

Sports and Pastimes.

WITH SAIL and MOTOR

NEWS FROM THE WATER

(Special to "Graphic.")

FIXTURES.

- Jan. 29.—Auckland Regatta.
- Jan. 29.—Hamilton Regatta.
- February 5 — Ponsonby Cruising Club's Ocean Race
- February 5 — Victoria Cruising Club's Picnic.
- February 5 — Richmond Cruising Club's Class Races.
- February 12 — Devonport Yacht Club's Picnic.
- February 12 — North Shore Yacht Club's Cruising Race, to Kawau.

THE weather on Saturday and Sunday was again favourable for the week-end cruises for yachtsmen. The wind was, however, a bit on the light side for the sailers, but the power boat sports were just in their element.

The Auckland Anniversary Regatta takes place on Saturday next, for which an excellent programme has been arranged.

The Victoria Cruising Club's annual picnic takes place on February 5.

The annual picnic of the Devonport Yacht Club takes place on February 12.

North Shore Yacht Club's next race will be a cruising race to Kawau on February 12.

The Ponsonby Cruising Club held their annual picnic at Hobsonville last Saturday, at which there was a large attendance of members and their friends, a very enjoyable outing, with fine weather resulting. The Club hold an ocean race on February 5.

There were some interesting scenes in the harbour on Saturday, more especially on the Northern side, with the large number of yachts engaged in the Devonport Yacht Club's races, besides the large fleet of sailing yachts and power boats all hurrying away for various pleasure resorts.

The 16-foot open boat race sailed at the Ponsonby Regatta on December 19 has been ordered to be resailed, owing to the course on the programme having been wrong. The date of the race has not yet been fixed.

Ponsonby Regatta Club's balance-sheet shows that only £90 6/ was collected as prize money for the last regatta, and consequently the prizes had to be considerably reduced in value. This is always a very unfortunate position to face, and it is to be hoped that if a regatta is to be held this year business in connection therewith will be started early, in order that the collectors will have sufficient time to cover the city and suburbs to obtain funds to carry out the event in a successful manner.

In the death of Mr. P. F. Battley, which occurred under somewhat painful circumstances last week, the local aquatic world has lost one of its keenest enthusiasts, and he will be much missed by many friends. Kindhearted and genial to a fault, "Fred," as he was always addressed by his intimates, took a very keen interest in all matters connected with aquatics. For some years he was one of the officers of the Auckland Yacht Club, and also when the Club obtained the title of the Royal New Zealand Squadron. His bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron held two races on Saturday afternoon, one being an ocean yacht race, and the other a long distance power boat race for a handsome cup presented by Mr. W. C. Leys. The weather was very favourable for the latter event, but the wind was rather on the light side for the sailing craft. The wind was from about north-north-east, blowing light, and falling even still lighter, as the afternoon progressed. There were only three starters in each event, Messrs Stewart and Hewson were the officers of the day, and started the races promptly on time, and, for once in a while, the contestants

were at the starting line well on time. The following are the details.—Ocean Yacht Race: Entries and handicaps:—Rainbow (sc.), Heartsease (30m.), Ngatira (60m.), Aorere (90m.). Course: From off the end of Queen-street wharf, round Canoe Rock, off Kawau; thence outside Ganet Rock, Waheke, Pakatoa and Ponui Islands; thence through the Sandspit Passage, finishing at Maitaitai. The race was started at 2.30 p.m., Heartsease not putting in an appearance, she being engaged in the race for the Rudder Cup by the North Shore Yacht Club. A fairly even start was made, only a few seconds separating the three boats. Ngatira was first across the line, Aorere next, and Rainbow last. The wind was light from the north-north-east. On the lead down the harbour Rainbow worked up into the weather position, but it was a fairly even "go" down to the North Head, where Rainbow assumed the lead. From thence onward the race became merely a drifting match, and the finishing times at Maitaitai were: Rainbow, 9.15 a.m. Sunday; Aorere, 1.30 p.m. Sunday; Ngatira did not finish within reasonable time, and so her finish was not taken. The corrected times place Rainbow the winner.

