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### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, 1898.

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.  
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase value 50 sovs at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and 1 sov each at the post. About two miles and a half.  
Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.  
Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs each, with a final payment of 4 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.  
Selling Steeplechase of 100 sovs. Entrance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 7lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 2lb. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs, allowed 7lb; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowance. About three miles.  
Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.  
Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

SECOND DAY,  
MONDAY, JUNE 6th, 1898.

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.  
Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.  
Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.  
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 5lb penalty. About three miles and a half.  
Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.  
Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About two miles and a half.  
Second Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlongs.

### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING. 1898.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898, by 9 p.m.  
**NOMINATIONS.**  
Grand National Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs  
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap ... 2 sovs  
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1898, (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.  
**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Grand National Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs  
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap ... 3 sovs  
**NOMINATIONS.**  
Maiden Hcp Steeplcs 1 sov Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov  
Winter Welter Hcp ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov  
Selling Steeplechase 2 sovs Tally-Ho Handicap ... 1 sov  
Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Steeplechase ... 1 sov  
Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov Second Winter Welter ... 1 sov  
Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Handicap ... 1 sov  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898, by 9 p.m.  
**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Maiden Hcp Steeplcs 2 sovs Maiden Hcp Hurdles 2 sovs  
Winter Welter Hcp 2 sovs Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1898, at the post.  
Grand National Hurdle Race ... 4 sovs  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, by 12 noon at Racecourse  
**ACCEPTANCES.**  
Maiden Hcp Hurdles 1 sov Tally-Ho Steeplcs ... 2 sovs  
Pony Hcp Hurdles ... 1 sov Second Winter Welter ... 2 sovs  
Handicap Hurdles ... 3 sovs Handicap ... 2 sovs  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, at the post.  
Great Northern Steeplechase ... 5 sovs

### DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1898.  
Grand National Hurdles Great Northern Steeplechase  
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1898.  
Maiden Steeplechase Hcp Handicap Maiden Hurdles  
Winter Welter Handicap Pony Hurdles Handicap  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, Morning Herald.  
Handicap Hurdles Tally-Ho Handicap  
Second Maiden Hurdles Tally-Ho Steeplechase  
Second Winter Welter.

WM PERCIVAL,  
Secretary, A.R.C.

### WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 24th AND 25th, 1898.

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

### PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 24 (Queen's Birthday).  
Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.  
Wanganui Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course. Distance, about three miles. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lbs. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 5 sovs.—To start at 12 45 p.m.  
Hunter's Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters, vide Definition of Hunters. Distance, about three miles, over such course as the Stewards may direct. Gentleman riders. Lowest weight, 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 1 45 p.m.  
First Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. About two miles and a distance, over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 2 30 p.m.  
First Hack Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Vide Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s.—To start at 3 p.m.  
Suburban Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 3 45 p.m.  
First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide Definition of a Hack.—To start at 4 30 p.m.

### SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 25.

Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a half. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.  
Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 45 p.m.  
Grandstand Steeplechase Handicap of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs.—To start at 1 45 p.m.  
Hunters' Hurdle Race Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters, vide Definition of Hunters. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Lowest weight, 10st 7lb. Gentleman riders; professional jockeys to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s.—To start at 2 30 p.m.  
Second Hack Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide Definition of a Hack.—To start at 2 45 p.m.  
Final Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts.—To start at 3 45 p.m.  
Second Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide Definition of a Hack.—To start at 4 30 p.m.

QUALIFICATION FOR HUNTERS.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1897, or that have been ridden to the hounds twice in the present season (1898) to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race—hack and hunter races excepted. Master's certificates to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.  
DEFINITION OF A HACK.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of starting, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of starting, nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted).

### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

STEPPLECHASE MEETING, MAY 24 AND 25, 1898.  
MONDAY, 4th April, 1898, at 9 p.m., NOMINATIONS—Flying Handicap and Winter Oats, 1 sov each; Wanganui Steeplechase, 2 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, Second Handicap Hurdles, Suburban Steeplechase, and Grandstand Steeplechase, 1 sov each.  
MONDAY, 2nd May, 1898, on or about, WEIGHTS—Flying Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, First Hurdles, and Suburban Steeplechase.  
FRIDAY, 22nd April, 1898 (on or about), WEIGHTS—Flying Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Suburban Steeplechase, and First Hurdles.  
TUESDAY, 26th April, 1898, at 9 p.m., NOMINATIONS—Hunters' Steeplechase, Hunters' Hurdle Race, First Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, Second Hack Flat, Final Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov each.  
TUESDAY, 10th May, 1898 (on or about), WEIGHTS—For Hunters Steeplechase, First Hack Hurdles, and First Hack Flat.  
TUESDAY, 17th May, 1898, at or about, 8 p.m., ACCEPTANCES—Flying Handicap, 2 sovs; Wanganui Steeplechase, 5 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Suburban Steeplechase, 1 sov; Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; First Hack Hurdles and First Hack Flat, 10s each.  
TUESDAY, 24th May, 1898, at or about 8 p.m., WEIGHTS—Winter Oats, Second Hurdles, Grandstand Steeplechase, Hunters Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, and Second Hack Flat.  
TUESDAY, 24th May, 1898, at 10 p.m., ACCEPTANCES—Winter Oats and Second Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs; Hunters Hurdle Race and Second Hack Hurdles, 10s each; Grandstand Steeplechase, 3 sovs; Second Hack Flat, 10s.  
WEDNESDAY, 25th May, 1898 (on the Course) WEIGHTS—For Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Grandstand Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.  
All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys to go to the funds of the Club. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity. Stakes are paid in full. All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.  
N.B.—The stakes in the above programme are subject to revision by the committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., amount of added money, and conditions. The committee also reserve to themselves the right of altering the dates on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB WINTER MEETING, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY AND TUESDAY, MAY 21 AND 24, 1898.

PROGRAMME.  
FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 21.  
Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.  
Handicap Maiden Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.  
First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14 1/2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.  
Birthday Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 5lb extra; of 100 sovs, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles.  
First Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.  
Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, about two miles.  
Royal Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 24.  
Hack Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.  
Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

Britannia Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.  
Second Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14 1/2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.  
Victoria Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.  
Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Handicap Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, about three and a half miles.  
Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race, after the weights are declared, to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

### NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, by 9 p.m.  
FIRST DAY.  
Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov First Handicap Hurdles 1 sov  
Maiden Plate ... 1 sov Royal Handicap ... 1 sov  
First Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Handicap Maiden ... 1 sov  
Birthday Handicap ... 1 sov Steeplechase ... 1 sov  
SECOND DAY.  
Hack Handicap ... 1 sov Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov  
Second Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov Handicap Steeple ... 1 sov  
Britannia Handicap ... 1 sov Welter Handicap ... 1 sov  
Second Pony Handicap ... 1 sov

WEIGHTS.  
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, by 4 p.m.  
Birthday Handicap ... Handicap Steeplechase  
First Handicap Hurdles ... Second Day

FRIDAY, MAY 6, by 4 p.m.  
FIRST DAY.  
Handicap Maiden Hurdles ... Royal Handicap  
Handicap Maiden Plate ... Handicap Maiden Steeple  
First Pony Handicap ...  
SATURDAY, MAY 21, by 9 p.m.  
SECOND DAY.  
Hack Handicap ... Second Pony Handicap  
Second Handicap Hurdles ... Victoria Handicap  
Britannia Handicap ... Welter Handicap

ACCEPTANCES.  
FRIDAY, MAY 13, by 9 p.m.  
FIRST DAY.  
Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov Birthday Handicap 2 sovs  
Maiden Plate ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs  
First Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Handicap Steeple ... 1 sov  
Royal Handicap ... 1 sov chase (second day) 3 sovs  
Maiden Steeplechase ... 1 sov  
SATURDAY, MAY 21, by 0 p.m.  
SECOND DAY.  
Hack Handicap ... 1 sov Second Pony Handicap 1 sov  
Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov  
Britannia Handicap 2 sovs Welter Handicap ... 1 sov

CONDITIONS.  
All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Auckland.  
The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and dates of meeting.  
Winners to pay 5 per cent of their gross winnings towards the expenses of the course.  
Telegraph Office at Devonport to close at 5 p.m.  
Telegraph Office open on Course up to 5 p.m. on race days.  
ROBT. WYNWARD,  
Secretary.

### OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB. HACK MEETING.

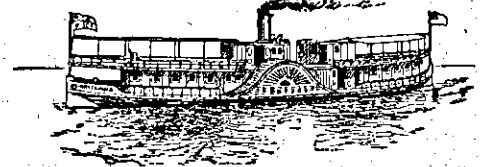
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 AND 25.

