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### NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

**FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1896.**

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

**Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post. About two miles and a half.

**Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.

**Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 250 sovs;** second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, acceptance 2 sovs, and 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

**Selling Steeplechase of 60 sovs.** Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 7lb; three-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 1lb. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs allowed 7lbs; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lbs; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowances. About three miles.

**Maiden Hurdle Race of 80 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile, three-quarters.

**Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs;** second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

**SECOND DAY, MONDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1896.**

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

**Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

**Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs;** second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over five flights of hurdles. One mile and a quarter.

**Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 400 sovs;** second horse to receive 60 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, with a final payment of 3 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. About three miles and a half.

**Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

**Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

**Second Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlongs.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**

**NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING,** With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896, by 9 p.m.**

**NOMINATIONS**—Grand National Handicap Hurdles..... 2 sovs  
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 2 sovs

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1896, by 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES**—Grand National Handicap Hurdles..... 2 sovs  
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3 sovs

**FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1896 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.**

**NOMINATIONS**—Maiden Hep Steeplechase 1 sov  
Winter Welter Handicap 1 sov  
Selling Steeplechase 2 sovs  
Maiden Hep Hurdles 1 sov  
Pony Hurdle Hurdles 1 sov  
Maiden Hop Hurdles 1 sov

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1896, at 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES**—Maiden Steeplechase 2 sovs  
Maiden Hep Hurdles 2 sovs  
Winter Welter Handicap 1 sov  
Pony Hurdle Hurdles 1 sov

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1896, at the Post.**  
Grand National Hurdle Race ..... 4 sovs

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, by 12 noon.**

**ACCEPTANCES**—Maiden Hep Hurdles 2 sovs  
Tally-ho Steeplechase 2 sovs  
Pony Hurdle Hurdles 1 sov  
Second Winter Welter Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs  
Handicap ..... 1 sov

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, at the Post.**  
Great Northern Steeplechase ..... 5 sovs

**DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1896.**  
Grand National Hurdles  
Great Northern Steeplechase

**MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896.**  
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap  
Winter Welter Handicap  
Handicap Maiden Hurdles  
Pony Hurdles Handicap

**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, Morning "Herald."**  
Handicap Hurdles  
Pony Handicap Hurdles  
Second Maiden Hurdles  
Tally-ho Steeplechase  
Second Winter Welter

**WM. PERCIVAL,**  
Secretary, A.R.C.

### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

#### WINTER MEETING

TO BE HELD ON  
**SATURDAY, 23RD MAY, AND MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 1896.**

**OFFICERS**—President: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-President: Colonel Goring. Stewards: Messrs. E. W. Alison, R. H. Duder, F. Wells, W. Adams, A. Alison, J. Mays, W. Avenell, G. Lankham, W. J. Ralph. Judge: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Treasurer: Mr. E. W. Alison. Starter: Mr. E. D. Halstead. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. Fred Wells. Handicapper: Mr. W. Knight. Secretary: Mr. R. Wynyard.

**PROGRAMME**  
(Passed by A.R.C.)

**FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 1896.**

**Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 35 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.

**Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

**First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs;** second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

**Birthday Handicap of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

**First Handicap Hurdle Race of 70 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

**Selling Steeplechase of 50 sovs.** Four-year-olds to carry 11.7; 5 years, 12.0; 6 and aged, 12.3. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs allowed 7lbs; if for 30 sovs, 14lbs; if for 20 sovs, 21lbs; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowances. Nomination, 2 sovs. Distance, about three miles.

**Royal Handicap of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

**SECOND DAY—MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 1896.**

**Hack Handicap of 30 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

**Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

**Britannia Handicap of 65 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

**Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs;** second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

**Victoria Handicap of 40 sovs;** second horse to receive five sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

**Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, about three miles and a half.

**Welter Handicap of 30 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

**NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.**

**NOMINATIONS.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, by 9 p.m.**

First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles ..... 1 sov  
Handicap Maiden Plate ..... 1 sov  
First Handicap Hurdles ..... 1 sov  
Birthday Handicap ..... 1 sov  
First Pony Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Royal Handicap ..... 1 sov

Second Day—Hack Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Second Handicap Hurdles ..... 1 sov  
Britannia Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Handicap Steeplechase ..... 1 sov  
Victoria Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Second Pony Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Welter Handicap ..... 1 sov

**WEIGHTS.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, by 4 p.m.**—First Day's Racing and Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).  
**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, by 9 p.m.**—Second Day's Racing.

**ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, by 9 p.m.**

Handicap Maiden Hurdles..... 1 sov  
Handicap Maiden Plate ..... 1 sov  
Handicap Hurdles ..... 2 sovs  
Birthday Handicap ..... 3 sovs  
First Pony Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Royal Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day)..... 1 sov  
Selling Steeplechase ..... 2 sovs

**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, by 10 p.m.**

Second Day's Racing—Second Handicap Hurdles ..... 1 sov  
Hack Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Britannia Handicap ..... 1 1/2 sovs  
Victoria Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Second Pony Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Welter Handicap ..... 1 sov

**RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr. W. Blomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Auckland, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, pedigree, and in case of handicaps, where horses have not previously started on the Takapuna course, performance of the horse, name of the owner, and colours of the rider.

The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and dates of meetings.

Winners to pay 5 per cent. of their gross winnings towards the expenses of the course.

Telegraph Office at Devonport closes at 5 p.m.

Telegraph Office open on course to 5 p.m. on race days.

**ROBT. WYNYARD,**  
Secretary.

### WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB

#### STEEPLECHASE MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON  
**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (MONDAY, MAY 25).**

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-President: Mr. H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr. Earle. Hon. Starter: Mr. C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr. J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr. Donald Macdonald. Time-keeper: Mr. R. Higgin. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Tripe. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr. J. A. Hawke, M.R.C.V.S. Stewards: Dr. Connolly, Messrs. E. E. Fletcher, Alex. Higgin, A. J. Parsons, H. N. Harrison, J. H. Nixon, R. Higgin. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Freeman R. Jackson.

**PROGRAMME.**

To Start at 12 Noon.

**Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

To Start at 12.45 p.m.

**Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase of 300 sovs;** second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 6 sovs. About three miles, over the Wanganui Steeplechase course.

To Start at 1.45 p.m.

**Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters. Gentleman riders; lowest weight not under 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles, over such course as the stewards may direct.

[Qualification for Hunters.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1895, or that have ridden to the hounds twice in the present season (1896) to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (hack and hunter races accepted). Master's certificate to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.]

To Start at 2.15 p.m.

**Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 80 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. For all horses which have never won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs (hack and hunters accepted). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a half, over such course as the stewards may direct.

To Start at 3 p.m.

**Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 100 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Flying to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

**NOTICE TO RACING CLUBS.**

The proprietors of the **SPORTING REVIEW** will be glad to receive Nominations and Acceptances, free of charge, for all Clubs advertising in the columns of this journal.

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TERMS MODERATE.

To Start at 3.45 p.m.

**Final Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts. About two miles.

To Start at 4.30 p.m.

**Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs;** second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. *Vide* definition of a hack. One mile and a distance.

**ALL STAKES PAID IN FULL.**

**DEFINITION OF A HACK.**—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of start, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of start, nominated for any race, hack and hunter races excepted.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.**

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

**MONDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1896, by 9 p.m.**

**NOMINATIONS.**  
Flying Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Winter Oats ..... 1 sov  
Trial Steeplechase ..... 1 sov  
Wanganui Steeple ..... 2 sovs

**TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL (on or about),** Weights for the above Handicaps.

**MONDAY, 4TH MAY, by 9 p.m.**

**NOMINATIONS.**  
Hunters' Steeple ..... 1 sov  
Final Steeple ..... 1 sov  
Hack Flat ..... 1 sov

**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Flying Handicap ..... 1 sov  
Winter Oats ..... 2 sovs  
Wanganui Steeple ..... 5 sovs  
Trial Steeple ..... 2 sovs

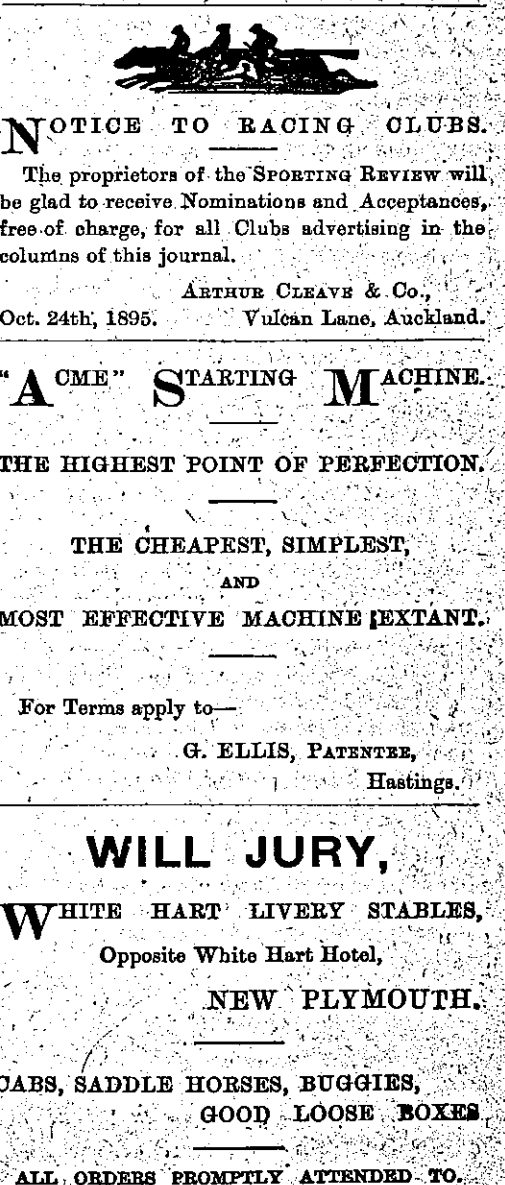
**TUESDAY, 12TH MAY (on or about),** Weights for Hunters' Steeplechase and Hack Flat Handicap.

**TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, at 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Hunters' Steeple ..... 1 sov  
Hack Flat Handicap 10s

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, on the Course,** Weights for Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Trial Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

**FREEMAN R. JACKSON,**  
Secretary.



### PASTIMES.

[BY VIGILANT.]

#### CALENDAR.

May 23—Four-oar Championship of Australasia, Parramatta River, Sydney.  
 May 23—Amateur Sculling Championship of Australia, Parramatta River, Sydney.  
 May 25—Bicycle Road Race (amateurs), Auckland.  
 May 25—Bicycle Road Race (cash amateurs), Auckland.  
 July 13—Stanbury v. Harding, Championship of the World and £500 a-side, Thames Championship Course, England.

#### CYCLING.

Our amateur wheelmen are busily engaged training for the annual road race of May 25th (Queen's Birthday), entries for which close on Saturday evening at the Metropolitan Hotel. It is anticipated there will be a large field, and the course will be left in the hands of the riders themselves.

The cyclist who squeezes his valve caps on with all his might, so that he has to use pliers or nippers to get them loose again, usually spoils his valves.

A Yankee exchange says Zimmerman has been engaged as a cycle writer on *The World*.

Mr Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, is the latest convert to the cycle.

An English firm is said to have built a triplet geared to 300 inches, fitted with a Simpson chain.

Cyclist Martin neither smokes nor liquors, but his language is as variegated as an old-time bullock driver's. He is said to have made over £600 since his advent to Australia.—*Punch*.

The Carterton Cycle Club had their first road race last week, from Greytown to Carterton, and resulted:—P. Lorensen 1, W. Campbell and F. Sullivan (dead heat) 2, C. DeLacy 3. C. Puller, A. Bayliss, and W. A. Kitchen also started. Time, 15min, exact distance not known.

An interesting argument about the new woman and rational costume cropped up (says the Melbourne *Argus*) in the City Police Court out of a charge of insulting behaviour preferred against Bertha Clair. At a late hour in the evening of the Eight Hours Day, accused appeared in Lonsdale-street habited in male attire, and she had also blackened her face. The arresting constable was asked by the solicitor for the defence why he did not apprehend any female cyclist who might be pedalling through the streets in "knickers." His client had not outraged propriety any more than a cyclist in rational costume. As there had been no actual breach of the peace, the magistrate discharged the accused, with an admonition not to play any more revolutionary tricks with her apparel, but to stick to the skirt—one and indivisible.

That the public are now fully initiated (says "Lex") into the many little points in connection with cyclé racing goes without saying. During the progress of the 25-mile championship at Melbourne on the 2nd inst. (when McLean beat Martin), every action of the racing men was criticised, and the spectators at times expressed, in a very varied and open manner, their fury at the action of some of the riders. I don't know what "Lex's" opinion may be about long-distance cycle racing, but after conferring with a lot of people who are fond of cycle racing, they agree with me that a 25-mile cycle race is just about as interesting as a Chinese funeral. Organisers of cycle sports, take my tip, if you want to retain the public interest do not allow any longer distance races on your programmes than five miles, and only one of these during one afternoon. Ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and fifty mile races should be decided amongst the members of the cycling clubs that promote them. I saw a championship ten mile race being decided once, and as soon as the pistol went off, all those who could do so laid down on the grass, and lolled about waiting impatiently until its completion, well knowing that there would be no racing until perhaps the last two laps—and such occurred. Had the competitors started for a "two lap" race, the result would have been exactly the same, but the public would not have been imposed on by asking them to pay to the ground to see a 15 mile race, when it was only two laps.

McLean, the winner of the 25 mile Championship of Victoria, received quite an ovation for his performance in defeating Martin. "Lex" says:—McLean, besides winning the championship, carried off the honours for pacing, he having led for fully three-quarters of the dis-

tance. The tactics employed by certain of the riders, in shirking the pacing, was received with great disapproval by the greater section of the crowd, who gave vent to their feelings in the matter by frequently hooting the men whom they considered were taking advantage of the champion's straightforward riding.

In my opinion, the bicycle rider who cannot compete in a race without being paced, thereby leaving nothing for his brains to do—if he has any—is cordially invited to place his name on the list of "chumps."

Results and times for the half-mile cycle handicap at the Easter Fair Races at Melbourne:—Half-mile Handicap. Prizes, £6, £2, and £1—First heat—D. J. Walker, 10yds, and W. Martin, scr, dead heat, 1; W. Elliott, 45yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 1/5sec. Second heat—C. Porta, 15yds, 1; C. O. Sherwood, 60yds, 2. Time, 1min 6sec. Third heat—A. J. Middleton, 70yds, 1; A. H. Clinton, 30yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 4/5sec. Fourth heat—L. Del Sarte, 60yds, 1; G. Beasley, 60yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 3/5sec. Final heat—A. H. Clinton 1, C. O. Sherwood 2, L. Del Sarte 3. Time, 1min 1sec.

The match at Richmond Park, Melbourne, between A. W. Harris and the trotting horse Osterly, ended in smoke. Harris was defeated in the first mile in 2min 29 3/5sec, but then declined to go on with the match owing to the "treacherous" nature of the track. Martin then covered a quarter mile in 29 3/5sec, paced, of course, by a triplet; so that Harris must have been frightened of the pace, not the track.

#### FOOTBALL.

##### RUGBY UNIONS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR.

###### NORTH ISLAND.

###### AUCKLAND.

###### FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

May 16—Ponsonby v. Grafton, City v. Suburbs, Newton v. North Shore.  
 May 23—Ponsonby v. City, Parnell v. Grafton, Newton v. Suburbs.  
 May 30—Ponsonby v. Newton, Parnell v. City, North Shore v. Suburbs.  
 June 6—Ponsonby v. North Shore, Parnell v. Newton, Grafton v. City.  
 June 13—Ponsonby v. Suburbs, Parnell v. North Shore, Grafton v. Newton.  
 June 20—Parnell v. Suburbs, Grafton v. North Shore, City v. Newton.

###### THIRD FIFTEENS.

May 16—Parnell v. Ponsonby, Grafton v. Suburbs.  
 May 23—Parnell v. Grafton, Ponsonby v. Suburbs.  
 (Repeat for Second and Third Rounds.)

###### OHINEKEURI.

May 16—Waiki v. Waitakauri, at Waiki.  
 May 23—Paeroa v. Karangahake, at Paeroa.  
 May 30—Waitakauri v. Paeroa, at Paeroa.  
 June 6—Waiki v. Karangahake, at Waiki.  
 Junior matches in the same rotation, one week later.

###### WAIROA.

###### SENIOR AND JUNIOR.

May 16—United v. Aratapu, at Dargaville; Kopuru II v. Arapohue, at Kopuru.  
 May 23—Aratapu v. Kopuru, at Aratapu; United II v. Arapohue, at Dargaville.  
 The above to be repeated on opposite grounds for the second round.

###### WELLINGTON.

###### SENIOR.

May 16—Petone v. Ponake, Petone No. 1; Athletic v. Melrose, Park No. 1.  
 May 30—Wellington v. Melrose, Park No. 1; Petone v. Athletic, Park No. 2.  
 June 6—Petone v. Melrose, Petone No. 1; Wellington v. Ponake, Park No. 1.

###### JUNIOR.

May 2—St. John's v. St. Patrick's College, Petone No. 1; Oriental v. Ponake, Island Bay; Athletic v. Selwyn, Newtown Park; Melrose v. Petone No. 4.

