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- Royal Irish Constabulary Pattern Lee Enfield Carbine – total production 1903 –1914 was 11,200.
- New Zealand Pattern Lee Enfield Carbine. Total production 1901 – 1903 was 1,500.
- Thai & Siam Battle Elephants – Burmese Jade, Laos silver, Malaysian Pewter gold plated.



A display of WW1 crested china at the May meeting.

Te Kooti Trail.

This year the 8th annual field trip of the Defence of New Zealand Study Group travelled to the Mohaka, Waikaremoana and Rotorua areas relating to the campaigns against Te Kooti in the years 1869-72. The Wellington contingent travelled to Napier on the Friday, staying overnight before rendezvousing at Mohaka with the rest of the party from other parts of the North Island, on Saturday morning. Mohaka was the scene of Te Kooti's raid in April 1869 in which he settled scores by massacring 60 Kupapa Maori and settlers. At the time of the attack there were two stockaded Pas at Mohaka, a large one Hiruharama held out defended by mainly the old and women as most of the local warriors were elsewhere fighting for the Government. The smaller Pa Te Huke fell by subterfuge and most of its occupants were killed. The sites of both these Pas are now cemeteries and it was a bonus to discover that Te Huke, on a steep cliff above the Mohaka River was well preserved. The group then visited the site of the Mohaka blockhouse at the mouth of the river before travelling on to Wairoa visiting the Museum there and inspecting the WWII defences.

Turning inland to Lake Waikaremoana we stopped at the site of the Armed Constabulary Redoubt at Onepoto. The

May Meeting.

Displays at the meeting included.

- Experimental centre fire rifle.
- Enfield .455 Cal revolver with accessories.
- English Electric engine starter cartridges for Canberra bomber aircraft.
- Engraved Pewter mugs.
- English manufactured hammer shotguns.
- Enfield revolvers, rifles and carbines. An interesting selection including magazines and bayonets etc.
- Eley Bros ammo packets including many Snider and Martini Henry packets.
- Egyptian Bayonets. A selection of 15 different styles and makers.
- Economy. A war time manufacture hand saw and early Christian Embroidery.
- Early WW 1 Crested China by W.H.Goss.

organizers had not take into account the torturous and unsealed road through Urewera National Park, plus the additional hazard of unattended horses and cattle wandering along the road. We reached Ruatahuna during a heavy shower which precluded us visiting the military graves there. Emerging from the mountains onto the Kaingaroa plains we gained a small insight into chasing such an elusive enemy during winter in such mountainous country. After an abortive attempt to find the site of the Galatea Redoubt in failing light, we finally reached Rotorua at about 8.30 pm. The following day [Sunday] was taken up with visiting the sites associated with Te Kooti's attack on Rotorua in February 1870, which was defeated through the inspired leadership of Captain Gilbert Mair and the Arawa Flying Column. We visited Gilbert Mair's grave in a place of great honour outside St Faith's Anglican Church in the Maori village of Ohinemutu. It was a beautiful day in Rotorua and we lunched at Tudor Towers after visiting the Rotorua Museum which houses Gilbert Mair's New Zealand Cross. Heading south along highway 5 we followed the route of the running fight between Mair and his Arawa Flying Column and Te Kooti's raiders before turning off the highway to visit Lake Rotokakahi [the Green Lake] the site of Mair's headquarters. The group parted at the lake after making a resolution to travel to the Gisborne area next year.

Tim.



Mohaka river looking down from Te Huke Pa

ARMS AMENDMENT BILL No 3

With submissions closing on the 8th June the debate amongst firearms owners is beginning to take on a little more urgency. People need to understand that this Amendment Bill has been borne out of the requirement for the Government to have 'effective measures in place to combat illicit firearms manufacturing and trafficking as required by the UN Protocol against Transnational Organised Crime (the TOC Convention) There have been other changes included in this bill as a tidy up by the Police in terms of their own requirements and also by Pistol New Zealand to address an earlier oversight.

You have a responsibility to make sure that you do not get caught up in a change that affects you as a collector or shooter.

One of the areas for consideration is the following excerpt.
 "antique firearm—

“(a) means a firearm manufactured before 1900 that—
 “(i) is held in a person’s possession solely as an antique (but not as a copy or replica of an antique); and
 “(ii) is not designed for firing, and is not capable of firing, rimfire or center-fire cartridge ammunition; and
 “(b) includes any firearm manufactured before 1900 of a kind declared by regulations made under this Act to be antique firearms for the purposes of this Act

The following is a clear comment from the Northland Branch of NZAHAA that may be helpful to members.

Support the Bill in principle because it contains no reference to the Registration of all firearms. State that registration is costly and has not been demonstrated to be of use in the solving of crimes, criminals do not register their guns, and it does not tell police where guns are.

Support (Clause 3 [2]) the requirement for an air gun with a muzzle energy greater than 34 joules to be classified as a firearm and thus require the holder to have a licence. State that you would not support a lower energy level, as air rifle below this figure are used for small game or pest control and are safer than a 22 rifle or shotgun for the same purpose.

Object to (Clause 10) the lack of provision to obtain a retrospective Police import permit when a New Zealander returns from overseas having purchased a firearm or parts or ammunition, without opportunity to obtain the necessary permit in advance. State that the same provision that is made for temporary import (Section 16A) should be extended to cover the retrospective issue of a permit for permanent import.

Object to (Clause 13) the lack of opportunity for novices to be coached in the shooting of MSSAs. State that Section 22 of the principal Act should include provision for a non licence holder to be in possession of an MSSA provide that it is under the immediate supervision of the holder of a licence endorsed to have possession of an MSSA.

