NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, August 27.

Sir Joseph Ward's departure furnished a good instance of the wonders of wireless telegraphy. The New Zealand Premier sailed from Liverpool on Sat-Erremer sailed from laverpool on oac-urday, and four days later three wire-less messages sent by him from mid-ocean reached the High Commissioner's Office, with instructions to reply by

Mr. J. Cunninghame, of Palmerston Mr. J. Cunninghame, of Palmerston North, has been revisiting the Old Country after 25 years' absence, and leaves again to-day for New Zealand, via Quebec and Vancouver. He expects to reach home before Christmas. After bis arrivel here in May, Mr. Cunninghame spent some weeks in Londonderry with his sister, Mrs. Maxwell. He put in four pleasant days in Dublin with Mr. Carty, J.P., uncle of Mr. R. Carty, of Palmerston North. He also visited several seaside revorts on the English coasts. In London, which he made his headquarters, Mr. Cunninghame found New Zealand was in the forefront with business men, and business generally appeared to be on the up grade. Apropos of Mr. Cunninghame's visit, I hear from a reliable source that he is engaged to be married to a young lady belonging to a well-known Bristol family.

Mr. Adam Werner, of Ellesmere, who was in London this week, has been reviciting his native Germany after an absence of 34 years, spent in New Zealand. He was accorded a great reception at Weissenfels, his birthplace, where his mother, five brothers, and a sister are still living. Mr. Werner found his family all well, and had many visits to pny among old friends. While on his boliday, Mr. Werner is looking out for oil motor tractors for agricultural purposes, and this quest has taken him to all the principal makers in Germany and England. He has traversed England from north to south, but says he has not found any place better than the Ellesmere district in Canterbury. Mr. Werner will leave next month on his return to New Zealand, but has not yet decided by what route.

Mr. H. Percy Brown, of Feilding, who arrived by the Rimutaka a month ago with his wife and child, after an absence of seven years, intends remaining for at least two years, as he has a good appointment in London. Since his arrival Mr. Brown has visited Yarmouth and the Norfolk Broads, and at present he is staying with his people at Cambridge, but expects to take up house in Kensington in a few weeks' time.

Mr. W. S. Wells, of Manaia, travelle

that I find all the great London houses most willing to show and tell me everything I wish to know, and I also received the greatest courtesy at our Bank of New Zealand, and the High Commissioner's Office, where they were able to give me much information." Mr Wells proposes going through the Midlands to Yorkshire, an' on to Reafrew, Glasgow, and Paisley, where the New Plymouth Harbour Board are having a new dredger built. He then proceeds to Bristol to gain some knowledge of New Zealand trade in that port. He will return via Suez by the ss. Otway, leaving on the 29th October.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wills and Mr. and Mrs. P. Wills, of Wellington, have just concluded a motor tour of Devon and Corawall. They intend returning to New Zealand by the Ionic, leaving here Exptember 18th. They have enjoyed a visit to Scotland and the North of England, and will make a short stay in London and Darlington before sailing.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Walkley, of Hawers, who arrived on June 12th by the ss. Oratava (Orient Line), are on a pleasure trip, and so far they have apent their time in and about London. They propose to begin next week a tour in Worrestershire, Gloucestershire, and the North of England.

Mr. G. Jameson, of Christchurch, came to England via Fiji, Honedulu, and Canada (Vancouver to Quebec), breaking the journey across Canada at Winning, Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec

and reached Liverpool a week ago (20th August), coming on to London the same evening by special train. He is now staying at the Thackersy Hotel, Great Russell-street, but has arranged

Great Russell-street, but has arranged to go with Colonel Hayhurst and party for a week's motoring in the South. His stay in the Old Country will be limited to about two months.

Mr. K. England, of Christchurch, who arrived by the Nairnshire a fortnight ago, proposes to spend some 18 months in this country to have a look round in the engineering world. He will spend part of his time in London and part in the Midlands. the Midlands.

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bell boy who was conducting her. "I ain't a goin' to pay my good money for a pigsty with a measly little foldin' bed in it. If you think that jest because I'm from the country—" country

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her

short.
"Get in, mum, Get in," he ordered.
"This ain't yer room. This is the elevator."

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Sports and Pastimes.

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Paeron.

A mixed foursome golf match, for prizes presented by Mr H. T. Bush, was played on the Paeron links on Saturday, the successful players being Miss A. Coote and Mr Barrance, with a rect acrose of 49. Mrs and 52. Leading the successful players being Miss between the local club and the Walhi Club next Saturday at Walhi.

Golf in the Mud.

So frequent are blobs of mud in win-So frequent are blobs of mud in winter that some would have it that a provision should have been inserted in the rules allowing the ball to be lifted and cleaned upon the putting green. The rules, however, are made for an ideal course, where no mud is, and it is, therefore, far wiser to leave this cleansing operation to local legislation.

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If this were the only winter difficulty it would be easily got over; but there is no imaginable rule which can enable us to drive light-heartedly away with our brassey a ball nestling affectionately in the bottom of a muddy cup. The best advice that can be given is to hit out fearlessly; mud is a yielding, one might say a cowardly, substance, and, boldly attacked, it will give way wonderfully. If a fine big divot be sent flying, the ball will generally fly too, so long as the golfer in his eagerness does not think solely of the divot and not at all of the ball.

