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### WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

FUTURE EVENTS.

1898 AND 1899.

#### SUMMER MEETING, 1898.

The Wellesley Stakes of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (present yearlings)—colts, 8st 7lb; geldings, 8st 4lb; fillies, 8st 2lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1897. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 5 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Four furlongs.

ENTRIES close on MONDAY, June 29th, 1897.

N.B.—No money is required at time of entry.

#### SUMMER MEETING, 1899.

The Wellesley Stakes of 800 sovs; second horse to receive 90 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (present foals)—colts, 8st 7lb; geldings, 8st 4lb; fillies, 8st 2lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1898. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 5 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Four furlongs.

ENTRIES close on MONDAY, June 29th, 1897.

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#### SUMMER MEETING, 1899.

The Wellington Stakes of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds (present foals and yearlings). Two-year-olds, 7st; three-year-olds, 8st 7lb. Fillies and geldings allowed 3lb. Winners after August 1st, 1898, of any race or races collectively of the value of 200 sovs, 5lb extra; 300 sovs, 7lb extra; 400 sovs, 10lb extra; 500 sovs, 12lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 4lb, three-year-olds 7lb. By subscription of 6 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in July, 1898, or 3 sovs if struck out on the first Monday in December, 1898, all horses remaining in after the latter date, must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Five furlongs.

ENTRIES close on MONDAY, June 29th, 1897.

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#### AUTUMN MEETING, 1897.

New Zealand St. Leger Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 30 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds (present yearlings)—colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings 8st 7lb. By subscription of 10 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz., 2 sovs, if struck out before the first Monday in August, 1898, or 5 sovs if struck out before the first Monday in March, 1899. All horses remaining in after the latter date must pay the subscription of 10 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. One mile and three-quarters.

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ANNUAL MEETING, 1898.

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NOMINATIONS (owner's name only), £1 each, on or before SATURDAY, 31st July, 1897; and a FURTHER PAYMENT of £1 each nomination on FRIDAY, 1st October, 1897, when horses must be named, with colour, sex, age, and breeding (if known).

HANDICAPS will be declared in JANUARY, 1898.

ACCEPTANCES, £1 each, in FEBRUARY, 1898, when the owner must state if his horse is to trot in saddle or harness.

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SEASON 1897.

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#### PROGRAMME.

#### JULY MEETING—WEDNESDAY (14TH) AND SATURDAY (17TH).

PUPPY STAKES.—For an unlimited number of Puppies at £1 15s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, July 9th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, 25s, on MONDAY, July 12th, by 8 p.m.

BRACELET STAKES.—For an unlimited number of All-aged Dogs, at 30s each, that have not won over £3 of advertised money in one stake. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses) on FRIDAY, July 9th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, July 12th, by 8 p.m.

#### AUGUST MEETING—WEDNESDAY (18TH) AND SATURDAY (21ST).

CHAMPION COLLAR STAKES.—For an unlimited number of All-aged Dogs, at £3 each. A Silver Collar will be presented to the winner by the Committee. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 13th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, £2, on MONDAY, August 16th, by 8 p.m.

SAPLING STAKES.—For an unlimited number of Saplings, at 30s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 13th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, £1, on MONDAY, August 16th, by 8 p.m. To be run off in eight-dog stakes.

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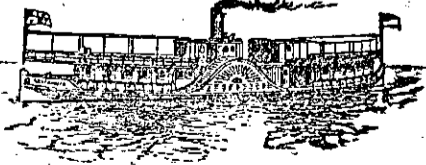
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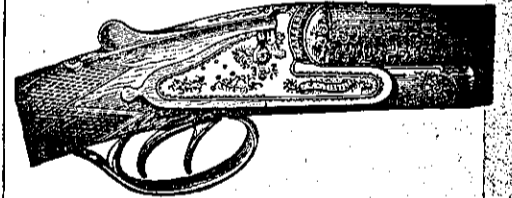
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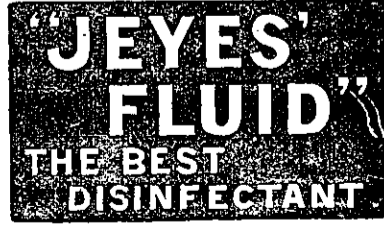
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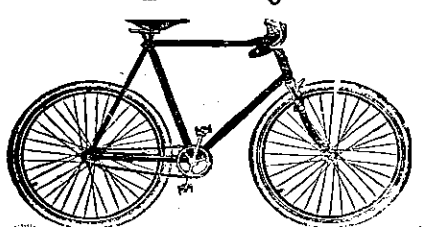
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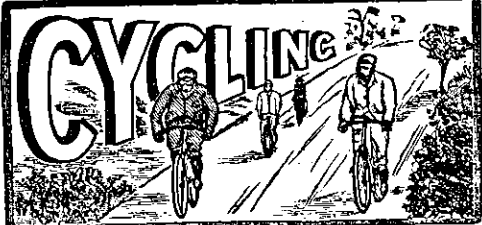
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Yours faithfully, E. G. SKEATES, Hon. Sec.

LEAGUE OF NEW ZEALAND WHEELMEN.

Table listing affiliated clubs in the North Island and South Island, including Auckland Cycling Club, Christchurch Cycling Club, etc., and their secretaries.

New Zealand League of Wheelmen's Definition of a Cyclist. A wheelman ceases to be eligible by—(a) Engaging in cycle racing, or training or coaching any person therein as a means of obtaining a livelihood. (b) Accepting directly, or indirectly, any remuneration, compensation or expenses whatever from a cycle manufacturer, agent, sports promoter or other person interested in the trade or sport, for cycle riding, except where special permission is granted by the League.

NOTE.—A wheelman does not become ineligible by teaching the elements of wheeling solely for the purpose of affecting the sale of the machine.

A New Jersey doctor, who was arrested for scorching along the road at night with an unlighted lamp on his wheel, informed the magistrate before whom he was summoned that he was hurrying to attend a patient stricken with heart disease; and he thought, under the circumstances, that saving a life was of more importance than lighting a lamp. The magistrate took the same view of the case, and discharged the accused.

To meet a motor car in a narrow country lane when it is going at about 20 and you are doing 15 down a hill is not exactly an enjoyable experience, and I am inclined (says a writer in Bicycling News) to think that it is nearly time the pace of those beauties was decreased. If not, we shall have a bad smash-up some day, especially if the steerer yaws all over the place, as did the one we met on Saturday. It slewed and wriggled about, and fairly frightened some ladies out of the saddle, for there was only about a yard and a half between the car of juggernaut and a deep ditch, and it looked more than probable that there was going to be a bad accident.

It is all very well for the drivers and passengers to sit and grin at cyclists as they whiz by; that's easy enough when you are in safety; but they might have some consideration for those who have to take all the punishment if any is donated. Anyhow, these motor-cars, if we don't mind, are going to be the biggest nuisance cyclists ever had, and it is more than possible that we shall rue the day when they came into vogue. At present they are ugly, blatant, and dangerous, and a terror to wheelmen. Let us hope the time is not far distant when elegant, odourless, and ably-driven horseless carriages will abound in place of most of the abominations which are now pounding around.

RULES FOR BEGINNERS.—London Tit-Bits recently offered a prize for the six best rules for beginners in bicycle riding. The prize was secured by the sender of the following list:—(1) When in the saddle do not grasp the handles too tightly. Sit upright, allow the head of the machine to move freely; have confidence. (2) Look a few yards ahead. Shun staring about until you are proficient, or you will "wobble" needlessly. (3) In pedalling, it is unnecessary to press dur-

ing the whole revolution. A slight, even pressure when the pedal is descending is sufficient. (4) When inclined to fall, turn the machine gently in the same direction as that to which you are falling, otherwise the fall will be inevitable. (5) Avoid dismounting while the machine is moving fast. Allow it to come almost to a standstill, incline it slightly to the left, then dismount. (6) When the legs feel weary from the unaccustomed exertion, dismount, and rest them by walking a short distance. On reaching home rub them well with a rough towel to prevent stiffness.

The New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance has appointed Messrs Good, Leys, Dunn, Brown, and Langdown a committee to inquire into the alleged practice of winners of amateur events turning their open orders into cash.

At the last meeting of the executive of the League of New Zealand Wheelmen, Mr H. F. Thompson was appointed consul for Marlborough.

It is again rumoured that J. W. Stocks, one of the best known pace followers of the world, and T. O. Sharn, a celebrated sprinter, are coming out to Australia from England. A Sydney paper says these rumours are not authentic.

The "Indoor King" of America, J. Eaton, has been beaten by W. E. Becker, of Minneapolis, in a five mile scratch race. Becker's time was 11 min. 25sec., the world's indoor record.

The Yankee rider, E. C. Bald, recently issued a challenge to the world. Morin, the French sprinter, and the Dutch champion, Jaap Eden, have both cabled Bald that they are prepared to race him for large sums, but Bald doesn't seem inclined to leave America, and it is not likely that matches will be arranged.

W. L. Kerr, of Sydney, the Australian amateur champion cyclist, competed at a sports meeting at Aston Park. In the Ten-mile Scratch Race he secured fourth place, and in the Quarter-mile Scratch was placed third.

A delicious story is told by Mr. James Payn in the Illustrated London News:—"A friend of mine, a devotee of the wheel, was witness to a collision between a lady and gentleman, cyclists, ahead of him. The lady got the worst of it, and, indeed, was knocked over, while the gentleman wheeled away as though nothing had happened. My friend came up, hat in hand, and assisted her to rise and remount. 'Now I am off after that fellow,' he said, 'to get his name and address.' 'It's not a bit of good,' she quietly replied, 'he's my husband!'"

There are still some very curious laws standing on the Statute Book in England, which, if enforced by the authorities, would certainly make Sunday cycling a thing of the past. A policeman has a perfect right to "detain" any cyclist found riding on the "Sawbath" and trot him off to the "stone jug"—unless he can show a certificate from the nearest magistrate to prove that he was out on "urgent business"! The law gives the magistrate power to condemn the luckless cyclist to the stocks on Monday morning. This peculiar law was lately enforced against a Manchester tradesman who had used his business vehicle to take his family for a drive on Sunday!

The watch of an applicant for a N.C.U. timekeepership has to attain a very high order of merit at Kew Observatory ere he can obtain his credentials. The test is so rigid that no watch has yet been certified to be absolutely perfect, and it takes a very good watch indeed to get 87 marks out of a (remotely) possible 100. The watch is tested in every position, and its rate measured and recorded by the hour. It is hung upside down, hung from each side, placed dial down, and back down, and at any number of angles, and to finish it is baked in an oven and frozen in a pail of ice. When it is considered that 18,000 vibrations an hour occur in a watch, and that it must not vary a second a week, it is easy to see why no watch has touched the "century."

Anybody having a bicycle stolen would do well to follow in the footsteps of a certain Parisian. He advertised in one or two papers for a machine, "so and so make, so and so tyres," &c. He gave as near a description of his own bicycle as possible, and the advertisement had only been in print an hour or two before the thief offered the machine to its owner. This is a tale told by a contemporary, and the news is well worth circulating, for other cyclists may be able to turn it to account.

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Our Canterbury correspondent writes:—The Cyclists' Alliance has at last appointed a committee to investigate into the alleged practice of its members cashing their orders. The report will be interesting no doubt and will be patiently waited for by the large body of amateur club men in New Zealand. If the committee makes its inquiries in the proper quarters I am sure the report will be very interesting. It is an open secret that numbers of amateur riders in the colony do cash their orders, and I know of one firm in this city which has cashed more than one order this season. The accounts were rendered to the Club thus: "To goods supplied."—Numerous attempts have been made lately to break Bert Pither's 50-mile New Zealand road record which stands at 2hrs 36min 45sec, but up to the present no rider has been successful. Pither also holds the 100 mile road record, his time being 6hrs 39min. I am surprised that none of the North Island road riders have attempted to lower these records.

Mr. G. Jones of Christchurch has very kindly placed at my disposal a letter he received by the last mail from his brother, Champion C. H. The following extract from the letter will I am sure prove of interest to all wheelmen:—"On Easter Monday I attended a bicycle meeting at Birmingham and had a long talk with A. W. Harris previous to a ten mile race. Poor Harris had only ridden about three miles when he touched the back wheel of a rider in front, which buckled his (Harris's) front wheel. He had a terrible spill, falling on his head and you know the rest. I attended the funeral and sent a wreath with the following printed on a card:—"A. W. Harris—In loving memory and respect of one of England's truest and noblest sportsmen from C. H. Jones, on behalf of the Pioneer and Christchurch Cycling Clubs of New Zealand." At the inquest on the body of the deceased a verdict of "accidental death" was returned. With reference to the above it may be stated that similar expressions of regret were received from all parts of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, America, France, and Italy.—*Weekly Press.*

The Rangitikei riders, Hunt and Forbes, have been made hon. members of the New South Wales League of Wheelmen during their stay in Sydney.

Two methods of inflating pneumatic tires without a pump are being, or about to be, placed before the public in England, one by means of compressed air, and the other by carbonic acid gas. The carbonic acid gas inflator, invented by Mr Moffat Ford, consists of a small cylinder containing carbonic acid compressed from a gas into a liquid. The cylinder is connected with the valve in the usual way, and by a mere turn of a cock the tire is blown out to the required degree of hardness. Carbonic acid gas is stated to have no injurious effect, but rather the reverse, on rubber. The compressed air system is the invention of Mr B. H. Thwaite, and with both this and the carbonic acid system it will be easy to get the cylinders re-charged when their contents are exhausted.

On June 5th, in Tasmania, in the sixteen mile road race for the Bass Trophy, W. Hallam put up the Tasmanian record, namely, 45min. 35sec., thus lowering the previous record by 5min. 35sec.

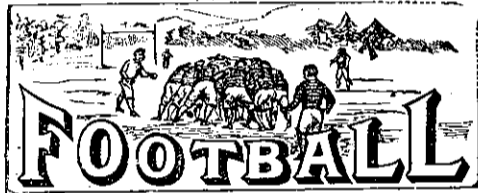
Another transcontinental rider! William Snell reached Adelaide early last month, having ridden on his bicycle from Menzies, in West Australia. He left Menzies on 7th May, and for the 19½ days actual travelling averaged 80 miles per day, one puncture being the only mishap experienced during the journey. Snell followed the route taken last year by Arthur Richardson, who occupied 30 days, and he reports that Denial Bay—appropriately named apparently in at least one respect—was the only place at which he experienced any difficulty in obtaining water.

Three leading riders in America this season will, during all their training and racing, carry gold presentation cyclometers on their machines. The mileage record at the end of the season should be interesting to learn.

Writing to one of his brothers from Chiswick, under date May 14th, "Wally" Kerr states that he had just concluded a tour in England on his bicycle. The weather during the whole of his trip was favourable, with the exception of one day, when it rained incessantly. At the end of this day's ride "I finished up at

Honiton, a small town in Devonshire. I was covered in mud, but was soon all right, as the hotelkeeper got me a warm bath and a complete change. You would have laughed to have seen me. He rigged me up in a hunting suit, as it was the only thing he had to fit. Had a splendid tea, with loads of real Devonshire cream. This hotelkeeper was very kind to me; indeed, I have found it the same wherever I go. As soon as they know I am an Australian the fact really seems to be a passport to their good graces." The amateur champion speaks enthusiastically of English scenery, in praise of which he exhausts a whole vocabulary of adjectives. After leaving Honiton he rode through Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Dartmouth, Totnes, Ashburton, Chudleigh, Collumpton, Wellington, Taunton, Bridgewater, Highbridge, Bristol, Bath, Cheltenham, Evesham, Stratford-on-Avon (where he visited Shakspeare's house and Anne Hathaway's), Skipton, Long Compton, Chipping Norton, Oxford, Henley (he had a row over the famous regatta course), Maidenhead, and Windsor to London. Speaking of racing matters he says: "Saw Platt-Betts do a mile in 1min 41 4-5sec last night. He was wonderfully paced. I start training next Monday at the Crystal Palace."

In 26 weeks New Zealand has imported 6826 bicycles, or an average of 262 a week, besides a weekly value of £1387 of bicycle materials. Into Wellington alone the number of machines is about 104 a week. The aggregate value of bicycles and materials, plus duty paid, is £130,859, or an average per week of £5,033. The averaged declared value of bicycles is about £11 7s, minus the duty of 20 per cent.



[BY VIGILANT.]

AUCKLAND v. WAIROA.

The first match of the season against an outside union was played at Potter's Paddock on Saturday, when the local representatives met and defeated the chosen of Wairoa North to the tune of 14 to 3. There was a good attendance of spectators, and though they were not rewarded with anything much in the way of Rugby football as it should be played, it certainly showed the local people that there are good men to be found outside Auckland city, and men who, with a few weeks in town, would be worthy a place in any representative team. The match itself calls for no description, and I will confine myself to a few notes.

