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Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms,
Tararua Street, Paraparaumu
4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 p.m.
March 2002

Well, you will have received the first issue of our new format, designed for our e-mail members, and we would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Is the Works, Rich Text (.rtf) or DOS (.txt) format preferred? Email subscribers please let us know which they can access.

PROGRAMME

Mar 27th Brian Mountjoy - "Wills"
Apr 24th Workshop evening

NOTICES SUBS ARE DUE! Still

\$15 single & \$25 double. Please see Shirley Westat the meeting.

GARAGE SALE. The proposed garage sale that we had hoped to hold in March 2002 has been postponed for until April 27th. This is because the committee feels that insufficient goods have been accumulated for sale. More donations are needed and if you can help in any way please advise any Committee member. Also, to help swell the produce, its been decided to include cakes and biscuits in the sale, so if you'd like to bake something, advise a committee member for collection. The proceeds of this garage sale/cake stall will go towards our amenities in the new library, due to open before Christmas.

Supper Helpers

To assist the Committee, will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up
March: W-A April: B-C

FURTHER TO THE LANCASHIRE WEAVERS STORY - The Fining System

Another disagreeable feature of factory life at this time (circa 1840) was the growing practice of the employers in Fining their workpeople. Fining was no modern invention, as it was older than the factory system itself. At the time when the merchant put out warps to be woven by the handloom weaver he reserved to himself a "power of abatement" for deficiency in workmanship. With the commencement of the factory era the system developed into something of a fine art. In the hands of the greedy designing employer it could be made to yield the equivalent of an all-round reduction in wages. In the "Poor man's Advocate", 1832 many instance are given of fines upon spinners, for "rubbed cops", i.e. Over-large cops, 1s. to 2s 6d.; waste found in the necessary, 1s. each spinner; ten minutes late, 1s.; day off without permission 12s.; gas, six lights, 2s.6d.; three lights, 1s.3d.; gas, reelers, 1s.; hot water for tea, 3d., 2d., or 1d.

In another mill operatives paid the engineer a penny a week to send up the steam early to heat the spinning room. There was also a fining system known as the "grassing" system, where an operative was suspended for several days. The spinners and others vigorously resisted this method, with success. (A copy of Mill Rules will come later.)

REPORT ON NZSG REGION MEETING held recently in Levin

1. For members interested in the U.K. 1901 Census, the NZSG will purchase vouchers so they can access it through the Internet - once the 1901 site is stable and useable.
2. It was suggested at this meeting that NZSG members in the Wellington/Manawatu/Hawkes Bay areas might like to combine on a visit to the NZSG Family Research Centre newly opened in Auckland. Anyone interested? At present it is just an idea and no date has been fixed.
3. It was surprising to hear that our February speaker, Duncan Balmer, has spoken to many other Branches in this area.
4. Scottish Interest Central Group will be holding a meeting at Thompson House, Levin on 15th June 2002 Details to follow.
5. These meetings are a great place to get ideas for future speakers and find out what other Branches are doing, if anyone has a spare Saturday every second month they are welcome to attend.

COMMENT: Misers are no fun to live with - but they make great ancestors!

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