

Visiting Bowlers Due Here on Thursday; to Oppose Locals Friday

Thirty-Five of Party of New Zealanders on Empire Tour Will Visit Capital City—Will Be Dinner Guests Thursday Evening

Marking the first visit of New Zealand bowlers to this city, about thirty-five of the party, which is now completing the last laps of an Empire tour, will arrive here Thursday afternoon from Vancouver. On Friday they will meet picked rinks from Greater Victoria at the greens of the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club, at Beacon Hill, at 2:30 o'clock.

The players who have been

Empire tour they have addressed many large gatherings. The visit not only adds new interest to the game of bowls, but creates a more friendly spirit, both from an athletic point of view and also from a social standpoint. As on previous occasions, such as the visit of the British bowlers, an exchange of souvenirs will be made by players on the respective teams.

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The players who have been selected to oppose the players from "down under" comprise, for the greater part, those who participated against the British bowlers on their recent visit to Victoria. The rinks are perhaps the strongest that have ever upheld the colors of the Capital city in competition against invading players.

The team selected is as follows:

W. J. McAllan, G. Blundell, H. M. Wright and James Raeside (skip).

A. B. McNeill, W. Barbour, H. Renwick and Tom McCosh (skip).

R. Tuthill, T. Mayne, J. Munro and Alex McKeachie (skip).

F. J. Byng, J. M. Mercer, F. Moules and James Renfrew (skip).

J. Johnston, W. Robb, R. Wilson and W. Wood (skip).

Reserves: F. W. Davey and G. Vallance.

On their arrival the visitors will be taken on a sightseeing trip through the city and to the famous Butchart Gardens. In the evening they will be the guests of the Greater Victoria Bowling League and the City Council, at a dinner to be held in the Hudson's Bay dining-room. Here Alderman Robert Dewar, himself a keen bowler, will welcome

respective teams.

Following is a complete list of the visitors:

L. G. Armstrong, Te Awamutu; R. Eagleton, Auckland; J. Grant, Oamaru; T. Horton, New Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hill and Miss Hill, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kirk, Auckland; T. Marker, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. F. Needham and F. Needham, Jr., Auckland; W. Putt, New Plymouth; J. Pieterston, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rose and Miss Rose, Christchurch; H. F. Rogers, Ngariawahia; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sands, Auckland; W. Smith, Dunedin; J. D. Sole, New Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Adess and Miss Adess, Dunedin; W. E. Arey, A. J. Carson and A. Coutts, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dee, Nelson; J. A. Doherty, Wellington; J. B. Frame and J. Hutchinson, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardley and J. W. Hardley, Jr., Auckland; J. Lorimer, Christchurch; P. J. Hill, New Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardley, Auckland; F. Moffatt, Wanganui; J. A. McKinnon, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parker and Miss Parker, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Suhan, Levin; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson and J. M. Thompson, Jr., Auckland; J. H.

them on behalf of the city, while H. Despard Twigg, M.P.P., will extend a welcome on behalf of the Province. Other speakers at the function will include Alderman James Adam and Alderman Marchant.

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NEW ZEALAND TEAM DINED

Touring Bowlers Guests of
Victoria Enthusiasts and
of the City — Impressed
With Canada

GAME GROWING IN POPULARITY

Last night in the Hudson's Bay dining-room, the New Zealand lawn bowlers, touring Canada, were entertained at a complimentary dinner tendered by the bowlers of Greater Victoria and the City of Victoria. The chair was taken by Alderman Dewar, president of the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club, who also took the place of Mayor Pendray, who was unavoidably absent. Preceding the dinner a grace was sung in harmony by the visitors from New Zealand.

The proceedings throughout were marked by the greatest spirit of comradeship, a common interest in the game of bowls proving of the

Visiting Bowlers Will Play Local Rinks Today

MEMBERS of the touring New Zealand bowlers will be in action today against the pick of local players on the greens of the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club, at Beacon Hill, at 2:30 o'clock. A strong squad has been selected to carry the Capital City's colors into action against the visitors.

