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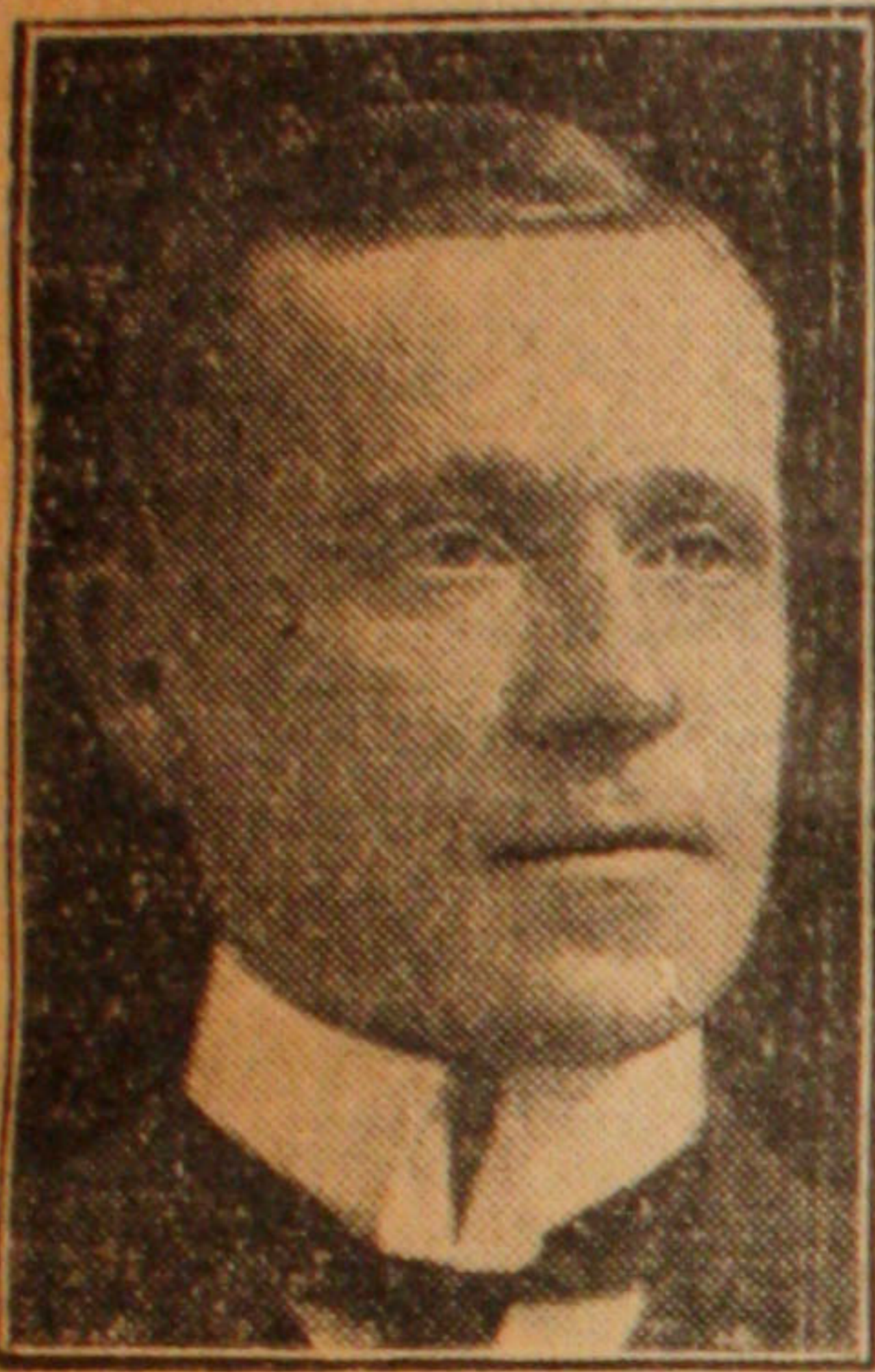
SIR HENRY NEWLAND PRESIDENT

Sydney, July 25.

The following medical men have been appointed office bearers of the College of Surgeons of Australasia for 1929:—

President, Sir Henry Newland.  
Vice-Presidents, Sir Alexander MacCormick, Sir Louis Barnett.  
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Russell.  
Members of the Council, Dr. E. D. Ahearn, Dr. R. Gordon Craig, Dr. H. B. Devine, Dr. A. L. Kenny, Dr. F. P. Sandes, Dr. Ralph Worrall.  
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Secretaries of Committee in the States and the Dominion, Dr. R. Wade, New South Wales; Dr. Fay Maclure, Victoria; Dr. H. M. Fay, South Australia; Dr. G. A. C. Douglas, Queensland; Dr. F. A. Hadley, Western Australia; Dr. H. Lines, Tasmania; Sir Donald McGavinn, New Zealand.

