

1862

Jan. 2nd Deal went to the Station
13th Hoan went Dittor
21st John went Dittor

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EARLY
CANTERBURY
RUNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PRESS."
Sir,—Since the conclusion of a recent series of articles on the early Canterbury Runs, I have received several corrections and some additional information. As these should be of interest to readers of the articles, I shall be glad if you will give me an opportunity to publish them. Will you at the same time allow me to thank the senders? The information is most useful to me.
—Yours, etc.,

L. G. D. ACLAND.
Hororata, July 21st, 1924.

CORRECTIONS.

Homebrook (not Holmbrook).—Gladstone Baines was a partner as well as manager for C. J. Bridge. They bought from Twiggs in 1851. Baines did not remain very long in New Zealand, but sold his share to Bridge and returned to England. Bridge freeholded 1400 to 1500 acres in all. He farmed the property until 1871, when he leased all but 50 acres to C. Bourn (not Bourne), who assigned his lease in 1881 to J. R. Campbell. Campbell was granted an extended lease until 1900, after which the property was subdivided and let in four farms until 1917, when it was sold to the Government for soldier settlement. Thus the property remained in the hands of the Bridge family for 63 years.

Murphy's Run.—R. L. Higgins came down from Australia with stock as managing partner (not manager) for J. T. Murphy, who lived in Australia, but paid at least one visit to the station during the 'fifties. Higgins's original hut was on the site of the old house at Tara, which I believe is still standing. In the early 'sixties J. T. Murphy sent his son over to the run. The younger Murphy lived with Higgins at Tara until his marriage, when he built at A. R. Blunden's present homestead on the downs above. Higgins remained at Tara in partnership with the Murphys until the late 'eighties.

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Homebrook Station

July 21st 1862

Bullock dray went to Christchurch
Mr. Dampier called - Mr. Read stopped
the night - killed a half wild sow

- 22nd Began the fowls house
Mr. Read left

- 23rd Mr. Ell and Mr. Hart's man
came after cattle - they had lost
their way and had been out all
night - We went all through the
cattle - killed a wild boar coming home

24th

Deal went with Mr. Ell to Christchurch
with cattle -

25th The pigs are killing the lambs