Power Boat Race.—Entries and handicaps: Winsome (sc.), Zephyr (9m.), Tahitu (18m.), Ione (23m.), Elsie (28m.). Course: From off the end of Queen-street wharf; thence through the passage between Motutapu and Motuiki; thence between Ganet Rock and Waheke; thence between Pakatoa and Waheke, finishing at Maitaitai. The race was started at 2.45 p.m. Winsome and Zephyr being non-starters. Ione was first across the line with Tahitu and Elsie in close attendance. The three contestants wet off at "full bore" from the start, Tahitu catching up somewhat on Ione, and took the lead. This order was maintained until near the finish, when Elsie passed Tahitu and finished first, the latter second and Ione third. On corrected times Ione wins, with Elsie second and Tahitu third.

North Shore Yacht Club.

The North Shore Yacht Club held a long cruising ocean race for the Rudder Cup on Saturday, the distance being 100 miles. The entries and handicaps were: Heartsease (scr), Thistle (1h 30m), Miro (2h 30m), Ronaki (2h 40m), Calypso (2h 50m), Mystery (3h 10m), Daisy (3h 20m), Jack (4h 10m), Rhona (4h 20m), Kaho (4h 20m), Iolanthe (4h 30m), Tangaroa (4h 50m), Encounter (4h 50m), Acacia (5h 30m). The course was: From off Victoria Wharf, round Canoe Rock, off Kawau Island; thence round mark off Deadman's Point, Coronand coast; thence through Sandspit Passage, between lighthouse and Ponui Island; thence to the north of Brown's Island, finishing at starting line. Distance, 100 miles. The race was started at 2.45 p.m. The wind was light from the north-east, and when North Head was rounded, fell away, and, like the squadron race, simply resulted in a drift. Miro was first across the line, with Acacia, Iolanthe and Ronaki in close attendance, the others all being well up. It was a case of drift all round the course until yesterday afternoon, when a light north-east breeze sprang up, and enabled the boats to finish their long race. The finishing times were: Heartsease (4h 14m 10s) (Sunday), Miro (4h 14m 45s), Thistle (4h 15m 18s), Calypso (4h 24m 22s), Ronaki (5h 22m 52s), Acacia (6h 44m 43s), Jack (7h 19m), Mystery 7h 22m). Daisy, Rhona, and Tangaroa did not finish, and all the others were outside of time limit. On corrected times, Acacia is first, Calypso second, and Miro third.

Victoria Cruising Club.

The first cruising race of the season of the Victoria Cruising Club was held on Saturday afternoon from off Freeman's Bay to Hobsonville. The following are the details.—First-class Race.—Entries and handicaps: Sadie (scr), Miro (2m), Emerald (2m), Eulalie (6m), Encounter (6m), Valdora (9m), Rose (11m), Konini (13m). On corrected times, Sadie is first, Emerald second, and Eulalie third. Second-class Race.—Entries and han-

dicaps: Venus (scr), Hetty (scr), Moe-wai (scr), Heather (1m), Hilda (3m), Decima (8m), Sceptre (9m), Lasca (9m), Fleetwing (11m), Seabird (11m), Maro (11m), Countess (18m). On corrected times, Seabird is first, Decima second, and Venus third.

MOTORING.

There was a large fleet of the power-boats afloat on Saturday and Sunday at our various pleasure resorts, the weather just suiting all classes.

The oil-yacht Alroyne went out to Canoe Rock on Saturday with a party of friends of the owner, including Mr. J. W. Froude, of Sydney. The weather was very fine for the trip, and those on board had a splendid time fishing, getting a splendid haul of hapuka, snapper, etc.

The Froude Prize.

The race for the silver tea service presented to the New Zealand Powerboat Association for competition by Mr. J. W. Froude, of Sydney, takes place on Saturday next (February 5). The course will be from Auckland, round Canoe Rock, off Kawau Island and back.

CRICKET.

Auckland—First Grade.

EDEN V. UNIVERSITY.

University started their first innings with a score of 290 to Eden. Robinson and Wallace opened the innings, and put on 28 runs before Wallace lost his wicket. Jacobson assisted Robinson to carry the score to 43, but then a rot set in, and the total only reached 55, hitting two men short when the last wicket fell.

