

annual examination.

The adjourned fortnightly meeting of the Rockhampton Municipal Council will be held to-day. Among the business for consideration is the proposal to increase the salary of the valuer from £250 to £301 per annum.

At the meeting at the Church-street Primitive Methodist Church to-night, special reference will be made to the completion of the Rev. R. Hartley's twenty-fifth year in the ministry of the church in this part of Queensland.

"Is man fit to be alone?" asked a vinegar-faced lecturer of a mixed audience. "Yes, if he's got a Club House Cigar," yelled a bachelor.—*ANVT.*

Hilliard says that "occupation is the armour of the soul." So are Club House Cigars the armour of the liver.—*ANVT.*

Instancing the favourable season experienced throughout Riverina in common with the other pastoral areas, the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company report that one of the most splendid yields of wool they have heard of for such a large flock is reported from the Widgieva estates, all the grown sheep, about 43,000 (of which 23,000 were breeding ewes) averaging 8 lb. 6 oz. each, and the lambs, about 15,000, averaging from 2 lb. 8½ oz. This is a great yield, especially when the high character of the wool, which is all bred from Tasmanian stock, is taken into account.

The Under-Colonial Secretary (Mr. Parry-Okeden) is of opinion that the escaped prisoner Joe Flick is the man whom he, when Police Magistrate at Charleville, sentenced to six months' imprisonment, says the Brisbane *Courier*. The exact nature of the charge on which he was sentenced Mr. Parry-Okeden cannot remember, but he says Harry Flick was a stockman in the Warrego district. Mrs. Flick was an aboriginal woman who dressed as a man. Harry Flick afterwards abducted a half-caste girl by force from Murweh station and made off with her to the Bulloo. The owner of the station pursued him on horseback, but on coming up with him was prevented with a double-barrelled rifle, which prevented him from getting the girl back. The police afterwards took up the chase and captured Flick and took him and the girl, together with "Joey," back to Charleville. During the father's incarceration at Roma "Joey" was under the care of the police, but on being liberated his father went to Charleville and took him away.