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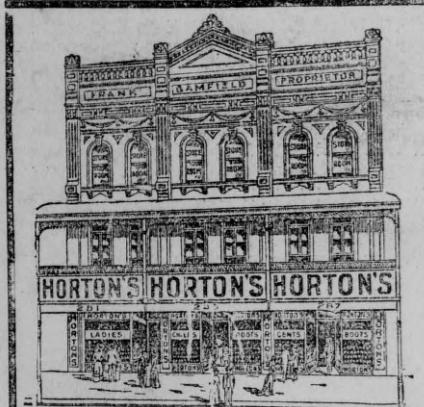
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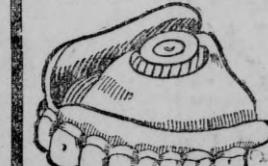
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A very interesting article dealing
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berra, appeared in the March num-
ber of the "Lone Hand" magazine,
from the pen of Captain W. J. Nies-
igh, military expert on the staff of
"The Sun" newspaper, and, during
the years of that officer's activities
in reorganising the Commonwealth
Forces, private secretary to Lieu-
tenant-General Sir Edward Hutton.

Sir Edward Hutton was in the
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Wales forces. A man of large ideas
on matters of defence, the State of
New South Wales proved to be too
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activities, so he sought further opportu-
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NOTES AND SELECTIONS BY "MUSKET."

The Newcastle Cup will be decided next Saturday.

Royal Merv, who is well known to Sydney sportsmen, won the Brisbane Thousand on Saturday.

Wassail defeated several first-class performers in the S.A.C. Handicap on Saturday. Mountain Princess filled second place, while third money went to Banffshire. Moe, ridden by Killorn, was unplaced.

The ex-Sydney horse, Ptah, is evidently better at present than at any time during his racing career. On Saturday he won the Fisher Stakes at Adelaide in a canter, defeating Penza and fifteen others.

Renovated finished very fast in the Flying Handicap at Ascot on Saturday.

A good sort of a horse in Bushman at Ascot on Saturday. He should pay his way at the gate.

A well-known Sydney sporting scribe had £200 to £2 about Gold Pan in the second division of the Flying at Ascot on Saturday. The ex-registered prodig scolded, and needless to say the lucky backer collected.

The crack jockey J. E. Pike had his first pony mount at Ascot on Saturday when he steered Rose Game into second place in the 14.0 Handicap.

First Toy is beginning to get into tip-top form. The little Toy colt ran a rattling good race at Ascot on Saturday.

Angoorie, who filled third place in the Great Eastern Steeplechase at Oakbank meeting, fell in the Steeplechase at Morphettville on Saturday, and was killed.

The action of the Newcastle Jockey Club in putting up the price of admission to the leger, was responsible for a meeting being called on Saturday. The action was taken by a big crowd rolled up, and it was decided by those present not to patronise the Cup meeting.

CANTERBURY.

WINNERS, S.P. AND RIDERS.
Fugus, 4 to 1 (J. Hanslow).
Salisbury, 5 to 2 (J. Williams).
The Shrike, 4 to 1 (Connelly).
Best Scot, 4 to 1 (Gloomy).
All Good, 4 to 1 (Pim).
Lord Hybla, 4 to 1 (Walker).

There was a splendid crowd at Canterbury on Tuesday, and the weather remained fine throughout the afternoon. The opening event, the 14.0 Race, went off smoothly, with nicely from Epsomlock, with Light Brigade third. Wadden appeared to finish third, but was not placed.

I made mention in last week's "Co-Operator" to the effect that Fuss would just about be backed by the "rye-buck" crowd. The expression above according to recent reports, ran badly at Warwick Farm, and in my comments on the race I hinted that all was not fair dinkum.

Mumbra shaped well, while Wadden looked to have a chance when three furlongs from home. Special Messenger, who was heavily backed, ran nicely from Epsomlock, with Light Brigade third. Wadden appeared to finish third, but was not placed.