University opened their second innings, requiring 35 to avert a one-innings defeat, but Eden were unable to secure the three-pointers, the students having a hundred on the board, and one wicket in hand when time was called.

PARNELL V. PONSONBY.

Parnell, whose score last week stood at 114 for 4 wickets, resumed batting with Wright and Cato. Both scored freely. Cato's contribution of 15 included one 6, Wright took his score of 54 to 77 before he was magnificently caught by Gavin at point off Saunderson. O'Neil and Sale, the succeeding batsmen, contributed 25 and 42, and were not out when the innings was declared closed at 224 for six wickets. Both gave good displays, and Sale made his runs in about 20 minutes. Ponsonby, in their second innings, with the exception of Woods and Gavin, made a very poor stand for 112. Parnell scored a three-point win.

NORTH SHORE V. GRAFTON.

The first grade match between North Shore and Grafton was concluded at Devonport, the Shore men securing a two-point win by a majority of 41 runs on the first innings. When play was resumed this afternoon Grafton had six wickets down for 66 runs. Neill and Sloan continued batting, and the latter displayed excellent form, hitting up the best score of the innings, and placing 29 runs to 4 of O'Neil, but when stumps were drawn he was left with about 20 minutes. Ponsonby, in their second innings, with the exception of Woods and Gavin, made a very poor stand for 112. Parnell scored a three-point win.

Second Grade.

Eden A. v. Eden B.—Eden A just failed to secure a 2-point win, wailing on the first innings by 12 runs to Eden B. Parnell v. Grafton.—Parnell closed their innings at 212 for five wickets, in the hope of being able to get Grafton out, and securing a three-point win; but their opponents managed to hold their own up until the call of time, Parnell winning on the first innings by 113 runs. Waitemata v. Ponsonby.—Waitemata secured a three-point win, by eight wickets and 41 runs. North Shore v. University.—North Shore secured a three-point win. The Shore men in their first innings scored 277. Varsity's first innings resulted 71, and the second 130.

The Australian Cricket Visit.

Owing to the Wellington Association refusing to fall in with the suggested pooling arrangement, the Cricket Council decided to cancel the proposed tour of the Australian team, and a cable was sent to that effect. By a coincidence the cable crossed one from the Board of Control, giving the names of the most prominent players chosen. On receipt of the names the N.Z. Council held a further meeting on Saturday night, when it was

unanimously decided that the tour be proceeded with, and the position is now that the four leading centres guarantee £150 each and take all risks. Auckland were agreeable to either the pooling scheme or the separate risk, so that the Australians will be seen in Auckland. The principal members of the team are Armstrong, Whitty, Bardsley, Kellaway, Mayne, Waddy, Emery, Smith, Gorry, the others to be arranged.

Wellington.

Taking advantage of the holidays, the senior cricket matches were played all day on Saturday. North put up 155 against South (1st Inn 43, 2nd Inn 112), and out, 229. South responded with 216 (1st Inn 67, not out, 48; 2nd Inn 26, Vane 32). In their second innings, South lost five wickets for 133. Dawson, not out 55, Jackson, not out, 29, South won on the first innings. Central easily defeated Victoria College. Central first innings, 229 for four wickets (1st Inn 91, Hawthorn 48, Laws, not out, 41; 2nd Inn 108, 1st Inn 108, 2nd Inn 31, Braden 21; second innings, 154 (1st Inn 82, Braden 19, Kinzig took three wickets for 13 runs, and Miller 4 for 15. East A took 1st Inn by an innings and 80 runs. 2nd Inn 87 (1st Inn 23, Gibbes took five wickets for 28 runs; Hick 23, three for 36; and Grimmer, two for 7. Second innings, 79 (Joyce, not out, 11; Gibbes took five wickets for 21 runs, and Gibbes five for 29. East A, 247 for nine wickets (1st Inn 26, Hutchings 21, and Gibbes 32).

Dunedin.

