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tained each evening on arrival of  
Thames train from Mrs McCarthy,  
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## NOTICE.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND  
ADVERTISERS.

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the paper be addressed to the  
Editor.

## Correspondence

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printing, and advertising to the  
Manager.

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Be addressed to the Proprietor  
Wm. McCULLOUGH.

The Thames Star,

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1907.

## THINGS IN GENERAL

THE SWISS SYSTEM OF MILITARY  
TRAINING.

A determined effort is being made with  
the object of endeavouring to have in-  
troduced into New Zealand if only for  
purposes of trial, a modification of the  
Swiss system of military training  
which is said to have proved the most  
effective in the world. It is pointed out  
that it is not conscription inasmuch  
as it never separates the civilian from  
his civil life. At Thames we have heard  
the objection raised to the Swiss sys-  
tem for the reason that it is practically  
compulsory. But this is not so. Military  
training in Switzerland is compulsory,  
and universal, with few exceptions, ex-  
cept for physical disability. Those ex-  
cused or rejected pay certain taxes in

lieu. Liability extends from the 17th  
to the 50th years, actual service com-  
mencing at the age of 20. The first 15  
years (to 32 years of age) are spent in  
the first line, called the "Auszug," or  
"Elite"; the next 12 in the Landwehr,  
and the remaining 23 years in the  
Landsturm. For the infantry and foot  
artillery, Landwehr service is divided  
into three periods: the first is from  
32 to 40 years of age (in the first  
line), and afterwards, for four  
years, in the second line. The Land-  
sturm is divided into "armed" and "un-  
armed." The armed Landsturm in-  
cludes those who have passed through  
the Auszug and Landwehr, and also  
those fit to bear arms who have not  
been trained. This category is pro-  
vided with arms, and annually in-  
spired. The unarmed Landsturm com-  
prises all other males between 20 and  
50, whose services can be made avail-  
able for non-combatant duties of any  
description. The initial training of the  
Swiss militia soldier is very short. It is  
carried out in recruits' schools, and is  
65 days for the infantry and foot ar-  
tillery, 75 for the field artillery, and  
90 for the cavalry. The further train-  
ing, called the "repetition courses," is  
10 days every year for the cavalry,  
and 11 days for infantry and artillery.  
Every Swiss militiaman has to fire a  
musketry course annually. It will thus  
be seen that the conditions while  
making for efficiency are not inhuman.

## STATE-OWNED RAILWAYS.

The threatened strike on English rail-  
ways gives added interest to remarks  
made recently by Lord Brassey. His  
Lordship was presiding at the annual  
meeting of the Association of Cham-  
bers of Commerce at Liverpool, and  
in the course of his address said  
there was a growing demand in Great  
Britain that railways shall be managed  
with a single eye to the public service  
and not for the benefit of shareholders.  
Competition was carried to excess, im-  
mense capital was wasted; workers  
complained that wages were too low  
and the hours too long, and traders  
of excessive rates. Great Britain was,  
perhaps, on the eve of a change of  
policy. In Continental Europe the rail-  
ways had become the property of the  
State. The requirements of the public  
were fully considered. The results to  
the Exchequer had been satisfactory.  
If Britain were taking a new depart-  
ure, there could hardly be a question  
as to what Parliament would do. The  
capital value of the railways was, rou-  
ghly, twice the amount of the national  
debt. Britain might, perhaps, begin  
State ownership in Ireland, where the  
financial operation would be on a  
limited scale. As to the adminis-  
tration, there was no reason to ap-  
prehend failure, and not the least of  
the advantages from the change which  
he ventured to advocate was that it  
would give to the State a field in which  
soldiers, having completed their term  
with the colors, might find employ-  
ment.

