

LAWN TENNIS.

Wellington Provincial Championships

Successful Tournament at Day's Bay—Miss Travers Victorious

By ROMULUS.

THE thirteenth annual tournament of the Wellington Provincial Lawn Tennis Association was run off on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd January, eight events being concluded on the Tuesday. The meeting was most successful from every point of view. The entries were very large, while the arrangements for the convenience of players left nothing to be desired. Although there was considerable disappointment at the absence of Miss P. A. Stewart, the Australasian and New Zealand lady champion at the last moment who was unable to compete, and the retirement of Miss K. M. Nunneley from the ladies' singles, the tournament was, nevertheless, noteworthy for some bright tennis, particularly on the Monday when the weather was at its best and the courts were in good order. A big crowd of people watched the tennis on that day, and were rewarded by fine displays on the part of Swanston (singles), Peacock and Gore (doubles), and Miss Travers and Mrs Goldie (doubles).

The tournament was conducted under the personal supervision of the hon. secretary, Mr D. M. Kean, who was assisted by the following officials:—Management Committee: Messrs R. St. J. Beere, A. G. Heuderson, C. A. Jeffery, F. A. Lewis, C. A. Lawrence, W. J. Robertson, Dr. D. N. Isaacs; Match Committee: Messrs C. A. Jeffery, D. M. Kean and C. A. Lawrence; Referee: Mr H. M. Gore; Handicappers: Messrs G. N. Goldie, C. A. Jeffery, and D. M. Kean; Hon. Treasurer: Mr J. W. Barclay. Competitors speak very highly of Mr Kean's management and one authority states confidently that the meeting was the best conducted affair ever held under the auspices of the W.P.L.T.A., and gives the hon. secretary unstinted praise therefor.

As a result of the events decided, the following are the new provincial champions for 1912, while those of previous years can be seen in the tables appearing elsewhere in this account:—

Men's Singles.—J. C. Peacock.
Men's Doubles.—J. C. Peacock and C. St. G. Gore.

Ladies' Singles.—Miss Eva Travers.
Ladies' Doubles.—Miss E. Travers and Mrs G. N. Goldie.

Combined Doubles.—
Details of the several rounds in the championships and the scores of the semi-finals and finals of the handicaps are subjoined:—

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Men's Singles.

(1911 champion: H. A. Parker.)

First Round.—F. A. de la Mare v. K. J. Simpson, 6-4, 4-0, 6-3; R. N. K. Swanston v. S. J. Sampson, 6-4, 6-0; F. M. B. Fisher v. L. W. Hawkins, 9-7, 6-4; P. White-Parsons v. R. St. J. Beere, 6-4, 6-0; E. Salmond v. J. B. Parker, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; C. A. Jeffery v. G. M. Clegburn, 10-8, 6-3; H. W. Brown v. W. E. Crewes, 6-1, 6-4.

Second Round.—R. N. K. Swanston v. F. A. de la Mare, 6-2, 6-1; F. M. B. Fisher v. P. White-Parsons, 6-4, 6-5, 8-6; E. Salmond v. C. A. Jeffery, 6-1, 6-3; J. C. Peacock v. H. W. Brown, 6-1, 6-2.

Semi-finals.—E. N. K. Swanston v. F. M. B. Fisher, 6-3, 6-1; J. C. Peacock v. E. Salmond, 6-2, 6-0.

Final.—J. C. Peacock v. R. H. K. Swanston, 5-7, 6-2, 14-12, 6-4.

The result of the final, played on Saturday last was to produce a new singles champion, J. C. Peacock never having previously won the event. He started aggressively from the jump and

led 4-0, only to lose the first set 5-7, a circumstance which pointed pretty strongly to Swanston confirming the general opinion by once more carrying off the championship. However, it was not to be, as Peacock played finely throughout the match, and after capturing the third set at 14-12, was a certain winner. Even in this important set Peacock did most of the attacking, but after falling when leading 5-4 and 6-5 Swanston thereafter had several opportunities of winning it, leading continually up to 12-11. The ex-New Zealand champion then put in a finishing dash. Three successive games, and at 14-12 led two sets to one. The pace had been too warm for Swanston to stand a possible chance of lifting two consecutive sets, and the match went to Peacock at 6-4 in the fourth set. (Games 31 to 27.) Both men drove splendidly throughout, but Peacock often scored at the net, while Swanston seemed content to adopt baseline tactics. In fact, Peacock's volleying was one of the features of the match. The win was popular, though Swanston was generally expected to be victorious.

