

W. H. Beetham President 1877-1922

Foreword

MORVYN WILLIAMS.

Clubs such as ours are really British in origin — they are a feature of the English speaking world and vary in style and scale from the palaces of Pall Mall to the pleasant simplicity of small country towns.

Today many famous clubs are in financial strife and are busy amalgamating or going out of business.

Most institutions in New Zealand — our parliamentary system, our education system, our professions and financial institutions, are based on their British counterparts — They are really old forms which function in a relatively new environment and which are all the time adapting to this new environment.

It is appropriate that our club history should be published soon after Graham Bagnall's excellent book 'Wairarapa' because the club reflects so strikingly the Wairarapa district and its evolution over the past hundred years. Farmers have always been a most important element in the club — it is, after all, a farming district.

Many farmers are not unlike anglers and, like the sturdy citizens of Provence in Southern France, they don't consciously tell lies but they are certainly apt to exaggerate! This endearing quality has, of course, added to the fun of belonging to the Masterton Club.

As a youngster I would press the front door bell and wait — I could hear the click of balls from the distant green baize and occasional gusts of laughter triggered, no doubt, by some blue anecdote.

I first entered the portals in 1937 in the days when alcohol, chiefly whisky, was downed in the locker room under the benign and at times malign sponsorship of Ngakonui Mac.

Some young wives would not allow their husbands to join the club — if they did, their wedded bliss might take a hammering!

I am struck by the frequent reference in the club history to wool and especially whisky — one, no doubt, implies the other!

There was the running battle in the district between the dry's and the wet's and the ultimate triumph of the latter.

A generation or more ago a potential club member was largely assessed by his family background. That, fortunately, has changed and now we are concerned with what a man is. In other words, is he a right guy — is he clubbable — do we wish to meet him and drink with him. This is a vital issue and a club is, after all, its members. It is our home from home — it is where we sustain old friendships and make new ones. It is where we should meet a variety of people.

Mutual respect of members for one another and for our club staff is fundamental.

The history mentions many well-known names and brings some of them very much to life — I will add only one or two memories from the miscellaneous procession.

Sir Walter Buchanan, that fine, frugal and most generous Scotsman — as a lad I called him Sir Cannon and this he seemed to enjoy. Haddon Whatman, a large imposing figure with breeches and leggings and a wideawake hat — his little red two seater Swift car was almost jet propelled by blue exhaust smoke. He was called, with affection, Stinker. Dorrie Buchanan had a funny laugh — one day this erupted in my mother's ear — she promptly said 'sell it'!

Rupert Morrison's marvellous 1912 Silver Ghost Rolls Royce, an open three seater with disc wheels and a silver snake horn running up the right front mudguard. This great motor-car came to Rupert from the famous Australian sportsman, Snowy Baker, in exchange for a racehorse!

Noise pollution besets us — aeroplanes, pneumatic drills, motor-bicycles and, dare I say it, the box. The 'vox humana' can be trying at times as friends gather and the alcoholic level rises. I am sure some of us would appreciate a small quiet corner where we may read and write and where, when indicated, sink peacefully into the arms of Morpheus in a comfortable chair.

I think, too, that if Sylvia Pankhurst lived in present day Masterton our club would be assaulted and, ultimately, obliged to pay a little more deference to the not so very much gentler sex.

We move into our second century with confidence and with pride — I'm sure our club will survive all future challenges.

Chapter one

1877-83

The circumstances leading to the establishment of the Masterton Club in 1877 and its first six years of life have been partly obscured by the loss of the first minute book and the absence of any documents setting out the original rules, foundation members and cost of establishment. However, enough information is available to permit a rather hazy account of some of the events leading up to the Club's foundation.

Three separate notices in the Wairarapa Standard are of interest and can be linked to help us. There is mention of a working mens club being formed in Masterton, with a club site on the corner of Chapel and Perry Streets. Again on May 3rd 1877 it reported that private clubs were being organised in both Greytown and Masterton. This was followed in early July with the news that, at a meeting held in the Empire Hotel and presided over by Donald Donald, it had been resolved to form a farmer's club and that Richard Brown as secretary was instructed to write to the Nelson Club for information about its rules.

Whereas the long accepted date of establishment of the Masterton Club is June 11 1877, it is difficult to reconcile this with the July date given by the Standard. Either the news had taken a fortnight to filter down to the office in Greytown or Donald and Brown were trying to form a rival institution to an already established Masterton Club. Brown never appears again in club annals, possibly because he very shortly after became Masterton's first Town Clerk, which office he held for 30 years.

The section on the corners of Chapel, Perry and Cole Streets was purchased from Henry Cole and Robert Wilsone for 360 pounds. The memorandum of transfer was dated 30th May 1878 and was signed by Cole, Wilsone and A. R. Bunny as Solicitor.

Cole had sometime previously sold the section, which contained 37 perches, to Wilsons for 150 pounds, but when Wilsons sold it to the Masterton Club for 360 pounds it was discovered that the land had never been transferred from Cole to Wilsons nor had it been paid for! Accordingly Cole and Wilsons jointly transferred the land to the Masterton Club Trustees, Cole receiving his 150 pounds and Wilsons the balance. It seems certain that Wilsons had started building on the section before he sold it. It is very possible that he had been acting for the proposed working men's club and that for some reason or other the enterprise had collapsed.

The purchasing trustees were George Beetham, Thomas Hope Murray, and Edwin Meredith, the younger, all land owners. A little over a year later C. A. Vallance of Kahurangi and Joseph Bennett of Otahua replaced Murray and Meredith. Two mortgages, one for 500 pounds and the other for 200 pounds were held by Edward and Matthew Pearce.

It is difficult to estimate how much the establishment of the club cost, but it seems that the mortgages totalled 700 pounds and that an almost identical sum was raised by issuing debentures.

Masterton's population at this time would have been little more than 1,600, but it had emerged from its pioneering struggles and was rapidly outdistancing its rival towns. Roads leading to it from all parts of the Wairarapa had been formed. The Rimutaka hill road had been improved immensely and the railway line was steadily approaching from Featherston. Vogel's policy of borrowing had created a temporary mini-boom in the colony. Land tenure and farming systems had settled down to a pattern. Masterton was a mecca for a wide area. The future offered a better and easier life.

Clubs had already been established in the major New Zealand towns and seaports but Masterton must have been one of the first inland towns to form one.

It is evident that for some reason or other the formation of clubs was regarded with considerable enthusiasm at that time. The enthusiasm may have sprung from the fact that at that time convictions for drunkenness in New Zealand numbered 16 per 1,000 of population as against about two per 1,000 today. Many people would prefer to drink in more civilised surroundings.

A common saying from those days had it that "it wasn't the drinking that mattered but the company one drank in." Perhaps, more importantly, there had been a considerable influx of professional and educated men into the town in the previous two or three years.

Although Donald Donald, the grandfather of Haddon and Val, may have presided over the meeting which first decided to form a club, there were a number of other leading figures who soon came to the fore. Brancepeth, not very far to the east of Masterton, was one of the

largest, best run and most prosperous sheep stations in New Zealand and the support of its owners the Beetham Brothers and T. C. Williams must have guaranteed the success of the venture.

An amusing story is told about Brancepeth and the Beetham brothers which conjures up a picture of life in the Wairarapa at a rather earlier time. They had walked to Wellington to spend a few days, carrying their gear on a pack bullock. On their return the rivers were flooded and they had to swim the last big obstacle, probably the Ruamahanga. They piled all their clothes on the bullock and chased him over in front of them. When they all emerged on the other side the bullock looked round and was so startled by his first sight of naked men, that he set off hot foot for the station, — with their clothes!

It was still a young man's country and relatively a young man's club. W. H. Beetham, the oldest brother, was only forty when he first became president. C. A. Vallance, the first vice-president, was older being in his late fifties but Edwin Meredith the younger was only in his early twenties and A. R. Bunny was still in his thirties when he became vice-president in 1885.

It must have benefited the club when W. H. Beetham purchased 'Towcett', his home for many years only a few hundred yards up Perry Street. It was an ideal situation for the president of a young club.

The first list of members and rule book that has survived is that for 1879.

It lists sixty-five members and six honorary members. Some of the honorary members belonged to the Greytown club and received certain privileges.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

President: W. H. Beetham, Esq., J.P.

Vice-President: C. A. Vallance, Esq., J.P.

Trustees: G. Beetham, Esq., J.P., M.H.R. C. A. Vallance, Esq., J.P. Joseph Bennett, Esq.

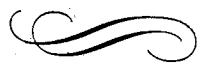
Committee: F. G. Moore, Esq. C. A. Vallance, Esq. J. Drummond, Esq. A. R. Bunny, Esq. W. H. Hosking, Esq. Joseph Bennett, Esq. Donald Donald, Esq. H. T. Browne, Esq. A. E. Carr, Esq. F. B. Chalmers, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer: C. A. Vallance, Esq.

Honorary Secretary: ?

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE MASTERTON CLUB

Armstrong, Akiteo, Baird, J. D., Wellington, Butters, J. W., Tiraumea, Beetham, H. H., Brancepeth, Beetham, G., "Club", Wellington, Beetham, N., Brancepeth, Beetham, W. H., Brancepeth, Buchanan, W. C., Tupurupuru, Bennett, Jas., Whareama, Bennett, Jos., Otahuaio, Boddington, J. C., Masterton, Boys, Burton, Taratahi, Bunny, A. R. Masterton, Browne, H. T., Masterton, Beard, Dr S. F., Masterton, Beard, W. G., Greytown, Chalmers, F. B., Masterton, Cameron, D., Masterton, Collins, T., Masterton, Carr, A., Masterton, Dodgshun, S., Masterton, Donald, Rhodes, Masterton, Donald, Donald, Masterton, Drummond, John, Masterton, Drummond, G., Taueru, Elder, J. E., Whareama, Foster, E. R., Masterton, Fergusson, J. C., Masterton, Fannin, G., Masterton, Gosset, Rev. C. H., Upper Taueru, Gawith, C. F., Masterton, Holmes, J., Masterton, Holmes, H., Masterton, Hood, C. E. C., Upper Taueru, Hosking, Dr W. H., Masterton, Hales, F. W., Masterton, Hester, W., Masterton, Jones, H. F., Masterton, Jackson, L., Wellington, King, John, Masterton, Knowles, F., Masterton, Lister-Kaye, G. H., Taratahi, Levin, W. H., Wellington, Maunsell, F., Tinui, Maunsell, R., Tinui, Morrison, John, Upper Taueru, Mace, G. W., Kaumingi, Mace, W., Kaumingi, Mackay, T., Whareama, Mawley, S., Masterton, Meredith, E., Whareama, Moore, F., Homewood, Moore, John, Waikaraka, Moore, F. G., Masterton, Moore, G., Waikaraka, Pilkington, J., Masterton, Smith, J. V., Masterton, Snowden, W., Wellington, Teakle, Rev. J. F., Masterton, Thompson, T. L., Masterton, Vallance, C. A., Masterton, Vallance, J. C., Kahumingi, Wardell, H. S., Featherston, Wyllie, E. A. S. Masterton, Young, G., Masterton.



HONORARY MEMBERS

Bidwell, J., Lower Valley, Grace, N., Greytown Club, McMaster, H., Greytown Club, Pharazyn, C., Lower Valley, Telford, T. W., Whareama, Wyett, G., Greytown.

This 1879 list of members probably covers almost the entire foundation membership with a very few known exceptions such as A. J. Rutherford of Wairere who is known to have been a foundation member and F. G. Moore and J. C. Boddington who had both just joined.

The president, vice-president and trustees were to remain in office until death or resignation or until a special general meeting of members should think fit to remove them. The revision of this rule over 30 years later was accompanied by a good deal of heart-burning.

There were 10 committee members as against six today.

New members were admissible by ballot, one black ball in five excluding the candidate. Today it needs only one in ten.

The entrance fee was one guinea and the subscription three.

Members of the Greytown club, founded in September 1877, were admissible on payment of a reduced subscription.

For many years it remained substantially a farmers' club with a leavening of professional and business men. Within the committee the leading spirits seem to have been the town-dwellers. F. G. Moore, County Clerk; J. C. Boddington, banker and A. R. Bunny and W. G. Beard, lawyers.

Up until 1881 there seems to have been very little control over the sale of liquor in New Zealand. The Licensing Act of 1881 was the first to regulate comprehensively the control of the liquor trade. Charters were granted under this act to existing private clubs. Of those original charters 26 are still in being, including ourselves.

The religious beliefs of the settlers who formed the Wairarapa Small Settlers Association which founded Masterton in 1854 had a considerable bearing on the fortunes of the Masterton club in later years. The beliefs of many of these settlers included a strong abhorrence of liquor. As a result Masterton was one of the last towns to license public-houses and one of the first to ban them.

From the 1880s onwards the prohibition movement gained momentum in New Zealand generally and in Masterton in particular. As a result, when Masterton finally went 'dry' in 1909 the club had to face up to 38 years loss of profits from liquor sales. The locker-system which took the place of a bar produced very little revenue for the club.

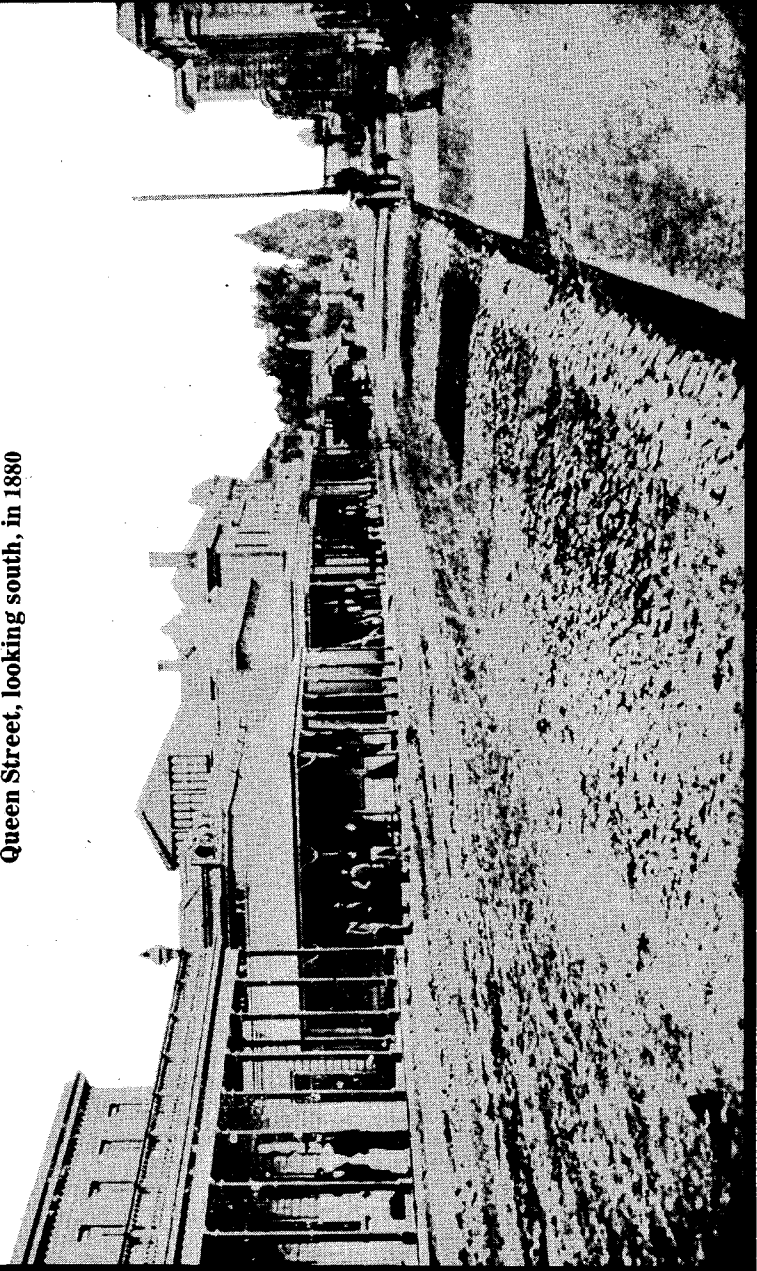
For those interested in the early history of Masterton there are a number of worthwhile accounts of that time, the latest being Graham Bagnall's "Wairarapa".

Original Club



Cnr Chapel & Perry St — 1877-1905
(photo taken 1897).

Masterton at Time of Club Foundation.
Queen Street, looking south, in 1880





J. C. Boddington

(Treasurer 1879-1918 — Secretary, Many years)

Name in full

Whereas the *Secretary* of the association known as
The Masterton

Club(1) which was in existence

prior to the passing of "The Licensing Act 1881," has made application to me for a Charter under the said Act, and, together with such application, has forwarded a copy of the rules of the said Club, a list of the officers and members, and a copy of the last balance-sheet duly certified under the hand of the said Secretary: And Whereas I am satisfied that the said Club is a voluntary association of persons combined for promoting the common object of private social intercourse, convenience, and comfort, and providing its own liquors, and not for the purpose of gain, within the meaning of the 229th section of the said Act. Now therefore I, the undersigned, being the Colonial Secretary of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said 229th section of the said Act, do, by this Charter, hereby authorise the existence of the said Club, subject, however, to the conditions in the said section particularly mentioned and set forth.

Witness my hand and seal, at Wellington, this 25th day

of March 1882

Thomas Bull

Colonial Secretary.

Chapter two

1883-1900

The first entry in the earliest minute book that has come down to us is dated Saturday, 28th July 1883 at 8 p.m.