The afternoon turned out fine for Ascot's promoted feature, and on Canterbury not racing there was an enormous attendance at the pony meeting. The First Division of the Maiden was won by an outsider, who just got up in time to beat the favorite, Playfair.

Candid and Playfair led into the straight, but at the half distance the latter was in charge. Cozin finished fast and landed the prize. Candid filled third place, while the fast-finishing Yengarie came next. Walter Dream headed the others.

The Flying Handicap was won by Evelyn P. and Aerogram were favorites in the Second Division, but neither showed up. The winner turned up in Sweet Success, who practically led all the way and won easily from Hasty Peg, who finished well. Aerogram was a moderate third and Field Bird fourth. I fancy the latter could have gone much closer to winning.

The Trial Stakes was easily won by Owby G. who got home from Silver King, with Galtimere third. Silverdale put in a fast run when half a mile from home, but tired over the final bit.

Royal Oak did the books a good turn when he led all the way in the Flying Handicap, and won nicely from Moonstone, with Red Cloud third and Blackwood fourth.

At the top turn Doreen II, fell, and her pilot, W. Wright, had his leg broken.

Whistler put up a good performance in the Tramway Handicap, after leading interfered with the fast and bold Ribonduke, and eventually won easily from Elmera, with Horseshoe third.

The nursery Handicap went to Best Scot, who got home from the favorite, Tranquillian, with Mesal third. Collarai was fourth, Lord Rouray fifth, with the others strung out. Iran, who was badly served at the start, was never dangerous.

All Good won the Canterbury Handicap by a long length from Scattered Trent, with Necktie third.

Gashouse led for three furlongs, but finished last. Scarletie Trent was a couple to lengths in front at the half-mile, but All Good was first to head for home.

Blind Murphy cracked up after going about nine furlongs.

Kambrook was favorite in the Weller Handicap, but he had to put up with third place to Lord Hybla and Voldon. The finish was close, Lord Hybla winning by half a length from Voldon, with Kambrook a neck further off. Lord Mervyn was fourth and Lonsdale and Pensant next. The latter ran well for six furlongs.

ROSEBERY.

Winners, S. P. Riders, and Post Positions.

Chrissie S., 7 to 2 (Connelly).
Aldwych, 9 to 2 (Black).
Lord Holman, 7 to 2 (Wagner).
Trustworthy, 5 to 1 (Meekings).
Lady Mascot, 7 to 2 (McDonald).
Willaroon, 12 to 1 (Black).
Horace, 5 to 2 (Dove).
Edna, 5 to 1 (Lillyman).

Good attendance. Dull day. First run-off for the Maiden Handicap resulted in an easy win for

Moorefield.

HURDLES.

Wadden 1

Fuss 2

Special Messenger 3

FLYING.

Happy Lady 1

Sylvander 2

Hair Net 3

KOGARAH STAKES.

Miss Langton 1

Snood 2

Willincra 3

JUVENILE HANDICAP.

Lepta 1

Dakai 2

Iran 3

MOOREFIELD HANDICAP.

Flaxen or All Good 1

Scarlette Trent 2

WELTER.

O'Rourke's elect. 1

Snood 2

Miss Langton 3

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BOXING.

STADIUM FIXTURES.

Tuesday—Matinee
Saturday, May 24.—Harry Mansfield v. Les O'Donnell.
Wednesday, May 28.—Joe Atcheson v. Sid Deering.
Saturday, May 31.—Alf Spenceley v. Jack Read.

The results of Saturday's League football (first grade) matches were as follows:—South Sydney 16, Balmain 10; North Sydney and Newtown 1 draw (10 points each); Eastern Suburbs 7, Western Suburbs 5; Glebe 23, Annandale 0.

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1913.

AN HONEST FUSIONITE.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

LABOR'S COURAGE AND CONSTRUCTIVENESS.

