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New Plymouth tips were played as being as follows: defeated C. H. 6-5, 6-2; C. P. Pherson, 3-0,

B. Webster defeated of the North A. H. Richards, 6-2, 6-4.

ROKOKARE.

Results of a match ended between the Rokokare Clubs, are mentioned

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trombom and and M. Lobb, d. Dalrymple well and Thompson, 9-3; Jones d Stewart, 9-6; Miss Ballantyne F. Sole and M. 9 and Judd lost Dalrymple, 2-7; Simpson lost to her, 5-7. sets, 146 games.

PARK.

Pukekura Park and B. contests the A teams ka courts and ark. Waiwaka Details (Park)

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-Dickson and Boon and Miss Miss W. Gayton and Mrs. Lovell 3 v. Keir and d Miss Anderson Mrs. Light-

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SWIMMING BATHS AT VOGELTOWN

THE OFFICIAL OPENING

MINISTER OFFERS £50 SUBSIDY.

Favoured with fine weather a very large crowd attended the formal opening by the Minister of Education (Hon. H. Atmore) of the very fine swimming pool which has been formed at the Vogelstown School grounds by the construction of a substantial concrete dam across the Huatoki river which forms the boundary between the school grounds and the Huatoki Domain, a picturesque spot handed over by the Government some years ago to the care of Vogelstown and Frankleigh Park residents as a reserve for the benefit of the people. A steep hillside in the school grounds, which was a few years ago covered with gorse and blackberry, has been planted out with trees which have made rapid growth and form a delightful background to the swimming pool and when the Domain Board is in a position to also carry out a scheme of planting in portions of its ground and to thoroughly clean further areas this particular valley of the Huatoki will rank as one of the most delightful spots in and around New Plymouth. Adjacent to the school and domain is also an area of magnificent native bush which has been secured for all time as a scenic reserve.

There is still a debt on the concrete dam and with the object of raising funds to liquidate this and to enable further improvements to be carried out at the pool, as well as to provide funds to enable the Domain Board to meet certain annual charges and to proceed further with its proposed improvements, it was decided to hold a combined gala day to officially open the swimming pool the proceeds to be devoted to the twofold object. The gathering was originally arranged for February 2, but had to be postponed owing to unfavourable weather. On Saturday the conditions were ideal and the attendance was most gratifying and the visitors were so appreciative of the work that has been done that they liberally patronised the various stalls and competitions with the result that it is expected upwards of £30 will be cleared.

An attractive programme had been arranged including athletic and swimming events and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy the afternoon.

THE FORMAL OPENING.

During an interval in the sports programme Mr. W. Healy, chairman of the school committee, extended a cordial welcome to the Minister and said they were particularly indebted to the Hon. Mr. Atmore, inasmuch as he had, at some inconvenience to him, visited Taranaki earlier than previously arranged in order to be present at the gathering and to formally declare the swimming pool open. Continuing, Mr. Healy said the Hon. Mr. Atmore had represented the Nelson electorate in Parliament for very many years and had done good work in helping govern this country. Those services had been rewarded and Mr. Atmore's chief had raised him to Cabinet rank (applause). The Hon. Mr. Atmore had gained many honours as a private member and the speaker said he was confident he would carry out his duties as a Minister with credit to himself and to the Dominion (applause). Mr. Healy said he desired to take

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The Hon. Mr. Atmore had gained many honours as a private member and the speaker said he was confident he would carry out his duties as a Minister with credit to himself and to the Dominion (applause).

Mr. Healy said he desired to take this opportunity of thanking all who had so generously subscribed towards the cost of the dam, to the large band of willing workers who so ungrudgingly gave up their spare time and their sports in order to assist with the working bees, the ladies who had provided the workers with afternoon tea, Messrs. Bendall and Cross for the use of horses. He also thanked Mr. C. E. Bellringer, former member for the district, and the Hon. Mr. Wright, former Minister of Education, for the sympathetic interest they had shown in the project and for the very fine subsidy that was granted. Special thanks were also accorded to the Education Board for its hearty co-operation, while to the press they were greatly indebted for all the publicity that had been given to the effort. "Like all concrete jobs the cost had been more than expected," concluded Mr. Healy. "The scheme, too, was not yet finished and so he made a special appeal to any who thought the work worthy to assist."

Mr. S. G. Smith, M.P., and chairman of the Education Board, congratulated all concerned on the wonderful work that had been accomplished and wished the effort every possible success.

MINISTER'S GENEROUS OFFER

Mr. Healy then presented the Hon. Mr. Atmore with a pair of scissors as a souvenir and called upon him to formally declare the swimming pool open.

The Minister was greeted with hearty applause on rising to speak and at the outset he said how pleased he was to be present and to formally open this very fine swimming pool. It was undoubtedly a splendid pool, but all would agree that it was possible to improve it, and talking about subsidies he was prepared to offer in advance £50 if the people themselves raised another £50 towards completing it (applause). Continuing the speaker said it was pleasing to see throughout New Zealand an earnest desire on the part of parents and all concerned to remove the reproach that had existed that boys and girls up to the age of 10 years could not swim. In his district, where they had exceptionally fine facilities for bathing, he did not think they would find 10 children over the age of 9 years who could not swim (applause). When they considered the large number of deaths by drowning all realized how necessary it was, apart from it being a pleasant pastime, that every boy and girl should learn to swim. This pool would help and when the scheme was completed they would not only have one of the finest swimming pools, but one of the most picturesque in New Zealand. With the possibility of securing a distance of 100 yards, too, he saw no reason why championship swimming events should not be held there. The Minister also commented very favourably on the plantations in the school grounds and the splendid growth the trees were making, and in conclusion repeated his previous offer that he would be pleased to authorize the payment of £50 when they raised another £50, so that they could get out of debt and at the same time complete the pool (applause).

Amid further applause the Hon. Mr. Atmore then cut the ribbon which had been stretched across the pool and at a signal from Mr. Healy scores of bathers who had been waiting on the banks for the opening ceremony were soon plunging into the water and enjoying a swim

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