Those present at the meeting were W. H. Beetham, president; J. C. Boddington, A. E. Carr, F. G. Moore, W. G. Beard, A. R. Bunny, Holmes Warren and Rhodes Donald.

The matter of most concern to the new committee was the rate of interest being paid to debenture holders. A special meeting of members was called at which a resolution was passed requesting debenture holders to sign an agreement to reduce the interest rate to six per cent. (from 8 per cent) Sixteen members attended the special meeting. These debentures were still being paid off more than 40 years later.

Other matters occupying that early committee's attention were much the same as those faced today. Individual members were continually being reminded of their infringement of various rules. For the earliest recorded year 1883-1884, total receipts were 374 pounds and expenditure 416 pounds and the credit balance fell from 97 pounds to 55 pounds.

The list of full members was nine less in 1883 than in 1879 but a greater number of honorary members restored the total. Hard times had come on the young colony.

The 80's and 90's formed the longest period of financial depression in our history. Later in the 90's prices improved and with them the club membership until by 1899 membership had risen to 93.

It seems probable that the club took over a building of some sort when it purchased the section and then made considerable additions. A description published in the New Zealand cyclopaedia of 1897 mentions its area as about 1,000 sq. feet, containing a reading room, committee room, bar and billiard room. "The custodian resides in rooms at the back of the premises and the whole is well fitted and adapted to a

gentlemen's club." The roof was shingled. At first there was no gas lighting nor an indoor WC. Stabling was provided.

An interesting feature of the receipts through the 80's and 90's showed the subscriptions rising to a peak in the early 80's then falling away then rising again at the end of the century. The returns from billiards, bar and cards in 1883 equalled those from subs, but as time passed they came to more than double the return from subs. Members spent more as times improved. Expenditure also increased greatly. This was brought about for several reasons. A policy of regular investment in building society shares evolved and was included in expenditure. While bar returns increased, so did bar expenditure rise even more steeply. It appears that for a number of years there was no profit from the bar. The probable reason for this will be mentioned later.

As times improved so did the committee's confidence. Repairs and maintenance expenditure soared. Furniture and carpets were purchased. Gas lighting was installed. A member visiting England was commissioned to buy suitable pictures which still hung in the present billiards room until recent years before removal by a committee whose aesthetic tastes they offended!

The shingles were replaced by a corrugated iron roof. An indoor WC was installed, but the urinal was a constant source of complaint as it has strangely remained throughout the club's hundred years of life.

For almost its whole history the club has invested in building society shares. Twice before 1900, maturing shares yielded 500 pounds. This was used for reduction of debt and improvements to the club. Debentures seem to have been a rather unsatisfactory method of finance. The original rate of interest had been set at 8 per cent and members were continually seeking repayment, whereas the mortgage was stable and each time it was renewed the interest rate was lowered. Masterton's gradual development can be traced through the Committee's minutes.

The committee rather grudgingly donated 1 guinea a year to the volunteer fire brigade. It agreed to pay half the cost of asphaltting the Chapel street pavement outside the club and then really entered the modern world by joining the fledgling telephone exchange in 1897.

It is surprising how much money was collected by way of fines. Never a month went by but the committee exacted its pound of flesh, sometimes amounting to 3 pounds and 4 pounds. Modern committees might be interested in reviving this good old custom!

Frequent discussion took place over a long period in regard to improving the ventilation of the building. No doubt the regular account for "night soil . . . 1 pound 4 shillings," complaints about the urinal, the close proximity of the stables, the custodian's chooks and the lack of windows and fresh air all contributed to an offensive atmosphere.

It has been mentioned that the bar appeared to operate at a loss for a number of years. This fact can be linked with a strange episode which might be called the saga of the stewards.

It will be difficult for a modern reader, hardened to continual inflation, to believe that the custodian's wage remained unchanged for at least 28 years! The salary was fixed at 100 pounds a year from 1877 until at least 1905. After 1905, the true wage is rather obscured by payments for the keep of an assistant but it does not appear as though there was any actual wage increase for several more years.

The hours were long and the employers kindly but tough. It was several years before the committee, with virtuous liberality, consented to the custodian and his wife having a few hours off on Sunday afternoons "so long as they were back in time to light the lamps".

In July, 1884, it was decided to invite members to subscribe to a bonus for the custodian. Twenty members subscribed 10 shillings each. His name is not mentioned but was probably W. Wakeman who was highly regarded and could possibly have been the original custodian. In February, 1886, he resigned. His resignation was obviously a matter of great concern to the committee. The members subscribed once more, this time for a marble clock costing 8 pounds 6 shillings. It is safe to assume that no other retiring custodian of the Masterton Club in the past 100 years has ever received a marble clock.

The next custodian, Chardon, died in office. The committee voted his widow 25 pounds and a letter of condolence to be written by F. G. Moore. It seems likely that the club had been well served by its custodians for many years, but the pleasant easy going times suddenly came to a halt. Between July, 1888, and December, 1889, six custodians came and went. The arrival and departure of the first one, Bertlesen, was to cause one of those major rows that seem to crop up every 20 or 30 years.

After three months service Bertlesen was judged incompetent by two members of the house committee, apparently, without reference to the third member, A. R. Bunny, vice-president. The general committee supported Bremner and Boddington against Bunny. Bertlesen was given notice. The club divided into opposing camps and a special meeting was held which attracted probably the largest attendance of members (40) held in the club during the nineteenth century.

The meeting endorsed the committee's action. Mr Bunny resigned from the house committee but must have derived some ironic satisfaction when five more custodians came and went in little more than 12 months. The first of these, Thomas Fluit, was selected from 28 applicants. As footman to the Governor, he held the inside running but, unfortunately, he had been spoilt by the Governor and objected to his wife and self having to work all day Sunday. The footman went down the track! Two more came and went in short order. In desperation, Mr Sellar offered to visit Wellington and interview other candidates.

French was selected and seemed to give complete satisfaction for a while, until one day he mysteriously disappeared. He returned some days later when it was disclosed "that after a domestic disagreement, he left the premises without any special object in view. That while brooding over his troubles he took to drinking and while in this condition left the district and went to Wellington. That upon recovering, he ascertained that considerable anxiety and scandal had been raised by his behaviour and, on the advice of friends in Wellington, had returned to his family and job. As a proof of his integrity and sincerity he undertook to take the pledge of total abstinence and to wear the badge of that order while in the service of the club." He was forgiven and reinstated. However, three months later Mr French once more took french leave and was replaced by another custodian who also lasted three months. A certain amount of stability came with the next occupant who stayed for seven years. Unfortunately, he was also a very steady drinker. For his entire reign bar profits were either nil or worse.

The committee was perfectly well aware of the situation, but nothing was done. At one time he offered to pay the losses back out of his wages but this was never done nor insisted upon. After several years when he was asked to give an explanation for the losses, he replied that he could "think of no explanation!" He was probably a very good worker and well liked by the members.

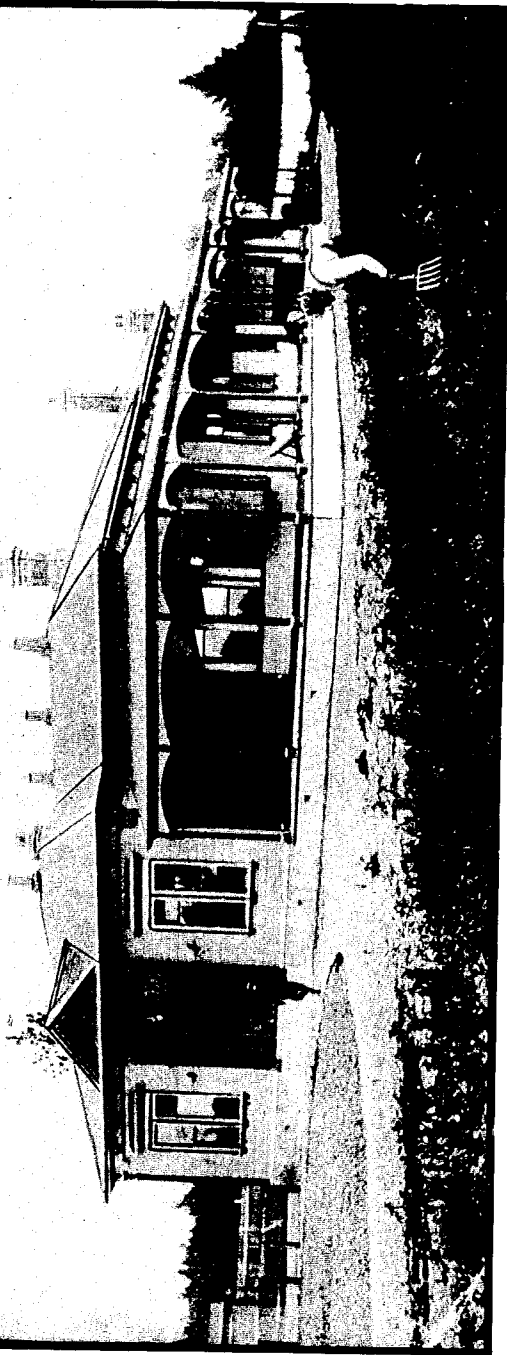
During this period of dishonest and alcoholic stewards the club's finances suffered. It was also a time of financial depression in the country. It appears that more members resigned than joined. The debenture repayments and interest became a burden. The interest rate was reduced from eight per cent to six per cent. Requests for repayment of debentures were frequent and the committee was continually requesting members for payment of overdue subs and debts.

In this same period the committee was offered adjoining sections of land on several occasions. If they had purchased, it would have given the club sufficient land to eventually build the new club on the old site. When the committee finally did decide to buy a half-section for 175 pounds, a special meeting of members reversed the decision.

The long depression was ending almost without people realising it. The committee found itself with sufficient funds to spend 300 pounds on improvements despite the objections of J. C. Boddington who said it was obvious to him that removal to another site must occur very shortly. When the improvements were completed the club building was comfortable but cramped. There was only one billiard table and no space outside for expansion without trespassing onto the farmers' sacred stable yard.

Before leaving the nineteenth century it is interesting to dwell on some other aspects of club life.

Masterton Club, Masterton, N.Z.
Photograph taken 1905.



The reading-room had enormously greater significance than it has today. All the best periodicals were taken and read. Websters dictionary, the Encyclopaedia Britannica, atlases and reference books were purchased.

With no wireless and no television, reading was the only source of knowledge. The arrival of the Wellington paper on the afternoon train was impatiently awaited. The custodian had implicit instructions that no other duties should delay his collecting the paper.

For sixty or seventy years an important function and thankless task for some long-suffering committee man was to keep the "periodicals book" which listed the taking out and return of all papers borrowed by members.

Snooker was not introduced until about 1900 but billiards and cards were very popular. By the end of the century the campaign against liquor had been linked with laws against gambling. The committee in defence of its charter attempted to stop poker from being played in the club building. Its efforts over the next 15-20 years were fruitless.

About 1900 a member of the Wellesly club was invited up to instruct members in the mysteries of the new game, snooker. Up until this time F. G. Moore had been probably the best billiards player in the club.

About this time John Hives wagered that he would ride his horse through the club premises. This he did and was severely censured by the committee for his action and also for "lighting blasting fuse in the club". The late V. E. Donald vividly remembered the loud noise of the horse's hooves on the board floor.

It should be noted that this history is of necessity chiefly compiled from the committee's minutes books which are like a wide meshed net that catches only the main facts and events. All the little occurrences that make life worth living slip through unnoticed; the miraculous shot at billiards or snooker; the run of luck at cards; the jokes and laughter; the warm friendships struck up. These have been unchanging through the bad times and good, otherwise the club would not have survived.

As we leave the nineteenth century let Richmond Beetham take the scene as he presents a picture to the club, "as a memento of the many pleasant evenings he has passed in the institution."

Chapter three

1901-09

The matter uppermost in the minds of the committee and members at this time centred round the unsatisfactory state of the club building. It was cramped, unhygienic, smelly, badly lighted and inconvenient. There appeared to be no chance of purchasing any adjoining land. The only opportunity for expansion lay in building on the stable-yard which would have been bitterly resisted by the country members. The only great advantage of the site lay in its very close proximity to the centre of town.

In February, 1903, when plans were submitted for further improvements and additions to the existing building, it was moved by C. E. Cockburn-Hood of Bideford that consideration of the proposed alterations be postponed for a month so that sites for a new club could be investigated and the likely cost estimated.

Shortly afterwards a sub-committee reported that a section of about one acre, part of the Renall estate and fronting on Chapel Street, was available for 510 pounds.

There is no doubt that the fortunes of the club have been closely linked with the price of wool. The club was instituted in 1877 at a time of good prices and the new Club was proposed in 1903 at a time of further good wool prices. The president commented about this time on the club having had the best year in its history and referred to a wave of prosperity that had swept over the colony in recent years. This general prosperity after the long depression of the 80's and 90's no doubt gave the committee and members confidence to press on with their plans for a new club. A special general meeting was called for the 10th May, 1903. The notice to members included a full explanation of the causes which led the committee to convene the meeting.

The notice gives a very clear picture of the deficiencies of the existing building and its surroundings.

Masterton Club.

Referring to the notice of the Special General Meeting to be held on the 16th inst. for the purpose of considering a proposal to dispose of the present Club premises, and acquire a new site if it is deemed advisable, in order that members may be in a better position to discuss the question, to make the following explanation of the causes which have led the Committee to convene the meeting for the purpose stated.

The question of acquiring a larger area has been under discussion for some time past; it has become manifest that the requirements of the Institution cannot, in process of time, be conveniently accommodated within the four corners of the existing site, and there is no possibility of extending the present area, therefore, if it is deemed necessary to acquire more land, a new site must be sought elsewhere.

It may be observed that the want of space at the rear of the Club premises was not seriously felt until effect had been given to the wishes of members to have certain extensions made, and the Custodian's quarters removed from the main building. These extensions left quite insufficient space for suitable out-offices, and there can scarcely be two opinions in respect of the inadequacy of the existing provisions, as well as of their insanitary state.

The question of making improvements in these offices has been under discussion by the General Committee for some time, and one or two individual members have devoted much time to devising some scheme which would remove the causes for complaint which now exist. Eventually it was decided to ascertain whether the local architects could design a plan which would achieve the object sought to be gained. As a matter of fact, the difficulty experienced lay in the limited extent of ground available for the purpose, i.e., without encroaching on the yard and stable space, any curtailment of which would have caused much inconvenience to country members.

Ultimately a suggestion was made that the Committee, before incurring any further expense in alterations to existing arrangements, should ascertain whether there were any sites available within sufficient proximity to the centre of the town, on which to erect new premises. This suggestion was given effect to, a Sub-Committee was appointed to make the necessary enquiries, and the outcome of their enquiries is that a suitable site, 1 acre in extent, can be obtained within a very few chains of the present Club, and it will be for the members present at the meeting, to be held on the 16th, to say whether or not that site shall be secured.

Several very cogent reasons present themselves in favour of this proposal:—

The insanitary condition of the out-offices owing to the want of sufficient room to erect suitable ones benefitting the Institution.

The yard attached to the Custodian's quarters is so limited that there is no room for a wash house, nor is there space to hang out clothes, with the result that such clothes drying as takes place on the premises has to be carried out in the stable yard, much to the inconvenience of members using the same.

There is insufficient stable and buggy shed accommodation on the present site, and no space whatever for extending such accommodation.

The Custodian's quarters are too close to the Club's buildings, and are liable to be rendered insanitary by reason of their necessary proximity to the out-offices.

There is every indication that to meet the requirements of members a second Billiard Table may have to be provided. Except by building a first floor this could not be carried out under the present roof without completely spoiling the Billiard Room.

There are hints that ere long the Health Department may direct the removal of the stabling altogether as an insanitary attachment, in too close proximity to dwellings.

On the other hand, an acre of ground will afford ample room for all purposes for many years to come. The site under offer, which is on the Chapel Street frontage to the "Chinaman's Garden," will be infinitely more private than the present premises, although the convenience of situation in the latter cannot be questioned.

These matters will no doubt be fully discussed at the meeting, and it is to be hoped that this explanation will justify the course which the General Committee has adopted.

The financial aspect of the question will be exhaustively explained at the meeting, and it is sufficient here to say that the Club's position in this respect is extremely satisfactory.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE,
Wm. SELLAR, Secretary.

MASTERTON,
8th May, 1903.

The resolution put to the meeting proposed that "this meeting is of the opinion that the club should secure a new site of 1 acre in Chapel Street at a price not exceeding 510 pounds and that the trustees, with the consent of the general committee, be empowered to dispose of the present premises."

Moved F. G. Moore and seconded W. G. Beard.

In seconding the resolution, Mr Beard produced these figures:

Cash in hand:	200 pounds
Building Society:	360 pounds
Value of premises:	2,000 pounds
Total	<u>2,560 pounds</u>
Cost of new section:	500 pounds
New club:	2,600 pounds
Furniture:	400 pounds
Existing mortgage:	700 pounds
Total	<u>4,200 pounds</u>

This would leave 1,640 pounds to raise by mortgage.

The motion was put and carried almost unanimously. The club membership at this time was 125.

By November, 1903, the sale of the old club building had been negotiated to the Loan and Mercantile Co. for 2,100, pounds, the transfer not to take place until the new building was ready for occupation. John S. Swan, Wellington, was engaged as architect at a fee of five per cent on total cost, the cost not to exceed 2,500 pounds.