Before launching out on the teams, I might say that Mr A. Campbell, who had charge of the whistle, handled himself like a veteran, giving satisfaction to all concerned. He quite earned the three cheers given him by the visitors.

In point of weight the local men had all the best of the deal, this being particularly noticeable in the forward division, where they must have averaged nearly a stone more than their opponents. This gave them a decided advantage in the scrums, where their superior weight told, they carrying the packs nearly every time. Of course, as might have been expected, they showed a better knowledge in the finer points of the game, and their heeling out was cleaner than that of the opposing vanguard, some of whom, however, got in some very good work in the open, and as a body have a very fair turn of pace. While I say the Auckland men had the best of the scrums I cannot congratulate them on their combination, which necessary essential was conspicuous only by its absence, a fact that will no doubt impress upon the Rugby Union that no matter how good the men may be individually they must have a little practice together.

The whole of the Auckland pack did very good work individually, Murray perhaps standing out above the others, although Handcock, Wilson, and Gordon also did good work "on their own." Yet I must not overlook the fact that Murray and Handcock made as many mistakes as anyone.

Braund, the Auckland skipper, never worked harder, and undeniably proved himself the best half in Auckland, while no one could have worked a team better, though he did not always have the attention to his instruction that he should from the front rank. This is due, of course, to the fact that several of the forwards had not been in the habit of playing with the clever little Ponsonby skipper. His passing out was always well timed and accurate. "Albie" hurt his knee towards the end of the game, and will not be able to play again for some time to come.

Carlton Hay made a very good "fit" of it at five-eight, but on being injured was put back to three-quarter, which division was not up to the mark. Here it may be said that the Aucklanders played four three-quarters, evidently with a view to scoring, but this did not come off as well as it was expected, the men not knowing one another's play as they should have done. Absolum, who was shifted up to the position

vacated by Hay, was not as successful as he had been at three-quarter.

O. Riley was undoubtedly the back of the day, and although he has been playing five-eight for some little time now, the change did not in the least interfere with his game, which was of the most unselfish and strong, both in attack and defence. G. Smith was as consistent as ever, and D'Arcy also played well.

H. Smith, at full back, made no mistakes, his kicking being decidedly accurate and useful.

The Wairoa forwards, although rather light—appearing to average about 11st 8lb—are a promising lot, and with a closer knowledge of the finer points of the game would take a good deal of beating. Christensen, Matthews, and Elliott are fit for any team and a trio of grafters. The open play of the vanguard was very good, but they were overmatched in the scrums and want to learn how to hook the ball.

The back division's chief want is a little more dash, though they play a solid, useful game as a whole, while their defence is decidedly good. Harrison, one of their three-quarters, would find a place in any local club team, and, with a few weeks in town, I would expect to see him wearing a rep. cap. The Auckland Union will have to keep an eye on him.

Butland is another good man, a great feature being his useful and judicious kicking, while Phelan also did well.

If Smith, their full-back, would make a little more use of the touch line, and show a little more alacrity in his kicking, he should fill the bill well. For the amount of work he had to do, his mistakes were comparatively few.

What is expected to prove the most interesting fixture of the season, from a spectator's point of view, is the Parnell and Ponsonby match next Saturday. So far the teams are on terms, as regards their positions in the senior championships, both having won five matches and lost one, and, as both have been showing sound, consistent form, opinion is very much divided as to how the day will go, the supporters of each team being equally sanguine that the premiership will go to their pet district for season 1897. Parnell will sadly miss the services of Jervis, their crack three-quarter, who is laid aside again with that shoulder of his, and will probably never again don a football jersey, and Murray and Handcock (the front-rankers), who both went to Wellington last Monday to join the N.Z. team. Ponsonby will be short of their skipper (A. Braund), who has been playing a wonderfully good game behind the pack this season, in fact was never in better form, he having injured his knee last Saturday in the Wairoa-Auckland match. Apart from his game at half-back he will be sadly missed as skipper, there being no man that can touch him in Auckland, while I hardly believe he has a superior in the colony in handling a team. Kelly, from the second fifteen, will, I understand, be played behind the pack, and from what I hear is a real good man in the place.

The Aucklanders belonging to the New Zealand team—Wilson, Handcock, Smith, and Murray, the latter having been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Watson dropping out at the end of last week—left for Wellington on Monday last by the s.s. Takapuna to take part in the North v. South Island match, which takes place at the Empire City on Saturday next. A great game it should be, too, as the southern men will fight like veritable demons to carry the day, and prove to the selection committee that more men should have been included in the Maoriland team from below Cook Straits.

The championships continue on Saturday, the Parnell v. Ponsonby match being the centre of attraction. The betting is level money, and a good go should be provided. Whoever wins will, no doubt, carry off the championship honours for 1897. Most people say they would like to see Ponsonby win, as it would be better for the district scheme.

The Wairoa team of last Saturday were too light in their front rank for the local vanguard. It is understood that they were chosen on the light side with a view to having fast men who could carry out some theory re getting away from the scrum with the ball. It didn't come off, however.

What's the betting that the New Zealand team does not go through Australia without a defeat. I have already heard that several cigars and new hats will change hands on this point at level money, and have arranged a cigar with a friend on the question myself. I hold that they will not be once beaten, and am going to smoke the cigar right away.

I have to compliment Mr Angus Campbell on the manner in which he handled the whistle last Saturday in the Wairoa-Auckland match, also on the previous week, when Ponsonby and Grafton met. The writers in the dailies have expended some little ink in calling A. Braund (Ponsonby's skipper) to book for objecting to Mr Campbell because he lived in Parnell, but it must not be forgotten that Albert made an ample apology.

The charges of misconduct brought against a number of Wellington players who went to Christchurch at Easter have fallen to the ground. Twenty witnesses were examined, the enquiry being a most exhaustive one.

The last straw! (writes "Off-side" in a Hawera paper). Word has been received that Kerr, of Canterbury, is unable to go with the team to Australia, and that Wells, of Taranaki, takes his place. Why not send all Taranaki men, and be done with the matter? If the report is correct, the selection committee of the New Zealand Rugby Union has "muddled up things" like the Pooh-Bah of Mikado fame. What possessed the selection committee to select Wells when he was not nominated by the Taranaki Union? The selectors have exceeded their powers. It is of no earthly use Unions sending in names of players when the selection committee completely ignores them and selects men from the back blocks and not the football field. No wonder it took seven hours and a half to pick the team when they discuss the merits of "has been" and "gone before" players.

The New Zealand team leaves for Australia after the North v. South Island match on Saturday. Good luck to 'em.

I hope the selection "committee" (Mr J. Arneil) will, when looking round for his men for the Auckland team to play New Zealand on their return from Australia not forget that there is such a man in Wairoa as Harrison. A week or two in town would make a slashing good man of the country three-quarter, or I'm much mistaken.

Young, of the Thames, being down with influenza, he could not go to Wellington to play in the North Island v. South Island match.

Considering the amount of interest that is being taken throughout the colony in the doings of the New Zealand footballers who are to visit Australia, a few lines about the match between Taranaki and Wairarapa the other Saturday will be of interest (says a Christchurch writer). The game resulted in a draw, both sides scoring a goal from a try. As Wairarapa previously played a draw with Wanganui, the latter can claim to be equal to Taranaki. Yet Taranaki has six times as many representatives in the New Zealand team as Wairarapa and Wanganui combined. Mr Carthew, who presided at the meeting of the Taranaki Rugby Union on June 4th, certainly spoke the truth when he said the Taranaki Union had more representation than it was entitled to.

The New Zealand Rugby Union is (says the Wellington correspondent of the *Otago Daily Times*) coming in for a great deal of criticism in the north as well as in the south. First of all, we have one of the affiliated unions complaining that they have too many men in the New Zealand team, and now we have another northern union—the Wairarapa—complaining bitterly that not a single Wairarapa player has been included in the New Zealand representative football team. The result of the match with Taranaki on Saturday emphasises the claim of the Wairarapa players to some consideration. It seems evident that the New Zealand Union is unable to successfully cope with the proper selection of a New Zealand team. At all events, there is pretty general dissatisfaction with this year's selection—indeed, even more than was expressed when the last New Zealand team was chosen.

A southern writer, referring to the passing of the Canterbury men in the cup matches, says:—"I have watched the teams closely this season, and notice a very serious defect in one of the chief features of the game, viz., the passing. Players imagine that throwing or handing the ball to another player is passing. Time after time I have noticed ground lost when it should have been gained, through players running towards the one to whom they intend to pass. In order to pass advantageously it is necessary that the player in possession should be going on the opposite angle to that which he wishes to pass, therefore, in a short sentence, learn to pass in the opposite direction to that in which you are running."

A Taranaki correspondent writes:—"In your football columns in last week's issue you state that the Tukapa (New Plymouth) Club has the proud distinction of having most representatives in the New Zealand team picked for the Australian tour. This is not correct, as the other New Plymouth senior team (the Star) have also three representatives, viz., Allen, A. Humphries, and Wells. Another statement in the paragraph I should also like to correct is that the Tukapa seniors have not been beaten this season. As a matter of fact, they were defeated last Thursday week by the Star, who scored 8 points (goal from a try and a try) to nil. In fairness to the Tukapa team I might add that the Tukapa defeated the Star on their first meeting this season by 10 points to nil. It is rather a proud distinction for the two New Plymouth clubs to have no less than six representatives in the New Zealand team, but I am sorry to add that O'Dowda is unable to make the trip, and I also hear that it is problematical whether Watson will find the time to make the journey. A. Bayly, the seventh Taranaki player picked, is this season playing for the Hawera Club, which is the only other Club in the province to put a senior team in the field this season. Star has met Hawera twice, defeating them by 14 and 8 to nil, and Tukapa also defeated the Plains team by 21 to 20—a game that was remarkable for the scoring, Hawera getting no less than 12 points from penalty goals. Hawera and Tukapa meet on Monday next (June 21st). The question who will be captain of the New Zealand team is being freely canvassed, both Bayly and Duncan being mentioned, but in view of past services in that capacity I don't think the members of the team should find any difficulty in arriving at a choice.

Our Napier correspondent wires:—"Saturday's muster on the Recreation Ground was very creditable as to numbers, the "probables" having a full team and the "possibles" sixteen men, but unfortunately Speedy, Malcon, Cheer, and Speight were absentees, being unable to get off duty. The ground was in a very heavy and greasy state, and spoilt good individual play, the game being chiefly a series of loose, straggling rushes, in which the "probables" invariably showed superiority, and were eventually victorious by 16 points to nil. The winning team had a fairly strong back division, which played very well together, getting on some good passing rushes occasionally. Gage (though apparently not in his best form) was most conspicuous in leading the rushes, and he was well seconded by O'Connell and F. Jago. The latter showed a fine turn of speed, but requires judgment in passing. Bear and Caldwell showed good defensive and aggressive play, and both did some fine place kicking. Williams was, as usual, cool and sure in taking and kicking, but requires to cultivate the maxim "tackle low." Kelly and Johnstone were the pick of the forwards. The "possibles" showed very little organisation. Lignskey and Double (backs). Collage, Brophy, Scorgie, Cameron, and Mountford (forwards) were the pick. Mr Logan was referee.

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Rule 17 reads:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £150 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of scales, and handicapper."

All notifications for the future published in this column are so published under the authority of the Auckland Racing Club, and are binding on country clubs and others, who must therefore duly note the same.

As some doubts have arisen as to whether the recent action of the Racing Conference has interfered with the appointment of the Sporting Review by the Auckland Racing Club as the Official Calendar, we publish the following letter for general information:—

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.  
Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING REVIEW,  
AUCKLAND.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of 2nd December, my Committee have decided not to alter existing arrangements at present.—Yours truly,  
WM. PERCIVAL,  
Secretary A.R.C.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.  
Disqualification removed from David Swanson.

Pony Measuring Committee meet second and fourth Monday at 10 a.m.

David Swanson having left Thos. Hodson's employ, contrary to rules and agreement, owners, trainers, and others are cautioned against employing him.

**JOCKEYS' LICENSES.**

John Rae, H. Harrison, John Keane, Michael Moore, Wm. Davidson, Frank Burns, Dennis Morrigan, Adam E. Byers, Wm. Perry, D. Creamer, M. Jones, Thos. Hall, Ernest Haigh, John Carey, Thos. Morrigan, Thos. McGuire, Fred. Power, Fred. Benson, Alf. Williams, Charles W. Turner, Howard Jones, George Banks, Thos. Sharp, David Wright, Joseph Griffiths.

**TRAINERS' LICENSES.**

John Rae, Dennis Morrigan, J. B. Williamson, H. Linnell, Martin, H. Harrison, Koss Heaton, A. E. Byers, Wm. Croll, M. Moore, Joseph Griffiths, J. Carey, Alfred Williams, John R. Jones.

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Taranaki—Last Friday in each month. R. G. Bauchope, secretary.  
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Wellington—First Monday in each month. H. M. Lyon, secretary.  
Hawke's Bay—First Friday in each month. F. D. Luckie, secretary.  
Nelson—Last Wednesday in each month. J. H. Glen, secretary.  
Marlborough—As arranged. C. J. W. Griffiths, secretary.  
Canterbury—First Tuesday in each month. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary.  
Dunedin—Last Thursday in each month. S. James, secretary.  
Greymouth—Last Friday in each month. J. C. Doogan, secretary.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

**RACING CALENDAR.**

**NEW ZEALAND.**

**FIXTURES.**

July 6, Tues.; 8 furlongs.—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club  
July 7, Wed.; 10, Sat.—Wellington R.C. Winter  
August 12, Thurs.; 14, Sat.—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

**NOMINATIONS.**

June 29—The Wellesley Stakes 1898 and 1899, the Wellington Stakes 1899, and New Zealand St Leger 1899  
July 2—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 26—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

**HANDICAPS.**

June 26—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual  
June 26—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 1—New Zealand Cup  
July 19—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase  
August 2—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

**ACCEPTANCES.**

July 1—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual  
July 2—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 26—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase  
Aug. 9—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase  
Dec. 31—Taranaki Hack Derby

**FINAL PAYMENTS.**

Aug. 9—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase  
Dec. 3—Taranaki Hack Derby

**AUSTRALIA.**

July 3 and 10—V.R.C. Grand National Meeting  
August 7 and 14—V.A.T.C. Grand National Meeting  
October 30, Nov. 2, 4, 6—V.R.C. Spring Meeting

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**NEW ZEALAND.**

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5 furlongs—1m 1s, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1886.  
6 furlongs—1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barmby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton.  
7 furlongs—1m 27s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes 1888.  
1 mile—1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892.  
1 1/2 mile—2m 8s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1887.  
1 1/2 mile—2m 35s—Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893.  
1 1/2 mile—3m 4-5s, Spindrift, 4yrs, 7.8, Wanganui Cup, 1896; 3m 6s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1887; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1893.  
2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1893.  
2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10 Dunedin Cup, 1891.  
2 1/2 miles—3min 57s, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

**AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.**

3 furlongs—36s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1893, Australia.  
1/2 mile—46s Geraldine, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1889, America.  
5 furlongs—57s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 23, 1893; Dr. Hasbrouck also made this record; America.  
1m, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia.  
1m 0s, Walwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia.  
5 1/2 furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia.  
1/2 mile—1m 9s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 23, 1893, America.  
1m 13s, Precaution, Randwick, N.S.W., January 1, 1894, Australia.  
7 furlongs—1m 23s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America.  
1m 27s Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 3, 1891, Australia.  
1 mile—1m 35s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 6, 1890, America.  
1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Bookka, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia.  
1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 51s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America.  
1m 55s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Acm, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia.  
1 1/2 mile—2m 3s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America.  
2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia.  
1 mile 3 furlongs—2m 22s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Roschill, Australia.  
1 1/2 mile—2m 32s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 9, 1892, America.  
2m 35s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Megaphone, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olaf, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia.  
1 mile 5 furlongs—2m 49s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia.  
1 1/2 mile—3m 0s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America.  
3m 3s, Corroze, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893.  
2 miles—3m 27s, Ten Broeck, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America.  
3m 28s, Carbine (carrying 10.5), Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia.  
2 1/2 miles—3m 56s, Preakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America.  
3m 59s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia.  
3 miles—5m 23s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

land is given by the totalisator returns which for the two years are as follows:—

1895-96.		1896-97.	
First Spring	£8,197	First Spring	£11,323
Second Spring	12,043	Second Spring	12,679
Summer	31,799	Summer	42,670
Autumn	17,479	Autumn	20,843
Grand National	11,779	Grand National	12,843
	£81,297		£100,368

Thus it will be seen that the increase in favour of 1896-97 is £19,069, while from bookmaking fees a substantial revenue, amounting to nearly £1000, was derived, but this an item that cannot be implicitly depended upon if Judge Hawkins' interpretation of the Betting Houses Suppression Act continues to be accepted as correct. However, there is the possibility of some amendment being required of a law that in many respects is vexatiously contradictory. It is an offence for instance for a bookmaker to advertise in the SPORTING REVIEW, or any other paper, that he is prepared to do business on the Melbourne or New Zealand Cups. The faddist who wants to suppress the sport of the Turf would hold up his hands in holy horror and invoke the law to stop this gambling, but he is silent when the tote advertisement is published—"The secretary will receive money for investment. No notice taken of contingent instructions." Still more silent does the faddist become when one of his own pals, probably, advertises a church bazaar with all prizes and no blanks. Betting in connection with the Turf is inseparable from the sport, and if it is not a sin to invest money on a tote why should it be made an offence to bet with a bookmaker? In consequence of the prosecutions in Sydney we learn from the secretary of a leading New South Wales club that horse-racing there has been most seriously damaged, and that every race meeting at present is being conducted at a loss. This is a state of affairs that cannot be expected to last long. If it does, clubs may be expected to shut up their gates, while sportsmen will emigrate to America, India, South Africa, or any place where horse racing is permitted.

