



MR R. LOGAN'S 1-RATER "MERCIA"; WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP.



MR C. BAILEY'S "LAUREL"; SECOND IN CHAMPIONSHIP.

CHAMPIONSHIP YACHT RACE, AUCKLAND, N.Z.

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AN INTERCOLONIAL CONTEST.

MERCIA WINS THE FIRST RACE.

The first of three races to decide the intercolonial championship for one-rater yachts took place in Auckland on December 29 in connection with the North Shore Native Regatta. The event excited a considerable amount

of interest, yachts having been brought over from Sydney and Adelaide to contest the championship against the local boats. The race resulted in an easy win for Mercia, a new boat built by Logan Bros., of Auckland. She went to the front in the heat out into the Channel the first time round, and was never caught again, finishing ten minutes ahead of Laurel, Messrs C. and W. Bailey's new one-rater.

The following were the starters:—

Alma (W. Bailey and Lowe), Bronzewing IV. (S. Hordern, jun., of Sydney), Geisha (Hymill Brothers, Adelaide), Laurel (C. Bailey, junr.), Mahoe (F. and B. Stonex), Maku Maile (J. Clare), Mercia (Logan Brothers), Vanora (F. Trice), Waitekauri (C. Collings). The course was from the flagship round turk-boat near Stanley Point, thence round mark off Hobson's Bay, thence round mark in Rangitoto Channel, finishing off flagship; twice round. Distance, 18 miles. Mr Alex. Alison

acted as starter, and Mr F.W. Coombes as timekeeper.

by 10 minutes from Laurel. The race resulted:

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| Mercia, 5h 8m 45s.....  | 1 |
| Laurel, 5h 18m 50s..... | 2 |
| Alma, 5h 25m.....       | 3 |

Maku Maile was fourth, finishing at 5h 36m 25s, and Waitekauri, Geisha, and Bronzewing finished in that order some time after. Mahoe and Vanora did not finish.



MR S. H. GOLLAN'S "TIRANT D'EAU."

Favourite for the Cup Handicap.



MR J. J. RUSSELL'S "UHLAN."

Winner of the Auckland Cup.



THE SADDLING PADDOCK.

Photos. by Bell.



MR G. G. STEAD'S "SCREWGUN."

Winner of the Great Northern Foal Stakes.

THE UGLIEST BASTE IN THE SHOW.

An amusing incident was witnessed in a menagerie the other day. Here and there between the cages a number of the well-known trick mirrors were placed. An Irishman, after a critical survey of the monkeys, had wandered away from his better half and suddenly found himself in front of one of those mirrors.

After one glance at his distorted reflection he rushed back to his wife, who was still watching the antics of the monkeys. 'Come away wid ye, Bridget,' he exclaimed. 'O've found a bigger trate than that—the ugliest baste in the show. He's in a little cage in the corner.'

Bridget offered no objections. Two or three of the bystanders who had heard Pat's remark were equally anxious to obtain a peep at the 'ugliest baste,' and there was quite a procession to the 'little cage in the corner.' Pat as the original discoverer, secured first place and dragged his wife in front of the mirror. To his astonishment there was more in the 'cage' than he expected.

'Begorra, Bridget,' he suddenly exclaimed, 'there's a pair av 'em!' Pat had a lively time of it when someone explained the situation to Bridget.

JOKING WITH THE QUEEN.

There is said to be only one man who has ever dared to make a joke in the presence of the Queen. This is Canon Teignmouth-Shore, at one time governor to the children of the Prince of Wales, and a splendid type of Irish humorist. He was discussing with Her Majesty the question why it was that shoemakers were supposed to be so advanced in their heterodoxy and in the want of faith in futurity. 'Why, ma'am,' quietly remarked the audacious Canon, 'one could hardly expect a shoemaker to believe in the immortality of the sole (soul)!' Her Majesty enjoyed the joke and laughed very heartily over it.