, the girl said she spent one shilling, but lost 4s. 2d. through a hole in her pocket.

The defendant was bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months, and was placed under the supervision of the probation officer for that period.

HEANOR ODDFELLOWS.

MEETING OF THE KING OF PRUSSIA LODGE.

A special meeting of the Loyal King of Prussia Lodge of the I.O.O.F. M.U. was held at Heanor to consider the question of the centenary, which occurs this year. Bro. G. H. Holmes presided, about 100 members being present.

Two suggestions were made for celebrating the event—a church parade and a parade and dinner.

Five new members were initiated into the order, Bro. G. H. Holmes, P.P.G.M., giving the initiatory address. Seven nominations for membership were submitted, making the membership of the lodge 320 and distant members 50, a total of 370.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Bro. S. Hollingsworth, P.P.G.M., president; Bro. Jos. Kerry, V.G., and Bro. G. H. Holmes, P.P.G.M., lecture masters; Bro. G. T. Turner, P.G.M., treasurer; Bro. J. Lacey, P.D.G.M., permanent secretary; and Bro. F. Hobson, assistant secretary.

During the evening a musical programme was gone through, to which the following contributed:—Bros. C. Stainsby and E. Triggle (mandolines), Bro. R. S. Pinder (humorist), Bros. Halston and Murphy (duetists), Bro. J. Murphy, of the Loyal Sovereign Lodge, Loughborough, Bro. Tilson, of the Ilkeston Lodge, and Messrs. John Willie and Fred Lockwood. Bros. Triggle and Stainsby were the pianists.

BABY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

HORSE AND TRAP COLLIDE WITH A PERAMBUCOT AT SHIREBROOK.

An accident that might have been attended with far more serious consequences occurred in Main-street, Shirebrook, last night. Mr. L. Martin, of Station-road, accompanied with his wife and her sister, was proceeding along the street with their seven-months-old daughter in a perambucot, when a horse and trap emerged from Central Drive at a furious pace. In taking a wide turn the trap collided with the cot and overturned it.

Happily the wood of the cot was extended, and to this is attributed the safety of the child, who escaped with a bruise on the side of the temple. The hood of the cot was penetrated and otherwise damaged.

STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the newly-elected parish council was held last night in the Church-street Council Schools.

The Clerk (Mr. C. W. Thomas) acted as chairman, pro. tem., there being a full attendance of members. On the motion of Mr. H. E. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. G. Chilvers, Mr. John Taylor was elected chairman for the ensuing year. Messrs. W. Peatfield, W. Lilley, T. H. Harrison, and H. Clark were elected overseers. The various committees of the council were elected, and the following gentlemen nominated as school managers:—Messrs. J. Palmer, G. A. Harrison, J.P., R. Hardy, E. A. Hooley, and H. E. Stevenson.

Mr. H. Clark was appointed representative of the council for St. John's National School.

WITTICISMS AT WOOLWICH.

SOME OF THE LATEST SAYINGS OF JUDGE WILLIS.

Here are some of Judge Willis's sayings at Woolwich County Court:—

"It was not intended that there should be any worry in this world and there would not be if people would obey a few rules."

"The faithful word is better than a wedding ring."

"I suppose the sixteen sat round the phonograph listening to Mme. Somebody of Australia singing a high note with a noisy chorus."

"Oh! if people would only follow the example in the Scriptures: 'And she told him the whole truth.'"

"A day's charing—a nice pleasant lunch, afternoon tea, and half-a-crown at the end."

AN ILKESTON QUARREL.

Martha Grainger, at Ilkeston to-day, summoned Martha Pearce for using threats and committing wilful damage to a window. The trouble, according to the complainant, arose through a lodger. The young man left the defendant's and came to her house, and the defendant came and threatened her and smashed the window. Complainant said she was afraid of her.

The magistrates bound the defendant over for six months in the sum of £5, and ordered her to pay 16s. 6d. costs, and in the second case she was fined 1s. with 4s. 6d. damages and 5s. 6d. costs.

MR. ROOSEVELT AT PARIS.

Mr. Roosevelt arrived in Paris this morning, and was welcomed by the United States Ambassador, states Reuter.

£850 FOR AN IVORY CASKET.

A little ivory casket of eleventh century Byzantine workmanship, 4½in. high, and 5in. deep, fetched £850 at the sale of the Falcke collection at Christie's.

