# HISTORIC DAY OF PROCLAMATION

# Impressive Ceremony

"Now, therefore, pursuant to Section 6 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1954, I, Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Willoughby Moke Norrie, the Governor-General of New Zealand, hereby proclaim the borough of Hastings to be a city."

It was an impressive moment for the 6000 or more people gathered on Nelson Park on Saturday afternoon as his Excellency solemnly proclaimed that declaration. The thousands of Hastings citizens, with well-wishers from other cities and boroughs were present at the birth of New Zealand's 15th city.

the town clerk, Mr. N. C. Harding.

gates by a Maori warrior, mem-

bers of the official party were

escorted to special seats in the

grandstand, from where they

watched the Maori items and the

procession of vehicles. Each of

in front of the vice-regal box.

the latter paused for a moment

As his Excellency commented

Within seconds of the final

Maori item, delivered from the

dais in the centre of the ground,

A truck was rushed across the

park carrying flower boxes and

cane chairs, and within a minute

Following their challenge at the

The moment was a culmination of literally 7 generations of effort, dating back to a day 83 years ago when swamp land on the Heretaunga Plains was auctioned for town sections—sowing a seed which was to grow into Hastings of today—Hastings the fruitbowl of New Zealand, and commercial centre of Hawke's Bay.

Over recent weeks, as interest in the city celebrations quickened, that moment on Saturday was a culminating point toward which the town's expectations were directed. Yet when it came scarcely a cheer was raised from the huge assembly. Only when his Excellency turned, and conveyed his personal congratulations to Mr. W. E. Bate, first mayor of the new city, did the crowd appear to realise that a moment of civic history had been reached. There was warm applause.

The proclamation was Geoffry Scoones, High Comread almost to the minute of missioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand, and representthat planned months ago. ative on the day of the mayor of And as the crowd rose to its | Hastings, England; Mr. E. J. Keatfeet for the playing of the ing, M.P. for Hastings and Mrs. National Anthem, R.N.Z.A.F. Keating; the mayor, Mr. W. E. Bate, and Mrs. Bate; the Minister Varmpire jet fighters from of Works, the Hon. W. S. Goos-

Ohtakea, in impeccable for- man, representing the Prime mattion, swept low over the Minister and the Government; and crowd in salute to the new

Saturday's function developed into something of a gamble with elements, as several times throughout the afternoon the horizon, and Havelock Hills especially, blackened ominously with rain-sodden clouds. Early in Proceedings light rain fell for a comparatively short time, but later in his speech, many of the and irt from a cold breeze, the old vehicles had brought back wealther could do little more than memories of his younger days. mily mar the colourful pro-

the programme was a master- arrangements were in hand to e of timing, beginning at 1.30 transform the stage into a tastewhen the vice-regal party fully-decorated dais for the official welcomed, Maori fashion at party. Caroline Road entrance to

here followed a series of Maori dicies of the Transport Through or two all was in readiness for the e Ages procession, further items, in four speeches and the readof the proclamation. id through the meticulous elevated staging, which for the

reading of the proclamation speeches and the reading of the Inanksgiving d within seconds, be followed An upset in timing and the mony, at his Excellency's express

Norrie and aides; General Sir | noon's programme.

That the spirit of co-operation and friendship

ween town and country was typified in the new

of Hastings coat-of-arms, and in its new motto,

emphasised by the mayor, Mr. W. E. Bate, in his

ress at the proclamation ceremony on Nelson Park

Bate

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to her Hastings' assurance

Mr. Bate recalled, with

the Royal visit to Hast-

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alty and affection, and

### THE MAYOR AND HIS COCKADE

"A sobering experience," was how the mayor of Hastings, Mr. W. E. Batte, described his feelings on wearing in public for the first time at the proclamation ceremony on Saturday afternoon the new mayoral robies. presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to the borough on the occasion of the attainment of city

Speaking lightly at the civic dinner, Mr. Bate said that the wearing of formal robes was a sobering exand on such an occasion, one could relax only with the greatest difficulty. "One is acutely conscious of wearing a cockade," he said amid laughter. Women always felt well-

dressed if their hat vas right, he said, and even nen became sensitive about he sort of hat they wore. isk the average man to wear a grey topper, and he becane shy and psychologically is-

organised immediately.'

"So you will see wha I mean when I refer to he wearing of a cockade," he said, and added that sone of his friends thought it ought to be worn crosswie, like Napoleon; but othrs that it should be fore ad aft as worn by Lord Nelsn. "As a matter of course, ne Nelson tradition is right," ne

He concluded amid heaty laughter by adding: "To natter how funny you my eel in a cockade, or hw lunny you may appear tooe in one, you dare not tryto e funny in one."