"God Save the King" and "O Canada" were sung, and the chairman addressed the company. He expressed appreciation at the touring bowlers' visit to what he described as the finest city in Canada. Last years, he said, Victoria had beaten a bowling team from the British Isles, and hoped to repeat the victory at an early date. He had noticed that the game was increasing in popularity in California and pointed out that California's star performers were of British origin. British bowlers, he said, were playing the game of bowls all over the world today. He called upon Alderman William Marchant to propose the toast of "Our Visitors from Overseas."

ALDERMAN MARCHANT

In indorsing the chairman's welcome, Alderman Marchant said he felt bound to own that he was a little doubtful of the result of today's match. But whatever the issue, he felt that the best friendships were always formed after a game of bowls. He always liked to feel that Drake was playing bowls on the eve of England's struggle with the Armada, and he pointed out that what chiefly recommended the game of bowls to him was the absence of professionalism. New Zealand, he said, had much in common with Vancouver Island. New Zealand also was an island, having wonderful climatic conditions and limitless resources.

"We are part and parcel of the same British Empire," said Alderman Marchant, "and we want no special flag, but glory in the old Union Jack," a remark which was enthusiastically received.

In responding to the toast, Mr. J. W. Hardley, president of the Dominion of New Zealand Lawn Bowlers' Association, said that the visitors had come to the dinner not as competitors, but as kinsmen. They were here to strengthen and deepen the bond of brothership between the two Dominions. On his tour through Europe and Canada he had seen many beautiful spots. He had seen the view from Stirling Castle. Ottawa he considered the Pearl City of Canada. Toronto was justly named the Empire City, but he considered Victoria "The City Beautiful."

STANDING ADVERTISEMENT

"The immensity of Canada," he said, "which has staggered us all, is typified by the immensity of the hearts of the Canadian people who have made our tour so memorable." He had noticed how the men of Canada had striven to provide for

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that the New Zealand Bowling Association contained 308 clubs, the total membership of which was over 16,000.

There was no game, he mentioned, where it was so possible for men of all occupations to meet on common ground than the game of bowls. The game had made rapid strides in popularity in the Old Country. Twenty years ago there were 367 clubs in England as compared with 1,057 today, and the same percentage of increase applied to Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The visiting team had played twenty-four games and lost three, and, whatever the result of today's match, he was confident that they were going to meet kindred spirits and good sportsmen.

INVITATION EXTENDED

"I am sending an invitation," he said, "to the Canadian Lawn Bowlers' Association to send a team to New Zealand next January. If they do not accept, what about sending a team from British Columbia?"

Alderman James Adam then rose to extend a civic welcome to the visitors. It was unfortunate, he said, that their stay was to be so short. It was just a year since he had arrived back from a tour of New Zealand. The statistics of that country showed that football was the most popular sport, with bowling second. The green at Westport, he said, was the best in the world, and the interest shown in the game was enormous. He pointed out that the athletic field was the best means of cementing the bonds of Empire, and cited his own experience in conducting the All-Canadian soccer team on a tour of New Zealand.

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of celebrating the bonds of Empire, and cited his own experience in conducting the All-Canadian soccer team on a tour of New Zealand as an instance.

H. Despard Twigg, M.P.P., offered the visitors a provincial welcome. A country, he said, which would send a crusade of bowlers on a world tour showed indomitable spirit. He outlined the natural resources of British Columbia, pointing to its mineral wealth, fishing industries, sheep farming possibilities and wealth of timber. The two Dominions had one great thing in common, he said, and that was absolute and loyal adherence to the Imperial idea. His speech was received tumultuous applause.

COUNTRIES ALIKE

In responding, Mr. J. H. Thomson said that there was no country more like New Zealand than British Columbia. He sketched the conditions of New Zealand at the present moment. It was the richest country, he said, in proportion to the population, its wealth being estimated at £503 per capita. He concluded by testifying to the wonderful time which had been enjoyed on their tour through Canada.

Mr. J. L. White rose to propose the toast of "The Ladies," which was enthusiastically drunk. In responding, Mrs. J. W. Hardley thanked the hosts for their hospitality, which had gone far, she said, to cement the great opinion which the visitors had formed of Canada as a country, and Canadians as a people.

Between toasts an excellent humorous programme was rendered by Mr. George Ingledeu, accompanied at the piano by Mr. W. T. Bridge.