A VICAR'S OUTBURST.

Vigorous Attack on Parsons who are "Bread and Butter Men."

The silence of his brother clergy over his election as a district councillor and Poor-law Guardian moves the Rev. A. M. Mitchell, vicar of Burtonwood, to an expression of his feelings in the parish magazine.

In connection with the numerous congratulations which he has received, he points out that it is remarkable that not one is from a member of the cloth. "Not one parson, dignified or undignified, in the Rural Deanery of Winwick has expressed a word of pleasure or gratification at the victory of civic righteousness so near their own parishes.

"Only one conclusion is possible—the clergy in this particular part of the diocese are still the faithful and devoted satellites and ardent admirers of the drink makers and drink sellers, whose subscriptions to church funds apparently are of more moment than the assertion and triumph of temperance principles. Clerical sympathy is seldom on the side of progress. The parson as a bread-and-butter man is much more familiar than the parson as a Christian reformer."

In advising that nothing in the way of public duties should be done without the help and advice of the people, Mr. Mitchell says that one of the early Christian writers gave the clergy of his day the advice, "Do nothing without the bishops."

"That was when bishops were bishops indeed," the vicar adds, "when the office of overseer in the Church of God was not a prize to be grasped at, when the shepherds of the flock did not live in palaces, nor drive swagger motors, and were not expected to be 'my-lorded' whenever spoken to."

WOMAN CHARGED.

Alleged Libel on a Roman Catholic Priest.

At Sutton to-day Mrs. Annie Tugwell (43) was remanded for a week charged on a warrant with unlawfully publishing a defamatory libel concerning Henry Taylor Cafferata, a Roman Catholic priest.

The solicitor for the Treasury said the case was a very grave one.

A police inspector said he arrested the prisoner yesterday morning. She said in reply, "I never did such a thing. I know nothing about it. I never wrote an anonymous letter in my life. This is a Catholic conspiracy." When the warrant was read to her and when she was charged she again said she knew nothing about it.

The prisoner interrupted the witness's evidence by saying, "You know I have not done it. There is nothing against me."

The solicitor for the prisoner asked the inspector whether every pressure had been brought to bear by Mrs. Tugwell with Scotland Yard to get to the bottom of the mystery, and the witness agreed, adding that the police had also pressed the matter.

COST OF A NEW SCHOOL.

Tender Accepted by the Nottingham Education Committee.

A meeting of the Nottingham Education Committee was held at the offices, South Parade, last evening, amongst those present being Ald. J. Houston (chairman), Ald. E. N. Elborne (vice-chairman), Miss Guilford, Miss Haywood, Rev. F. J. Brady, Principal D. L. Ritchie, Ald. Sir J. T. McCraith, Councillors F. Ball, H. Bowles, H. G. Ford, E. Gutteridge, G. E. Hewson, A. G. Hines, J. Marlow, E. Mellor, W. E. Morris, E. Richards, J. Fycroft, H. Spray, B. A. Young, Messrs. A. Armitage, V. C. Buckingham, H. Grundy, and J. Keywood.

A letter was read from Mr. D. McCraith resigning his position on the committee.

The Clerk announced that Empire Day flags had been presented to Trent Bridge School by Mr. J. T. Spalding; Stanley-road, Mr. F. N. Hobson; Lenton Trust School, the Mayor; Bath-street, Captain Morrison, M.P.; Radford-boulevard, Mr. J. D. Player. Nine flags had been previously given. A vote of thanks to the donors was passed.

It was decided, on the recommendation of the Elementary Schools Sub-Committee, to appoint a third-class clerk, salary £30, rising to £50, to assist the committee's inspectors, whose work has now become so large as to occupy time which should be spent in school organisation.

The Buildings Sub-Committee reported that they had received 13 tenders for the erection of the new school at Haydn-road, and they recommended the committee to accept a tender for £4,278.

Mr. F. Ball said this was a smaller cost per head than had been undertaken for any other school in the city.—The report was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported in reference to the school savings banks that the total balance standing to the credit of depositors on March 31st was £3,249 9s. 4d., as compared with £3,535 7s. 3d. during the corresponding period last year.—Mr. E. Mellor mentioned that the committee finished the year with a credit balance of £2,399.—The report was adopted.