NEWS 26-7-29

DOGS KILL SHEEP

WAITE INSTITUTE SUFFERS

Effect on Experiments

Mr. H. Mitchell, who has lost 266 sheep from his flock near Brownhill Creek, Glen Osmond, largely owing to the ravages of dogs, has decided to sell the remaining 232 animals.

Prof. T. Brailsford Robertson (superintendent of animal nutrition section of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) stated today that, in addition to the nine sheep which had been killed by dogs in the flock attached to Waite Agricultural Farm, two wethers in a separate flock of the animal nutrition section had been killed. This had interfered with experiments, but probably not so seriously as at the Waite Agricultural Farm.

Prof. Robertson added that the animal nutrition section studied the effect on sheep of certain grasses as food while the Waite Institute watched the effect on various grasses which were consumed by the animals.

The Commonwealth Government had already spent £120 in providing dog-proof fencing along the boundary of its experimental plot, but owing to its experimental nature of the country, dogs might still gain access. The section would probably be forced to spend more money in

fencing, and would greatly appreciate any measure taken to exterminate the dog nuisance.

Prof. J. A. Prescott (of Waite Agricultural Research Institute) stated that the menace of dogs to sheep used for experiments had long been recognised. Hundreds of pounds had been spent in building several miles of dog-proof fencing. The sheep were guarded as far as possible, and the only way of eliminating the danger was to do away with the dogs.

Mitcham and Parkside police have received no information to lead to the identification of the owners of dogs already shot for having harmed the sheep of Mr. Mitchell.

The police state that there is no suspicion that Alsatian dogs have caused the trouble.

NEWS 27-7-29

DEATH OF DR. E. S. BIELER

Tribute by Adelaide Professor

Dr. Etienne S. Bieler (deputy director of Imperial Geophysical Experimental Survey), whose death has occurred in Western Australia, was in Adelaide last week. He left on Friday morning in good health, but evidently contracted pneumonia on the train.

When Dr. Bieler arrived in Geraldton on Tuesday morning to inspect geophysical research work in regard to silver and lead deposits, he had to be removed to hospital.

While in Adelaide Dr. Bieler delivered a lecture at the university.

Prof. Kerr Grant (professor of physics at the university) today paid a tribute to the late doctor. He said that Dr. Bieler had been a brilliant student at Cambridge and other universities.

On his return to Canada Dr. Bieler had been appointed to the staff of Montreal University under Prof. Eve, a well-known authority on geophysical problems. Later he was recommended to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for the position of director.

"Although my association with Dr. Bieler was short," continued Prof. Kerr Grant, "I esteemed him highly. He was a young man of the highest promise and character, and by his untimely death the Imperial Geophysical Experimental Survey has sustained a severe loss." Dr. Bieler was a native of Canada where his relatives reside.

NEWS 29-7-29

Prof. I. Harvey Johnston, of the University of Adelaide, who was one of the South Australian representatives at the Australian Fisheries Conference in Sydney, returned by the express from Melbourne this morning. Prof. Johnston is a member of the marine biological committee which dealt with scientific investigations of the fisheries problem.

REG. 29-7-29

GRAZING PROBLEMS IN ARID AUSTRALIA

Drifting Sand And Overstocking Are Two Handicaps Country Is Facing

PROFESSOR OSBORN ON KOONAMORE WORK

PROFESSOR T. G. B. Osborn told members of the University Agricultural Society this week that one of our greatest problems was the rejuvenation of denuded areas within the 10-in. rainfall belt, where overstocking had proved too great a handicap for the hardy saltbush and other shrubs, and where the soil, with nothing to hold it, drifted for miles to threaten even carefully stocked stations nearby.

He said vast stations in South Australia had been abandoned because the soil literally drifted off the country, leaving a stony substratum in which nothing grew.

To the lack of water, which the saltbush could overcome to a certain extent, man had added a super-tax with his flocks. Overstocking seemed to have had a selective action in the flora of such regions, until the most valuable plants, including the various saltbush species, had given up the struggle, and had been replaced by simpler, hardier forms, of which the common "bindee" was one of the most prominent.

In the hope of arriving at some solution of the problem, Professor Osborn said he had begun experimental work at Koonamore Station, east of Burra.

About 7,200 acres had been fenced off by the owners, and certain work undertaken, in which the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had become interested. A graduate from Adelaide University had been stationed in this remote spot as a resident field officer, and already promising observations of the behaviour of the natural flora under protected conditions had been made.

LONG LEASE SECURED

It was hoped, primarily, to study the return of the saltbush in denuded areas,

but as a 19 years' lease had been taken it was probable that perennial plants would be included in the investigation. Representative areas were chosen, and on test sections of different areas charts of the herbage were prepared at intervals. With these, and with photographs of the test sections, an accurate idea could be obtained of the process of regeneration on unstocked land.

The results so far indicated that blue-bush showed very hopeful signs of revival under sympathetic treatment. Saltbush was slower.