###### SOUTH ISLAND.

###### DUNEDIN.

May 16—Kaikora v. Caversham, at Bishops Court; Dunedin v. Alhambra, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Union, on the North Ground; University v. Pirates, at Carisbrook.  
 May 23—Alhambra v. University, on the Caledonian Ground; Union v. Oamaru, at Dunedin.  
 May 25—Caversham v. Otago, at St. Clair; Dunedin v. Oamaru, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Athletic, at Oamaru; Pirates v. Christchurch, at Christchurch.  
 May 30—Kaikora v. Union, on the North Ground; Dunedin v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. University, at Tahuna Park; Alhambra v. Caversham, on the Caledonian Ground.  
 June 6—Kaikora v. University, at Bishops Court; Dunedin v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Alhambra v. Union, at Opho; Caversham v. Pirates, at St. Clair.  
 June 13—Kaikora v. Dunedin, at Bishops Court; Alhambra v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. Caversham, at Montecillo; Union v. University, at Tahuna Park.  
 June 20—Kaikora v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Dunedin v. Caversham, at St. Clair; Alhambra v. University, at Tahuna Park; Union v. Pirates, at Carisbrook.  
 June 27—Kaikora v. St. Patrick's, at Carisbrook; Dunedin v. Union, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Pirates, at Montecillo; Caversham v. University, at St. Clair.

##### Opening of the 1896 Season—Wins for Parnell, City, and Grafton.

The "King of winter games," which had been formally welcomed by enthusiastic a couple of weeks back when the Parnell fifteen met and defeated the Waimate (Taranaki) team, was ushered in on Saturday last with the opening rounds of the championship fixtures in the three grades. The majority of the matches were contested at Potter's Paddock, where 2,500 spectators availed them-

selves of the favourable weather to do homage to that most popular of outdoor sports—Rugby football. In the senior matches, Parnell defeated Ponsonby by 13 points to 3, City beat North Shore at Devonport ground by 11 points to 7, and Grafton scored a bloodless victory over Suburbs, on account of the latter club not being able to put a team in the field. The

##### PARNELL v. PONSONBY

fixture occupied the pride of position on No. 1 ground, and was watched with great interest throughout, though those who had looked for a repetition of last year's struggle between these two teams, when they first met under similar circumstances, must undoubtedly admit that they were disappointed, as the game was by no means an interesting one, it only being very occasionally that any individual or collective brilliant play called for recognition, that of the old three-quarter, Jervis (Parnell), being most noticeable. The maroons were skippered by Edmonds, and the Ponsonbyites by the astute Braund. Mr Parker gave general satisfaction as referee, and Messrs. Geard and Eaton were the line umpires. There was not a great deal to pick and choose between the two teams during the first half of the game in point of strength, though the Parnellites seemed to possess a knowledge of one another's play and a confidence and cunning that was not exhibited by the wearers of the black and blue jerseys, and to this fact in a great measure is attributable the result of the game. First blood was drawn by Parnell, about a quarter of an hour after the commencement of the game, Jervis securing a mark from a kick by the Ponsonby full-back, which was successfully put over the bar by the only "Murphy," from a most difficult angle, in his very best style. Shortly after, the maroons penned their opponents in the corner, and kept them very busy for several minutes defending the line, which Ronayne ultimately crossed, after several short dashes in which he, Elliott, and Jervis were most prominent, and scored the first try close to the corner flag. Murray again took the shot and another capital kick added the major points, the bell shortly afterwards leaving the game Parnell 9, Ponsonby nil. In the second half the play was principally confined to Ponsonby territory, and though the latter drove the maroons back on several occasions and at times looked dangerously like scoring, it must be admitted that the Parnellites had the best of it. About half way through the spell Jervis added to the winning points with a smart goal from the field, but Ponsonby who stuck pluckily to their work were rewarded with a well deserved try obtained by Miller about ten minutes before the close of the game, after several most determined efforts had been made to cross the line.

##### GRAFTON v. SUBURBS.

This match was to have been played on No. 2 ground at Potter's Paddock, but the outlying district not being able to place a team in the field, the Graftonites scored a bloodless victory. The players present indulged in a little useful practice for the best part of half an hour.

##### CITY v. NORTH SHORE.

The match between City and North Shore was played on the ground of the latter at Devonport, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 11 points to 7. From a spectator's point of view, the contest was of a fairly even nature, though City was much more prominent in that essential feature—passing, and it was due to this fact that they piled up the very tidy score of 11 points, the result of three tries by Absolum, from nice passing runs between Coils, Hales, Surman, and the scorer, the major points being added in one instance by Charlie Stone. The only score rendered by North Shore in the first half was a goal from a penalty kick, which was successfully piloted over the bar by Walker from close to the half-way line—a really splendid effort. In the second spell the honours were fairly divided, the Shore forwards quite holding their own with the visiting vanguard, though the backs could hardly be said to have borne the same favourable comparison as those who went across the water. Nevertheless, they fought a good uphill battle, and a goal from the field, potted by Clarke, brought the score handy to that of City, the whistle leaving matters—City 11, North Shore 7; thus showing that the winners were unable to score in the second por-

tion of the game. Considering that the North Shore team was composed principally of juniors and that three of the best men (Wynyard, Breen, and Valentine) were away, they played a good game, and City had by no means the soft thing that was anticipated.

##### THE JUNIORS.

In the first junior match, Suburbs v. Grafton, the former secured a very easy win by 20 points to nil, Jones securing four tries for the victors, two of which were converted, while a goal was also kicked from the field.

The Ponsonbyites were even more successful in their contest with Parnell, whom they defeated by 25 points to nil.

In the third fifteen matches, the Ponsonbyites emulated their first junior brethren, beating Grafton by 25 points to nil.

Matters were more interesting in the struggle between Parnell and Suburbs, the former eventually winning by 7 points to 6. The winners' score comprised a goal from a mark, and a try, and the losers secured two tries.

The North Shore footballers are highly incensed at their captain not putting in an appearance last Saturday. Too bad, "Tabby."

Young Tait played three-quarter for Parnell in place of W. Brodie, who has left for Coolgardie, and although evidently nervous he made no glaring mistakes.

Ponsonby badly want a really good full-back. Val. Masefield played in that position on Saturday, but was by no means a success, and his attempt at goal from the try was a very slovenly kick.

Suburbs failed to place a senior team in the field, and, I am afraid, have practically disbanded. This is to be regretted, as unless some other arrangement is arrived at, several really good players will have to stand down for the rest of the season.

Walter captained North Shore in place of Wynyard, who was absent, and played a good game, kicking a goal from a penalty kick from nearly half-way.

George Katterns gave great satisfaction to both sides in the North Shore—City match. For a referee to satisfy the Shore backers is something wonderful, and George must have been at his best. This was Katterns' first appearance as referee in senior matches.

Athletics defeated Ponake at Wellington by 8 to 3. This comes as a surprise to most Aucklanders, as the latter were reported very strong this season, their latest acquisition being Dave Gage, who left here some three weeks ago. Petone beat Wellington by 6 to love.

Absolum, the ex-Suburbanite, started the season well by scoring no less than three tries. In the second spell North Shore pressed City so hard that towards the close of the game the latter had all their work cut out to avert a score.

Alf. Jones, our ex-champion sprinter, playing for Suburbs' second fifteen, had a day out, and scored four tries. Suburbs won by 20 points to nil.

A pretty little girl, a Parnell "barracker," presented Capt. Edmonds with a line umpire's flag before the commencement of the big match. Both teams joined in and gave three hearty cheers for the fair donor.

Mitchell's play was greatly appreciated by the spectators on Saturday, and he was rewarded on several occasions by applause.

Graham, Scott, and Clarke also worked hard.

Jervis and Murray put on 10 points out of 13 for Parnell by their splendid kicking powers. The former kicked a beautiful left-foot goal, and Murray converted Jervis' mark and added 2 points to Ronayne's try from a difficult angle.

Edmonds got very few chances to distinguish himself, as the Ponsonby forwards secured the ball nine times out of ten, and gave Braund several chances, but Albie's luck was evidently out, as nothing came of them.

Donnelly, who for a long time has been a prominent and painstaking member of the Napier Football Club (says our Napier correspondent), leaves Hawke's Bay this week to take up his residence in Wellington. On Wednesday evening he was entertained at the Criterion Hotel, when Mr F. Logan, on behalf of the club, presented him with a set of gold studs and sleeve links.

The Wellington Referees' Association has decided that its members shall wear a white jersey when officiating as referee.

The Wairarapa Union proposes to make a tour of the North Island this season, playing the Bush, Hawke's Bay, and Manawatu. They also play the annual match with Wellington at Wellington.