Ladies' Singles.

(1911 champion: Miss K. M. Nunneley.)

First Round.—Miss A. M. Batham v. Miss K. McIntosh, 6-2; 6-3; Miss E. Williams v. Miss E. Molesworth, by default; Miss L. Van Staveren v. Miss M. Simpson, by default; Miss E. Travers v. Miss E. Bennett, 6-1; 8-6.

Second Round.—Miss K. M. Nunneley v. Miss M. Davis, 6-1, 6-0; Miss E. Williams v. Miss A. M. Batham, 6-2, 6-1; Miss E. Travers v. Miss L. Van Staveren, 7-5, 3-0, 6-1; Mrs. G. N. Goldie and Miss P. A. Stewart, by default.

Semi-finals.—Miss E. Williams v. Miss K. M. Nunneley, by default; Miss E. Travers v. Mrs. G. N. Goldie, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Final.—Miss E. Travers (Wellington) v. Miss E. Williams (Wellington), 0-7, 6-4.

The two Wellingtonians, Misses Travers and Williams, had a very keen struggle for the championship honours, two sets producing no less than 26 games. Although Miss Williams did extremely well according to the scores, Miss Travers was just as hardy pushed in previous rounds, Miss Van Staveren running her to a closely contested three-set match, while Mrs. Goldie also captured a set in the succeeding round. Miss Travers has not taken too kindly to singles play of late, and the 1912 tournament bears out the suspicion that she has had nearly enough match tennis for the season; otherwise, she would not have experienced such difficulty in winning the event, every player fully extending her, including Miss Bennett. In addition to her success in the singles, Miss Travers annexed the doubles with Mrs. Goldie, and the combined doubles, so she will have cause to remember the latest Provincial Championship Meeting as one of the most successful in her career as far as results go.

Men's Doubles.

(1911 champions: C. C. Cox and G. G. Aitken.)

First Round.—R. N. K. Swanston and E. Salmond v. D. Cowan and O. Wellwood, 6-2, 6-3; H. W. Brown and L. W. Hawkins v. P. H. Putnam and G. H. Fell, 6-1, 6-1.

Second Round.—J. C. Peacock and C. St. G. Gore v. W. E. Crewes and H. F. Atherton, 6-1, 6-0; R. N. K. Swanston and E. Salmond v. R. St. J. Beere and F. A. de la Mare, 6-4, 6-2; H. W. Brown and L. W. Hawkins v. G. M. Clegburn and J. B. Parker, 8-6, 6-4, 6-4; F. M.

B. Fisher and P. White-Parsons v. S. J. Sampson and E. R. Kirk, 6-1, 7-6.

Semi-finals.—J. C. Peacock and C. St. G. Gore v. R. N. K. Swanston and E. Salmond, 6-1, 7-5; F. M. B. Fisher and P. White-Parsons v. H. W. Brown and L. W. Hawkins, 8-6, 8-6.

Final.—J. C. Peacock and C. St. G. Gore (Thorndon) v. F. M. B. Fisher and P. White-Parsons (Thorndon) 6-4, 4-0, 9-7.

Charles Gore, member of the New Zealand representative team which visited New South Wales in 1904, partnered by Peacock, another more famous player of that combination, defeated such strong pairs as Swanston-Salmond (easily) and Fisher-White-Parsons, so that the performance was full of merit. On paper Swanston and Salmond looked good enough to win the event, but though a fine double player Salmond was out of practice and they fell in straight sets. Not so Fisher and White-Parsons, however, this combination making themselves felt before disposal at 6-4, 4-0, 9-7 (19 games to 17).

Ladies' Doubles.

(1911 champions: Misses K. M. Nunneley and M. Simpson.)

