

MELTON.

Messrs. M'Phall Bros. & Co. will hold their usual monthly market to-day, at their yards.

Church of England Services:—4th Sunday after Trinity. Christ church, Melton, 7.30; Exford, 11; Station, 8; Rockbank, 8.

Several frosts this week, but the one on Wednesday morning was the daddy of the lot, and was very severe. The frost was visible at 11.30 in the shaded spots, and at 2.30 p.m. ice remained there.

The rainfall for the week amounted to 15 points.

The farmers are now busy hay carting; most of them being finished putting in their crops.

Mr. Monaghan has been appointed Valuer for the Shire of Melton, at a remuneration of £50.

Skating rink started here. See advertisement.

Meeting of the Melton Race Club on Monday night next, at 8 p.m.

Melton Coursing Club will meet on Monday night to make preparations for the forthcoming August meeting.

Melton Fox Terrier Coursing Club formed. Fair number present. President, Mr. J. N. Byrnes; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. T. Manning, E. Carew; Committee, Messrs. L. Farrell, L. Exell, G. D. Dodd, J. Bunnell, B. Ward, J. M'Guire, A. Moylan; Sec. and Treas., Mr. A. Lee. Mr. W. Thos. Manning donated £1/1; Messrs. Exell and Byrnes wire netting for enclosure. Decided to ask for use of recreation reserve (Staughton Public Park) for Coursing matches. Membership, 2/6. Meeting, Friday night, when programme will be prepared.

The All Blacks picture company gave an exhibition in the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night last, and they were the best pictures ever shown in this district. In addition, some splendid vocal items were given. The attendance was wonderful, and must have given a return of £17 or £18.

The Shire Council is demanding better sanitary arrangements in the vicinity of the railway station.

Some little time ago a petition was sent to the Postmaster General asking that a loose bag be sent to the Exford school. Tenders have now been called for same.

The picnic and sports in connection with Exford State school took place on Saturday, July 1st. At 11 o'clock the children and numerous friends began to assemble at the school and by noon the crowd exceeded all expectations. When dinner was announced they did full justice to the good things provided by the ladies. By 1 o'clock, everything was in full swing. While one lot, headed by Mr. J. Patterson of Exford, were running off the different classes in their turn, the teacher, Miss Hockey, distributed the prizes. All got a prize of some description, while the older folks were enjoying themselves with such

games as two's and threes, and fill up the gap. A skipping competition finished the games for the day, when once again they all lined up for their tea, when Coronation medals were presented to all the children. Great praise is due to the teacher, Miss Hockey, for all the arrangements. Parents hope the Department will not make any more changes in this school. In the evening, the young folks wishing to finish the day, Mrs. Hare very willingly gave her house, where dancing was kept up till midnight. The music was provided by Miss Hockey (piano) and Mr. G. Ford (accordeon); while Mr. F. Abberton, Mr. G. Ford (acting as M.C.'s) kept things going lively. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Hare and all those who took part in the entertainment brought the festivities to a close.