TARANAKI FOOFBALL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) August 10.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made here to give the New South Wales team a cordial reception, when they arrive here in August 31. The match will be played in the New Plymouth Recreation Ground on Saturday, September 1. The Taranaki will play Wellington on Tuesday following at Hawera.

Star and Waimate play off for the senior premiership on Friday next at Hawera. A keen game is anticipated.

The three clubs in the junior championship running are Star II. and Tukapa (north end) and Stratford II. in the southern end.

Tukapa heat Clifton II. by 8 points to nil at Waitara on Thursday. The same day Star III. and Inglewood II. played a draw at Inglewood, scoring 8 points each.

An endeavour is being made to get the Taranaki rep team together for a week before the fixture with New South Wales. Taranaki should beat Wellington.

[BY WIRE.]

August 14. The Star Seniors have decided to visit Auckland to play Parnell and probably Grafton. They leave here on September

Star and Waimate play at Hawera on Friday for the senior championship. They have met twice this year, and each game resulted in a draw.

Tukapa won the protest against Inglewood, and the Union has ordered the match to be played again at Waitara.

It is a certainty now that Star Second-Tukapa will meet again for the Junior Cup, and much interest will be centred in

Taranaki will play the same team against New South Wales as played against Auckland

WELLINGTON FOOTBALL.

(BY WIRE .- FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) August 14.

MANAWATU easily defeated the South Canterbury footballers yesterday at Pal-

merston by 13 to 3.

New South Wales footballers leave Sydney on Saturday by the Wairarapa, and Mr F. Logan is going to Auckland next week to welcome them. There are 25 men in the team, and Sefton has been appointed umpire.

Jack is the only man in the Wellington rep team, which is to travel North, who cannot obtain the necessary leave of absence. After influence had been unavailingly brought to bear, Young was given Jack's place, while Davidson replaces Bourke at fullback.

Wellington should win against South Canterbury and Marlborough on Thursday and Saturday next respectively. The Marlborough team has been replinshed by six new men.

NAPIER FOOTBALL.

BY WIRE.

August 14. THE first of the interprovincial matches was played on the Recreation Ground on Wednesday last, when the local team met the South Canterbury reps. The day was fine and the ground in good order. The visitors arrived by the steamer on the morning of the match, and were welcomed by the officials of the local union and numerous footballers. There was a and concourse of spectators to witness the match, which resulted, after a tough contest, in favour of the Hawke's Bay by six points to three, the scores being a penalty goal and a try to a try. The fol

lowing were the teams:—
South Canterbury (black and green):
Fullback - T. Simpson 12.4; threequarters—Alf. Boys 10.7, A. J. Shellard
11.3; W. Johnson 11.3; halves—Artie Boys 10.0, J. Heelan 11.7; wings—J. Gardner 11.8, J. Fox 12.10; forwards—C. Hall 12.4, R. Quinn 12.4, R. D. Stewart 14.4, T. Kerr 12.6, T. Hart 12.3, Stewart 14.4, T. Kerr 12.6, T. Hart 12.3, F. W. Shellard 11.5, A. Thompson 11.3. Hawkes Bay (black and white): Fullback — John O'Connor 12.7; three-quarters—W. McFarlane 10.8, F. Law 10.0, C. Bennett 10.8; halves—W. Caradus (captain) 10.12, J. Donnelly 10.10; wings—H. Swan 9.12, H. Kelly 12.0; forwards—Cockroft 12.12, Malcoim 12.12, R. McDowell 12.10, Toohev 12.2, Ryan R. McDowell 12.10, Toohey 12.2, Ryan 13.4, Biel 13.6, Cheer 12.0.

Mr W. J. Cotterill, of Christchurch, acted as referee, and Messrs C. Collison (South-Canterbury) and A. C. Bennett (Hawke's Bay) were the line umpires.

Caradus won the toss, and elected to defend the eastern gaol, and the visitors

The local forwards, headed by Ryan, Biel, Kelly and Swan, carried play into the visitors territory, and the two first-named rushed the ball over the line, but Artie Boys saved his side by kicking to touch in goal. Shortly afterwards the visitors were forced. Play remained in the green's 25 till Hall and Stewart broke away with a fine dribbling rush. Malcolm and Swan relieved, Lut Artie Boys returned to the attack on the local line. A good rush by the local forwards shifted play to the green's 25, where a free kick was awarded to the local men, and O'Connell placed a neat goal. No further score was obtained during the remainder of the spell, play being principally confined to neutral territory. On resuming, the greens at territory. once assumed the aggressive, and for some time the local line was in great danger, but Caradus, Donnelly, Malcolm and Ryan at last shifted play to neutral ground. The greens, of whom Fox, Quinn, Stewart, Hall and Boys played a splendid game, were not to be denied, and the first named broke away and crossed the local line, but the ball was knocked from his hand in the act of scoring. The greens had their reward, however, shortly after, as a fine dribbling rush ended in Heelan scoring. The local men seemed to wake up a bit, and play became more lively and interesting. Passing and drib-bling rushes became more frequent A fine passing rush, in which Donnelly, Caradus, Laws and Bennett took part, resulted in the last named scoring, but the kick at goal was futile. Notwithstanding some brilliant play by the visitors, they were unable to increase their score, and the total stood unaltered when the whistle sounded "no side." For the Artie Boys, Fox, Heelan, visitors, Gardner, Quinn and Hall were most prominent. Swan, Kelly, Ryan, Caradus, and Bennett were the best of the local On Saturday last the local reps defeated