Speaking in Adelaide during the present campaign, Senator Sir Josiah Symon is reported as follows:

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

We have had my friend Mr. Fisher, like a confectioner, putting together effectively displaying, building up and ornamenting what the workers—a very nice cake, when my friend Mr. Cook comes along like the anti-confectioner whose business it is to take the gift off the gingerbread (Laughter). I have read the speeches of the Prime Minister and of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Cook). Let us be fair even to opponents. I notice with great satisfaction that Fisher's speech is a good one. We will do our best to authorise the printing of his speech in full, and when we cannot do so will place matter in an

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1. The principles adopted by the Court of Industrial Arbitration in recommending the constitution by the Minister of Boards for industries or callings under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, and recommending the appointment of Chairman for such Boards.

2. The causes of and the circumstances surrounding the cancellation by the Court of Industrial Arbitration of the registration as an Industrial Union of the Railway and Tramway Services Association, and the effect of such cancellation on the administration of the Act.

3. The operation and effect of industrial awards in and upon the industries comprised in the State-conducted enterprise controlled by the Chief Commissioner for Railways, and the conditions of labor in and about Railway Goods Sheds.

4. A plan for an amendment of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912, to regulate the taking of evidence by boards having a general representation of employers' and employees' interests in connection with any industry, except in special cases and after permission obtained from the Court.

The Government therefore expects those railway workers who are now holding up the trade of the State and causing great loss and inconvenience to the public generally to return to work forthwith and resume their duties.

In the event of this direction being accepted and the men returning to work to-morrow morning, the Government will:

1. Give effect to such recommendations as the Commissioner's report may make upon all the issues raised.

2. Direct the Royal Commissioner to deal with the matters of inquiry mentioned in Clause 3, of his commission, insofar as such may relate to the conditions of labor in and about Railway Goods Sheds, and to report thereon prior to dealing with the matters raised in Clauses 1, 2 and 4.

3. Undertake to instruct one counsel to appear on behalf of all unions who wish to be heard before the Commission, such counsel, however, not to exclude any privately instructed advocates who may secure the permission of the Commissioner to appear before him.

The Government further has arranged with the Chief Commissioner for Railways that any of his employees who are entitled to receive pay by the Royal Commissioners to give evidence will be provided by him the Chief Commissioner, with passes to and from their country location; that there shall be no victimisation of casual, temporary or permanent employees, including employees who have, pending the present dispute, been put out of work to return to work to-morrow morning, in event of there being any convictions of such employees for strike by the Court of Industrial Arbitration, such convictions will not be regarded by him as justifying dismissals.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. CATTES,
Hon. General Secretary.

"The terms of settlement were not accepted 'forthwith,' but the Minister for Railways (Mr. Cann) through the Industrial Registrar's agreed to extend the time for acceptance of the award, up to two o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, April 23rd. The terms were eventually accepted and the acceptance was conveyed through the Industrial Registrar's office at 2 p.m. on the 23rd. The men then returned to work."

MAKING A STARE.

There were many difficulties in having all the men who were on strike started at work without previous notice. Until that time, the men were confoundedly living in an imperfect world, and proceeding by imperfect methods. We have to take opportunities as they come, and not necessarily to follow the strict logical order of their acceptance.

Now, as to the future, one or two words. First, as to the tariff. You know, I am a freetrader (Applause). Neverthe less, I recognise that this country has adopted as its settled policy the principle of protection, and I recognise, too, that that tariff will have to be investigated and revised sooner or later. But I am not in favor of this proposed board, to be buffer between the manufacturers, or the people, and the Parliament. Until that has been done, let us fight it again boldly on the floor of the Parliament, and not through the instrumentality or with the preliminary aid of any delegated board. (Applause).

Reprinted from the "Register," Adelaide, S.A. of April 26, 1913, bearing a report of the speech of Senator Sir Josiah Symon on April 25. The "Register" is a Fusion newspaper.

J. H. Catts, 43 Metropolitan-nd, Emuoro.

VICTIMISATION.

THE GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER REPUDIATES.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

The recent strike of Railwaymen advice of the General Secretary, was eventually accepted. During the speeches by the Labor Council Executive, two distinct statements were made, namely:

1. That although the General Secretary had not been able to obtain an agreement by the Government that there would be no strike precautions, as a matter of fact, the Government had agreed to the dismissal of three signalmen, J. L. McDonald, C. S. A. Stewart and R. Arundell, who were stationed at Hornsby, I am directed to inform you that these men when called upon by the District Inspector to perform duties in connection with shunting and signalling operations at Hornsby on the 9th instant, refused to carry out these directions.

