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AUCKLAND ANNUAL PICNIC. The weatherman did not look kindly upon us on Saturday, February 3rd and those people living out of town did not prepare picnic lunches for Sunday, the day of the Annual picnic. In spite of short notice the attendance was very good. The varied and enjoyable programme was appreciated and it is not quite comprehensible to me why women insist on going to a Gent's Hairdresser after seeing our men folk at work adorning the fairer sex with plaits and curls. They certainly were better at shaping sets of false teeth from plasticine and peanuts although a young girl had them worried in case she walked off with first prize.

The nimble fingers of our ladies left the male talent behind when it came to untying knots in handkerchiefs behind their backs, but they certainly got all hot and bothered in trying to collect potatoes into a little circle - while the men tried their skill in throwing pennies in a plate and hitting a beer bottle (empty) with a pine cone swinging from the limb of a tree. The ice cream again kindly donated was received with great gusto amongst the youngsters and older folk too. Some people enjoyed the water while some were content to take walks or relax.

All good times come to an end and so as the evening sun set, we all wended our way home.

B. Haltmeyer.

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Mrs. C. I. Gregor, Hampton Street, Picton.

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