## Willoughby and the mayor, to UVIC Service it move from the grandstand to the he fly-past of R.N.Z.A.F. air- At the conclusion of the cere- At Nelson Park

tainers were brought forward and Hastings was declared a cit was Mr. Goosman was the personal he official party were their thanked and congratulated by him held in Nelson Park yestrday representative of the Prime encies, Sir Willoughby and for their contribution to the after- afternoon when a good must of Minister, Mr. Holland, and the enjoy eve The service was held ir fine achievement."

were delivered by the Rev. THihi

Mr. Bate, to enter the city's inheritance with Split-Second Timing who delivered the address. There had been a great no of men and women who were ttle there were many people wh did been a swamp. not seem to realise they owednytiming of the appearance of jet Saturday, immediately follow-

> ing the reading of the city democracy, but let us not tget | service. Inside the park was an Air its responsibilities," he said. Dur Force ground - to - air radio city will be as good or asad, so that radio operators on the ground were able to bring the

> > character of the folk who sed

"Let us get our scale of vies

in order," appealed the speer.

munity are good citizens, od

fathers and mothers, good dd-

land call us blessed."

'The best assets of any m-

machines over the park at of the hymns. precisely the correct time. If Hastings was to be a ood city in the coming days theank The impeccably tight formaand file must be good citens. tion of the three jets as they Sometimes it seemed that the whistled over the crowd and scale of values had been enely rolled in formation at the end 1 both to her and to the of each "run" drew gasps of upset. A great deal of veryard work had been done to imove admiration from onlookers. outward conditions, and none should belittle that work. Biall

hing when their Excel- and who had virtually made the necessarily make a happyind term in New Zealand shearing industry their own. healthy community. It wasne come to an end. Mr. Bate It was appropriate, said the thing to possess every gifthat to what he described as mayor, that the city's new coat- civilisation could provide ananiely and dignified manner of-arms should have as two of its other to make good use of am. they had carried out central figures, the ram and a Their worth depended onthe

fighters over Nelson Park on

In lighter vein, he commented coat-of-arms and mayoral that although the College-of-Arms had conceded that the council g his tribute to the early probably knew what a Maori he spoke of the day warrior should look like-and he 's ago when the land on was a fine looking chap-they conthe city now stands was sidered they knew best when it ren, good teachers, plumberend smallest amount on its streets. The climate tioned, and of a year later came to the ram. the first Hastings Town

Accordingly, he said, the ram on people can make good use of od crowd. of the land was swamp, the coat-of-arms would scarcely things. might not have been bright, Bay.

Returning to his theme of our debt to the past, let us ate Roads Board came nearer to meet- a dual capacity. swamps were drained and new coat-of-arms, said Mr. said that over a comparatively aim at the goodness of Chrislet other New Zealand city. corded the spirit of friend- short period of years the towns- us present ourselves a lng Hastings, he said had come was in Hastings as the direct thich had always existed people of Hastings, the farming sacrifice unto God. And if, ave through earthquake, fire and other representative of the mayor, of town and country. The community, and the Maori people dedicate ourselves, we mean at tribulations, but now it was Hastings, England. is people had worked hand- working together had brought we do, Hastings shall be aity populated with grand, people with the Maori people of about a thriving city and a pros- indeed and our children risup lucky to be living in a favoured trict, who farmed the land, perous countryside.



The Governor-General



The Mayor

## PROCLAIMING THE BOROUGH OF HASTINGS Sir Geoffry Scoones TO B. A CITY

Goveror-General A PROLAMATION

Whereas a petition has been ceived from the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of the Borough of Hastirs, praying that the said borough be proclaimed a city under the MunicipalCorporations

And whereas the population of the said borough is not less than 20,000. And whereas it is desirable that ffect should be given to the said petition. Now therefore, pursuant to Scion 6 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1954. I, Lieutenant-General Sir harles Willoughby Moke Norrie the Governor-General of New Zealand, here, proclaim the Borough of Hastings to be

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, and issued under the seal of New Zealad, this 8th day of September, 1956. Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

The above, an exact copy of the roclamation declaring Hastings a city.

### Mr. Goosman

## Hastings Centre Of Biggest Area Of Rich Land

Hastings district land was described by the Minister of Works, Mr. Goosman, as the biggest area of naturallyrich land in New Zealand.

