

Letters

To The Editor

New Lambton Fares

THE leading article on October 11 might well have been headed to read: "This must be the last fare ruse." Surely the tactics of the Transport Department in increasing fares of New Lambton residents living beyond Sketchley-parade savour of downright trickery. The advertised fare for four sections is 9d; the fare charged on the fourth section—Sketchley-parade, Kotara—is 10d. This has been decided by eliminating the Hooper-street section, thus increasing the fares of New Lambton passengers from 7d to 10d, but Kotara fares from 8d to 10d for a through journey.

Hooper-street is the natural terminus for buses and has existed for years. An examination of the timetable shows that no fewer than 22 buses begin their journeys from that point in the 24 hours on week days. Hooper-street evenly divides the present long section to Sketchley-parade, Kotara.

A comparison of fares will show that one can travel from Newcastle to Lambton for 8d, but Newcastle to Mackie-avenue, New Lambton, is 10d. On the other hand, one can travel all the way to Wallsend for 10d. The correct fares and sections should be: Newcastle-Sketchley-parade, third section, 8d; Newcastle-Hooper-street, fourth section, 9d; Newcastle-Kotara, fifth section, 10d.

New Lambton residents should wake up. They have taken these fare anomalies for years. Local transport authorities are not allowed authority in these matters. The only hope for redress is for everyone affected to lodge a united protest, insisting that these impositions be lifted and the "dead-hund" con-

be lifted and the "dead-hund" control removed from our bus services.—"TRAVELLER."

Alsatians Defended

I OWN dogs, mostly as a hobby. Of the three pups I have just reared I find none with a more kind and loving disposition than the Alsatian puppy. Not only have I found them loving and friendly, but also intelligent. They can readily be taught many useful acts. This claim can be supported by those who do not favour the breed, if they read of the amazing rescues police have been able to do through the intelligence of the Alsatians.

As a shepherd dog, their value has not been surpassed. This statement can also be verified by those who find it so easy to vilify them, if they would read and digest articles which appear in "Dog Review."

I have read of acts of violence having been committed by Alsatians, but when the true facts were given it was shown that a half-breed Alsatian was responsible. A half-breed, not only in dogs, but in many other animals, is likely to commit acts which a pure breed would not dream of doing. Why sterilise the Alsatian for acts committed by a mongrel? Why not sterilise the mongrel?—H. ROBINSON, Stockton.

Addison-road Slide

MR. MILLINGTON ("N.M.H.", 12/10/50) again tries to create the impression that the recent landslide at Addison-road, New Lambton, was not due to nature or the undermining of this area. No doubt his efforts have succeeded, as appearing in the same issue are the opinions of Mines Department experts, that it is a landslide.

Mr. Millington's criticism of the City Council and Engineer, as events showed, was not warranted. I invite the people who made the report and Mr. Millington to accompany me at any time to an area on

pany me at any time to an area on the flat nearby which has also suffered, but for which no engineer was at fault. Then another report can be made whether the trouble is a mine subsidence or a landslide due to mismanagement.—ISAAC HOARE, New Lambton.

Solving Inflation

THE Menzies Government is a ghastly failure. Mr. Menzies has no policy himself, and allows the minority Country Party to ram its policy down his throat.

What is needed is a statesman who has the courage to change the financial system and subsidise industry with debt-free money. That is the only solution for inflation. Orthodox finance and the present Liberal and Labour policies cannot solve inflation or deflation. Only a complete change in the financial system can do that.

The Liberal and Labour Parties are only feeding the disease, instead of dealing with root causes. Both parties are trying to carry out an outmoded financial system, instituted hundreds of years ago in a period of scarcity in production. What is needed is a system of finance commensurate with modern scientific production. As soon as the politicians realise that, we shall get somewhere.

It is time to do something, for if there is not a radical change in the financial system the whole world will go Bolshevik.

One thing is absolutely certain—the so-called democracies cannot survive under the present system of finance, which is fast breaking down before our eyes.—VICTOR H. LONG, South Wallsend.