2. As regards Cases (who was at the time when he went on strike at first-class shunter, although acting as foreman) he was allowed to remain in his old grade, viz., that of first-class shunter, and the Chief Commissioner does not consider that he has any cause for complaint.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SPURWAY, Secretary.

HORNSBY SIGNALMEN'S CASES.

The charges for which the Hornsby signalmen were dismissed are as follows:

ARUNDELL—North Hornsby, April 9, 1913, between 1.40 p.m. and 2.5 p.m.

Acting signalman Arundell was discharged by Inspector Reeves to open North Hornsby signal box no later than 1.40 p.m., but he failed to do so, and after his dismissal he refused to open the signal box he refused to carry out the directions of Inspector Reeves in regard to shunting operations.

Decision: That Acting Signalman Richard Arundell be dismissed the service.

STEWART—Hornsby, April 9, 1913, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Acting Signalman C. S. A. Stewart while charge of the signal box at Hornsby refused to carry out the directions given to him by Inspector Reeves in regard to shunting operations.

Decision: That Acting Signalman Richard Arundell be dismissed the service.

SHUNTER CASEY'S CASE.

Mr. T. Casey was acting foreman shunter when the strike took place, securing the higher pay attachable to the position. Upon return to work he was deprived of that. The following is the correspondence which passed in regard to this case:

14th April, 1913.
Mr. T. R. Johnson,
Chief Railway Commissioner,
Bridge-street, Sydney.

Sir.—Previous to the strike Mr. T. C. Round, first-class shunter at Darling Harbor, was acting foreman at Darling Island. While the men were out Mr. C. Round filled the position in question. Since the trouble ended Mr. Round has continued in the position of acting foreman, Mr. Casey being given the position of head shunter. This is not in accordance with the arrangement made with the men by the Industrial Registrar on behalf of the Government and agreed to by the Chief Commissioner. Our demands on which the men returned to work was that there should be no victimisation on account of the strike, Mr. Round being given the position of acting foreman.

Decision: That Signalman J. L. McDonald be dismissed the service.

SHUNTER BANISTER'S CASE.

The following is the charge and decision in this case:

BANISTER—Sydney, April 8, between 1.25 a.m. and 2.5 a.m.

Shunter Banister detached himself from his post and went to Hornsby signal box to the position of acting foreman. He was then dismissed by Inspector Reeves in regard to shunting operations.

Decision: That Signalman J. L. McDonald be dismissed the service.

STEWART—Sydney, April 9, 1913, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Acting Signalman C. S. A. Stewart while charge of the signal box at Hornsby refused to carry out the directions of Inspector Reeves in regard to shunting operations.

Decision: That Acting Signalman C. S. A. Stewart be dismissed the service.

MCDONALD—Hornsby, April 9, 1913, at 2.5 p.m., Signalman J. L. McDonald, in charge of the signal box at Hornsby refused to open the signal box attached to engine No. 9 South mixed train (1.59 a.m. ex Sydney), and which should have gone forward to their destination by the train name, with the result that the trucks were delayed one day.

Decision: That 1st-class shunter Banister be dismissed the service.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Acting on the advice of the General Secretary, the dismissed employees filed formal notices of appeal to the Railway Service Appeal Board.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MINISTER.

Sydney, 12th April, 1913.

Sir.—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, in which Mr. Casey is appealed to the position of acting foreman.

In reply, I have to state that the matter has had the consideration of the Chief Commissioner, and I state that he does not see his way to giving any directions in Mr. Casey's favor.

Yours etc.,

J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Sydney, 15th April, 1913.

Sir.—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, in which Mr. Casey is appealed to the position of acting foreman.

In reply, I have to state that the matter has had the consideration of the Chief Commissioner, and I state that he does not see his way to giving any directions in Mr. Casey's favor.