**Sporting Topics.**

A Hutt colt (by Louis d'Or—Amy) has been named Trask, as a compliment to the Mayor of Nelson.

Considerable improvements have been effected on the Egmont course. All the foot-holes have been filled in, and it is reported that the surface is now as level as a bowling green.

The Wairarapa Racing Club has given notice of motion for the Racing Conference:—"That unless moneys due to Clubs are posted in the forfeit list within three months after they become due they cannot be recovered through the forfeit list."

The stylishly-bred Steelshot, by Foulshot—Voltarina, met with an accident recently, the result of which necessitated the colt's destruction (writes "Sentinel" in the Hawera Star). Mr Grant, Hawera (owner and breeder), went down the coast to see the animal, but as there was no hope of his recovery, it was destroyed. This is a serious loss to Mr Grant, as inside twelve months he has lost Voltarina, and a colt bred on such lines as Steelshot was likely to become valuable. The animal was leased to Mr Chitham, Palmerston North.

In England, on Monday, April 19th, there were no less than eighteen fixtures of one sort and another—high-class flat racing, steeple-chasing, hurdle racing, with any quantity of the country hunt meetings.

Rebounding Lock (by Flintlock—Morehu) will probably be put into work shortly, at Martinborough (writes "Arawa"). He is said to be fast, but has not yet been seen fit, as, when in training, he was growing too fast to show his best form. In the saddle race at the last Lower Valley meeting he showed a good turn of speed, but, being very gross, he fell back at the turn into the straight.

Imp. Artillery will disseminate some of the valuable Musket blood on this coast (Cal.), as quite a number of mares have been bred to him, coming from various sections of the State. The horse has improved greatly in appearance since he landed in California, and it would be a hypercritical observer who found fault with his foals—strong, well-formed youngsters—and as nearly as can be told from babyhood indication, of decided racing cut.

Alick Caulton made the discovery during the week that The Sharper has, unknown to anyone, been suffering from a fracture of the jaw. The horse has shown a lot of tenderness in the mouth for some time, so much so as to interfere with him in his feed. Caulton at first thought that his teeth were the cause, but, placing his hand under the tongue near the root, he found a piece of sharp bone protruding, and this, during the week, was removed by Mr Halstead. The relief to The Sharper should be most beneficial, as the bone had worked a hole in the tongue, which must have been most painful both when the bit was in the mouth and when the horse was feeding.

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LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1897.

**THE RECORD YEAR.**

ALTHOUGH the racing season does not close until July 31, so far as our leading Metropolitan Club is concerned it has practically closed, and with the sound of the Queen's Jubilee festivities in our ears, it seems to be quite in accordance with everything else to find that the year has been a record one in the history of the New Zealand turf. We read in our cablegrams that foreign newspapers applaud the Queen, and admit the amazing progress of Britain during her reign. Great as her commercial progress has been, so also has been her progress in national and manly sports, foremost among which is horse racing, and now, after years of care in fostering the sport, Mr Percival and the committee of the Auckland Racing Club can look back to a year of unprecedented success. That the sport has grown in the Auckland district is shown by the existence of such splendid breeding institutions as Wellington Park, Sylvia Park, Motu Korea, and other smaller establishments. The possession of such animals as St. Leger, Castor, Hotchkiss, Regel, St. Hippo, Medallion, to say nothing of our splendidly-bred brood mares, and such rising stock as Gold Medallist and Multiform are examples in evidence that the breeding of the thoroughbred is not here neglected, while perhaps the most satisfactory feature of the past year's racing of the Auckland Club, so far as its executive officers are concerned, is the financial success with which their efforts have been attended. One good indication of the increased popularity of racing in Auck-



The weights for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups will probably be declared on Monday, June 28th, while the New Zealand Cup adjustments will be made public on July 1st.

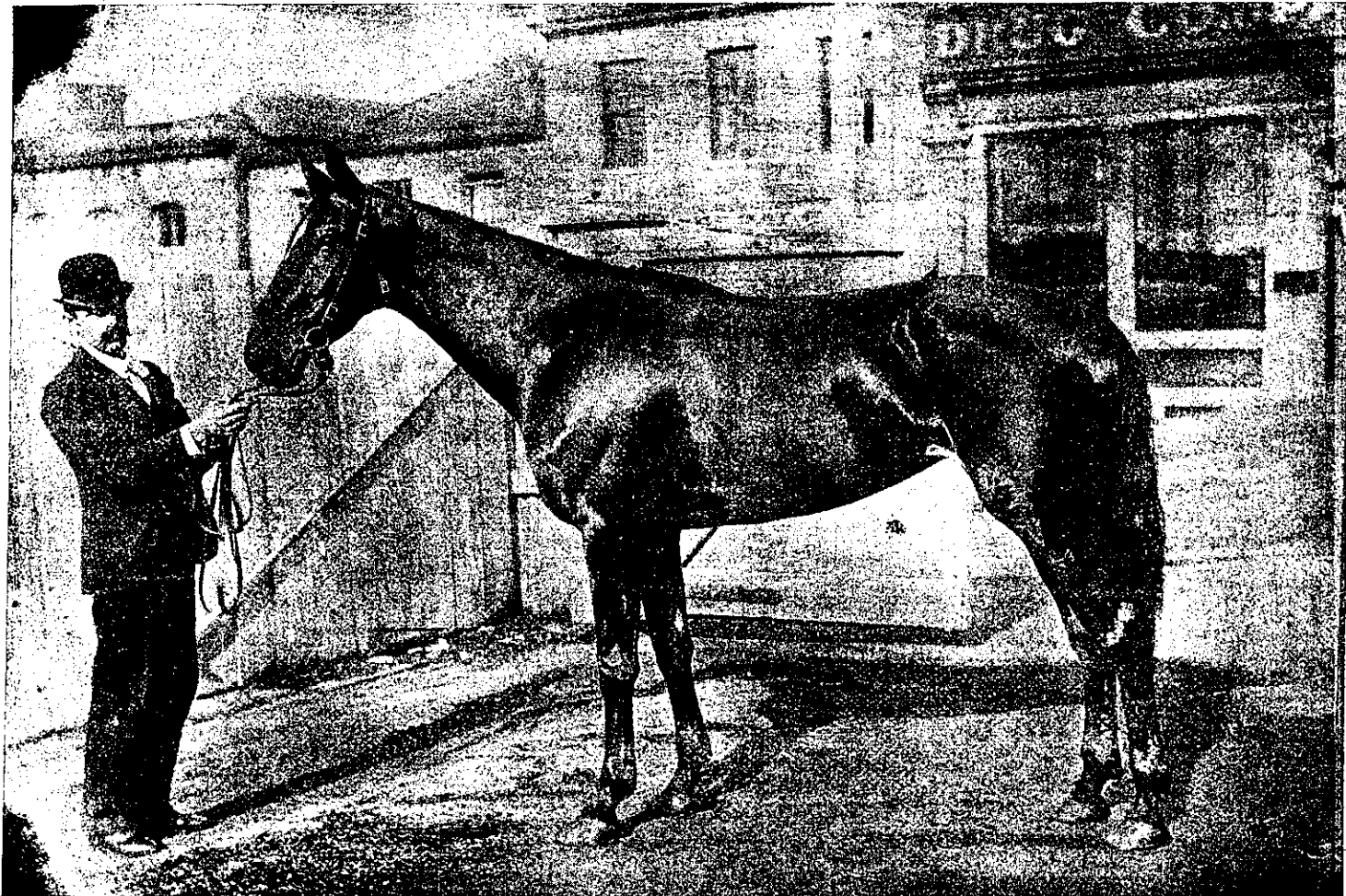
One hundred and thirty yearlings are catalogued for the Rancho del Paso sale in America this week. Of that number twenty-one are by Sir Modred, thirteen by Darebin, and four by July. Twenty stallions are represented in the year's consignment.

In the House of Commons on April 29th, the Home Secretary stated, in answer to a question, that "he was advised by the law officers of the Crown that the judgment in question (that of the judges in the Hawke v. Dunn appeal) applied to all kinds of betting—betting on credit as well as ready-money betting."

It is news to hear from a Southern exchange that the betting prosecutions in New South Wales have resulted in the influx to Auckland of several Sydney pencilers, besides numbers of ponies and horses. The statement about bookmakers is all nonsense, while, instead of importing numbers of ponies, we have been sending them away.

Mr George Wright has received a letter from Frank M'Grath, of Sydney, and according to the communication a doleful state of affairs prevails in the New South Wales sporting world, especially in pony circles. M'Grath states that if a man owned the best pony in Australia it would be impossible to back him to win £200 on any of the courses.

Concerning the running in the Two Thousand Guineas, the sporting writer in the London *Licensed Victuallers' Gazette* remarks:—"The way was now cleared for the classic event, which, I venture to say, will be long remembered, not only on account of the complete shattering of a great public idol, but because, in point of time, it marks a record for this race. There were eight runners, but all form pointed to its being a two-horse race, and the betting also conveyed that as the opinion of the talent. Galtee More, after his arrival at Newmarket, compelled the admiration of everyone; and, in comparison with Lord Roseberry's crack, looked such a grand specimen of the racehorse that he ousted him from his position in the market, and at one time odds were laid on him; but at the fall of the flag, at 5 to 4 against, he was only half a point better favourite than Velasquez. Guernsey was, perhaps, next in demand, but nothing less than 20 to 1 was acceptable, and not very much business was done at that price. If the betting had two good sides to it, not so the race, which was one of the hollowest ever seen in the classic event, for Mr Gubbins' grand horse strode along in magnificent style, and at no part of the race was the result ever in doubt, and he won at the finish as he liked by four lengths. That those who doubted the stamina of Velasquez had good grounds for it was evident by the fact that it took him all his time to secure second place from Minstrel, and it is just on the cards that Berzak will beat the pair when they meet again, good judges being of opinion that it was not all out of Mr Lorillard's colt. It would be interesting to have Allsopp's private opinion on that subject. That good sportsman, Mr John Gubbins, the able trainer, Sam Darling, and Charley Wood all came in for any amount of congratulations, and a good many people who had pooh-poohed the idea of Galtee More beating the crack when the going was good were obliged to admit, after the race, that the winner was one of the best looking horses seen for many a day. Nor do I at all endorse the opinion I have since seen in print, that he is a lucky horse to be foaled in a year of bad ones."



MR R. CONNOP'S B M TALLY-HO (BY FORERUNNER), WINNER OF THE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE AT THE HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Jumping events in America are not popular. At a meeting at Memphis, in the latter end of April, a horse named Fugitive was disqualified, the patrol steward declaring in his evidence that the "horse had never tried a lick." A sporting writer, when referring to the case, remarked:—"I have never yet seen the time or place that these jumping races were not prolific of jobbery, and I do not wonder that for this reason they have been abolished at one of the Californian tracks."

The formation of the Wingatui course to the order of the Dunedin Jockey Club, though somewhat delayed, is at last finished, save for a few touches here and there which will be done under the supervision of the club's sub-committee—the Hon. G. M'Lean, Mr Peter Miller, and Mr J. Stephenson. These gentlemen, states "Mazeppa," went out to the course on June 11th and made a thorough inspection, with the result that it was decided to plough up the track at once in readiness for early spring sowing in grass, to trim up the row of bluegums which are regarded as valuable shelter, and likely to be useful for picnic parties, and to form the public approach to the course. These matters being attended to will carry things over the dead of winter, and soon after that we may hear something from the sub-committee about fences and buildings, and other preparations for occupation. I have an idea, however, that there is not much chance of racing at Wingatui before February next.

Sammy Loates, the well-known English jockey, was expected to arrive in America on May 22.

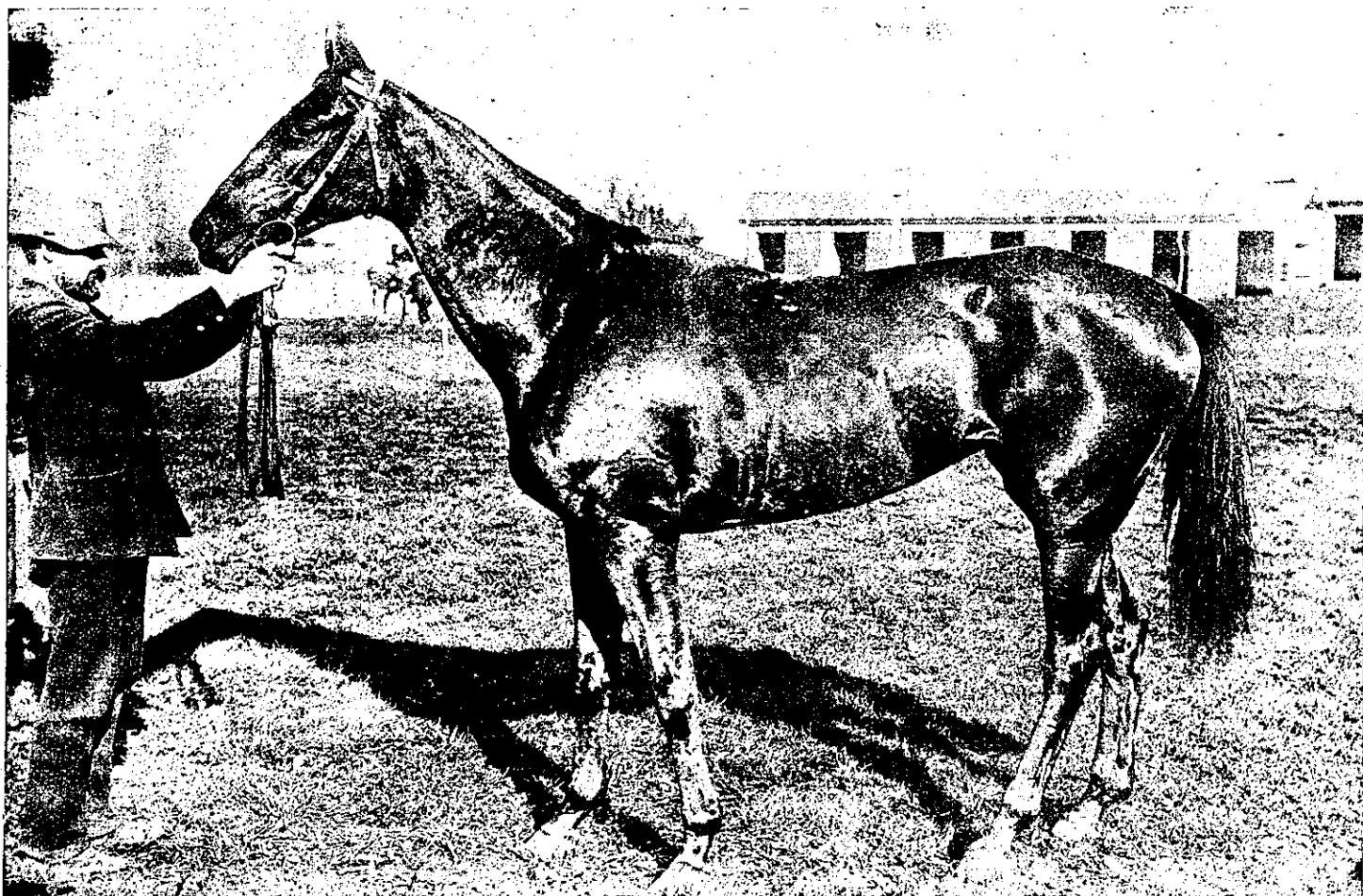
Publicans as a class, notwithstanding the wild statements of the intemperate orators of the pump party, are frequently entrus'ed after banking hours with large sums of money by business men and citizens who do not care to drag their bullion with them to the suburbs. A good story is told of a well-known licensee of a city hotel in his character as banker. On the night of the second day of the Great Northern meeting a North Shore sportsman, whose horses had scored a couple of wins, entered the hostelry, bearing with him a bag heavy with saddle lead. In reply to the friendly greeting and query as to how he had got on, Mr D— smilingly told the landlord of his success, and asked him to take care of the bag. The weight staggered the boniface, and he flushed with pride as the thought flashed through his mind that he had been honoured with the custody of untold wealth, the colossal winnings of the day. Carefully was the bag placed in a corner of the safe and just as carefully was the key of the burglar-proof casement turned in the door and removed to the custody of the landlord's own pocket. The care of even supposed wealth is calculated to make a man careful and, perhaps, suspicious, so that when a stranger came along subsequently and asked for the bag the suspicions of the landlord were fully aroused. A foul plot had evidently been concocted to get possession of wealth, and the trusted custodian demanded,

"Who are you?" "A friend of Mr D—," was the reply; whereat the usual genial host wrathfully exclaimed, "A friend! Yes, and you would need to be a good friend, too, before you would get that bag." There was no polio-man about at the time, and it is, perhaps, just as well that it was so; but Mr D— subsequently explained the mystery of the bag, and its honest custodian has since recognised that if it is true that "all that glitters is not gold," it is equally true that all that is heavy is not necessarily precious metal.

