

# Sports and Pastimes.

## WITH SAIL AND MOTOR

### NOTES FROM THE WATERFRONT.

(By RINGTAIL.)

It was a good thing that most of the yachts and launches were still out of the water when the booms at Orakei burst and released a few hundred logs to drift about the harbour at their leisure. As all yachtsmen know, a log, just awash, is not the nicest thing to meet on a dark night, and a log, standing three or four feet out of water, and rubbing against the side of a yacht, or getting under the stem or counter, is not what one would call A1 at Lloyd's. The high spring tides and strong easterly wind caused many of the logs to get stranded, thus preventing them from doing any damage; but there are still a few to be seen cruising up and down the harbour with the tide, ready to ram the first vessel they get the chance at.

All this brings home to us the necessity of having a boat harbour. But we are afraid that we are not going to get it, for the Harbour Board decided at the meeting that there were not sufficient funds for the purpose. It seems rather hard that between three and four hundred pleasure boats, representing some £80,000 for motor-boats alone must lie out at their moorings, exposed to all the dangers that the elements and other unforeseen forces can bring to bear on them.

A yachtsman's sleep (at home) is not a peaceful one. He never knows when a kind brother yachtsman will waken him with the news that his yacht has had a hole bored through her by a large or small log, or that she has been run down by some coaster that has been keeping inshore to escape the strong tide that sweeps down our harbour at the ebb. Then he hears the gale howling round the house, and thinks of his little spray rearing, plunging and tugging at her mooring chain, and fancies he sees the spray flying off her bows like smoke from a ten-inch gun. He makes a mental calculation of the breaking strain of the small chain, and then, when he finds that he has a good margin of safety, he works out the course of traders running up the harbour for shelter. No wonder our yachtsmen look old after ten or twenty seasons of this great mental strain, and begin to look for a harbour of refuge in marriage, and are content to sit on the verandah steps on Sunday afternoons, smoking their pipes and watch the white wings sailing home.

It is sincerely to be hoped that in the near future yachtsmen will be saved all this unnecessary worry by having a boat harbour provided for them. They would not begrudge the cost, and would be willing to pay dues that would pay for the upkeep and a dividend besides. But it is not well to go deeper into this subject and damp the spirits of our rising generation of yachtsmen. No doubt they will get enough spray to keep them cool.

The annual meeting of subscribers of the Auckland Anniversary Club was held in Palmerston Buildings on Wednesday, 20th October. Captain H. Parker presided. On the motion of Mr. J. Boonstra it was decided to hold a regatta on next Anniversary Day, January 29, 1911. The following Committee was elected:—Patrons, His Excellency the Governor (Lord Islington), the Prime Minister (Sir Joseph Ward), Hon. G. Fowlds, Sir J. Logan Campbell, Sir James Mills; President, the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. L. J. Bagnall); Committee—Captains H. Parker, Brown, Parris, W. Ross, J. Dowd, Messrs. M. Walsh, A. Allison, W. A. Wilkinson, D. Gouk, F. W. Chalmers, J. Edeane, A. Spencer, G. L. Sheahan, C. P. Stichbury, J. Boonstra, F. Burbush, W. Sinton, L. Fisher, W. D. Grant, E. C. Granger, P. Goldsboro'. Captain Parker was elected Chairman, Mr. A. Allison Vice-Chairman; Secretary, Mr. C. C. Duere; Assistant Secretary, Mr. L. Fisher; Treasurer, Mr. A. Spencer; Auditor, Mr. W. Somers. It was decided to extend an invitation to his Excellency the Governor (Lord Islington), to be present at the next regatta. The first meeting of the Committee will be held on November 14th.

On November 12th the Ponsonby Cruising Club and the Victoria Cruising Club

propose to open the season with a cruising race for each club.

The North Shore Club will hold a race to Awarua Bay on the 19th November. The Richmond Club will open on November 26th.

The local yacht and cruising clubs will open the season with a cruise in company on 5th November.

The well-known yacht Sybil has been sold by her late owner (Mr. G. Cornes) to Messrs. F. and A. Webber, Ponsonby. The old crack twenty-four footer Manola is again in the Waiatema, having been purchased by Mr. H. Smith, of Parnell. There are not many yachtsmen afloat at the present time who sailed against the Manola when first she crossed the finishing line. But it is to be hoped that she has still a long lease of life, and may she add many more wins to her already heavy record.

