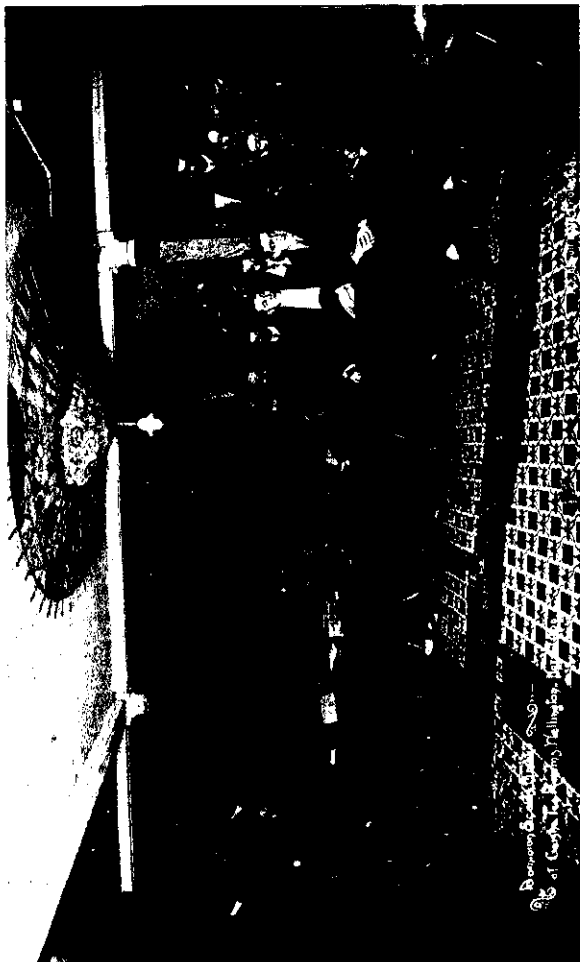


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**THE WELLINGTON AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUBS' MARATHON.**

In spite of a very heavy rain, the start of the marathon, and on the right (inset) is H. Thompson the winner. The spectators at the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club's sports on the 14th inst. were very numerous. Those present were His Excellency the Governor, Lord Alcock, who was accompanied by Captain Shannon, A.D.C., Archdeacon Redwood, the Hon. A. R. Guinness (Speaker of the House of Representatives), and the Mayor of Wellington (Dr. A. K. Newman). Chief interest centred in the Marathon race. From Wellington to Taia and back a distance of 26 miles 580 yards, there were ten starters, as follows:—H. Thompson (Wellington), C. R. Lambert (Wellington), F. J. Dolaney (W.A.A.C.), G. J. Wilkins (Christchurch), A. Nathanarajah, Reid (Auckland), C. Reid (Auckland), and W. Bennett (Wellington Harriers). W. Bennett (Wellington Harriers), C. Reid (Auckland), and H. Thompson (Wellington) were the three who were in the lead. Thompson was leading, Mulcahy following closely, with Fitzgerald in third place and Press running fourth. Reid still led at Lower Hill, Mulcahy being in second place, but Bennett had superseded Fitzgerald at Taia. Reid was still showing the way, but at Lower Hill on the return journey Thompson had forced ahead, with Fitzgerald second. At Pukete the position was reversed. Only four completed the course, and the results are as under:—Thompson, 2h 28m 23s; Simpson, 3h 40m 28s; Bennett, 3h 50m 58s; Press, 3h 21m 41s; Lambert, 3h 25m 11s. Thompson's time eclipses the Australasian record by 52 2/5.

THE CROWD WHICH WITNESSED THE RACE. In the set-land top corner is a photograph of the winner.



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