9.7. Hippowai 9.7. Papatu 9.7. Kawhai 9.6. Francis Lovejoy 9.4. Scout 9.3. St. Rowan 9.2. Commodore 9.2. Medallius 9.2. All Fours 9.2. Sophia 9.0. Repo 9.0. Sirdar 9.0. Repetition 9.0. Little Wonder 9.0.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 65sovs. 7 furlongs.—Mechanic 9.6. Warwick 9.2. Sly Miss 8.7. Aurora 8.7. Rosephele 8.6. Mars 8.3. Repetition 8.3. Green and Gold 8.2. Blue Cap 8.0. Kanaka 7.12. Drudge 7.12. Commodore 7.10. Mt. Zeehan 7.10. Francis Lovejoy 7.7. St. Rowan 7.7. Leo Pezaval 7.5. Ben 7.5. Lance Corporal 7.0. Minor 6.7.

First Pony Handicap of 65sovs. 5 furlongs.—Orange and Blue 11. 2. St. Loanda 8.3 First Whisper 8.7. Sportsman 8.7. Sentinel 8.3. Girton Girl 7.12. Sea Spray 7.12. Vulpine 7.10. Wherekino 7.4. Ukuse 7.9. Polly Perkins 6.10. Inspiration 6.4. Garnet 6.7.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

Mr Evett has declared the following weights for the two principal events of the above meeting:—

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150sovs after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. About 3½ miles.

(Run June 3.)

	st	lb		st	lb
Moifaa	12	10	Frost	9	12
Cavallero	12	10	K. Jam	9	11
The Guard	11	12	Dr. Bill	9	11
Cannongate	11	8	Oracle	9	10
Plain Bill	11	6	Bellman	9	9
Gobo	11	6	Matarawa	9	7
Evng. Wonder	11	5	Tukurangi	9	7
Rufus	10	10	Sirdar	9	7
Voltigeur II.	10	9	Tawera	9	7
Princess Thule	10	6	Taranaki	9	7
Waiwera	10	6	Kowhai	9	7
Sudden	10	2	Sultana	9	7
Dingo	10	2	Shylock	9	7
Tim	10	0	Kanaka	9	7

THE GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third 25sovs out of the stake. Winner of a hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; of the Remuera Hurdle Race, 7lb extra. Not cumulative. Two miles, over eight flights of hurdles.

(Run June 4.)

	st	lb		st	lb
Cavallero	13	6	Dr. Bill	9	11
Moifaa	12	7	Reclaimer	9	10
The Guard	11	11	Sudden	9	9
Cannongate	11	7	Taplow	9	5
Haydn	11	6	Hector	9	5
Plain Bill	11	6	Skylock	9	4
Gobo	11	4	Mangatera	9	4
Tiree	11	3	Convoy	9	3
Waiwera	11	2	Medallius	9	3
Derringcotte	11	0	Papatu	9	3
Evng. Wonder	11	0	Hillflower	9	2
Rufus	11	0	Moturoa	9	0
Ryl. Conqueror	10	11	Roseglot	9	0
Princess Thule	10	10	Commodore	9	0
Tim	10	9	St. Rowan	9	0
Highlander	10	8	Hippowai	9	0
Mars	10	7	Recoil	9	0
Bellman	10	4	Purlu	9	0
Frost	10	4	Mokomoko	9	0
Strathnairn	10	2	Tawera	9	0
Sundial	10	0	Sophia	9	0
Oracle	9	11	Tresham	9	0

THE ADELAIDE CUP.

ADELAIDE, May 7.

At the South Australian Jockey Club's meeting to-day the following was the result of the principal event:—

ADELAIDE CUP, a handicap of 800sovs; the second horse to receive 160sovs and the third 80sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and five furlongs.

Mr R. King's b g The Idler, aged, by The Vagabond—dam by St. Albans, 7.11 1

Mr S. G. Cook's b c The Victory, 3yrs, 7.9 2

Mr A. B. Pearson's br h Flagship, 4yrs, 7.12 3

NOTICE TO MAKE RETURNS OF INCOME UNDER "THE LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT ACT, 1900."

Land and Income Tax Department,
Wellington, 1st May, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the above Act and the regulations made thereunder, every person and company, within the meaning of the said Act, having derived income during the year ending 31st March, 1902, from any source or by any means which is made the subject of taxation under the said Act is hereby required to duly make and furnish to me, in the prescribed form, returns of such income on or before the 1st June, 1902.

And further, notice is hereby given that such returns shall in all cases be delivered at or forwarded to the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, in the Government Buildings, at Wellington.

JOHN McGOWAN,
Commissioner of Taxes.