For this, he said, the district was indeed fortunate, and in its urban development, within the boundaries of the new city, the people were fortunate, too, that they lived in one of the lowestimpressive effect would wish, several of the Maori enter- The first public function after rated cities of New Zealand.

citizens joined in a servic of Government. He expressed the all prospe thanksgiving. The Lesson waread Prime Minister's regrets at his by the Governor-General Sir inability to be present, and con-Willoughby Norrie, who, with veyed to the people Mr. Holland's when my wi-

accompanied by the Salition its production from sheep, fruit, occasion today," said his Excel- other date to you children, and to vegetables, canning—and of course lency. An address and prayer in aori thoroughbreds, said Mr. Goosman. "You are lucky, too, to have

giving and dedication—this- agree that it was good to have quested by the mayor, said Sir witnessing an historic but peace—city status of its New Zealand many other cities of Great Britain. drove the town to the status of names and dediction the racecourse in its present quested by the hayor, said Sir witnessing an historic but peace—city status of its New Zealand many other cities of Great Britain. drove the town to the status of names are like that it was good to have quested by the hayor, said Sir witnessing an historic but peace—city status of the last will be the last with the last will be the last with the last will be th

One thing that was taken for he added.

thing to anybody. They too all granted, however, was the railtheir advantages for grated. ways. Some people, he said. rights and privileges of our the people owed much to the Hastings to be a city.

various churches led the siing amount in rates, and spent the Affairs.

MR GOOSMAN

carpenters, good doctors, lawrs, latter remark, delivered seriously

Sir Willaghby Norrie

# 'May Hastings' Progress Be Maintained'

"he adainment of city status by Hastings seems ea natural development in the centre of a district so ichly endowed by nature, whose people have taken full advantage of their opportunities," said his Excellercy the Governor-General, Sir Willoughby Norrie, in his address to Saturday's assembly at Nelson

"I extend my congratula- further evidence of the bonds tions to all who have contributed in any way to your monwealth," declared Sir Wilcity status. gress of I tained, an

tested in Hastings rating. It was my hand as Governor-General, self and Lady Norrie. transmitter which was in as fair or as ugly, as the pple now the 15th city of New Zea- and issued under the seal of New Moone is more conscious than Hastings citizen from the fury of lation which has enabled you to land, and it had the lowest loan Zealand, with the counter-signa- myself of what we owe to our the Battle of Hastings, a journey reach city status has been built A combined choir from the liability, it collected the smallest ture of the Minister of Internal Maori brethern—brave in battle, into the unknown, the facing of up from one of the greatest

the pro- loughby. s be main-

Lady Norrie, attended the sevice. appreciation of Hastings' "solid friendly land—as indeed some took place nearly 900 years iendship of Town and though overcast weather. I was conducted by the Rev. H A. Mitchell, and the singing was Mitchell, and the singing was accompanied by the Saltion in farming, and accompanied by the Saltion its production from short for thoughts will ago, much of our development of the first of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of our development of the first of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of our development of the first of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of our development of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of our development of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of our development of New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of the New Zealand, with its will ago, much of th day we must-our thoughts will ago, much of our development

As the Queen's representative is September 8, 1956. We know ings mayor at his inability to be Kaa, and Canon K. F. Buttonalso a racecourse in the centre of the in New Zealand, he expressed that in 1066 King Harold not present in New Zealand for led the gathering in a pray of town and a progressive club thanks for the expressions of only lost an eye through an Saturday's proclamation. thanksgiving and intercessic. A which has kept up with the times," loyalty, and he would be pleased arrow which pierced it in the Battle | The message of congratulation | Zealand. There was much simi- Early Settlers and Adminis-This was a service of this- conceded that not everyone would conveyed to her Majesty, as re- life and throne. Today we are the view that the elevation to held not only in London but in people of the community who conveyed to her Majesty, as re- life and throne. Today we are life and throne are status of its New Zeeland. to see that these entiments were of Hastings but he also lost his from Hastings, England, expressed larity in this gathering to those trators," whom he described as the

in the coming days, said Rt L. Other sports were well catered "We all have very happy recol- hope there will be no loss of major progress made by the new went off very well, and it was C. Horwood, president of the for; in fact, when Hastings did lections of the Royal visit to New eyes or limbs," said his Excel- city. Hastings Ministers' Associion, something it did it well, he Zealand, and you retain particular memories of her Majesty's He spoke of the development of and the Duke of Edinburgh's so many children was expressed exists between the two cities, been particularly impressed by the the town through the years, and morning spent here in Hastings by Sir Willoughby, who said the known but to whom we owd a commented that it was hard to in January 1954—nemories which young generation was looked to tremendous debt. Unfortunely, believe that Hastings had once will always be treasured and passed on to future generations." great traditions established by

His Excellency said both Lady "We always enjoy meeting that his first term of office as the necessity for developments and the community in the spirit of their advantages for graed. Ways. Some people, he said, However, our inheritance dinot apparently would like to get rid than pleased to be able to share The children in News Zealand. The children in News Zealand that his first term of office as the necessity for developments and mayor of the new city would be a established them in a favourable of God and the sacrifice ander- remembered that the railways in the happy and important cele- always appear so friendly, and his visit to Hastings, England, in city today. were a major element in the brations, and it was a pleasant not at all shy, which is a good 1957 was being looked forward to. "We are all interested ithe development of this district, and duty to proclaim the borough of thing," he added.