## SECOND GIANT GUNARDER.

The Mauretania, the sister ship to the  
Lusitania, which has just eclipsed all  
previous records for speed in her trial  
runs, has an even greater length than  
the Lusitania, being 790ft overall as  
against 787ft, a fractional difference  
which, together with a trifle of ad-  
vantage in breadth, makes the Mauretania  
the largest vessel afloat. In a glass-  
roofed shed, 750ft long, 150ft high,  
and 100ft wide, the keel of the Maure-  
tania was laid down in 1905. The next  
year she was launched, and now, af-  
ter 12 months from the date of her  
launch, she has been undergoing her  
first speed trials off the Tyne. In view  
of the importance of the question of  
vibration in such mammoth vessels,  
it is interesting to note that special  
care has been taken recently with the  
Mauretania to obviate, as far as pos-  
sible, preventable vibration. The ves-  
sel's principal dimensions are as fol-  
lows:—Length overall, 790ft; length  
between perpendiculars, 760ft;  
breadth moulded, 88ft; depth moulded,  
60ft 6in; gross tonnage, 33,200;  
net tonnage, 11,900; maximum draught,  
37ft 6in; and displacement at  
maximum draught, 45,000 tons. The  
length and breadth of the vessel may  
be more readily grasped if it is stated  
that if her deck could be used as a  
circular track she would have a radius  
of about three and a half miles. The  
Mauretania will carry in all, passen-  
gers and crew, 3200.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The many friends of Mr Peter  
Grayden, who resided in this district  
for many years, will regret to hear of  
the death of his daughter, which took  
place at Kalgoodie recently.

At the Auckland races on Saturday  
Mr J. Towhill's horse "Sedition" won  
the Hobson Handicap of 1000yds, bea-  
ting a good field, and paying a dividend  
of 29/3s.

The Auckland Battalion Band left  
Thames yesterday morning for Auck-  
land, the Hamilton and Cambridge  
Bands left yesterday by train, being  
taken in the special train that left  
Thames in the morning.

A Morrillville correspondent writes  
—The weather has been very favor-  
able for shearing, which on many  
farms in this district is now about  
completed. The wool yield is reported  
to be very good, and it is now hoped  
that "The Squatters Dream" will come  
true, viz., wool at 2s 6d per lb.

Mr Jeffery, manager of the Tea De-  
partment for Sir Thomas Lipton, after  
making arrangements for the estab-  
lishment of packing departments in  
the Commonwealth, comes to New Zea-  
land on a similar errand. A suitable  
centre will be fixed upon for the es-  
tablishment of an up-to-date factory  
for the packing of teas.

We learn from a Waikato visitor  
that owing to the high price of horse-  
feed and the scarcity of labour in the  
Waikato district, the Waipa County  
Council has had the experience of a blank  
tender list for five contracts adver-  
tised by them for road formation,  
contractors regarding the labour mar-  
ket, as too uncertain to submit a price.

My Special Fashionable Hat, 15s  
6d.—Miss E. Martin.—Adv.

The Newton Band returned to Auck-  
land last night by rail launch.

The Thames contest should prove to  
be a financial success. It only shows  
what Thames can do when it settles  
down to anything.

Auckland Hospital and Charitable  
Aid Board draw attention to the  
omission in the national endowment  
proposals of any provision for hospi-  
tal and charitable aid purposes.

Thames has presented quite a busy  
appearance during the last few days,  
and yesterday a large number of visi-  
tors were still in town. It was voted  
on all sides that the Band contest was  
a thorough success.

On our first and fourth pages—  
Northern S.S. Co's time table; Mail  
Notices; Sporting Intelligence; Let-  
ter-Cakes and Telegrams; Mining  
News; Things in General; Local and  
General News.

Mr John Kenyon, who at one time  
resided at Karaka Creek, Thames, and  
was for a time employed as the Old  
Big Pump, died at Green Island, Fair-  
field, Otago, last week. Deceased was  
recently manager of one of the coal  
mines in the district named, and had  
been ailing for a considerable period.  
He was a member of the Local Wai-  
kato Lodge of Oddfellows, Thames.

Lieut. Herd, the adjudicator at the  
band contest, and Mrs Herd, left  
Thames for Auckland yesterday. They  
will remain a day or so in Auckland  
before returning to Wellington. Lieut.  
Herd, who has given general satisfac-  
tion as judge was loudly cheered to  
the conclusion of the quick-step com-  
petition, at the conclusion of the test  
selections, and prior to his departure  
from Thames.

Waikato is concerned over a mon-  
strousness in the form of twin lambs,  
joined together at the briskets. The  
combination, says the New Plymouth  
News, has eight legs, all properly  
placed, and two heads, one of which  
is normal, while the other is a most  
extraordinary looking specimen, being  
almost totally unlike a lamb's head.  
It is of large size, has two mouths,  
two noses, and three tongues.

It is stated that a considerable  
amount of money changed hands  
locally over the band contest, and that  
the supporters of the respective bands  
expressed their confidence in this way.  
This probably partly accounted for the  
very keen interest manifested in the  
quick step and test selections. It is  
said that on the latter considerable  
wagering took place and that in one  
case about £20 was won.