General Grant was a born horseman (states the *Spirit of the Times*). One day, when the members of Grant's class were called out for drill on horseback, there were not horses enough by one to go around. Grant was one of the shortest men in his class, consequently was on the extreme left of the company, and he was the one for whom there was no horse. The officer ordered a horse brought, which was done. The animal was a vicious brute, which had proved so unmanageable that he had been discarded. The officer in charge did not notice the horse until just as young Grant vaulted into the saddle, when, horror-stricken, he ordered him to dismount. The horse did his part to assist his rider to obey the order, but Grant drove his spurs into the sides of the infuriated, plunging, kicking, bolting brute, and guided him into an open field, where he gave such an exhibition of amateur horsemanship as no member of that class had ever before witnessed. Before the contest was ended the horse was thoroughly subdued, and from that time became a useful, obedient animal, but he was always ridden by Grant.

A recent exchange states that the anti-gamblers and Mr Hawke have made no move lately, and betting has gone on as openly and in precisely the same manner as before in all the rings at the various meetings in England. At Kempton, however, the police quietly took the names and addresses of three leading bookmakers—Mr Hibbert, of Nottingham, and Mr Fry and Mr Edge, of London. It is said that this was done by order of Sir Edward Bradford, the chief commissioner of police, and that summonses will now be taken out against these three men for illegal betting in the enclosure. Meantime, the *Sportsman's* Shilling Fund in defence of national sports is making fair headway, as 14,000 shillings have already been received. This fund will be handed in its entirety to the Sporting League, who, amongst other things, are preparing a monster petition for Parliament for legislation that may defeat the aims of the faddists. How different our authorities handle the matter here (writes "Martindale" of the *Sydney Evening News*). They summons everybody, though they state that they are solely guided by the rulings in England. If they follow the English authorities in one thing, why not in all others?

We can talk as much as we like about the horse-owners of old racing for the love of sport alone (says *The Field*), but it may be doubted whether more than a very small minority did so—after betting facilities were invented. Horse-racing apart from betting was not according to the idea of our forefathers, and it was the desire on the part of racing men of old to bet to a greater extent than they could hope to do with each other that called into existence the first professional bookmaker, and from that day to this his successors have been liberally patronised. The wants of a sort of betting exchange appears to have been felt somewhere about the latter half of the last century, and it was supplied by Mr Tattersall, who opened his "new stables near Hyde Park Turnpike" about 1760, and the establishment soon became the acknowledged resort of the sporting and betting world. Here it was that in 1791 the then "Duke of Bedford settled



MR O. R. WISE'S B G ILEX (BY LE LOUP), SECOND IN THE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE AT THE HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Photo. by J. A. Slack, Auckland

For real spicey neckties you must go to Geo. Fowlds

for his last Newmarket winnings at Tattersall's, when his Grace received between £6000 and £7000." The original subscription room was opened about 1789, when there were 76 subscribers, and for the first dozen years of its life it was a select gathering; nor was it until the present century had dawned that its numbers were reinforced by the professional element, Crockford being among the earliest to join. They then trooped in gaily; the old room was found to be too small, so it was it was rebuilt about the year 1843, and the 76 subscribers of 1789 had grown to 1000 in little more than half a century. The betting which took place there was no doubt upon parole; but it is by no means improbable that long anterior to this time it had been the practice in certain cases for the money to be staked—not necessarily with the layer, but with some third party, so that altogether there is no little justification for our opinion that a Turf unconnected with betting has never been known since racing has been practised upon a system.

Some surprise was caused when the name of the Auckland Cup winner, Nestor, did not appear in the list of nominations for the New Zealand Cup. His trainer explains that lately St. Leger's strapping son has been suffering from the teeth, and that in consequence it was deemed advisable to let him get over all his troubles before putting him to such a severe preparation as that for the two-mile handicap would be.

The Coolgardie Racing Club is giving away £1,600 for a two days' meeting in August. The cup will be worth 500sovs.

Instead of being 20 short of last year's figures, the V.R.C. Derby, by the amended list of entries to hand, is 21 ahead of the total of 1896, the numbers being 87 against 108.

Happy returns of the day to Mr Harry Hayr, secretary of the Avondale Racing Club and Auckland Coursing Club. This gentleman's birthday was celebrated on Friday evening last by a social in the Remuera Hall, when there was a large gathering of well-known Auckland gentlemen and ladies. The hall had been very prettily decorated for the occasion, and the beauty of the scene was very much enhanced by some lovely dresses. After enjoying dancing until midnight the party, numbering upwards of 150, sat down to supper. Mr W. Percival in a neat speech proposed Mr Hayr's health, and Mr Hayr having acknowledged the compliment dancing was again indulged in and kept up with spirit until the fashionable hours. We do not care about assuming the responsibility of fashionable journals by giving a description of the triumph of the milliners and dressmakers art, suffice it to say that among the ladies present were Mrs Hayr, Mrs McLeod, Miss Jennings, Mrs and Misses Blaikie Mrs G. Wright, Mrs J. W. Russell and Miss B. Russell, Miss Laura and Miss Annie Edwards, Miss Taylor, Mrs Macready, Miss Jackson (2), Mrs Waddell, Miss Tobias (2), Miss Kinloch (2), Miss Underhill, Miss M. Hayr, and Miss Friend. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr Jones, of Wanganui, has again called on us to state that when he purchased The Workman it was for his sister and not for himself.

The youngsters at Ellerslie are being livened up in their work. Mr J. C. Booth's trio, including the Cantiniere and Balista colts, were out at Potter's Paddock on Tuesday. All three are looking well, and are forward in condition. Mr George Wright's youngsters are all doing well, and the Hon. Mr Mossman's filly, if she keeps on doing as well as she has been, should be a clinker. Wright is giving them sound exercise, but he does not believe in galloping too early. Mr Frank Macmanemin has a filly that is shaping well, while Blue Jacket, in the hands of Alick Caulton, is coming on famously. This yearling son of St. Leger and Antelope has a very even temper, and takes most kindly to both work and feed.

"Mazappa" hears that the hope of training Gipsy Grand again is not so bright as it was. What really happened at Hawke's Bay when he got hurt, was not, as thought at the time, that he had merely wrenched his leg. A Government vet. who saw the horse some months later declared that the small bone of the leg had been slightly splintered, so I learn this week for the first time. There was nothing of this to be discovered at the time by examination, but the attempt to train the horse later on caused a certain amount of inflammation, and the limb now seems to be permanently weak as Gipsy Grand gambols about the Elderslie paddocks. Time, and time only, can now effect a cure, and this may possibly result, but with an active and heavy horse of his stamp it is impossible to keep him in condition and ensure rest, and as I understand the position there is nothing left for it but to leave Nature and the horse to fight out the matter between them. In the meantime there is no fear of Gipsy Grand's splendid qualities being wasted. He is the natural successor of his famous sire, good old Grandmaster, and as such he is getting rare opportunities at Mr Reid's stud farm, several choice mares, including some belonging to Mr Stead, having been booked for his services, in addition to Elderslie mares.

In the presence of nearly fourteen thousand people the twenty-third renewal of the Kentucky Derby was run at Louisville, Ky., Wednesday, May 12. A heavy rain which fell the day before rendered the track heavy, and the unpropitious weather kept many persons away. Six horses started in the race, namely, Ornament, Typhoon II., Dr. Catlett, Dr. Shepard, Goshen, and Ben Brown. Ornament was the favourite at 6 to 5. Typhoon went out in front at the flag fall and set a killing pace, nearly racing the field off their feet. He was never headed, winning by three-quarters of a length from Ornament, who, driven out, was two lengths in front of Dr. Catlett. The time, 2.12½, was fair, considering the condition of the track. The winner is a chestnut colt by imp. Top Gallant—Dolly Varden.

## Inter-Provincial.

### CANTERBURY.

#### Amberley Steeplechase Club—Grand National nominations—Quiltiri—Highlander.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 22.

At the annual meeting of the Amberley Steeplechase Club on June 14th, the balance-sheet showed a credit of £124. A race meeting was fixed for August 26th.

The nominations for the Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase show a falling off in numbers, but if half the horses nominated go to the post the races should be well worth seeing. The only Canterbury horses in the Steeplechase are Highlander, Dundonald, Gillie, and Te Kooti, while we can only supply seven out of a field of thirty-nine in the Hurdles. Canterbury is badly off for jumpers this year. Unless our horses are leniently treated by the handicapper, the big prizes will be won by the North Island horses. Social Pest is the best hurdler here. Since he won the Maiden Hurdles last year he has performed well in good company. He is reported to be doing all that is required of him.

Quiltiri is jumping well, and seems to take kindly to the game.

Highlander will be reserved for the big jumping events. So far he has shown that he is as much at home when jumping big fences as he was when flying small sticks.

Chaos and Arquebus are both entered in the Hurdles. The latter at present is the better fencer of the pair.

### WELLINGTON.

#### Wellington horses for Napier—Illness of "Gipsy King"—Loveshot—The Wellington Steeplechase Meeting.

WELLINGTON, June 21.

John Prosser took First Result and Boreas to Nelson on Friday last. First Result has accepted for the Hurdles, but will probably only start in the Hack Handicap. Boreas has accepted for the two flat events. He is not entered at The Hutt, and whether Mr Prosser missed the night of entry I cannot say. First Result is not in the jumping races at The Hutt, but has been entered in the hack events.

Mr Geo. Slater ("Gipsy King") lies seriously ill in the Palmerston North Hospital.

Loveshot will not be sent to Nelson, but his stable companion, Raupo II., journeys across for the hurdle and hack handicaps.

The entries received for the Wellington Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting, compared with last year, are as follows:—Stewards (1896) 22, (1897) 15; Winter Hurdle Handicap, 20 and 24; Maiden Steeplechase, 14 and 2; Parliamentary Handicap, 24 and 22; Hunters' Hurdles, 23 and 8; First Hack Handicap, 18 and 22; Hutt Flying Handicap, 23 and 17; Wellington Steeplechase, 22 and 23; Hunters' Steeplechase, 12 and 4; Winter Oats, 26 and 22; Trial Steeplechase, 19 and 13; Hunt Club Bracelet, 18 and 7; Final Hack, 19 and 32; total (1896), 260; (1897), 211. The falling off is principally in the Maiden Steeplechase, Hunters' Hurdles, Hunters' Steeplechase, and Hunt Club Bracelet. Weights are due on Saturday next, and acceptances on the following Friday, when entries must also be made for the Maiden Hack Race. Entries for the classic races close on Tuesday, 29th inst.

Jack Hunter, formerly head lad with W. Davis, has taken J. Taggart's stable at The Hutt, and has Alf. Crossie's team (The Guardsman, Lady Agnes, and Putangata) to start on. Alf. is making a great display at the Ranfurly Hotel to-morrow night.

At a meeting of the Greytown Hospital sports committee, the protest against General Booth in the Hospital Stakes was upheld, and the stakes awarded to Mr H. Porritt's Kingdom Come.

### HAWKES BAY.

#### Fred Collins' string—Illness of Cuneen—Allan-a-dale—Gold Cup—Harmony—The H.B. Hunt Club—Flintlock.

NAPIER, June 18.

Fred Collins has got a large string under his care at Greenmeadows, they consist of Popgun, Forest Rose, Drury Lane, Ironclad, Morag, and a two-year-old filly by Renald out of the Anteros mare, Maratiki. Old Robinson Crusoe is also at Collins' place, and is looking well and hearty despite his years.

I am sorry to say that Ted Cuneen is lying very ill at Waipawa, suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy. His friends, and their name is legion, will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Allan-a-dale (Lord of the Isles—Krina), who a couple of seasons ago annexed a few races, has been doing stud work at Flemington, the residence of Mr Fleming, in the Waipukurau district. It is more than probable that he will take up his place on the training track very shortly.

Gold Cup is being well looked after during her compulsory retirement. She is located at Wai-pawa, and while indulged in a run in the paddock during the day she is stabled at night, so that when her term of disqualification expires she will be in good trim to start operations on.

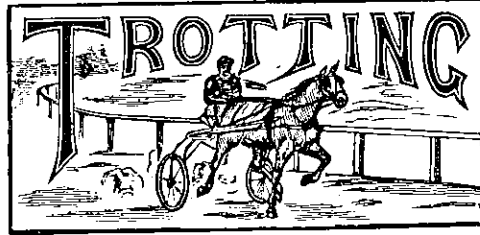
Mr F. Moeller has leased Harmony from Jack Cuneen, and he has been nominated in Mrs Moeller's name for the Bracelet, which comes up for decision at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter Meeting. I may say that Mr Moeller

has only the lease of him for the one race. He is, in conjunction with his stable mate Mairua, located at Napier Park. Alick Mitchell is superintending the operations of the pair.

A remarkably fine-looking four-year-old chestnut son of the New Zealand Cup winner in 1890, Wolverine, arrived from the South last week. He claims an engagement in the Bracelet. His dam is an Oamaru-bred mare called Cocoonut, who did some racing in the vicinity of the White City some few years ago.

The Hawke's Bay Hunt Club has decided to hold a meeting at Onga-Onga on July 21st. The programme is exactly similar to that of last year, with the exception that the nominations for the Farewell Steeplechase close at the same time and place as the rest of the events.

Flintlock, the horse leased by the Hon. J. D. Ormond to fill the place of the defunct Dreadnought at the Karamu breeding establishment, arrived by the Tasmania on Thursday. I was not at all favourably impressed with Musket's son, who looks very stunted and plain, his beauty being not at all enhanced by his lop ears. There is this to be said in his favour, the two sons that I have made the acquaintance of—Picklock and Haria—show both size and quality, and I have no doubt that with the beautifully bred mares that will form his harem here he ought to beget something removed from the average.



### OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

#### NORTH ISLAND TROTting ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that your paper has been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for the North Island Trotting Association of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. MILES,

Secretary N.I.T.A. of N.Z.

#### NOMINATIONS.

July 31, Sat. —Tahuna Park Cup

#### TROTting RECORDS.

##### NEW ZEALAND.

- 1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895.  
 1½ miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895.  
 2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 53½sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.  
 2½ miles—Wizard, 6min 36 3/5sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdullah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.  
 3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Specification, 7min 35½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894.  
 4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

##### AUSTRALIAN.

- 1 mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 4/5sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot.  
 2 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 56½sec, in match against Osterley.  
 3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30½sec.

##### AMERICAN (IN HARNESS).

- 1 mile—Robert R. Gentry, 2min 3sec, September 24, 1892  
 2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893.  
 3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 53½sec, October, 1893.

##### AMERICAN PACING.

- 1 mile—Joe Patchen, 2min 3sec, Aug. 21; John R. Gentry 2min 3½sec.  
 2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47½sec, September, 1872.  
 3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33½sec, November, 1891.

#### AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

The Auckland Trotting Club has every reason to be satisfied with the result of its meeting, held on Jubilee Day (June 22), in aid of the Hawke's Bay Relief Fund. It was an excellent opportunity for enjoying sport and for that pleasure to pay money to a laudable object, and when the committee saw such a record attendance at Potter's Paddock they must have been pleased with the success of their design. The management was fairly good, but a most objectionable practice has grown up at Potter's, which, if not stopped, will some day end in an untoward accident. I allude to the practice of allowing people and their dogs to swarm on to the straight. Men, women, dogs, and children were there on Tuesday, and perhaps they will continue to go there until some horse runs amuck amongst the gaping throng. The stand and paddock, it may be remarked for the information of the innocents abroad, were specially designed for the convenience of sightseers, and not the racing track, which should be reserved for the exclusive use of the horses and jockeys. The track is none too big on ordinary occasions, and, to say the least of it, the appearance of a crowd standing half way across it opposite the upper end of the grandstand was unsightly. However, all the other arrangements were good, and although the trots were not very well contested the pony galloping events were exceedingly interesting. Mr Cutts got his fields well away, and Mr A. R. Harris discharged

the duties of judge to the satisfaction of everybody. The sum of £2,517 passed through the machine, and it is certain that the Flood Relief Fund will benefit to a substantial degree by the meeting.