Mr. Goosman said he was inter- has been specially prepared under Maori welcome accorded him- Hastings, and in a flight of fancy | the people had weathered all the

"I think it is correct to say that | Willoughby. the future Hastings was born in Maori and Pakeha had become his settlement in New Zealand and life," declared his Excellency. 1864, when the Heretaunga Block united after the Treaty of Wai- the naming of his new home was leased from the Maoris, and tangi, and were now all good Hastings. Unfortunately, said Sir The part the council was play- thousands of others whose names

Governor-General of British spiring leader, Lord Freyberg.

I am confident your new city ties, to preserve our freedom it will continue to make great pro- had been necessary to fight. gress," said his Excellency He recalled that he had visited Hastings in Sussex on many known and famous watering place, with a dry, mild, and salubrious are even given freedom to

parsons and priests. For only od sparked off loud laughter from the that present in the official party was the High Commissioner for countries where there is not Another point in Hastings favour, the United Kingdom in New Zeaospects for the infant com- be recognised as such in Hawke's "As we commence our life; a mentioned by Mr. Goosman, was land, General Sir Geoffry city, let us pay what we cof that its subsidy from the National Scoones, who was also present in urban-rural co-operation, Mr. Bate a Christian public opinion, lus ing its roading needs than for any Sir Geoffrey, although occupying a high office in New Zealand,

His Excellency said that 1066 was a date all school children piness and knew, for in that year the Battle of Hastings was fought, when William, Duke of Normandy, deassured that feated the English under Harold. ad I leave this From William's victory, which

of friendship which unite all

partners in the British Com-

the grown-ups as being very important for Hastings, and that the regrets of the English Hastful and happy occasion, when I namesake would not be the last "I thought today's ceremony city,

to carry on the good work and parents, grandparents, and great grandparents.

cultured, and generous," said Sir tremendous privation including "a assets that any country can

a few settlers took up land," said New Zealanders. During the last Geoffry, nothing of the sort had ing in making known to the never "got into print," but they war it had been his privilege to happened. He commented that he had have fought in the Western In actual fact, Hastings, England, to those wonderful men and which to further the ideals and used the expression "future Hast- Desert in close association with had a population of 65,000, and women, their predecessors, would aspirations of the founders of this ings" because it was some little the Second New Zealand Divi- its population's living came mainly serve as an example of what can time before the name of the first sion, under their great and in- from the sea. India, Warren Hastings, replaced No troops could have fought fertile land. Hastings is growing, not attempting to enumerate the of the town had patterned a the settlers' original name of better or more valiantly, and al- but it hasn't got to the sea yet," many men and women of vision, tradition. Now it was for those though unfortunately campaigns "Hastings is a great name, and could not be won without casual-

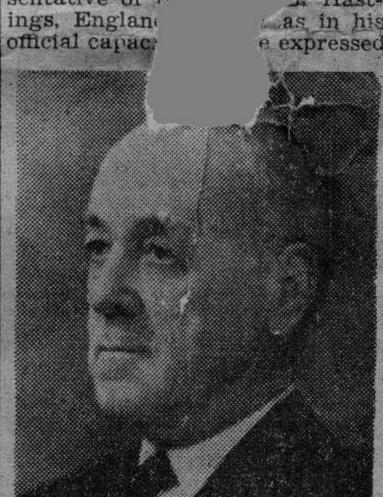
"It is freedom we all cherish. Freedom to choose our work and lives, freedom of speech and freedom of the Press. We criticise if we wish to. I the sheep and cattle. His Excellency told the assembly would like you children to remember that there are many the wonderful freedom which we enjoy. So it is up to us to enjoy our privileges, but at the same time to accept our responsibilities in this world," said his Excellency.

He and Lady Norrie had seen a important in the life of a nation happy memories of their visit to "This happy link between great deal in Hastings. They as the more material factors, he New Zealand. the two cities of Hastings is admired and enjoyed the dis- added.

# Other Hastings **Extends Its** Congratulations

men and burgesses of Hast- A. I. Rainbow; and Mr. T. I. ings, England to the people Junior Chamber of Commerce. of Hastings, New Zealand, and expressing their congratulations on the attain-

there was little similarity town of Hastings, Sussex. between the two Hastings, It was a privilege too, he said, the tourist with everything he or said Sir Geoffry. Sir Geoffry day's celebrati



SIR GEOFFRY SCOONES

Pleasure at the attendance of ation which has existed and still be a city," he said. "We have especially during and after the tributes paid during the celewar, when the dispatch of food brations to those pioneers who district. parcels from Hastings New Zea- founded this city." land was deeply appreciated. The message contained a New Zealand which owed more to purpose who have been associated

Sir Geoffry said he would like Sir Willoughby expressed par- to be able to establish some closer downs. It had suffered disasters "The proclamation I am to read ticular pleasure at the traditional relationship between the two from floods and earthquakes, but

diet of gannet," culminating in have-and that is good home

these comparisons," he said with a Tomoana. laugh as the crowd shivered beneath a lowering sky.