PROGRAMME.  
FIRST DAY.  
Trial Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have never won a hurdle race at time of starting. Lowest weight, 10st. The winner of any handicap flat race to carry 10st 7lb. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.  
Maiden Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.  
Otaki Cup of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.  
Birthday Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any hurdle race, after the declaration of weights, to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. One mile and sixty-five chains.  
Champion Stakes of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile.  
Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st 10lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.  
Flying Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.  
SECOND DAY.  
Trial Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race exceeding 25 sovs in value at the date of nomination. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Ranfurly Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a quarter. Second Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. One mile and a half. Winter Oats Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile. Railway Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Welter weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. Five furlongs. Stewards' Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance. Jubilee Handicap of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Six furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

The winner of any flat race, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 7lb penalty; of two or more such races, 14lb extra in all handicap flat events at the meeting. NOMINATIONS close on WEDNESDAY, May 4th. WEIGHTS for the First Day will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, May 11th. ACCEPTANCES for First Day and ENTRIES for the Trial Hurdles, Maiden Plate, Champion Stakes, and Railway Plate close at Otaki at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, May 18th. WEIGHTS for the Second Day will be declared at 8 p.m. on MAY 24th, and ACCEPTANCES at 9 p.m. the same evening. HACK means a horse that has never won a race exceeding the advertised value of 40 sovs at time of nomination, hack and hunter races excepted. All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing. The Telegraph Office closes at 5 p.m. Stakes paid in full. HEMA R. TE AO, Secretary. Submitted to and approved by the Metropolitan Club January 10th.—H. M. LYON, Secretary.



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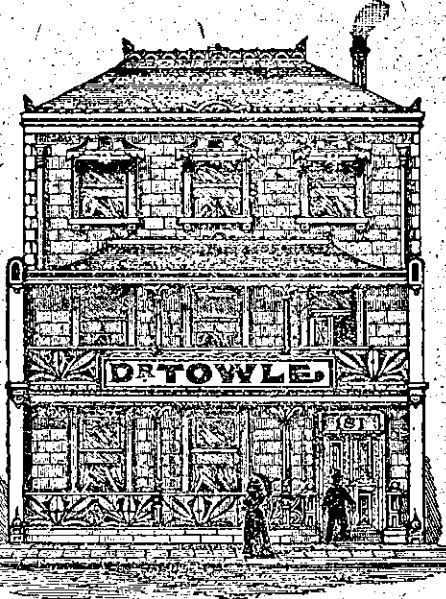
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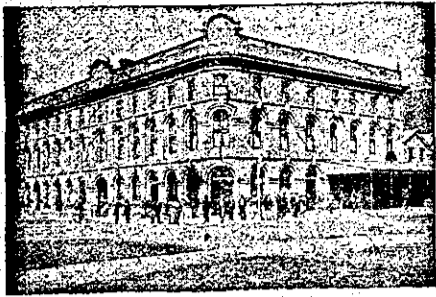
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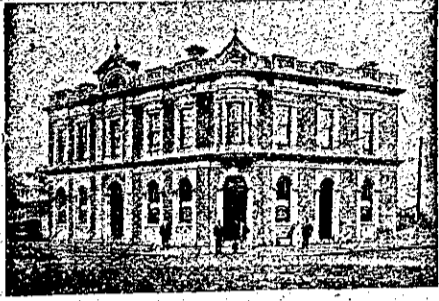
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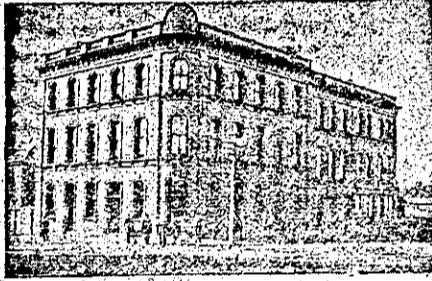
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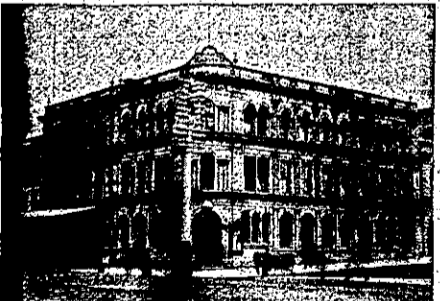
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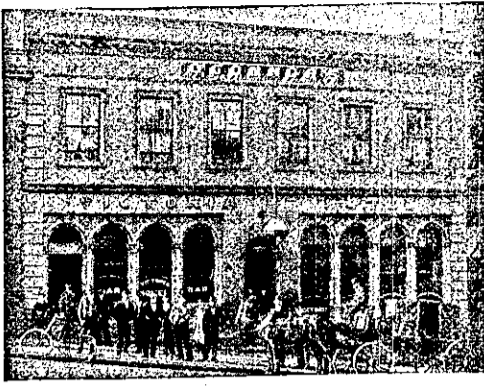
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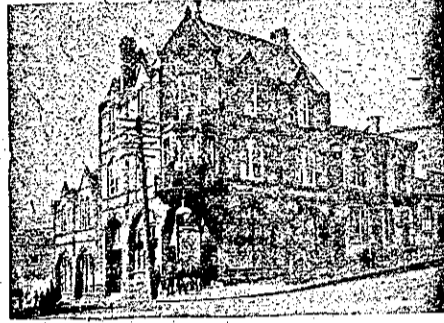