BRASSEY FOR THE MUD.

To discharge an old and faithful servant is a rash act, but it is wise not to tackle these close-lying balls with too broad-faced a club, for the task of getting it up is rendered thereby the more diffi-

On "soft-bottomed" courses Braid bids us take a shallow-faced brassey, and especially one with a rounded sole, which he tells us has great virtue in persuading

he tells us has great virtue in persuading the ball away.

The advice as to bold taking of divots applies also to full, or, as great men tell us, never to take a full shot with an iron, shall we say iong, iron shots.

"A coarse player, so-and-so," is a criticism sometimes passed on him who sends the tuff flying in unnecessary lumps, but with the ball lying close to the mud the lump of tuf has got to go.

It is perhaps the shorter iron shots of which the ordinary frail mortal is most likely to make an egregious mess. It is a commonplace to say that it is their half

which the ordinary transmortal is most commonplace to say that it is their half shots and shorter approaches generally that amateurs find the greatest difficulty in playing firmly, and when it is muddy we have to be firmer than usual. Our comparatively gentle stroke does not send the divot flying like our whole-hearted full slog; there is just a little spurt of mud—sometimes into our eye—and the ball is puffed limply into the sir a merely contemptible distance. We must glue our eye on the ball, and try to take it as clean as we possibly can. This keeping the eye on the ball is made no easier by the fear of the apurting mud, and yet we must do it, for if any other fault in approaching has slain its thousands, the eye off the ball has slain its ten thousands.

"PITCH AND STOP THERE" SHOT.

If we are opponents of the run-up or pitch-and-run shots, we shall in the muddy season lose two valuable weapons out of our armoury, for the topped shot and the run-up become almost indistinguishable in result, and the pitch-and-

run is changed into the pitch-and-stop-there. We have to make up our minds to hit the ball hard and high, so that it will pitch on the green, for if it does not pitch there it will be unlikely to get there by any other method. Sometimes we must disobey the text-books and play a full shot with the mashie which has this merit, that the ball will assuredly stop where it pitches; the only fer is, indeed, that it will imbed itself altogether. When the ball is fairly near the green, however, and is lying, morsover, anything but teed up, it is sometimes impossible to pitch right on to the green with any hope of stopping there, and we have to attempt something like a running shot, It is hard to say how we ought to play this shot, which might most aptly per haps be called the "scuffic"; constant practice on mud will teach it, and an interval of play on a dry course makes us forget it again. a dry course makes us forget it again. It is probably wise to employ a more lefted club than we should use for the same shot on a dry course, and that being said there is nothing to do but trust to luck

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Putting on mud is also a peculiar art, but the man who can putt on mud will also be found as a rule to putt well anywhere else. Whatever the greens, there is great virtue in hitting the ball.

AQUATICS.

New Zealand Rowing Association.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association was held on Saturday night, Mr R. W. McVilly presiding. Delegates were present from Auchland, Hawke's Bay, Wanganul, Wellington, Marborough, Canterbury, and Olago.

Officers were elected as follows: President Mr. McKallum (Marborough); vice-deast Mr. R. McKallum (Marborough); vice-deast Mr. McVilly (Otago), J. E. Widdop (Wellington); and W. Bridson (Auckland); secretary and tressurer, Mr. A. D. Bayñeld; auditor, Mr. G. C. Fache.

A motion by Canterbury, to give coats, caps, and badges to New Zealand champions, inet with considerable opposition, und was withdrawn.

New rules were adopted, providing for (1) the presence of a representative of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association at every regatta must be approved by the local association at every regatta must be approved by the local association, and in the case of championship meetings by the Council of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association, (3), all races a Wellington's motion, "That all championships be rowed on smooth water, und if on a river at slack tide," was defeated after a long discussion.

The uext championship regatta was awarded to the Mariborough Association, to be rowed at Pleton at least four weeks before the big gathering to be held at Hohart in February.

The council was instructed to appoint a committee to select a team to compete in the inter-State four-oared race at Hobart at that time.

The Summer Club was granted affiliation. It was suggested that the council obtain as legal opinion as to whether a professional may belong to an amateur club.

BRIDGE.

Short and Long Suit Leads

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There always is a fierce debate when the question arises of leading short suits at bridge when there is a declared trump. There are many players who are graduates from the long suit system in whish who oppose the short openings for pre-cisely the same reasons used by them in the older game. This class is guilty of a fundamental error which offsets its whole argument.

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In whist the player who has the original lead always has the chance that his partner holds a stronger suit of trumps than either of the adversaries. If, therefore, he proceeds to develop the suit in which he has the greatest numerical strength there is a fair likelihood that this suit will become extremely valuable later in the deal.

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In bridge, however, the leader knows in advance that the trump strength is held adversely, and a long plain suit is so seldom brought in against the dealer that it is hardly worth considering at all. Spade declarations which have been doubled are not included in this discussion.