Yours etc.,

J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Sydney, 18th April, 1913.

Sir.—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, respecting the case of three railway signalmen at Hornsby, after whom the men were dismissed.

It is clearly stated that these men did not fulfil the position of acting foreman at Hornsby and Clyde.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. CATTES,
Hon. General Secretary.

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Acting on the advice of the General Secretary, the dismissed employees filed formal notices of appeal to the Railway Service Appeal Board.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Sydney, 21st April, 1913.

Sir.—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, respecting the case of three railway signalmen at Hornsby, after whom the men were dismissed.

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Hon. General Secretary.

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Sydney, 24th April, 1913.

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APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

FOUR NOMINATIONS.

AN EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION.

In response to newspaper advertisements, a large number of applications were received for the position of general secretary to the Transport Workers' Federation, amongst which was the following from Mr. Claude Thompson:

APPLICATION.

No. 1 Lavender Terrace,
Lavender Bay,
May 7, 1913.

J. H. Catts, Esq., M.P.
Orchard Buildings,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,—I apply for the position of General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation, advertised in the "Sydney Morning Herald."

Since becoming a unionist in Melbourne at 12 years of age, I have had a varied career in West Australia, England, America and in New South Wales, my native State.

As early as 10 years ago I was General Secretary of the Goldfields' P.L.L. in Westralia, and conducted Hon. C. E. Frazer's first Federal campaign. At the same time I was Acting Secretary of the Goldfields' Trades and Labor Council (Kalgoorlie), with its affiliated unions.

Nine years ago, wishing to obtain at first hand a knowledge of affairs in other lands, I toured the chief countries of the world, made a prolonged stay in the United States, and obtained a valuable insight into the condition of labor and methods of working-class organisations.

I was credentialed to the International Congress at Amsterdam (1904) by:

- (a) Melbourne Trades and Labor Council.
- (b) Fremantle Trades and Labor Council.
- (c) Goldfields' Trades and Labor Council.
- (d) Coastal Trades and Labor Council, Perth.

and other organisations. At the Congress I was elected President of the British Dependencies Section. There were those days when the line of cleavage between Socialist and Political Labor parties was not marked with such distinctness, nor the relations between the two urged with the bitterness which characterises the two parties to-day.

While in England I accepted arrangements as a delegate of the Clarion Club, and toured the textile districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire as a "Clarion Van" lecturer. Ansford—a delegate to International Socialist Congress, being credentialed from "The Goldfields' Trades and Labor Council (Kalgoorlie), The Coastal Trades and Labor Council (Perth), the Fremantle Trades Hall Association (Fremantle), the Melbourne Trades and Labor Council, and other organisations.

1904—President British—Colonial Dependencies, Section International Socialist Congress.

London—Australia's representative Trafalgar Square Labor demonstration.

1904—Hon. Member International Transport Workers' Federation.

Europe—Toured Italy, France, Belgium and Holland, studying the conditions of labor.

Chicago—Member American Labor Union (the greatest compensative Labor Union in the world), and contributed special articles to the press, "The Australian Labor Movement."

Colorado—Toured the mining districts of Cripple Creek, Leadville, etc., during the great strike.

1905—Hon. Member Western Federation of Miners (the strongest Miners' Union in the world).

America—Toured the States of New York, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, Colorado, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, California, Utah, and Hawaii, studying the conditions of the wage-earners.

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Perth—President East Perth Branch Political Labor Party.

1905—General Secretary, Labor candidate Fabre's campaign committee.

1906—Secretary May Day celebration committee.

1906—Foundation Member Australian Workers' Union (now merged in the General Workers' Union).

1907—Auditor of the General Workers' Union.

1908—Elected to Leederville (W.A.) Municipal Council as Labor alderman.

Melbourne—

1910—Appointed editor "Barrier Daily Truth" and "Sport," which position I held for two years.

Broken Hill—Member Australian Journalists' Association, Amalgamated Miners' Association, Broken Hill, P.L.L.

Sydney—Member United Laborers' Protective Society, North Sydney Federal Council.