Proceedings were inaugurated with the Handicap Hurdles, for which there were nine starters, the bulk of the public money going on The Dove, but the lightly weighted New Boy, who performed pretty well at the Lake Takapuna meeting, won by two lengths from Helena, with Effie a good third. The last named made the pace for three parts of the journey. The winner paid the nice dividend of £5 7s for 10s.

Duke C. was the only scratching in the Benefit Trot Handicap, eleven being left to face the starter, Sailor Boy and Hurricane being the best favourites, but neither of them were ever dangerous. The Judge, who was on the limit, went away from the word go, and soon had such a commanding lead that the issue was never in doubt, finally winning by nearly twenty lengths from Sailor Boy II., and the despised outsider, Pioke, third. The winner paid the very nice dividend of £5 8s. There was a striking similarity between the tote figures in this race and in the first, the totals being 704 and 702. In the first race there were 59 on the winner, and the dividend was £5 7s. In the second race there were 58 on the winner, and the dividend was £5 8s.

There was not a single scratching in the Hawke's Bay Stakes Handicap, and consequently a dozen faced the starter, and of that number Ranguru was made favorite. Mr Cutts got the lot away to an excellent start, but there was a lot of bumping at the turn and Sneak very nearly came down. Maria established a good lead round the back, Lena being her nearest attendant, but when heads were fairly turned for home, Ranguru ran to the front and won comfortably by nearly three lengths from Maria, who was a length in front of Lena. The time was returned as 1min 31½sec, and the dividend £1 14s. Maria, who was placed second, ran a great race, and had Ranguru been out of the road she would have paid a handsome dividend.

Five was the main in the June Trot Handicap, and nothing would go down with the public but Duke C. and Lord Harold, the latter being the better favorite. Lord Harold, after settling down, soon established a long lead, but from the outset Duke C. trotted in great style. It was a good race until approaching the straight for the last time, and here Lord Harold broke, and Duke C., running to the front, won easily by ten lengths, fifteen lengths between second and third. The time of the winner was 4min 19sec and the dividend £1 5s.

Eight started for the Handicap Steeplechase which was made the medium of a lot of speculation, Little Raven having the most followers. Effie acted as pilot for more than a mile during which Daisy Bell had baulked, while Helena's jockey became unseated. When half the journey had been completed the race was virtually between Little Raven, The Dove, Little Tom, and Fauntleroy, the others being beaten. It was a great race between the quartette, but Little Raven had the advantage as they rounded the home bend for the straight. At the distance Fauntleroy made a game effort to reach the leader, but he failed, Little Raven winning by two lengths, four lengths between second and third, Little Tom fourth, and Effie fifth. A protest against the winner for running inside a post was dismissed. Little Raven paid a dividend of £1 4s.

The Napier Trot was won with ridiculous ease by Hordern, who has evidently improved a lot since he was last seen in public.

A good finish was witnessed in the Benevolent Handicap, Ranguru just managing to get home by three parts of a length from the unlucky Lena. The performance of the winner was full of merit as he got all the worst of the start.

The following are the detailed results:—  
 HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

- 59 Mr P. V. Flexman's g New Boy, 9.0, Quinton ... .. 1  
 57 Mr T. French's ch m Helena, 10.8 Bowden ... .. 2  
 35 Mr E. Stanley's b m Effie, 9.0 ... .. 3  
 Other starters—38 Fauntleroy, 11.12, 27 Little Tom, 10.9, 228 The Dove, 10.6, 91 Cupid, 9.7, 13 Epulet, 9.5, 156 Daisy Bell, 9.0.

Won by a length from Helena, Effie being about the same distance away third. Time, 2min 34½sec. Number of tickets on the totalisator, 704. Dividend, £5 7s.

BENEFIT TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

- 58 Mr W. J. Greenwood's b g The Judge, 30sec, owner ... .. 1  
 186 Mr R. S. Henry's ch g Sailor Boy II., 12sec, Walden ... .. 2  
 18 Mr George Robinson's br g Pioke, 20sec, Sandall ... .. 3  
 Other starters—58 Kapa, 2sec, 176 Hurricane 9sec, 22 Fibre, 15sec, 28 Ingar, 17sec, 112 Vulture, 22sec, 19 Uric, 27sec, 17 Doone, 30sec, 8 Coralie, 30sec.

The Judge ran into front place in the first furlong, and was never headed, winning as he liked from Sailor Boy II. Time, 4min 20sec. Number of tickets on the totalisator, 702. Dividend, £5 8s.

HAWKE'S BAY STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs and a half.

- 263 Mr J. Ramwell's b m Ranguru, 7.12, Gillespie ... .. 1  
 11 Mr T. French's b m Maria, 6.7, Williams 2  
 79 Mr G. Lovett's br m Lena, 9.0, Hogan 3  
 Other starters—105 Norina, 9.10, 177 Sneak, 9.4, 39 Silkworth, 9.2, 158 Bit-o'-Fashion, 8.12, 129 Lady Howitzer, 8.10, 2 Vanity, 7.0, 25 Siwash, 6.7, 18 Sweetheart, 6.7, 17 Disgrace, 6.7.

When the first bend was reached Ranguru assumed the lead, and kept it to the post, winning by a couple of lengths from Maria. Time, 1min 31½sec. Number of tickets on the totalisator, 1018. Dividend, £1 14s.



**JUNE TROT HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.  
 178 Mr R. McBride's b g Duke C., scr., Chatteris 1  
 248 Mr W. J. Greenwood's ch g Lord Harold, 23sec, owner 2  
 30 Mr J. Winter's b g Sandfly, 20sec, owner 3  
 Other starters—6 Uric, 27sec, 37 Doone, 30sec.  
 Won by ten lengths. Time, 4min 19sec. Dividend, £1 5s.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 35 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half.  
 379 Mr T. Brain's blk g Little Raven, aged, 10.8, Hogan 1  
 153 Mr T. Greenwood's b g Fauntleroy, aged, 11.8, owner 2  
 57 Mr J. Wylie's b m The Dove, aged, 10.0, Lett 3  
 Other starters—177 Helena, 11.0; 50 Butterfly, 10.8; 106 Little Tom, 10.6; 64 Daisy Bell, 9.7; 51 Effie, 9.7.  
 Won by two lengths. Protests against Little Raven (for running inside a post) and Fauntleroy (for inconsistent running) were dismissed. Dividend, £1 4s.

**NAPIER TROT HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.  
 41 Messrs. Henry and Walden's r g Horn-dern, 10sec, Sandall 1  
 76 Mr R. S. Henry's ch g Sailor Boy, 8sec, owner 2  
 4 Mr J. Gage's g m Fibre, 9sec, G. Clarke 3  
 Other starters—Carbine, 8sec; 2 Ingar, 10sec; 3 Sandfly, 12sec; 12 Lord Harold, 15sec; Cinderella, 15sec; 12 Little Agnes, 17sec; 9 Bendigo, 18sec; 82 The Judge, 20sec; 264 Miss Graham, 20sec.  
 Won by twenty lengths. Time 3min 5sec. Dividend, £2 17s.

**BENEVOLENT HANDICAP** of 25 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.  
 Mr J. Ramwell's b m Ranguru, 3yrs, 8.0, Gillespie 1  
 Mr G. Lovett's b m Lena, 6yrs, 9.2, Hogan 2  
 Mr P. V. Flexman's New Boy, 6.10, Quinton 3  
 Other starters—Norina 9.12, Sneak 9.6, Bit o' Fashion 9.0, Cupid 8.0, Vanity 7.2, Epaulet 7.0, Sweetheart 6.10, Eclipse 6.7, Maria 6.7, Mal-hallie 6.7.  
 Won by three parts of a length. Dividend, £1 2s.

**CANTERBURY NOTES.**

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

A trotting match between J. W. Starr's General Tracy and W. J. Rae's Sam Slick for £200 aside took place at the Addington Show Ground on Thursday last, June 17th. About 500 were present. General Tracy was favourite. The horses got away well together. Sam Slick was first to take the lead, but after going a quarter of a mile he broke. General Tracy then drew level and passing the stand the first time was fully 80 yards ahead of Sam Slick. At the end of the first mile Sam broke again also early in third round, giving General Tracy, who was trotting very steadily, an advantage of over one hundred yards. The race was over. Tracy gradually increased his lead passing the winning post 150 yards in front of Slick. Time, half-mile, 1min 19sec; one mile, 2min 36sec; one and a half miles, 3min 54sec; two miles, 5min 10sec; two and a half miles, 6min 26sec; three miles 7min 40sec. Tracy, who was well handled by his owner, did not break once during the race.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club was held on June 15th. The chairman stated that after disbursing £4671 in stakes and other expenses, the Club was able to show a profit for the year of £200. As compared with the previous year, the amount paid for nominations had increased from £478 to £796, for acceptances from £392 to £504, totalisator receipts from £1198 to £2259, actual tote investments being £25,793 or nearly double those of previous year. £2331 had been given in stakes as against £1619 in the previous year. Facts like these speak volumes and give great confidence in future of sport. The Club unanimously decided to endorse the action of the stewards in disqualifying J. Loughlin and his horse Count. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Jubilee home for the poor.

**NOTES.**

Robert Lindsley, of St. Louis, a well-known driver of fast horses, says too many trainers try to get condition first and speed afterwards. He says the reverse of this should be practised. Get speed first, and, when you get that, then get condition. Condition is worth nothing without speed. He believes in sharp, short brushes, right along from the start. This jogging along at the same old gait does not develop anything but condition, and not good condition at that, as such condition cannot carry a fast gait far. This is the same system that was practised by Gov. Stanford on all the Electioneers. He says many breeders of horses that ought to have made almost phenomenal speed in their stock have been jogged to death. If they had been rushed short distances at the very top of their speed, they would have developed gaits that would have surprised people. As this is the beginning of the training season, it is well to consider these suggestions. Mr Lindsley says by no means carry the clip far enough to tire the horse. Let him feel like running away all the time, but on the trot or pace instead of the gallop. Of course, he says, shoeing is everything. The horse must be perfectly balanced, so as to go smooth and frictionless.

Clint Nanny, south-west of Hanford, lost, a few weeks ago, one of the largest, if not the largest, young horse (a four-year-old gelding) in the United States. He died from barbed wire cuts. He was measured after he was dead and his height was just one-half inch less than 19 hands. The tallest horse west of the Mississippi river has heretofore been one whose height was 18½ hands, owned by a party at Plymouth, Neb.



MR MARTIN TAYLOR AT HOME.

For racing in single-harness contests, Gentry and Robert J. have specially-fitted bikes weighing 27lb each, and they have one old-style high-wheel sulky which takes one back to the campaigns prior to 1892. It weighs 38lbs, and will be used when Gentry and Robert J. take a shy at Johnston's mark of 2.06½, next summer.—Breeder and Horseman.

News from Chicago is to the effect that the fast pacing stallion, Joe Patchen, 2.3, brought 15,000dols. at the Splan and Newgrass sale on May 4, and was bought by C. W. Marks of Chicago. Another message states that he was bought by James A. Murphy, the owner of Star Pointer. Some Americans think Joe Patchen has as much pace as John R. Gentry, Robert J., or any of the free-for-all brigade, and that he has as good a chance of reaching the 2min record as any of the other Yankee fliers.

The fact that the much-talked-of Tewksbury stable is to be seen for the first time in public at Charter Oak Park on Independence Day promises (states the Spirit of the Times) to attract a record-breaking crowd to the old Hartford course for the Fourth of July meeting. So much has been published about John R. Gentry and Robert J., and the magnificent style in which they are being equipped for the campaign, that everybody is waiting for the time to arrive when the outfit will be on view. Hundreds of strangers have visited Fleetwood Park to see the costly campaigning paraphernalia of the pacing kings. When the entire outfit is unloaded in Hartford from the private palace car in which the horses are to travel, and is placed on view in the tents

at Charter Oak Park, thousands will pass through the gates to see and admire the display. A. J. Welch expects that the Independence Day attendance will not fall short of 25,000. Prospects point to a great race between the pacing cracks. Gentry and Robert J. are in splendid form at Fleetwood Park, and encouraging reports come from Baltimore and New Haven concerning the condition of Star Pointer and Frank Agan.

Here is a little calculation as to relative positions in a race calculated by the records:—If the five pacing kings were to start in a race at a mile, with each horse in condition to equal his best public record, where would they be at the finish? When John R. Gentry reached the wire in 2.00½, Robert J., 2.01½, would be a little more than 44ft behind him; Star Pointer, 2.02½, would be about 87ft up the stretch; Joe Patchen, 2.03, would be 107ft to the rear, and Frank Agan would be a trifle less than 140ft from the wire when Gentry crossed the finish line. In other words, Gentry would beat Robert J. by about four lengths, Star Pointer about nine lengths, Joe Patchen about eleven lengths, and Frank Agan about fourteen lengths. The king of harness horses moved 43.81 feet per second when he paced the world's record at 2.00½. If Trainer E. R. Bowne can drive him just about three inches further each second Gentry will make a record of 2min. The two-minute horse must cover 44ft per second. If Gentry should be able to pace a foot per second faster than he paced last year, he would set the world's record at 1.57½. Thus a slight lengthening or quickening of his stride is all that is needed to enable him to do the trick. In order

to cover a mile in 2min, Robert J. must move a little more than six inches per second faster than than he has been able to do; Star Pointer almost a foot per second, Joe Patchen a little more than a foot per second, and Frank Agan about sixteen inches per second. This system is not infallible, however, as it must be borne in mind that John R. Gentry's record was not made in a race.—American Breeder and Sportsman.

There are numerous cures for galls, cracked heels, etc., but the best one I have ever tried, says an experienced trainer, is:—“Take one ounce of pulverised alum, half-ounce tannin, one drachm carbolic acid and one quart soft water, mix, and dampen the heels every night and morning.” It is also a splendid remedy for hopple galls, as it heals and toughens.

Globe, the celebrated trotting horse, owned by A. Fenneman, died at Baltimore early in May. This horse holds a world's record. He was fourteen years old. He had a single mark of 2.14½, double mark 2.12, and Ed. Geers drove him, Belle Hamlin, and Justina to the present world's record three abreast, of 2.14, at Cleveland, July, 1891.

Nearly a thousand horses have died near Hutchinson, Kansas, this winter from blind staggers, or something much resembling that disease. The animals droop, refuse to eat, and seem to have no idea of distance. They will throw their heads against the stalls, and in getting their mouths into their feed boxes, will strike their teeth violently against the bottom of the box. A post mortem examination shows that the brain has turned to a mass of corruption. Very few recover under treatment. Impure food is supposed to be the cause of the trouble.—The Breeder.



PETER SMITH, A LEADING AUCKLAND CASH CYCLIST,

Photo. by H. Whitnall-Smith

Queen Street, Auckland



**THE HAWKE'S BAY HOUNDS.**

The Hawke's Bay hunters held one of their popular bi-weekly meets at Springhill on Saturday last. Notwithstanding the very uninviting appearance of the weather quite a fair field assembled. Before making a start Mr Rhodes entertained all at lunch. At 1.30 o'clock the hounds were trotted out under the charge of Mr Jackson. By the way of warming things up, for indeed the weather was very cold and wet, Mr Rhodes laid a short drag of about three miles to a place where better sport could be expected. There was scarcely time to check when "puss" got up just in front of the field and took all away at a great pace for higher country, but taking a turn she circled for the big flat in front of the house. Here it was necessary to make some decent fencing, including a formidable wire. Again she turned and retraced her steps and then made straight for the low flats. Here the chase became exciting, as "puss" with only a chain to spare was bobbing dead beat, and a kill seemed certain, but a swollen creek brought hounds and horse-men to check and the huntsman had no alternative but to whip off the pack, much to the chagrin of several members of the hunt. Among those following were Mr H. H. Jackson (huntsman) on Revenge, Mr E. Amundsen (whip) on Frisco, Messrs J. B. Rhodes on Sultan, J. Williams on a bay, T. Ireland on a half brother to Ben B., L. McGreevy on Westmere, F. Newton on a brown, M. Halliday on Tambourine, Master Athol Rhodes on Porangi, Mrs Rhodes on The Phantom, Miss Miller on Barlow.

NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.

Geo. Fowlds' straw hats are cool stylish, and cheap.

Our Illustrations.