A Maori boy, aged 11 years, was  
seriously injured while going to school  
from Waimsey's beach at Waikato. He  
was riding on one of the company's  
firewood trucks when he accidentally  
let the brake fall, with the result that  
the truck on which he rode came to a  
standstill and the other trucks con-  
ting behind dashed into it. The boy was  
very badly crushed and is in a very  
precarious condition.

The members of the Second New  
Zealand Contingent have adopted a  
practical method of commemorating  
the memories of their fallen comrades.  
They have given an order to Aloek's  
Company, of Wellington, to construct  
one of their standard tables, which  
will by the end of next week be placed  
in position at the Veterans' Home at  
Auckland. The table, which cost 100  
guineas, has a brass plate bearing an  
appropriate inscription.

Master Fred Rowe, whilst riding to  
school at Morrillville, met with a  
severe accident. Being thrown from  
his horse he alighted on the top of his  
shoulder, sustaining a dislocation of  
the shoulder blade. The injured boy,  
who was attended to by Dr. Seville, is  
reported to be making satisfactory  
progress. It is almost a miracle that  
accidents of this nature are not of  
more frequent occurrence for the reck-  
less way in which some of the young-  
sters ride is to say the least, highly  
dangerous.

In his remarks on the performance  
of the various bands at the contest  
just concluded, Lieut. Herd, the ad-  
judicator, stated that the playing of  
the bands in the "B" grade was not  
at all encouraging. As for the per-  
formances of the bands in the "A"  
grade they were very fine and he had  
listened to them with enjoyment.

Lieut. Herd's detailed comments on  
the performances of the bands will  
soon be available and will be pub-  
lished in our columns as soon as they  
come to hand.

The Newton Mission Band remained  
at Thames, and assisted in a P.S.M. ser-  
vice in Central Hall at 3 p.m., and an  
evangelistic service at 7 p.m. The  
Rev. Jas. Wilson, who led the  
Newton Methodist Mission conducted  
both of these meetings, and also in  
the Wesley Church at 11 a.m.  
Miss Tudhope, a popular Auckland  
soloist, sang at the afternoon and  
evening services, and the Band played  
several selections before the meetings.  
In the evening the Band paraded at  
the hospital, and very thoughtfully  
played the concert march and some  
sacred selections to the delight of the  
patients.

There was a large attendance at the  
church parade held in connection with  
St. George's Church yesterday. The  
volunteers present were the Thames  
Hauraki Rifles, and the Thames Bat-  
talion Band. The volunteers were un-  
der the command of Capt. Pearce, the  
Cadet Battalion (Hauraki) Band also  
paraded; with the School Cadets as-  
sembled in goodly number. Major  
Lucas was in charge of this portion of  
the parade. They marched to St.  
George's Church, where Divine service  
was held, conducted by Captain  
Chaplain Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan. The  
service was a very impressive one, at  
the conclusion of which a verse of the  
National Anthem was sung. During the  
service Mrs Ganley sang "The Better  
Land" (Gude) very effectively.

You can always depend on the fash-  
ions in Wylie's millinery. You can  
see the best modes there. Wylie's is  
the place where the effects are the choicest,  
the designs newest, the qualities best,  
and the prices lowest. You take a right  
step when you step into Wylie's for  
your hats and dresses.—Adv.

The annual meeting of the Thames  
Chamber of Commerce will be held  
next Wednesday evening in the County  
Chambers.

In connection with the Thames  
Band contest, all accounts must be  
forwarded to the secretary, Mr G. E.  
Buckland, on or before Wednesday  
next.

Whilst the new Workers' Compensa-  
tion Act fixes compensation for total  
disability at £500, it is possible to  
obtain £250 for the loss of one hand,  
one foot and one eye under its pro-  
visions.

Visiting the Indian Exhibition, at  
Geneva, a little girl gave an elephant  
a large piece of salt, which the animal  
thought was sugar. Finding this mis-  
take, he seized the child in its trunk  
and raised her above its head, and flung  
her a distance of 40ft. She was picked  
up uninjured.

The King of Siam, who is now in  
Germany, gave a grand treat to the  
whole populace of Hamburg in cele-  
bration of his birthday. Beer flowed  
from three fountains in the Casino Gar-  
den, and each foreign guest in the  
Casino received a bottle of Moet, and  
Chandon, a bottle of red and a bottle  
of white wine. A magnificent supper  
was laid there for 600 persons. His  
Majesty also distributed £1000 among  
the poor of the town.