Excellency, "I must add the good earlier this year he had spent they have revealed the quality of racehorses you breed:' tribute to the work of the Hastings from three former pre- allied themselves in the efforts to pioneers, said they showed what decessors of his in Lord Bledisloe, develop the productivity of Hastcourage really meant—it was Lord Freyberg and Lord Newall. ings and district, and in general faith in God, faith in their country He had been privileged to stay at as a whole," he concluded. and faith in themselves.

Hastings district was a noble one. background which was just as Duke of Edinburgh had very

# PAST AND FUTURE SURVEYED

# Civic Dinner Speeches

A memorable day in the history of Hastings ended on Saturday with the civic dinner, which even his Excellency the Governor-General was gracious enough to say was "more of a banquet than a dinner." It was certainly a wonderful experience for some 350 guests, who were representative of all sections of the community and was a fitting climax to Proclamation Day in the city celebrations.

Opportunity to meet Sir Willoughby and Lady Norrie, as well as Sir Geoffry and Lady Scoones, United Kingdom High Commissioner, was afforded at an informal "cocktail" party" preceding the official dinner, and guests were presented to their Excellencies.

gether the gathering lasted admiration of Hastings and our gratitude for a wonderful reattempted in Hastings.

the Hawke's Bay Farmers' lunlencies, Sir Willoughby and Lady lencies, Sir Willoughby and Lady and after the war, Sir Geoffry, Norrie, their son, Guy; Sir proposing the toast "The City of sided, and Mrs. Bate; the Hon. empty statement. New Zealand Municipal Associa- cases containing three and a half tion, and Mrs. Moss; Captain tons of foodstuff. "That and other Trotter, vice-regal aide-de-camp; generous gifts have not been Sir Walter Broadfoot; Mr. A. forgotten in Hastings, Sussex," he A message expressing the Kirkpatrick, deputy mayor, and goodwill of the mayor, alder- Mrs. Kirkpatrick; Mr. and Mrs.

> GUESTS WELCOMED. he concluded. "May you all blossom!"

Pleasure at the opportunity of ment of city status, was meeting and greeting the disdelivered to the Nelson Park than was possible at the proassembly on Saturday by clamation ceremony earlier in the a united district in this northern the High Commissioner for day was expressed by the mayor part of the province of Hawke's the United Kingdom in New when proposing the toast "Our Guests." It was delightful to have Zealand, General Sir Geoffry his Excellency and Lady Norrie, and their son Guy, and to have natural that there should be a Geoffry and Lady Scoones, for certain amount of rivalry between Although, in many respects, they were representing the sister the cities, but between us we can

that the Prime Minister had she requires. there was a bond between arranged for one of his senior bathing, sea breezes and skating, the two cities, and on issues colleagues, Mr. Goosman, to be well, go to Napier," he continued which mattered the two present to represent the Govern- smilingly. "If you want prosperity, were fundamentally as one, ment. "We are particularly glad progress and parking meters, come to see with us Mr. Harper, Secre- to Hastings. No one needs to be tary of Internal Affairs, an old | disappointed ded Satur- Hastings boy himself, who has "In this richly-endowed district

> ebrations," he said, and community," he said. extended a warm welcome proud that Napier is now the to Mr. Moss, president of the exporting port in New Zealand Municipal Association, and other This is largely because the whole mayors of cities and boroughs. gathering the head prefects of the level of prosperity to us all." the main for those who follow remarkable zeal and

> people and all the pupils of the prises. Maori and Pakeha people. member this day longer than the effort needed for the celebrations, "We shall long remember this "That is putting into action the day and will recall how our dis- theme of our city motto-'Urbis tinguished visitors and thousands et ruris concordia," he said of others like ourselves joined wards; now let us keep Hastings a

> day when we came to city status," ally united in all worthwhile and he said in conclusion. "We trust progressive measures, a happy that those of you who have the op- place in which to nurture our portunity will retain your friendly children in the best ideals of interest in our progress and citizenship," he concluded. welfare and will visit us again."