The Management Committee of the Thames Rugby Union met on Friday evening last. Messrs Christie, McNeill, Sommerville, Greenslade, and Buckland (hon. secretary) were present. A letter from the Northern Rugby Union (Wairoa) re a Thames team returning the visit paid by the Wairoa team last season was considered, and it was resolved that a reply be forwarded stating that no promise could be made, but that the matter would be considered later on in the season. It was decided that the arranging of the junior fixtures be held in obedience. The opening of the season was fixed for the 16th inst., with the match, Thames v. Rovers. It was proposed by Mr McNeil, seconded by Mr Greenslade, that letters be forwarded to the secretaries of the senior clubs, asking for an expression of opinion as to affiliation with the Auckland Union, or as an alternative affiliation direct with the New Zealand Union. This motion, which concluded the business, was carried.

A meeting of delegates to the Ohinemuri Rugby Union was held at Waihi recently. Mr W. Cullen presided. Mr H. Poland's resignation as secretary was accepted, and Mr J. D. James (Waitekauri) was appointed to fill the vacancy. This Union being now affiliated with the Thames, a discussion arose over a selection committee for the representatives. It was left in the hands of the secretary to write to the Thames Rugby Union for particulars. It was resolved to form a Referees' Association, and that each club nominate a fit person to act as referee, such nominees to undergo an examination by the Thames officials appointed for the purpose. The successful candidates will act in a similar capacity for the Ohinemuri district. This is a step in the right direction, as it will ensure the services of a fully qualified referee for future cup matches.—*Advertiser*.

A meeting of the committee of the Auckland Rugby Union was held at the Metropolitan Hotel on Wednesday night, last for the purpose of considering the applications of Smith and Siddle to be permitted to play for City and Newton Clubs respectively, and the protest lodged by the Suburbs Club against permission being granted to Absolum to play for City. The requests of both of the first-mentioned players were acceded to, and after going into the evidence relating to Absolum, the committee saw no reason for altering their decision to the effect that he be allowed to play for City. It was decided not to send a delegate to the forthcoming conference of referees, to be held at Wellington.

It is to be regretted that the local Rugby Union cannot see its way clear to send a representative to the conference of referees, to be held in Wellington. The local union must know the ambiguous nature of the rules at present, and should support such conference, so that there will be one reading of the rules by allowing the referees to make what amendments they deem necessary, have the rules re-issued, and then try and do without any more tinkering for a few years, unless something of real importance crops up. It is hardly fair that the head-quarters of football in Auckland should refuse to lend their assistance to such a useful body as the Referees' Association.

I shall be glad to receive from secretaries of Rugby Unions a list of the dates arranged for the championship, cup, or senior contests connected with their Unions.

The Canterbury senior competitions for the week ended 2nd inst., resulted as follows:—Albion scored 8 points to Sydenham's nil; Christchurch beat East Christchurch by one goal, two tries (11 points) to one goal (5 points); Linwood defeated N'tu Aburiri by 13 points to 4; and Merivale scored 9 points to nil by Canterbury College.

The game at Woodend between Linwood and the N'tu Aburiri team (reports the *Lyttelton Times*) was of the roughest possible nature, sufficiently so to demand the attention of the Rugby Union.

On Saturday last Waitekauri defeated Karangahake by seven points to nil.

**ATHLETICS.**

**PRESENTATION TO MR J. F. LOGAN.**

On the eve of his departure for England Mr J. F. Logan was agreeably surprised to be asked to attend at the Metropolitan Hotel on Thursday night, when the clans of the local athletic circles gathered in strong force to assist at a hearty send-off to their chief, and also to make him a presentation. Mr B. J. Esam (vice-president and treasurer of the metropolitan club) presided, and had on his right Mr L. A. Cuff (ex-secretary of the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association), on the left being seated Mr Logan and Messrs. Frank Lawry (M.H.R.) and Buchanan (president of the North Shore Club). Mr Esam, in rising to make the presentation to Mr Logan of an album containing the signatures of 336 athletes, said no one who had been identified with Mr Logan in athletic work could fail to recognise his ability, knowledge of rules, and sterling worth, and he had always been of great assistance to the local associations, and he had ever been assiduous in attending to the duties pertaining to president of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, vice-president of the North Shore Club, and local delegate of the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association;

Association, and vice-president of the Auckland Cricket Association, you have for many years identified yourself with us, and it affords us great pleasure to convey to you our high appreciation of the inestimable services you have rendered towards the development and welfare of all branches of outdoor sport, and the able manner in which you have fulfilled the responsible duties attaching to the offices mentioned. Your enthusiasm has been an admirable example for many of us to imitate, and by your courtesy, tact, consideration, and encouragement, our institutions have been greatly benefited. In wishing you good bye, we ask your acceptance of this memento of our regard, which is accompanied by our best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of yourself, Mrs Logan, and daughter." [Then followed the signatures.] Mr Logan suitably replied, and expressed his regret at severing his ties with Auckland for a lengthened period. He concluded by stating that he proposed to offer a challenge cup to be run for as the committee may decide. (Cheers.) Mr Logan, as president of the Auckland Athletic Club, presented the prizes won at the meeting in aid of the Brunner Relief Fund. Mr Logan concluded by announcing that Messrs. Read Bros



MR J. F. LOGAN.

while even the cricketers would have occasion to remember him as a vice-president of their association. Several other speakers (including Mr L. A. Cuff, recently from Canterbury) referred to Mr Logan's valuable services in the interests of athletics. Mr Esam then presented the album, which was beautifully bound in morocco, and contained the signatures of no less than 336 athletes, including the officials of the Auckland and North Shore Clubs, the executive of the N.Z.A.A.A., the executive of the Cambridge Club, and the N.Z. Cricket Council. The frontispiece comprised a very handsome illuminated address, bordered with artistic imitations of athletes participating in the several branches of outdoor pastimes, a view of the Domain cricket ground and pavilion, with a match in progress, and a view of the North Shore and Bangitoto. The address was as follows:—"Auckland, May 7th, 1896. To Jas. Fowlds Logan, Esq. Dear Sir,—We cannot allow you to depart from Auckland, for probably a considerable period, without expressing our sincere regard and esteem towards you. As president of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, vice-president of the North Shore Athletic Club, local officer of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic

would give a valuable gold medal for competition next year. Songs and recitations were given during the evening, which was most sociable, and after three cheers, "a safe passage and quick return" to Mr Logan, and "Auld Lang Syne" in good old Scottish style, the evening's enjoyment terminated.

At a meeting of the 1895-96 General Committee of the English Amateur Athletic Association, held on March 14th, the following walking records, recommended by the Southern committee, were passed:—Two miles walking, by W. J. Sturgess; time, 13min 44sec, at Windsor and Eton Sports, September 26th, 1895. Records made at the Polytechnic Harriers' Meeting at Wembley Park, December 26th, 1895: Eleven miles walking, by W. J. Sturgess, 1hr 29min 32 4-5sec; thirteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 1hr 45min 6 4-5sec; fourteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 1hr 53min 36 2-5sec; fifteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 2hrs 2min 57 4-5sec. The twelve-mile record of 1hr 39min 55 2-5sec, made by W. J. Sturgess in the same race, was refused because E. Knott undoubtedly beat it, but as Knott's time was not taken at that distance he could not be credited with Sturgess' time, which he certainly beat.

Very few people were surprised when they heard of Peart's death at Sydney. Hardly a spectator at Fitzgerald's Circus came away with any other opinion than that it was only a question of time, and he would break his neck doing the tank trick. Still the public like sensationalism, and support a suicidal sort of act like Peart's. He was undoubtedly foolish, and has paid the penalty which he has been courting for some time. Fortunately, few people in the circus in Sydney, where the fatal dive took place, knew that anything had happened to Peart. His diving act was always the last on the programme, consequently when Peart disappeared into the tank and was being drawn up the side, the crowd began to disappear as quick as possible.