The school attendance for the three months of the quarter, it was reported by the School Attendance Sub-Committee, was as follows:—January, on the roll 42,464, attendance 36,760; February, on roll 42,369, attendance 37,764; and March, on roll 41,670, attendance 37,339.

The sub-committee recommended the appointment of Dr. Gill, who had done valuable work as hon. secretary of the After Care Committee, as examiner of defective and epileptic children about to be sent to homes under the Defective and Epileptic Children Act, 1899. The number of cases dealt with was very small, and the fee was 5s. per child examined.

During the month 380 children belonging to 157 families had been fed, the meals supplied being 7,343 breakfasts and 7,412 dinners. The total cost had been £127 14s. 7d., as compared with £106 18s. 5d. the previous month. The average cost per meal was 2.08d., and per child 6s. 8.7d.

The reports were adopted.

BYE-LAWS IGNORED.

A SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD BUILDER FINED £5 AND COSTS.

A Sutton-in-Ashfield builder, named Joseph Padgett, appeared before the Mansfield Bench to-day (Ald. T. Taylor in the chair) charged on two informations with contravention of the bye-laws of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Urban Council.

Mr. J. D. Fidler, clerk to the Council, conducted the prosecution, and called Walter Burn, surveyor, who stated that the defendant had built two houses in Lucknow-drive, the parti-wall of which was not bonded in accordance with the bye-laws. During the erection of the houses frequent inspection was made by the surveyor, but on April 18th he went to the houses and was astonished to find that the houses were occupied, without any notice of completion being given to the surveyor. This constituted the second breach of the bye-laws.

For the first offence the defendant was fined £3 and costs, and for the second £2 and costs.

ELDERLY ILKESTON THIEF.

Frederick Wheatcroft, an elderly man, was to-day at Ilkeston charged on remand with stealing a vest value 10s. 6d., and certain remnants of cloth, value 10s., the property of Mr. Josiah Sutton, tailor, Bath-street, Ilkeston.

The defendant was in the employ of the prosecutor, and the waistcoat was missed from the workroom, and was recovered from Preston's pawnshop, an assistant identifying the prisoner as the man who pledged it for 2s. 6d.

Prisoner was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for each offence, to run consecutively.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING

SNEINTON v. PEARCE AND CO.

An Alliance match was fired yesterday on the Sneinton R.C. range, resulting in a win for Pearce and Co. by 11 points. The conditions were ten shots at 25yds. distance, on six bull targets; teams of ten, eight to count. Scores:

Sneinton.		Pearce and Co.	
R. Tootell	96	C. J. Scofield	90
J. G. Stephenson	85	H. Ward	90
H. Mee	83	H. Farrand	78
J. W. Cook	94	F. J. Beard	88
E. Towers	84	F. P. Mey	91
P. H. Simpson	87	A. K. Sills	86
D. C. Kennedy	84	P. T. Lister	92
W. H. Townsend	84	W. E. Scott	83
L. S. Walker	84	E. S. Mason	80
E. Plummer	80	F. Fletcher	89
Gross total	861	Gross total	867
Counted out	163	Counted out	158
Net total	698	Net total	709

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

BANK RATE TO-DAY	4 per cent.		
Last changed March 17 1910	from 3 per cent.		
Corresponding period last year	2½ per cent.		
Consols	April 6	...	May 5
Making-up Days—Mines	April 12	...	April 26
" " —General	April 13	...	April 27
Ticket Days—Mines	April 13	...	April 27
" " —General	April 14	...	April 28
Account Days	April 15	...	April 29