Essex Street, newly formed, was known at this time as Cabbage Avenue because the land behind the club site was devoted to Chinese market gardens.

Tenders were called in Wellington and Masterton. The original six tenders ranged between 2,897 — 3,777 pounds. All were declined. New tenders were called and that of Tait and Bacon of Masterton was accepted at 2,847 pounds. A loan of 2,700 pounds was negotiated with Levin and Co. on favourable terms and by March, 1904, the building sub-committee reported rapid progress with the concrete foundations and cellar.

It was proposed to site the club as to allow room for tennis courts on the Cabbage Avenue (Essex St.) side but this was not carried out.

It was intended to line the walls of the passages with rimu panelling but this could not be done because it was found impossible to procure suitable seasoned rimu. This seems strange, but must have been so

because it was also found necessary to extend the time for the completion of the contract by four months until December, 1904, because of this same shortage of seasoned timber. It is possible that good times had caused a building boom with consequent timber shortages.

The committee seem to have had an obsession that insufficient light was being provided in the billiard room. No doubt their thinking was conditioned by the years of gloom in the old building. The architect Swan is reported to have said to the contractor, "If they want light, I shall give them light." He placed several skylights in the billiard room. These have since been boarded in.

Plans for the opening of the new building went on. It was decided that members would be invited to bring their families and any lady guests who happened to be staying with them at the time. Liquid refreshment was to be limited to tea, coffee and claret cup. The organising committee had 10 pounds placed at its disposal to carry out the arrangement! The invitations were to state that no dancing would take place!

It was found necessary to purchase another quarter acre on the western boundary to provide sufficient room for stables. The extra land cost 150 pounds and the stable building 275 pounds. This gave stabling for 16 horses and 11 vehicles and was probably excessive, but was insisted on by country members.

The committee had driven a very hard bargain with the contractors, Tait and Bacon. When the club building was completed it was agreed on all sides that although a splendid job had been done they had made no more than wages. The opening must have taken place in January, 1905, but no record of it seems to exist. However, the club was no sooner completed than it was almost lost. On 20th January, 1905, a fire broke out in the washhouse. It started in a pile of linoleum scraps and was confined to that area only by the efforts of Scoullar's men who were working in the club. Damage was estimated at 70 pounds.

The workmen were later suitably rewarded with 1 pound each. A tender of 256 pound for the new stables was accepted and soon built. The president later remarked that he hoped country members would use the stables which, in his view, were unnecessarily large and that after all, the country members were the chief benefactors from the move to the new club. A certain bitterness seems to have crept in. Many members were missing the old club building, only a step from the centre of town with street lights and paved footpaths. The new club was in the centre of a ploughed paddock. Cabbage Avenue (Essex Street) was newly formed, with no adequate stormwater drains. There was no street-corner light and no asphalted footpath and it was a long walk or bicycle ride from town for a quick one! Their custom tended to go elsewhere.

It had been a truly praiseworthy feat for a small club of 125 members to create this fine new building and amenities on extensive grounds. The leader and hardest worker seems to have been F. G. Moore, the county clerk, and chairman of the building committee.

As the enthusiasm and the excitement died down the committee went back to wrestling with the problems that had been growing round them for some time. Financial problems started to appear. A larger establishment meant higher running costs. It was found necessary to employ an assistant steward. The cost of laying out the grounds and gardens and the purchase of extra furniture mounted. On the other side, receipts tended to decrease rather than increase. The old club had been very handy to town and members had been in the habit of asking locals in for a drink. This was against club rules, but no doubt was very profitable.

The final cost of the club building seems to have been about 3,100 pounds. The land about one and a quarter acres cost 660 pounds, the stables 280 pounds, new billiard table and accessories 135 pounds, furniture 400 pounds. With other intangibles and the long term cost of laying out the grounds, it would be fair to say that the cost of establishing the new club was not much less than 5,000 pounds.

The Licensing Act of 1904 was no help. It specifically forbade gambling of any kind. It was a period when puritanism, gone sour, held sway. The committee feared that if any of its members were caught flouting the new Act, then its precious charter might be lost. But if it was a puritanic period it was also a time of great personal independence and the gamblers refused to be robbed of their games of chance. It became a tense struggle between the committee and the card players. The committee came under heavy fire when it empowered the custodian to report members seen playing cards for a stake or wager on the club premises. A petition signed by 25 members forced the committee to take this power from the custodian and put it in the hands of the house committee.

There is no doubt that the committee was divided on the gambling issue and this remained a trouble spot for many years.

Beyond all this hovered the spectre of "no-licence".

It may seem a little strange that the committee consistently refused to make donations to the local option defence fund but no doubt wisdom was on their side.

Prior to leaving the old club, Cochrane, the custodian, was given permission to provide luncheons and teas for members on his own account. This system continued for very many years and appears to have been a source of great heartburning and financial loss on the part of successive stewards. Committees insisted that minimum prices be

charged for meals while members insisted on good food and extended hours. The steward suffered! This does not seem to have deterred applicants when the position became vacant. On more than one occasion there were between 70-80 applicants for the position of custodian.

The most notable events up to the end of 1908 included the flooding of the cellar in July, 1906. This was caused by the inadequate stormwater drains in Cabbage Avenue (Essex Street). It is rumoured that the first minute book covering 1877-1883 was in the cellar at the time and was destroyed. The loss of this book has been a great hindrance in compiling a history of the first years of the club.

Later, in 1906, Mr William Sellar resigned as secretary after about 25 years in that position. J. C. Boddington, for many years hon-tres., assumed the dual responsibilities of paid secretary and hon. treasurer. For many years his was the only signature on all club cheques. There must have been complete faith in his integrity!

The year 1908 saw some strange problems for the committee.

A very senior member of the committee complained that a junior member of the club had asked him to come to his office and upon his doing so had immediately closed the door and told him that he had absolute proof that he, the senior member, had, with the aid of his family and relatives, combined to blackball his nominee at a recent ballot and that unless he gave a satisfactory explanation for his action, he would bash him until he was unrecognisable. He also charged that the senior member, a few years previously, had used a power of attorney from another member to vote by proxy in an endeavour to blackball the junior member.

After several meetings and an opinion from the club solicitor, it was decided that no member was entitled to use a proxy vote at a ballot and the junior member was required to apologise to the committee for both infringing the secrecy of the ballot and endangering the welfare and reputation of the club.

The year 1908 closes with a reprimand to several members of well known families for "throwing a hare round in the bar-parlour and dancing on the furniture".

Chapter four

1909-18

Early in 1909 the long awaited blow fell. Masterton voted to go "dry". The carrying of no Licence meant that the club bar must close by June 30.

A sub-committee reported that the annual loss in bar profit would be 200 pounds. To meet this falling off in revenue the sub-committee recommended that subscriptions be raised from 3 guineas to 4 guineas for all members living within 30 miles by road from Masterton. This was calculated to bring in 99 extra subs of 1 guinea or 103 pounds 19 shillings, plus 50 pounds profit on cordials and 30 lockers at 10 shillings per annum. This would total 168 pounds 19 shillings, leaving a small deficit of 31 pounds 1 shilling.

A special meeting approved the rise in subs and so began the long 38 years of Masterton's retirement into the alcoholic desert. There is no doubt that the club suffered a very large loss of income and patronage over this long period which was also convulsed by two world wars lasting almost ten years altogether, and two depressions, one short and sharp and the other long, deep and cold.

The committee underestimated the loss of revenue. In most years the bar profit had been well over 200 pounds and not only did they have this loss but also there was a large loss in future members as the club became that much less attractive.

However, the club adjusted well to the loss of bar trade and a small but steady profit was shown each month. The mortgage of 2,200 pounds held by Mrs George Beetham fell due about the same time as shares in the Building Society worth 500 pounds matured. The mortgage was reduced to 1,700 pounds and renewed.

For a very long period in the club's history, the practice of lending out to members the periodicals and magazines belonging to the club caused endless trouble and dissension both for the committee and the members. Today our main problem is caused by connoisseurs cutting pictures out of "Playboy".

The problems of this period centred round such matters as maintaining a fair and efficient service for lending periodicals and more importantly, keeping some control over members in regard to their drinking and gambling habits. An Auckland magistrate had recently ruled that playing pool in a billiard room constituted keeping a common gaming house! The Licensing Amendment Act of 1910 forbade keeping liquor in lockers.

On December 7, 1910, at 8.30pm, Detective Campbell of the Police Department visited the club and demanded to inspect the lockers in search of liquor. One alert member was able to leap out of a window with his bottles of whisky in a bag and pedal furiously away on his bicycle. He congratulated himself that only one bottle of whisky was broken in the escape. The next day it was learned that "Detective Campbell" was a hoax in the person of Tommy Jordan, a newcomer to Masterton. He later became a very long-serving mayor of Masterton.

The members responsible for the hoax were censured by the committee "for breaking the rules by introducing a resident of Masterton and a stranger to the club as a guest"! At the next committee meeting it was decided to place receipts from lockers under "sundries".

At the annual meeting in 1911 it was moved that the back lawn be turned into a bowling green and we hear the first mention of providing accommodation for motor cars.

An historic and unique event was now approaching. A club ball was not only proposed, but agreed to! At the AGM of July, 1912, it was moved by O. C. Cooper and seconded by J. Caselberg that a committee consisting of the president, vice-president, H. G. Williams, J. B. Henry, F. G. Maunsell, W. B. Chennels, R. F. R. Beetham, A. R. Sclanders, G. H. Perry, N. D. Bunting and O. C. Cooper be constituted a ball committee with power to act that the ball should be held in the winter of 1913.

The ball committee sought a 50 pound grant from the general committee. This was reluctantly granted after the vice-president had protested at what he considered the extravagant cost. According to V. E. Donald in a tape-recording made 54 years later, it was a famous occasion. He stated that the ball cost 500 pounds! It was held on the side lawn of the club premises in a large marquee on the board floor erected by C. E. Daniell.

Alan Wardell has a vivid memory of the occasion when, as a young schoolboy, he watched G. H. Perry in his little "run-about" dragging a sack of wheat around the board floor in order to polish it. On the night after the grown-ups ball, a dance was held for the children. According to club records the ball was a "brilliant success". A sum of 1 pound 6 pence left in the ball account was handed to the general committee.

This was the only ball held in the club's 100-year history.

About this period A. R. Bunny, who had been a foundation member and vice-president for many years, resigned but was then made a life-member. The opportunity was then taken to make the institution of president and vice-president an annual appointment. Despite offers to resign, W. H. Beetham continued to be elected to the office of president for many more years.

It is interesting to note that A. J. Bunny, a present member, is a son of A. R. Bunny, a foundation member.

Another interesting event of this period was the visit of Miss Ruby Roberts, world champion lady billiards player. She played in the Masterton Club in February, 1914, and her scores appear in the club snooker and billiards record book.

In May, 1914, J. C. Boddington sought leave of absence for health reasons and proposed his son, H. M. Boddington, as acting secretary.

At the AGM of 1913 it was proposed that country members should pay the same sub as town members. The motion was lost, but it was evident that the difference between town and country members' subs rankled quite deeply, as it was to do for many years to come.

In August, 1914, the Great War broke out. At first there is little mention of it in club records. The club house was repainted for 72 pounds after 10 years. J. C. Boddington returned to the committee. The evening meal price was increased to 1 shilling and 6 pence and then we start to read of officers of the Ruahine Regiment, in camp at Opaki, being entertained by the members. It was resolved to place all members at "the front" on the honorary members' list; the names of those at the front and those killed and wounded to be placed on the notice board.

Auctions and raffles were held in the club house to raise funds to support the war.

In 1915 George Beetham died in England. He had been senior trustee of the club and a foundation member. About this time, another trustee, W. G. Beard, resigned all his offices, leaving only F. G. Moore as surviving trustee. Moore was suffering from old-age and ill-health. He and the club solicitor, D. K. Logan, recommended to the club that it

become incorporated and thus do away with the necessity for trustees. Incorporation would confer other benefits and facilities for holding and dealing with property.

The debentures, issued at the time of the club's foundation and afterwards, continued to be liquidated. For instance, Debenture 32 for 5 pounds issued on July 1, 1879 carried interest of 11 pounds 3 shillings accumulated in trust.

A great deal of the committee's time and enthusiasm was devoted to planning for a third billiard table. It was finally decided that the billiard room would have to be extended by 11 feet in order to accommodate another table. It was also reluctantly decided that nothing should be done until after the war.

In 1916 a very interesting report was tabled by the finance committee. This report is of interest as it comes about half way through our history, forty years from the founding of the club and 60 years from today. One interesting sidelight of the report is the escalation of building cost in the 11 or 12 years since the new club was built. It was estimated that in 1905 3,600 pounds had been spent in buildings and improvements. It was estimated that in 1916 it would cost 5,700 pounds to replace the buildings and furniture if destroyed.

The period 1919-1920 was a time of end and beginning. J. C. Boddington died. He was said to have missed only one annual meeting in 39 years as treasurer. Some years earlier W. H. Beetham in a tribute to Boddington had said, "in the early period of the Club's existence it seemed not improbable that but for Mr Boddington's energy, wise administration and devoted attention to its welfare there was little prospect beyond the institution going into liquidation." The committee, with the consent of the Boddington family, subscribed to the erection of a memorial stone over his grave.

The club having become incorporated, F. G. Moore ceased to be trustee. He was made a life-member and shortly after resigned from the committee. Thus two of the men who had exerted the greatest influence over the fortunes of the club almost since its inception, disappeared from its annals almost at the same time.

On December 13, 1919, a welcome home was held for members returned from war service. The names of the members entertained were:

C.G. Beard	Dr J. A. Cowie	H. B. Maunsell
O. H. Beetham	J. C. Crawford	G. Moore
R. F. R. Beetham	E. C. Holmes	H. H. Pavitt
E. J. Brown	Dr Archer Hosking	C. M. Perry
M. Castle	J. Hudson	Dr N. H. Prior
Dr P. R. Cook	T. Jordan	B. E. Westmoreland

Almost as soon as the Great War finished the influenza epidemic swept the world. Masterton suffered with the rest of New Zealand. It was almost impossible to cope with the great number of sick people. The club building was declared an emergency hospital and served this purpose for several weeks at the end of 1918. In this desperate time many individuals displayed the finest qualities of devotion and self-sacrifice. A very human story took place in the club building. A young girl, Poppy Caverhill, walked up the steps of the main entrance as beds and patients were being carried into the club. She had just finished her hospital training and this was her first job. As the only qualified nurse present, she took charge. Nearly sixty years later Mrs Hugh McLaren, as she now is, vividly remembers that time. The epidemic was at its height. It was impossible for Masterton's handful of doctors to be everywhere. Many fine men and women answered the call. Nurse Caverhill could not have carried on without the help of such women as Mrs Wardell and Mrs McRae and men like Tommy Caverhill and (Ngakonui) McDonald. The club was full of patients, sick and dying. Days passed before Dr Helen Cowie was able to visit the club hospital. When she did, Mrs McLaren said: "I burst into tears. I was so ashamed of myself at breaking down. I felt I was letting down my profession." However, she carried on. Members brought in carcasses of mutton which the custodian, Watford, cooked. Mrs McLaren senior made soup, a copperful at a time. Nurse Caverhill's fiance and husband-to-be, Hugh McLaren, was carried in with little hope for his survival. Today, Mrs McLaren, a charming lady of over 80, remembers that she kept telling herself: "Now I musn't give Hugh better attention than the other patients"! This seems to have been her main concern. Truly a lady of conscience! Hugh recovered, the epidemic died out and the club resumed its true function, Watford the steward was voted a 50 pounds bonus and life returned to normal.

However, one can scarcely call "normal" a special meeting of the committee called at this time to be told that Police Sergeant Miller had visited the club and found liquor in the lockers in the locker room which was in contravention of the law as regards a no-licence district. Summonses were served on the club secretary (H. M. Boddington) and Watford, the steward, and the Magistrate's decision went against them. Sir Walter Buchanan stated that he had consulted Sir Charles Skerrett, KC, who considered the judgment to be wrong and that an appeal should be lodged which he offered to plead free of charge. The club's solicitors were instructed to take the necessary steps to lodge an appeal. Further, Sir Walter stated that as soon as the Prime Minister was restored to health he would bring the matter of having amending legislation on the subject brought down.

Scarcely "normal" also was the committee's battle to keep some sort of control over a few of its more "high spirited" members. Chief

among these were probably A. P. Whatman, Rupert Morrison and "Ngakonui" McDonald, although they had plenty of followers. This was one of the great periods for practical jokes and schoolboyish behaviour. Members seemed to vie with each other in performing the most outrageous acts. Despite the committee rulings, the lockers were still well stocked with whisky. "Incidents" in the locker room, card room and dining room were not uncommon. A. P. Whatman was probably one of the most extraordinary characters who ever belonged to the club. Handsome and athletic with an air of "dash" about him, he was a wealthy bachelor farmer. He had shown great energy and generosity in raising funds during the war. He was the largest subscriber to the building of the Soldiers' Club and also gave the Whatman Orphans' Home to the district. In Masterton's history to date, he remains as its greatest benefactor. He also remains as the greatest "enfant terrible" in the club's history. On four major occasions, 1901, 1910, 1917 and 1920, he was called before the committee. The last occasion in 1920 led to Whatman being called before a special meeting of the members. This was the first time in the club's history that such a meeting had been called and probably the last. The meeting attracted by far the largest attendance of members ever seen in the club up to that date — 75.

Whatman's apology was accepted by the meeting and no further action was taken. He resigned soon after.

