

of the Geraldine Meeting. He was also on the son of Hector when he won the second day. Hewitt only reached Lyttelton on Thursday morning, and catching the express, arrived at Geraldine just in time to take the mount on Black Diamond. He left on Monday for Hastings to ride Cauliform in the Hawke's Bay Guluens.

On latest advices, Mr B. R. MacDonald, who was seriously injured when Agitator fell in the first Hunters' Hurdle Race of Geraldine, was still in a very precarious condition.

General Surprise is expressed here that Mr Stead is not represented in any of the principal handicaps to be decided at the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting. Stepaside is on the improve. He ran green in both his efforts at Geraldine last week. When he is more seasoned he ought to win a fairly good race.

Jolly Roger met with some interference in the Shorts Handicap, run on the second day of the Geraldine Meeting, otherwise he might have beaten Graudland.

Friday was one of Callie's "off" days, and the son of Tight Arillery ran to try a yard in the Spring Handicap at Geraldine.

Makaroff is said to be faint hearted, and his rider set very still in both his races at Geraldine. I fancy that the son of Stepniak will develop more courage as he becomes seasoned.

Vencer, after letting his backers down in both the welters with some interference, surprised them by winning the Spring Handicap. The son of Quill can be made better, but nothing like as good as Shabunga.

Golden Knight is not to be seen in public before he starts for the New Zealand Cup. He will be ridden by J. McCombe.

The following business has been done during the week—New Zealand Cup—500 to 75 against Rhythmoid, 400 to 40 against Mahtonga, 500 to 100 against Nightfall, 300 to 35 against En Tuto, 200 to 15 against Chokora, 200 to 25 against Nocturnal.

New Zealand Cup and Stewards—1000 to 25 against Nightfall and Machine Gun, 1100 to 8 against Achilles and Chivalry, 1000 to 10 against Nightfall and Chivalry, 1000 to 6 against Melodion and Crithon, 1000 to 2 against Mystification and Guniform, 500 to 5, Ghorka & Apollolarks, 900 to 2 against Armistice and Machine Gun, 800 to 4 against Nightfall and Petrovia, 800 to 1 against Black Reynard and Jolly Frater, 600 to 2 against Melodion and Windmill, 500 to 5 against Nightfall and Porcelain, 500 to 5 against Nocturnal and Machine Gun, 500 to 3 against Achilles and Machine Gun, 500 to 3 against Buhwago and Sir Tristram, 500 to 1 against Jewels of Arc and Molloy, 500 to 1 against Mahtonga and Canticle.

St. Denis has been fired and turned out for a lengthy spell.

J. McGuire, the Dunedin horseman, who was badly injured while riding at Plumpton Park last season, has recovered sufficiently to resume his profession. He was in the saddle at the Ashburton and Geraldine Meetings.

A young woman who has recently taken charge of a kindergarten, says the "New York Sun" entered a trolley car the other day, and as she took her seat smiled pleasantly at a gentleman sitting opposite. He raised his hat, but it was evident that he did not know her.

Realising her error, she said, in tones audible throughout the entire car:

"Oh, please excuse me! I mistook you for the father of two of my children!"

She left the car at the next corner.



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Our Illustrations

THE CORINTHIAN.

THE COMMANDER'S LUNCHEON PARTY.

LUNCHEON ON BOARD.

The commander and agents of the Corinthian availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the visit of that steamer to this port to entertain at luncheon a number of gentlemen, principally connected with the shipping and import and export mercantile business, on Saturday last, when the following were present—Commander H. F. David and officers of the Corinthian, Dr. Stevens, Mr R. J. Large, (purser), Captain Evans (marine superintendent), Captain Breen (s.s. Delphic), Messrs E. D. Benjamin and F. Sanderson (Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co., Ltd), Messrs S. A. Longuet and D. McGregor (Messrs S. S. Paterson and Co., jointly representing the S.S. and A. Company at this port), Mr A. Alison, Messrs J. M. Brigham, J. A. Bachelder, F. Bodle, L. M. Benjamin, R. Burns, R. A. Carr, A. Clark, J. Chambers, Captain Duder, Messrs M. Davis, A. J. Enrickan, H. Edmonds (marine superintendent), Captain Fleming, Messrs R. Fenwick, T. Finlayson, J. McK. Geddes, C. V. Houghton, J. C. Hardie, W. H. Hamer, Holmden A. B. J. Irvine, M. Lichtenstein, E. Morton, R. F. Moore, M. McCallum, W. J. W. Philson, A. Rose (Collector of Customs), C. Rhodes, T. Russell, C. H. Shaw, W. Surrag, S. Treville-Smith, V. Sprout, H. G. Stringer, H. C. Tewlesy, R. Warnock, W. R. Wilson. Invitations were also issued to the following gentlemen, a number of whom signified regret at their inability to be present—Sir J. L. Campbell, the Mayor (Mr A. M. Myers), Hon. E. Mitchellson, Messrs A. B. Robertson, A. Heather, H. D. Heather, H. Horton, H. Brett, W. Geddis, S. J. Nathan, A. Porter, E. Evans, G. Dunnet, C. Ranson, J. C. Macky, R. H. Abbott, J. H. Upton, J. Murgatroyd, S. Wing, C. Andrae, S. J. Ambury, A. Bevins, J. Hall, J. J. Craig, H. P. Norton, H. Miller, E. Langguth, G. W. S. Patterson.

Recognising the impossibility of making the gathering thoroughly representative with the limited number of seats at disposal, the agents seriously considered the advisability of holding an afternoon reception instead of a luncheon party, but the bad weather in the South delayed the time of the steamer's arrival in Auckland, and as it was found that an afternoon reception could not be held without upsetting the arrangements made for the public inspection for the benefit of the Parnell Orphanage, it was decided that the entertainment should take the form of a luncheon party.

