



The Auckland Yacht Club lost the records of the club since its inception by the recent fire on the Wharf. The books and papers burnt included the minute book, the records of all races held under the club's auspices, and the list of members. Mr R. S. Reynolds, the treasurer, will be able to supply a list of past and present members from his private records, but the minute book and racing matter are lost for ever.

A suggestion has been made which should meet with the approval of the various yacht clubs. It is that the first boat to cross the winning mark should receive a flag. This is to prove that, though a loser by time allowance, the winner of the flag occupied a prominent position in the race.

The West End Rowing Club had a rare time at the annual Ponsonby Regatta. The West End crews won every gig race on the programme. A good deal of the success is due to careful training. On Saturday the second trial fours of the season will be rowed. Over sixty rowers will compete, five boats will be used, and there will be five races during the afternoon.

The Waitemata-City Club has received the new racing gig ordered from Messrs Edward and Sons, of Melbourne. The members are well pleased with the new craft. Several crews are now in active training for the trial fours at the forthcoming regattas.

The race for yachts' dingies, which was ordered to be rowed again by the Ponsonby Regatta Club, came off on Friday evening, only Messrs Parker and Hughes going to the starting post. Messrs W. Edwards and S. D. Hanna acted as starter and judge respectively. A number of those interested congregated on the balcony of the W.E.R.C. boathouse, the course being the usual trial four-one of that club. A good race ensued for part of the way, when Hughes, who rowed a better course than his opponent, went to the front and won very comfortably.

The Ponsonby Navals and the crew of H.M.S. Torch made no attempt to settle the question of supremacy, as suggested by Mr Masfield, the judge at the Ponsonby Regatta. The Torch men could make no arrangements to row the race over again; so the Ponsonby men invited them to a dinner and smoke concert, and the battle was renewed across the festive board. This was an excellent way out of the difficulty, and if the Torch men felt any soreness on account of the drifting of the mark boat it must have been smoothed away by the hospitality of the Ponsonby men.

The sculling championship of Victoria, which took place on Monday, resulted in an easy victory for Chapman, of Dunedin. The New Zealand had only one opponent (Browne, of Victoria), but his win need not be depreciated on account of the numerical smallness of the opposition.

New Zealand has also been to the fore in yachting events in Victorian waters. Mr Palmer's yacht Te Uira on Monday beat Lord Brassey's Helen over a 22-mile course by 15min, the owners sailing. Te Uira was built by Messrs. C. and W. Bailey, of Auckland. She has had a most successful career in Victorian waters, having won five-out of the seven races in which she has started on the other side.

Not quite satisfied with the defeat administered by Meteor at the Ponsonby Regatta, Mr Dufaur, the owner of Kotiri, put down £25 for a match. The challenge was at once accepted, and the race was sailed on Saturday. The course settled by arrangement was from the end of Queen Street Wharf, round the buoy off Brown's Island; thence round the black buoy off Rangitoto Reef; back to Queen-Street Wharf; thence round a mark boat below the Bastion, and finishing off the end of Queen-Street Wharf, the total distance being about twenty-one miles. Mr John Wise man was judge, Mr D. Carver umpire, and Mr C. P. Murdoch the starter. The match between the two new 30-footers aroused very considerable interest, and crowds gathered together on the Wharves, at Campbell's Point, and on Mount Victoria to witness the race. There was a pretty strong blow from the north-east, which caused a considerable sea. Punctually at one o'clock Mr Murdoch despatched the boats, which crossed the line together. Kotiri was sailed by Mr John Logan, and Mr John Kissling looked after Meteor. Going to Orakei Bay the full strength of the wind and sea was felt, and both boats broke off a bit, Meteor making more leeway. Kotiri rounded the Brown's Island buoy first by 15sec. The Rangitoto buoy was reached by Kotiri 8sec in advance of Meteor, which was some 12 or 13sec behind as the Queen-Street Wharf mark-boat was rounded. During the second round Meteor did much better work, and travelling very fast she was 32sec ahead of Kotiri at the Bastion mark-boat. The run home was then commenced, both going at a rare bat. When off Hobson Bay Kotiri's spinnaker carried away; it was very smartly recovered, however, and a grand finish resulted in Meteor arriving home first by 54sec. As she had to allow Kotiri 52sec she thus won the match by the narrow margin of 2sec. As the competitors passed the Wharf they were vociferously cheered by the assembled crowds.

During last week the gelding Leo met with such injuries that his destruction was found necessary. He had been left to graze in a paddock, and in attempting to jump the fence he fell, and, landing on stones, he injured one of his knees so badly that the "friendly bullet" had to be brought into use. Leo gave promise of being a good hurdler, but his jumping propensity brought about his end.