As soon as the war had finished, plans for the enlargement of the club generally, and the billiard room in particular, were brought out for reappraisal. After F. G. Moore's retirement and death, A. T. P. Hubbard seems to have become the leading spirit in planning the new additions, but alas, it was not yet to be! A financial "slump", sharp and sudden, hit the country. The alterations were once more deferred. However, on Anzac Day, 1922, the memorial tablets in the hall were unveiled before a company of members, wives and relations of deceased soldier members. The president, Sir Walter Buchanan and Colonel Herbert Hart conducted the ceremony.

A further 500 pounds was paid off the mortgage as it fell due and electric light was installed in 1923 at a cost of 103 pounds.

Also in 1923, Burton was appointed head steward and remained in this position until 1939. In 1924, Les Evernden was appointed assistant-steward and remained with the club for very many years. Apart from an occasional unsettled period, the club has been very well served by its staff for many years.

After 1923, the financial climate brightened and with it the members' high spirits! Complaints start to come in once more of horse-play, broken glasses and generally riotous behaviour! The plans for alterations and additions were once more hopefully produced.

It is an indication of the relatively small, closely-knit membership of the club at this time that votes of condolence were continually being passed on the decease of members' mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, etc.

In 1925, authority was sought and gained from the members to borrow up to 5,000 pounds for the purpose of paying off the existing mortgage of 1,200 pounds and building the new additions. It was finally decided to defer the additions to the dining room but to proceed with the billiards room additions. The tender of Jenkins Bros for 1,841 pounds was accepted.

At this time, January, 1926, W. H. Beetham died. At his death he had been patron for five years and prior to that, president of the club from its foundation until 1921, a total of 49 years. He left the club 500 pounds. A brass tablet was placed over the new billiards room commemorating his name and long service to the club. The alterations were completed, the two new billiards tables were installed and a ladies' evening was held to celebrate the event.

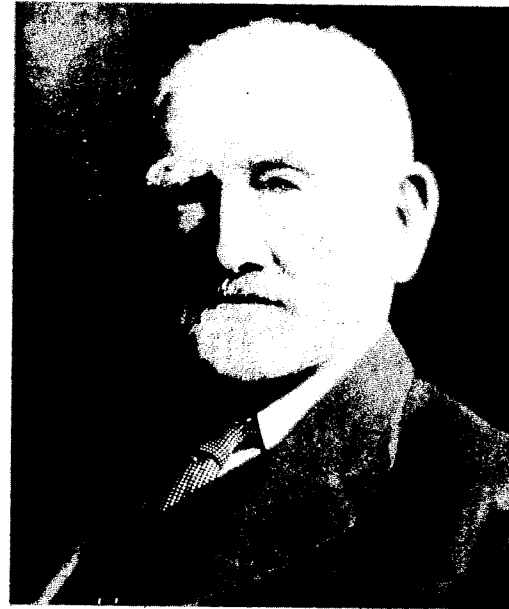
During 1927-29, the last of the foundation members quietly passed away. First Cockburn-Hood, then Septimus Mawley and finally Fred Moore on October 29, 1929. Other important names that should not be forgotten are those of G. C. Summerell and A. B. Lawrence who both retired after many years of service on committees. A. B. Lawrence, was an excellent billiards and snooker player. G. W. Sellar as hon treasurer was continuing the long tradition of the Sellar family.

The clouds of the great depression were rapidly gathering — the most traumatic event in New Zealand's history. The financial strain produced by the recent additions, coupled with a rapidly falling income, brought on a long period of stagnation. Many members resigned. Staff salaries in 1931 were cut by ten per cent, Burton's from 260 pounds pa to 222 pounds; Evernden's from 100 pounds to 92 pounds 10 shillings; and the secretary's from 100 pounds to 92 pounds 10 shillings.

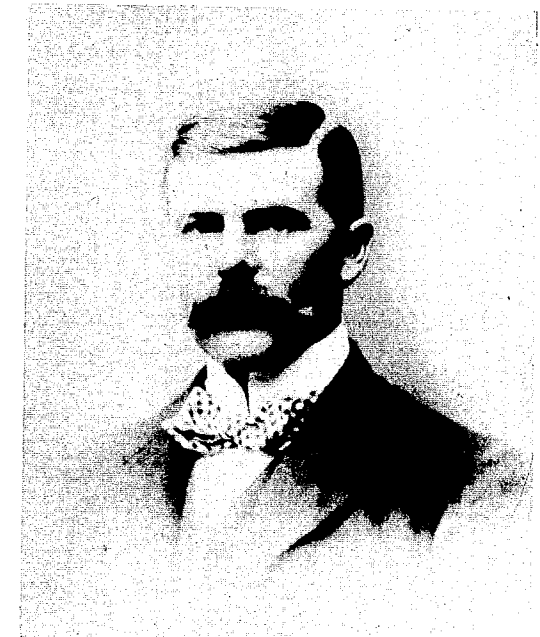
In the following year, 1932, the staff voluntarily offered to accept another cut in wages. This was gratefully accepted by the committee. Meals in the dining room were limited to Wednesdays and Fridays with some discretion left to Burton in regard to Saturday.

Subscriptions and entrance fees were reduced. The subscription for junior members was set at 2 guinea's with no entrance fee.

It has been said that through these long and gloomy years the club was carried on his back by Ngakonui McDonald. Obviously, this was an exaggeration but he was, without doubt, a quite extraordinary personality. It was stated in committee that the expense of entertaining visitors to the club was being carried almost solely by one individual (McDonald). His generosity was legendary, as also was his



Sir Walter Buchanan
President 1922-24



H. G. Williams
President 1924-31



G. H. Perry
President 1931-33



Dr A. Hosking
President 1933-36
1942-43

wit and love of practical jokes. He loved life and company. He was a self-made man, a wealthy farmer and, once again, a bachelor. He was short and plump with large pale blue eyes and a mind that worked like lightning. He was intensely disliked by many people and admired by just as many. Although never a member of the club committee, he exerted a great influence for good and bad on the club. Within the Wairarapa few men ever worked so hard to help causes that appealed to them and none, except perhaps Rupert Morrison, have left behind so many legendary stories of practical jokes committed to his credit or discredit.

In 1935 the clouds slowly started to lift. An afternoon entertainment was held for wives and daughters in the form of afternoon tea and followed by cocktails! It was highly successful!

Ever since 1926 the overdraft had remained at about 3,000 pounds. It was to remain around this figure for over 20 years. Herbert Hart was knighted in 1935. In 1936 it was proposed to restore the cuts in staff wages and to increase subscriptions to the old level. These proposals stirred up some resentment. It was claimed that the secretary was overpaid by 50 per cent! It was also stated by a member that he knew of a club that was run by an old lady of 60 very cheaply!

However, times were on the mend. A party for wives, daughters and bachelors was held and much effort was put into increasing the membership. A number of young men who joined about this time are now life members or about to become so!

Throughout the years the lack of profit from the dining room has been an ever recurring source of complaint. Perhaps this situation will always remain but there is no doubt that the dining room is an amenity which influences many people to remain as members who otherwise might not.

It is noticeable that in the years between the two wars, retiring presidents often went back on the general committee. It does seem a pity today that we have so many ex-presidents, still hale and hearty, who are not able in some way to continue the work they once so ably performed. In the period between the wars, apart from the presidents, the names of G. C. Summerell, A. T. P. Hubbard and G. W. Sellar seem to stand out. All these men at one time or another served the club for more than 20 years in various capacities.

In 1938, H. M. Boddington, the secretary, was given leave of absence to take a New Zealand tennis team to Australia. In Masterton, "Bosun" Boddington was "Mr Tennis". For many years he ran the Masterton tennis tournament at a time when it was one of the most popular in the country.

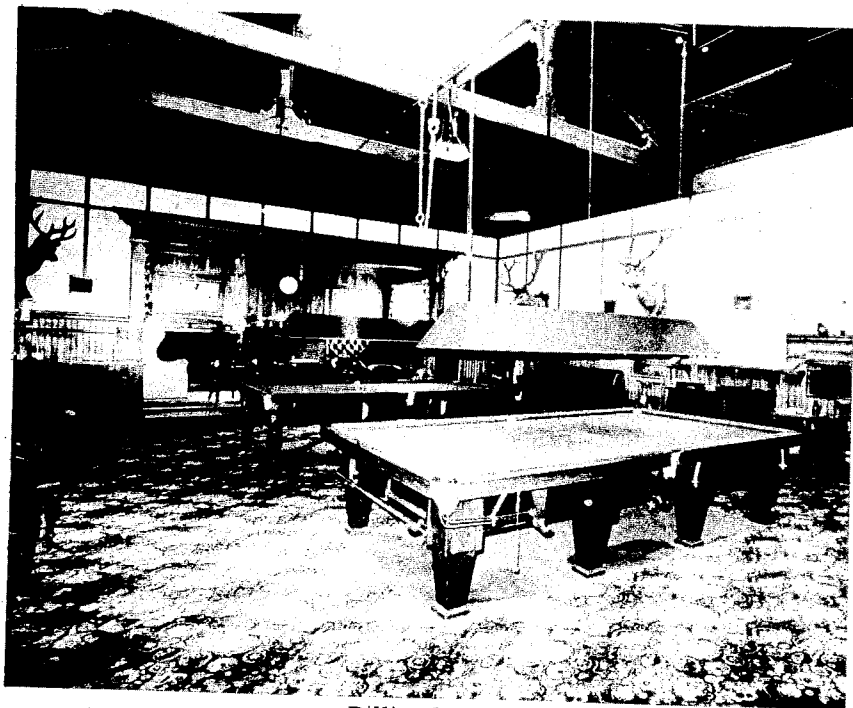
In 1939 John Hornabrook won both the New Zealand amateur and Open golf titles at Miramar. Some "young blood" was brought into the committee with Ian and Joe Bunny and an increasing number of evening functions were held. For one snooker evening it was resolved to order:

- 1 5-gal keg
- 1 3-gal keg
- 2 doz bottled beer

At the AGM of 1939 the first profit for 13 years was shown in the accounts!

On the outbreak of war in 1939 it was resolved to rebate soldier members' subs. At the 1940 AGM, a number of members offered to donate money to wipe out the 3,000 pounds overdraft which had existed for about 14 years. One member offered 100 pounds if 29 others would do the same. It was not proceeded with, but at several annual meetings during the war, members generously contributed to make up the annual deficit.

The use of the club as an emergency hospital was sought and agreed to but never used as such.



Billiard Room



G. W. Sellar
President 1936-38



N. T. B. W. Beetham
President 1938-40



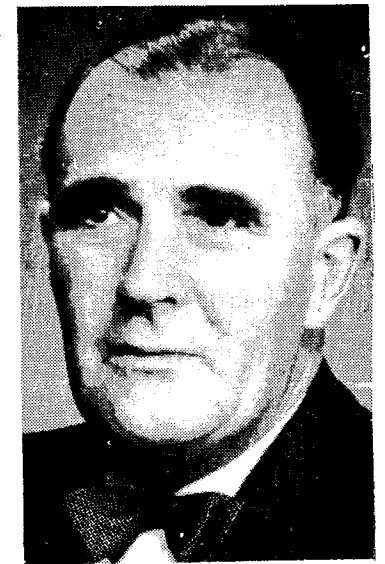
Evan F. Jaine
Secretary 1951-1971.



W. G. Lamb
President 1943-45



E. G. Norman, MC
President 1945-47



W. I. Bunny
President 1947-49



C. Deans
President 1949-51



H. M. A. Major
President 1953-55



R. M. Perry
President 1951-53



J. K. Logan
President 1955-56



F. M. Ollivier
President 1956-57



J. C. Broad
President 1959-60



H. O. Bunny
President 1957-59



C. J. P. Knight
President 1960-62

Chapter five

1941-76

During the second world war a considerable number of members enlisted, but not so many as in the first world war. The figure for the first war was 38 and for the second 26. One can only assume that the average age of the members was much greater in 1939 than it was in 1916, also it is remarkable that membership in 1939 was no greater than in 1914. Income from subscriptions declined noticeably for there was almost no intake of new members. Once more, soldier members' subscriptions were waived. Paying members fell to 126 in 1943, the lowest figure for nearly 40 years.

However, club life carried on, ably assisted by such characters as "Ngakonui" McDonald and others. A queen carnival held in Masterton was enthusiastically supported by members. Fund-raising evenings were held; one night raised 153 pounds and the committee regularly subscribed club funds to the war loan, inspired no doubt at one stage by a 53-word telegram from Walter Nash!

Although members dwindled, guests increased. During the war years various camps were stationed round Masterton, at Opaki, Solway and Memorial Park. Officers were invited to become honorary members and many of them made use of the club. In the later years, American Marines were a very popular group of men. They were warmly welcomed and entertained, although certain strains and stresses developed. Rationing caused shortages in the dining room and the sale of tobacco and cigarettes had to be limited to members. Even if complaints were made about their cars blocking the driveway and an American truck carrying away part of the car shed, the Americans were well liked and brought much-needed life into a rather somnolent building. The American commanding officer lived at Purnell in Essex Street where he repaid much of the hospitality his officers had received at the club.

The club building had been declared a hospital and in 1942 Dr Hosking requested that a second exit be formed onto Chapel Street in order to facilitate progress of ambulances if ever required. Dr Hosking is the only member who served two separate terms as club president.

If the minute book covering the war period presents a rather bleak picture of life, this was not born out by Alan Wardell who thoroughly enjoyed his war years in the club. One memorable occasion was a social evening held for officers of the US Marines. Another memorable night was of an entirely different nature. At about 8pm on 24 June, 1942, a short sharp earthquake hit Masterton. Alan Wardell was in the club at the time and was not particularly disturbed, but later on at about 11pm, as he was motoring up the drive to his home, he felt his little car bucking as though great waves were rolling under it. As he got out the trees were swaying and the house was rocking violently, while a great roaring noise filled the air. The effect on Masterton was disastrous and it was many years before all the wrecked buildings were repaired. Although the club building was not badly damaged, most of the chimneys came down and it was a long time before they were put back in working order.

In 1944, members began to return from overseas and the first of a number of welcomes was held. At the annual meeting, one of these returned men, W. M. Sellar, was unanimously elected honorary treasurer in place of his father, G. W. Sellar, who had just died. G. W. Sellar had given many years of service to the club as had his father before him.

The war was moving to its close. Life began to resume its normal course. Complaints keep recurring about young people drinking in the club grounds on the nights when dances were held in the Masonic Hall. Accusations were made that some members' sons were involved. Would guilty parties please hold up their hands!

Although nobody perhaps fully realised it, the bad years were nearly over. The long period of depression and war was drawing to its close and not very far into the future lay a time when New Zealand would shake off the puritan shackles of the past and bring its liquor laws in line with the rest of the world.

The first of the returned men took their places on the committee. H. M. A. Major and W. M. Sellar brought all sorts of new ideas with them. A long list of innovations came into being. Most proved successful and remain. Farewells to long-standing members started at this time. Henry Major was the leading spirit in promoting ladies' night. The annual snooker match with the Soldiers' Club was resumed. A ladies' buffet meal after the Masterton races was held and voted a great success. The billiards table in the Beetham room was re-erected after

years of disuse. A welcome home to returned men was combined with a ladies' evening. Competition for the various games cups was resumed. Returned men joining the club paid a reduced subscription for the first two or three years. A "prospective member" snooker evening was held.

In 1945, one of those very occasional "big rows" occurred. Three returned men, candidates for membership were blackballed. The committee proposed to resign en bloc. Eventually the candidates were elected and peace was restored, but this episode started an argument lasting many years about new members and their election. Many alternatives were suggested and dropped, such as the committee to have the sole power to put up new members for election; closing the membership; altering the proportion of votes needed to blackball a member. Eventually, the rules took their present shape whereby no member can nominate anyone until he has himself been a member for three years. No person can be put up until he has resided in Masterton for six months. The committee must "vet" each candidate before his name goes up on the board. No committee man can nominate or second a new member.

February, 1947, was one of the great red-letter days in the history of the club. Masterton rejected no-licence after 38 years in the centre of an alcoholic desert. Great urgency was taken by the committee to ensure that the club charter was restored and confirmed. Jack Logan reported having paid the charter fee off his own bat and also had consulted with Mr Sim, KC, who advised that the lockers be done away with forthwith. Mr Logan was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and a few years later was made a life member for his many services to the club.

A great search for liquor supplies began. Scotch whisky and English gin were short. The era of Australian spirits is not one of the happiest memories! Fortunately, through the good offices of Percy Coyle the club was granted an import licence for 500 pounds.

In March, 1947, Les Evernden, in recognition of his services to the club, was designated manager instead of head steward. He had joined as junior steward in 1924. In those 23 years he had made many friends. His love of the club and loyalty to the committee and members was a great influence on the wellbeing of the club, especially during the war years. Those young members returning from the war will never forget his kindness, understanding and hospitality. It was his own greatest regret that he had not gone overseas.

Young members and their girlfriends often attended parties in the Everndens' flat at the back of the club on weekends. Inevitably, this was a state of affairs that could not continue. The practice of the

members and staff "shouting" each other drinks had grown up over the years. The committee began a long campaign to discourage this habit. It took several years to bring it to an end. Another campaign to discourage members from "shouting" each other and drinking in big "schools" has revived from time to time but has never been very successful.