With paddocks averaging four by five miles in extent regeneration by seeding would be practically impossible on a grand scale, though something might be done with sowing in strips. But with acacias, including the mulga, surprising results had been obtained after selected areas had been burnt over, and it was hoped that a definite lead in this direction could be given.

When it was realised that one-third of the continent could be classed as arid land, Professor Osborn said, a good deal of importance could be attached to the safeguarding of these inland areas. "If only for its application to the fine-wool industry," he added, "the work can be considered worth while."

BECKER ISSUES WRIT AGAINST SMITH'S NEWSPAPERS, LTD.

ON July 22 there was issued out of the Supreme Court of South Australia by Johannes Heinrich Becker, of Tanunda, a writ against Smith's Newspapers, Limited, and Robert Clyde Packer, publisher, of "Smith's Weekly," claiming damages for alleged libel contained in the issue of "Smith's Weekly" dated June 29, at pages 1 and 11, under the headings:

"German Quack Runs Riot on the Murray Flats," and "German Quack and Atophan" re-

spectively, and in a poster of the same date, headed, "Sudden Death," and widely published by the defendants in South Australia and elsewhere.

The writ was issued by Cleland and Teesdale Smith, solicitors, of Eagle Chambers, Pirie Street, Adelaide, agents for Heuzenroeder and Heuzenroeder, of Tanunda, and service was accepted by Abbott and Buttrose, of Remington House, Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

F. Villeneuve Smith, K.C., with W. A. Rollison, has been retained by Smith's Newspapers, Ltd.

REG. 31-7-29

FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From The Register, July 31, 1879)

The foundation stone of the University of Adelaide building, which will be erected in North terrace, was laid today in the presence of some two thousand persons by the Governor. Among those present were Lady Jerbois, the Chancellor (the Bishop of Adelaide), the Vice-Chancellor (Chief Justice Way), the Treasurer (Sir Henry Ayers), the Warden of the Senate (Dr. W. Gosse), Sir Thomas Elder, the Registrar of the University (Mr. W. Barlow), the Minister for Education (Mr. T. King), and the Commissioner of Police (Mr. G. Hamilton).

ADV. 1-8-29

Professor J. B. Cleland, of the Adelaide University, has been appointed a Commissioner of the National Park, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. W. Gill.

ADV. 30-7-29

A DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The announcement of the decision of the University of Adelaide to establish a diploma in public administration has been greeted in the public service with deep satisfaction (says the "Public Service Review"). Public servants have long desired that some such certificate should be available, but it remained for the regional group of the Institute of Public Administration to give the idea a coherency and direction which at once appealed to, and won the approval of, the University authorities. This it was bound to do, as the University is always ready to meet the educational needs of the community when it is in any way possible. The service is extremely grateful for what has been done, and welcomes the opportunity to strengthen its connection with the University. That bond is already a close one. When we consider the number of professional officers and others who have taken, or are now working, for degrees, in addition to those who have done or are doing diploma courses, to say nothing of the many others who are attending Workers' Educational Association lectures in the tutorial department, we see that the public service is as closely linked to the University as are any of the professions. The more this contact is fostered, the better for the service will it be.

ADV. 31-7-29

TRAINING DOCTORS

Not Enough Patients

ENGLISH COLLEGES FULL

Fremantle, July 30.

To lecture on medical subjects to students in the principal cities in the eastern States, Professor Hugh MacLean, professor of medicine at the University of London, reached Fremantle to-day on the mailboat Narkunda from England. He is making his first visit to Australia, and a series of lectures has been arranged by the Melbourne Post-Graduate Medical Committee. The professor will remain at Adelaide for about a week to deliver two lectures to post-graduate students and will stay for several weeks in Melbourne.

During an interview to-day the professor said London medical colleges had an enormous amount of clinical material for the training of students, and one of the principal difficulties of the college authorities was to keep down the number of students. In many of the provincial hospitals it was difficult to find sufficient material for the students owing to the limited number of patients.

ADV. 31-7-29

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

At a meeting of the Classical Association, at the University on Friday last, Professor J. A. Fitzherbert read a paper on "Pindar the Thinker." He dealt with Pindar in varied aspects, first as the staunch patriot, against the decision of his own state, then as one proclaiming the duty of every man to discover what fate had enabled him to do, and, having discovered, to perform it, neither falling short of it through laziness or selfishness or cowardice, nor through foolish vanity, seeking goals for which heaven had not fitted him, but ever urging man to do nothing in excess. Above all must man avoid dishonesty in word or deed, and calumny. Next he traced Pindar's reverence towards the gods, his purification of those older stories that stood in need of it, his refusal to attribute crime to a god. Finally he followed the steps by which, according to Pindar, the virtuous man was to free himself from the imperfections of nature and win eternal happiness and the esteem of the gods.

At the close of the meeting Mr. D. H. Hollidge, the president of the association, who was in the chair, voiced the thanks of the members to Professor Fitzherbert for his able study of a great poet.