Note.—Persons who have not received forms of return from this office may obtain them at any postal money-order office, and any who have in previous years been permitted to make returns as at a date other than the 31st March will, provided returns are furnished promptly after date of balance, be allowed the same concession this year without special request.

Athletic Sports.

FOOTBALL.

NEWTON V. GRAFTON.

There was a fair attendance at Alexandra Park on Saturday to witness the opening of the Auckland Rugby season. Grafton (last year's champions) met Newton in front of the stand, and after a tough struggle were beaten by Newton by a try to nil, much to the surprise of the black and whites' supporters, who looked upon the match as a "cake walk." Grafton had rather the best of the first spell, and were unlucky in not scoring. McKenzie kicked what looked like a goal from the stand, but the referee thought otherwise. In the second half Newton forwards beat their opponents badly, and from a forward rush Long scored. Wilson made a poor attempt at goal. Thomson raised Grafton's supporters by a nice run towards the finish, but the opposing forwards soon worked play to centre.

The winning team undoubtedly owe their victory to their forwards, who played a very hard game from the start, the most prominent being Long and Heath. Grafton's forward team contained one or two who were not very anxious to get into the scrums. Brady (2), Neville and McCormick worked well.

Dave Pillenger ot full for Newton played a good safe game, and must stand a chance for rep. honours this season. He represented Taranaki against Auckland last year. He got his side out of a couple of tight corners. Roberts and Cowan were prominent at times.

Kiernan was the pick of the black and whites' backs, but he was sadly hampered by his forwards being beaten. Thompson put in some good work, and McKenzie was prominent at times.

PONSONBY v. PARNELL.

These old rivals met on No. 2 ground, but little interest was taken in the contest, and the display of football was not very great. Parnell had rather the best of the first spell, but Ponsonby showed superior condition at the end of the game, and eventually won by 7 points to nil, Francis kicking a fine goal from half-way off a mark obtained by Upton, and Richardson scoring a try.

For the winners, Francis played a fine forward game, and L. Riley and Upton did good work among the backs.

On the losing side Gillam (full) was responsible for some fine tackling, and McCarthy showed good form on his first appearance as a senior.

CITY v. NORTH SHORE.

A good number journeyed to the Shore to witness this match, and though City pulled through with the advantage of 10 points to 3, the game was not at all one-sided. The combination of the City backs was a bit too good for their opponents. Asher and Stevens scored tries, and Cunningham kicked a goal from a mark by Asher. Gerrard scored for the Shore.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Grafton beat Newton, 8 to 3. Cooper and Marshall scored a try each, and Cooper converted one.

Ponsonby beat Parnell, 5 to nil. Saxon got a try, and Ussher converted.

City beat North Shore, 3 to nil—a try by Harvey.

SOUTHERN CUP COMPETITIONS.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

In to-day's senior football Melrose and Poneke played a drawn game, neither side scoring. Wellington (6) beat Oriental (nil).

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

In the senior football matches today Linwood (14) beat Sydenham (3), Christchurch (41) beat High School Old Boys (3), Albion (6) drew with Merivale (6).

DUNEDIN, Saturday.

In the senior football competitions this afternoon Kaikorai (14) beat Dunedin (6), Alhambra (6) beat Zingari Richmond (nil), University (3) beat Union (nil), Pirates and Southern played a draw, scoring three points each.

CRICKET.

AUSTRALIANS IN ENGLAND.

MATCH WITH LONDON COUNTY CLUB.

AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings.

Duff, b Llewellyn	8
Noble, c Jessop, b Braund	10
Hill, b Llewellyn	0
Gregory, c. Braund b. Llewellyn	34
Darling, c. Fry b. Llewellyn	26
Trumper, run out	9
Hopkins, played on, b. Grace	3
Armstrong, run out	13
Howell, c. Grace b. Llewellyn	4
Saunders, c. Beldam b. Grace	0
Kelly, not out	5
Extras	5
Total	117

Bowling analysis: Llewellyn took 5 wickets for 52 runs; Grace, 2 for 25; Braund, 1 for 8; Vine, none for 28.

LONDON COUNTY—First Innings

Fry, b Noble	31
Grace, b Noble	1
Beldam, b Noble	8
Wood, st Kelly, b Howell	4
Braund, c and b Noble	104
Jessop, st Kelly, b Saunders	47
Murdoch, b Saunders	7
Smith, c Darling, b Howell	1
Llewellyn, b Howell	5
Vine, c Darling, b Hopkins	8
Board (not out)	4
Sundries	5
Total	235

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Noble, 4 wickets for 90 runs.
Saunders, 2 for 43.
Howell, 3 for 75.
Hopkins, 1 for 22.

AUSTRALIANS.—Second Innings.