[By Stonewaller.]

The third round of the Auckland Cricket Association Championships was brought to a close on Saturday last, when United, Parnell, and Auckland Fifteen scored wins over North Shore, Gordon, and Auckland Eleven respectively. The positions of the senior teams at the present juncture are as under:—

Club.	Played.	Won.	Lost.
Parnell...	3	3	0
United...	3	3	0
North Shore...	3	1	2
Gordon...	3	1	2
Auckland Fifteen...	3	1	2
Auckland Eleven...	3	0	3

On the form at the present time United seem likely to repeat their performance of last year and carry off the Cup.

The greatest turn-up of the season to date was Parnell's victory over Gordon, in which, on the previous week's play, the Eastern suburbs did not appear to have a hope. However, the unexpected happened, brought about in no small measure by a combination of unlooked-for circumstances. Firstly, Gordon, after putting on 126 on the first day's play for the loss of four wickets, failed to carry the total beyond 159, an addition of only 33 runs for the remaining wickets (one man short). Then Parnell, seizing the "straw," made the most of it, put on 118 for the loss of five wickets and declared the innings closed, thus taking the apparently poor chance of getting rid of Gordon in the next hour for less than 63 runs—this being the number the latter required to win—and they did it. Pabst and Kelly were unavoidably away, Kyd was not fit to bat, and Ford, for some reason best known to himself—probably under the impression that his side would get the required number easily enough without his services—absented himself from the field some time during the afternoon. Consequently, the seven wickets left went under for 58 runs three minutes before the call of time, Gordon thus losing the day on the completed game by 5 runs, whereas if there had been a man present to keep the sticks from falling, time would have run out, and the game would have gone to Gordon by a substantial majority on the first innings. On the other hand I must congratulate the Parnellites—who snapped up every chance—on their capital fielding, also Lawson (43, not out), Mills (22), and Totman (22) for piling on the runs by good cricket, the former in particular forcing matters.

The United Eleven whipped North Shore in hollow fashion on the first innings play, running up 192 against the suburban players 67, a majority of 125.

Stemson, who reached 77 before succumbing low to Warren, played sterling cricket for his quota, while Marshall also played in nice style for his contribution of 30.

The Auckland Fifteen gave the Eleven of the same club a rare shaking up, winning by thirteen wickets, and then—to add to the drubbing—gave them considerable leather-hunting. Rubbing it in with a vengeance, surely.

For the winners Hill batted remarkably well, but his style is hardly as taking as effective.

Stevenson, the recently-promoted colt, took six of the senior wickets for 28 runs, and if he continues performing with the ball as at present the Eleven will not be able to keep him out.

The team to represent Auckland against Canterbury will be chosen on Saturday. As mentioned elsewhere the preliminary eighteen have not been putting in much practice, but with men in such buckle as Kallender, D. Hay, Mills, and one or two others, they are bound to be a strong batting side.

The Canterbury representative cricket team for the North Island tour, which will reach Auckland in time to open their match against this province on the 27th, will embrace the following players:—C. Boxshall, C. R. Clark, L. T. Coberoff, C. W. Gerrard, W. C. Pearce, A. Sims, A. E. Ridley, H. C. Ridley, D. Reese, F. Wilding, J. Wheatley, and W. C. H. Wigley. The following players signified their inability to make the trip:—J. D. Lawrence, F. S. Frankish, and F. C. Stevenson. The committee reserved to themselves the right to make alterations in the team, should any of the selected fail to attend practice regularly. Speaking of the selection the cricket writer of the Christchurch Press says:—"From what I can gather the above selection has been fairly well received in cricket circles in Christchurch, although, as is universally the case, there are some who adversely criticise the team. Of late, Clark, Sims, and Wheatley have hardly shown their best form with the bat, but as far as the last-named player is concerned, it must be stated that he has been given out leg before-wicket in his last two innings for scores of 1 and 4, but previous to that he showed good form. Sims has not batted so well since he went off towards the close of last season, but the better the class of match he plays in he appears to rise to the occasion, and he may regain his form before the tour starts. Clark has done but little with the bat, but he is worth his place in the team on account of his fielding, added to which he should prove useful as a change bowler. Wigley fairly played his way into the team by his performance on Saturday. Apart from Boxshall, the wicket-keeper, all of the others are likely run-getters. The bowling does not read as very formidable, as, although several trundle fairly, there is not a bowler of the calibre of Robertson amongst them. If the team fail to return with an unbeaten record, they should at least render a good account of themselves.