The Hawkes Bay Amateur Athletic Club (writes our Napier correspondent) held their Autumn Meeting at the recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon. There was only a limited attendance. Following are the results:—Maiden Race 150 yards—C. L. St. Hill 1, J. Riddell 2, T. Baker 3. Time, 17sec. Three Mile Walk—D. Jameson, 250yds, 1; J. Hamilton, scratch, 2. Time, 26min 48 1/2sec. Hundred Yards Handicap.—First heat: A. H. Holder, scratch, 1; G. Heslop, 11yds, 3; W. Woods, 10yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5sec. Second heat: R. Neagle, 7yds, 1; R. Riddell, 10yds, 2; J. Ryan, 4yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5sec. Final: Holder 1, Heslop 2, Neagle 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won on the post. One Mile—C. L. St. Hill, 80yds, 1; H. Marshall, 50yds, 2; H. G. Anderson, 25yds, 3. Time, 4min 36sec. 250 Yards Club Championship—J. Ryan 1, F. P. St. Hill 2, W. Woods 3. Won very easily. Time, 29sec. Hurdles, 440 Yards—A. H. Holder, scratch, 1; R. Neagle, 25yds, 2; A. G. Balfour, 35yds, 3. The winner jumped none too well, but succeeded in beating the N.Z. record, held by Roberts of Auckland, by 1-5 of a second. Time, 60sec. Putting the Shot—Fahey 1. Bracelet, 440yds—C. L. St. Hill, 35yds, 1; Heslop, 35yds, 2. Time, 62sec. Long Jump—Neagle (2ft 6in), 19ft 7in, 1. Half-Mile Officials Bicycle Race—J. E. Conell; scratch, 1. Half-Mile—Baker, 40yds, 1; Hamilton, 55yds, 2. Time, 2min 16sec.

**YACHTING.**

As an appropriate way of winding up the past yachting season, the members of the Auckland Yacht Club decided upon a smoke concert, and with a number of their friends, the large and tastefully arranged dining-room of Host Gallagher, of the Metropolitan Hotel, was comfortably filled on Wednesday. Mr J. L. R. Bloomfield, Commodore of the Club, occupied the chair, and expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. The season, from all points of view, had been the best the Club had yet had. The weather had been good, and the number of members to the Club and yachts had considerably increased. The prizes won by members of the Club in races, etc., were presented during the evening. Dr. Coates (Ladye Wilma) was handed the first prize for 5-raters and the champion flag presented by Mr George Goldie, Messrs W. R. and F. Wilson (Moana) second prize; Messrs Chatfield, Cossar, and Co. (Mahaki), first prize for the 2-raters and the Commodore's Cup and champion flag, presented by the Club. A flag was also presented to Mr W. Lind, of the Daisy, his yacht having held the Commodore's Cup last year. After the presentations, Mr Bloomfield proposed the toast of "Yachting," which was enthusiastically received. Dr. Coates responded, and in the course of his remarks said that the past season had been the most interesting of any in which he had taken part in Auckland. Yachting had made wonderful strides in Britain of late years, but taking the population and the means of the people of New Zealand into consideration, the development here was marvellous. He had visited the various ports of Australia, but not one port took such interest in yachting as Auckland. After the routine business was finished, Mr Bloomfield left the chair, asking all present to make the remainder of the evening as sociable as possible. Mr George Gilmer called for three cheers for the Commodore, which was heartily responded to. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr Bloomfield said he had the best interests of the Yacht Club at heart, and he hoped yet to see it the premier club of the Australasian colonies.



**Inter-Provincial.**

**WELLINGTON.**

**H. Piper in request—Another thoroughbred for Palmerston North—A popular marriage—Leakage in the telegraphic department—Another handicapper.**

Mr Harry Piper arrived from the South on Sunday on his way to Napier to assist at the Napier Park Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Piper was asked to officiate at Otaki on the 25th, but was unable to do so, being engaged at Waipawa on the same day.

"Watty" Fergus, trainer of Seabreeze and Cheque, has purchased the Medallion—Spring Creek filly from Mr Tom Shannon of Spring Creek, Blenheim, and brought the youngster over on Monday. She is half sister to King Harry and Mrs Shannon, and is engaged in the Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes and Derby.

Mr Charlie Cress, of Cress Bros., the well-known horse owners and sportsmen, of Greytown North and Tauherenikau, was married last week to Miss Morris, a popular young lady of Greytown North. Mr and Mrs Cress are spending their honeymoon in Christchurch.

Mr Jorgenson informs me that Strathbraan will make the journey to Wanganui.

It is stated that the reason Lufra came to be backed here for Avondale was on account of the strength of a wire sent from Auckland to Dunedin leaking out of the Telegraph Office.

Mr John Coyle informs me that he intends offering his services as handicapper to clubs in the Wellington, Wairarapa, and Wanganui districts. As a thoroughly reliable and perfectly competent man, he is in a position to carry out any handicapping he undertakes.

**CANTERBURY.**

**Liberator now the property of Mr V. Harris—Gillie goes to Wanganui—Quiltiri going well—Fancy wagers for the N.Z. Cup—Bellicent favourite for the Dunedin Birthday Meeting.**

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club was held on Tuesday. A jockey's licence was issued to F. O'Brien and an apprentice's licence to F. G. Harris; an owner's permit was granted to F. Baker, and a gentleman rider's permit was granted to Mr C. L. Inwood. A letter from the Christchurch Hunt Club, in regard to altering the conditions of the Hunters' Hurdle Race, was referred to the programme committee.

The secretary was instructed to spend the sum of £25 on tree-planting.

Au Revoir, Padlock, and Cannonball were offered for sale at Ashburton, on Saturday last, by Mr J. Meikle, but were not sold.

The report that Prime Warden had finished his racing career, I believe, is somewhat premature, as I hear he is to be tried over fences.

Liberator has changed hands once more, Mr V. Harris purchasing the old horse for 150 guineas. He is now in Free Holmes charge.

Gillie will be taken to Wanganui on Tuesday. He is jumping splendidly.

Salvo Shot is being brushed along, in view of Dunedin. He is going well and should win in the South.

Bisley is at exercise again. He is none too sound.

Quiltiri may be taken to the Dunedin Birthday Meeting. He is looking well.

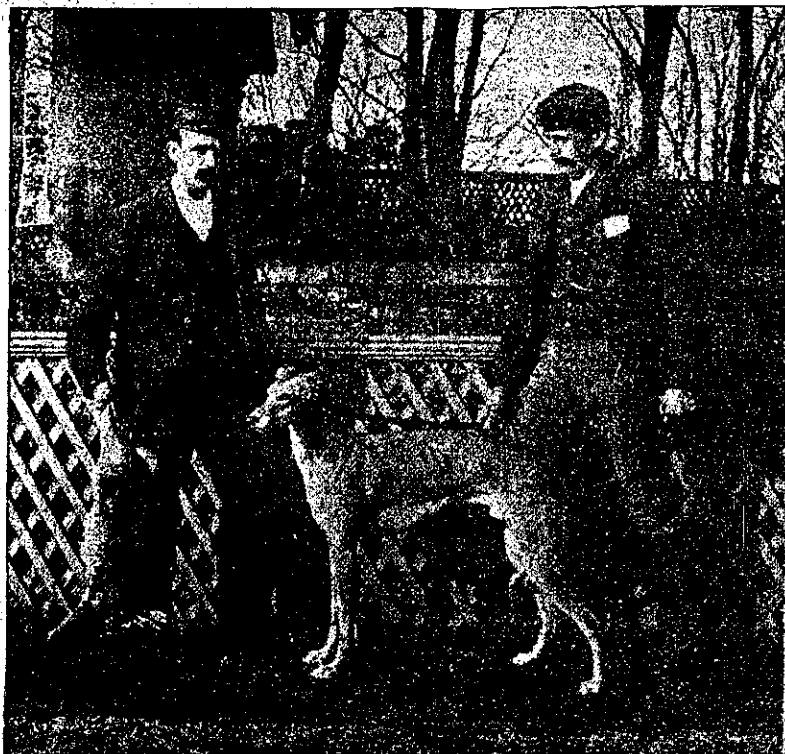
Magazine will shortly be tried over fences.

Lakeshell is still training on nicely, as also is Yellow Rose, Montacute, Barnardo, and Fire King.

Liberator is very well, and will take all the beating they can give him at Dunedin.

Bellicent is about favourite for the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin, followed closely by Lady Zetland and Hippomenes.

**THE ENGLISH WATERLOO CUP WINNER.**



Mr G. F. Fawcett's rd FABULOUS FORTUNE, by Herschel—Fair Future.

For the five flat races on the first day, there were only 55 acceptors last year, while this time there are 75, an increase of 20.

Just prior to the acceptances, the following were genuinely backed for all the money procurable, viz., Lady Zetland and Bizarre, at 100 to 4; Black and Red and Beadonwell, 100 to 3; Hippomenes and Maremma, 100 to 3; Hippomenes and Van Buren, 100 to 3 and 4. The latter favours strongly of a stable commission, and I know the first-named came from head-quarters.

The double is, of course, Birthday and Tradesman's Handicaps.

Mr Dowse is getting better, but very slowly. His handicaps for our coming meeting have been well received throughout, and without the customary grumbling.

Miss Madge was submitted to auction last Saturday, but did not find a purchaser, although the reserve was only 35 guineas. Malcolm Allen has charge of her.

Euroclydon passing out of the first day's race is a surprise, as it was reckoned dead sure that he would start in one event. I asked Mr Godman on Tuesday night if anything was wrong with the Cup winner, but, he thinks, if all goes well, he will run him on the second day.

