

Opening of New Lock Hall.



One of the most important functions since the township of Lock was established took place on Friday, when the fine new Institute Hall was opened by the Chief Secretary, Hon. Geo. Ritchie

The Premier, Hon. R. L. Butler who was to have performed the ceremony, was unavoidably absent, owing to pressure of parliamentary business in Melbourne.

Prior to the opening, the town was thronged with motor cars, and owing to a slight mishap to the car, Hon. Ritchie, who was accompanied by Mr A. W. Christian, M.P. was a little behind time.

On the platform with Mr Ritchie were Messrs J. H. Pratt (President of the Institute Committee), A. J. Millard (Secretary), the contractor, Mr R. F. Poole, Mr S. G. Burrows and several other members of the Institute Committee.

The building reflects credit on the builder, Mr R. F. Poole, of Port Lincoln, and is a very solid structure. The foundation stone was laid by Mr S. G. Burrows in November last, and the contractors have lost no time in having it in readiness for the opening day, but one or two finishing touches remained to be completed. An impressive porchway, supported by two massive columns leads to the entrance, on either side of which are two large rooms, at

present used as ladies' and gents' cloak rooms respectively, but which, later on will be converted into a public reading room and library. The large hall measures 40 feet by 60, with a beautiful polished jarrah floor and complying with all the requirements of the Public Entertainments Act. A concrete bio. room is also in readiness for use. There is a fine wide stage, behind which is a servery with built-in-copper, etc.

THE SPORTS.

After the opening ceremony an adjournment was made to the recreation ground, where a long list of athletic events was contested. The valuable prize for the Sheffield Handicap attracted competitors from all parts of Eyre's Peninsula, and it was pleasing to see E. J. Heath, of Cummins, win the event. Heath is a son of Mr Bert Heath, who resided in Cowell for many years.

The following are the results of the athletic events :—

Sheffield Handicap — E. J. Heath, A. E. Aichison, N. G. Smart, J. Hanley.

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Hurdles—Winnall, R. B. Stirling, Oswald.

220yds. Hurdicap.—Winnall, Butterfield, E. J. Heath.

Trial Stakes.—S. Baldock, J. Hanley.

Local District Race.—Winnall, C. Poole, A. Poole.

Thread the Needle Race.—Mrs Woods.

High Jump.—R. B. Stirling, M. Clancy.

Consolation Race—Oswald, A. Poole.

Gents' Stepping the Distance—Paul Maloney.

Kicking the Football — Les. Poole.

Putting Weight.—J. O'Brien.

Ladies' Stepping the Distance : Mrs E. Eichner.

Ladies' Race.—Miss V. Sheppard, Miss J. Sheppard

A large band of ladies of the district provided supper in the hall in the evening, but found it difficult to accommodate such a large crowd.

The sum of £38 was taken at the ball in the evening

THE RACES.

The Carnival was continued on Saturday, when the annual picnic races were held on the race course, which is situated on the property of the President, Mr S. G. Burrows. There was an excellent attendance, and many visitors were noticed during the day. The racing was of a very high order, and some excellent fields

order, and some excellent fields faced the starter. The principal winner was Mr A. E. O'Connor, of Darke's Peak, who captured every race in which his horses were eligible to compete. He won the first three events on the programme, and later completed a double with Dolly Dimple, which appears to be in great form this year.

Mr A. J. Millard, the energetic Secretary, in spite of the busy time on the previous day, had everything well arranged, and nothing occurred to mar the day's enjoyment.

The publican's booth was in charge of Mr Allan Henderson, whilst Mr Stan Langmead of the Lock Bakery, catered in his usual capable manner at the luncheon booth.

Details.—

Trial Stakes.—Mr A. E. O'Connor's Peakite 9.0 (Smale) 1; Mr P. Holland's Wallaby Seal 8.3 2; Green Lawn 8.9 3 Other starters: Paddy Maloney, Mirandion Son, Dustorm Ninoc, Freckles.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Mr A. E. O'Connor's Bumburnie 8.5 (Smale) 1; Golden Hay 8.7 2. Other starter—Trilwynne.

McLachlan Handicap.—Mr A. E. O'Connor's Dolly Dimple 9.12 (Smale) 1; Aidrick 9.3 2; Iron Monarch 9.0 3. Other starter—Socratea.

District Hack Race.—Freckles 1; Gaylock 2. Other starters—Clear the Track, Peter Pan, The Joker, Cut the Wind, Moonlight

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Consolation Stakes — Green
Lawn 8.7 and Golden Hay 8.6
dead heat 1, Wallaby Seal 7.10
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