THE illustration, Mr Martin Taylor at home, is a picture of the well-known coursing enthusiast standing in front of his own residence with Mrs Taylor and other members of the family with the dogs. The names of the dogs reading from the left are Soft Goods (Merchant—Spruce), Miss Trephen (Rufford—Stormy Night), Master Razzle (Razzle Dazzle—Lizzie Woods), Luck's All (Deceiver—Yorkshire Lass), Alice Hawthorne (Merchant—Spruce), Bess Morley (Brewer—Deception). The figures commencing after the lad with the horse on the left are Miss Taylor, Miss Rayner, Master C. Taylor, Mr Martin Taylor, Miss Maud Taylor and Mrs M. Taylor (or as Mr Taylor himself states "The Duchess.") When taken they were all looking forward to the present season with great hopes, and it may be that there was one among the lot of greyhounds good enough for the New South Wales Waterloo Cup. A picture of Blackthorne is given with his trainer, W. Fox. William has evidently been photographed just when in the act of describing a very well proportioned dog. Blackthorne is the winner of the late Challenge Stakes at Avondale and is one of the N.Z. dogs going over to do battle in the New South Wales Waterloo Cup. Reading from the left the dogs are Maxim, Lizzie Godfrey, Blocthorn, Favonius, Seal Packet, Alice Hawthorn, Master Razzle, Lord Rosebery, Luck's All, and Bessie McCarthy, while among those in charge are Messrs Fox, Fergusson (N.Z. slipper), W. Proffitt, Forward, and Styckes. The good deeds of Mr R. Connop's Tally-ho, winner of the Hawke's Bay Hurdles, entitle him to a place, while Ilex, who finished second, is also depicted. A photo is given of Mr Peter Smith, a well-known Auckland csh cyclist and agent for the "Albert" cycles. The photo of Mr J. L. Le Breton, touring manager for the St. John and Hayman Company is also given. He has just completed an extensive season in Australia as touring manager for Mr Irve Hayman, who has been travelling the colonies for the past ten years. Before joining Mr Hayman Mr Le Breton held the position of business manager for Mrs Harrie Marshall during her successful season in Sydney, and seven years prior to that he was a commercial traveller, and represented many well-known firms. The photo. of Mr R. Scott, proprietor, of the Royal Mail Hotel, Victoria Street, Auckland, is dealt with in our Licensed Victuallers' column.

The Hobart Mercury of June 4 says:—"The regulations recently framed under section 13 of the Suppression of Public Betting and Gaming Act, 1896 (60 Vic., No. 7), having come into force on the 1st inst., and "Tattersall," Mr George Adams, having complied with the first condition by depositing the sum of £10,000 with the Government as a guarantee of the bona fide nature of his transactions and for his due observance in carrying out the regulations a license has been issued to him by the Government to conduct lotteries in Tasmania. At the first drawing under these regulations, a consultation on the Ellersmere Stakes, run at Randwick on the 5th inst., which took place yesterday morning at Tattersall's office, the Under-Treasurer, acting on behalf of the Government, and accompanied by the Secretary of the Law Department, attended, and expressed complete satisfaction at the clear and fair way in which the proceedings were carried out.

Before the Betting Bill was calmly blocked by the goodies of Macquarrie Street, J.O.B. in the Sydney Mail wrote:—"The Betting Bill now before the New South Wales Parliament will do good if it induces sensible men to see that in all societies there are certain things that can be regulated but not suppressed. It is through inability to perceive this fact that half the unwise legislation of the world has been enacted. At one time it would have been an easy thing for George III. to lead the Yankees; but neither he nor the counsellors could rise to the occasion; they were all for "driving," with its inevitable result. "You cannot put down the Americans," cried Burke in the House; but few believed him till Cornwallis and his men plied their arms outside York Town. So with us, there are things that can be easily kept within certain bounds, but that defy all efforts at eradication. The liquor traffic is one, wagering is another, and there are some more which it is unnecessary to mention. So it comes that to most persons who look about them and endeavour to form a true estimate of things, the step taken by Mr Leven in our local Assembly is in the proper direction."

The southern trains are daily carrying the much fined small bookmakers Melbournewards (writes "Delaware.") One small man has been fined five times, but hasn't paid a cent. He keeps on betting, and calmly tells the police that he cannot pay. He says he is willing to "take it out," but the Government prefer the fines to his body, and they are telling him to bet away, on the off chance of his "making a bit."

RECORD REIGN.

The loyal subjects of Auckland this week have been most fortunate in the weather, which on June 21st and 22nd was all that could be desired. It is scarcely within the province of a sporting journal to go into particulars of the magnificent display of loyalty, but whilst citizens generally vied with one another in giving effect to brilliant illuminations it is but right that we should pay more than a passing compliment to the publicans of the city, as nearly every hostelry added very materially to the brilliant scene. Amongst some of the best displays in the centre of the city were those at the Albert Hotel, the arrangements of the Chinese lanterns were very pretty, while just lower down the Thistle looked very well. The decorations at the British were pretty, and Messrs Stimpson and Russell's lanterns in Vulcan Lane had quite altered the generally dull appearance of the neighbourhood after nightfall. Mr Kidd at the Commercial presents a pretty gas display, while the lion rampant at the Imperial attracted a lot of attention. The decorations at the Waitemata, the Thames, and the Waverly Hotels all completed a brilliant display in Queen Street.

A NOVELTY.

In connection with the brilliant display on Tuesday night the novel exhibition carried out by Mr Hazard on behalf of the proprietors of the SPORTING REVIEW, created a vast amount of interest. The display consisted of the despatch of ten balloons from the vacant piece of land opposite the Public Library, and to each balloon, which was inflated with heated air, was attached a REVIEW cheque for £1. It was a lovely evening for such a display, but unfortunately Mr Hazard had a lot to deal with from the unruly spirits who had assembled near the spot from where the balloons were liberated. These hoodlums, when each balloon was despatched, discharged stones at it regardless of consequences, and one man sustained a lacerated wound on the head from one of the missiles. Many of the balloons were injured by the stones, but the display on the whole was an excellent one, some of the balloons reaching a high attitude and drifting in a southerly direction, hordes of youngsters following so long as the light of the aerial messenger was visible. A couple of the balloons took fire, but whether the cheques escaped the results is not at present known. So far only one cheque has been recovered, that being attached to a balloon which found a resting place on one of the highest trees in the Domain. It was rescued on Wednesday morning. A lantern display of pictures that have appeared in the REVIEW entertained the large crowd which had assembled in Wellesley Street while awaiting the despatch of the various balloons.

The ring at Flemington on June 12, says the Age, was strengthened by the presence of several of the leading Sydney pencilers, who have been driven out of the sister colony because of the rigorous application of the law against betting. Their visit will be welcome from a backer's point of view, as the competition they will create will conduce agreeably towards longer odds. The tendency has been for some time, especially at suburban meetings, to cramp prices, the bookmakers becoming very cautious when they found manipulators stopping several horses in a race and backing the winner. Fortunately that practice is not so rife now. On Saturday the prices laid about different horses were, everything considered, far more liberal than they have been for some time.

Cambooya, the Trenton horse purchased by Mr M. H. Devlin, of Silver Pipes, a couple of years back, claimed, if I mistake not, says "Taranaki," his first winner at the Maribyrnong (Vic.) races on June 10, when his 2-year-old daughter, Camrose, starting a solid favourite, accounted for a big field in the Trial Stakes, 5 furlongs, slipping over the journey in the smart time of 1min 2 1/2 sec. Mr Devlin, no doubt, made a happy choice when he selected a strain of the great Musket blood to mate with the Sunrise maids. Sunrose, the dam of Camrose, is a daughter of Sunrise, so the services of a descendant of Musket should prove a success with the grand-daughter of Maribyrnong.

Racing ponies, racehorses, jockeys, bookmakers, owners, punters, tip-slingers, and all sorts and kinds of race course habitués are preparing to leave this city of the beautiful harbour (Sydney) for Melbourne. Money, and plenty of it, will go with them and follow them, consequently our loss is Melbourne's gain. Pity we couldn't export a few parsons and parliament men over to New Guinea, where the fever bites quick and often, and the niggers are not at all particular when they are hungry.—"Delaware."

Racing Results.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

The weather was fine and the attendance large. Results:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles. Rhino... 1 Toriki... 2 Dividend, £1 10s.

DIAMOND JUBILEE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Once round. Martyrdom, 9.13 ... 1 Penrose, 10.0... 2 Cour de Lion, 9.7 ... 3 Dividend, £7 12s.

LADIES' BRACELET, a bracelet of the value of 80 sovs. Two miles. Belford ... 1 Capon Rouge ... 2 Te Ngaehc ... 3 Dividend, £5 3s.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles. Tally-Ho, 10.11 ... 1 Ilex, 11.3 ... 2 Napoleon, 9.12 ... 3 Dividend, £6 15s.

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 45 sovs. Two miles and a quarter. Coastguard, 11.9 ... 1 Claymore, 12.13 ... 2 Repo, 12.4 ... 3 Dividend, £11 6s.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. Greenstone, 9.0 ... 1 Erena, 9.0 ... 2 Drury Lane, 10.2 ... 3 Dividend, £3 12s.

JUNE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. The Artist, 10.9 ... 1 Penrose, 10.5... 2 Nukurau, 9.3... 3 Dividend, £4 9s.

WRESTLING.—AN EXCITING STRUGGLE.

A wrestling match between Harry Pearce, of Coolgardie, and Lucifer, the American athlete, at Perth, came off in the beginning of the present month. The stakes were £100, and the conditions were that the men were to wrestle in three styles—Greco-Roman, Catch-as-Catch-Can, and to toss for the choice of the third style. Lucifer was attended by Professor Segny. The men had met previously at Coolgardie, but neither gaining a fall the contest was declared a draw. During the first bout, which lasted 15min, neither contestant gained any advantage over his opponent. On resuming both went down in turn. Pearce broke away cleverly, and then put Lucifer down, but left him there. He could do nothing with the American on the floor. When they got together again Pearce picked Lucifer up and threw him down again, and in a few seconds he got him down a second time, but a desperate struggle ended in the referee disallowing a claim for a fall. Pearce shortly afterwards brought Lucifer down again, and, with the aid of a half-Nelson, Pearce gained a fall, amid great excitement.

Catch-as-catch-can followed. Pearce got to work quickly, catching his opponent round the neck, but Lucifer turned the position in his own favour, and in 6 1/2 min got the hammerlock on Pearce's leg, and by a wonderful feat of strength forced Pearce over on to his back and equalised matters—one fall each. Both men were now greatly distressed.

The third bout was, by mutual consent, in the Greco-Roman style. Pearce, using his knowledge against the strength and agility of his more agile opponent, eventually got the strangling hold, but Lucifer tore himself out, amid loud applause. Pearce rushed Lucifer, and got the strangling hold again. A desperate and exciting struggle followed, but Pearce held on, and Lucifer was gradually going over. Pearce claimed the fall, and told the referee that it would be bad for Lucifer if he did not give it. When the referee (Mr Reany) gave the fall it was realised that Pearce's advice was good. Lucifer was almost choked, and he had to be carried to his chair. He was in such a condition that his seconds abandoned further wrestling, and the referee declared Pearce the winner. The decision was received with loud cheering. The time occupied in wrestling was about an hour and a half.

Flushed by the success of their Sydney black-coated friends, the Melbourne goodies are starting in to deal with cash betting in the land of cabbages. They have a rough task ahead of them, as the two great Melbourne dailies—the Argus and the Age—are, like sensible newspapers, in favour of cash betting on the racecourse.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs McLeod and Cleland report the noticeable feature of the week is the backing of Euroclydon and the short price accepted before the weights, namely: 100's to 7 and 8. The best price now on offer is 10 to 1. The following are the ruling quotations:—

Table with 2 columns of horse names and odds. Includes Euroclydon, Daystar, Waiuku, St. Cyr, Defiant, Huna, and others.

Messrs Barnett and Grant, Christchurch, report having done the following business for the week on the

N.Z. STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLE RACE. Table with 2 columns of horse names and odds. Includes Mutiny and Jewel, Mutiny and Quiliri, Levanter and Ulster, etc.

And smaller lines, the ruling prices of the Grand National doubles now being 500 to 7 1/2.

MELBOURNE AND N.Z. CUPS. Table with 2 columns of horse names and odds. Includes Coil and Culverin, Fleet Admiral and Daystar, etc.

"The importation," says Messrs Wertherby, "of a number of horses and mares bred in the United States of America and in Australia, a few of which will remain in studs in this country, may have some effect on stock bred here, but the pedigrees of these horses, though accepted in the Studbooks of their own country, cannot in all cases be traced back to thoroughbred stock exported from England, from which they all claim to be, and from which, no doubt, they mainly are descended; these animals are, therefore, in these cases, marked with reference to their own Studbooks."

Commenting on this the Sportsman has the following to say, which shows that the writer has the correct hang of the situation:—"This is an excellent step in advance, and one which has, in substance, been frequently urged in these columns. Prior to the publication of the new volume, a very anomalous state of things prevailed, for American horses or mares were admitted to our Studbook without demur on a pedigree certificate from Col. Bruce, who owns the American book; but Australasian animals were refused admittance notwithstanding their having pedigrees similarly certified by Messrs Yuille, of Melbourne, unless they could at all points be traced to the Old Burlington Street records. This seems distinctly unfair treatment of our Colonial friends as compared with the Americans, for while many of the Australasian pedigrees are, like Clorane's, imperfect, it is highly probable that this is due merely to carelessness of such matters in the early days of the colony, and that the animals lost trace of were clean thoroughbreds imported from England; but in America the position is much more serious from the point of view of our Studbook, for by far the greater number of mares in their (that is, Col. Bruce's) first volume are of confessedly native American origin, and it is not correct to say that they even 'claim to be' descended from 'thoroughbred stock imported from England.' They can, in short, be proved to be not thoroughbreds, whereas all that can be said against some of the Australians is that you cannot prove that they are thoroughbred. The great Lexington had three strains in him, and Foxhall has four, yet there is a lot of this blood in our Studbook now."

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[BY ORPHEUS.]

**OPERA HOUSE: ST. JOHN AND HAYMAN'S DRAMATIC COMBINATION IN "THE VAGABOND."**  
 On Wednesday evening a capital house witnessed the performance of an excellent piece, staged and acted in most creditable style. The company is a compact body of competent performers, and the cast on the present occasion proved eminently satisfactory. "The Vagabond" reminds one very strongly of "The Black Flag," played by the Dampier Company in January, 1893, plot, characters, and writing being in many respects identical, but the action in the present production is a decided improvement on the older piece. Unlike most melodramas the interest is sustained throughout, the curtain falling upon a striking situation at the close of each of four good acts. Here is a brief outline of the plot:—Dunstan Peyton (Mr John Bruce), a wealthy squire, has married the widow of a convict with one son, who is brought up as the squire's son, under the name of Jack Peyton ("The Vagabond.") His own son, Will Peyton, is indulged and favored in every way. Jack is noble and kindhearted; Will is a weak-kneed scoundrel. Both love Leslie Grey, the squire's niece and ward, "a ten thousand quid heiress," as Simeon Jacobs, a Hebrew financier, calls her. Leslie prefers Jack to Will, and the squire, after disclosing his stepson's parentage, turns him out of the house. Will has forged his father's name to a bill, and Simeon Jacobs persuades him to rob the old man. Jack, leaving the clothes (which his stepfather taunts him with wearing as a charity gift) in his bedroom. Will disguises himself in them, and robs and nearly murders the squire. He deceives everyone except Simeon Jacobs and the sailor boy, Ned, whom Jack has saved from a brutal muster, who appears with the bundle of clothes which Will has endeavored to sink in the river. The evidence in defence of Jack would seem to be ample, but, nevertheless, melodramatic necessities compel his conviction. He is serving his time at Portland, where Simeon Jacobs is also undergoing a long term. The latter threatens Will Peyton with exposure, unless he aids him to escape. Will arranges a plan in which Ned's former master (Captain Dalton, of the Seagull) is to assist. Leslie Grey, assisted by Adolphus Barnum and his charming wife (late Patty Perkins, landlady of The Lion Inn), let Jack know of the intended escape, and both prisoners get away and are concealed by Dalton in a smuggler's cave. Dalton, determined to be revenged on Jack for his rescue of Ned, wishes to betray him and yet earn Will Peyton's bribe for the escape of Simeon Jacobs. The faithful old Ned saves Jack, but is shot by Dalton. Will Peyton's crime and deceit are disclosed by Jacobs, and poetic justice ends a really stirring and smartly written play. Taking the characters in programme order, Mrs Harrie Marshall plays Leslie Grey with sweetness and striking emotional power. She is endowed with a charming stage presence, and is an accomplished and graceful actress who will, I think, shine even more brightly in higher class roles. Miss Madge Corcoran made a naive and dainty Patty Perkins, but, if anything, was too refined and lady-like for the landlady of a village inn. Miss Marie D'Alton had a difficult and thankless part in Mr Peyton, but made the most of it. Miss Dora Mostyn, as Ned, the waif, merits the very warmest praise for a bit of character work, in which true pathos, humour, and simplicity were artistically blended. Miss Mostyn's Ned is quite worthy to be ranked with Miss Jenny Lee's famous Jo. Dunstan Peyton found a capable exponent in Mr John Bruce, who played with consistent power throughout an exacting role. Will Peyton, the curiously complex villain, is one of the most artistic bits of work ever achieved by that consistently reliable actor, Mr Charles Field. Jack Peyton, the high-minded, witty, generous, and rollicking "vagabond," who vicariously suffers for the sins of his polished scoundrel of a step-brother, is so natural a portrayal that one is convinced of Mr Bert Bailey possessing a disposition overflowing with the same genial and noble qualities. Mr Joe Polano made a distinct hit as Adolphus Barnum, whose poetical tags and gags "on the spur of the moment" roused peals of laughter. Mr F. E. Putey was excellent as the brutal skipper, Dalton. Warder Jones was very capably played by Mr P. Owen Donoghue. The Stone-faker was a clever bit of character acting by Mr Ernest Franks. Last and best of all, Simeon Jacobs, something more than the customary exaggeration of the typical stage Hebrew, was in the able hands of Mr Irve Hayman—an exact presentment of the shrewd, calculating, vulgar, money-lending "Sheeny," who has no objection to shady transactions so long as his own fingers are not burnt. His characteristic courting of Patty Perkins, his altercation with the stern Squire Peyton over the forged bill, and his antics when working as a convict in sackcloth and broad arrow, deservedly won tremendous applause. His Coptological attainments, malingering apperperceptual fit were immense, and Simeon Jacobs will not soon be forgotten by the thousands who enjoyed his quaint vulgarity and original humours.