the Marlborough reps by 33 points to nil. The game was, as the scores indicate, a very one-sided one, the local men having the result at their mercy from the start. The weather was perfect, and the ground in splendid order. There was a large attendance of spectators. The local team was slightly different to the one which played against South Canterbury Walker, Jago, Wilson, Geordine, and Barnett taking the place of O'Connell, Kelly, McDowell, Biel, and Ryan. The following composed the Marlborough team :- Fullback-T. Baillie 10.6; three-quarters-W. Redwood 11.7, C. Cohnolly 11.10, A. Carter 10.10; halves—J. Griffiths 11.8 (captain), and W. Carter 11.5; wings— G. Redwood 12.4 and J. O'Dwyer 11.7; forwards—J. Neal 12.12, R. Greig 12.8, J. Murphy 12.2, A. O'Dwyer 11.7, A. Stuart 11.10, D. Morrin 12.2, R. Ireland Mr C. Sinclair (Marlborough) and Mr C. Bennett (Hawke's Bay) were line umpires, and Mr W. J. Cotterill (Christchurch) was referee.

Play was immediately in the visitors quarters, and Toohey soon scored, but the kick at goal failed. The visitors kept the local men at bay for a time, but a fine passing rush in which Donnelly, Caradus, Laws and Macfarlane were prominent, enabled the last-named to score. The kick was again a failure. For a short time the visitors showed a bold front, but some good passing resulted in Donnelly scoring, but no goal was kicked. Macfarlane was the next to score, he getting over the line after some good passing was indulged in. The kick was again fruitless. Play was very varied for a time, and the visitors nearly scored from a penalty kick, but at last Donnelly, Bennett and Swan carried play to the visitors line and Swan scored. Laws converted, bringing the total to 17 points, at which it stood when the first spell ended. The play in the second spell was a repetition of the first, the visitors making determined but fruitless efforts to stem the tide of defeat.

The scorers in the second spell were -Cockroft 2 tries, Bennett and Barnett, Laws converting both of the tries. The best form for the visitors was shown by Murphy, Morrin, Redwood, Carter and Greig. The local men all played a dash-

ing game, and showed good combination.

The following have been chosen to represent Hawke's Bay on their Northern tour :- Fullback, Walker; three-quarters, Laws, Macfarlane and Bennett; halves, Caradus and Donnelly; wing forwards, Swan and Kelly; forwards, Cockroft, Ryan, Malcolm, Toohey, Cheer, Geor-dine and Barnett. Emergencies: Backs, John O'Connell, W. O'Connell, and Matheson; forwards, Elliott and Downey.

The local men left on Sunday by the defend the eastern gaol, and the visitors | Tarawera. They play Thames on Thurs-kicked off against a strongish breeze. day, Auckland on Saturday, and on their of the old famous triumvirate.

way back play at Gisborne. Caradus captains the team, which, taken all round, is a good one, and should give a good account of themselves.

Music, Drama.

By THE PROMPTER.

MRS ANNIE BESANT opens in Adelaide next month.

St. John's Burlesque and Pantomime Company are due in Wellington shortly.

THE Montague Opera Company are said to be doing excellent business at Welling-

MR A. H. GER has retired from the weekly populars, which will now be run by Mr John Fuller.

MISS PATTIE BROWNE, Australia's favourite soubrette actress, has been engaged for a Drury Lane season.

AFTER doing Sydney and Brisbane the Thornton-Arnold people go to Calcutta under engagement to T. V. Twinning. THE Dunedin Purists have been assail-

ing Walter Bentley for producing Victorien Sardou's 'Nos Intimes'—which is good business for friend Bentley. MR ARTHUR Towsey will be tendered a

benefit at the City Hall on the 13th prox.

by the Auckland Orchestral Union and Liedertafel. Australian advices state that next

Xmas will see the pantomime 'Aladdin' at Melbourne Royal, 'Beauty and the Beast' at Melbourne Princess's, and 'Sinbad' at Sydney (Her Majesty's).

MR J. C. WILLIAMSON is endeavouring to secure another novelty for Melbourne Princess's. He is negotiating for the rights of the 'Yellow Ballet,' with which Mdlle, Bartho is astonishing Chicago.