HIS EXCELLENCY REPLIES.

certainly a most pleasant duty for It referred to the close associ- me to proclaim your borough to

personal aside to the mayor, Mr. the vision and foresight of its with the growth of the town and happy one, and stating too that position to make possible this fine our community today. We salute

Hastings had had its ups and

present generation the debt owed provided the motive power with be done when there was a will to community, for those primarily "You earn yours from the succeed, he continued. Though responsible for the administration "Hastings. England, boasts a he felt that he should mention the who followed to take the greatest daily average of five hours of sun- name of William Nelson, the care to see that the pattern was shine. Yours . . . but enough of founder of the freezing works at not allowed to languish or be Then again Hastings was indeed tribute must

grounds, together with the former had played. They had served Nelson home. In the soldiering Hastings well in good times and trict's schools and children, the line there was that gallant and had come to the aid of the town rich pastures and orchards, and distinguished general. Sir Andrew in times of need and disaster.

leave in England, and he wished voluntary service and, with de-Sir Willoughby, in paying to convey messages of greetings to termination and vigour, have Windsor Castle as the guest of The district's historical asso- her Majesty the Queen, and he He added that the record of ciations provided a spiritual said that both the Queen and the

"This is a great occasion when | ing's celebrations.

Following the sumptuous dinner, in which appropriate wines were featured with the lions and the lambs lie down the dishes served, the toast together," said his Excellency in list was honoured. Alto- conclusion. "We are united in our

a scale not previously GREETINGS FROM ENGLAND. Touching upon the message con-Those at the official table at veyed from the mayor of Hastings. England, expressing how welcome cheon rooms were their Excel- had been the food parcels sent from Hastings to Sussex during

Geoffry and Lady Scoones; the Hastings," said that the expression mayor, Mr. W. E. Bate, who pre- of thanks and appreciation was no W. S. Goosman, representing the Rationing in England was some-Prime Minister, Mr. Holland, and thing very real which had to be the Government; Mr. A. G. experienced to be understood, and Harper, Secretary of Internal was greatly appreciated. He knew of one single consignment sent N. H. Moss, president of the from here that amounted to 120

> He offered his congratulations to the people of Hastings on the attainment of city status. "It is my pleasant task, on behalf of Hastings, Sussex, to propose the health of the City of Hastings,"

TWIN CITIES UNITED.

"Whatever outsiders say, we are Bay," stated the mayor in reply. 'province of twin cities.' It is arrange to supply the visitor or

d Saturrepredescriptions of the smaller descriptions o

Mr. Bate said he was particu- nature with fertility and climate larly pleased to have at the storehouses and brings a high secondary schools. "We build a In conclusion, Mr. Bate comcity partly for ourselves, but in mended the citizens for their after us," he said. "These young voluntary effort in all civic enterschools they represent will re- worked hand in hand in the great

with us in this happy and proud healthy, vigorous city, enthusiastic-

TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS.

Likening the occasion to looking Replying on behalf of the its straight wake in the deep guests, his Excellency said he waters, Mr. T. I. Tait, president found himself much impressed by of the Hastings Junior Chamber of afforded of the links which extend brations afforded an opportunity to

> in which they have fulfilled the needs of the city and of the

There was, perhaps, no place in and women of character and the community in the spirit of them!" he concluded.

> PATTERN OF TRADITION. Replying "on behalf of those in service was finished." Mr. A. I. Rainbow, former mayor, said that occasions such as these unlocked the door of memories. It was right and fitting that honour should be paid to those who had taken a eading part in the development

lucky to possess the lovely show- magnificent part the Maori people "And of course," said his His Excellency recalled that designed by our youth. Already

> As Mr. Rainbow resumed his seat there was a spontaneous tribute paid by a group of Maori guests in bursting into song, and this incident was aptly described as a fitting climax to the even-

#### Week in Parliament

### Long Sittings Ahead Before Session Ends

(From Our Wellington Corresp.) Many long sittings, stretching far many long sittings, stretching far into the early hours of the morning, lie ahead of the House of Representatives. There is now no chance of Parliament completing the 1956 session before Labour week-end, and moreover, it will find itself hard-pressed to complete its work for the conductive way. plete its work by the end of the following week, October 26.

Usually, Parliament can take its days before Christmas if it so desires. This year, the November local body elections and the meeting in Parliament Buildings early in November of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee lend urgency to its deliberations.

The bulk of Parliament's work or this year has still to be done. The legislative programme, as yet virtually untouched, while not as heavy as in some recent years, is sufficiently voluminous to keep members busy for some weeks. The Departmental Estimates usually occupy the attention of the House for about a month, although they are debated on only two days each week.

If, therefore, the House is to rise by October 26, there will be only eight working days after the last of the Estimates has been passed in which members can give their undivided attention to legislation.

The languishing Budget debate has sill to be concluded, but the end of the coming week should see the end of the marathon.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Holland has already had two attempts to speak in this debate and should finally make it tomorrow. His first attempt was balked by the interruption of the Parker case debate, and the second because of the adjournment following the death of the Hon. Angus McLagan.

Mr. J. B. Cotterill, senior Oppos-Mr. J. B. Cotterill, senior Opposition Whip, has also had trouble in making his Budget speech. He had exactly one minute in which to begin his speech before the 10.30 p.m. adjournment interrupted him one night, and he spoke for another eight minutes last Tuesday before the news of the death of Mr. McLgan helted him again. He fully expects to complete his speech tomorrow.