tractive setting can make an audience forget the poverty of the performance. But "Parson Thorn," whether classifiable or not, was doubtless well chosen by the management for the opening of the holiday week. With a large and heterogeneous house, it "caught on" directly the curtain rose. The plot is perhaps a little thin, and wanders occasionally into some inaccuracies as to matters of legal procedure, but we forget the demands of mere common sense when we are face to face with Mrs Harrie Marshall's dainty comedy and Mr Irve Hayman's truly excellent fooling. As Folly Bishop, Mrs Marshall has a part which hardly does justice to her powers. But, in her hands, the ex-ballet girl, married at last to an old buck with money, is very cleverly treated, and as with the development of the plot, the lighter side of the character is gradually lost in the deepening pathos of events, we learn to love Folly Bishop and realise that Mrs Marshall has the true artistic faculty. In point of fact I wished that poor Folly could have taken a little longer to die, for Mrs Marshall has the art of compelling tears, and I am so seldom moved in this way myself that a little thing like that is quite refreshing. But if Folly Bishop is the lead of the piece, Parson Thorn is a close second, and Mr Bert Bailey showed us his real quality as an actor in his conception of this difficult part. The parson who had been almost wrecked on the rock of "curly piety" at college, and now wants to reform—the parson who is a man first and a clergyman afterwards—found a capable exponent in Mr Bailey, and had the house with him from the start. Of Mr Hayman's Paddy O'Quirk I need only say that he was so inimitable an Irishman that it was difficult to believe that the same lips had given us the patter of a stage Hebrew a night or two before. Miss Marie D'Alton was a delightful Dorothy Thorough-

On Saturday last the City Hall was well filled by a crowd of happy children and friends, the occasion being a matinee, at which Mr F. Clarke gave an interesting lecture on "The Story of the Longest British Reign," illustrated by splendid lime-light views, appropriate songs and music, etc. Over a hundred children from the orphanages were present by invitation, and the entertainment proved a brilliant success.

**MRS HARRIE MARSHALL.**—Some particulars of the career of this brilliant young actress, whose portrait appeared last week, will doubtless prove interesting. Mrs Marshall is the daughter of Mr James Thynne, for many years a distinguished actor, but now holding an appointment in the Civil Service at Brisbane. Histrionic talent and beauty are marked features in the family. Two sisters—Lillie (Mrs J. J. Archer) and Daisy (Mrs F. J. Smith)—retired from the stage on their marriage. Addie is the wife of Mr Irve Hayman, who is consequently Mrs Marshall's brother-in-law. Jack (the youngest) is married to Mr Harry Plimmer, who shortly contemplates visiting New Zealand. Although only twenty-three years of age, Mrs Marshall, who made her debut when very juvenile, has great stage experience, having actually been lessee, in partnership with Mr Alfred Woods, of Her Majesty's Theatre at Sydney, surely a record achievement in theatrical progress. Married in 1892 to Mr Harry Marshall, the brilliant young New Zealand actor, whose untimely death from consumption but three years after proved a terrible shock to the young and loving wife. Mrs Marshall attributes all her success to the teaching and experience of her accomplished and talented husband. They played together with brilliant success, chiefly in Queensland, the climate suiting Mr Marshall's



[BY DIOKEN.]

I had a chat with Jim Pratt, the old New South Wales slipper, the other day, and he waxed eloquent on the subject of coursing in the old days in Victoria and New South Wales, and he recalled the pleasant memory of Sir W. J. Clarke giving him a cheque for fifteen guineas for slipping at a one day's meeting, but he sighed when he remarked that very different men crept in to the game and intrigued to take one another down. That, said Pratt, ruined the sport in Australia for the time, because the good men went out of it. When coursing got to a low ebb in Australia Pratt came to New Zealand, but here found that the sport was beginning to languish from very much the same cause that had temporarily crushed it in Australia. This was particularly observable in the South, and during the late Challenge Stakes meeting at Avondale it was quite apparent that there were bad influences at work. Pratt speaks in terms of praise of Avondale as a well-furnished plump, while he had never seen better hares, and for all this he thought coursing men were very much indebted to the Avondale slipper, Jim Ferguson.

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good, and all the other characters exhibited a high level of excellence. The blood-curdling realism of Mr Field's villainy as Wyldo Crewell, and the love-making of the village policeman (Mr Tolano) were also greatly appreciated by an audience which was kept in good humour for three hours. Nevertheless, I am persuaded that there are ladies and gentlemen in the St. John and Hayman combination who are capable of giving us much finer work than "Parson Thorn" either needs or deserves.

**CITY HALL: MR DIX'S MONDAY POPS.**—On the first "Illumination Night" an immense audience was delighted with a choice and patriotic entertainment. Mr Cooper's myriorama of Record Reign events was splendidly shown and received. The entire audience joined with the performers in singing "God Save the Queen," which produced a grand effect. Capital songs were given by the Misses Carrie Knight, T. A. Hargreave, E. L. Featon, Kathleen Hand, and Messrs. A. Taylor, Robin Hay, M. Lewis, etc., while Miss Lily Thomson accompanied the various items with her wonted taste and ability. Next Monday night Mr Dix has more novelties to produce.

On Thursday evening Mr Arthur Boulton gave a musical At Home in his tasteful rooms in the A.M.P. Buildings. Selections were performed by a number of Mr Boulton's pupils, who displayed a marked improvement as the result of but three months' tuition. Some thirty friends were present, who thoroughly enjoyed the music and the dainty refreshments provided by their host.

delicate chest better than any other. At Brisbane, three years ago, "The Governor" ran for twenty-one nights, a record run for that city, Mrs Marshall playing Carrie. Among many successful roles, Beatrice Fane in "Impulse," Polly Eccles in "Caste," Naomi Tighe in "School," Dolly Baggs in "To the West," Eugenie Douglas in "Monte Christo," and Camille in "La Tosca" are numbered as brilliant triumphs in Mrs Marshall's career. She much prefers legitimate comedy to melodrama. In spite of many severe sorrows Mrs Marshall is bright, charming, and natural, and a most delightful raconteuse, having an infinite variety of amusing anecdote. She is a wonderful mimic, and once took off to the life her great friend, Mrs. Brown Potter, in one of her most famous roles. No one was more delighted with the success of this *tour de force* than the original herself. "Orpheus" has never met a lady so modest in self-appreciation. Although as manageress she might have taken unto herself every star part, it has been her invariable custom to allot the best roles to those she deemed most suitable, often contenting herself with shining as a lesser luminary. Such rare self-denial is meeting its reward, and undoubtedly a great future lies before one who is maturing brilliant natural gifts by patient toil and incessant literary study. *Elle ira loin*, and deserves to.

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NEW ZEALAND CUP of 1500 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, including Antares, Addington, Blackpool, Belligerent, Bloomer, Britomart, Blarney, Colt, Gorton-Fairy, Chaos, Culverin, Chasseur, Cannonshot, Daystar, Douglas, Deffiance, Dauntless, Defiant, Epaulet, Euroclydon, Fabulist, Fulmen, Giroffa, General Wolfe, Haria, Huna, Leda, Lady Anna, Lord Zetland, Lord Roslyn, Linkshot, Matarawa, Marquis of Zetland, Miss Anna, Mauser, Monte Carlo, Mountebank, Mars, New Forest, Oma, Picklock, Primula, St Ouida, St Conon, St Paul, St Cyr, Sir Launcelot, Searchlight, Skirmisher, Sandi, Strathbraan, Tasmania, Telemeter, The Brook, Tire, Toxa, Woodstock, Wakelyn, Waiuku, Waterstone.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR TURF CLUB SPRING MEETING.

CAULFIELD CUP of 2000 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Victorian Amateur Turf Club Spring Meeting, including Acton, Akarini, Amberite, Anrum, Alva, Athlone, Archielie, Ailsa Craig, Ayrshire, Argent, Blue Cap, Bunyan, Bonnie, Battalion, Benedict, Boscobel, Burleigh, Beau Brummel, Beverley, Burraburri, Birkagate, Bundock, Batchler, Blackwood, Battalion, Caribina, Clover Hill, Courage, Cremorne, Canal, Coil, Canoona, Clive, Clarion, Concussion, Devon, Don John, Devoted, Dreamland, Euroclydon, Elected, Elswick, Excel, Elnorte, Eri Queen, Fiend, Fleet Admiral, Fen de Joie, First Ascot, Foliage, Fucile, Gaulus, Hopscotch, Hindoo, Hear Hear, Hymettus, Homespun, Josephine, Kallatina, Key, Kobold, Keera, Koha, Loyalty, Locksmith, Lord Richmond, Luster, Leather, Laura, La Carabina, Lucullus, Lebel, Lieutenant, Manfred, Mischief, Miss Gladstone, Mora, Monitron, Miraculum, Malto, Metford, Moth, Majestic, Moonbyong, Morocco, Mirella, Nudity, Nor-east, Newman, O'Trigger, Paul Fry, Pilot Boy, Pickles, Pivot, Preston, Pinfire, Patriot, Parthenopeus, Prince Carbine, Province, Positano, Phidias, Resolute, Royal Admiral, Reliance, Rosella, Response, Reka, So-and-So, Sabrina, Swivan, Straightfire, Sunbury, Superior, Sortie, Steward, Snapshot, St. David, Survivor, Staffs, Sundial, Treador, Trent, Trentmoor, Tapioca, The Captain, Toxteth, True Blue, The Hypnotist, Te Com, The Grafter, The Chevalier, Theodore, Trentalto, The Musketeer, Vayon, Valiant, Virtue, Veritas, Waibine, Woodbine, Wenlock, Woodford, Wait-a-bit, Watercolor.

VICTORIAN RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

MELBOURNE CUP of 3000 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Victorian Racing Club's Spring Meeting, including Action, Admirer, Alabacuna, Alva, Amberite, Amnesty, Argent, Athlone, Anrum, Ayrshire, Babar, Battalion, Benedict, Bengal Tiger, Blackwood, Bluecap, Bundock, Bunyan, Burleigh, Canol, Carbineer, Clarion, Cohort, Coil, Concussion, Courage, Cremorne, Delaware, Devon, Devoted, Don John, Dreamland, Earl Queen, Elected, Elnorte, Elswick, Euroclydon, Fairlight, First Ascot, Fleet Admiral, Fucile, Gaulus, Havoc, Hear Hear, Hindoo, Honiton, Hopscotch, Hymettus, Josephine, Kallatina, Keera, Key, Kobold, Koha, La Carabine, Libel, Locksmith, Lord Richmond, Lord Salisbury, Loyalty, Lucullus, Luster, Majestic, Manfred, Marungi, Mato, Metford, Miraculum, Mischief, Mona, Moonbyong, Morocco, Motto, Nor-east, Nudity, Ocarix, O'Trigger, Parthenopius, Patriot, Paul Fry, Phillip, Pinfire, Pivot, Positano, Preston, Prince Carbine, Province, Reka, Reliance, Resolute, Response, Rhymier, Ronda, Roschel, Rosella, Royal Admiral, So-and-So, Sortie, St. David, Stewart, Strathjoy, Strathspey, Sunbury, Sundial, Superior, Swivan, Tapioca, The Chevalier, The Grafter, The Hypnotist, The Merry Boy, The Musketeer, Toreador, Toxteth, Trent, Trentalto, Trentmoor, Tricolour, True Blue, Valiant, Veritas, Victoria, Virtue, Voyou, Waibine, Wait a Bit, Wallace, Woodbine, Woodford.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 650 sovs. Three miles and a half.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting Steeplechase, including Levanter, Perform, Freedom, Pyrites, Bootles, Rhino, Mutiny, Dromedary, Ulster, Morag, Kingswood, Rangipai, Gillie, Dummy, Flirt, Violence, Nat, Kaitoa, Highlander, Dundonald, Bradshaw, Tally-Ho, Muscatel, St Simon, Te Kooti, Claymore, The Friar.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES of 500 sovs. About two miles.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting Hurdles, including St Anthony, Jewel, Social Pest, Nectar, Tuhiwai, Monte Carlo, Sen Serpent, Dummy, St Simon, Penrose, Kaimau, Missfire, Hippomenes, Levanter, Don Joseph, Agent-General, Rangipai, Sylvia Park, Dentist, Umslopogaas, Muscatel, Prairie Grass, Annabelle, Arquebus, Voltigeur, Ulster, Fireworks, Drury Lane, Ilex, Donald McKinnon, Golden Plover, Slaiden, Tally-Ho, Flirt, Prince Charlie, Melinite, Quiltari, Chaos, Sylvanus.



A GROUP OF SOUTHERN DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS AND TRAINERS.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. About two miles and a half.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Beaufort Steeplechase, including Kawai, Highlander, Kingswood, Rangipai, Gillie, Ulysses, Rhino, Violence, Peter Simple, Claymore, Levanter, Perform, Dundonald, Bradshaw, Tally-Ho, Dummy, Te Kooti, Clarence, Kaitoa, Morag, Undesirable Bill, Freedom, Pyrites, Bootles, Muscatel, Mutiny, Dromedary, Nat, The Friar.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUBS WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—The Artist, Kalmea, Tuhiwai, Bowshot, Salvo Shot, Brennan, Mauser, Belligerent, Seabird, Voltaire, Sir Agnes, Bloomsbury, Seabreeze, Maremma, The Onyx.

WINTER HURDLES, two miles.—Levantier, Rangipai, Dundonald, Freedom, St. Anthony, Redberry, Donald McKinnon, Slaiden, Roderick Dhu, Melinite, Storm King, Prince Charlie, Mahara, Umslopogaas, Huntingdon, Flirt, Prairie

Grass, Pyrites, Dummy, Muscatel, Napoleon, The Plug, Missfire.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a quarter.—Tricky Jack, Coastguard.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one mile and a furlong.—Bonnie Blue, Fireworks, Martyrdom, The Artist, Sylvia Park, Loveshot, Man-o'-War, Kalmea, Tuhiwai, Penrose, Bowshot, Salvo Shot, Brennan, Mauser, Belligerent, Voltaire, Sir Agnes, Muscatel, Iolanthe, Maremma, The Onyx, Missfire.

HUNTERS' HURDLES, one mile and a half.—Rainbow III., Tricky Jack, King of the Downs, Barbarossa, Claymore, Daisy Bell, Coastguard, Rambler.

SECOND DAY.

HUTT FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Mauser, Belligerent, Sea Bird, Voltaire, Sir Agnes, Bloomsbury, Seabreeze, Maremma, Onyx, Brennan, Man-o'-War, Bonnie Blue, Sylvia Park, Loveshot, Bowshot, Salvo Shot.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE, three miles.—Bradshaw, Dundonald, Kingswood, Freedom, Levanter, Fleetwood, Rangipai, Trita, Toreki, Austral, Much Ado, Claymore, Mahara, Kaitoa, The Friar, Huntingdon, Flirt, Highlander, Py-

rites, Dummy, The Plug, Dromedary.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a quarter.—Fleetwood, Tricky Jack, Coastguard, Rambler.

WINTER OATS, one mile.—Missfire, The Onyx, Maremma, Iolanthe, Muscatel, Sir Agnes, Voltaire, Belligerent, Mauser, Brennan, Salvo Shot, Bowshot, Penrose, Tuhiwai, Kalmea, Man-o'-War, Loveshot, Sylvia Park, Slaiden, Artist, Fireworks, Bonnie Blue.

TRIAL STEEPLE, two miles.—Barman, Freedom, Cheque, Pyrites, Highlander, Glenelg, Coastguard, Huntingdon, Mahara, Roderick Dhu, Toreki, Redberry, Rainbow III.

HUNT CLUB LADIES' BRACELET, two miles on flat.—Ripa, Coastguard, Claymore, Barbarossa, King of the Downs, Tricky Jack, Rainbow III.



