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WAGES ON FARMS.

(BY J. ENGLISH, FARMER, TRARALGON, VIC.)
The following memorandum written by Mr. J. English, a mixed farmer with 2000 acres in the Gippsland district, is a most interesting contribution to the discussion of the wages question in the rural districts. It is worthy of the most careful consideration of all those interested in land problems. The date of the memorandum is August 28, 1912.
Mr. English's standing as a farmer is that he has 4000 acres bought and leased, 800 acres of which he has cleared and ploughed, and is now growing a variety of crops. The balance he uses for grazing cattle and sheep.
He is a fortunate man in that he has other farmers in the Gippsland district who are as well off as he is. He has a goodly amount of timbered country he has grubbed and ploughed, and is growing a variety of crops. He has a goodly amount of timbered country he has grubbed and ploughed, and is growing a variety of crops. He has a goodly amount of timbered country he has grubbed and ploughed, and is growing a variety of crops.

As I attended the recent meeting at Traralgon, without having had time to prepare to speak, I may not have made it clear why I hold the opinion I do. There are several points in connection with the wages question which I wish to bring before you. I can't say that I have any special points to bring before you. I can't say that I have any special points to bring before you. I can't say that I have any special points to bring before you.

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In the harvest it is often necessary to work over time, and to allow for that I have taken the basis of the per hour. My estimate is made up on the basis of working a four horse team at a rate of 10/- per acre. A three horse team at 10/- per acre will do about 2 acres per hour, cost per acre 15/- per acre. A four horse team at 10/- per acre will do about 2 acres per hour, cost per acre 15/- per acre.

Thus we have a crop which it is worth 12/- per acre, and it costs 12/- per acre to grow it. It is worth 12/- per acre, and it costs 12/- per acre to grow it. It is worth 12/- per acre, and it costs 12/- per acre to grow it.

It has been represented that the ploughman was asking for 2/7/- per week, but that has been corrected from a 70 hour week for the worker, and also the fact that there is no overtime daylight to work 70 hours per week. This is a fair sample of the opposition to fair conditions, such statements could only be made by one who knows nothing about the subject, and they could not be believed by farmers who have worked out how the wages question affects them.

It is high time the working farmers of this community realised that they are the very much improved standard of the "white world" our produce would bring if we were not for the primary producer in this country that probably anything else. Here it is not the very much improved standard of the "white world" our produce would bring if we were not for the primary producer in this country that probably anything else.

THE LOGIC OF THE OPPOSITION.

It is probably too much to expect logic from a man who is a politician. As a politician, he would not be half enough logician. The simple fact is that we don't get logic from the Government. The simple fact is that we don't get logic from the Government. The simple fact is that we don't get logic from the Government.

At the present time a section of the Opposition seem to think because 15/- to 20/- a week was the ruling price for wheat, that they are entitled to demand more for their own produce.

What applies to the cost of the production of wheat, equally and proportionately to the cost of producing grain, with this advantage in favor of grain that over the greatest part of the world, the farmer has replaced the binder, and when the harvester is finished the grain is ready for market. Apart from the fact that he has replaced the binder, and when the harvester is finished the grain is ready for market.

At the Trades Hall on Tuesday night, September 24th, Mr. Edward McHugh will deliver an address on the increased cost of living and high rents. Laborites should make a point of attending this meeting, because the questions are undoubtedly one of the most important of the present day.

The Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner (Mr. D. C. McLachlan) has notified an examination for appointment as junior assistant engineer, Electrical Engineers' branch, Postmaster-General's Department. New South Wales. Full particulars may be obtained from the Commonwealth Public Service Inspector, the Banking House, 225 Pitt Street, Sydney.

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Messrs. W. Callaway, W. Jones, T. Curran, and C. Campbell also re-echoed all the sentiments of the chairman and Mr. Bradfield.

Before responding to the presentation, Mr. Fraser's health was drunk, and three cheers given for him.

After a number of musical items (among which were "Trafalgar Bay" and "Bid Me Good-bye at the Door")...

The committee deserve great credit for the manner in which the affair was carried out, and the artists for the way in which they fulfilled their task...

Mr. H. Henstock, who for many years was a prominent figure in industrial and trade union circles...

Mr. George Webster occupied the chair, and in an eloquent little address briefly referred to the good feeling which had always existed between Mr. Henstock and all those with whom he came in contact...

The guest of the evening was quite overcome with the warmth of his reception, and stated that words would not permit him to express his appreciation of their goodwill.

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Queensland. Townsville Branch. The monthly meeting of the above branch was held in the Ambulance Building on Monday, 26th August, at 8 p.m. The chairman, Mr. W. Cotter, occupied the chair, and there was a full attendance of members...

FISH PLATE DOINGS.

(Chronicled by Dog-spike.) The second meeting of the honored Fish Plate Club took place at the Fish Plate Club table (adjacent to Storey's) punctually at 11 a.m. on Sunday last. Tiny Walton, who has been suffering from a severe attack of indigestion consequent upon eating the night previous, four, in-laid of three pounds of fish and sausages, so in his absence Bondi was voted to the chair.

At the outset Bro. Bewlie enquired last, in order to get a better idea of this situation that "This Club should be of service in a practical manner by subscribing a S. track of phosphorus to our worthy president."

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Railway and Tramway Appeals.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1912. THE BOARD. MR. JAMES FRASER (Engineer-in-Chief, Tramways and Railways), Chairman. MR. J. S. SPURWAY (Secretary for Railways), Commissioner's Representative. MR. CUTHBERT BROWN (President Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Employees' Representative).

Inspector Godban stated that it was the duty of the driver, when approaching a pair of points, to satisfy himself that they were in position, and if necessary to stop. He explained the position of the car when he saw it. The front wheels of the car, when it took one road, and the trailing wheels of the front bogie took the other.

The appellant, in his statement, said that he was approaching the points when he reduced speed, as he felt that he could see the points were all right. Mr. Brown asked him if he could see the points were in proper position, without any sign of the car.

The facts of the case were that while shunting a string of 10 trucks out of No. 2 siding to No. 3, appellant gave the signal to the driver to come ahead, although the truck leading from No. 1 to No. 2 marshalling road upon which his shunt was standing at the time, were in wrong position, being then facing points. The result was that as soon as he came ahead the trucks began to derail.

Richard Wilkinson, fitter, Darling Island, was charged with absenting himself from duty without leave from July 28, 1912. The Department looked upon this as a very serious matter when it could not get a message through to the hospital, which might mean the saying of life.

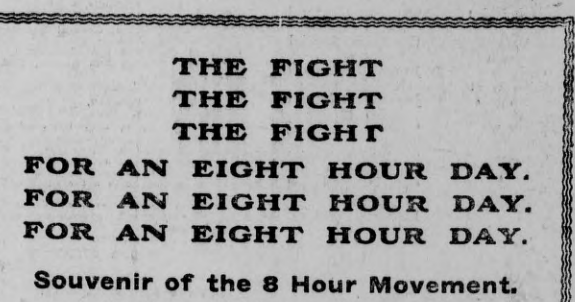
Charles Wright, night officer, Millthorpe, was charged as follows:—(1) Late on duty, 1/8/1912. (2) Neglect of duty in leaving railway premises, 1/8/1912. (3) Singing improper language to stationmaster, Millthorpe, 1/8/1912.

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