

to New Zealand lawn tennis. At the meeting in Dunedin Marshall had played with a loosely strung racket, the result being an accurate placing game but quite devoid of pace. During the following year, however, he made an exhaustive study of the principles



HOOPER JUMPING FOR A LOB.

inculcated in the Badminton Volume, and by incessant practice obtained a mastery over the "drive" pure and simple, which had, up to this time, been quite undreamed of, and indeed it may be doubted whether Marshall's execution of this stroke has ever been equalled in the colony.

Of the meeting itself it is unnecessary to write at any great length. Both Fenwicke and Marshall played a weak game in the earlier rounds, and the former would have succumbed to Logan, who won the first two sets and held a lead in the third, but, recognising that Fenwicke would probably improve, he retired at this point, as he was more anxious to see Napier victorious in the final than to win the first round himself. The correctness of Logan's judgment was exemplified in the second round when Fenwicke, playing in his old form, put out Harman. This match proved the excitement of the day, and was watched with great interest. Both men played well, but Fenwicke secured the first two sets. Harman then woke up and, playing brilliantly, took the third set, beating the champion constantly with his famous drive from right to left. It

proved to be only a flash in the pan, however, as in the next set Fenwicke soon asserted his superiority, and secured the match by three sets to one. He then qualified for the final by beating Dalziell of Otago.

Marshall began by having a very hard match with E. J. Ross, which nearly ended in the latter's favour, but after winning this his progress to the final was easy.

The final match for the championship of New Zealand was watched with the keenest interest. The Napier men were very confident that Fenwicke would win, and were prepared to give odds on their man, but as from the play hitherto, Marshall's chance did not appear to be rosy, the odds were usually offered in vain. Marshall began very nervously, and lost the first three games. All at once he got into his stroke, and thenceforward beat Fenwicke from start to finish. The champion played well and pluckily, but the pace was too hot for him and the placing too scientific. Marshall hit out at everything, some of his drives being positively terrific. Fenwicke was unable to volley much, and at the back of the court he was helpless against the hard backhanders sent down by Marshall. The latter's services were also very severe, and on many occasions



PARKER TAKES AN AWKWARD BACKHANDER.

the champion could only look at them, so fast did they travel in and out of his court. In the third set Marshall, who had as usual been running round his backhand shots, began to feel the effects of the pace he had himself forced, and slackening somewhat, a ding-dong struggle ensued. He led at 5-3,