An early opportunity will be given to the recently returned Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Macdonald to report on the Suez conference, but it is not yet known whether a special debate will be provided or whether the Minister will utilise his hour in the Budget debate for this purpose the Budget debate for this purpose

A large number of members who did not go to Christchurch for Mr. McLagan's funeral re-mained in Wellington during the three-day adjournment and put their free time to a profitable use in catching up with various Ministers, to whom their electors wished all manner of represent-ations to be made. It is one of the private member's most difficult tasks to obtain the ear of a busy Minister and there were many rs quick to take advantage

Advantage, too, was taken of the break to study legislation already on the order paper. Some 38 bills have already been brought in, many of which are before various select committees. Most of them are worthy of debate.

However, there are still quite a few important measures yet to make their appearance. Among these are a consolidation of the electoral laws, evidence and trustee law consolidations, a large Industries and Commerce Bill, which among other things will contain provisions altering the functions of the Price Tribunel, a measure to tighten the law ellowing women to visit ships and Indecent Publications Act.

Among this group are the more important and debatable measures which are known to be forthcoming. In addition however, there may be a bill to alter the consti-tution of the Dairy Products Marketing Commission, and there is also a distinct possibility of a bill to order the colouring of petrol destined for use in farm machinery, boats and other places where a petrol-tax rebate is

payable.

Lower in the scale of importance, there will be a liquor licensing amendment, which some people hope will include provision for licensing of selected restaurants. The prospect is however, doubt-

Others include an Agricultural Chemicals Bill to control preparation and sale of powders and sprays, a Pharmacy Bill aimed at stopping apparent loop-holes in the existing anti-monopoly law, a National Archives Bill, an Explosive and Dangerous Goods Bill, and further amendments to atomic D energy and shipping and seamen

Park Amenities

Proceeds from the visit to

Further debate can be expected Further debate can be expected on the four, highly contentious private members' bills already before the House, including the anti-capital punishment, racing permits and physical welfare trust measures.

Proceeds from the visit to Hastings on Saturday by the radio quiz personality, Jack Maybury, went toward improving amenities at Nelson Park The "house full" sign was posted outside the Maybury the legislation has the court of the show

measures.

And when the legislation has been passed, two "sticky" public petitions will remain to be discussed. These are the plea for the repeal of the Apple and Pear Marketing Act, 1948, and the request for an inquiry into State aid for private schools, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Last, but not least, there will be at least two more imprest debates, on which occasions anything topical controversial and politically emberrassing to the Government may be discussed. All these things

bates, on which topical controversial and politically topical controversial and politically embarrassing to the Government may be discussed. All these things indicate that to finish by October 26, the House must work hard and work extended hours The 23½ hour week must be temporable for the wood to the Poor, three being required.

The honours were divided in the two contests, Mrs Grace Hunt winning a radio in "Number Please" and Mr Jack Taylor receiving a carving set after being the most successful contestant in the most successful contestant in

Blossom Skating
Carnival Opens

Although somewhat affected by he cold weather and the many ounter-attractions in the new ity on Saturday evening the first fithe City Celebrations and Blossom Festival open-air skating arnivals at Windsor Park was well patronised. The skaters enoyed the many novelty events taged.

A practice hockey match was pranised to provide the players with some training in view of the curnament next Saturday. There was marked movement in the placings of the candidates for the Gueen of the Blossom, the campaign for which will end tomorrow night. The positions of the candidates as at Saturday pight's carnival was announced as follow:—Betty (Speed) 9470 votes, Nagaire (Hockey) 9432, Janet (Dance) 7200, Olivia (Freestyle) 6492, Jillian (Club) 2952.

### PROCLAMATION DAY PAGEANTRY AND CEREMONIAL IN PICTURES



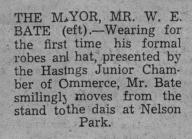


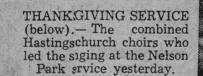
CIVIC DINNER.—From left: Mr. Guy Norrie (son of Sir Willoughby and Lady Norrie), Mrs. Bate (mayoress), The Governor-General, Mr. W. E. Bate (mayor), Lady Norrie, Sir Geoffry Scoones (United Kingdom High Commissioner in New Zealand), Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick (wife of the deputy-mayor, Mr. A. Kirkpatrick).

### CAMERA'S STORY OF DAY'S EVENTS

Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed on Saturday when Hastings was declared New Zealand's 15th city by the Governor-General, Sir Willoughby Norrie, on Nelson Park On this page are shown in pictures even's which took place then, and yesterday -the official party, the Transport Through the Ages procession, the civic dinner, the Maois' part in proceedings and the service of thanksgiving yesterday.