TO-DAY'S PRICES

	Yesterday's Closing Prices.	1.16	2 30	3 45	After Off Hrs.
Consols Cash	81¼	81	80⅞	..	
AMERICANS, &c.					
Atchisons	115⅝	115	115⅜	..	..
Canadas	188¾	187½	187¾	..	..
Eries	30 3 16	31¼	30¼	..	..
Missouris	43¼	43½	43⅜	..	..
New York Central	126¼	125½	125½	..	..
Ontario	45 9 16	45	45	..	..
Pennsylvania	69½	69¼	69¼	..	..
Southern Pacifics	129½	129½	129¼	..	..
do. Common	28 1 1	28¼	28¼	..	..
Unions	189¼	189	189⅝	..	..
Steels	85¼	85½	85¼	..	..
Trunk Ordinary	28¼	28½	28¾	..	..
do. 3rd do.	63½	63	63¼	..	..
HOME RAILS.					
London & Brighton A	92	92	91½	..	..
Caledonian Def.	23½	23⅝	23⅞	..	..
Great Central Def.	12⅞	12¾	12¾	..	..
do Pref.	23½	23¾	23⅝	..	..
Great Northern Def.	44¼	44⅞	44½	..	..
London & Chatham Ord	13½	13¾	13½	..	..
South Eastern Ord	39½	39½	39¼	..	..
Great Eastern	65	65	65	..	..
Hull and Barnsley	60½	60¼	60½	..	..
North British Def.	31	31	31	..	..
North-Eastern	131½	131⅞	131⅛	..	..
Great Western	123	123	122⅞	..	..
London & Nth-Western	134⅞	134½	134¼	..	..
Lancashire & Yorks.	90	90	90	..	..
Midland Def.	59	59	58⅞	..	..
FOREIGN, &c.					
Central Argentine	99¼	99½	99¼	..	..
Leopoldina	69½	69¼	69¼	..	..
Buenos Ayres Pacifics	90	89½	89¼	..	..
B.A. Great Southern	122¼	122½	122¼	..	..
Mexican Ord.	42½	42¼	42	..	..
do. 2nd	87½	87½	87¼	..	..
Russian 4½ p.c. 1909	99	99	99	..	..
Japanese 4 p.c. 1905	95¼	95½	95¼	..	..
Rio Tintos	76¼	76¾	75⅞	..	..
Anaconda	9 9 16	9¼	9¼	..	..
Anglo-American	19	19	19	..	..
Hudson Bays	110	109½	108¼	..	..
Pekin	24	23½	23	..	..
MINES.					
De Beers	18⅞	18¾	18⅞	..	..
Apex	4 5 16	4 5 16	4 5 16	..	..
Anglo-French	2 1 32	2	2	..	..
Wolhuter	4	4	4	..	..
Geduld	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	..	..
East Rands	5 9 32	5 5 16	5 5 16	..	..
Modderfontein	2 9 16	2 9 16	13	..	..
Randfonteins	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	..	..
Rand Mines	9 7 32	9¼	9 5 16	..	..
African Farms	25/6	25/	25/	..	..
Giant Mines	5	5	5	..	..
Wit Deep	4 11 16	4 11 16	4 11 16	..	..
Zambesia	1 27 32	1⅞	1⅞	..	..
Tanganyika	6 11 16	6 11 16	6 11 16	..	..
Goldfields	6 13 32	6 7 16	6 7 16	..	..
Gold Trust	3½	3½	3½	..	..
Johnnies	35/	35/9	35/	..	..
Rhodesian Exploration	68/1½	58/9	69/4½	..	..
Fanti Mines	8/	8/	7/6	..	..
Wassaw West	12/	12/6	11/6	..	..
Ashanti	42/6	42/6	42/	..	..
Chartered	34/4½	35/	35/	..	..
Esperanza	2 7 16	2 9 16	2½	..	..
Cons'd Main Reef	26/3	26/3	26/3	..	..
Fanti Cons'd	23/6	23/6	23/6	..	..
Prestea Block A	30/6	30/6	30/6	..	..
Gold Coast	4 3 16	4 3 16	4 3 16	..	..
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Shell Transport	91/6	91/-	91/	..	..
Spies	30/6	30/6	30/6	..	..
Anglo-Malay	33/	33/3	33/	..	..
Mabera Forest	47/6	48/9	45/	..	..
Highlands & Lowlands	9	8¾	8¾	..	..
Allagar	8/	7/6	7/6	..	..
Sumatra Para	16/	16/6	17/	..	..
Straits (Bertram)	11/	11/	10/9	..	..
Linggi	67/	67/	65/6	..	..
Merliman	7/3	7/3	7/	..	..
Val D'Or	4/	4/	3/9	..	..

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TO-DAY'S MARKETS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—Opening report:—Spot sales, 5,000 bales; called nil; quiet demand, steady. Futures opened 3½ to 4½ points up, now 3 to 4½ points over yesterday's close, and quiet. May-June, 7.61d.; July-August, 7.50d.; August-September 7.31d.; September-October 6.78d.; October-November, 6.59d.; November-December, 6.51d.; January-February, 6.48d. Later: May-June, 7.60d.

