



LARGEST PLAYGROUND for New Plymouth city children is to be provided on the flat area shown in this view of the new Glenpark Avenue Reserve. The view looking towards Glenpark Avenue shows, in the foreground, the sloping banks of the Huatoki Stream, now planted in shrubs and trees, and to the right the site for the proposed Glenpark kindergarten. The children's playground area will extend for about an acre, and is to be equipped with swings, slides and other amusement devices for the children of a rapidly expanding housing area.

City's largest playground

New Plymouth's largest playing area for children, a reserve of more than an acre between Glenpark Avenue and Camden Street, in the Huatoki Valley, is to be developed now that the Housing Construction Department has offered to vest the land in the New Plymouth City Council.

This week the council accepted the department's offer and all that remains to be done before the council takes over is the erection of a fence.

Because of subdivisions in the area, including Parsons Street where considerable home building is now proceeding, the total area of reserve available to the council will be about five acres.

SHRUBS GROWING

This includes wide strips on the banks of the Huatoki Stream between the Brois and Parsons Street bridges, and a comparatively flat area nearer Glenpark Avenue which will be used for the playing ground. The Housing Department has planted the sloping sides of the river bank in shrubs, and trees, all of which are growing well. It is intended eventually that a pleasant walk from Camden Street to Parsons Street will be available through the plantation.

On the Glenpark Avenue side of the new reserve, a quarter-acre site has been reserved for a future kindergarten. The new reserve can be reached by sealed footpath from Camden Street, a cul-de-sac off Huatoki Road, and from Glenpark Avenue.

"Glenpark will have a children's playground on a rather larger scale than usual in New Plymouth because the size of the reserve gives us more scope," said the chairman of the council's parks and reserves committee, Mr. W. A. Dean, today.

The area unfortunately is not large enough for a sports field, but the council feels that, with the rapid development of the surrounding area, it will serve most usefully as a playing area for increasingly large numbers of children living in the area.

There is easy access from Parsons Street, the Glenpark Avenue area, Brois Street and Huatoki Road. Besides new houses in Parsons Street, a large private subdivision will include a road leading off Huatoki Road, only a short distance from the Camden Street entrance to the new playing ground.

Report soon on iron and steel industry

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WELLINGTON, This Day.—The Government should know within ten days if New Zealand can establish an economical iron and steel industry.

The inter-departmental committee set up by the Minister of Industries and Commerce, Mr. Holloway, to investigate the feasibility of an iron and steel industry will make its preliminary report in a week or so.

The committee's latest move to gather all possible expert opinion was to obtain the views of Dr. T. E. Colclough, one of Britain's foremost consultants.

Dr. Colclough was brought from England by Fletcher Holdings Ltd and Industrial Metals Ltd. (Wellington), who have together made proposals for the early establishment of a New Zealand iron and steel industry.

He and Fletcher representatives saw Mr. Holloway this morning. Later Mr. G. Frazer, a spokesman for the Fletcher group, said that Dr. Colclough would be in Wellington until the end of next week, when he returns to Britain.

Before then he hopes to meet the principal people interested in iron and steel development.

Dr. Colclough spent eight months in New Zealand 19 years ago in connection with the Onekaka project and he has held many important positions in the United Kingdom iron and steel industry.

The chairman of the inter-departmental committee, Mr. E. A. Atkinson, said Dr. Colclough had met the committee yesterday for a long discussion.

"We hope to have our preliminary report soon—within the next week or so," he said.

Mr. Atkinson added that the Government had authorised the committee to investigate the establishment of a scrap metal processing industry and the effect of such an industry on the exploitation of iron-sands. It would also assess current developments in the major project for an iron and steel industry.

Church services at hospital

Though unwilling to have ministers of the churches at Stratford conduct Sunday evening services in the wards of the Stratford Public Hospital, the hospital board at its meeting today decided that ministers could hold services in the hospital's outpatients' department.

Application was made to the board at its last meeting by the Central Taranaki Ministers' Association for permission for ministers to conduct services in the wards, but at that time the view of Father E. J. Carmine, Roman Catholic priest of the Stratford parish, could not be obtained as he was in Australia.