1913—President St. Leonards Branch Political Labor Party; also dele-

gate to numerous conferences, Labor Congress, Councils and Political Labor committee during the 16 years 1897-1913. (Sgd.), CLAUDE THOMPSON.

Space forbids the publication in full of Mr. Thompson's testimonials, but the following extracts quoted from them will serve to indicate the general tenor and the exact reputation Mr. Thompson has earned.

"No doubt there is in the minds of any knowing of the fact that he is a straightforward, honest, energetic and clever business man."

"He is especially qualified for the position of general secretary, which he has proved beyond all doubt."

"He displayed all the qualities essential for the position, such as a speaker, writer and organiser."

"He has had considerable experience as a journalist, and has by travel had opportunity of becoming acquainted with views and matters concerning journalism in various countries."

"During the strenuous municipal campaign of early 1911, 'Barrier Daily Truth' was mainly responsible for the brilliant victory obtained by Labor and the work done by you as editor could only have been done by one whose heart and soul was in the movement."

"The large majority for 'Yes' in this district in the general referendum could be accredited to 'Barrier Daily Truth,' Labor has not known defeat."

"Your writing zeal and energy."

"Your intellectual work."

"You were regarded as one of the best lecturers and most able exponents of our aims and aspirations."

"He lectured throughout America, and won very general notice among Labor men and Labor journals."

"He has proved himself a capable exponent in the Labor movement."

"A man of high personal character and proved integrity."

"An ardent and enthusiastic worker in the cause of unionism."

"A most capable exponent from the platform of the principles of the Labor Party."

"His points are always well brought out and arguments unanswerable."

"A whole-hearted worker, in whom every confidence can be placed."

"Your knowledge of the British, Continental and American Labor movement gained by personal contact and travel, and your constant touch with the big unions of the Industrial and Unions of the West Australia since the pioneer days entitles you to front rank position as a writer and exponent of Labor's aims and ideals in all spheres of activity."

"Journalistic skill and sound working-class view-point, as expressed editorially and otherwise in his clever and vigorous paper."

"A member of marked ability."

"Has an excellent grasp of Labor politics."

"Has undoubted literary ability."

"A motion was unanimously carried, thanking you for the services councillor for the East Ward."

Such a career, backed by such credentials, qualify Mr. Thompson for almost any position in the Industrial or Unions world, amply warrant the Executive in recommending him to the members. They have looked at this matter from the view-point of the welfare of the organisation, and have banished personal predilection arriving at a decision. Possibly, had sentiment from their minds when Mr. Claude Thompson was not inspired to the position, the Executive may not have made any recommendation at all, but they are now fully convinced of his high qualifications pre-eminently fit him for the position. After giving the matter the most careful consideration, the Executive are unanimously and emphatically of opinion that Mr. Claude Thompson stands easily first amongst the aspirants to the position.

It is hoped that members will be very impressed with the importance of casting their votes in the election of a general secretary. It is a matter closely affecting their daily bread and butter, and the conditions under which they earn it. The stronger and more active and influential the organisation is, the greater will be the benefits members will derive from it, and the strength and influence of the organisation will in a large measure, be but a reflex of the general secretary's abilities. A man of wide industrial knowledge and experience will be a tower of strength to the Executive in formulating the policy of the organisation. The possession by that man of breadth of vision and foresight will be an effective machine for realising that policy. And his organising ability will enable him to draw the units of organisation together in solid form to fight for fair pay for the work they perform and reasonable conditions under which to perform it. Mr. Claude Thompson has made good in the industrial, unionistic and Labor world.

Members will but follow the dictates of the most ordinary common sense if they put sentiment and personal feeling right out of the matter, and vote for whomever they think, after carefully weighing the evidence for and against, will be most likely to advance the interests of their organisation.

FOUR CANDIDATES.

To fill the position of general secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation, the following candidates by the nomination of Mr. J. H. Catts, M.P., all branches of the organisation were invited to send in nominations, and applications were also invited by advertisement in the Sydney morning papers and the "Co-Operator." From both these sources four candidates will be submitted to the ballot on

financial members, to be taken in accordance with the rules. They are—

Mr. R. Corish.
Mr. T. Kelly.
Mr. E. Munro.
Mr. Claude Thompson.