Touching the Fitzsimmons v. Corbett fight, thus the Medical Press and Circular:—"The deciding buffet was evidently one administered over the celiac plexus, called 'a blow on the heart,' really on the stomach. The referee described it as 'an under-arm punch,' just below, and slightly to the right of, the heart, which is, being interpreted, the pit of the stomach. By the laws of the ring the blow is a fair one. By the laws of common humanity, however, it is a cowardly outrage little short of a deliberate attempt at assassination. The fatal nature of a severe blow to the network of visceral nerves, known as the celiac plexus, makes such punches as those which finished Corbett among the most deadly that can be inflicted with fist. By the way, what have the anti-vivisectionists to say to this brutality inflicted by man upon man?"

The athletic events in connection with the military tournament of Tuesday and Wednesday were too late in the week to come on for notice in these columns, but will be given attention next week. It might, however, just be mentioned that Lieutenant Lewis, champion amateur sprinter of the Australasian squadron, was amongst the competitors, being on the scratch mark, with R. Oliphant, on the 100yds and 300 yds events.

At a recent meeting of the council of the New Zealand Amateur Association the following records were passed:—A. H. Holder, 120yds Hurdles (16sec) and 440yds Hurdles (58 4-5sec) at the N.Z. Championship; Hori Eureka, in pole jump, 11ft 0 1/2 in at the A.A.A. and C.C. sports of March 31st.

At the annual general meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association, held in London on April 24th, the only business of real importance on the agenda paper was the recommendation from the sub-committee that, in lieu of the old rule which read "a competitor who asks for or receives expenses ceases to be an amateur," the following should be substituted—"a competitor in athletic competitions, other than the A.A.A. Championship or bona fide international inter-club, inter-team, inter-college, or inter-school contests, who asks for or receives travelling expenses ceases to be an amateur. No club, society, or managing body promoting an athletic competition shall either directly or indirectly pay or offer a monetary consideration to, or the travelling expenses of, any competitor in such competition. Clubs, colleges, or schools shall be answerable for any payments made them, and, if called upon to do so, shall produce full details of the same and accounts to the A.A.A. (North, South, or Midlands) committee." This caused a discussion of considerable length, but was finally carried by a large majority.



BLACKTHORN AND HIS TRAINER, W. FOX.

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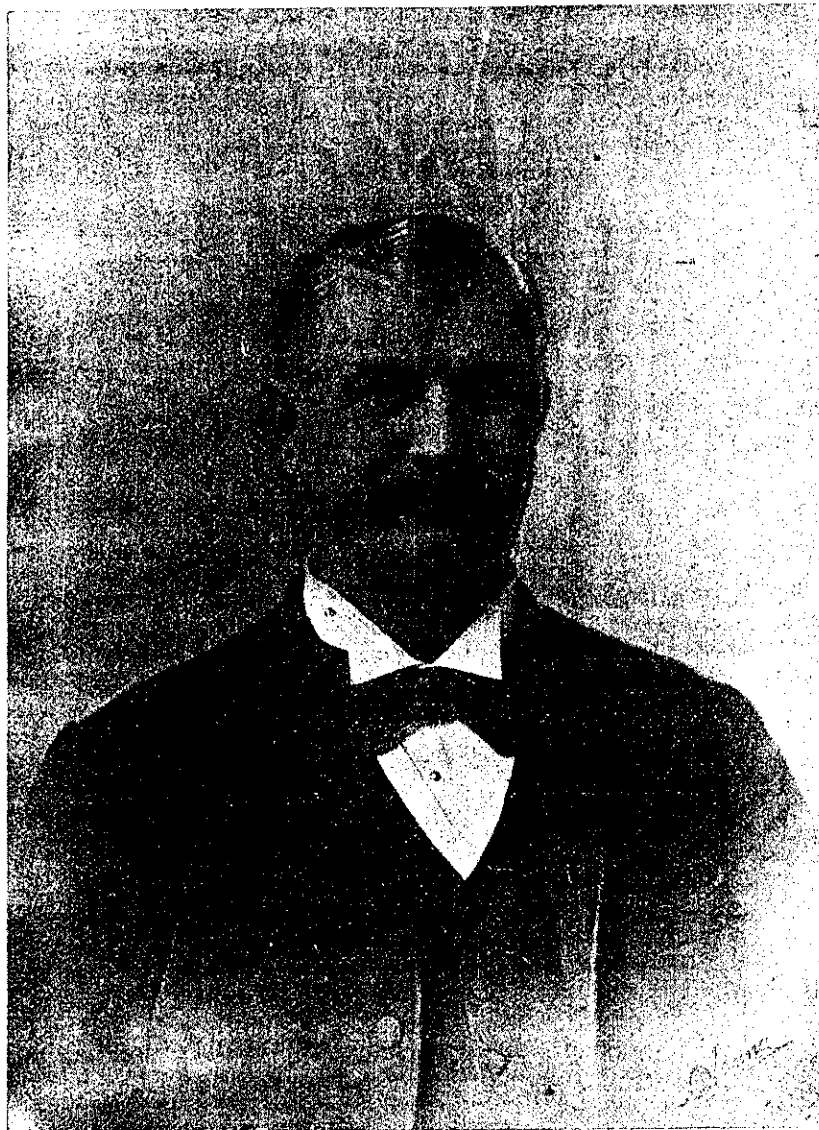
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## TRADE PROGRESS.

DURING the reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria the trade of the British Empire has expanded to an extent far in excess of its growth in any previous time of similar duration in the nation's history. At the time when the Queen ascended the throne the colonies were in their infancy, and New Zealand had but a handful of Europeans within her boundaries. It is only the very oldest residents who can form any accurate estimate of the great difference between the state of things as they existed, say forty years ago, and the great progress and high state of civilization as presented to us in the year of grace, 1897, and in nothing is this advancement and progress more strikingly manifest than in the hotels and hotel accommodation which is obtainable in all parts of the colony. Fifty years ago the hotels in the cities were mere shanties, and we are informed that the whole hotel accommodation in the colony was only what was provided for by less than 100 bed-rooms. In the outlying districts even worse shanties existed, where various compounds were dispensed to bush men and whalers, the whole arrangements being primitive in the extreme. To-day there is no settlement of any importance that has not ample accommodation for all travellers, and everywhere a sojourner can find "his comfort at his inn." In the cities and boroughs, and in some of the large settlements, palatial structures have been erected, and taste and refinement is everywhere observed; in fact, it is authenticated by tourists and others that in no place in the British dominion can better hotel accommodation be found than in this colony. At the present time there are over two thousand bed-rooms in the hotels in the city of Auckland and suburbs, which goes to show the amazing growth of the Trade, and the successful efforts which have been made to provide for customers and patrons. A majority of the best of the hotels are built of brick or stone, thus minimising the risk of fire; notwithstanding this, fire-escapes and all the modern appliances are attached to provide for rapid exit in the case of a conflagration. Perhaps in no other trade is competition so keen as amongst hotel-keepers. This is evinced by the number of "officers" from the respective hotels canvassing for custom on the arrival of every steamer into our large ports. This competition ensures first-class viands and liquor. The manufacturing of beer has been equally rapid and gigantic in its growth. When the Queen was crowned the beer industry in New Zealand was not worth considering, and years after, up to the early sixties, it was utterly insignificant in comparison with its present dimensions. Its importance and value to the colony was infinitesimal as valued side by side with what it is to-day. We remember wandering into the Provincial Council in Auckland in the year 1865, and the Council was debating a motion to impose a heavy duty on English or any imported beer, in order to protect and foster the local industry. We well remember one member, a sturdy old Scotch free-trader, who, adversely criticising the motion, said, "I dinna ken what hon. members mean by calling the manufacturing of

beer in Auckland a local industry, for you import the malt, you import the hops, you import the sugar, the salt, the casks, the coal, and it seems to me the only article of local industry is the water." At that particular time this statement was mainly correct, but to-day many thousands of bushels of barley are yearly made into malt, the growing of which gives employment to hundreds of farm hands in New Zealand, and is one of the greatest sources of wealth possessed by the farmers of this colony. The hop industry, too, has made rapid strides, especially in the Nelson provincial district, where the work associated with the hops causes the whole place to appear a perfect hive of indus-



MR. R. SCOTT, PROPRIETOR OF THE ROYAL MAIL HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET WEST, AUCKLAND.

Photo. by J. R. Hanna

Queen Street, Auckland.

try in the gathering season. The quality of the beer, too, has greatly improved, and our local firms have taken prizes for their products, one of them against the whole world, at a great exhibition held in a neighbouring colony, and the old opprobrious name of "colonial swipes" is rarely, if ever, applied to the colonial article, as made and publicly dispensed at the present time. Then there has, as a matter of course, been a large increase in the number of hands employed, and we are informed that one firm in Auckland pays over £11,000 annually in wages alone, whilst over three-quarters of a million sterling has been invested in the trade in Auckland. Taking the Trade as a whole, those engaged in it were first and foremost in action *re* the Jubilee celebrations, many having gone to considerable expense for illuminations and other demonstrations. In fact, it is safe to say the Trade is loyal to the core, and always has been. We heartily congratulate the brewers, the hotel-keepers, and the Trade generally on the great progress that has been made during the Record Reign, and we feel assured that the progress in future will be greater than that which has so pleasantly distinguished the past.

## THE L.V. PORTRAIT GALLERY.

Mr R. Scott was born near the town of Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was, at the age of fourteen years, engaged in a large mercantile house in the City of Dublin, where he remained until the term of his apprenticeship was completed. He was then appointed a buyer for the firm, his transactions being conducted principally in London. In the year 1878 he left the Old Country for New Zealand, and, on arrival here, he was engaged in one of the largest mercantile firms in New Zealand, and continued in the same line of trade up to the year 1888, when he left for Sydney. In that city, and subsequently in Melbourne, he still continued in mercantile operations. In 1891 he returned to this colony, where he represented five of the largest manufacturing firms in Great Britain for a term of about four years. In 1895 he retired from mercantile enterprises and became the proprietor of the Royal Mail Hotel, Victoria Street, Auckland, one of the oldest family and commercial hotels in the city. Since taking possession of this popular hostelry Mr Scott has spared neither trouble or expense to make it a popular and comfortable house, and the testimonials he has received from his patrons prove to demonstrate that his efforts have been crowned with unqualified success. The hotel has twenty-six large well-ventilated bedrooms, together with four sitting-rooms, a large smoking-room, and the nucleus of what will soon be a large library, as the latest books and periodicals are added to it every month. There is also a large billiard-room, which contains one of the best tables in Auckland. The house is well provided with fire escapes of the most modern character, and a night-porter is always in attend-

Mr Geo. B. Lusk, well known in football circles in Sydney and Wellington, is taking over the Empire Hotel, Palmerston North.

The Otaki Licensing Bench has decided to charge a fee of £2 2s for all "conditional" licenses to racing clubs, etc., in the future, which directly or indirectly will come out of the club's funds.

The hotel at Castlecliff, a fast-growing popular seaside resort of Wanganui people, will be under the care of Mr Bennett, formerly of the Fordell Hotel, during the next summer season, Mrs Baker, the former proprietress, having sold out to the above-mentioned gentleman.

Mr Alfred Crosse offers a reward of £200 for information in connection with the attempt made to burn down his house, the Ranfurly Hotel, Wellington. The building, which is owned by Mr Allen Maguire, is insured for £1000, and Mr Crosse's stock and furniture are covered by a policy for £450 in the Royal Exchange office.

Mr L. Cloggie, who has just sold out his interest in the Okaiawa Hotel to Mr Dan. Barry, of Hawera, has, together with Mrs Cloggie, been spending a few days in his old house, The Egmont, at the latter town. Needless to say Mr and Mrs Cloggie found hosts of old friends to welcome them during their brief stay.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotelbrokers, report the sales of the following properties:—Mr Thomas Proctor's interest in the Empire Hotel, Palmerston North, to Mr G. B. Lusk, well known in athletic and commercial circles in Wellington; Mr T. Cotter's interest in the Makuri Hotel, Makuri, to Mr E. Crosby, late of Bulls; Mr G. H. Jones's interest in the Clarendon Hotel, Picton, to a local resident.

Unusual interest was taken in the proceedings of the recent Licensing Bench at Wanganui. The proprietors of the Rutland and Albion Hotels were both subjected to exceptionally severe cross-examination in the witness box. Both licenses were granted.

Mr Thomas Brown, who has recently taken over the Commercial Hotel, Pahiatua, has been long and favorably known to the public, and a more genial and popular boniface it would be hard to meet. The Commercial is most centrally situated, and in close proximity to the Post and Telegraph Offices. It is also the centre for the mail coaches. The house, which is a large one, has been renovated throughout, and Mr Brown is now in a position to offer the very best accommodation to the travelling public. Success to Host Brown.

The world-famed firm of Guinness, Son, and Co., Limited, porter brewers of Dublin, has donated £2000 in connection with the Queen's Jubilee. £500 has been given to the Jubilee Nurses' Fund, and the balance, £1500, is to be distributed between the Dublin hospitals.

Dr. Youl, the Melbourne City Coroner, does not believe in "colonial tippie." Sitting upon the body of a disappointed party of four score, he elicited from a witness during a careful examination that the deceased was a temperate man, only "taking a little colonial gin as a medicine." After carefully considering, the doctor gave it as his opinion that if deceased had stuck to London gin he might have lived to 120.

Some people might be inclined to believe that the prohibitionist is not amenable to a feeling soft enough to be entitled to the name of sorrow, but according to a Press message these dictators to the people at Palmerston North are bowed down. The message reads:—"At a meeting of Palmerston prohibitionists held on June 16, some discussion ensued *re* the Press Agency telegram report of the Rev. E. Walker's remarks at Nelson concerning the Palmerston North proposals to the New Zealand Alliance. All present felt the deepest regret that Mr Walker, speaking from a distance, should have cast reflections upon the proposal, which he evidently completely misunderstood.

Mr Howard Paul is responsible for this anecdote of Lillian Russell:—"The fair vocalist was lunching at a restaurant and ordered "floating island," a popular *entremet*. In due course it arrived, and on its snowy surface three little red ants were having a cheap picnic, and wriggling about in ecstatic contortions on the banquet they were enjoying. "Waiter," said Miss Russell, "I asked you for an island, but I said nothing about its being inhabited. Take it away and bring me a *dessert* island."

London possesses a certain number of restaurants where (says a writer in the *National Observer*) a really fastidious man might dine or lunch with satisfaction, but where guests from the conventional London world are rare. These establishments are kept either by Frenchmen or Italians; and their distinctive feature is that the nationality of the *patron* communicates itself to the entire premises, and seems repeated in the majority of the guests. In the more fashionable haunts, such as Willis's Rooms or the Savoy, we feel, as we eat, that the Continent has come to London. As soon as we cross the thresholds to which we are now referring, we feel that we have, at a single step, left London for the Continent. The first things that touch our sense are certain strange un-English smells, which stir the imagination like the murmur of a foreign language, and make London and England recede from us to some delightful and incalculable distance. Then on our eyes come crowding a thousand details—the thick white china, the looking-glasses, the red plush, the painted flowers on the ceiling, the hideous electro-plated champagne-coolers standing on one of the chimney-pieces, the handwriting on the *menu*, the cut of the waiters' hair. These all set memories in us of life in other cities dancing like autumn leaves. And as soon as we are able to look round at the company this agreeable excitement is increased. . . . It is a foreign world for ever lying at our doors; and the mere sight of it at times will so touch the imagination that romance will hang like a rainbow in the atmosphere of a London restaurant.

## TRADE TOPICS.

Mr A. Raynes, for so many years proprietor of that popular and healthily-situated house, The Terminus, at New Plymouth, intends shortly taking over the White Hart, and will run the two houses. The present proprietors of the White Hart (Mr E. Le G. Jacob) contemplates taking a trip to the Old Country.

The Railway Hotel at Wanganui, next the boatsheds on Taupo Quay, which has just been taken over from Mr John Mahoney by Mr Peter Hartshorn, is at present undergoing extensive alterations and repairs, which, when finished, will make the house a thoroughly up-to-date one.

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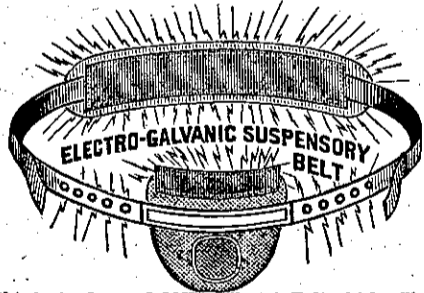
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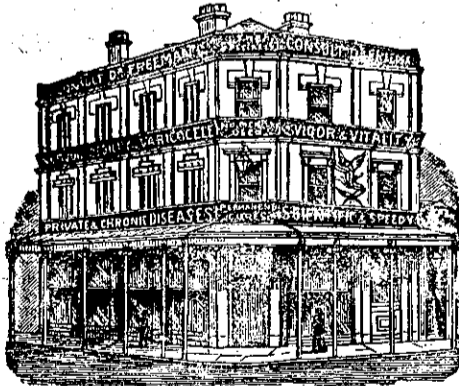
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