

"The horses, to my surprise, gradually recovered, and as for myself, I really cannot remember that I was much the worse from the affray, so I could not have been very badly hurt; the excitement, however, while it was on, must have been terrible."

"Is there not a big risk in putting bees in your mouth?"

"With myself not so much, but I would most strongly condemn any similar attempt on the part of others till they have had the same experience as myself."

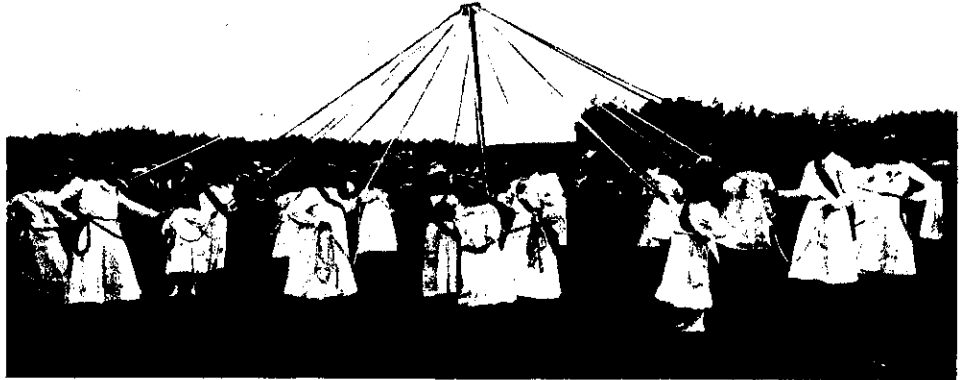
Our artist then thanked Mr Hopkins and withdrew.



DECORATED BICYCLES.

Auckland Farmers' Co-operative Society, Ltd.

The quarterly meeting of the above society took place in the Gladstone Coffee Palace last Friday. In the absence of Captain Makgill, Mr A. Morrison, of Awhitu, was voted to the chair. Mr Sam A. Browne acted as secretary. The report and balance-sheet were read. The balance-sheet showed that trade had nearly doubled over the last quarter, and was not only well sustained, but increasing. A large order for butter was received from the British Wholesale Co-operative Societies, but owing to being late in ordering, enough could not be secured. Efforts were being made to secure agencies in country districts to accommodate farmers. In regard to fruit, the prospects were good, and it only required hearty co-operation of fruitgrowers to do a great amount of good. The secretary's report showed that shares were being freely taken in the country districts, and the number of shareholders was now nearly 1000.



THE MAYPOLE DANCE.

Wanganui Floral Fete.



THE WANGANUI REPRESENTATIVES WHO PLAYED AGAINST LORD HAWKE'S CRICKET TEAM
Newham and Brady, photo, Wanganui.