Further to his original letter on the subject, the Rev. K. T. Moody, for the ministers' association, wrote to say that his inquiries showed that services were held at New Plymouth, Napier, Hastings and Palmerston North hospitals as proposed in his original letter. Services were held in the past at Wellington and Hamilton hospitals, but ceased with the opening of chapels

the request.

"Although such services are favourably received elsewhere," Mr. Moody's letter said, "Father Carmine points out that the percentage of Roman Catholics in Stratford districts is higher than in most places."

The chairman, Mr. J. D. Law, said he asked the chairman of the Taranaki Hospital Board, Mr. P. Stainton, what was the practice in New Plymouth and he said that services were conducted there. Few patients objected and if they did they were taken out of the ward.

It had been suggested that the outpatients' block be used for the services, said Mr. B. Hutchen and he moved that this be done.

Could that be arranged? Mr. Law asked the medical superintendent, Dr. C. C. K. Smith.

"Yes," said Dr. Smith, "but Mr. Moody says it would defeat the object. Only the very keen ones would attend. The object was to make the services available to all." Dr. U. Steven said he would second the motion with the addition of the words: "in view of the lack of unanimity among the ministers." When one of the major denominations was against the ward idea, he said, he thought the best thing was to make the outpatients' section available.

The Roman Catholics could use the same facilities if they wished, said Mr. Hutchen, in agreeing to the addition to his motion, which was carried unanimously.

CHLOROFORM NOT GOOD

Sproston yearling tops Jersey bull fair prices

A good attendance at the new Jersey ring at the Burnside showgrounds, Hawera, this morning offered limited and selective competition for the Taranaki National pedigree Jersey bull offering. This resulted in a drop in the morning realisations from 78.1 gns. last year to 63.8 gns.

Ceiling prices were not as high as those of last year, but two yearlings, one two-year-old and one mature bull made three-figure prices, the top being a Sproston yearling, Sproston Royal Ben (Sproston Royal Omen—Sproston Uranus), born August 7, 1957, owned by Messrs. Atkinson Bros., Inglewood. It was bought by Mr. P. Mullen, Oamunui, for 150 guineas.

The top two-year-olds, Hilsen Liberator (Ngahwi Lib's Noble—Ngahwi Sam's Mamie), born August 24, on account of Mr. R. J. Haseltine, Stratford, was bought by Messrs. H. E. and D. J. Hurley, Hurleyville, for 110 guineas. The mature bull was Pine Valley Victory (Te Kateroa Carbine—Te Kateroa Charity), born August 26, 1954, on account of Mr. B. E. Kuklinski, Inglewood, which was bought for 145 guineas by Newton King Ltd., as agents, Waitara. The sale, however, showed an improving tendency.

This morning's realisations were:—

On account Messrs. F. and J. G. Leahy, Waitotara; Kaipō Pa's Masterpiece (Kaipō Clarion Pal—Kaipō Goldie), born September 27, 1956, Mr. H. Zimmerman, Meremere, 65 gns.

On account Mr. H. M. Clough, Inglewood; Wyndell Lockett (Mount Meadow Gallant—Wyndell Lynds), August 7, 1957, Mr. J. Harper, Whenuakura, 40 gns.

On account Mr. B. E. Kuklinski, Inglewood; Pine Valley Victory (Te Kateroa—Te Kateroa Charity), August 26, 1954, Newton King as agents, Waitara, 145 gns.

On account Messrs. K. V. and E. B. Price, Uremā; Ngahwi Bugie Boy (Ngahwi Lib's Noble—Ngahwi Bob's Belle), September 2, 1957, 80 gns.

On account Mr. R. W. Ord, Auroa, 65 gns.

On account of Messrs. D. B. and Rose A. Stewart, Lepperton; Chiragh Sea Royal (Rata Glen Daisy Decolion—Holly Val Rose-o-Day), July 17, 1957; Mr. H. Snowden, Maniaia, 16 gns.

On account Mr. E. W. Bell, Dakara; Pines Liberator (Malindan Prince Designer—Pineswoods Ensign Fly), July 18, 1957; Mr. E. J. Morgan, Maniaia, 55 gns.

On account of Mr. J. E. Elmes, Okeponaki; Bron-Coed Liddle (Broken Hill New Moon—Bron-Coed Pellicity), August 2, 1957; Mr. J. H. Blackwell, H. J. Valiant (Lily), 17, 1957; Mr. H. Snowden, Maniaia, 16 gns.