Public examinations in Japan show  
a preference for the study of English  
by all those who intend to take up  
mercantile pursuits, while German is  
especially popular with students in-  
tending for the learned professions.  
Chinese and Korean are much studied  
by our allies, who also devote much  
time to Russian, French and Spanish.  
Altogether, the modern Japanese stu-  
dent shows signs of becoming a first-  
class polyglot, many, indeed, adding  
Experiments to the sum total of their  
linguistic achievements.

The cost of living is going up in  
England, and the seriousness of the  
situation becomes more apparent when  
you reflect that for nine-tenths of the  
people in that country life is one con-  
stant fight to keep the wolf from the  
door. There has been a steady advance  
in the price of coal, and to the small  
buyer the prospect of dear coal is a  
very serious one. Kitchen coal, which  
was 19s to 21s a ton last year, is this  
week quoted at 24s to 26s, and house  
coal, formerly 23s to 25s, is now 26s  
or 27s.

The Woodville "Examiner" is respon-  
sible for this, the latest fish tale: A  
large eel was caught a day or two ago  
by Master John Martin, of Hopelands.  
Inside of it were found the remains of  
a smaller eel and four trout, one of  
the latter having been nearly a foot in  
length. This eel weighed nearly 100lb,  
and as there are many of these voraci-  
ous creatures in the river, some idea  
may be formed of the destruction of  
trout that goes on.

It is proposed to hold an interna-  
tional exhibition at Shanghai during  
1909 under the auspices of the China  
Association. The exhibition will be  
confined to staple manufactures and  
machinery. Seventy acres of land have  
been secured. Particulars of the space  
to be allotted to exhibitors and the  
terms upon which it can be secured are  
not yet available, but are expected  
shortly. It is stated that the exhibition  
has every prospect of success, and that  
it will no doubt prove beneficial to  
British interests in the East.

A Karitane Maori named Epiha  
Maka has in his possession a pipi  
shell which is a decided curiosity. At  
some time in the life of the shellfish,  
another small fish must have made its  
way into the shell and when the right-  
ful occupant closed up the intruder  
was trapped. Evidently the visitor be-  
came troublesome, and so irritated the  
host that the latter set to work to  
enchain the unwelcome guest in what  
is usually termed mother-of-pearl. On  
the shell in the possession of Maka  
may be seen the result. The shape of  
the intruder is outlined plainly, the  
eye being quite distinguishable. Maka  
values the shell and this figure on it  
of considerable value, but on this  
point opinions will doubtless differ.  
The outlined figure is 3in in length  
and about 1in in breadth at its widest  
part.

## Attempted Suicide.

## A LOVE AFFAIR.

A young man named Joseph A.  
Kelly, attempted to cut his throat at  
Kaitake, and in consequence has now  
been landed in goal at Thames, where  
he is on remand.

An unstable Maori, of Paeroa, re-  
ceived a threatening message from Ko-  
maka this morning. The constable im-  
mediately procured a conveyance, accom-  
panied by Mr Robertson, drove out  
to Komaka with all possible speed. On  
arrival there, he learned that Kelly  
had left his abode and gone up the  
road. Constable Henry went in the  
direction pointed out, and arrested  
Kelly, who was on his way to the post-  
office, evidently with the intention of  
posting the following letter, which  
was addressed to a young lady in  
Paeroa, and which was found in his  
possession:—

If you will forgive me for not  
writing this much earlier, but there is no  
time for it. I received bad news,  
and you know I love you too much  
to bring disgrace upon your good  
name. I tried to be honest just for  
your good sake, but a man's sin will  
find him out, so now dear I will say  
good-bye. In half an hour I shall be  
more.—Yours sincerely, Kel.

A. Court and Son are showing a  
special lot of dress materials at excep-  
tional prices at the Beehive to-day.—  
Adv.

Swinging, hand, hanging and folding  
mirrors, lamps, wicks, and glasses.  
The cheapest house in the district.—  
Blanchfield, Carbott and Co.—Adv.

## LATEST MINING NEWS.

## MOANATAIRI.

Mr G. S. Clark reports: "The dark  
mineralised band of stone in the Cam-  
berley reef at No. 3 level, where opus-  
cles are being carried out, is ap-  
parently getting stronger and looking  
a good deal better, and if the bright  
copper mineral would make its ap-  
pearance there would be a big possi-  
bility of opening up a large and pro-  
fitable block of ground. Instead of  
going right through to the footwall of  
the reef, as was first intended, the  
workings are being extended upward  
on the hangingwall section, which  
contains by far the most favourable  
indications. Inspection of boiler and  
machinery will take place on Tues-  
day."