It will certainly not be the fault of the Aucklanders if the Christchurch reps do not win the match here, as the eighteen chosen so far have shown very little disposition to indulge in prac-

tice. Some of the eighteen I have never yet seen at the nets.

The Giffen controversy has assumed such different phases that it is difficult to say what is the exact position just now. The writer has carefully studied all the newspapers, and he finds that Giffen has a bad knee, but, under certain circumstances, the knee can rapidly recover. Giffen has certainly had a difference with Ben. Wardill, but, although the two are considerably estranged just now, the great George still regards deal old Ben as his best-loved brother, and is prepared to weep on his neck at a week's notice (cheque enclosed). There is truth in the rumor that George sticks out for an extra £50, but it isn't a money matter; George will gladly play, and pay his own expenses if necessary, provided the team elects him captain and allows him to bowl unchanged for three years—and he'd like to bat for a similar period without being given out. And yet people talk learnedly about "the Giffen difficulty."—Sydney Bulletin.

Mr Henniker Heaton has advised Mr Smith, secretary of the New Zealand Cricket Association, that there is every probability of the English Parliamentary team visiting New Zealand, but nothing definitely will be fixed until March.

"Long Tom" Rokemin Richardson may yet be the founder of a school of bowlers in Australia. At a club pennant match in Melbourne the other day it was noticeable that two bowlers on one side had developed the long Richardson gallop up to the wicket, and the Richardson delivery. But they managed to keep a more consistent length than Thomas.

The New South Wales cricket team mentioned some time since as likely visitors to this colony will not come this season, having now decided to defer the tour until next year.

"Cricket Critic": It is very evident that, with a fair share of luck, the Englishmen will win the majority of the test matches, owing to their undoubted superiority in catching. Just look at the matches already played—Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane. While the home teams consistently miss catches, the visitors snap up nearly every possible catch offered by their opponents; in fact, in the Sydney match, I don't believe the Englishmen dropped one "possible" during the two innings! It won't do to give men like Ranji or McLaren two or three "lives." The innings of the former at Adelaide and the latter at Brisbane are object lessons. Both were missed before they'd scored! Result, over 180 a-piece at the finish. By the way, Ranji, so far is the only Englishman who has made 100 runs or more without a chance—viz, in the second innings against N.S.W.

#### A WRESTLING MATCH.

On Friday last Arthur Skinner and J. W. Sutherland, with friends, met at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, and the outcome was a match between the pair, the following articles of agreement being signed and the money deposited with the Editor:—"This is an agreement between J. W. Sutherland, of New Zealand, on the one part, and Arthur Skinner, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the other part, to wrestle a mixed style match for not less than £20 a-side, on a date to be fixed as soon as a suitable place is secured. The middle-weight championship to be included in the result, A. Skinner at the present time being holder of the title in the South Island. The styles to be "catch-as-catch-can," "Cumberland," and "Græco-Roman," three falls at each style, the winner of two out of the three styles to win the match. Each contestant to have a second, the referee to be mutually appointed on the day of the match, his decision to be final and binding without recourse to law. On signing this agreement a deposit of £5 a-side to be made, and the balance of £15 a-side to be placed in the hands of the Editor of the SPORTING REVIEW not later than the day previous to the date of the match." There can be no doubt as to the genuineness of the match, and as there is not much difference in the weights (6lbs in favour of Sutherland), there should be a splendid contest, and it is to be hoped that a suitable place will be engaged for the struggle. The spirit in which the men met was excellent, and when the articles of agreement were signed the mutual hope was expressed that the better man would win.

#### NORTHERN GUN CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon the Northern Gun Club invited a large number of friends to witness the shooting at clay pigeons. Mr A. Whitney and Major R. Morrow worked hard to render the meeting the brilliant success it proved. Mrs A. Whitney and other ladies provided delicious afternoon tea and mountains of strawberries with oceans of rich cream. Mr W. Suttie carried off the principal prize, Dr. Owen coming second. The ladies tried their hand afterwards, Miss Olive Tilly bringing down two birds, and Mrs A. Whitney one, a clever shot with the second barrel.

#### BOXING.

Joe Goddard and Sharkey decided their match in San Francisco on Nov. 20. The Australian was knocked out in the sixth round. On this the Bulletin says:—"Australians who know anything of the game did not expect Joe Goddard to stand much show against Sharkey. Goddard ever depended upon his power of taking punishment and his stamina to pull him through, and a man who fights in that fashion is no good after the first blush of youth and strength. Mick Dooley and Joe Choyanski both got their rights on to Goddard, bringing him down; but he pulled round and beat them by main strength. As Sharkey has all Goddard's old-time devil, with science added, the sailor-man's victory over the worn-out slogger was a foregone conclusion.

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