Euroclydon's withdrawal points out that the stable must have a fancy for Jane Eyre's chance, as the New Zealand Cup victor was doing capital work.

Hippomenes is doing capital work every morning.

Black and Red and Beadonwell are both in great heart.

Bellicent appears to me to be the favourite amongst the knowing ones, although not so frequently taken in doubles, probably because Mr Stead does not often run his horses in handicaps in Dunedin.

"Billy" Sharpe is at present in Dunedin. A few years ago he was our leading jockey and

**DUNEDIN NATIONAL COURSEING MEETING.**

**WINNER and RUNNER-UP for the CHALLENGE STAKES.**



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Mr MARTIN TAYLOR and LIZZIE GODFREY, and Mr S. BLADON and BLOOMER.

**THE WINNER OF THE CHALLENGE STAKES.**

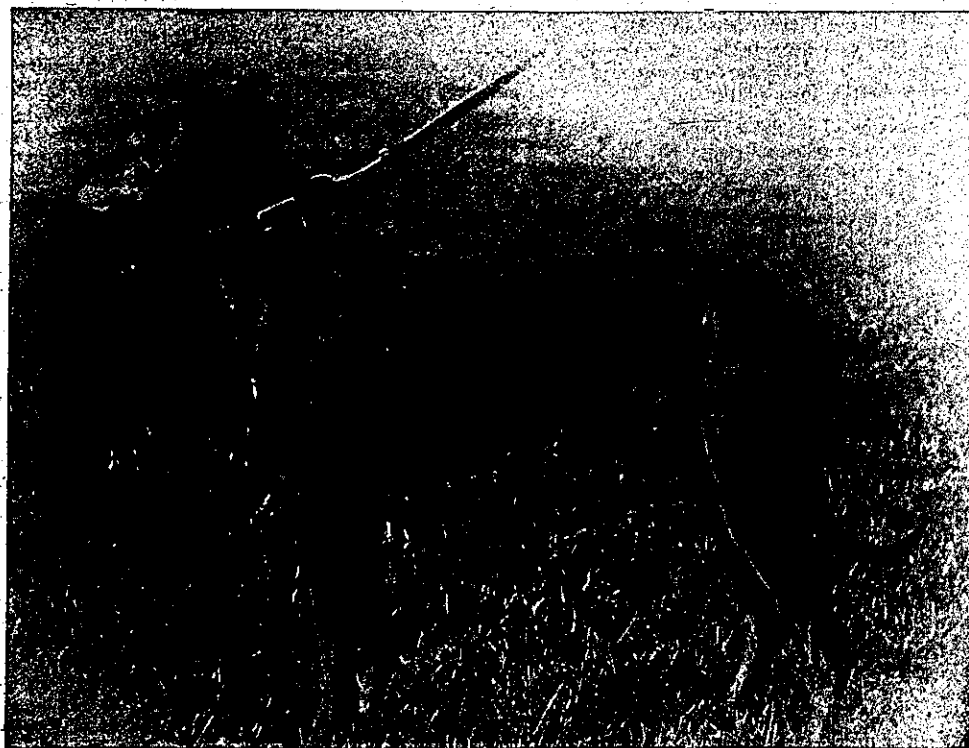


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Mr S. Bladon's blk and w b BLOOMER, by Livingstone—Bliss.

Backers are already befriending their fancies for the New Zealand Cup, and at prices too ridiculously short. Fancy taking 25 to 1 about a horse before the nominations appear.

For the Tradesmans', Cannonshot, Warrington, and Bizarre are fancied.

If Rangiatea is taken south, he will take some beating in the Novel Race. He is going well, and looks as fit as any horse at Riccarton.

Kulnine is galloping nicely, but so far he has only performed the lightest of tasks.

Judging by the number of well-bred upstanding horses seen out with the hounds, there will be a fair number of cross-country animals engaged in the Hunt Club events during the coming season.

**DUNEDIN.**

Good acceptances—Selections for Birthday Meeting—Mr Dowse recovering from illness—Euroclydon a rotable starter second day—Hippomenes, Black and Red, and Beadonwell in good nick.

Acceptances for our Birthday Meeting are exceptionally good, the Birthday Handicap being one of the most open events we have had here for some time past.

Good double betting is going on, and amongst the leading bookmakers, Barnett and Grant are doing the volume of business, and, with other pencilers, £600 good money can be got even over this bye-meeting. There are a lot of smaller fry working on from £25 to even a £5 double.

should be worth his thousands, instead of which he tells me he is "batling."

Mr Matthew Barnett, of Barlett and Grant, has gone to Christchurch to settle there for a while, with a view of probably removing the head quarters of the firm to that centre, being more convenient for their business operations.

Rebel is doing good strong work.

**HAWKES BAY.**

Mr Rathbone's horses trained near Waipawa now—A well-bred "frost"—The Quinlivan versus Douglas arbitrators at work.

Mr H. Rathbone will for the future have his team trained in the vicinity of Waipawa, and, in consequence, his Hastings establishment will be closed. A. Robertson, his trainer, will still continue to hold that position, and at the same time keep an eye on the brood mares and young stock at Mr Rathbone's estate.

The Australian-bred Beauharnais (Gang Forward—Josephine) and the rest of Mr J. Pettit's team, at Kaikora North, have been turned out. The Victorian purchase must have proved rather a costly moke for the well-known Kaikora North boniface, as, although he has competed several times, he has not yet given the judge the trouble to hoist his number.

At the Maori Oat Meeting, held at Omahau on Wednesday, Gold Cup won the principal race.

On Wednesday week, the arbitrators in the Quinlivan-Douglas racing dispute commenced proceedings, in the club-room of the Masopie Hotel, Messrs A. C. and T. H. Lewis appearing





Nominations.

Acceptances.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Dante, Capon Rouge, Tiritea, Tally-ho, Mutiny, Chris, Blackberry, Rangiapunehu, The Plug, Kapua, Lord Raven, Zanzibar, Lord Vivian, Hoggarden, Moonraker, Paddy O'Rourke, Grenadier, Hopeful, Mystical, Flying Shot, Napoleon, Nat, Umslopogaas, Prairie Grass, Sir Athol, Queensborough, Morag, Revolt, Glenelg, Narrate, Canard, Liberator.

STEEPLECHASE.—T Rose, Tiritea, Tally-ho, Mutiny, The Plug, Timothy, Hopeful, Forty Winks, Otaieri, Spermaceti, Bootles, Nat, Waituna, Ben Lamond, Sir Athol, Dromedary, Morag, Kaika, Seddon, Awarua, Glenelg, Narrate, Gondolier, Canard Liberator.

WAIPAWA COUNTY RACING CLUB'S MAY MEETING.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.—Kupenga, Martyrdom, Poppun, Gold Cup, Allan-a-dale, Blarney, Midas, Lotion, Moonraker.

HANDICAP HACK RACE.—Rainbow, Whakamatu, Money Musk, Sylvanus, Aphony, Waitangi, Maid Marion, Unfortunate, Haka, Whaitiri, Wikitoria, Piripi, Gold Cup, Slumber.

WAIPAWA COUNTY RACING CLUB HANDICAP.—Drury Lane, Capon Rouge, Musketeer, Blarney, Martyrdom, Midas, Lotion, Allan-a-dale.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES.—The Turk, Baritone, Okura, Hilda II., Kauri Gum, Horiri, Blackberry, Scrap Iron II., Venture, Rhino, Kerry Lass, Billy, Queensborough, Prairie Grass, Rangiapunehu.

HACK FLYING HANDICAP.—Rainbow, Whakamatu, Purity, Aphony, Piripi, Rhino, Kerry Lass, Primula, Unfortunate, Haka, Glenelg, Wikitoria, Taane, Waitangi, Maid Marion, Slumber.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP.—Capon Rouge, Purimu, Sylvanus, Progress, Pistol Grip, Sparkle, Tally-ho, Slumber, Rangiapunehu, Money Musk, Waitangi, Blackberry, Scrap Iron II., Venture, Billy, Primula, Sea Foam, Omepu.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Drury Lane, Martyrdom, Gold Cup, Allan-a-dale, Musketeer, Poppun, Moonraker, Heavenly Twin.

Handicaps.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes Annabelle, Lord Raven, Grenadier, etc.

MAIDEN PLATE. One mile.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes Webley, Lillie, Retiation, etc.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a half.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes Leona, Romp, Romeo, etc.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP. One mile and a quarter.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes St. Kilda, Acone, Panopy, etc.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES. Two miles.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes Donald McKinnon, Bombardier, Bonovoree, etc.

ROYAL HANDICAP. Five furlongs and a half.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes St. Kilda, Panopy, Orion, etc.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles and a half.

