

TRUSTEES

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ASSETS

Savings Bank Credit	£4 15 11
Commonwealth 4% Inscribed Stock, due 1938/1961	1,070 0 0
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CLARENCE L. LANG,
Hon. Treasurer.

Two Interesting Nests.—During an excursion to the hill country five or six miles east of Devonport, a pair of Flame-breasted Robins (*Petroica phoenicea*) was found nesting in a bush of prickly wattle (*Acacia verticillata*) which stood by itself in the middle of a rough grass paddock. The nest was composed of soft grasses and pieces of bark, and was placed upon an almost horizontal branch about three feet six inches from the ground. It was right in the midst of the bush, and the birds must have had some trouble in carrying their material there through the prickly branches. Three partly-feathered young occupied the nest. The female was sitting and left hurriedly from the opposite side of the bush as we approached. It has always struck me as peculiar that, although the male "Flame-breast" has a much greater extent of red than the Scarlet Robin (*Petroica multicolor*), the female of the former should have a plain breast, whilst that of the latter is adorned with a considerable patch of red.

In the same grass paddock, and only thirty feet or so from the Robin's nest, was a nest of the Spur-winged Plover (*Lobibyx novæ-hollandiæ*). There was a slight saucer-like depression in the ground, six inches across, and this the birds had lined with a small quantity of dry grass, on which reposed four fine pyriform eggs, of a greenish ground-colour, boldly blotched with dark markings. The eggs were not placed points to the centre, but two were lying rather crosswise to the other, much as in H. Burrell's fine photo. of a Spur-winged Plover's nest reproduced some years ago in *The Emu*. The birds did not come about, feigning a broken leg or wing, whilst we were at the nest, but kept away until we had departed.

There are numbers of Spur-winged Plover in the paddocks about Devonport at the present time, and when driving down along the coast to Burnie, thirty miles west from here, they may be seen almost anywhere on the grass lands, as well as on the patches of sandy beach which lie between the numerous basalt and quartzite reefs.—H. STUART DOVE, Devonport, Tas., 3/11/37.