The following were also nominated by branches, but have either withdrawn or did not reach Head Office till after the closing date, May 19, 1913:—

Mr. H. Farrell (withdrawn).
Mr. E. Catts (declined).
Mr. A. A. Catts (declined).
Mr. V. Kavanagh (declined).
Mr. M. A. O'Donnell (too late).
Mr. T. Crawford, M.L.A. (too late).
Mr. J. Rogers (too late).

In deference to the wishes of several branches Mr. Farrell intended to stand for the position, but has now withdrawn in favor of Mr. Thompson.

There was also a large number of applications, amongst which the Executive have selected Mr. Claude Thompson as being conspicuously meritorious.

Mr. R. Corish is in the Railway Signals Department (formerly Interlocking) and for six years secretary of the Goulburn Branch of the Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Association, which position he relinquished within the last few months. He was appointed as one of the delegates of that branch to several annual general meetings. He is contesting the Federal electorate of Werriville.

Mr. Corish's nomination by the Goulburn branch was followed by a telegram from him, consenting to his nomination conditional on his being unsuccessful in the Werriville election. We take it that this means that Mr. Corish will be willing to undertake the position of general secretary if he is not elected to the Federal Parliament, for Werriville; but that he will not be available for the position if elected to Parliament.

Mr. T. Kelly is attached to the ticket-collecting staff on the Central station. He was previously secretary of the Darling Harbor Branch, and is now an Executive officer of the organisation.

Mr. E. T. Munro is a member of the clerical staff at Darling Harbor. He is President of the Darling Harbor Officers' Branch, and of which he was previously secretary; has been delegate to the annual general meetings for that branch and is present at the Standard Officers' Department of the Council.

Mr. Claude Thompson, who is not a railway employee nor a member of the Federation, has had a long and valuable industrial and organising experience, and possessed credentials of exceptional merit. His candidature is referred to more fully elsewhere in these columns. His qualifications, as indicated by his industrial experience and success as an organiser, and his numerous testimonials from eminent men and well-known organisations, appear to so prominently fit him for the position that the Executive are unanimous in recommending him to members as the best suitable person, in their opinion, available for the position of general secretary to the Transport Workers' Federation.

Ballot papers are now being prepared, and will be sent to Branch secretaries shortly. They will also be available at Head Office at an early date.

Ballot papers must reach Head Office not later than Saturday, June 21, 1913, and members should be careful to place them with their Branch secretaries in time to permit of their being sent to Head Office by that date.

Needless to say, only financial members will be eligible to vote.

APPEAL BY MR. E. J. MUNRO.

To my Fellow-Employees and Brother Unionists.

Many of you are doubtless unaware of the fact that I am a candidate for the position of General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation, in filling of which position all financial members have a vote. I therefore desire to place my claims before you, and to solicit your vote and interest on my behalf.

In a Union embracing "all grades" as the Transport Workers' Federation does, it is highly necessary that some working knowledge of the various Railway and Tramway Departments be possessed by the General Secretary. I claim that knowledge, having completed over 16 years railway experience.

I am President of the Darling Harbor Officers' Branch of the Federation, and am also a Councillor and Trustee of the T.W.F.

I was the first Hon. General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation, and was instrumental in obtaining its registration. I resigned in favor of Mr. J. H. Catts, M.H.R., who have been nominated for the position by several Railway and Tramway Branches of the Federation, and am also a Councillor and Trustee of the T.W.F.

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Gowings' for Men's Winter Wear

OVERCOAT TIME is round, and we have made special efforts, this year to attain an even higher standard of perfection. The cut and material of our extensive range of 7000 Overcoats and Raincoats enable us to please the most stylish and fastidious. Before buying call and see immense stocks to select from. Prices are 25s, 30s, 35s, 40s, 45s, 50s, 60s, 63s, 70s, 75s, 80s, and 84s. If you live in the country, or are unable to call, kindly send us your height, chest measurement, and class of material and overcoat required, and we guarantee to please you. If the goods forwarded are not satisfactory, return, and we will exchange or, if required, return money. All orders carriage paid.

