

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.

Mr. J. Cunninghame, of Palmerston North, has been revisiting the Old Country after 25 years' absence.

Mr. Adam Werner, of Ellesmere, who was in London this week, has been revisiting his native Germany after an absence of 34 years.

Mr. H. Percy Brown, of Feilding, who arrived by the Rimutaka a month ago with his wife and child.

Mr. W. S. Wells, of Mannia, travelled to England by the Orient boat Ortona, arriving on August 8th.

Mr. Wells proposes going through the Midlands to Yorkshire, on to Renfrew, Glasgow, and Paisley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wills and Mr. and Mrs. P. Wills, of Wellington, have just concluded a motor tour of Devon and Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Walkley, of Hawera, who arrived on June 12th by the s.s. Oratava (Orient Line).

Mr. G. Jameson, of Christchurch, came to England via Fiji, Honolulu, and Canada (Vancouver to Quebec).

and reached Liverpool a week ago (20th August), coming on to London the same evening by special train.

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.

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bell boy who was conducting her.

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her short.

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

SHARE LIST.

Table with columns: Paid-up, Liability per share, Company, Last Quotation. Lists various companies like BANKS, INSURANCE, FINANCIAL, COAL, GAS, SHIPPING, WOOLLEN, TIMBER, MISCELLANEOUS, and MINING.

Sports and Pastimes.

GOLF.

Auckland.

The last match on the One Tree-hill links was played on Saturday, when there was a very large entry for the mixed foursomes.

Next Saturday play commences at Otahuhu, and train arrangements will be announced during the week.

On Tuesday evening a meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce to consider the advisableness of carrying on a nine hole practice course at One-tree Hill.

Paeona.

A mixed foursome golf match, for prizes presented by Mr. E. T. Bush, was played on the Paeona links on Saturday.

Golf in the Mud.

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.

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 brassy a ball nestling affectionately in the bottom of a muddy cup.

BRASSY 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.

On "soft-bottomed" courses Braid bids us take a shallow-faced brassy, and especially one with a rounded sole.

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.

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

"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.

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.

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.

AQUATICS.

New Zealand Rowing Association.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association was held on Saturday night.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. McCallum (Marlborough); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Thomson (Hawke's Bay) and A. S. Biss (Wellington); council, Messrs. O. M. Isaacs (Otago), W. Coffey (Canterbury), E. B. Hammond (Southland), Geo. Lanchester (Wairarapa), R. W. McVilly (Otago), J. E. Widdow (Wellington), and W. Bridson (Auckland); secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Bayfield; auditor, Mr. G. C. Fache.

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

New rules were adopted, providing for (1) the presence of a representative of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association at every regatta, to see that the rules of the local association and of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association are complied with; (2) the programme of 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 shall be started by gunshot.

Wellington's motion, "That all championships be rowed on smooth water, and if on a river at slack tide," was defeated after a long discussion.

The next championship regatta was awarded to the Marlborough Association, to be rowed at Picton at least four weeks before the big gathering to be held at Hobart 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 a legal opinion as to whether a professional may belong to an amateur club.

BRIDGE.

Short and Long Suit Leads

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 which who oppose the short openings for precisely the same reasons used by them in the older game.

In what 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.

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 as all Spade declarations which have been doubled are not included in this discussion.