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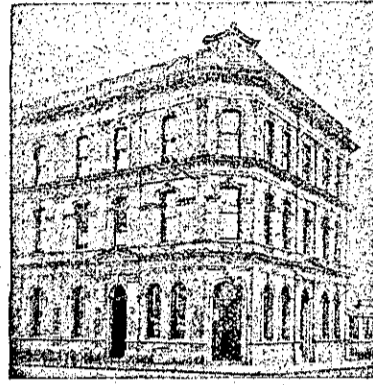
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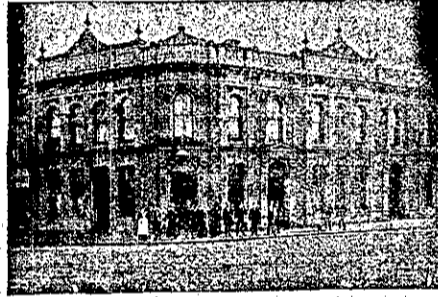
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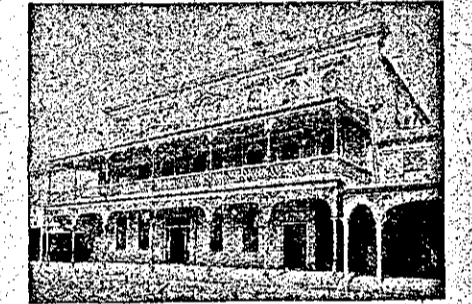
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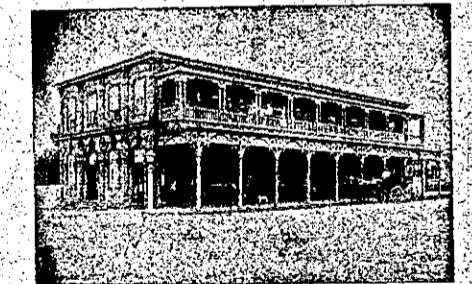
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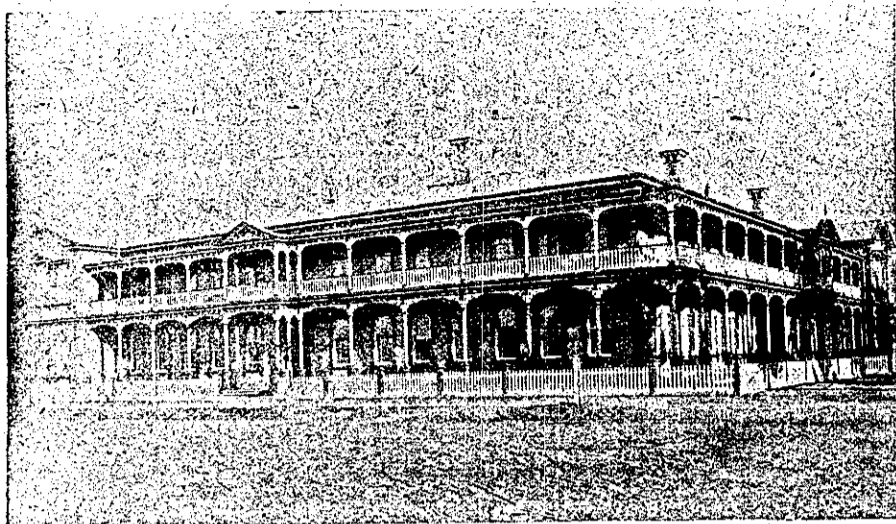
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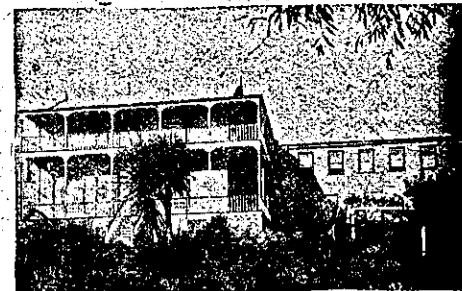
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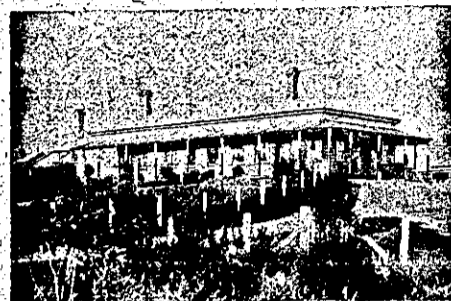
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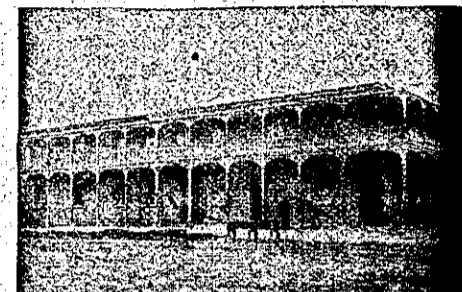
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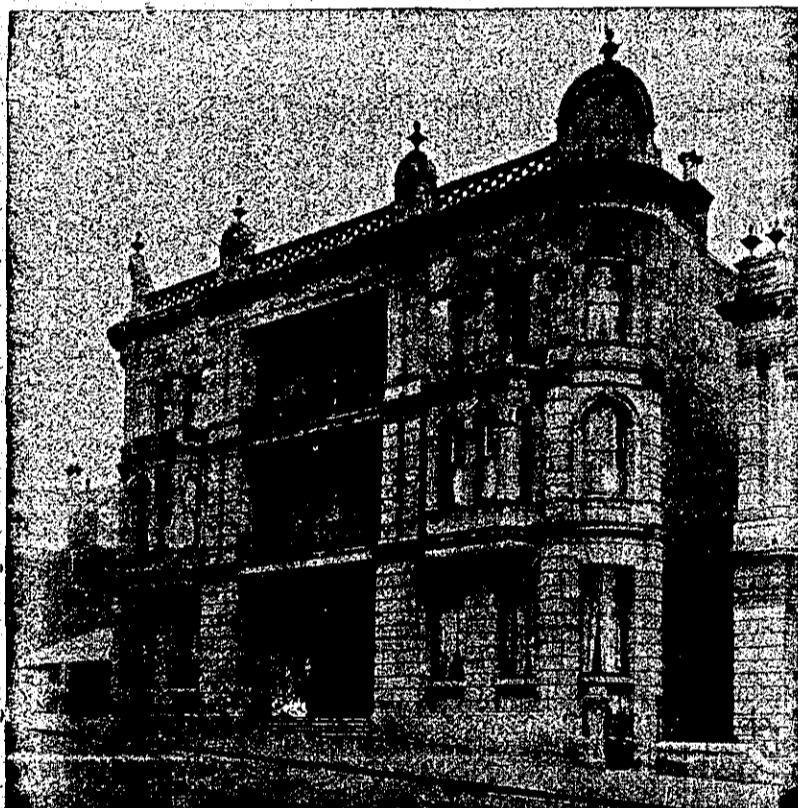


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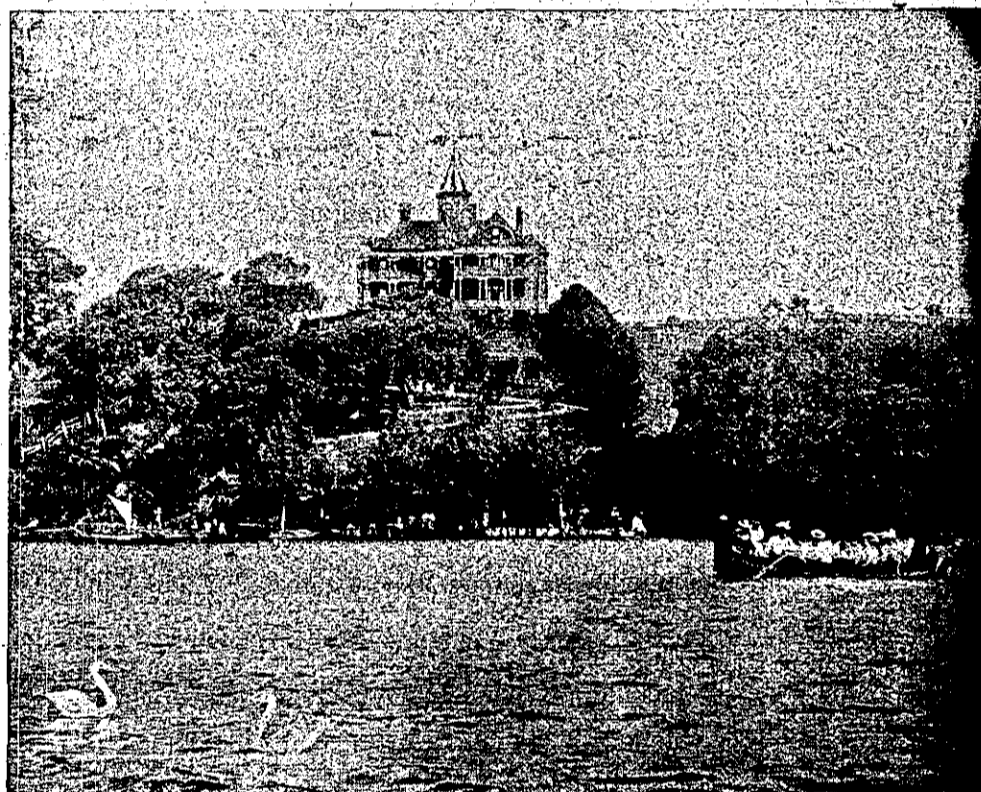


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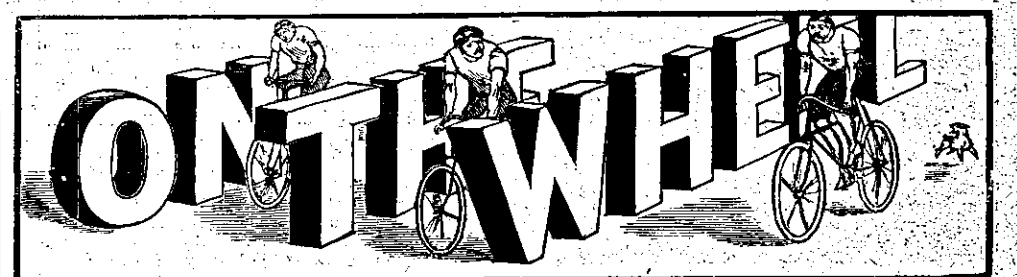
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Table listing cycling clubs and their members: Star Cycling Club, Mataura Cycling Club, West Taieri Cycling Club, Gore Cycling Club, Westport Cycling Club, Wyndham Cycling Club, Balclutha Cycling Club, Otago Railway Cycling Club, Stratford Cycling Club, Wanderers Cycling Club, Nelson Cycling Club, Wanganui Cycling Club, Thames Cycling Club.

League of New Zealand Wheelmen's Definition
of a Cyclist.

AMATEUR DEFINITION.
An Amateur is one who is the holder of an amateur
licence from this League, and who has—A. Never engaged
in, nor assisted in, nor taught any swimming, athletic, or
cycling exercise for money or other remuneration. B. Never
knowingly competed with or against a person who does
not hold a licence under the Amateur Definition of this
League for a prize of any description, or in any cycle
event in public, except where permission is granted by the
League. C. Never made pace for, or been paced by, a
person who does not hold a licence under this League, or
for or by a person under suspension. D. Never sold, real-
ised upon, or otherwise converted into cash, any prize
won by him. E. Never accepted, directly or indirectly,
any remuneration, compensation, or expenses whatever,
from a cycle manufacturer, agent, sport promoter, or other
person interested in the trade or sport, for cycle riding,
except where special permission is granted by the League.

CASH DEFINITION.
A Cash Cyclist is one who is the holder of a licence
under this League, and ceases to be eligible by—A. En-
gaging in cycle racing, or training or coaching any person
therein, as a means of obtaining a livelihood. B. Or com-
peting against any person who does not hold a licence
under the Cash Definition of this League, except where
permission is granted by the League. C. Making pace for,
or being paced by, a person who does not hold a licence
under this League, or for or by a person under suspension.