In the local matches, first grade, on Saturday, Albon's second innings closed for 132 (not out 55, Jackson, not out, 29, MacIntyre took eight wickets for 57 runs. Central B require 150 to win. Dunedin made a feeble response to Christchurch, as they were second last Saturday, the innings closing for 47. 1st Inn 47, took the bulk of the wickets. Dunedin's batting on a good wicket was painfully slow. Christchurch B responded for 77. Steenberg (27) alone reaching double figures. Dunedin took five for 26, and wordsworth three for 33. The two bowlers unchanged, two men being run out in attempting short runs when the position was hopeless.

Albon have now scored five four-point wins, and are safe for the season's premiership.

Christchurch.

The 6th round of the first grade matches commenced on Saturday in 1st Inn. The scores were: Sydenham 142, v. St. Albans 35 for four wickets. West Christchurch 252, v. M. C. 127. The 100 yards walk was for four wickets. Recreation 154, v. A. Ellis 70, v. East Christchurch 48 for five wickets.

SWIMMING.

Waitemata Club's Carnival

The third carnival of the Waitemata Amateur Swimming Club, at the Auckland Graving Dock on Saturday, was attended by about three hundred people. The racing was most successful, all the 100 yards Ladies' Brazeal Handicap, M. E. Champion (the well known swimmer) broke the local record by covering the distance in 68sec. During the afternoon Messrs. F. E. Kronfeld and E. Simpson gave an interesting exhibition of fancy diving, and at the conclusion two tennis trials concluded in a game of water polo, the display being most appreciated by the spectators. The results were as follows:—Boys' Handicap, under 17 years. Yorks. First heat: W. Harris, 7sec. 1. E. Beavard, 8sec. 2. Second heat: W. Beavard, 8sec. 1. E. Beavard, 8sec. 2. Third heat: J. Kawley, 8sec. 1. A. Dawson, 2. Final: Beavard 1, Dawson 2. Time, 35sec. 220 Yds. Breast-stroke Championship of the Waitemata Club. Jerrard, 2. W. H. Horton, 3. E. Simpson, 4. Time, 3:36. Won by 9 yards, second and third men being close together. Boys' Championship of the Waitemata Club.—E. Murray, 1. M. E. Champion, 2. A. O'Hare, 3. The Irish Champion was only about 18 inches behind the winner, and the third man was very little more behind Champion.

Novice Handicap, Boys. First heat: J. Ross, 1sec. 1. D. G. Saunders, 1sec. 2. Second heat: H. Mendoza, 2sec. 1. O. Anderson, 2. Third heat: J. Briggs, 3 sec. 1. T. Hancock, 2sec. 2. Fourth heat: J. Purdy was the only one to finish. Final: Hancock 1, Briggs 2, Ross 3. Time, 35sec. 100 Yards Ladies' Brazeal Handicap.—First heat: W. Beavard, 1sec. 1. W. Beavard, 1sec. 2. Time, 1:14. Second heat: M. E. Champion, 1. H. Thomas, 12 sec. 2. Time, 1:14. Champion's time was record for the club, and has been done before. Third heat: A. O'Hare, 3sec. 1. W. T. Matthews, 3sec. 2. Time, 1:16. Final: Dempster 1, O'Hare 2, Thomas 3. Time, 1:22. Sec. A close race, Wilson finished second, but was disqualified for starting before his time. Next Header off the Caulson: F. E. Kronfeld was placed first, and W. R. Horton second in the close finish. Anniversary Handicap, Boys. First heat: H. Purdy, 2sec. 1. G. Jones, 2sec. 2. Second heat: A. T. Waddell, 4sec. 1. A. Beavard, 4sec. 2. Third heat: J. O'Hare, 2sec. 1. G. Jones, 2sec. 2. Fourth heat: E. Underwood, 3sec. 1. D. G. Saunders, 3sec. 2. Fifth heat: O. Anderson, 3 sec. 1. C. Murray, 3sec. 2. Sixth heat: E. Howard, 3sec. 1. W. Beavard, 3sec. 2. Final: O'Hare 1, Howard 2, Underwood 3. Time, 2:35. Won by a yard. Karen Memorial Handicap, 220 Yds.—G.