First Round.—Mrs F. Grady and Miss M. Clark v. Misses P. A. Stewart and M. Molesworth, by default; Miss E. Travers and Mrs G. N. Goldie v. Misses D. Atmore and O. Caverhill, 6-2, 6-0; Misses K. M. Nunneley and E. Williams v. Misses L. Van Staveren and M. Davis, 6-2, 6-2; Misses M. Simpson and A. Brewster v. Misses N. Curtis and V. Bennett, 6-4, 7-5.

Semi-Finals.—Miss E. Travers and Mrs G. N. Goldie v. Mrs F. Grady and Miss M. L. Clark, 6-0, 6-2; Misses K. M. Nunneley and E. Williams v. Misses M. Simpson and A. Brewster, 6-2, 8-6.

Final.—Miss E. Travers and Mrs G. N. Goldie (Wellington) v. Miss K. M. Nunneley (Thorndon) and E. Williams (Wellington), 6-4, 4-0, 6-4.

Contrary to general expectations, the 1910 champions, Misses Nunneley and Williams were defeated by Miss Travers and Mrs Goldie, in a well fought three set encounter. Somehow or other Misses Nunneley and Williams do not combine too well and the writer remembers the difficulty this pair had in beating Miss A. M. Batham and Mrs R. A. Holmes two years ago. Had it not been necessary to abandon the match when first started (owing to bad light) and replay it a few days afterwards the chances are that the Thorndon ladies would have won on that occasion. The noteworthy feature of this year's event is the writing of Mrs Goldie's name on the championship roll of honour for the first time. The Brougham Hill lady played like a champion throughout the meeting and fully deserved her success.

Combined Doubles.

(1911 champions: F. M. B. Fisher and Miss R. E. Wellwood.)

First Round.—F. A. de la Mare and Miss A. M. Batham v. R. N. K. Swanston and Mrs G. N. Goldie, 6-3, 9-7.

Second Round.—F. M. B. Fisher and Miss E. Travers v. B. L. Ward and Miss M. Molesworth, by default; P. White-Parsons and Miss A. Brewster v. F. A. de la Mare and Miss A. M. Batham, 6-3, 6-4; E. Salmond and Miss E. Williams v. H. W. Brown and Miss P. A. Stewart, by default; J. C. Peacock and Miss M. Simpson v. G. M. Clegburn and Miss L. Van Staveren, 6-2, 7-5.

Semi-finals.—F. M. B. Fisher and Miss E. Travers v. P. White-Parsons and Miss A. Brewster, 6-3, 6-2; E. Salmond and Miss E. Williams v. J. C. Peacock and Miss M. Simpson, 10-8, 6-4.

Final to be played later.

HANDICAPS.

Men's Singles—First Grade.

Semi-finals.—S. J. Sampson (13) v. W. E. Crewes (10), 60-47; L. S. Curtis (20) v. J. B. Parker (10), 60-49.

Final.—S. J. Sampson, Brougham Hill (12) v. L. S. Curtis, Petone (20), 60-47.

Men's Singles—Second Grade.

Semi-finals.—E. Reeves (8) v. C. Giblin (16) 60-58; R. Rawnsley (12) v. C. H. Andrews (owe 2) 60-30.

Final.—E. Reeves, Brougham Hill (8), v. R. Rawnsley, Brougham Hill (12), 60-58.

Ladies' Singles.

Semi-finals.—Miss N. Curtis (8) v. Miss Rigg (24) 60-44; Miss K. McIntosh (6) v. Miss A. Brewster (acc) 52-20.

Final.—Miss N. Curtis, Petone (8), v.

Miss K. McIntosh, Victoria College (6), 52-60.

Men's Doubles.

Semi-finals.—H. W. Brown and L. W. Hawkins (owe 16) v. G. M. Clegburn and F. A. de la Mare (8), 70-68; W. J. Robertson and C. H. Taylor (20) v. D. Cowan and O. Wellwood (10), 70-63.

Final.—H. W. Brown, Wellington, and L. W. Hawkins, Brougham Hill (owe 16) v. W. J. Robertson and C. H. Taylor, Victoria College (20), 70-63.

Ladies' Doubles.