The Thames Cycling Club hold their inaugural
sports gathering on the 24th inst. (Queen's Birth-
day). The club's champion, Tierney, will then
endeavor to lower Teddy Reynolds mile record
for the Parawai track.

Sutherland, the League champion of New
Zealand, passed through Auckland on Sunday
last en route to Australia, where he will try con-
clusions against the crack riders of the other
side. If Don. Walker's estimate of him proves
correct, he should render a good account of him-
self in the land of the kangaroo.

The ex-New Zealand riders, Body and Hunt,
who have for some time past been riding in Aus-
tralia, are expected to arrive in Wellington in
the course of a few days. They will compete at
meetings in various parts of the colony.

The annual road race under the auspices of the
Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club
will take place on May 24 (Queen's Birthday).
Speaking of the reciprocity agreement between
the Australasian leagues, the Sydney Referee
says:—"New Zealand and Queensland will
shortly complete the federation, but ought to
hurry up." If I am not mistaken, the New
Zealand League has already "chipped in."

A. R. Barker's three mile record for New
Zealand of 6min 48sec was last week demolished
by J. Grant, whose time for the journey was
6min 43 3-5sec—4 4-5sec better than Barker's
figures.

"Grimaldi" who has charge of the column in
the Australian Cyclist devoted to the doings of
the amateurs, says it is reported that "many of
our best riders are engaged by firms to ride
special machines, and that for their services they
receive payment in an 'indirect' manner." It
is the old, old story (says the N.Z. Cyclist). The
man does not live, nor does the institution exist,
that is able to keep amateurism clean in cycling.
The open order, and the allowing of a maker's
employee to race as an amateur, are the chief
causes of the mischief.

The Cyclists' Touring Club of New Zealand
has decided to pay a reward of £2 2s to persons,
not being the principals, who shall give infor-
mation leading to the conviction of anybody will-
fully or maliciously placing tacks, broken glass,
heaps of road metal, etc., on the public roads.

Mlle. Serpolette, the famous French racing
woman, is on her way to Sydney. She is one of
the best racing women of France, and has recently
won a six days' race in England, besides many
races in which she has competed. Her object in
visiting Australia is for the purpose of giving
exhibitions and breaking records (if she is so
able) upon "Gladiator" wheels, and an effort
is to be made to get a race meeting up, at which
she is to appear.

Tom Clarkson is said to be going to throw up
racing, but will have another shot at the N.Z.
mile record recently wrested from him by the
Australian rider, Don. Walker, before so doing.

Dunedin's amateur champion, J. White, has
been transferred to Canterbury.

Two hundred and thirty miles have been rid-
den on a bicycle without dismounting.

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[By Cyclos.]
AUCKLAND, October 27th, 1896.

To the Proprietors, SPORTING REVIEW,
Auckland.
DEAR SIRS,—I have pleasure in advising you that
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Yours faithfully,
E. G. SKEATES, Hon. Sec.

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Table of AFFILIATED CLUBS with columns for CLUB and SECRETARY. Includes clubs like Auckland Cycling Club, Carterton Cycling Club, etc.

THE PURCHASE OF BILL OF PORTLAND.

Some few years ago (writes the "Special Commissioner" of the London Sportsman) Mr W. R. Wilson, the well-known Australian breeder and owner, did me the honour of consulting me as to the purchase of a St. Simon stallion in this country.

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

MANGERE TROT, one mile and a half. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP, six furlongs. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

ELECTRIC TROT, one mile. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

TAHUNA PARK TROTting MEETING. MAY 23. TRIAL HANDICAP, two miles. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

MARRAM PONY HANDICAP, two miles. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, two miles. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

NOVEL HANDICAP, one mile and a half. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, two miles. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

MUSSELLBURGH PONY HANDICAP, two miles. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

OCEAN BEACH HANDICAP, one mile. Table with columns for horse names, sex, age, and weight.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Walter Bagsby, well-known here as a horse-man, is back from Auckland, N.Z., where he has been for several months handling a stable of trotters.

so exhausted that they were unable to even attempt the last mile. The jumps are of all sorts. There are stone fences, hedges, open ditches, and ditches with water.

[We are afraid that Mr Bagsby's imagination has been "jumping."—Ed. S.R.]

Adel, 2.23, the champion yearling trotter of the world, brought the highest price at the Palo Alto Stock Farm sale in New York City in March.

In Russia laying up of heats in harness races is not practised, for each horse is timed separately and in a dash race the horse making the fastest time gets first money.

Trotting appears to be booming again in the South Island. Splendid entries have been received, and the New Zealanders appear to be genuinely intent in preventing Mr Buckland's Australian horses having all their own way.

Turf Records.

EGMONT R.C. HACK WINTER MEETING. FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 4. The weather was fine and the attendance good.

Walter Bagsby, well-known here as a horse-man, is back from Auckland, N.Z., where he has been for several months handling a stable of trotters.

Won by a length, third same distance away. Time, 2min 39 3-5sec. Dividends £11 6s and £9 18s.

WAIHI HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

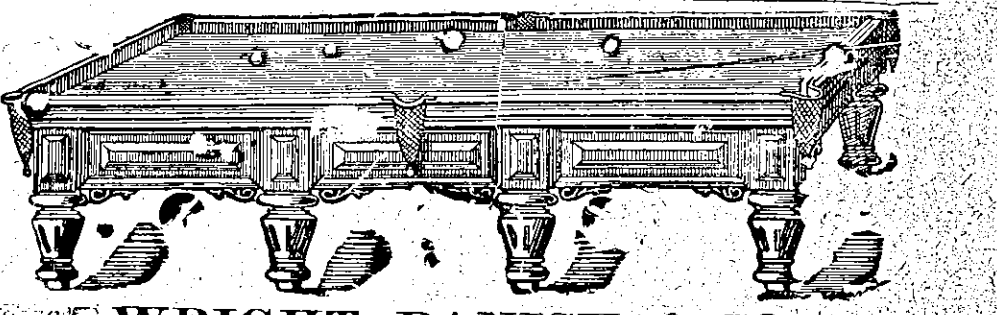
HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

MANAIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

BOROUGH PLATE of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. One mile.

NGAMATU HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

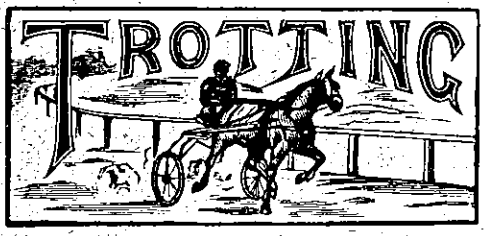
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Table with columns for Club Name, Secretary, and Total Permits.

TROTting CALENDAR.

Table with columns for Date, Meeting Name, and Location.

HANDICAPS.

MANGERE AND SUBURBAN TROTting CLUB'S INAUGURAL MEETING.

Table with columns for Meeting Name, Date, and Location.

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**RIDING TO ORDERS.**

Who that has been racing for any length of time does not remember little "Bobby" Radon, the famous Epsom light-weight?

His personality was sufficiently remarkable to dwell in the memory for a longer period than has elapsed since he took his leave of the stable, for assuredly few even of the "jockey" tribe—and some of them are built on anything but orthodox lines—had so many peculiarities as the hero of this perfectly true story.

Standing not an inch over four feet, the first thing which struck Bobby's observers was the inordinate size of his head, while his jolly red face—evidence too certain of his bibulous propensities—would have done no discredit to a brewer's drayman. Legs he had none at all to speak of—in fact, it was a marvel sometimes how they managed to span the saddle—and in this particular "Tommy" Loates, of present-day celebrity, who if not altogether remarkable for the length of his extremities, could have given him a very considerable start and a beating.

I first became personally acquainted with Bobby in a somewhat peculiar manner. It occurred at Stockton one lovely afternoon in July, and Radon had the mount on Mammon, favorite for the chief two-year-old race of the meeting. According to my reckoning, the colt was pounds superior to anything else in the race, but I was in doubt as to whether the price would suit his owner, a North-country bookmaker of not particularly good reputation.

I had just seen the horses saddled, and was walking from the paddock to Tattersall's ring, when I heard my name, and, turning, saw Bobby, who was walking his horse down to the post, beckoning to me. As I drew closer to him he bent in the saddle, and said—

"Captain, I want you to do me a favor. Will you put me 'fifty' on my mount?"

"Certainly, Bobby—with pleasure. He'll win, then?"