Trumper, st Board, b Braund	64
Noble, leg before, Llewellyn	4
Darling, c Vine, b Grace	92
Armstrong, c Wood, b Vine	29
Hopkins, not out	7
Kelly, not out	3
Duff, b Llewellyn	1
Hill, b Llewellyn	7
Gregory, b Vine	2
Saunders	4
Seven wickets for	213

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Llewellyn, 3 wickets for 80.
Vine, 2 for 40.
Braund, 1 for 61.
Grace, 1 for 28.

With the score at seven wickets for 213 it was decided not to play till after lunch. As the day wore on, however, drenching rain and hail fell, and the match was abandoned with seven wickets down for 213.

MATCH WITH NOTTS COUNTY.

NOTTS.—First Innings.

Iremonger, b Noble	4
Jones, c Hill, b Howell	45
W. Gunn, lbw, b Noble	0
Shrewsbury, b Trumper	73
Goodacre, b Trumper	20
Gunn, c and b Howell	80
Dixon, c Kelly, b Howell	3
Anthony, b Jones	30
Oates, c Kelly, b Trumper	11
Hallam, b Howell	4
Wass, not out	8
Extras	9
Total	287

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Jones, one wicket for 33 runs.
Noble, 2 for 46.
Howell, 4 for 74.
Armstrong, 0 for 59.
Trumper, 3 for 59.

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings

Duff, c Wass, b Hallam	49
Trumper, b Hallam	47
Hill, c Goodacre, b J. Gunn	14
Gregory, c Goodacre, b J. Gunn	6
Noble, c Shrewsbury, b J. Gunn	10
Armstrong, b Hallam	21
Hopkins, b J. Gunn	80
Darling, c Hallam, b J. Gunn	128
Kelly, c Jones, b J. Gunn	66
Jones, c and b Anthony	38
Howell, not out	4
Extras	11
Total	474

Bowling analysis: Wass, no wickets for 79; Anthony, one for 53; J. Gunn, six for 174; Hallam, three for 126; Dixon, none for 31.

NOTTS.—Second Innings.

Iremonger, c and b Armstrong	46
Jones, c Duff, b Howell	19
W. Gunn, lbw, b W. Armstrong	23
Shrewsbury, c Noble, b Armstrong	2
J. Gunn, c Darling, b Armstrong	27
Goodacre, c Howell, b Armstrong	16
Dixon, b Armstrong	17
Anthony, b Armstrong	1
Oates, b Noble	0
Wass, b Armstrong	4
Hallam, not out	8
Extras	20
Total	183

Bowling analysis: Noble, one wicket for 32 runs; Howell, one for 66; Trumper, none for 21; Armstrong, 8 for 47.

GOLF NOTES.

Judging from the group of men that stood outside the Newmarket Station last Saturday about one o'clock, anxiously waiting for the golf 'bus, a spectator would naturally imagine that in Auckland golf is more popular in winter than in Summer. When the 'bus finally arrived, everyone managed to get a seat of some description, no matter how uncomfortable, but it was a very tight pack.

Although there had been a great quantity of rain through the week, it was surprising to see the condition of the links and greens, which reflect great credit to the labour that has been bestowed on them. Most of the players who were going in for the championship looked forward to a good game, and were not disappointed. There is not much difficulty in picking the winner, and Mr C. E. S. Gillies is the general favourite.

For the matches, Mr J. Sykes was drawn to play Mr C. E. S. Gillies, and, as was expected, the latter won after a match in which he did not exert himself. The match between Mr H. Gillies and Mr Burness was looked on as a very close go, as the latter has been playing a good game lately. But although Mr Burness completely defeated his rival in the long strokes, he in his turn was beaten on the green, and at the finish Mr Gillies came home winner. Mr Carr and Mr Peel played a very close game, the latter being beaten on the greens, but outstripping Mr Carr in the long shots. Although Mr Peel was ahead at Jacob's Ladder, Mr Carr came on better at the end and won by three up and two to play.

Perhaps the keenest game was between Mr Colbeck, the runner-up for the New Zealand Championship, and Mr Laurence. This match was very close all through, but by dint of steady play, Mr Laurence managed to defeat his opponent. Mr Laurence has been playing so steadily lately that we expect to see him in the final. Mr O'Rorke had a bye, and was not present on Saturday, as he was fulfilling his duties as huntsman elsewhere.

Besides those playing in the Championship there was a big crowd of others present, all having a good game and admiring the condition of the green. During the afternoon His Excellency the Governor appeared on the links, and, although somewhat out of form, he seemed to be having great enjoyment. In spite of the fact that one erratic player sent a ball very close to His Excellency, he expressed great pleasure with the links and its surroundings.