Winter Hosiery for Winter Wear.

	Under-vests.	Pantaloons.	Under-vests.	Pantaloons.
Hard-wearing Merino, Australian-made	3/6	4/6	8/11	9/11
Britannia Unshrinkable	4/11	4/11	7/6	8/6
EAGLEY ALL-WOOL, Australian-made	6/6	6/11	9/6	10/6
All-wool Unshrinkable	5/6	6/6	Fawn Viking, an extra good quality	9/6
Jason Unshrinkable	7/6	7/11	Black and Heather Mixed Half-hose, from 1/- to 2/11 per pair.	
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MARCH 28th, 1913.

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John Rogers, Goods Guard, Penrith, 10/6 per day.
Charge: Guard Rogers, during shunting operations at Esbank, neglected to exercise proper precautions, with the result that eight trucks of coal, with brake-van attached (the latter vehicle containing eight passengers), left standing on the Up Main Line at platform, ran away along the Up Main Line, and then on to the single line of the works, eventually coming to a stand at mileage 96-67, 18-2.

Decision of Officer: That Guard Rogers be dismissed the Service, 25-2-1913.

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Mr. Blanch, for Department. Mr. C. S. McKenzie, for Appellant, called Chas. Frank Thompson, Relief Officer, Esbank.

He remembered the runaway on 18-2-13. Had an inquiry and took a statement from Guard Rogers. The load of 32 up goods on that occasion was 475 tons in to Esbank. Statement put in and read. It was 7.20 or 7.50 when the train backed out on to the mainline after shunting in the yard. Rule 208. Clause E, provides for what should be done. That nothing to prevent this being carried out.

To Mr. McKenzie: The regulations are binding on all. The shunter has no responsibility. The regulation is binding on those immediately concerned.

Samuel O. Kade, Night Shunter, Esbank, sworn.

To Mr. Blanch: I remember the occurrence. Went out to bring trucks back. Found all brakes off on the trucks. Brake in the van was on. The man in the van, who said he thought the train was shunting. The grade is 1 in 150. If the brake in the van was hard, on the affair would not have been. Cannot account for the occurrence.

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To Mr. Campbell: The eight lead D's and brake van had an approximate weight of 156 tons. The weight of the van was 11 tons. Found the brake on.

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To Mr. McKenzie: Within station limits the shunter is in charge. He has to supervise shunting. Discretion must be used to see that all is secure. No necessity to hand brake all trucks.

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Thomas Miller, Loco. Examiner, Esbank, sworn.

To Mr. McKenzie: Saw truck running away on the 18-2-12. The grinding of the brakes first drew my attention. Distinctly heard this. My impression was that the brake in the van was hand on.

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Decision: The Board dismissed the appeal by majority.

Mr. Campbell dissented, and thought that the appellant should be given another chance in some other grade in the Service.

William Webster, Acting Ganger, Northern Division, 11/- p.d.

Charge: The permanent way under the charge of Webster was in

such defective condition as to be a contributing cause in a derailment, 7-12-12.

Decision of Officer: To be fined one day's pay, 15-2-13.

Mr. Burcher, for Department. Mr. Farrel, for Appellant.

Chas. Haegar, Chief Inspector Per. Way, sworn.

To Mr. Burcher: The derailment occurred on the 12th, I made an inspection on that date, and found one point down $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on high rail, otherwise the road was in fair order. This might assist in derailment. The gauge was 10/6 per day.

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To Mr. Bracey: If I thought I was not in a fit state then I would act. No rule in the book to interfere with the driver. Do not understand that a fireman shares responsibility in passing signals at danger.

To Mr. Campbell: The radius of curve where the derailment occurred is eight chains. A shunting road is a slow road. The tender mounted on the high rail. Siding is constantly used. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch would not cause a derailment on a slow road if no other defect existed.

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