"Yes, I guess he will. The rogues have asked me to stop him, and think I'm going to, confound their impudence! I don't mind sometimes lying behind with one of our own horses when he's out for an airing, but I ain't going to pull one that all the public have got their money on, and perhaps get hauled up before the stewards afterwards."

"And a good judge, too, Bobby?"

"Now, if I know anything, Mammon will go back two or three points in the betting before the start, so don't be in a hurry to get on, and I'll mess 'em about as long as I can at the post, so as to give the beggars plenty of time to lay against him."

Assuring him that I would carry out his instructions to the letter, we parted, Bobby ambling his mount leisurely to the starting post, while I made my way into the Ring, where I found that already considerable opposition was manifested to Mammon, who had gradually receded until, from being a 6 to 4 chance, he stood at 3 to 1.

True to his promise, Master Bobby "messed" them about at the post to a pretty good tune, and before the flag fell I was enabled to obtain a bet of £600 to £100 against Mammon—half for myself and half for the jockey. Nor was I at any time in apprehension as to the result, for Radon jumped the chestnut off in front, and, keeping him there throughout, won in a canter by a couple of lengths.

I did not deem it policy to watch the weighing-in process, but met the little man during the next race, in which he was standing down. He greeted me with a grin.

"I managed that all right, captain, eh? You ought to have heard 'em carry on when I dismounted, but I soon shut 'em up by telling 'em I'd inform the stewards if they didn't hold their row. What price did you get?"

He was more than satisfied with the bet I had taken for him, and from that time Bobby and I became, if not exactly fast friends, at any rate on excellent terms with each other, and many's the good thing he afterwards put me on, especially when hailing from the Epsom stables.

At the back-end of the following season we both found ourselves at Shrewsbury. Those of my readers who have not been a racing at the "town of cakes" will now have no opportunity of doing so, as the meeting has for some years past been expunged from the *Calendar*; but they may take my word for it that a worse hole under unfavorable conditions—and the Clerk of the Weather was generally in a villainous mood when Shrewsbury races came on—it would be difficult to find.

This particular November it was dirtier than usual. There were none of your thick, pea-soupy fogs to which we are accustomed in London, but the light was so bad that there could be no doubt one existed somewhere between us and the sun, and, to add to the discomfort, rain pelted down in torrents.

Endeavoring to make the best of a bad job, I had hired a so-called brougham to drive me to the course, and resolved to spend the afternoon therein, except when tempted to the betting-ring. This somewhat ramshackle old vehicle had scarcely been brought to an anchor when I espied Bobby Radon walking my way, with such a lugubrious expression on his countenance that I could scarcely forbear from laughing.

"Why, Bobby, what's the matter? You look as if you were attending a funeral."

"And ain't such weather as this enough to make a body look glum? I'd rather be up in a balloon than ridin' 'osses such a day as this."

"Here, step in out of the rain and have a drink to keep the cold out. This will put fresh go into you," and, taking up a bottle of Hennessy's best, I poured him out a pretty stiff glass.

"Ah, that's decent stuff, that is," said Bobby, smacking his lips appreciatively; and then, as I offered to replenish the glass, "Well, I don't mind if I do, captain, it won't hurt such weather as this."

"What are you going to ride in the Cup, Bobby?"

"Why, that wretched old brute, Wynyard; and a nice chance I've got, I suppose."

"Maybe a better one than you think, Bobby."

"Why, what do you know about him?"

"Don't you remember he used to belong to me, and that I sold him to Lord Holton two years ago? You know he has very big feet, and this is the weather of all others to suit him. He'll stay for ever at his own pace, and if you send him in front at the start and throw the mud in the others' faces he'll take a lot of beating, I can tell you."

"Well, I can keep him in front, of course, at first, but I don't see that'll help much. He's always run a rank bad 'un."

"That's because he hasn't been ridden properly. I didn't find it out while I had him, but I know now he won't try in a waiting race. Do as I tell you, Bobby, and I'll put you on a hundred to nothing. I'm going to back him for a good stake, if the price suits."

"Right you are, sir, and we'll just have another glass to drink good luck to him. By Jove! captain, this is prime; I feel a good deal more like riding the winner of the Cup than I did before meeting you."

With that he departed, having an engagement to ride in the opening event. I did not come across him again until just before the race for the Cup, when I ventured into the paddock, though the rain was still descending like a gigantic shower-bath. Bobby was in earnest confab with Lord Holton (Wynyard's owner), and, without appearing to be listening, I managed to get near enough to overhear their conversation. His lordship, who promised his jockey a fifty-pound note in the event of victory, was tying him down with the strictest waiting orders. This would not suit my book at all, so I seized the first opportunity of drawing Radon aside.

was pushing him along with his hands. So far he was carrying out my instructions to the letter.

It was quite impossible to see the horses on the far side of the course, but as they came round the bend for home I was delighted to notice the blue jacket still in front, and with his opponents one by one dropping back. After a futile attempt to get on terms, Wynyard passed the post amidst the yells of the fielders, to most of whom he had done a real good turn, the easiest of winners by six lengths.

After he had passed the scale Master Robert Radon spent a *mauvais quart d'heure* with Lord Holton. His lordship's face was very red, and he could scarcely enunciate clearly, so great was his rage. Approaching the jockey he pulled out his note-case, and handing him a "flimsy" said, controlling his voice as well as he was able—

"Here's your 'fifty' Radon. You managed to win the race, but remember under no circumstances will you ever ride another horse for me. I expect my jockeys to obey orders, whether they win or lose, and you may think yourself lucky I don't report the matter to the Stewards of the Jockey Club. Why, I believe you're drunk, man!"

And, sooth to say, what with excitement and the effects of the brandy, Master Bobby did manage to evince most of the symptoms of intoxication. However, he made no attempt to argue the point with his lordship, and though he lost the latter's riding in the future, my winnings on the race had been so considerable that I was enabled to give him a handsome *solatium* as a reward for, on this occasion, *not* "riding to orders." — Captain Armstrong in *Sporting Sketches*.



**MANGERE AND SUBURBAN TROTting CLUB.**

(RUN UNDER THE RULES OF THE NORTH ISLAND TROTting ASSOCIATION).

**INAUGURAL MEETING,**

TO BE HELD ON THE

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ON SATURDAY, 14TH MAY, 1898.

President: Major Harris. Vice-President: The Hon. W. Jennings, M.L.C. Stewards: Messrs G. Lorain, C. Baker, W. Abbott, B. Weston, C. Roberts, O. Wells, J. Rowe, J. Hill, O. C. McGee, S. C. Cauton, A. C. Claude, A. Dibble. Treasurer: Mr J. Rowe. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Starter: Mr Geo. Cutte. Clerk of Course: Mr T. Brown. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks. Judge: Mr S. C. Cauton.

**PROGRAMME.**

Maiden Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stakes. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Entrance, 10s. Distance, one mile.  
Maiden Pony Handicap of 8 sovs; second pony to receive 1 sov from the stakes. For all ponies 14.2 and under that have never won an advertised race exceeding 5 sovs in value at time of entry. Entrance, 8s. Distance, five furlongs.  
Mangere Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 12 sovs; second horse 1 sov from the stakes. Entrance, 12s. Distance, one mile and a half.  
Suburban Pony Handicap of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. Entrance, 12s. Distance, six furlongs.  
Electric Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stakes. The winner of the Mangere Trot to receive a penalty of 5 seconds behind its original start. Entrance, 10s. Distance, one mile.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 10 sovs; second pony to receive 1 sov from the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. The winner of the Suburban Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Entrance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at the Secretary's Office, 9, Coombes' Arcade, Queen Street, Auckland, on FRIDAY, 6th May, at 10 p.m.

HANDICAPS to appear on MONDAY, 8th May. All Nominations must be accompanied by the cash or horses will not be handicapped.

Stakes will be paid at Criterion Hotel night of races, less 5 per cent. for expenses of course.

H. B. MASSEY, Secretary.



**AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB.**

**PROGRAMME FOR SEASON 1898.**

JUDGE: Mr F. W. COOMBE. SLIPPER TO BE APPOINTED BY NOMINATORS.

**MAY MEETING,**

SATURDAY, MAY 23, AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.

Great Northern Challenge Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 each. Payments as under—FRIDAY, March 25th, 1898, 10s each (closed 32 subs.); FRIDAY, April 29, 1898, 10s each; and FINAL PAYMENT of 40s each, with the names, ages, and pedigrees of dogs, on THURSDAY, May 28, 1898.

Puppy Stakes. For an unlimited number of puppies at £1 10s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, May 20th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on THURSDAY, May 26th, by 8 p.m.