Table with columns for race names and handicaps. Includes Donald McKinnon, Bombardier, Carbuncle, etc.

DUNEDIN J.C. WINTER MEETING.

HURDLE RACE, about two miles.—Liberator 12.12, Rebel 10.2, Mainstay 9.13, Invader 9.4, Belmont 9.2.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Lady Zetland 8.13, Saracen 8.11, Hippomenes 8.7, Bellicent 8.0, Quiltiri 7.10, New Forest 7.5, Black and Red 7.4, Lord Zetland 7.2, Jane Eyre 7.0, Emmeline 6.7.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Culverin 8.12, Casket 8.10, Vanilla 8.8, Cannonshot 8.6, Maremma 8.4, Beadonwell 7.13, Quiltiri 7.12, New Forest 7.8, Warrington 7.6, Rangiatea 7.6, Lord Zetland 7.5, Bizarre 7.5, Van Buren 7.2, Vandyke 7.0, Emmeline 6.11, Victim 6.12, The Winchman 6.10, Brin 6.10, Lady Somnus 6.7, Twilight 6.7.

OUR TREBLE COUPON.

THE following coupons have been received up to Tuesday, 12th inst., for the Takapuna Birthday Handicap, Grand National Hurdle Race, and Great Northern Steeplechase treble.—

Large table listing various race coupons and names like J.F. W.M., R.J.E., W.H., etc.

Table listing race names and jockeys. Includes 264 C.E., 265 C.E., 266 E.McG., etc.

third. Time, 7min 32sec. Dividend, £3 17s. STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs. 67 Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, 5yrs, by The Mute—Maid of the Mountain, 7.3, Gillie ... 1

Also started—62 St. Laura, 9.9, Johnston; 73 Sedgebrook, 8.0, Raynor; 53 Donovan, 7.4 (inc. 1lb over), Russell; 45 Bowshot, 7.1 (inc. 5lb over), Donnelly; 15 Bona Fide, 7.1 (inc. 5lb over), Hansen. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 36sec. Dividend, £5 13s.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, 7TH MAY. Rain fell all day. Attendance, about 1000. Totalisator investments for the day, £1973, making a total of £4,446 for the meeting, as against £2,185 for one day last year, so that considering the wretched weather the club has done fairly well with its first two-day meeting.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters. 54 Mr J. Humphries' blk g Napoleon, 5yrs, by Isaac Walton—Patriarch mare, 9.3, Cox ... 1

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance. 61 Mr J. Russell's b h Waiuku, 5yrs, by St. Leger—Musket Maid, 8.6, E. Russell ... 1

HAWERA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half. 25 Mr W. H. Keith's ch g Nat, aged, by Natator—Queen Margaret, 10.0, P. Johnston ... 1

HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.7. One mile and a quarter. 47 Mr James Reed's br g Voltigeur, 6yrs, by Tim Whiffler—Voltarina, 8.11 (inc. 2lb over), Lind ... 1

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. About two miles. 42 Mr J. Caddy's br m Kaitoa, 5yrs, by The Australian—War Eagle mare, 9.10, E. Williams ... 1

Turf Records.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Weather threatening. Course heavy from previous rains. Attendance about 1,500. Totalisator investments for the day, £2,473.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles and a distance. 35 Mr S. Messene's br g Canard, 5yrs, by Voltigeur—Kate Coventry, 9.7, A. Hall ... 1

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 49 Mr J. D. Mitchell's b g Starlight, aged, by Endymoin—Nancy, 10.7, Stevens ... 1

HAWERA STAKES HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and three furlongs. 60 Mr G. Williams' br g Man-o'-War, 5yrs, by Nelson—Muskerina, 7.9, Hughes ... 1

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs. 24 Mr W. J. Crozier's blk g Kanaka, 4yrs, by The Australian, 8.12, Higgins ... 1

EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second horse 20 sovs from the stake. About three miles. 102 Mr E. Shove's ch g Bootles, aged, by Volunteer—Southern Chief mare, 10.10, E. Williams ... 1



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### TRADE TRIUMPHS IN 1895.

WE have before us a lengthy and exhaustive retrospect of the triumphs of the trade in Great Britain during the year 1895, which proves conclusively that the Central Board and the defenders of the trade, by perfect organisation and unity of action, secured the great victory (now historical) against the "Veto Bill" of the Salisbury Government. It has been said that the victory indicated was in no small degree due to the vacillating and inconsistent conduct of Sir William Harcourt, who previous to the introduction of the Veto Bill had made a great speech at Oxford, wherein he is reported to have poured the utmost contumely upon the principles underlying the Veto Bill, and likewise the Permissive Bill. This statement was naturally the source of great political capital for the supporters of the trade, and directly it was found that fanatical intrigue had secured for the Bill third place amongst the first-class measures of the Government, *The Licensing World*, within a few hours of its introduction, published the tenor of Sir William Harcourt's Oxford speech, and apparently "scattered" thousands of copies of the paper broadcast for public information. The Central Board also published a thirty-page pamphlet on the same and kindred subjects, and as this publication was followed by the circulation of other literature bearing on the interests of the trade, there is no doubt that "the wind was," as the *Retrospect* states, "taken out of Sir William Harcourt's sails." Then we are further informed that this great effort to educate the public by the dissemination of trade literature was at once followed by a gigantic meeting of retailers, held in the Alhambra, at which eloquent addresses were delivered by speakers specially selected for the purpose. The effect of this meeting, according to the reporter, was to simply paralyse Sir William Harcourt's arm, and jointly with previous actions, undoubtedly had a national effect on the fate of the Veto Bill. Not only had the Central Council and its friends during 1895 to fight the ministerial party in parliament against the Veto Bill, but it also had to fight bigotry and tyranny, as manifested by a majority of members of the London County Council, who were interfering with vested interests, and practically advising a policy of spoliation, if not open robbery. Here again the united action of the Central Board, through the aid of judicious literature, and assisted by the united action of the trade, secured a decisive victory, which has proved a salutary lesson to the London county councillors who showed an unrighteous determination to "rob a poor man of his beer." The two great victories achieved over the Local Veto Bill, and the election in the London County Council, were still hot in the mouth of the Central Councillors and members of the trade generally, when by a side issue a dissolution of the English Parliament took place, and the consequent General Election was sprung upon the public as a surprise. Though, to use Mr Balfour's phrase, the Salisbury-Harcourt Government had been "wobbling like an unskilful cyclist" on the liquor question for a long time, no one expected the defeat of the Government at the time it took place. Consequently, to the ordinary mind it may be considered that the Central Council and the trade generally would be unprepared to meet the gigantic

struggle they would inevitably have to engage in. This view of the question, however, serves to bring out in greater prominence the perfect organisation of the able men who had, as it were, a moment previously achieved the two greatest victories ever obtained by the liquor party. But the result proved that their lines were still unbroken; that the general was equal to the occasion; that every officer knew his work and faithfully accomplished his task; and as a final ending, the expression of the great Nelson could have been appropriately varied to declare that "this day every man has faithfully and efficiently done his duty." Of course some bitterness was imported into this great contest, but, so far as we can gather, most of this originated with the fanatical party, who were not satisfied with the Veto Bill, and wished to go much further in the direction of national prohibition than the Bill itself provided for. We shall conclude this part of our article by quoting one paragraph of the concluding portion of the *Retrospect*, which states—"The great moral lesson which these facts ought to impress on all licensed traders may be summed up in a few words. The trade stood to lose one hundred millions, and the majority of traders ran the risk of being reduced to poverty. That danger has passed away for ever, we believe, so far as the veto is concerned. Instead of this loss, we have actually gained many millions in solid cash by the appreciation of trade property consequent upon our victory at the polls." We have gone somewhat into details on this matter, for the purpose of pointing out to the trade in New Zealand what was done by perfect organisation in the Old World, and how the victory was obtained. It is true that in this colony we have not the hundred millions at stake in the trade, but in accordance with the number of persons engaged in it, we believe the amount at issue is proportionately greater here than in England. Hence, there is no difference in nature and little, if any, in degree. In our next issue we shall point out as forcibly as possible the necessity there is for the trade in this colony to copy the example thus set them. We shall endeavour to assign strong reasons why this should be done, and may venture to offer suggestions as to how it can be best accomplished.

### ENGLISH "PURE BEER BILL."

The following reasons are excellently given in a circular, issued by the Country Brewers' Association (England), why the "Pure Beer Bill" should be opposed, from which we give these extracts:—

"The Bill, if it becomes law, unless accompanied by a protective duty, must tend to increase the use of foreign barley, rather than the produce of the constituents of the members who support the Bill.