THE Sapio-Urso combination, which has received about one-quarter of the support due to such a splendid company, left for Sydney by the s. s. Monowai yesterday. A farewell Australian tour has been mapped out.

PINERO'S play The Second Mrs Tanqueray must be a very naughty piece for that aristocratic journal the Australasian calls it strong meat! Good Heavens, where is the old-time purity of that high-toned weekly?

I AM obliged to the Dunedin Star for this tit-bit:—"A Paris music-hall is drawing large crowds with a novel entertainment. The scene represented on the stage is the sleeping apartment of a smart Parisienne. She is in her morning sleep. Ten o'clock strikes. Enter the femme de chambre, who opens the shutters. The sleeper elaborately awakens, sits up, and clothes herself from head to foot, and start to finish, in garments of the choicest description, before the eyes of an appreciative audience. The spectators who assemble to witness this, include a larger number of women than

THE Newbury-Spada Concert Company are due in town shortly, and have engaged the Opera House for three nights, viz., August 22nd, 24th and 25th. the exception of Miss Emily Spada (Mrs Newbury) the company is composed of New Zealanders. Mr Philip Newbury, the tenor, was a Dunedin boy before he went home in search of fame; Miss Clara Mongredien, an accomplished contralto, who has youth on her side, also hails from the Otago capital; and so does Mr Harry Smith, a baritone who would soon secure fame if he went home and took to the operatic stage. The ability of the company merits substantial recognition at the hands of alleged musical Auckland.

Messrs Williamson and Musgrove intend cutting Wellington out of their next New Zealand tour in consequence of a refusal on the part of the Opera House people to lower the rent of their theatre. W. and M. wanted the Opera House on the same terms as the Christchurch Theatre Royal. The Opera House authorities offered the Australian firm the Theatre Royal (which is claimed to be of much the same size as the Christchurch Royal) on the terms taken for the Canterbury theatre, or to play on terms with them at the Opera House. This was refused by the remaining members

BESSIE DOYLE is booked for the United

MARTIN SIMONSEN'S daughter, Frances Saville, is moving upward. She has been given a winter engagement at the Paris Opera Comique.

THE only Snazelle's daughter, Miss Mabel Eleanor Snazelle, was married to Captain R. W. Pilkington, of the Bengal army, at St. James's, Piccadilly, on May 7th. Theatrical life never had any charms for Miss Snazelle-nor had she any ability for it.

Coursing.

THE hare will be running at Avondale again on Saturday, and with the arrival of dogs and "doggy" men from the South a successful meeting is promised. There are three stakes to be run for, the Champion Collar, Puppy and Open Maiden. The draw will take place to-night, between 8 at 9 o'clock, at the British Hotel, and acceptances close at 6 p.m. The following nominations have been received :-

CHAMPION COLLAR STAKES.—C. F. Johns (one nom.), J. W. Russell (two), P. Quinlan (one), J. Gallagher (one), McEwen and Fenton (two), M. Foley (one), W. Harley (three), J. Kirkby (one), W. Rowe (one), A. Beattie (one), C. Noel (one).

PURPLE STAKES—I McKee (two noms), T.

C. Noel (one).

Puppy Stakes.—J. McKee (two noms.), J. Kirkby (two), J. W. Russell (one), J. McCabe (one), J. Appleby (two), M. Foley (one), C. F. Johns (one), C. C. Goodson (one), D. McLeod (one), W. Rowe (one), J. Ligar (ns one), C. F. North (one), J. Tobias (one), J. Ligar (ns one).

Maiden Plate.—P. Quinlan (one nom.], J. Kirkby (one), G. Court (one), T. May (one), J. Appleby (one), D. A. McLeod (one), F. J. Baker (one), W. Runciman (one), J. D. Oman (one), J. Gillespie (one), M. J. Lynch (one), M. E. Hackett (one), F. North (one), J. J. Kelly (one), G. M. Stevens (one), C. Witten (one), P. Quinlan (one), T, Hedger (one), J. Ligar (one).

Messrs Digby Tonks and Co. sold the

Messrs Digby Tonks and Co. sold the privileges in connection with the meet ing, as follows:—Publicans' booth, Mr James Hawkin's, £9 10s; cards, £4 10s, McCulloch and Co.; refreshment stall, 10s, Mrs McIndoe. The sum of £14 was offered for the gates, but the club decided to retain them.

Mr Martin Taylor is bringing up Bess Morley to run at the coming meeting.

Mocking Bird, the Dunedin bitch, has come all the way from the South to be lined by Port Phillip.

Sweetwater and Couranto are booked to take part in the meeting.

Mr J. Kirkby will be represented by

Kaputiki and Union Jack in the Puppy Stakes.

Messrs Hill & Proffitt, and several other well-known Southern coursing men arrive in Auckland on Saturday.

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