

## NEW ZEALAND

## Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament.

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**T**HE New Zealand Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament, lately held in Christchurch, forms an epoch in the history of Lawn Tennis in New Zealand. It was the first tournament at which the championships were thrown open to allcomers. Many doubted the wisdom of this innovation, contending that to be the champion of the colony one should be a resident in it and not a visitor. There is considerable force in some of the arguments adduced against the innovation, and possibly in the future there

might be two events, the Championship of the Colony, and an Allcomers' Championship. That, however, is a matter for future consideration, and as to the result of the first experiment in throwing our championships open, I do not think there is much difference of opinion, as it is very generally admitted that the foreign entries invested the tournament with much greater interest than is usually taken in it, and there can be little doubt but that the result will be of benefit to the game in New Zealand.

The tournament, as all those who are

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