Object to (Clause 38) the requirement for all manufacture, modification, repair and sale of firearms to be undertaken by a licenced dealer. State that provision should be made for amateur gunsmiths, hobbyists and “one off” work by non firearms related businesses, as well as sales by private individuals. Thus a more clear definition of “in way of his or her business” (Section 59A) is required.

Object to (Clause 41) the right of police to search without a warrant in respect of air guns and imitation firearms that are not secured. Since a licence is not required to purchase or to be in possession of an air gun (unless under age 18) or imitation firearm how can the firearms security requirements apply.

Object to (Clause 47) the Regulation requiring the marking of firearms with identifying marks. State that many old and antique firearms do not carry serial numbers, placing a non original identifying mark on them would detract from their value. In the extreme case this should only be applied if the firearm is exported. Note too that many old military rifles can carry several different serial numbers and that

the number on the receiver should be classed as the “master number”.

Making a submission to a Parliamentary Select Committee

People who were involved with the submission on the now rescinded Arms Amendment Bill number 2 will certainly know that you do not have to be a lawyer or have typing skills to be able to make your views known. In fact, the 6000+ submissions were effective in having that Bill rejected. The collective ‘power of the people’!

Submissions were made in many different ways. Shot handwritten notes, long typed depositions one page collections of one view supported by a number of people’s signatures. These all count.

The following is a breakdown of the process:

- Submissions are normally received in written form and they can be reinforced through oral presentation to the committee.
- While there is no set format a submission should take it should be presented in an ordered and easy to read way.

- ✓ Head your submission with the name of the Select Committee to which it is addressed and the full title of the bill.

Arms Amendment Bill (no 3) Bills Digest no 1228
Submission to the Law and Order Select Committee

- ✓ State Clearly who the submission is from. Include a contact address and daytime telephone number. If you do not want this information released then put it on a covering letter and omit it from the submission.
- ✓ If you wish to be heard by the committee include this as well.
- ✓ Note how widely you have consulted with people during the writing of the submission.
- ✓ Simple processes are the best. Type the submission if possible – ask a friend to help if you do not have access to a computer/typewriter. Leave enough space at the sides of your text for notes to be made by the person reading it. Include headings for your paragraphs. Number the pages and finally staple the pages together.
- ✓ There is a good paper on putting a Submission together that has been prepared by Parliament. Copies are available through the Branch if you want it.
- ✓ Select committee require 20 copies of your submission. If you don’t have access to a copier the Branch can help here as well.
- ✓ Address your submission to: Clerk of the Committee
Law and Order Select Committee
Select Committee Officer
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON
- ✓ You do not need a stamp for papers sent to Parliament.

If you want to make a submission and require copies of the relevant papers please telephone Steve Privett on 04-934 2756 and he will arrange for copies to be sent to you.

Note. Submissions close on 8th June 2005.



Some of the Egyptian Bayonets displayed at the May meeting



Starter cartridges for English Electric engines in the Canberra bombers



Enfield Revolver in .455 Cal produced from 1921



Another item from the May meeting, unfortunately my scribe omitted to describe this, but it appears to be something telescopic for Military use.

The Presidents Perspective

On Sunday the 22nd of May, I attended a conference at the Brentwood hotel organised by the Sporting Shooters Federation to discuss the 3rd Arms Amendment Bill. The keynote speakers were Inspector Joe Green and John Howat, Chairman of Colfo.

Joe Green began by reading out the proposed changes to the Arms Act answering questions as he went, then John Howat spoke on Colfo's behalf about concerns he had regarding some of the changes, and the submission he intended to put before Parliament. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with general discussion.

The big thing I noticed was the lack of people present, there were only 30 people, with ten of them from Antique Arms!! Where were the people from Service Rifle, Deer Stalkers and other shooting organizations ?.

Some of the changes discussed are sensible and have merit, like the restrictions on soft air pistols and high powered air rifles, these are filled off a dive tank (3000 psi) and with calibers up to 9mm can penetrate 2 inches of timber .

But some of the changes will have an affect on our members! The Government wants to adopt the UN protocols on the transportation of ammunition. Any ammunition coming in or out of the country will need permits from several Government Departments. Then there is the banning of body armour/protective clothing, this includes helmets and some uniform items we collect. Mssa's will only be able to be used by the person they are registered to, so there will be no borrowing or swapping of firearms at a range. Repairs to firearms will not be allowed by non Licenced dealers. Restrictions on the importation of parts. The list goes on

This is not a time for apathy, people have to write submissions and send them in to Parliament, if these amendments are passed without even a whimper from shooters/collectors then the Government can impose tougher restrictions in the form of a Supplementary Order Paper when the Bill returns to Parliament under "Urgency" without further consultation, and it could be registration for all firearms !!

**DON'T LEAVE IT FOR SOMEONE ELSE !!!
WRITE WRITE YOUR SUBMISSION AND
SEND IT IN TODAY.**



Thai Battle elephant display at the May meeting

Auction Reminder - As most of you will be aware our Auction is scheduled for July 16th and 17th and at this stage all is on track for another big event. Catalogues are at the printer and will be mailed within the next week or two.

Next Meeting. Sunday 5th June. At the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone.
Theme letter for displays "F". A few suggestions, Fabrique Nationale, Factory, Firearms, Flare/ammo/pistols., Flobert, Forsyth, French, Francotte, Frizzen, Full auto.
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