The fear of endangering the charter was in the forefront of the committee's mind for years. There is no doubt that there were very real forces at work both in Masterton and throughout the country which were antagonistic to the original charters and the privileges that they confer, but at times the charter seemed more like a millstone round the club's neck, or a weapon used as a threat by some to deter it from forward steps. However, those fears and antagonisms have largely subsided and the present-day Licensing Commission appears to look with favour on club charters so long as they are not abused.

At the annual meeting of 1947, the entrance fee was re-introduced after a lapse of many years. An indication of the growing size and prosperity of the club was a decision to pay the auditor for his services, a hitherto unheard of piece of generosity!

In August, 1947, took place the first discussion on the question of fire risk. This was to lead over the next nearly 30 years to firstly, replacement insurance and finally, the sprinkler system.

During the course of 1947 liquor supplies steadily improved and by the end of the year members were promised a bottle of gin and a bottle of whisky each for Christmas at a cost of one pound and one pound five shillings respectively. Many of the older members at this time disapproved of the spectacle of members walking out of the club carrying paper bags of beer and spirits. In their view it lessened the dignity of the place.

After the annual meeting of 1947, the committee was composed entirely of returned men; Colin Deans from the first world war and the remainder from the second.

The restoration of liquor sales in Masterton was the greatest shot in the arm ever received by the club; this, coupled with the general feeling of optimism following a successful war and the general economic recovery, caused a great upsurge in membership and club usage. The committee had money to spend and spent it wisely. Costs took some time to overtake receipts. A long-term programme of priorities for upgrading the whole club was brought down. For the next few years presidents could refer to the remarkable success of the past years and point to a whole list of renovations carried out and paid for from income.

It was a little Golden Age, when the committee could invite a representative from Hurdleys in Wellington to inspect and advise on the redecoration of the reading room; when champagne glasses were ordered and the non-arrival of ice-buckets was a matter of some concern!

At the 1948 annual meeting came the first proposal to limit membership to 320. After much discussion, it was resolved that "The club membership be restricted to a number suggested by the committee". The committee did not act on this resolution for four years, when it finally decided not to restrict the club membership, then in 1958 it brought a proposal before the annual meeting to restrict membership to 400. This proposal was defeated. In the ensuing 18 years no further serious discussion has taken place on this matter. The present membership is about 550 (1976). At the annual meeting of 1976 a proposal to limit membership to 550 was defeated.

In 1949, "Bosun" Boddington resigned his position as club secretary. He had held the office for 32 years. His father before him had been treasurer for 39 years, as well as secretary for part of that time. Their combined service to the club extended over almost its then whole existence of 72 years. The Sellars, grandfather, father and son and the Beethams are the only other families whose record of service can equal this, although another remarkable period of service was given by H. G. Williams who spent 39 years on the committee spread over a period of 47 years. The record for length of membership is disputed between H. G. Williams, V. E. Donald and Frank Armstrong with periods of between 67 and 68 years.

The Beetham family has had a long and varied association with the club. W. H. Beetham was president for 45 years. His brother, George, was one of the original trustees while Hugh and Norman were early committee members. In later times Harold and Trevor served on the committee and Trevor then went on to become president. W. H. Beetham was a very generous benefactor, as is his great nephew, Hugh, who also served on the committee.

Other events worthy of note at this time were the formation of a staff superannuation fund and the gift of 100 pounds by H. G. Williams for the installation of fluorescent lights, probably those in the passages.

Bruce McPherson from the Sellars' office replaced "Bosun" Boddington as secretary. He introduced the most revolutionary event in the history of the club — typewritten minutes! The poor historian struggling to decipher 70 years of "copper-plate" will forever bless his name. Another change in his time was the alteration of the club's annual meeting date from July to November. McPherson's reign was short. In April, 1951, ill-health forced him to resign. His place was taken by Evan Jaine who held office for over 20 years. Evan was a

great character, brimful of enthusiasm, talent and humour. His love for the club was immense, and successive presidents and committees learned to rely on his advice. His interests outside the club were various. He was a respected and successful accountant. His good singing voice and acting ability was demonstrated in numerous amateur theatrical performances. Debater, pianist, raconteur, he was the life of any party. His premature death was a great blow to all. In his make-up there was quite a touch of the literary artist. It was during his association with Tom O'Dea and Russell Smith that plans were first made to write a club history. Had he lived, no doubt he would have been the man to write it.

For years the most serious end result of import controls and the vagaries of abstemious Labour Cabinets was reflected in the amount of Scotch whisky the club could buy, but by the end of 1951, sufficient was available to put up 10 bottles a week on the bowsers and two years later it was being sold to members at 27 shillings and sixpence a bottle.

A sad event in 1954, bringing the end of an era, was the resignation of Les Evernden after 30 years with the club. Mrs Healy began a long but broken period in charge of the dining room where she made many friends and maintained a standard of cuisine that became famous. Costello was appointed as club manager. A number of notable events occurred during the year. The second world war honours board was placed in the hall. Country members living within 20 miles (instead of eight) of Masterton were required to pay the same sub as town members. This was an interesting battle fought over at least 15 years. It finally came to an end in 1960 when it was resolved that all members living within a radius of 27 miles from Masterton should pay the full subscription. A certain "feeling" had existed between town and country for years, possibly since the club's foundation. Town members had always considered country members unfairly favoured by the rules.

Successive committees from now on instituted most of the social occasions now enjoyed. Ladies' night has continued since 1954 in its present form, as has the Christmas party. Members are fortunate that a succession of progressive presidents and committees saw to it that the building was well maintained and social life was well organised. However, no amount of enthusiasm could prevent the demise of the Saturday night meal which had long been a feature of the club's life. What killed it would be hard to determine but the old round table in the dining room, centre of many skylarks, is long gone and a more sober Friday night has taken its place.

In 1955, W. M. Sellar resigned from the committee after 11 years as treasurer, three of them as chairman of the house committee. It has

been remarked by someone that for a time Mick "was the club". Three generations of Sellars have served the club for 78 years and Mick's contribution was not the least. This is no way detracts from the contribution made by the many able men who worked with him.

Proposals to borrow or spend large sums of money have usually met stiff opposition from members. One turned down was a plan to build residential accommodation for members. Another that got past the members, but was finally dropped by the committee, was a proposal to build a manager's house in the grounds. Other plans that have been dropped include addition of a ladies' bar and toilet on the Essex Street end of the dining room; turning the manager's flat into a ladies' dining area; turning Bannister's building into a squash court. Most of these plans have foundered on the rocks of poverty or in the sands of conservatism.

When Borthwicks shifted their head office from Masterton to Wellington the club lost, among others, two valuable members in Frank Ollivier and Dusty Miller who had given great service.

The "Black Budget" of 1958 again hit at liquor supplies. Scotch was once again the main target. Liquor supplies were cut by 60 per cent. In 1959 bar profits slumped by nearly 50 per cent. The annual meeting of 1959 made an important break with the past. It was resolved that "it be a custom of the club that those who have had 40 years' continuous membership of the club should be elected life members". This replaced the previous custom which required a member to serve 50 years. Of course, a number of members have been elected to this honour solely for their special services to the club.

In 1960 a start was made on repairing the car sheds and tar-sealing the drive. This was financed at first with money from the rebuilding fund which had been established soon after the war. The rebuilding fund had been formed for just that purpose — to rebuild the club at a future date. This was the first raid on those funds. The loan was altered to a grant. Further "raids" on the fund took place over the years and it was later changed to the improvement fund. Since that time most changes involving large expenditure have been financed from this source until now it is largely expended.

In 1961 John Healy was appointed club manager. He is still with us. His honesty, amiable smile and great interest in the club has brought him the friendship of all the members.

The year 1963 saw the commencement of two sporting events that have continued — the annual snooker match with Mangapakeha and the annual dinner and snooker match with the Hutt Club. The same year was also notable for an unusual spectacle — the committee serving behind the bar on a roster system. This was brought about by



J. E. Broad
President 1962-64



F. B. Tatham
President 1964-66

an acute staff shortage, but did not last long. Towards the end of the same year the fathers-and-sons snooker evening was instituted. These events were begun while J. E. Broad was president and Graham Coleman was chairman of the games committee.

In 1965, after years of discussion, it was resolved that "there should be no alteration to the rules relating to the election of new members because it was considered that the voting rights of members should not be curtailed. It was considered that the only solution was to encourage more members to vote and that prospective candidates should be brought into the club more often.

In 1965 the past presidents' board and the boards for senior billiards and snooker champions were erected.

Early in 1966 a great innovation was made. The committee, greatly daring, engaged stewardesses to serve behind the bar and do the general cleaning. This was an undoubted success on all counts, chiefly because the committee was so fortunate in its first appointments. Mrs Pottage, Mrs Marsh and Mrs McKay were attractive, tactful and energetic. They brought a new atmosphere into the club which has continued to this day.

In May, 1967, Tom O'Dea and Evan Jaine held a two-hour "taped" conversation with a group of the oldest members, Viv Donald, Jim Lord, Jerry Daniell, Eddie Jenkins and Sir Herbert Hart. Some of their recollections have been used in this history and some of them haven't!

At the annual meeting of 1967, members gave approval to a plan for alterations to the dining room on a much reduced scale from one proposed earlier. The earlier proposal included a ladies' lounge-bar and toilet conveniences. It is a great pity that this plan was not proceeded with. It would have saved the club some of the many heartburnings it has suffered since.

A great fillip to club life came in 1967 with the introduction of 10 o'clock closing. At one blow most of the old restrictions, evasions of the law and makeshifts were swept away. New Zealand came of age — almost.

At the end of 1967 the club joined the new association of Kindred and Chartered Clubs which basically consisted of the 26 clubs still holding the original charters. Later, the club resigned from the Association of Chartered Clubs because it was felt its interests and sympathies were more closely identified with the new body.

At the 1967 annual meeting a tribute was paid to Graham Coleman for his services to the club over a period of 10 years, and particularly to his work as chairman of the games committee. It was he, more than



T. F. O'Dea
President 1966-68



R. W. Smith
President 1968-70

any other, who reorganised the billiards room and settled the competitions in their present form. Apart from being a very sporting and helpful player, he has also been, probably, the most successful billiards and snooker competitor in the club's history.

In April, 1968, the Public Trustee advised that under the terms of the will of the late Herbert Bannister (Banny), the club was to be given the option of purchasing his property for \$4,700. The option was gratefully taken up. "Banny" was a great old character who had worked for the club as a steward and gardener off and on. In the old days he worked for A. P. Whatman who, on his death, left the section and stable building adjoining the club to Banny who lived there for years. This is the piece of ground between the club and the Ranfurly Club.

During Tom O'Dea's time as chairman of the house committee and also as president, much rebuilding and renovation took place. His professional ability and enthusiasm made him an ideal person to head these improvements. His desire to preserve the traditions of the club and his interest in the welfare of the older members was much appreciated. In 1968 he held a dinner to celebrate the 90th birthday of V. E. Donald. This was a notable function. V. E. Donald, for many years the oldest member, shared with H. G. Williams and Frank Armstrong the honour of having been a member longer than anyone else, about 68 years.

He was also a very considerable benefactor to the club. In 1959 he paid for the alterations that made it possible to serve drinks directly from the bar into the reading room. In 1962 he paid for the installation of the present bar in the billiards room. Some of the beautiful heads in the billiards room are his trophies. He was a notable rifle shot, hunter and fisherman. In his day he was a very good billiards player. Cards played a great part in the life of the club for many years. Poker, bridge, whist and gin-rummy were very popular. Today no cards are played at all.

In 1960 the first Hunting, Shooting and Fishing Night was held and this, with Oyster Night which was started a few years earlier, are two of the club's most popular functions.

Although Tom O'Dea's presidency was very successful, it was during this time that a small dark cloud, no bigger than a man's rib, appeared on the horizon, looming larger and larger — the dreadful spectre of "women in the club"!

In August, 1968, a circular was sent to members seeking an opinion on two related questions:

- (a) Whether drinking and dining facilities should be supplied to members and their lady guests.
- b) Whether dining facilities should be communal.



D. E. Tatton
President 1970-71



T. McGrath
President 1971-73



P. C. Stannard
President 1973-75



G. W. Smith
President 1975-

The result of the poll was 175 in favour of (a) and 66 against. (b) was almost even at 88-87, but at the 1969 annual meeting members turned down a proposal to introduce ladies into the dining room by a vote of 111-94.

This began, or rather continued, the battle of the ladies, one of the more bitterly contested issues in the club's history. Not only did it cause a rift between the members, but also within the committee.

Early in 1970 the president, Russell Smith, suffered extremely severe burns while trying to remove a vehicle from a blazing shed. Not expected to survive, he in fact did, and remains with the club today, probably fitter than ever! His interest in early New Zealand art has been of much benefit to the club. Through his interest, many prints of early New Zealand works are hanging on the walls.

Later in 1970 the bar was renovated to its present state. The planning of this bar has not proved an unqualified success. It is difficult to fit it into any future planning without further alteration.

In September, 1971, K. O. M. Cheer took over from Evan Jaine as secretary of the club.

In 1972 the first subscription dinner for many years was held after the Masterton races for members and lady guests. It was an outstanding success. These have been held regularly since.

During the presidency of Terence McGrath some successful innovations were introduced. The best of these was a change of rule allowing junior members (under 30) a reduced subscription. It is noticeable that since that time there has been a better balance in age groups in the membership. Another change of rule permitted members to introduce local residents as guests, no individual to be allowed in more than six times a year.

Early in 1973 a report by the president indicated that the Licensing Commission would continue to allow "off-sales" from chartered clubs and also that the introduction of lady guests into clubs was increasing in New Zealand.

In the same year a new committee member, John Harper, was the leading spirit in promoting Tuesday night snooker. This was a class for beginners instructed by the club's best players. It has been extraordinarily successful, in fact, one of the best innovations of recent years. It is an interesting fact that at this time (1976) the usage of the billiards room is by far the greatest in the club's history.

At a special meeting in August, 1973, a resolution to allow ladies into lunch was passed by a majority of 106-54 and so the war of the sexes continues!

In October, 1973, Jack Logan resigned his position as club solicitor, thus severing the long association between the Logan family and the club.

In 1974, K. O. M. Cheer resigned as secretary and a new era in the history of the club began with the appointment of a full-time Secretary-Manager, Karl Gustofson.

The most notable event in the presidency of Peter Stannard was the agreement by the members to allow the expenditure of \$16,000 for the installation of a fire prevention sprinkler system. The decision by the members to spend such a large sum of money to ensure the preservation of such an old and inconvenient building indicated a very deep affection both for the building and the tradition it enshrines.

Later in 1976, this affection was shown once again when about 20 members, headed by Jack Bennett, Hugh Beetham Rowland Perry

J. E. Broad and Alan Wardell, gave \$3,000 towards the improvement of the club. The immediate result of this was the carpeting of the Beetham Room to match that laid in the billiards room earlier in the year.

Throughout the history of the club, many members have made it gifts, many more have given it their unstinting time and care. Most of them are unrecorded in this history.



Presidents & Committees

It has been pointed out that the original president and vice-president were appointed for life or until resignation. C. A. Vallance, the original vice-president, gave place to A. R. Bunny in 1885, but by 1910 a lurking dissatisfaction amongst the members had become apparent. It was felt that the office of vice-president, at least, should come up for annual review. The rule was changed. A. R. Bunny, obviously hurt, resigned but was at length persuaded to accept life-membership. The vice-presidency became an annual appointment while W. H. Beetham, although offering to stand down, was confirmed in his position. When he eventually resigned in 1921 he was made patron with Sir Walter Buchanan as president. Sir Walter died in office and was succeeded by H. G. Williams who held office until 1931. During his time the enlargement of the billiards room and the addition of the Beetham room and card room was made. Also the size of the committee was reduced from ten to six. His resignation in 1931 brought the removal of the last name of a small group who had ruled the club almost since its foundation fifty four years before.

The effect of this oligarchic rule had been to produce a conservative close-knit outlook where change was resisted and membership remained almost static. On G. H. Perry's election a campaign was started to enlarge the membership. Harry Perry was an ideal person to bring this about. He was bright, friendly and popular and liked the young. The membership began to increase but the times were against him and the great depression thwarted his efforts. It was not until after

the Second World War that a progressive policy could be resumed. This was aided by the offices of president and vice-president settling down to be an annual or bi-annual appointment. Presidents did not outlive their enthusiasm nor did vice-presidents have to wait too long in the wings.

The old practice of appointing members of the elected committee to positions on the games or cards committees died out, as did the habit of retired presidents returning to minor office. The reasons for this are not clear. Perhaps the increasing competition from fresh blood had something to do with it.

It is a fault of this history that so many names deserving of remembrance have not received attention. The more distant figures tend to fade into the background but most of the presidents from Rowland Perry's time are still with us.