**JUNE MEETING,**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, AND SATURDAY, JULY 2.

New Lynn Maiden Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at 30s each. Open to all dogs that have not won any advertised money. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, June 24th, at 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £1, on MONDAY, June 27th, by 8 p.m.

Avondale Cup. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £2 10s each. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, June 24th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £1 10s, on MONDAY, June 27th, by 8 p.m.

**JULY MEETING,**

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 27 AND 30.

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 22nd, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, July 25th, by 8 p.m. Also, Stake to be arranged.

**AUGUST MEETING,**

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 AND 27.

Champion Collar Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 each. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 19th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, £2, on MONDAY, August 22nd, by 8 p.m.

Recovery Stakes. For an unlimited number of dogs, at 30s each, that have never won more than £2. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 19th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, August 22nd, by 8 p.m.

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This hotel is now being offered at half the amount asked for it some few months ago, owing to the licensee being notified that he would have to sell.

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"Don't forget, Bobby," I said; "go right away when the flag falls, and send him along for all he's worth."

"Yes, that's all very well, captain," was the reply, "but his lordship's given me strict instructions to ride a waiting race, and I must obey orders, you know."

"Orders be hanged! Lord Holton's a young fool, and knows no more about horses than a babe unborn. The only chance of Wynyard's winning is for you to do as I tell you. I've got a good bet, and I'll make it a couple of hundred if you win."

That and a pull at the brandy flask with which I had provided myself settled the matter, and, making for the ring, I entered a second wager of £2500 to £100 for Wynyard, who was handicapped at the ridiculous weight, for a six-year-old, of 6st 4lb, was regarded as an old "crock," and slighted accordingly.

With Wynyard, Lord Holton had had rather worse luck than myself, and here was the horse, at the close of the fifth season on the turf, with only one pair of winning brackets to his name.

The more I thought of old Wynyard's large flat feet—they greatly resembled those of Prodigal, who was such a renowned "mudlarker"—the greater my confidence in the result became, and when the flag fell I was in the seventh heaven of anticipation.

The start took place just below the stand, and, bad as was the light, I could see that Lord Holton's mazarine blue jacket was in front and making the running.

As they passed the stand for the first time Wynyard held a lead of six lengths, and Radon

**DISTRICT ORDERS**

By Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Banks, Commanding Auckland District.

Brigade Office, Auckland, May 5th, 1898.

The undermentioned Volunteer Corps in the Auckland District will parade for inspection and drill during this month in the order detailed below:—

DEVONPORT NAVAL ARTILLERY—Friday, 20th, at 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall.

"A" BATTERY ARTILLERY—Thursday, 19th, at 7.30 p.m., Drill Hall.

DEVONPORT COASTGUARD ARTILLERY—Tuesday, 31st, at 7.30 p.m., Devonport.

COROMANDEL RIFLES—Monday, 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

TE AROHA RIFLES—Thursday, 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

No. 1 OHINEMURI RIFLES—Friday, 13th, at 7.30 p.m.

No. 2 OHINEMURI RIFLES—Saturday, 14th, at 7.30 p.m.

No. 3 OHINEMURI RIFLES—Monday, 16th, at 7.30 p.m.

WAIKATO MOUNTED RIFLES—Tuesday, 17th, at 2.30 p.m.

THAMES NAVAL ARTILLERY—Monday, 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

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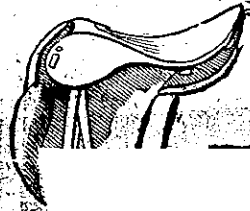
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**Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW**

AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1898.

**OUR JUMPERS—A COMPARISON.**

The victory of the New Zealand bred horse Ditto in the First Steeplechase at the recent Australian Jockey Club's meeting at Randwick, affords food for thought for both racing men and breeders, and let those thoughts be those of interested or disinterested persons there can be but one conclusion to be drawn, and that is that the horses now called in Australia, by courtesy, jumpers, have lost cast to an alarming extent, as compared with those of some half-score years ago. Prior to the period stated the son of The Dauphin and Fair Lillian, or one of his class, would have had no more chance of winning a steeplechase at one of the head-quarter meetings of the Australian Turf world than would the writer of this article have of becoming the ruler of the Empire. The question naturally crops up. "How do you account for the in-

and that is not saying much. If Australian studmasters who bred jumpers up to ten or twelve years ago have suffered through breeding weedy animals to keep up with the public craze, the breeders of New Zealanders have most decidedly been the gainers thereby. Have they not within the time mentioned found purchasers for such horses as Peter Osbeck, Chemist, Titikowaru, Orangeman, Donald, Rob Roy, Audacity, Recruit, The Don, The Secretary, The Artist, Guy Fawkes, etc., and have they not won races in their own interests with almost the whole of these, as well as Mutiny, Satyr, Ballyhooley, and Co. Now these horses won when the Australian horses were of a better class than at present, for with those horses on their feet no such horse as Ditto could hope for victory. Ye Gods! it makes us laugh to think of J.B.W.'s smiles when he received the news of Ditto's recent win. Such horses as Levanter, Plain Bill, Toriki, Missfire, Opai, Ned Kelly, and Donald McKinnon, and others will keep the New Zealand jumpers before the world, but we must impress upon our breeders the necessity of breeding horses up to the old standard, horses fit to carry a man a proper day's journey, to stand fatigue, and, in short, go through such troubles as horses of the olden time. The downfall of the fine upstanding thoroughbred of Australia as we once knew them, cannot be put down to other causes than those mentioned above. The craze of both race clubs (proprietary and otherwise) and the public, was for short races, whereby big fields were assured, and the chance of gambling extended. Many other evils have accrued from this craze for short races, such as children (more fit to be at school) being brought into the arena as jockeys before their proper time, etc., but of these more anon. These lines are intended to impress upon New Zealand breeders the necessity of keeping up the good old standard of horses, and if this is done, we may depend upon this part of the world, to occupy the leading position of Australasia, for good, sound, upstanding horses for exportation to England and India as well as to Australia.

**Sporting Topics.**

The racehorse Judge Denny is credited with having lowered the world's record for two miles in February last at San Francisco. The record held jointly by Ten Broeck and Newton (3min 27½sec) was reduced to 3min 26½sec.

The death of the brood mare Sanda is reported in latest English files. Sanda was the dam of Sainfoin, a winner of the Derby. Sanda was by Wenlock from Sandal, by Stockwell; therefore she was a half-sister to the Fulham Park mare Instep, the dam of Sainfoin, Lord Wilton, Footstep, and Aura. Aura is the dam of Aurum and Auraria, and Footstep is the dam of Royal Admiral, The Admiral, Port Admiral, and Fleet Admiral.

The stock of the defunct Maxim (by Musket from Realisation) appear to be upholding the prestige of their sire on the Californian (U.S.A.) tracks. In February last the four-year-old bay mare Fleur-de-lis, by Maxim from Fleurette, who is handicapped at 7.5 in the two great Spring handicaps of the East—the Brooklyn Handicap and the Suburban Handicap—equalled the coast record over a mile and one-sixteenth. She was ridden by "Tod" Sloan, the other contestants being Traverser with Clawson up, Ostler Joe with Turbiville in the saddle, and Libortine in Conley's hands. Traverser cut out the pace at a terrific clip, the first six and a half furlongs being run in 1min 20sec. Fleur-de-lis began to close up the gap of three lengths round the far turn, and when they turned into the stretch was only a length behind. She soon had Traverser's measure, and won easily in 1min 46½sec, which could have been reduced a good half-second. The official time for the first mile was given as 1min 39sec. Fleur-de-lis is by imported Maxim out of Fleurette, sister to the immortal mare Firenze, and the dam of Flurry and Silver II. As a two-year-old Fleur-de-lis started 13 times, winning five races and running second on four occasions. Ailing in the early part of 1897 she did not run till late in the year, winning three out of six races, and running second once. This year she has started six times, winning four times, second once, and once unplaced. At the same meeting Napamax, another Maxim filly, won the Flirtation Stakes, six and a half furlongs, in 1min 21sec.

Writing of Australian racehorses in England the Special Commissioner of the Sportsman says:—"On my way to the scene of action I noticed F. W. Day's string, all looking vig and well, Bicorniger and Airs and Graces supplementing the Australian-bred division. Of these latter, Acmena has evidently thriven throughout the winter, but handicappers are far too hard on her, being as she is such a small, light mare, and her owner, from what I know of him, is likely to send her to the stud."

