

Some information gathered by the Chairman, Mr. J. Seaton, and the Secretary from Mr. D. K. Penfold District Engineer at an interview on MARCH 6, 1946, re. the domestic water situation.

Most of this information was received in answer to definite questions, but some was volunteered.

The Irrigation Co. has a Final Licence (No. 11414) to deliver 50,000 gals. of domestic water per day. This licence supercedes Conditional Licence No. 8456 dated 1907 which called for 100,000 gals.

This water is not accumulative i.e. if only 30,000 is delivered one day the next day is still limited to 50,000 and not 70,000.

This amount of water was arrived at by Victoria, and was based on a list of 142 connections compiled by the late Mr. G. D. Marshall (March 1941) Mr. Penfold suggested 500 gals. per day per connection. This would have meant a total of 71,000 but the Water Comptroller set the figure at 50,000.

ALSO only the number of connections on each property at the time of the granting of the Final Licence (1941) are entitled to domestic water.

The Dist. can refuse more domestic connections on the ground that the Co. are to-day exceeding their licence for 50,000 gals.

If the Co. dispute this it will be up to them to prove that they are not by building a weir to measure the water going into the pipe.

If the Co. apply for a bigger domestic licence it is up to the Dist. whether they agree or not - the water belongs to the Dist.

THIS MEANS that at the present time that even more connections on grade "A" land can be refused - unless the District agrees.

The District can tax all domestic users even though the connection is on grade "B" land.

The District can charge a set sum for allowing a connection to be made i.e. a newcomer should pay his share of the cost of the system.

If water is given to more "B" land in the Centre the same would necessarily have to be done in Winfield.

This information has been sent to all the Trustees so that some consideration could be given the subject in preparation for the next meeting.

The Chairman is of the opinion that the above information shows that the Trustees have practically unlimited power in the matter of granting domestic water rights, but that some definite policy must be arrived at.

If domestic water is granted to any individual he is automatically entitled to irrigate $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.

If we tax the connections on "B" grade we give all those people a vote. Do we want this?