The day was a milestone in Hastings history, and citizens and thousands of visitors witnessed colourful and eventful proceedings.









BERT JONES (centre), original driver of the Hastings Fire Brigade horse team, with two of the present-day brigadesmen.



TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES .- A general view of the procession moving along Heretaunga Street.



MAORI ENTERTAINERS.—An action song by Maori women at Nelson Park prior to the proclamation ceremony.



VICE-REGAL THANKS FOR MAORIS.—His Excellency, accompanied by Lady Norrie and Mr. Bate, thanks the Maori entertainers for their efforts, watched by a large section of the crowd.



PENNY-FARTHING - Constable W. Leppien in appropriate attire to his bicycle made a popular appearance.

#### What Britain Is Doing for the Commonwealth

Britain's contribution to the development of the British Commonwealth was briefly touched upon by General Sir Geoffry Scoones, United King-dom High Commissioner, at the civic dinner in Hastings on Saturday night. He was answering a question as to why Britain did not do more for the Commonwealth by stimulating emigration to Commoncountries, so as to bring about a better distribu-tion of British stock, and by providing more finance for de-

"Quite apart from the housing and economic difficulties at the receiving end, it must be renembered that it is one thing to shuffle cards, but quite another to shuffle human beings," said Sir Geoffry. Commonwealth governments were free to take what steps they liked in the United Kingdom to promote immigration to their own countries.

In Britain there were more than 50-million people in a counmanufactures for export and on technical skill in production. It. the efforts now being made, would never be able to supply more than 50 per cent. of the food requirements of its present pulation.

It was a country where the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes was well advanced and which promised to become the atomic workshop of the world. It was spending about £1500-million every year on defence and had little immediate prospect of being able to spend less in view of the world. spend less in view of the cost of research and development, to say nothing of the actual production of modern weapons. "It is therefore vital that its productive power should be maintained," said the speaker.

Sir Geoffry pointed out that the Commonwealth countries did not want old people. They wanted young agricultural workers and young skilled technicians. "And Britain has no surplus of either," he declared. "In addition, there is practically full employment, at any rate for these groups, so that their incentive to emigrate is not

strong."

This, he suggested, was rather a different picture to the one usually painted by those who say, "You in the United Kingdom can and must get rid of 25-million people if you are going to survive in war, and in peace develop the Commonwealth as it should be developed."

"The truth probably lies be-tween extremes," said Sir Geoffry. "With our working population of about 223-million we could, I have no doubt, spare a margin for emigration and still keep going at home. But that margin must be almost as finely drawn as is our balance of payments."

In the realm of finance, continued Sir Geoffry, the United Kingdom had, in recent years, invested some £270-million annually overseas, most of it in the Commonwealth. New Zealand's share had been about £10-million a year. "This is no small figure" he concluded, "and shows that we are not unmindful of the necessity of doing everything possible in this direction."

#### More Report Seeing Bright Sky Object

Two additional reports of sightings of the illuminated object seein the sky over Hastings on Fri day evening were received to day, one from a Hastings resider and another from an Okaw

the object for two seconds about 6-22 p.m. It was a bright orange ball tapering to a lon tail, travelling from south t north. He caught a glimpse of as it crossed a clear patch of sky at a high speed.

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

If you are one of those snifflir sneezing, coughing people, 't first thing is to get rid of the apparently perpetual cold. Ma friends with Baxters Lung Preserver. "Baxters" relieves the congestion and quickly givelief. Always keep a bottle "Baxters" handy. Baxters Ltt. Cheh.

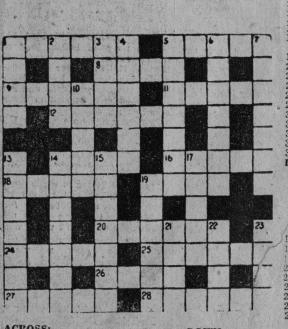
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Across:
1. Ness.
4. Rajah.

SOLUTIO

### **Crossword Puzzle**



ACROSS:
1. Conduct one's self (6)
5. Fortunate (5)
8. Against (Prefix) (4)
9. Mean (6)
11. Drink excessively (5)
12. Make sure (6)
14. Faithful (4)
16. Rugged mountain crest (5)

18. Skins (5)
19. Vehicle on runners (4)
20. Frigid (6)
24. Month (5)
25. Preferably (6)
26. Pungent plant (4)
27. Man's nickname (5)
38. Pert to the teeth (6) 8. Pert. to the teeth (6)

DOWN:

1. Enticement (4)
2. Detest (4)
3. Goods-trucks (4)
4. Bear with patience (6)
5. Generous (7)
6. Dressed (7)
7. Geography (7)

Dressed (7)
Gave way (7)
Entrance (5)
Disturbances (7)
Burst of all-humour (7)
Ordinarily (7)
Transmit, as money (5)