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lian jumper showed signs of giving way to the aforesaid "squibs." It was about this time too that the leading clubs of Australia began to insert numerous sprint races into their programmes, and struck out many long distance races. Did they (the clubs) do this with a view to improve the breed of horses? It is hard to think so, and we will always be hard to convince upon this head. The foremost of Australian studmasters, such as Henry Phillips, of Warnambool fame, Robertson Bros, of Turretfield, and Jno. Coldham, of Western Victoria, all of whom were noted breeders of jumpers, found they had to give way to breeders of the lighter and faster horses, and rather than be left in the lurch they, too, had to go in for the "squib" breeding business. Tasmania, too, had, after producing such champions over timber as Ringwood (Malua also belonged to their studs), Denmark, Kangaroo, Flashlight, and many others, to give way to the short distance craze, and latterly we find Victoria and Tasmania only cropping up occasionally with a good one. At the present time in big timber jumpers, if we take Wherside, Hayseed, and Songster from the Victorian steeplechase ranks, where could we find another with decent credentials. In Sydney Whitefoot II. stands out the best of the lot,





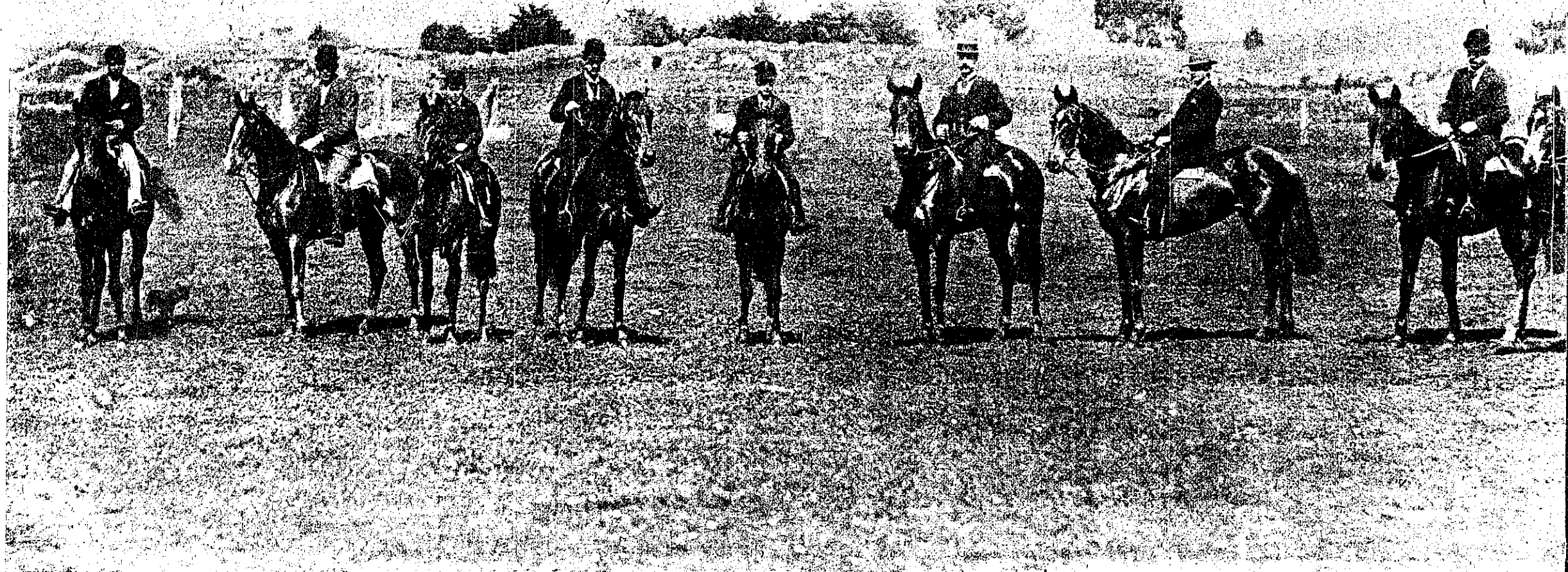






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POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY.—"La Fille de Madame Angot"—called "Madame Angot" for short, on the *lucus a non lucando* principle—was successfully produced on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in last week. Being genuine comic opera, the contract was a big one, but the company passed through the ordeal with great credit. Special interest was taken in Miss Maud Beatty's first assumption of a female role, and I am pleased to have my own favorable opinion supported by Miss Fanny Wentworth, who spoke in terms of unqualified praise of Miss Beatty's fine impersonation and excellent singing as Mademoiselle Lange. Miss May Beatty's Pomponnet also merits high praise, her singing of the lovely "She Is So Innocent" being remarkable for exquisite taste and sympathy. As Clairette, Miss Marion Mitchell looked piquante, acted with spirit, and won encores for several songs. Miss Amy Curtis made a successful debut as a principal in the role of Aramanthe, a vigorous and determined woman of the people. The Misses Lily Stephens and W. Karkeek capably filled minor parts. Mr Alf. Stephens, as Ange Pitou, the lampooning poet, sang and acted very well indeed. Mr W. Percy, as Lavaridiere, Mr H. Quesley, as Tronitz, the pirouetting dancing master, and Mr E. Nable, as Louchard, the monocular spy, were all mirth-provoking, while Messrs G. Young, Albert, and A. Stevens completed a good cast. The many charming *morceaux*, such as the "Touneze Valse," the "Conspirators' Chorus," the ensembles "Yes You Are, Lavaridiere," "Happy Days," "O, Ne'er Before," "We'll All be Revenged," the "Letter and Quarrel" duets, etc., etc., were, without exception, encored. Chorus, ballet, and orchestra did good work, the modified can-can being capitally danced. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights "Djin-Djin" again drew immense audiences. Mr Pollard has enjoyed quite a record season, "Djin-Djin" running through fifteen performances, including two matinees. The company left on Monday for New Plymouth and return visits through New Zealand. They reappear in Auckland about Christmas-time, so we must now say—

"Farewell to sweet Falks, to Angot addio!  
 Good-bye to 'In Town' and to gay Boccaccio.  
 Adieu and au revoir, bold buccaner Paul,  
 Chin chin to Djin-Djin, and good luck to you all!  
 Your magic makes life seem all skittles and beer.  
 Come! Brighten our Christmas and gild the New Year!"

OPERA HOUSE: FRANK THORNTON COMEDY COMPANY.—"The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," a cleverly constructed and brightly-written farcical comedy by Messrs Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe, kept a crowded house in a continuous roar of laughter on Monday night. Owing to a bad passage and late arrival the performers were severely handicapped, but the piece nevertheless hummed along, and few among the large audience realised the difficulties



MISS CLARE MANFIELD AS "SWEET LAVENDER"  
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which were so gallantly faced and overcome. To condense the plot:—Angela Brightwell (Miss Clare Manfield), a ward in Chancery, has run away from school to marry Captain Courtney (Mr Frank Thornton). Major O'Gallagher (Mr Fred Shepherd) and Julia, his wife (Miss Meta Pelham), assist the pair, and the knot is tied. Miss Romney (Miss Elsie Carew) and her solicitor Hibbertson (Mr E. Haygarth), arrive too late to stop the wedding, and Sergeant Tanner, a detective (Mr George Carey), appears with a warrant to arrest Captain Courtney for the heinous crime of marrying a ward in Chancery. The captain assumes female attire and is introduced as Miss Brown, niece of the Gallaghers, when the detective searches the house—the curtain falling on a funny situation. Act II opens with Herr Von Moser (Mr A. Cochrane) giving a music lesson to Angela in Miss Romney's school, and making hot love to her. Gallagher brings the hunted Miss Brown to Miss Romney and installs her as a new pupil, and after this point to the end the fun is fast and furious. One curious touch of nature bring the instinctive attractions to girls of a man although successfully disguised in petticoats, Miss Brown is introduced to her fellow boarders, and is tremendously spooned by Euphemia (Miss Madge Corcoran), a decidedly rapid West Indian young lady, who smokes, etc., etc. She finds Miss Brown very different to English girls, to which Miss B. naively replies "I am!" Angela coming in is, of course, jealous, smacks Miss B's face and the fat is in the fire. The detective arrives

in pursuit and cross-questions Angela. He shocks Miss Romney by insisting on stopping the night to watch for the suspected Courtney. While on guard Miss Brown endeavors to escape through the conservatory. The detective suspects her of a wish to keep a rendezvous with the music master. He flirts with the girl and wonders what his old woman would think if she knew the sort of job he was on. The music master comes to give information, but is kicked out. Miss Brown consumes all the detective's brandy and water. Assisted by Angela, Miss B. strategically handcuffs Tanner with his own darbies and the pair escape, the confusion arousing the whole school, who troop in clad in their *robes de nuit*. Curtain on splendid situation. Act III. opens with Miss Romney and her solicitor discussing matters. Herr Von Moser enters in a Killaloe condition—alterations and repairs being compulsory after Miss Brown's violence. He is smugged and dismissed, and ejaculates, "I shake my feet off your dust!" Tanner enters with further personal traces of Miss B.'s prowess, whom he presently brings in handcuffed. [Miss Romney plaintively suggests that "she is only a helpless girl!" Tanner feelingly retorts, "Ask the German!" Miss Romney, to Miss B.'s horror, declares that she will give her a warm bath. Miss B. mutters that she will be found out—no chance of a shave for a whole day! Euphemia (like Byron's Duda) begs to have Miss B. as a bedfellow. Gallagher brings in Angela, Countess of Fulborough, Courtney having succeeded to the title. Miss