Second report:—Spot sales 6,000 bales; called cotton nil. American quiet, without change in quotations; middling, 7.89d. Egyptian, 100 bales sold, quiet trade; quotations, brown, reduced ⅛d. Futures, dull market, 1½ to 3½ points over yesterday's close. April-May, 7.61d.; May-June, 7.59d.; July-August, 7.40d.; October-November, 6.58d.

WOOL.

BRADFORD, Thursday.—Merinos and fine cross-breds remain very firm, and there is a very healthy consumption on old contracts. Medium and coarse cross-breds are steady. There has certainly been more inquiry for the stronger sorts and an improvement in business, but there is a natural disposition on the part of those who want wool to talk matters down in view of the opening of the sales next week.

CATTLE.

LONDON, Thursday.—Beast entries 30, a decrease of 10, slow. No bullocks. Fat cows, 3s. 4d. to 3s. 8d.; bulls, 2s. 8d. to 3s. 6d. Milch cows nominal, five offered. Sheep 160, a decrease of 30; very sluggish and dull. Best Down tegs, 5s. 8d. to 5s. 10d.; best half-breds, 5s. to 5s. 2d.; best Down ewes, 3s. 6d. to 3s. 8d. per stone. Calves unquoted, 15 offered.

MEAT.

LONDON, Thursday.—Beef steady; Scotch long sides, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 4d.; short sides, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d.; English sides, 4s. to 4s. 2d.; United States sides, Deptford killed, 4s. to 4s. 2d.; American hindquarters, 5s. 8d. to 5s. 5d.; forequarters, 2s. 5d. to 2s. 7d. Mutton quiet; Scotch tegs, 5s. to 5s. 4d.; wethers, 4s. 10d. to 5s. 2d.; ewes, 3s. 4d. to 3s. 8d.; English wethers, 4s. to 4s. 6d.; ewes, 3s. 2d. to 3s. 6d.; New Zealand, 2s. 7d. to 2s. 10d.

FISH.

BILLINGSGATE, Thursday.—Supply fair, demand good. Turbot, 15s. to 17s.; brill, 9s. to 10s.; halibut, 9s.; lemon soles, 9s.; English plaice, 8s.; Aberdeen, 8s.; Faroe, 2s. 6d. per stone. English salmon, 1s. 10d.; Scottish, 1s. 11d.; Irish, 1s. 10d.; soles, 1s. to 1s. 6d.; slips, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; red mullet, 1s. 6d.; dories, 4d. per pound. Whiting, 13s.; gurnet, 15s.; hake, 14s.; skate, 14s.; cod, 12s. to 16s. per box. Large steamer haddocks 22s., small 16s. per trunk.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Thursday.—Opening report:—Sugar: Home refined steady, unaltered. German granulated firm; firsts ready, value, 16s. 7½d. Beet firm; May, done, 14s. 4½d.; August, 14s. 5½d. to 14s. 5¼d.; October, sellers, 11s. 8d.; October-December, 11s. 6d. Coffee: Futures quiet; May, sellers, 32s.; July, 31s. 10½d.; September, 31s. 9d.; December, 31s. 10½d. Linseed oil, 40s. Rape, 28s. 6d. Crude cotton, 31s. 6d.; refined, 32s. to 35s. Turpentine, 43s.—Closing report:—Sugar: Home refined, steady demand; Lyle's goods raised 1½d. German granulated dearer; ready firsts, sold, 16s. 8½d.; May-August, 16s. 8½d. Beet dearer; May, sold, 14s. 6d.; August, 14s. 7d.; October, 11s. 8½d. Coffee dull; May, sold, 31s. 3d. Java tea sales firm. Jute and hemp quiet, steady; shellac steady. Rubber quiet, spot and near nominally 12s. 3d. Linseed oil, 39s. 9d. to 40s. Turpentine, 45s.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—Opening report:—Sugar firm; one's, 21s. 1½d.; two's, 20s. 9d. Bacon quiet; Cumberland, 69s. Butter quiet; Danish Kiels, 121s. Lard firm; tierces, 65s. 6d.; pails, 65s. 3d. Cheese quiet, 64s. Resin steady; common, 10s. 9d. Hemp steady; Manila, £25 10s., spot. Nitrate firm, 10s. 1½d. Tallow firm; Australian, 40s. Palm steady; Lagos, £33 15s. Castor firm; Calcutta, 3⅜d. Petroleum steady; American, 7½d. Turpentine steady, 42s. 9d. Cottonseed steady, 34s. Linseed steady, 42s. 9d.—Closing report:—Sugar firm; one's, 21s. 1½d.; two's, 20s. 9d. Bacon, Cumberland, 69s. Butter, Danish, 120s. Lard: Tierces, 65s.; pails, 65s. Cheese, 64s. Resin, common, 10s. 9d. Hemp, Manila, £25 10s., spot. Nitrate, 10s. 1½d. Tallow, 40s. Palm, Lagos, £33 15s. Castor, Calcutta, 3⅜d. Petroleum, American, 7½d. Turpentine, 42s. 9d. Cottonseed, 34s. Linseed, 42s. 9d.