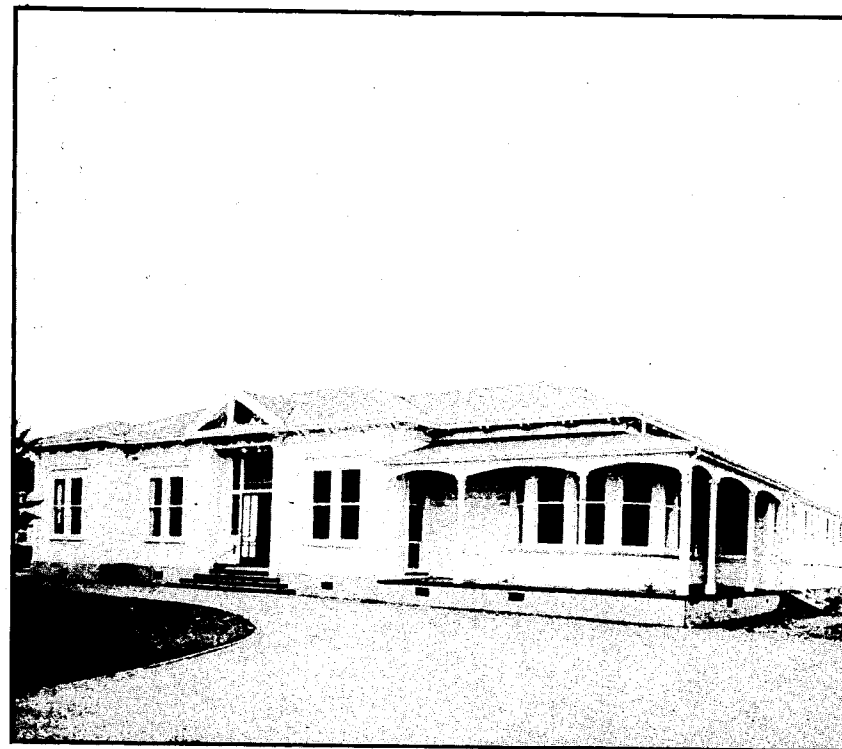
One remembers with affection H. O. Bunny for his cheerful and sociable nature. He knew every member by name and moved amongst us chatting and joking with all and sundry. The same could be said of H. M. A. Major, before him, who had the same gift for inspiring friendship amongst all who knew him.

C. J. P. Knight always displayed a vast amiability and in his time began the tar sealing of the drives and instituted the presidents car park. He was followed by J. E. Broad of Fernyhurst, pleasant, inquiring, chatty and responsible. During his reign many improvements and alterations were made to the building. Fred Tatham of Homewood was another cast in the finest mould. The owner of a large coastal property, he represented all that was best in the farming world. The rule of Russell Smith was cut short by a nearly tragic fire but he had done much good work beforehand. The extension and redecoration of the dining room was largely the work of himself and T. F. O'Dea. When Russell Smith lay in hospital, Derek Tatton took over, after five years as treasurer. He was an unassuming but effective president. It was during his time that the alterations to the bar took place.

The names of Terence McGrath and Peter Stannard should be linked. The club has not had two more dedicated officers. They both loved their work and were proud to give their time for the welfare of the club. During Terence McGrath's time a number of beneficial rules were introduced, while it was almost entirely due to the determination of Peter Stannard that the sprinkler system was installed in the club building. Peter Stannard was also ideally suited and situated to watch over the daily functioning of the club for several years. The appointment during his time of Karl Gustofson as full-time Secretary-Manager has somewhat done away with this necessity.

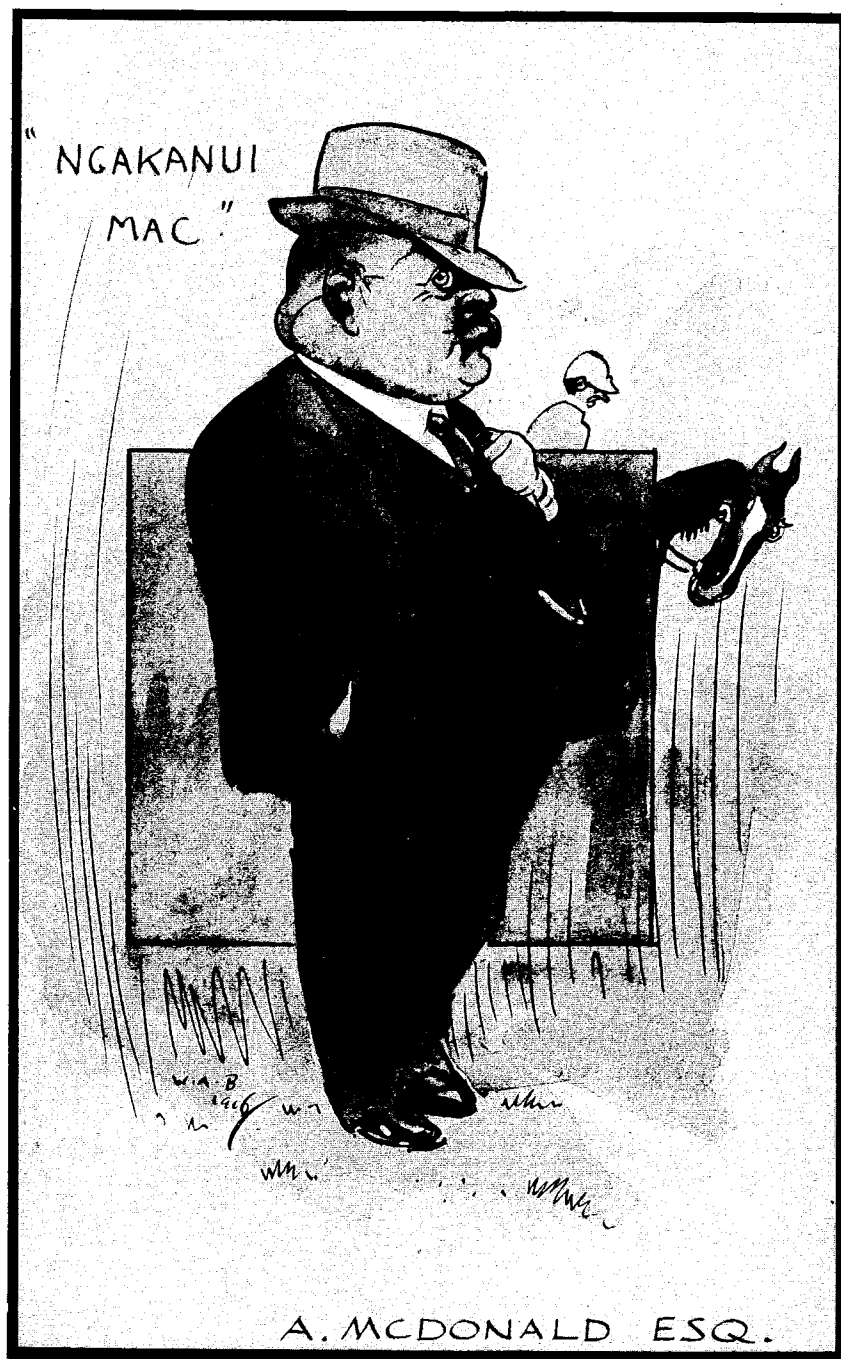
One or two chairmen of the games committee, while outstanding in that position, never went on to become president. Graham Coleman has been mentioned but other names that come to mind are those of A. R. Todd and John Harper, while more recently Ian Ollivier gave unstintingly of his time and energy to that position.

The present general committee saw fit to go outside its ranks to bring in two members for the history committee; W. M. Sellar who has been frequently mentioned and J. B. Bennett, life-member, ex committee member, benefactor to the club and a grandson of a foundation member and trustee. The other two members of the history committee are G. P. R. Thomas, vice president and responsible for the photographs in this volume and G. W. Smith, president and compiler of this history. The opinions and selection of facts are his.



Present Club





Tall tales but true!

Many stories centre round those "larger-than-life" figures, Whatman, McDonald and Morrison. They were the leaders of a group of "characters", the products of a particular period in New Zealand's history. They grew to manhood through a long period of depression then flourished from the prosperous early years of the century up until about the middle thirties. Most of them, farmers of considerable means, were tough men, hard drinkers, gamblers and playboys. They were good friends but bad enemies. They were lovers of fun and generous to a good cause. Their great distinguishing mark was the practical joke.

Ngakonui McDonald, Rupert Morrison and A. P. Whatman were canvassing for money to support the war. They were to attend a meeting for this purpose at the Tinui Hall. On the journey out during the afternoon, they stopped to talk with an Irish roadman. (Almost all the roadmen were Irish in those days). After engaging him in very serious conversation, they each handed him a 5 pound note. Later that night the canvassers addressed the meeting and called for donations. The Irish roadman, sitting in the front seat, leapt to his feet and in his Irish brogue said that he wanted to give to such a worthy cause. When asked how much, he said "Fifteen pounds"!! The chairman asked him who he was and he replied that he was the local roadman (Probably earning 2 pounds to 3 pounds a week). Of course, this really staggered the local farmers who were forced to give no less.

Whatman seems to be associated with macabre practical jokes related to suicide. He had a bedroom in his stables adjoining the club where he often slept between all night poker games. One night, after losing a lot of money, he rushed out of the card room threatening to commit suicide. When the alarmed players followed they found him lying on his bed smothered in blood — sheep's blood!

On another occasion he arranged for an accomplice to raise the alarm that he feared for Whatty's safety. A kindly soul rushed over to the stables and burst into Whatman's bedroom and found him just lighting a fuse which disappeared under his pillow. "What are you doing Whatty?" he stammered, "I am going to blow myself up"! said Whatman. As the kindly person stood petrified, Whatman leapt off the bed and shot out of the door — locking it behind him!!

Rupert Morrison and Ngakonui found themselves in a Nelson Hotel on a Sunday night. After dinner they were entertained by the Salvation Army band playing on the street below their balcony. A shovelful of pennies heated over the sitting room fire and tossed on to the street resulted in some very unchristian language.

Their favourite exploit was to pin some innocent victim's waistcoat to the tablecloth in a crowded dining room and then get a steward to call him urgently to the telephone! This never failed to create a great sensation. The great point of their joke was that the perpetrators always paid for the damage.

Rupert Morrison was a legend in his own lifetime, a wealthy landowner he drove his Rolls Royce at vertiginous speeds. He was a powerful man and an accomplished boxer. He once sparred with Jack Johnston, then in Sydney for his fight with Tommy Burns. He was known to demand that men on the swag and hoping for a job at Blairlogie should fight him for a job. He is reputed to have more than met his match on one occasion.

An old-time member of the club was the butt of many jokes. This gentleman was a rather eccentric character, almost completely devoid of humour. Most of the drinking was done in a small room adjoining the locker room. This member always drank with his hat on, much to everyone's annoyance, including that of Ngakonui who usually stood at the door watching for passing members whom he could invite in for a drink. While standing there he would use Mr X's hat as an ashtray and in the course of an evening the brim would be littered with cigarette butts, much to everyone's amusement except the hat owner who seemed to be oblivious to what went on.

One night, and we have the assurance of a present life-member that this is true, the hat wearer, after a rather prolonged "session", suddenly fell backwards and lay stretched on the floor. Ngakonui pressed the bell and when the steward arrived, solemnly said "ring for Mr Hyde, the undertaker, and get him to measure Mr — for his coffin!"

On another occasion some of the high-spirited members jacked up the rear wheels of the same man's Model T Ford. When he had the car really revved up and nothing happening, they suddenly pushed it off the chocks, resulting in a nasty hole in the opposite tin fence!

One Saturday night at the round table in the dining room, Ngakonui was sitting next to a younger member whom he felt had a rather

haughty manner. "Pass the salad McDonald", said the younger member. In a flash the bowl of salad was firmly pressed down on the young man's head!

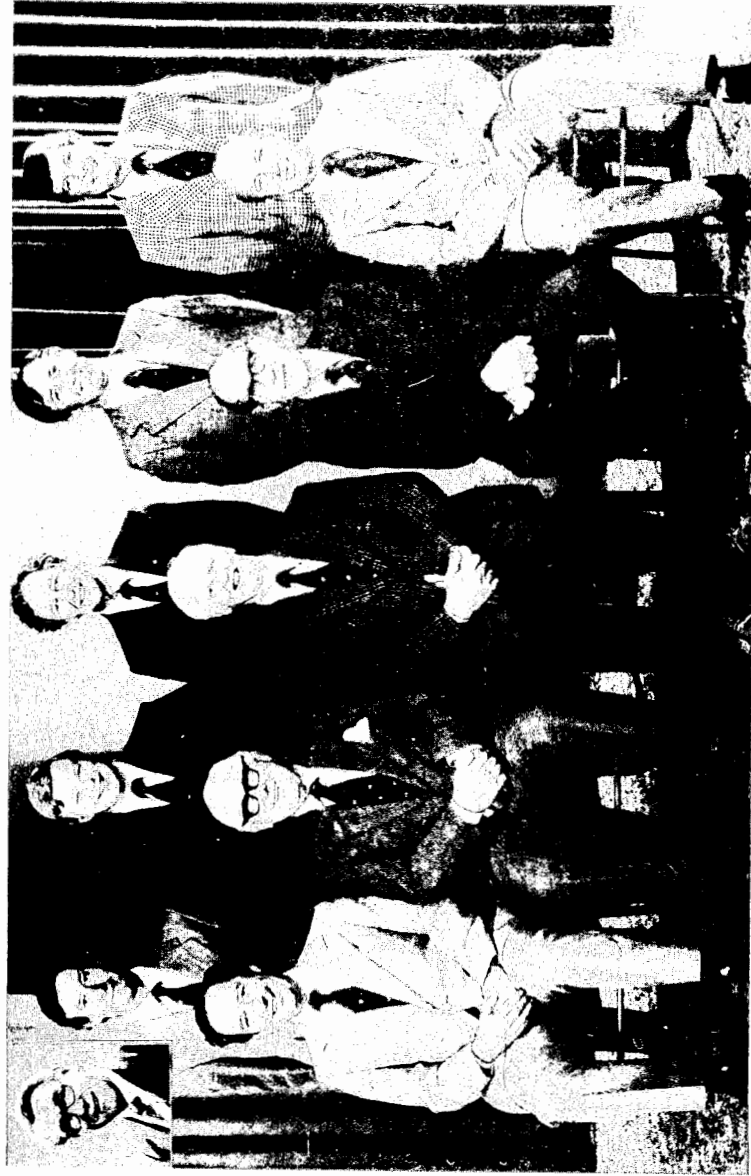
An old-time member, not Ngakonui, asserted that the following actually happened to himself and this was vouched for by others. Amongst his other talents was a gift for charming members of the fair sex, even though they sometimes were the wives of other men. One day, while talking to some friends beside the horse stalls at the back of the club, he was handed a package. Unwrapping it, he found that it was a cigar box but to his horror it was ticking! He hastily tossed it into the horse pond where it exploded with a great "whoosh".

After the last war, because of staff shortages, the committee sometimes had to take turns in serving behind the bar. One night it was Frank Ollivier's turn for duty. Anyone who knows Frank would agree that he is a handsome man, greatly resembling his close relative the actor, Sir Lawrence Ollivier. "Ngakonui" was entertaining a Wellington racing crony at the bar. The visitor was greatly impressed with the club's barman. "Who is your steward?" he whispered. "Nock" had the very sharpest wits. This was right up his street. "Its a very sad story" he said. "That chap used to be a member of this club. He had everything, good looks, well educated, from a well-known family and a lovely wife and kids, but its the old story — booze, gambling and women. He lost his job and can't seem to get another. We do what we can for him and give him a few hours work a week and we chuck him a few quid now and again. Its very sad really". The simpton from the city was taken in. "Look Nock here's a fiver. Give it to him from me will you". They say Frank wasn't as amused as Ngakonui.

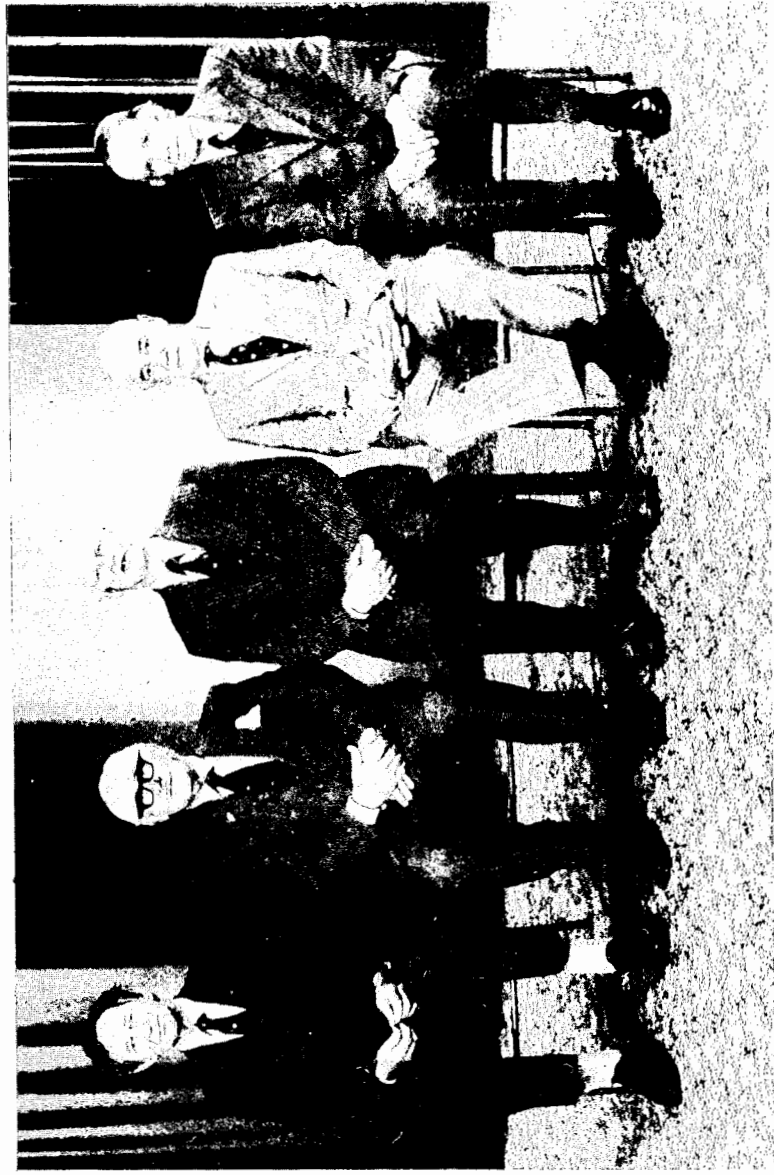
"Ngakonui" and his friends were dining at the "round Table" one Saturday night after consuming a goodly quota of Cardhu in the back room. The action gradually developed from playful to riotous. Broken glasses and bowls, salad, sugar and water sprinkled the floor. Everybody except Ngakonui decided it was time to leave in a hurry. "Nock" pressed the bell. "How many members paid for their meal, Burton"? he asked. "Six Sir", said Burton. "Then I shall pay for myself and the OTHER one", said "Nock". Later, when they were hauled before the committee, he was able to call Burton as evidence that there was another mysterious eighth member present who had probably caused all the damage!