B.'s boxes are found to contain only masculine paraphernalia. In spite of the solicitor's growls and the detective's threats it is apparent that the Lord Chancellor must approve of the marriage, and all ends happily. While Mr Frank Thornton's Miss Brown is immense, the farce is much more than a one-character piece. All the parts are strong and capitally played—notably, the Misses Carew, Clare Manfield, and Meta Pelham, Madge Corcoran, among the ladies, are shining lights, and Messrs Fred. Shepherd, A. Cochrane, E. Haygarth, and George Carey among the gentlemen. Smaller parts are excellently played by Misses Iza Millet, Florence Poole, Merton, and Mr W. J. Townsend. To-night (Thursday) is the last chance of seeing "Miss Brown," whose acquaintance everybody should make. On Friday and Saturday evenings "The Private Secretary" holds sway, to be followed in due course by "Charley's Aunt" and "Sweet Lavender."

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## TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

THE question whether it would be advisable for the Auckland Licensing Committee to alter the hour of closing hotels and public-houses from ten o'clock to eleven o'clock is one that does not require much consideration from a Trade point of view. The members of the Trade would hail with satisfaction such an alteration, not on account of the amount of business which would accrue, but because they individually and collectively recognise that ten o'clock is too early for the requirements of the public. We suppose there is not one hotelkeeper in the Auckland district who is not asked every night, in the week to serve liquor after ten o'clock, and we dare say that very few publicans refuse to supply the thirsty souls, for each knows that, though he may be perfectly willing to close at the correct hour, his fellow tradesmen are taking the risk of a raid. Ten o'clock is altogether too early for the vast majority of citizens, and the consequence is that we have this after-hours business. If the hour of closing could be extended to eleven o'clock we believe this surreptitious trading would be put a stop to, for at the present time there is very little business after eleven o'clock even in the known "late" houses. At eleven o'clock most men are ready for home, and the publican would be ready to rigorously shut down at that hour. Eleven o'clock would give the people coming from places of amusement a chance to quench their thirst without any fear of being charged with being on licensed premises after closing time. Eleven o'clock would also suit railway and other travellers; in fact, it would suit the community all round far better than the ridiculously early hour of ten o'clock. If we turn to the cities and big towns of Australia we find eleven and half-past eleven to be the closing times. If we look at Wellington we see that the hotels are shut to non-residents at eleven o'clock. In the Old Country there is not much chance of the police making a successful raid after hours, because in London the houses shut at half-past twelve on every night except Saturday, when they are closed half an hour earlier. In all the big cities and towns the time is eleven or later, and in the rural districts it is eleven o'clock or earlier, at the option of the licensee. Why Auckland, the city with the largest population in the North Island, should be restricted to ten o'clock we fail to see. The hour is too early for the convenience of the inhabitants, who, if they want anything stronger than tea after ten, must creep round to a back door, enter stealthily, and in fear and trembling drink the modest half-pint or nip of whisky—that is, if they can get in. This sort of thing is degrading in the extreme, both to the public and the publican, and it partakes somewhat of an interference with the liberty of the subject to say, "Thou shalt not drink after ten o'clock, unless you take it home in a bottle." How is the change from ten o'clock to eleven to be compassed? If we had a real live Licensed Victuallers' Association in Auckland the question would be an easy one to answer. We believe there is an invertebrate body, with a nominal head and tail, which claims the title, but we want an association whose motto shall be "Deeds, not Words." Let the brewers and the publicans unite in demanding this necessary reform from the Licensing Committee; let the public lend willing aid to the efforts of the former,

and this extension of time will become an accomplished fact. Supineness and shilly-shally will obtain nothing, but a vigorous and united policy will prevail upon the Licensing Magistrates, who will see that the extension is in the best interests of the citizens. Ten o'clock is an unreasonable hour; eleven is a right and proper one. It will suit the public and it will suit the publican, and as the present is the occasion for a forward move, we say to the public and to the Trade, "Time, gentlemen, please!"

## THE PREMIER'S TOUR IN WAIRARAPA

The Right Hon. the Premier has, during the past week, visited the Wairarapa district, and has obtained a "right royal reception" in every part of this large and important section of the colony. He has met the settlers in the various centres of population, he has received deputations representing the local bodies, and has satisfied all parties that he and his Government are imbued with an honest desire to aid the struggling settlers in the bush districts, and generally to aid the pioneer in their efforts to establish homes in the wilderness, recognising that the property of the colony largely depends on the efforts of those who are succeeding in turning a bush wilderness into happy homesteads, now largely "dotting the landscape."

The Premier has addressed a meeting attended by the most influential chiefs of the Wairarapa, he has propounded to them the policy of the Government concerning the dealing with native lands, and the proposed legislation affecting those lands, and his reception by the Natives has been not only cordial but enthusiastic in its nature. At the settlement of Hamua he was presented with an address which must have satisfied him that his proposed legislation was, in the opinion of the Natives, calculated to promote the best interests of the genuine European settlers and the Maoris alike. He and the party which accompanied him to Hamua were entertained at a sumptuous banquet, and the whole proceedings showed the great desire of the Natives to more closely cement the friendly relationship which exists in that part of the colony between the pakeha and the aboriginal owners of the soil. The school children of the place were all assembled in the reception hall, and in addressing them the Hon. Mr Walker (Minister of Education) expressed the great pleasure he experienced in seeing the children of both races congregated together in one school, embracing the opportunities offered by our national system of education.

During his visit the Premier addressed a large audience at Masterton, and in propounding the policy of the Government and in defending the administration thereof, he found his statements endorsed by an overwhelming majority of his vast audience. As a matter of fact he convinced his hearers that his Government did not believe in class legislation; that the legislation of his party was, and would be, broad enough to embrace all sections of the community, irrespective of creed, nationality, or social distinction; and in his declaration of these principles he was loudly and enthusiastically applauded. It was to be expected that representations would be made relative to the necessity for roads and bridges, and in reply to the requests the Premier said that it did not increase the general indebtedness of the colony if money was expended in such works as those indicated, because every bridge erected and every road made by the expenditure of public money was an asset to the colony more than sufficient to cover the cost of the respective constructions.

In the thriving district of Ekatahuna a farmers' club has been established, and is doing good work in advancing the best interests of the agricultural and pastoral work of this fertile bush district. During the Premier's visit the annual dinner of the club took place, and as a matter of course, the Premier and his party were invited to attend. The members of the club are mixed in their politics, but it appears all political feelings were put on one side at the function, and Government supporters and Opposition alike gave their guests a true colonial reception. In his address the Premier gave the settlers sound advice respecting their future course of action, and virtually told them not to rely on Providence or Government, but to trust to themselves. A little of the prohibition element was introduced at the meeting, as we understand the president of the club and some of his colleagues had resolved that all the toasts at the after gathering were to be proposed in cold water. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed, and as a result there was a fair supply of the "universal happier" available at the function. The member of the district, Mr A. W. Hogg, in proposing one of the toasts, showed his true manliness when he said, "Charge your glasses; I charge mine in beer, which I have been drinking all the evening." This manly statement was loudly applauded by the party of freedom, but caused a dark visage to appear on those who apparently have no belief in the "freewill agency

of man." The member for Masterton was at one time supposed to be hovering on the defined precipice which divides liberty and fanaticism, but if ever he sat on the edge he has to all appearance made a plunge, and has successfully landed on the firm ground of freedom.

Taken altogether, the Premier's visit to Wairarapa has been a success, and the settlers are satisfied that country as well as town is engaging the practical attention of his Government.

## TRADE TOPICS.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis St., Wellington, report the following sales:—Mount Egan Hotel, Midhurst, to Mr J. G. Colville, late of Carterton; Bunnythorpe Hotel, Bunnythorpe, to Mr Symon Glogoskie; Tenui Hotel, Tenui, to Mr L. D. Thompson, late of the Empire Hotel, Masterton; Taueru Hotel, Taueru, to Mr K. McIntosh; