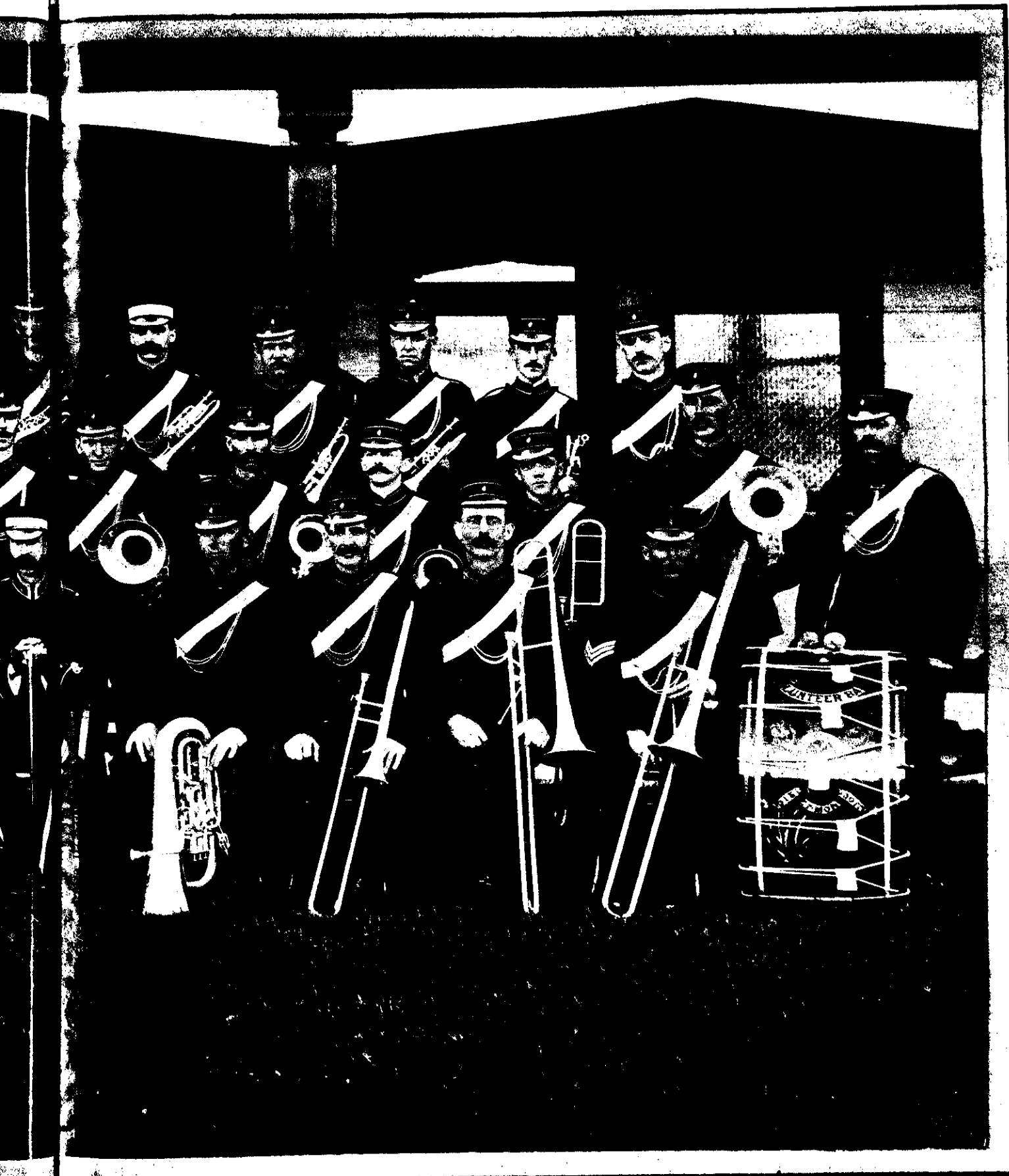


CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALASIA.



MASS BAND AT BALLARAT—"THEY TOOK THE JUDGE BY STORM."

See "Music and Drama."

The Wanganui Band carried off the championship, their win being very popular. The points scored were: Wanganui, test 174, own choice 222; Pukekohe, 208 and 180; Collingwood, 198 and 170. He was delighted to think that a small town in the sister Dominion had displayed such pluck and enterprise in sending a band so long a distance, and at such expense. Their performance was most creditable to New Zealand, and to Wanganui in particular. Mr Short, King's Trumpeter, adjudicator at the competitions, stated that he would like to hear the band again. He declared it an extraordinary performance, and a treat to listen to. Reading from the left:—Back row: J. McGrath, E. Gould, R. Low, J. Donohue, L. Aldridge, Sergt. Trussell, Jax. McSweeney, S. Garner, J. Armstrong. Front row: A. A. Guthrie, W. Penhall, S. Signall, F. Shultz, Conductor Wade, W. Hockman, T. Gray, G. Boyd, A. Remingtonham.