Progress on the Manning River: Taree's Fine Show

Taree, the largest town on the Manning River, and one which figures prominently in the story of the early settlement of the North Coast, has grown with remarkable rapidity since the opening of the North Coast railway. Not only has the town increased in population, and in its building area, but there has been an almost complete transformation in the character of the town buildings.

The old main street of Taree, which one remembers as having a rather unkept appearance, with ugly, dilapidated wooden buildings fronting one another across the road, has now, and in its place, there is a smart modern street paved with stone, and thatched buildings which would not disgrace the business section of a city. There is a picturesque parade which is said to have over forty thousand people, also a store, with white camphor wood front and color more.

The hotel lot is furnished and decorated in the most modern style, and when one enters one cannot but be impressed with the neat and clean appearance of the establishment. Illuminated with soft lamps filtered through embossed shades, it seems difficult to imagine a higher form of art and comfort in the world, and when one leaves the hotel, leaving behind him the 'parlours,' is met with a row of factories, most of them held by Mr. G. J. McShane. The buildings are formed on the American plan, and the exhibition was opened to the public on Saturday last.

The exhibition of milk was probably the best part of the show, and Taree, which has built up a high standard of quality in the dairy industry, and which has seen some of the finest exhibitions of milk and dairy products in the State, will be glad to know that this exhibition was opened to the public on Saturday last.

The exhibits of milk were prepared by the best farmers in the district, and all the dairy products were examined and passed by the judges. The judging was done by Mr. T. S. Smith, of Taree, and Mr. E. A. Smith, of Taree, and the results were announced by Mr. T. S. Smith. The results were as follows:

- The best quality of milk was exhibited by Mr. G. J. McShane, of Taree.
- The best quality of butter was exhibited by Mr. J. J. McShane, of Taree.
- The best quality of eggs was exhibited by Mr. J. J. McShane, of Taree.
- The best quality of cheese was exhibited by Mr. J. J. McShane, of Taree.

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