## WATCHMAN.

Mr H. A. Hill (manager) reports:  
"The drive on the No. 1 reef has been  
advanced 7ft, total from crosscut 46  
feet. The country is of a tighter de-  
scription for boring owing to numerous  
quartz veins crossing the face at right  
angles to the reef. The reef average  
3ft in width and has a very favorable  
appearance. Owing to the accident  
which occurred to one of the men of  
Tuesday progress has been greatly re-  
tarded. There is a further distance of  
60ft to drive at the low level to com-  
under the intermediate. Work at the  
intermediate level on the Windfall  
reef has been confined to taking up  
of the floor and cutting through the  
reef for the purpose of determining  
its size. Eight feet of stone is now  
in view, with no footwall in hand  
gold is showing freely in the centre of  
the reef at this point, and gives the  
following assay values: Roof of drive  
footwall portion, 6s; roof of drive  
hangingwall portion, 16s 8d; floor of  
drive, centre of reef, 22s 14s 1d  
low level, average of face, 15s 2d."

## Telephone to Tahuna.

With reference to the proposed tele-  
phone to Tahuna, the Superintendent  
of Electric Lines has written as follows  
to the Otago County Council:—"I  
have the honor by direction to refer  
your letter offering to subsidise  
telephone line between Morrillville  
and Tahuna to the extent of £14 17  
6d per annum. In reply, I have to  
inform you that the estimated annual  
deficiency on the working of a tele-  
phone line to Tahuna is £29 15s; and  
before the communication can be de-  
clared a guarantee is required to  
pay this amount for five years. This  
was clearly stated in a letter, dated  
the 17th December last, from the  
Hon. the Minister of Telegraphs to  
Mr. M.H.R. If the amount offered  
by your Council were accepted, I  
would practically mean that the de-  
partment would receive only half of  
the estimated deficiency on the work-  
ing of the line. I shall be glad to  
learn whether your Council is pre-  
pared to give the necessary guarantee.  
If so, a bond will be forwarded for  
execution. If an office is opened at  
Tahuna it is intended to place it in  
charge of the schoolmaster."

It was decided to consider the  
Tahuna people as to their contribution

## Sporting Intelligence.

## A.R.C. MEETING.

## THE ACCEPTANCES.

(Per United Press Association.)

## AUCKLAND, November 11.

To-day acceptances, which closed a  
noon, are as under:  
Onehunga Steeplechase.—Irish 10.0.  
Muskellens 10.6, Romney Lad 10.5.  
Loch Fyne 10.4, Khama, Norwest 10.0.  
Lady Lants, All Fours, Kapakapa  
9.7.

Handicap.—Cambridge 9.5.  
Mills 9.2, T. T. T. 9.0, T. T. T. 8.8.  
Soulmaid 7.9, Frederick 7.5, Might  
Atom, Pearl Necklace, Mahono 7.1.  
Lady Crespy 6.12, First Gun 6.11.  
Syring Handicap.—Scotty 8.6, T.  
Aroha 8.5, Lotus 7.10, Lord Sento 7.8.  
Pavegrine 7.4, Lady Regal 7.2.  
Fashionable 7.0, Syren 6.12, Sweet  
Alice 6.11.

City Handicap.—Carl Ross 8.13.  
Waipuna 8.11, Uhlender 8.10, T.  
Aroha 7.12, Certainty, Downfall 7.11.  
Soulmaid 7.2.

Normanby Handicap.—Soulmaid 9.7.  
Advocate, Miss Crispin, Cadence 8.7.  
Henry Handicap.—Delegato 8.0, L.  
Cigale 7.12, Puhimui 7.8, Loogan  
7.7, Carmania, Luree, Ngapara 7.5.  
Penrose Handicap.—Kistler 11.4.  
Sol 10.10, Alpha Regia 10.0, Ronan  
9.11, Omari 9.3.

Maiden Handicap.—Rauharua 9.5.  
Freemount, Dan Leno 8.12, Baltimore  
8.7, Delegate, Perform 7.12, Portland  
7.6, Catastrophe 7.0, English 6.12.  
Muskellens.—General South 8.1.  
Telephus 8.10, Glenvar 8.4, Glen-  
var 8.3, John, Waimanga, Rats,  
Osgoby, Boniko, 7.12, Santa Rosa  
7.11, Roosevelt, Pairawatu 7.9.