Albert Fairfax McDonald died in his 75th year in 1949. A long article in the Evening Post by Eric Ramsden celebrates him as "race-horse owner, pastoralist, prince of raconteurs, perfect mimic, born gambler, shrewd judge of both stock and men and the country's most renowned practical joker".

He was generous with his money to good causes and supremely expert at extracting money from others for those same causes.



GENERAL COMMITTEE 1976-77
 Back Row: F. M. D. BELL, W. H. P. KNIGHT, K. GUSTOFSON, J. D. HUTCHISON, J. N. BIRCH.
 Front: R. L. WAGG, G. P. R. THOMAS, G. W. SMITH, I. M. OLLIVIER, A. R. TAYTON.
 Inset: H. A. JAMES.



HISTORY COMMITTEE
 K. GUSTOFSON, G. P. R. THOMAS, G. W. SMITH, J. B. BENNETT, W. M. SELLAR.

Meandering through minutes

- August, 1883:** Resolved that a copy of the rule referring to introducing gentlemen into the club who have ceased to be members, be forwarded to Mr — and that his attention be called to the fact that he had infringed the rule.
- February, 1884:** Resolved that the present stock of cigars be sold and a fresh stock purchased.
- July, 1884:** A.G.M. Present: W. H. Beetham (pres), J. C. Boddington, George Beetham, H. H. Beetham, F. B. Chalmers, C. S. Bremner, A. R. Bunny, E. Orbell, F. G. Moore, Wm. Lowes, W. G. Beard, J. B. Keith, J. T. Maunsell, H. A. Warren, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams, George Fannin.
- 29th November, 1884:** 20 members contribute 10 shillings each to 10 pound bonus for custodian.
- 4th July, 1885:** Resolved to set aside a sum not exceeding 50 pounds for the purpose of procuring extra furniture and repairing and improving the building.
- 17th July, 1886:** Wm. Sellar, secretary, voted five guineas in testimony of his service over the last three and a half years.
- 31st July, 1886:** Tenders invited for laying on gas to the club.
- August, 1886:** Tender of 10 pounds for painting outside of the club accepted, provided the paint is mixed on the premises.
- 29th October, 1887:** Resolved "that members do not retain either of the evening papers for more than 10 minutes from the time of their arrival between the hours of 9 and 10pm."

- 26th Nov., 1887:** A sketch of the club property was produced and Mr Bunny gave his opinion that the land had boundaries on three streets.
- 28th April, 1888:** The suggestion book was read. The first on the list suggested that the billiards balls were not round. A committee was appointed to investigate the question.
- 26th May, 1888:** The above committee reported that it could not express an opinion as to the quality of the billiards balls without having a new cloth.
- July, 1888:** Ten additional shares taken up in building society.
- July, 1888:** Mrs Chardon, widow of late custodian, voted 25 pounds.
- 20th October, 1888:** A special meeting of members held on this date lists the largest number of members present for very many years, both in the past and future. Their names are listed for interest. Frequently mentioned names are omitted:
T. Bakewell, Dr Beard, Joseph Bennett (trustee), G. H. Blackburne, W. C. Buchanan (later Sir Walter), R. R. C. Coleman, A. E. Crawford, Donald Donald, S. M. Drew, J. P. Holmes, C. E. C. Hood, J. M. Meredith, R. R. Meredith, Dr A. C. Milne, J. McRae, J. P. Perry, A. J. Rawson, J. M. Rowe, H. H. Smith, G. M. Smith, P. Von Sturmer, J. L. Thompson, E. M. Whatman, D. M. Whatman, V. Wardell, T. W. Wardell, J. C. Walker, H. G. Williams, S. Mawley, H. Holmes.
This meeting was called over the sacking of a custodian.
- January, 1889:** Two sections of land at rear of club belonging to Mrs Schroeder offered at 160 pounds each 300 pounds for two. This was eventually turned down even after the price was reduced to 250 pounds.
- May, 1889:** Moved that a W.C. be erected for use of custodian and family.
- July, 1889:** Secretary's salary increased to 15 pounds p.a.
- September, 1889:** Ballot taken for Francis Armstrong, cadet, Bowlands, Bideford. (For many years the oldest member).
- July, 1890:** A resident of Pahiatua proposed as an honorary member, was turned down as not being eligible under the club rules.
- 31st October, 1891:** Mr — wrote saying that he was not in a position to liquidate his account "until this year's wool cheque comes in".
- 9th July, 1892:** Reference to price of six bottles of whisky as 35 shillings.
- 25th May, 1895:** Death of Joseph Bennett, trustee, foundation member and grandfather of J. B. Bennett.
- May, 1895:** Request for use of committee room for a meeting of ladies who are promoting a social. Very ungallantly resolved that the club premises are no longer available for meetings of committees other than for club business. War of sexes begins!

January, 1896: Committee agrees to pay half cost of asphaltting the footpath on the Chapel Street frontage. Half cost to be 2 shillings and 6 pence a linear yard, amounting to 5 pounds.

July, 1896: J. C. Boddington presented with a purse of 25 sovereigns.

August, 1896: Periodical account passed for payment — "NIGHT SOIL 1 pound 4 shillings."

July, 1897: J. C. Boddington made a life member.

September, 1898: Custodian instructed to turn lights out at 1am sharp, after giving members 10 minutes warning.

September, 1898: Item in suggestion book "that members refrain from talking in reading room".

October, 1899: Rev. Dean McKenna in chair at monthly committee meeting.

December, 1899: Suggested that club purchase an ice chest (hot summer?)

June, 1900: Moved that smoking be discontinued during committee meeting. Lost.
Stewards' hours: 98 one week, 88 the next.

1901: A complaint that wives and daughters of members were using the club stalls and yard for horses and traps although not accompanied by a member.

1901: Moved that "Review of Reviews" should be discontinued because of the tone of its articles against the Empire and Army.

1902: The secretary granted a bonus of 5 pounds and his salary raised to 35 pounds per annum.

1902: The Inspector of Police desired to see the club charter. The secretary was not able to find it so wrote to Colonial Secretary for a copy which was sent. It was resolved to frame it and hang it over the bar.

1902: Resolution severely reproofing Mr John Hives for riding his horse into the card room and also lighting blasting fuse.

1903: The secretary reported that he had discussed with Sergeant O'Malley the question of poker playing and other games of cards in hotels. The sergeant had replied that so long as money was not seen to change hands, he could take no action. This because the committee were concerned that gambling in the club, if discovered by police, might endanger the charter.

1904: Moved by Donald Donald that the supper provided thrice weekly should be varied somewhat from continual corned beef and bread.

January, 1905: New Club.

1905: Between 70-80 applicants for position of club custodian!

1906: Cellar flooded.

1907: House committee requested to provide a carpet for the billiards room.

1908: At this time there were only two billiards tables.

1908: Committee's notice drawn to the fact that three members had been staying till after closing time (12pm) and keeping stewards out of bed.

1908: The gong was bought.

1909: No-licence carried in Masterton!
Subs increased from three guineas to 4 guineas.

1909: Proposal that members be permitted to invite non-member friends in on Wednesday, was lost.

1910: 500 pounds paid off mortgage of 2,200 pounds owing to Mrs George Beetham.

1910: Arthur Bunny, vice president and foundation member, resigns.

1910: W. C. Buchanan and J. W. Cruickshank receive condolences on severe car accident! Was this our first?

1910: A member suggests that the walls be "embellished with works of art" and offers 1 pound 10 shillings thereto!

1911: Henry Holmes reported killed accidentally while deerstalking. Foundation member of 34 years' association.

1911: Moved that back lawn be turned into a bowling green.

1912: Moved that in future, receipts from lockers be placed under "sundries".

1912: First mention of providing accommodation for motorcars.

1912: Moved that a ball be held next winter!

1912: Moved that a light refreshment of beer, whisky, bread and cheese be provided at next AGM.

1913: Club ball.

1914: Proposed that country members pay same sub as town members. Motion lost!

1914: Proposed to convert some of horse stalls into motorcar stands.

1914: Tender for 72 pounds to re-paint club building after 10 years since original painting.

1915: Evening meal increased to 1 shilling 6 pence.

1915: Death of George Beetham, senior trustee and foundation member.

1915: Moved that the question of a third billiards table be investigated.

November, 1915: Wm. Sellar's death. Served for upwards of 25 years as secretary.

- 1916: Corporal E. J. Brown writing to thank members for present of automatic pistol!
- 1916: Annual subscription raised from three guineas and four guineas to five guineas for all members and entrance fee raised from three guineas to four guineas.
- 1916: Committee resolved that a caricature of a certain member "cannot be allowed to be hung in any room in the club".
- 1916: A resolution carried by acclamation congratulating Captain Richard Riddiford on winning the MC.
- 1916: E. W. Bunny presents four stag's heads to club.
- 1917: A member is sent a letter by committee for grossly misconducting himself.
- 1917: Son of J. C. Boddington, H.M. ("Bosun"), takes over from father as secretary.
- 1918: Club incorporated. Last trustee, F. G. Moore, made a life member.
- 1918: Gawith and Logan appointed club solicitors.
- 1918: Members were enjoined by their president not to spoil their steward by permitting him to enter into conversation with them unless he was addressed!
- 1918: Influenza epidemic in Masterton. Club turned into hospital.
- 1919: Members returning from war are entertained by club.
- 1919: Death of J. C. Boddington after serving as honorary treasurer for 39 years.
- 1919: 2nd club ball frequently proposed but never quite makes it.
- 1919: Police Sergeant Miller visited the club and found liquor in lockers in lumber room in contravention of law relating to a no-licence district.
- 1920: Summons served on club secretary (H. M. Boddington) and steward (Watford) because of liquor found in lumber room.
- 1920: The largest meeting of members ever held up to this date (75) to consider misconduct of member.
- 1920: Laxity in card room blamed for recent liquor cases.
- 1920: Club solicitors instructed to take necessary steps to appeal against recent judgment in club liquor case. Sir Walter Buchanan undertook to ask Prime Minister to bring down legislation!
- 1920: J. W. Buchanan, B. R. Bunny and V. E. Donald first card room committee.
- 1920: House committee empowered to buy third billiards table from old Commercial Hotel for not more than 130 pounds. Watford (steward) buys Castle Point boarding house and there are 30 applicants for vacant position.

- 1920: Members asked to pay 10 shillings a year to pay for erection of motor sheds.
- 1920: Subscription raised from five guineas to seven guineas.
- 1921: Secretary's salary raised from 50 pounds to 100 pounds.
- 1921: Legal expenses amounting to 139 pounds 18 shillings and 5 pence over liquor cases.
The question of a member having introduced a German as an honorary member was discussed!
1921 slump causes postponement of proposed additions to club. Club to close at 9pm on Sundays!
Recommended that members be allowed to pay for tobacco and cigars with cash.
- 1922: Anzac Day. Unveiling of memorial tablets! President and Colonel Hart conduct ceremony.
Tiling of front door entrance.
- 1922: 500 pounds paid off mortgage, bringing it to 1,200 pounds.
- 1923: Burton becomes head steward and remains for 16-17 years. Members more than 20 miles from town have subs reduced from seven guineas to five guineas.
- 1923: Quote of 103 for installation of electric light accepted.
- 1924: Les Evernden appointed assistant steward. He too remained a long time — until 1960.
Complaints about horseplay in club. Broken glass dishes, floor under water in card room.
Officers of Hood and Repulse entertained.
Resolved that locker room remain open on Sundays with water and glasses available but stewards not to be called upon for duty.
- 1924: Question of enlarging club revived.
A. D. McLeod (member) becomes Minister of Lands.
Introduction of electric light reduces cost of lighting by 20 per cent!
- 1925: American fleet officers entertained.
G. C. Summerell had been an officer of club for 24 years.
Ladies' function held. Cost 25 pounds per 100 guests.
- 1926: Death of W. H. Beetham who leaves 500 pounds to club.
Resolved that no subscription list be circulated in club without consent of committee.
- 1926: Resolved that any presentation made as coming from the club shall be done so officially.
A fine collected from a member for being late on premises was remitted as billiards room clock was slow!
Cockburn-Hood dies leaving only two foundation members, Sep-

timus Mawley and Fred Moore.

AGM takes 20 minutes!

Beetham mortgage repaid.

Lunch up from 1 shilling and 6 pence to 2 shillings.

- 1926: Upheaval in card room. Floor under water. Broken glass. Hats destroyed.
Collection of trophies presented by V. E. Donald.
A special meeting decides not to hold Jubilee Ball (50th) but to enlarge dining room instead. Another special meeting rescinds it!
Mr Hubbard brings up the matter of provision of liquor for guests.
At the moment this practically devolved on one member (McDonald).
- 1927: President speaks to several members in regard to riotous behaviour in dining room.
A. B. Lawrence leaves Masterton after many years an officer of club.
- 1928: President speaks to several members in regard to riotous behaviour in dining room.
- 1929: Septimus Mawley dies.
A member fell into a stormwater hole. The club was considered not liable as he, being a member, was part owner.
Monsignor McKenna a member for 38 years.
Fred Moore, last remaining foundation member, dies.
- 1931: Depression. Staff salaries cut by 10 per cent. Total financial losses claimed to be 1,100 pounds since 1917.
- 1932: Staff offer to take cut in salaries.
- 1935: Entertainment held in afternoon for members' wives and daughters. Afternoon tea followed by cocktails. Very successful.
Ever since 1926 the overdraft had remained about 3,000 pounds. It stayed around this figure at least until 1941.
Sir Herbert Hart knighted.
- 1936: New Zealand emerging from depression.
Proposed that cut in staff wages be restored and subs increased.
- 1936: At the AGM these proposals stirred up some resentment.
One member claimed to know of a club run by an old woman of 60 very cheaply!
- 1937: Ladies, daughters and bachelors function held.
A wireless set purchased. A number of members offer financial assistance but later the argument arose as to which room it should be placed in!
- 1938: H. M. Boddington given leave of absence to take New Zealand tennis team to Australia.

1939: No committee meeting was held between November, 1938 and March, 1939.

First annual profit for 13 years.

Resolved to hold a snooker evening.

Resolved to order: 1 5-gal keg

1 3-gal keg

2 doz bottles of beer.

- 1939: John Hornabrook won New Zealand amateur and open golf titles.
- July, 1941: Annual meeting, only 21 members attend.
- Sept., 1941: First Vice-Regal visit to club. Mayor refuses to attend unless town clerk is invited.
- 1942: Dining room closed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
Haddon Donald awarded M.C.
- 1943: 151 pounds of subs not charged to members serving overseas in armed forces.
- 1946: Vice-Regal visit of Sir Bernard Freyberg.
- February, 1947: Repeal of no-licence laws in Masterton.
- 1948: Reading room carpet laid. Cost 261 pounds.
- 1949: Club manager given three bottles whisky and three gin to help celebrate his daughter's wedding.
- 1951: Fee charged by Horace Lindrum for exhibition of snooker and billiards, less than that charged 60 years ago.
- August, 1952: H. M. Boddington dies.
- November, 1952: Committee subsidy on dining room costs raised to three guineas per week.
- February, 1953: Beer to 6 pence a glass. Spirits to 9 pence a nip.
- August, 1953: 95 members attend ladies' night at 12 shillings and 6 pence a head.
Secretary to write to a member requesting him to desist from making toast on dining room heater!
- October, 1953: Vice-Regal visit.
Entrance fees to be credited to rebuilding fund.
- August, 1955: Debenture dated 1897.
- June, 1956: Springboks invited to become honorary members.
- August, 1956: First mention of compiling a club history.
Costello left to go to Fernhill Club, Dunedin.
Clapham takes his place.
John Healy head steward.

1957: Wapiti heads given by Herman Nitz.

1957: Raynes takes Clapham's place.

Financial responsibility for dining room taken over by club from caterer.

1960: Spittoons in billiards room covered over.

President C. J. P. Knight and J. E. Broad to go to Wellington to purchase "300 pounds of good spirits". (Pleasant journey).

Mr Knight to mix punch for ladies' night. (He is still doing it).

1964: Present gas heater installed in reading room area.

September, 1964: 1879 debenture presented to club.

First edict put out on dress standards.

February, 1965: Sub-committee formed to start preparation of club history.

Resolved that "the costs relative to the entertainment by the president or his nominee, of visitors or club members generally on club premises be borne by the club and that a president's charge account be opened for this purpose." (Why didn't someone tell me? Pres.)

June, 1965: Club caterer used for first time for ladies' night. Very successful.

1967: Resolved that it be an annual function of the club to hold an annual dinner for life members and past presidents.

