

With regard to the enterprise shown by the new clubs in maintaining a good green and keeping their grounds in attractive order, warm commendation was expressed on Saturday by Mr. E. W. Inder, representing the Auckland Centre, while addressing the gathering assembled for the Te Papapa opening. What he specially admired was their success in surmounting the handicap of a small membership by doing most of the work themselves, thereby giving them a more personal interest in the club's progress. He also congratulated them on receiving so much assistance from the ladies, an observation which proved an appropriate introduction to rather an unusual ceremony on an opening day, a presentation to the wife of the president, Mr. H. Johnson, in recognition of her untiring work on behalf of the club.

Mr. Inder's remarks suited the occasion admirably, for the grounds are now quite an ornament to the neighbourhood, in striking contrast to the barren waste existing there a few years ago, and this is typical of the change brought about in dozens of districts, whenever the residents are sufficiently ambitious to form a bowling club. The usual custom has been followed in Te Papapa, in forming tennis courts alongside the green, and applause greeted the announcement of the Mayor of Onehunga, Mr. E. Morton, that he hoped there would also be croquet lawns by this time next year.

These observations, therefore, apply generally, and are not limited to the particular club whose activities inspired them on Saturday, for every district can be made more attractive by the provision of complete sports grounds for young and old. Probably the most elaborate so far constructed are at Mount Eden, where a former barren part of Nicholson Park is now not only ornamented with bowling greens, croquet lawns and tennis courts, but also by a well-equipped playground for children.

The Edwin Stars gave a very fine game

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perfect order for all other games.

The widening of Beach Road is one of the most important works which is being done by the Onéhunga Borough Council. At present a gang of 30 men is engaged in building a sea wall from Princes Street to Church Street, which work is necessary before Beach Road can be widened. Another job that is being done is that of clearing up and laying out the recently purchased reserve at the foot of Norman's Hill. In Wharf Road a protection wall has been erected and in Arthur Street East a large area of rock has been blasted out and the road levelled. The Onéhunga and Te Papapa school grounds have been put in first-class order and the area known as the Fergusson Domain has been laid out with bowling, croquet and tennis lawns and children's play areas. Various neglected areas have been cleared up and the borough, generally, is looking much smarter than it did a few months ago. Over four hundred men are employed.