

# NEWS OF THE DAY

## Wiremen's Examination

Two Gisborne candidates, G. V. Anderson and R. B. Hingston, received passes in the practical part of the electrical wiremen's examinations, which were held last September.

## Waioeka Re-opened

The Waioeka Gorge road was re-opened for traffic last night. It had been closed by slips since the weekend, when there was very heavy rain, and all traffic had to take the old Motu road.

## Motor-Cycle Hits Train

A head injury was suffered by Keith Gilberd, aged 15, Wanganui, when a motor-cycle on which he was pillion riding struck an incoming train on the Halswell street railway crossing. He was taken to the Wanganui Public Hospital, his condition being reported as satisfactory. The rider of the motor-cycle was uninjured.

## Wellington Taxi Fares

In response to an application from Wellington taxi proprietors, company and independent, the Wellington Metropolitan Licensing Authority has authorised an increase of sixpence per trip for taxi runs within the city. At present the charge, for the two passengers, is 1s for the first half-mile; after December 3 the charge for this half-mile will be 1s 6d, so that all fares will go up by sixpence, whatever the distance, when calculated by meter.

## Brass Plate Removed

A reward of £10 is offered by advertisement in a Dunedin newspaper for information leading to the identification of the person who removed the brass plate from the surgery gate of Dr. D. G. McMillan, M.P., former Minister of Health, or of the person who defaced a similar plate at his consulting rooms in the city. There is no indication whether the acts complained of were done at approximately the same time or whether they were personal or political in intention.

## Houses of Steel

With a view to testing the steel

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with a view to testing the possibilities of houses being constructed by pre-fabricated sheet steel, 42 steel corporations in the United States were asked to undertake tests and submit designs. Only two firms carried the experiment beyond the initial stages, it being early realised that the uses of metal in this connection were severely limited. On the other hand, it was stated by an Auckland architect, some dwellings had been constructed overseas with walls of three-ply wood.

### **Patriotic Parcels**

A further opinion regarding the excellence of Gisborne patriotic parcels is contained in a letter received by Mrs. P. Hockley, and this supports a statement in a letter published earlier in the week that the contents made up the finest parcels that a certain unit had received during its 20 months in the Middle East. The letter received by Mrs. Hockley was from Lieutenant G. L. Frank, also in the Middle East and a Gisborne boy, who wrote acknowledging a parcel containing her name and stated that this was the first Gisborne parcel he had been fortunate enough to receive. "The opinion of our unit is that they are the best parcels we have yet received," the letter stated. "All the contents arrived in first class order."

### **Home Guard Parades**

During the next two week-ends most of the units in the Gisborne Battalion of the Home Guard are to parade on Saturday night and all day on Sunday, when special field work will be undertaken. Live grenade throwing will commence on December 12. Promotions in A Company are announced as follows: Sergeant R. A. Phillpotts and Sergeant-Major S. M. Massam to be acting platoon commanders, Staff Sergeant R. A. Burson to be Company Sergeant-Major with rank of temporary Warrant Officer 2, and Corporal W. R. Willock to be acting sergeant, all promotions dated December 1. Postings to companies are:—R. P. Davis and D. Tautuhi to A Company; H. J. Dunstan and W. P. Walker to C Company; A. F. Holmes, R. S. Lunn and E. McC. Stevens to D Company; J. L. Kape to Division 2 Signals. A. E. Kirk is transferred from C Company to the