The commander welcomed his guests in the ship's library, each visitor being introduced by Mr F. Sanderson (of Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co.) or Mr S. A. Longuet (of Messrs S. S. Paterson

and Co.). When the guests had all arrived the party went to luncheon in the beautiful dining saloon of the ship, the tables being charmingly decorated with flowers and little flags of the company by Miss A. Waters, under the direction of Mrs D. McGregor. At luncheon the only toast was that of "The King," which was proposed by Commander David and honoured enthusiastically by the guests. After that the guests went to the comfortable smoking room, where, with an accompaniment of fragrant cigars and coffee, several happy speeches appropriate to the occasion were made.

Mr T. Finlayson (Sargood, Son and Even), proposing "Auckland, its Shipping and Mining Industries," said that while they realised that despite the drawback Auckland had suffered in the Maori war and the withdrawal of the seat of Government, it had grown from a small settlement in the wilderness to a large and important city of increasing size; they had failed to realise adequately that they had two good harbours—one at its front door, unsurpassed in the world, and another at its back door which could be made an important waterway. He would like to see constructed canals from the Manukau to both the Waikato and the Waitamata, and he did not think it an impossibility to achieve. The matter was engaging the attention of certain citizens, and in the near future he hoped that either the Government or the Harbour Board, or private capitalists, would take up the scheme. He was glad to see that the Harbour Board had at last embarked on a scheme which, when completed, would make Auckland harbour a credit to its owners. He thought a great deal of praise was due to such companies as the Shaw, Savill and Albion for their energy and courage in risking their large capital in the colony, and he attributed much of the prosperity to their efforts along with the development in the freezing trade, with which they had so much to do. (Applause.)

Mr McCallum replied for the Chamber of Commerce, and he congratulated the company on the possession of such a fine ship, and be considered that while the three companies concerned in the direct trade kept the fixed tariff they had agreed upon as low as was just and reasonable the colony need not complain, and this was much preferable to the uncertainty of the battle of freights. He urged the necessity for independent action by the community to develop its industries abroad instead of waiting to be spoon-fed by the Government. (Applause.)

Mr Rhodes (Waikato Mining Co.) replied for the mining industry, the importance of which he emphasised by reference to the Waikato and Waitotahi mines.

Mr Houghton, proposing the toast of "The Auckland Harbour Board," said the scheme of works it had entered upon would place Auckland in the forefront of Australasian ports.

Mr Philson, in his reply for the Board, said that the different steamship agents and commanders did not lay their wants clearly before the Board. He referred to the safety of the port at all times, and said that with one more light in the channel vessels as big as, or bigger than, the Corinthian would be able to enter at night with ease.

Mr R. A. Carr proposed the health of "The Shaw, Savill and Albion and the White Star Lines," and said that the Shaw, Savill Company had been trading to New Zealand for as long as they

could remember, and the White Star Line itself was known the world over. He commended their courage in developing the trade with New Zealand.

Commander David replied for the company, and said that as a commander he would like to see another light inside Cavier Island or at Channel Rock. He hoped this was but the first of many visits of the Corinthian to the port.

The toast of "The Press," eloquently and humorously proposed by Mr H. C. Tewlesy, concluded a very pleasant function.

AUCKLAND'S BEAUTIFUL PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Our double-page this week is devoted to a collection of pictures of the very beautiful public Domain of Auckland. A judicious "weeding out" of fir trees and overgrown shrubs has lately taken place, and those who have not lately taken a drive or walk through this fine park will be well repaid for making a visit thereto. The large panorama in the centre is reproduced from a photo, taken last year when there was an enormous attendance to hear the music for the North Island Brass Band Contest. The picture then published sold out, and in answer to many hundreds of applications for further copies, it is now reproduced with a number of photographs specially taken for this issue by the "Graphic's" own photographer.

A Few Words from Wilhelm.

Mau vanta put tedle hier below
Und vanta dot tedle Dutch—
Der vantes rich I vish, I know,
Ate nicht so fey much;
Choost Europe, Asia, Africa,
Der Vestra Hemisphere
Und a sailing-Station in Japan—
Dit voh pe all dis year.

Hi-lee, hi-lo, der vinds dey plov
Choost like die Vacht am Rhein;
Und vat las meto pelags to Me,
Und vat las yoto iss melu!

Jah also, ven I vroat aronnt
Mitlu mein royal yacht
I see so much vat iss nicht Dutch
Dat—sach, du lieber Gott!
It uff me such a strange distress
I gamot understand
How folks can be in happiness
Mitou no Vederland!

Hi-lee, hi-lo, der vinds dey plov
As I sail round about
To kid der Nations good advicer
Und sausages und kraut.

Each hour I change mein uniform;
But I never slunge mein mind;
Und every day I make die speech
To pennit mankind;
Race Soosandie, der Nation's Pride,
Elyvone und English Sign,
I take so much like Rossen-felt
I think ve must pe vlyns!

Hi-lee, hi-lo, der vinds dey plov
You gamot wreck die Trust—
Ven thot iss in der Trust!

Being ein vlyer Noorder Power,
I know mein chob, zee bot—
I play for Heave, und hope for War
Und keep mein powder wet;
Pat ven I've nodings else to do
Pat shandl arond und chot
Don der Right Divine talks nonsense
Frough!

Hi-lee, hi-lo, der vinds dey plov
Und softly vlyser dls—
"Der Kaiser he iss more as yet
Und all iss right vat iss!"
Wallace Irwin, in "Teiler's."

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