1969: Vice-Regal visit.

1971: A letter signed by 100 members and staff was sent to Alister Williams in hospital congratulating him on being elected a life member and referring to his many excellent qualities and particularly his great courage.

1975: Vice-Regal visit.



Committees

1877 President: W. H. Beetham.

1878 President: W. H. Beetham.

Trustees: G. Beetham, Edwin Meredith Jnr., T. H. Murray.

1879 President: W. H. Beetham.

Vice-president: C. A. Vallance.

Trustees: G. Beetham JP., MHR., C. A. Vallance, Joseph Bennett.

Committee: F. G. Moore, J. Drummond, A. R. Bunny, W. H. Hosking, Donald Donald, H. T. Browne, A. E. Carr, F. B. Chalmers.

Secretary:

1880 President: W. H. Beetham.

Secretary:

1881 President: W. H. Beetham.

Secretary: W. Sellar.

1882 President: W. H. Beetham.

Secretary: W. Sellar.

1883 President: W. H. Beetham.

Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.

Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.

Trustees: G. Beetham, Joseph Bennett, F. G. Moore.

Secretary: W. Sellar.

Committee: A. E. S. Carr, H. A. Warren, H. Holmes, C. E. Bremner, W. G. Beard, Rhodes Donald, E. Orbell, T. W. Wardell, H. H. Beetham.

1884 President: W. H. Beetham.

Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.

Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.

Trustees: George Beetham, F. G. Moore.

Secretary: W. Sellar.

Committee: W. G. Beard, H. H. Beetham, C. E. Bremner, H. Holmes, J. B. Keith, E. Orbell, T. W. Wardell, H. A. Warren, H. G. Williams.

- 1885 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Trustees: George Beetham, F. G. Moore.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: H. Holmes, H. G. Williams, W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, Th. Thompson, E. Orbell, H. H. Beetham, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell.
- 1886 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, R. S. Hawkins, H. Holmes, E. Orbell, J. B. Keith, Th. Thompson, H. G. Williams, T. W. Wardell.
- 1887 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, P. Von Sturmer, E. Orbell, H. G. Williams, —. Coleman, T. W. Wardell, H. H. Smith, H. H. Beetham.
- 1888 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: F. H. Bakewell, W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, H. H. Smith, H. Holmes, P. Von Sturmer, T. W. Wardell, E. M. D. Whatman, H. G. Williams.
- 1889 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: F. H. Bakewell, W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, H. Holmes, R. M. Meredith, H. H. Smith, Th. Thompson, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.

- 1890 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, S. M. Drew, W. I. Hirschberg, H. J. Haigh, H. H. Smith, J. C. Walker, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.
- 1891 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, Donald Donald, W. I. Hirschberg, H. Holmes, S. Von Reden, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.
- 1892 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: C. E. Bremner, W. G. Beard, Donald Donald, S. Von Reden, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell, E. M. D. Whatman.
- 1894 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, Donald Donald, H. Holmes, Wm. Lowes, J. MacKersey, F. Von Reden, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell.
- 1895 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, Donald Donald, W. I. Hirschberg, H. Holmes, J. B. Keith, Wm. Lowes, J. MacKersey, T. W. Wardell.
- 1896 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: W. G. Beard, C. E. Bremner, J. A. Hives, H. Holmes, J. B. Keith, J. MacKersey, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.

- 1897 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: C. E. Bremner, J. A. Hives, Henry Holmes, J. B. Keith, J. MacKersey, F. Moore, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.
- 1898 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Honorary Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: C. E. Bremner, J. P. Brandon, J. A. Hives, Henry Holmes, J. B. Keith, James MacKersey, H. H. Smith, T. W. Wardell, H. G. Williams.
- 1899 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
Committee: J. P. Brandon, C. E. Bremner, J. C. Campbell, H. Holmes, J. A. Hives, Norman Beetham, J. MacKersey, F. G. Williams, T. W. Wardell.
- 1900 President: W. H. Beetham.
Vice-president: A. R. Bunny.
Treasurer: J. C. Boddington.
Secretary: W. Sellar.
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- 1953 President: R. M. Perry.
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Committee: G. W. Blathwayt, N. B. Bunny, H. A. James, T. McGrath, H. Sharples, G. Smith.

The club accounts

Although annual meetings have been held every year since the clubs foundation and financial statements were given to members, no statement of the clubs finances survives prior to the year 1903.

The only method of arriving at annual profit and loss account left to us today is by the painful, boring and inaccurate process of adding up the monthly statements given by the Treasurer to the Committee.

Using this method a table can be drawn up for the 19th Century which looks like this. It is distorted by different factors such as the monthly investment in building society shares coming under 'expenses', whereas the several fairly large sums of money received from maturing Building Society shares are not shown. Repayments of debentures do not appear.

Year:	Subs:	Bar Cards Billiards:	Expenditure:	Balance:
£	£	£	£	£
1883	195	200	411	CR 55
1885	280	240	437	CR 150
1887	232	409	590	CR 114
1889	240	495	867	DR 119
1890	230	408	586	DR 83
1897	255	523	1059	DR 156
1899	298	641	1143	CR 150

The first complete financial statements which have come down to us are those for the year ended June 30, 1903 and June 30th, 1904, when the new club was well on towards completion.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 30th June, 1903.

Receipts.				Disbursements.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Members' Subscriptions	294	10	6	By Wages, Custodian	100	0	0
Hon. Members "	7	7	0	Salary, Secretary	85	0	0
Monthly "	9	0	0	Bonus, Secretary	5	0	0
Entrance Fees	8	8	0	Interest Debentures	80	12	0
			819	Interest Mortgage, &c.	26	8	6
Bar Receipts	884	15	10	Firing	9	16	0
Billiards "	155	2	6	Lighting	49	15	6
Cards "	24	12	6	Newspapers & Periodicals	88	6	4
Fines "	9	15	9	Insurance Premiums	17	11	8
			1024	Borough Rates	8	19	8
Sale of Newspapers, &c.	8	7	1	Cartages, Railage, &c.	3	14	11
Refund Interest	6	1	11	Stationery	12	5	4
			9	Printing	10	16	6
Petty Cash, Custodian	10	0	0	Club Charter	5	0	0
Petty Cash, Secretary	2	0	0	Cards	4	4	0
			12	Refreshments	22	19	9
				Telephone & P.O. Box	6	17	0
				Directories	1	11	6
				Postages, Exchanges, &c.	8	9	7
					395	7	5
				Bar Expenditure	469	8	2
				Building Society shares	80	0	0
				Furniture & Furnishings	88	18	5
				Repairs	25	9	10
				Advertising	8	0	0
				Bal. Building contract	18	4	0
				Subscriptions	4	4	0
					668	19	5
				Land Purchase	50	0	0
				Debentures repaid	20	0	0
					520	0	0
				Petty Cash, Custodian	10	0	0
				Petty Cash, Secretary	2	0	0
					12	0	0
Bank Balance, 1908 ...	249	8	0	Bank Balance, 1902 ...	22	17	8
	£1614	4	1		£1614	4	1

Liabilities.				Assets.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Mortgage, R. & F. Mansell	700	0	0	Bar Accounts	25	4	5
Interest accrued, 2 months	5	16	8	Billiards	2	14	6
			705	Fines	8	16	1
Custodian, 1 month's wages held			8				81
Sundry Accounts, Bar	54	5	6	Bar Stock	89	5	10
" General	80	15	0	Cards in Stock	0	10	0
			85	Stationery	4	2	6
Debenture Interest unpaid			87	Coal and Firewood	2	5	0
Debentures			505				96
Bank Overdraft			249	Furniture last year	837	6	0
				" added during year	46	4	11
					888	10	11
				Depreciation 10%	88	6	11
					845	4	0
				Billiard table and fittings, 1902	121	10	0
				Added to during year	87	8	6
					158	18	6
				Depreciation	15	18	6
					148	0	0
				Property Account	1805	0	0
				Expenditure	18	4	0
				Written up, revalued	676	16	0
					2000	0	0
				New Site Purchased		500	0
				Building Society Shares	886	7	6
				Sundry Accounts	2	10	0
					888	17	6
Balance ...	1950	13	0	Debenture Interest Bank of N.Z.	86	5	0
	£8541	4	10		£8541	4	10

An interesting report on the Clubs finances were made in 1916.

Finances Sub-Committees' report to be dealt with at the monthly meeting of the Committee to be held on Saturday, February 26, 1916.

We have examined the property account of the Club from June 1905 to June 1915 and have to report as follows.

The original cost of the land was six hundred and sixty pounds and the cost of the buildings and improvements three thousand five hundred and ninety nine pounds thirteen shillings and seven pence, to this was added legal expenses twenty four pounds four shillings and at 30 June 1906 the property was appreciated by two hundred and sixteen pounds two shillings and 5 pence making a balance at that date of four thousand five hundred pounds.

During the following years up to 30 June 1914 presumably additions amounting to two hundred and eighty seven pounds eleven shillings and eight pence have been made and these amounts together with a sum of four hundred and fifty pounds have been written off for depreciation leaving a balance of four thousand and fifty pounds as at that date.

For the year ended 30 June 1915 a sum of eighty four pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence is shown as expenditure and written off as depreciation, but we understand this amount is almost entirely for painting and should we consider have been classed as maintenance and not shown as provided for by appreciation.

Deducting appreciation of two hundred and sixteen pounds two shillings and five pence referred to above in addition to the eighty four pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, the writing off for a period of 10 years is five hundred and twenty one pounds nine shillings and three pence. Taking into consideration the increased value of the land and the increased cost of building we consider the present book value of the property is a reasonable one, so long as the Club is used for its present purpose, but we recommend that an amount of at least two and a half per cent of the present book value of the buildings be set aside annually out of Revenue to provide for depreciation to be written off each year.

Buildings etc if destroyed by fire would cost about five thousand seven hundred pounds (Buildings four thousand five hundred pounds, Furniture nine hundred pounds, Billiards three hundred pounds) to re-instate and there would be three thousand four hundred and fifty six pounds for that purpose made up as follows,

	Insurance money	4700	
Building Socy Shares		456	
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		5156	
Less Mortgage		1700	3456
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This would leave two thousand two hundred and forty four to be found on a security of,

Land with improvements cost	760
New Buildings estimated cost	4500
Furniture estimated cost	<u>1200 6460</u>

FURNITURE: The value of the furniture in June 1903 was three hundred and forty five pounds and four shillings, since which date expenditure has been nine hundred and sixty two pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence, and three hundred and thirty pounds nineteen shillings and five pence has been written off for depreciation, and two hundred and seventy seven pounds three shillings and two pence written off as expenditure, leaving a balance at June 30, 1915 of six hundred pounds.

This would appear to be an overvalue, and we would recommend that a depreciation of seven per cent be provided each year, and further that all repairs and maintenance be provided out of revenue.

BILLIARD TABLES: These are shown in the books at one hundred and eighty pounds and considering the amount at which they appear in the balance sheet, we do not think there is any necessity at present, for further depreciation on these, so long as the upkeep is provided out of revenue.

MORTGAGE ON CLUB PROPERTY: We draw attention to the fact that the Mortgage of one thousand seven hundred pounds at five per cent became due in June last, and would recommend for consideration of the Committee, the advisibility of getting a renewal for a further period of 5 or 7 years, at 5 or 5½ per cent.

In the preparation of the Annual report and Balance Sheet, we would make the following suggestions.

The comparison as to the financial position of the Club, should be made of the balances arising between the Assets and Liabilities.

The comparison of Bank balances is of very little value.

Special attention should be drawn to the following,

- Any unusual expenditure,
- Any decided decline in revenue,

And the number of members should be stated and compared with previous years.

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G. C. Summerell

1966—Smith, D. A.
 1966—Spooner, R. E.
 1966—Sprad, W.
 1966—Strang, J. McK.
 1966—Tatham, R. H.
 1966—Tulloch, G. H.
 1966—Wall, T. F.
 1966—Wyatt, H. I.
 1967—Boys, J. H.
 1967—Harper, J. S.
 1967—Jones, B. G. R.
 1967—Laing, G. G.
 1967—Levin, R. R.
 1967—Moore, Dr. G. J.*
 1967—Ritchie, G. F.
 1967—Ross, A. I.
 1967—Ross, K. M.
 1967—Simson, D.*
 1967—Tosswill, A. N.
 1967—Ussher, S. H.
 1968—Andrew, H. C.
 1968—Baron, G. O.
 1968—Bellamy, G. F.
 1968—Bunny, J. H.
 1968—Faulkner, G. W.
 1968—Irwin, R. W.
 1968—Jury, Brian
 1968—Lawrence, R. S.
 1968—Long, F. R.
 1968—McLachlan, G. G.
 1968—Neil, M. J. S.
 1968—Nutting, G. R. B.
 1968—Wright, T.
 1968—Wyeth, N. T.
 1968—Zoelly, N.
 1969—Baxter, K. R.
 1969—Crarer, B. K.
 1969—Cunningham, N. R.
 1969—Fitzgerald, D. M.
 1969—Friend, A. E.
 1969—Holmes, D. G.
 1969—Houghton, J. H. P.
 1969—MacDonald, C. R.
 1969—Richards, W. J.
 1969—Russell, K. A.
 1969—Sperry, P. G. M.
 1969—Wright, A. N.
 1969—Young, T. G.
 1970—Austin-Smith, J. A. H., D.F.C.
 1970—Banks, Dr. C. D.
 1970—Barbour, R. S.
 1970—Bowie, D. J. T.
 1970—Cheer, K. O. M.
 1970—Dobbs, F. J. T.
 1970—Donald, V. V.
 1970—Ellis, I. G.
 1970—Griffin, D. J.
 1970—Hall, J. H.
 1970—Holmes, E. M.
 1970—Hurrell, B. L.
 1970—Kyle, R. A.
 1970—Laing, P. G.
 1970—Maunsell, J. H. T.*
 1970—Moorhead, J. G.
 1970—Riddell, B. G.
 1970—Tennent, G. A.
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 1970—Townsend, J. W.
 1970—Whitehead, B. S.
 1970—Williams, R. P.
 1971—Callaghan, R. E.
 1971—Greville, D. W.
 1971—Griffith, J. R.
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1971—Howden, P. J. H.*
 1971—Huntley, R. D.
 1971—Irvine, J. R.
 1971—Lowes, D. B.
 1971—McKenzie, J. B. J.
 1971—McLeod, J. F.
 1971—McLeod, S. C.
 1971—Morris, B. R.
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 1971—King, D. W.
 1971—Northcott, G. J.
 1971—Paterson, J. D.
 1971—Phillips, W. R.
 1971—Pound, D. P.
 1971—Swain, P. D.
 1971—Wallace, N. I.
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 1972—Croker, C. H.
 1972—Esau, D. G.
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 1972—Nathan, A. G.
 1972—Petrie, N. C.
 1972—Porter, A. H.
 1972—Roots, C. C.
 1972—Surgenor, F. C.
 1972—Smith, D. L. E. M.
 1972—Trilford, B. N.
 1972—White, J. H.
 1972—Williams, R. F.
 1972—Wallerman, I. P.
 1973—Beetham, J. B.
 1973—Beetham, R. E.
 1973—Binning, D. A.
 1973—Blundell, J. H.
 1973—Briggs, M. B.
 1973—Broomhead, J. H.
 1973—Bunny, T. C.
 1973—Burland, J. W.
 1973—Burt, D. G.
 1973—Cameron, E. A.
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 1973—Dalziel, J. W.
 1973—Dobson, D. G.
 1973—Eglinton, R. B.
 1973—Esau, J. H.
 1973—Fauvel, R. R.
 1973—Foote, Dr. R. G.
 1973—Fuller, R. E.
 1973—Gawith, A. W.
 1973—Gibbs, R. C.
 1973—Hill, R. J.
 1973—Holmwood, H. C.
 1973—James, D. A.
 1973—James, J. W.
 1973—Kelynack, S.
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 1973—Sinclair, A. D.
 1973—Skeet, B. C.
 1973—Skeet, C. A.
 1973—Skeet, C. L.
 1973—Southey, P. A.
 1973—Stout, A. D.
 1973—Sutherland, O. R.

1954—van Praagh, W.
 1954—Wevers, M. H.
 1955—Austin, J. B., M.B.E.
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 1955—Miller, J. H., O.B.E.
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 1956—Hargreaves, A. D.
 1956—Herriot, C. M. G.
 1956—Levien, R. P.
 1956—Sharples, H.
 1956—Tatton, S. L.
 1956—White, D. E.
 1957—Allen, F. E.
 1957—Bamford, D. K.
 1957—Belcher, J. S.
 1957—Blathwayt, G. W.
 1957—Cameron, D. S.
 1957—Cameron, Gavin, C.
 1957—Falloon, D. J.
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 1957—Hargreaves, P. G.
 1957—Kebbell, W. R. J.
 1957—King, M.
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1975—King, A. D.
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1976—Follick, J.
1976—Gardner, A. R. McK.
1976—Hensman, F. G.
1976—King-Turner, P. J.
1976—Loader, H. R.
1976—Price, C. G.
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1976—West, A. V.
1976—Wilson, M. J.
1976—Blundell, M. F.
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1976—Cuff, N. W.
1976—Daigleish, S. N.
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1976—Harrowfield, I. D.
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1976—Moore, P. J.
1976—McWilliam, J. A.
1976—Perry, J. G. P.
1976—Smith, C. O.
1976—Violeta, H. J.
1976—Wyeth, R. T.