Semi-finals.—Misses L. Van Staveren and M. Davis (2) v. Misses M. McLean and V. Veitch (24), 60-51; Misses E. Williams and A. M. Batham (owe 10) v. Misses D. Atmore and O. Caverhill (12), 60-44.

Final.—Miss L. Van Staveren and Miss M. Davis (2) v. Miss E. Williams and Miss A. M. Batham (owe 10), 60-49.

Combined Doubles.

Semi-finals.—W. E. Crewes and Miss M. Davis (10) v. D. Cowan and Miss L. Turton (8), 60-55; H. W. Brown and Miss A. Brewster (owe 10) v. F. A. de la Mare and Miss A. M. Batham (8), 60-58.

Final.—H. W. Brown, Wellington, and Miss A. Brewster, New Plymouth (owe 10), v. W. E. Crewes, Trinity, and Miss M. Davis, Brougham Hill (10), 60-43.

Winners of the Wellington Provincial Championships.

MEN'S SINGLES.

- 1900—F. Lashley.
- 1901—F. Lashley.
- 1902—C. C. Cox
- 1903—C. C. Cox
- 1904—C. C. Cox
- 1905—C. J. Dickie
- 1906—H. M. Gore
- 1907—C. C. Cox
- 1908—R. N. K. Swanston
- 1909—H. Rice (New South Wales)
- 1910—R. N. K. Swanston
- 1911—H. A. Parker (New South Wales)
- 1912—J. C. Peacock.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

- 1900—F. Lashley and C. F. Adams
- 1901—F. Lashley and C. F. Adams
- 1902—F. Lashley and C. F. Adams
- 1903—C. C. Cox and R. N. K. Swanston
- 1904—C. C. Cox and R. N. K. Swanston
- 1905—C. J. Dickie and A. G. Wallace
- 1906—F. M. B. Fisher and A. Young
- 1907—C. C. Cox and F. M. B. Fisher
- 1908—H. M. Gore and G. G. Aitken
- 1909—H. Rice and H. W. Brown
- 1910—C. C. Cox and R. N. K. Swanston
- 1911—C. C. Cox and G. G. Aitken
- 1912—J. C. Peacock and C. H. Gore

LADIES' SINGLES.

- 1900—Miss Cave
- 1901—Mrs. Payne
- 1902—Mrs. Payne
- 1903—Miss L. Poddrell
- 1904—Miss L. Poddrell
- 1905—Miss E. Travers
- 1906—Miss A. Ward (Mrs. A. J. Fernie)
- 1907—Miss K. M. Nunneley
- 1908—Mrs. W. R. S. Hickson
- 1909—Miss N. M. Nunneley
- 1910—Miss K. M. Nunneley
- 1911—Miss K. M. Nunneley
- 1912—Miss E. Travers

LADIES' DOUBLES.

- 1900—Misses Gore and Kennedy
- 1901—Mrs. Marchbanks and Miss Gore
- 1902—Mrs. Payne and Miss Cave
- 1903—Mrs. Payne and Miss Cave
- 1904—Mrs. L. Pearce and Miss L. Poddrell
- 1905—Misses E. Travers and E. Williams
- 1906—Misses L. Poddrell and E. Travers
- 1907—Misses L. Poddrell and E. Travers
- 1908—Mrs. Hickson and Miss E. Williams
- 1909—Misses E. Travers and A. Gray
- 1910—Misses K. M. Nunneley and E. Williams
- 1911—Misses K. M. Nunneley and M. Simpson
- 1912—Miss E. Travers and Mrs. G. N. Goldie

COMBINED DOUBLES.

- 1900—C. St. G. Gore and Mrs. Marchbanks.
- 1901—F. Lashley and Miss Kennedy
- 1902—H. M. Gore and Miss Gore
- 1903—H. A. Parker and Miss Kennedy
- 1904—F. Lashley and Miss N. Marchant
- 1905—F. Lashley and Miss N. Marchant
- 1906—H. W. Brown and Miss E. Travers
- 1907—C. F. Adams and Miss K. M. Nunneley
- 1908—R. N. K. Swanston and Mrs. Hickson