A. Court and Son are showing new  
valuable in hosiery, lace, and  
belts, gloves, corsets and underwear  
to-day at the Beehive.—Adv.

However sternly the Victorian post  
authorities may frown on the use  
of their department for betting pur-  
poses, they are unable to stop the  
receipts on the Sydney-Melbourne tele-  
phone line from rising suddenly with  
the advance of the spring racing cam-  
paign. The recent loss in Australia  
was a record won on the new trunk  
line, and it requires no great power  
of discernment to discover why. From  
Sydney there were 166 calls, while  
from Melbourne there were 193. This  
makes a total of 359 calls as against  
320 for the previous week. The re-  
ceipts in the racing week were 29s  
1d 6d, while the week before they  
were only 27s 11d 8d.

A. Court and Son are noted for new  
Brazilian hats, tenns  
and bowling hats in Australia.  
Special prices to-day at the Beehive.—Adv.

## THAMES BAND CONTEST

## THE TEST SELECTION.

## AND MARCHING COMPETITION.

AUCKLAND BAND WINS THE  
TEST.

## HAURAKI THE QUICK STEP.

GOOD PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL  
BANDS.

The Band contest, which concluded  
Saturday when the quick-step competi-  
tion (A and B grades) and the grand  
test selections were decided. The at-  
tendance at Parawai racecourse was  
well up to expectations, it being esti-  
mated that about 4000 persons were  
present. The grandstand proved a  
favourite vantage spot, and this was  
thronged, the summer dresses of the  
ladies on the hill and course making  
the scene an animated one. The man-  
agement was excellent, and the ar-  
rangements previously made by the  
various committees were in every way  
complete. With Messrs Arch. Burns  
(chairman) and George Buckland  
(secretary) the committees had en-  
ergetic heads, while Major Lucas as  
supervisor carried out his duties in a  
most capable manner, and a willing  
band of workers performed their al-  
located tasks with a heartiness and at-  
tention to detail that reflected the highest  
credit and elicited general commenda-  
tion from the public. The ground was  
most suitable for spectacular effect,  
and with splendid weather and a re-  
cord attendance small wonder it was  
that all were well pleased. The visi-  
tors, bandmen, and others stated that  
the contest was a credit to the district,  
and that the arrangements were  
as near perfect as possible.  
Lieut. Herd was adjudicator, while  
Sergeant-Majors Cheator and Atwell  
were military judges, and Mr H. Lowe  
time-keeper. The first to be decided  
was the quick-step competitions, A and  
B grade, for which the entries were as  
follows:—

## QUICK-STEP COMPETITIONS.

## —B Grade.—

Newton (Auckland).  
Rotorua Town Band.  
Hamilton Town Band.  
Waikato.

The four bands met with a cordial  
reception at the hands of the specta-  
tors, who loudly applauded the con-  
testants as they appeared on the field. It  
was the general opinion that the Ro-  
torua men marched better than their  
opponents, and also, Newton, came  
next, and this was borne out by the  
decision of the military judge, while  
in music also the Rotorua players were  
considered to be superior. A most  
interesting and closely-contested com-  
petition resulted thus, the decision  
being received with cheers:—

	Military Music
Rotorua	85 70 155
Newton	82 70 152
Hamilton	78 73 151
Waikato	70 71 141

Rotorua thus won the first prize of  
£10, with gold medal for drum major,  
and Newton £5.

## —A Grade.—

For the A grade quick-step the en-  
tries were as under:—  
First Battalion (Auckland).  
Second Battalion (Thames).  
Hauraki (Thames).  
Rotorua.

Waikato had also entered, but intim-  
ated some time ago that it did not in-  
tend to compete. The keenest inter-  
est was manifested in this event; the  
meeting of the local bands being per-  
haps the reason. The quick-step was  
"Amoia," and the bands played it  
well. As each entered the arena there  
was loud applause and cheers, and  
there was quite an outburst of  
enthusiasm when the local bands ap-  
peared. The Hauraki Band marched  
splendidly, and their performance was  
one of high merit. The Auckland  
Battalion Band appeared to be only a  
shade inferior in style, etc., but the  
Second Battalion marching was not up  
to expectations. After a most inter-  
esting exhibition the result was an-  
nounced as under:—