"If these proposals were given effect to, the whole system of taxation would have to be revised at great cost to the country. Espionage in the brewery would be re-introduced in the worst form, and one more injurious to the manufacturer than ever existed before.

"It was urged in the memorial issued by the National Agricultural Union that such a measure might probably benefit 'both the public health and the cause of temperance.' Brewers in this country are frequently told that 'in the cause of public health and of temperance' they should imitate the high quality of foreign lager beers. These beers are often made from a large proportion of material other than barley malt, especially rice. Does Mr Quilter's Bill exact any declaration of that fact from the foreigner?

"Foreign beers, as sent into this country, are brewed from materials other than barley malt. The Pilsener and other lager beers noted for their purity are brewed from rice, maize, and other grain products. These beers would come into this country comparatively unfettered, and the English brewers would be unable to compete against them, inasmuch as pale and light beers, for which there is a growing public taste, cannot be produced from dark-coloured British barley without the addition of foreign barley or other adjuncts.

"Again, the essential ingredients of good uniform beer are maltose and dextrin. The variation in English barleys, due to want of sun and heavy manuring, will not allow of this ratio being maintained in successive brewings. This deficiency is supplied by the use of brewing sugars, so that the continued employment of English barleys is rendered practicable.

"If both sugar and corn meals were prohibited, the farmer would not be a penny the richer. The amount would be made up by the use of foreign barleys, which are better ripened, grown on lighter soils, and contain more sugar when malted.

"The price of English barleys is governed by the price of foreign barleys, and the only way to benefit the English farmer in this direction is to put a protective duty on foreign barley, which one is given to understand, is not the policy of the Government or of the Agricultural Union.

"On the question of purity of beer there is considerable misconception—e.g., the addition of sugar is supposed to render beer impure. Even if it were the case, and of this there is no proof, gingerbeer and many other testotal beverages must be ranked as detrimental to the public health. Furthermore, special emphasis should be placed upon this practical point, that without the use of some preparation of sugar, much of the home-grown barley would often be useless for malt for brewing purposes."

### A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC-HOUSE.

The result of an experiment which has been watched with considerable interest at Home, has just been made known. The Corporation of Birmingham are following the example of other large cities in England, and are getting in a water supply from the Welsh hills. An enormous reservoir is being constructed by the damming up of two rivers meeting in the valley of the Elan, and at the village of the same name Mr Lees, the secretary of the Water Department, acting under instructions from the Corporation, opened, some eighteen months ago, a public-house to supply the wants of several hundred workmen and their families. The rules of management of this inn are very strict. It is open daily between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m., and from 5.30 to 9 p.m. On Sundays it remains closed all day, but on Saturday it is open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. There are stringent regulations as to the admission of women and youths to the public-house, and no one may be supplied with more than a quart of liquor at midday, while two quarts is the limit of any one person's consumption on the premises at night. Only village inhabitants are allowed to freely enter the public-house, but strangers may do so with a written order. It is claimed that the municipal public house was started at a great disadvantage, there being an ordinary establishment conducted on the usual lines a few hundred yards off. A qualified publichouse manager was appointed to conduct the business on behalf of the Corporation, and he was made to understand that he would be thought no more highly of if his sales were high than if they were low, whereas, should there be any drunkenness or disturbance, he would be held responsible for it. There has, however, we are assured, been no difficulty at all of this description. "The trade of the other publichouse has fallen off very considerably since the establishment of the municipal public-house. The profits are devoted to the maintenance of a reading and recreation room, which is distinct from the public-house, and this has been proved to minimise the drinking—one of the principal objects of the experiment." This publichouse, we are told, is being conducted on lines similar to those advocated by the Bishop of Chester, and is the only one of its kind. In concluding his report on the result of the experiment, Mr Lees says:—"Individually I am a total abstainer, but I am perfectly certain that we are serving the interests of temperance far better in providing wholesome liquor, under proper regulations, than we should be did we attempt to prohibit the traffic altogether or leave it to be conducted in the usual way."

### TRADE TOPICS.

The trade of Glasgow have presented 200 guineas, to be expended in cups for competition by the local agricultural society.

Mrs Cranmer, licensee of the Criterion Hotel at Bulls, Rangitikei district, has been fined £1 for allowing a game of billiards to be played in the hotel after hours.

Mr R. Crabb, the New Zealand lecturer for the Grand Lodge, I.O.G.T., has resigned his appointment, which has been offered to and accepted by Mr Thomas Walker, of Sydney.

Mr Crossey, licensee of the Terminus Hotel, Wellington, has issued a writ for libel, claiming £500 damages against Mr Crabb, temperance lecturer, for alleged slanderous statements in an address on Sunday, 3rd inst.

At a political meeting, held in a Scottish town recently, a Scotch shoemaker, with a local reputation for humour, asked one of the candidates for parliamentary honours the following poser:—"Is Maister Wulson in favour of spending thirty-six millions on the army and navy and only twelve millions on education; that is to say twelve millions for pitting' brains in and thirty-six millions for blawin' brains out?"

Perhaps one of the best-known hotels on the Wellington-Taranaki Coast is Mrs Hastie's Feilding Hotel. So familiar has the proprietress name become among the large number of people who have put up at the hotel, not to mention the hundreds of commercial travellers, that it is more frequently called Hastie's Hotel than the Feilding Hotel. Mrs Hastie has resided in Feilding for many years now, and, having conducted her house in first-class style, she has become deservedly popular. The Feilding Club have rooms at the hotel, and everything is kept up to date. The stabling accommodation attached to the hotel is always acknowledged as being about the best in the district.

Miss McCallum has held the license of the Railway Hotel, at Hawera, for the last few years, and during that time she has altered all the interior downstairs portion of the house, so as to give greater comfort to her many patrons. The outside of the house also shows improvement, and old residents in the Egmont district would hardly know the house. As Miss McCallum's house adjoins the Hawera Railway Station, one can understand its convenience for travellers, especially by early trains.

The Hon. Mr Hall-Jones, speaking on the prohibition question, said he was a prohibitionist, but confessed to his not being a total abstainer from alcoholic liquor. He made that statement, as he did not want to sail under false colours. Says the *North Otago Times*, prohibitionists generally will not tolerate liquor at all; and we have to admit that the prohibition of Mr Hall-Jones and kindred prohibitionists is a very accommodating creed. When a man can profess prohibition and take a "nip" there is no inconvenience about the acceptance of this doctrine by the veriest toper.

Mr George E. Rhodes is the new landlord of the United Service Hotel, adjoining the Opera House. We are glad to welcome Mr Rhodes amongst the licensed victuallers, and we are also pleased to see he has selected such a first-class hotel, and feel sure that this well-known hostelry will lose none of its popularity while in his name. The "hot counter luncheon" from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, is quite a speciality, and the appetising little things that are daintily spread out, take away all one's appetite for lunch at 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. The "Cafe lunch" is on from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., and is a great spread for the money. Families and visitors to the house will receive every attention, and will feel just the same as if they were at home. When there is any performance on at the Opera House adjoining, an electric bell will ring in the hotel two minutes before the rise of the curtain at the interval, so that those who have to leave the Opera House at the interval, to "see a man about a dog," will find this arrangement very handy.

Nottingham (England) magistrates recently had Charles Marshall, landlord of the Jolly Anglers' Inn, Plumtree Street, before them for permitting gaming on the 28th February, and also for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the same date. Five other men were also summoned for being on the premises during prohibited hours. On the morning of the 28th February, at a quarter to one, the attention of a policeman was attracted to the premises, and looking through a window he saw several persons in a room playing cards. He saw money pass, and heard calls for drinks. The men were playing "banker." There was money and a card-board and glasses on the table. The proprietor said that they had all been shooting, and he had invited his friends to supper. The defendant said he had carried on business as a licensed victualler in Nottingham for a period of sixteen years to the satisfaction of his landlady, and he believed, to the satisfaction of the police. These men were really his private friends, and their evidence supported this statement. After retirement, Ald. Pullman said the magistrates had given the case very careful consideration, and they had come to the conclusion that the party was a private party, at the invitation of the landlord, and there was nothing against the defendants, who were charged with being on the premises. But they felt that the landlord had permitted card playing for money, and on that charge a fine of £5 would be imposed on Marshall, but the license would not be endorsed. The other defendants would be discharged. The decision of the Bench was received in court with some applause, which was promptly suppressed.

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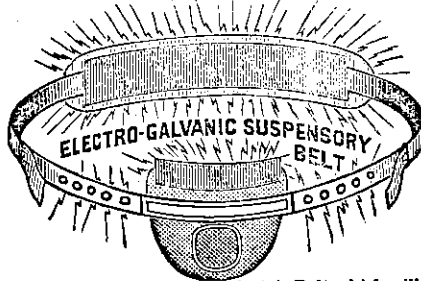
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