HAY AND STRAW.

WHITECHAPEL, Thursday.—Trade quiet; liberal assortment. Quotations. Best clover, 85s. to 94s.; inferior, 70s. to 78s.; specially-picked hay, 84s.; good, 70s. to 80s.; inferior, 55s. to 65s.; mixture and sainfoin, 80s. to 90s.; straw, 28s. to 33s. per load.

CRUSHED SUGAR.

GREENOCK, Thursday.—Official report:—Improved demand; good business done at firm to stiff prices.

BUTTER.

CORK, Thursday.—First, 108s.; second, 105s.; third, 101s.; fine, 105s.; fresh butter from 109s. to 105s.

COPENHAGEN, Thursday.—The average price of butter to-day is 106 kroner, but the fluctuation figure being minus 4, the official price becomes 101 kroner per 100lb. Danish, or about £5 13s. 7½d. per cwt., a decrease of four kroner on last week's quotation.

POTATOES.

SPITALFIELDS, Thursday.—Trade slow; ample supplies. Quotations: New Canaries, 11s. per cwt.; Lincolns, 55s. to 70s.; Bedfords, 50s. to 60s.; Kents, 55s. to 65s.; Essex, 50s. to 60s.; Blacklands, 40s. to 50s.; Scottish Greysoil, 55s. to 65s. per ton.

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

	Increase. £	Decrease. £
North Staffordshire	2,065 ...	——

MILK LEGISLATION.

Answering Mr. Peel in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that from the information that reached him he did not think the Milk and Dairies Bill could be regarded as non-contentious, and he could not therefore give it facilities at present.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE SCHEME.

Mr. Asquith informed Mr. Lonsdale in the House of Commons to-day that he had no statement to make at present as to the Government's intention to lay a scheme of sickness and invalidity insurance before the House.

While skating at a rink at Aldwych a man named Bainbridge lost his overcoat, containing gloves and other articles, which had been left in the cloak-room, and at Westminster County Court he was awarded £5 14s. 6d. damages with costs.

MILK DEALERS FINED.

Sample Taken at Sutton Shows 15-8 per Cent of Added Water.

Three milk prosecutions came before the Mansfield Bench to-day at the instance of Ernest Templeman, an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act.

In the case of John Beeley, of High-pavement, Sutton-in-Ashfield, it was stated that on March 17th a sample of milk was taken from a churn outside his house, and the certificate of the analyst stated that the sample submitted to him was adulterated with 16.3 per cent. of added water.

Mr. J. D. Fidler, who defended, submitted that there was no sale to the public. Mr. Beeley's farming was a secondary consideration, and was more for pleasure than profit, the milk obtained from his cows being used more or less for his own domestic purposes. On the day in question Mr. Beeley was not at home when the inspector first called, and he (the inspector) was told by the servant that Mr. Beeley would be at home by about five o'clock. When the milk was brought to the house defendant gave instructions for it to remain until the inspector arrived so that he could take a sample.

The defendant, in evidence, said his man was responsible for the milk, and so far as he (defendant) knew the milk had not been interfered with.

The Bench considered it had been quite clearly proved that the milk was below the standard. Defendant would be fined £1 and costs. The Bench quite believed he himself was perfectly innocent, but at the same time he was responsible for his servants. They believed Mr. Beeley knew nothing whatever about it, but they, of course, were there to protect the public.

Luther Searson, Sutton-in-Ashfield, whose sample the analysis showed to contain 12.5 per cent. of added water, was also fined £1 and costs.

Mr. Templeman stated that he asked the defendant if he had anything to say in the event of the milk being found below standard, and he replied that he could only say the milk had been supplied by two or three persons and mixed together.