The first meeting of the delegates of the Auckland Yachting Association took place on Tuesday, October 25th, in the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's Committee Room. Mr. T. M. Alexander acted as chairman, owing to the absence of Mr. J. L. R. Bloomfield (Chairman of the Association).

The secretary reported that he had received notifications from the various clubs of the election of delegates for the coming season as follows:—Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron, Messrs. J. L. R. Bloomfield, A. Gifford, T. M. Alexander; N.Z. Power Boat Association, Messrs. W. J. Jaggs, P. Howden; North Shore Yacht Club, Messrs. W. A. Wilkinson, W. Swinnerton; Richmond Cruising Club, Messrs. C. Palmer, T. S. Thompson; Devonport Yacht Club, Messrs. C. P. Murdoch, E. J. Fenn.

The first business was the election of officers, Mr. Bloomfield being re-elected Chairman and Mr. Fenn being re-elected secretary. The delegates reported that the remits of the proposed work for the coming season had been favourably received by the respective clubs. It was decided that the Association keep a list of all members unaffiliated after one year of the various affiliated clubs, such list to be available to the secretary of each club.

The proposal for the Association to adopt a uniform set of racing rules, preferably those of the International Yacht Racing Union, as adopted by the Y.R.A., was further discussed, and a sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter.

It was decided to offer a reward to any person giving sufficient evidence to lead to a conviction in the case of pilfering from yachts, and the delegates were instructed to ascertain from the clubs how much each club would guarantee towards a fund for the purpose. The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron and the N.Z. Power Boat Association have guaranteed £5 each towards the fund.

Mr. —, Bailey has purchased the steam launch belonging to Mr. Foote, of Whangarei. She is a fine-looking vessel, and will probably be used by her new owner in running to and from an island at Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier, which Mr. Bailey has purchased. This launch was built some five years ago at Whangarei by Mr. Charles Bailey, sen.

### ROWING.

#### A "Dark Horse."

Dr. Thacker has been informed of an aspirant for the sculling championship of the world, Arthur Jackson, a member of the Blenheim Rowing Club. Dr. Thacker told a "Lyttelton Times" reporter that there had been a good deal said about a "dark horse" in the northern part of the South Island, and Jackson was evidently the man referred to. Although Jackson has only recently commenced sculling, he has made such progress that he has been selected to row No. 3 in the Blenheim Club's senior fours at the next amateur championship, and he will compete in the amateur single sculling championship. If he is success-

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#### Answers to Correspondents.

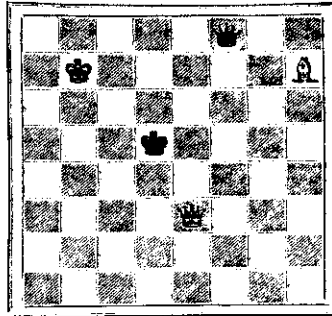
Country Player.—You say that the "three mover" can be solved in two, but you do not give your solution. P.X.—Yes. Your opponent can call upon you to replace a piece on its original square until you have made up your mind. You may not hold your piece on a square and see its effect. Get into a good way of playing, and do not touch a piece until you have quite settled where you are going to put it. T.Y.—It is not advisable to go in for blindfold play, even if you are gifted in that direction. W.J.H.—Your solutions correct.

#### Position No. 65.

#### END GAME STUDY.

(By C. E. C. TATTERSALL.)

Black.



White.

White to play and win.

Notation.—5g2, 1K5B, 8, 3k4, 8, 4Q3, 8, 8.

#### A Beautiful Game.

Played in Masters' Tourney at Hamburg, between Messrs. Fonges (White) and Durus (Black).

Anything more brilliant than moves 36 to 43 is difficult to imagine in actual play.

White.	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QR4	P-K3
3. Kt-QB3	PxP
4. P-K4	P-QR3
5. BxP	P-QKt4
6. B-K13	Kt-KB3
7. P-K5	Kt-Q4
8. KtKt6	PxKt
9. Kt-K2	B-Kt5ch
10. Kt-B3	BxKt

ful in this race it is understood that he will challenge the world's champion. A prominent supporter of rowing in Blenheim has undertaken to contribute £500 towards his expenses in contesting the championship. Dr. Thacker spoke of the possibility of Jackson competing at the Akaroa Regatta. He said that the offer which he had made to the Akaroa Club to provide £50 for a sculling race still held good, and there was a possibility of Pearce, Webb, Welch, the two Arnsts and Jackson attending the regatta. Dr. Thacker said that he would make his own conditions for the event, but it would probably be a two-mile handicap race. If no race was provided at the next regatta he would increase the prize to £100 for the following year.

#### Webb v. Pearce.

A sculling match between W. Webb (Wanganui) and H. Pearce (Sydney), for £200 a side, has been arranged by the "Manawatu Standard". If he loses, Pearce will be allowed £50 expenses, and if Webb loses £50 expenses will be allowed him. The winner also takes half the gate. The match will be rowed on the Wanganui River, probably on Boxing Day. Mr. George Seifert, Palmerston North, is backing Pearce.

11. PxB	Castles
12. Castles (a)	R-K3
13. Q-R5	Kt-Q2
14. B-R3	R-K
15. QR-K	P-KB4
16. P-KB4	Kt-B
17. R-K3	Q-Q2
18. B-B2	Q-B2
19. Q-R4	Kt-Kt3(b)
20. Q-B2	P-QR4
21. B-Kt	QR-K1
22. P-Kt4	P-Kt5
23. R's P	R's P
24. B-R	Kt-K2
25. Q-B2	KR-QB
26. K-Kt3	P-Kt3
27. P-Kt5	P-B4
28. PxP	P-Q5
29. Q-Q2	B-B5
30. R-K	Q-Q4
31. P-Qt3	P-Kt6
32. B-Kt2	Kt-B3
33. P-KR4	Kt-B2(e)
34. P-K6 ch	K-Kt2
35. P-R5	R-K
36. R-Kt3—K3!	K-B
37. Pxd!	PxR
38. PxP!	K-K2
39. RxP!	R-KB
40. QxQ	BxQ
41. P-R8-Q	RxQ
42. B-Hoch!	K-B
43. BxR(d)	Kt-K2
44. B-B6	R-R
45. B-Kt2	R-K3
46. K-B2	BxP
47. K-Kt3	K-B2
48. R-K	R-R4
49. R-QB	Kt-B3
50. B-Q3	K-Kt3
51. B-K2	B-Q4
52. K-R4	Kt-K2
53. B-R5ch	K-R2
54. K-Kt3	Kt-B3
55. B-K8	R-R
56. R-K	B-K5(e)
57. BxP	PxR
58. BxKt	R-Q
59. BxPch	K-K6
60. P-B8	Resigns

(a) The opening has not been conspicuous for the restraint usually exhibited when proceeding on conventional lines.

(b) The impetuosity of the attack now commences to exhaust itself against the steadiness of Black's defence.

(c) The turning-point of the game. Black has distinctly the better position, but with the next move he gives his opponent an opportunity, which is taken in grand style.

(d) White now regained his piece with a clearly-won game.

(e) Black has struggled skilfully, but here comes the end.

#### Notes.

In the sealed handicap at the Auckland Workingmen's Club Messrs. Fwen and Wilson head the score with 15½ points each, and will require to play off for first and second places. Mr. Okey is third, Messrs. Jowitt (13 points) and Davies (14½ points) are unplaced. Although the latter did not lose a game (one draw only), he had no chance of being first or second, Mr. Rudolph Barond's handicap being somewhat severe on the scratch man. A sealed handicap is difficult to manage, but a handicap must always be unsatisfactory where a player cannot get to the top, however many games he wins.

Dr. Lasker, who sailed from Brooklyn on the 20th May last to fulfil a four weeks' engagement at the Argentine Chess Club, arrived at Buenos Ayres on June 16. Announcing his arrival in the "New York Evening Post," the world's champion refers to the pleasant welcome given him by Senor Mendoza, the president of the club, and adds: "Our party drove in automobiles about the principal streets and parks of the city. Buenos Ayres has dwellings, not high, but good to live in, with plenty of light, space, and air. . . . The parks are beautiful, owing to the large variety of trees and their rich foliage. In the afternoon I was formally introduced to the members of the Chess Club, which is situated in the centre of the city. It has 250 members, and is full of life. Besides chess, only billiards is tolerated, and, in fact, chess is played almost exclusively. The public takes a great deal of interest in the game. A class of novices taught by a member of the club, Senor Lynch has more than 100 members. The newspapers speak often of the doings of the Chess Club."

#### Solutions to Problem No. 64.

K-K6.