The third case was that of Joseph Slack, of Sutton Forest Side. Mr. Templeman stated that on March 17th, after much trouble, he purchased milk from the defendant, and the analyst's certificate stated that the sample tested contained 15.8 of added water. This was rather a bad case, and he was instructed to press a heavy fine.

Asked why this case differed from the previous two, witness said the circumstances were different, and the percentage of adulteration higher than in the previous case.

A fine of £3, including costs, was imposed.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Supposed Case of Murder and Suicide Near Barnsley.

A shocking double tragedy took place in the early hours of this morning at Howie Mill, a suburb of Barnsley.

At about half-past two a police constable on duty was informed of the death of a man supposed to belong to Halifax, and going to the spot where the body was lying, came to the conclusion that the man had died from poisoning.

Further inquiries elicited the information that a resident in the district was told by the deceased that he had murdered his sweetheart, and on a search being made the police officer found the body of a young woman in an outhouse. She, too, had apparently been poisoned.

From some correspondence found on the man it would appear that the woman had been employed as a domestic servant in the district.

DIED IN CHAPEL.

Sudden End of a Former Newark Town Councillor.

The death of Mr. F. W. Crossland, of Northgate, Newark, has caused a painful sensation on account of its suddenness. Last evening he was at a trustee meeting at Northend Wesleyan Chapel and had just opened it with prayer. He then sat down in his chair and passed away.

About a year ago the deceased met with a trap accident, which shook him considerably, and a slight seizure a few months since made his friends notice that his health was failing. He had been successful as a builder in Newark, and retired about a year ago. At one time he was a member of the Town Council.

Mr. Crossland was 73 years of age and much respected in Newark. He leaves a widow and family.

A QUINQUENNIAL APPEAL.

Mansfield Rural Deanery and the Church Extension Society.

A meeting of Churchpeople of the Mansfield Rural Deanery was held in the Henley Memorial Hall, Mansfield, last evening, for the purpose of advocating the objects of the quinquennial appeal of the Church Extension Society for the archdeaconry of Nottingham. There was a fairly large attendance, which was presided over by the Rev. F. J. Adams, R.D. (vicar of St. Peter's, Mansfield), the audience including a number of clergy belonging to the town and district.

The Chairman remarked that Mansfield ought to take some steps to help forward the work, because the three parishes were receiving help from the society. They ought to realise that the society was the Church's effort to extend herself in the diocese, and he trusted that Mansfield and the whole deanery would show a practical interest in the work. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. G. A. Hazlehurst (vicar of St. Thomas's, Derby) alluded to the big centres of population which were springing up in the diocese and the inability of the Church to be represented in some of them. In many such centres they found a palatial Council School reared up, but no church, and he considered there was a danger in having a place with a big school, but without a church to back it up. Something more than mere knowledge was required in life; young people wanted a person to come to them in moments of stress and crisis to help them through. People complained that the clergy were frightfully dull, and he admitted that this was so, but it was because they were overworked and had not sufficient assistance to help them to discharge their multifarious duties in a parish. The laity should seek to help the clergy and to provide a proper staff. There were at present 180 livings in the diocese with an income of under £200, about as much as a good mechanic would earn a year at the Derby railway works. The laity should also render more assistance at the Sunday Schools and the various classes in connection with the church, and show a little more of the spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm.

The Rev. J. Blake Millward (secretary of the society) spoke of the value of having a central fund. Remarking that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had taken £20,000 from the Southwell Diocese, Mr. Millward showed how they were trying to get back as much as possible of that amount. He also said he wished to raise £4,000 this year for various purposes. He trusted the Mansfield Deanery would respond as generously as the society had helped them.

As the vicar of a parish (East Kirkby) which had received assistance from the society, the Rev. T. E. Lawson moved that the meeting pledged itself to do its utmost to promote the work of the society in the deanery.

This, having been seconded by a layman, was supported by the Rev. W. Lilley (vicar of St. John's, Mansfield) and carried.

SERIOUS CHARGE AT ILKESTON.

Silas Grainger (26), was to-day at Ilkeston charged on remand with assaulting Bertha West at Stanton-by-Dale, on April 15th.—Mr. J. Ormond, on behalf of the defendant, said he was mentally deficient, and had been so from birth, and several relatives testified that he had never been guilty of anything of the sort before.—The Bench thereupon bound him over under the Probation of Offenders' Act for one year, his friends promising to look after him.

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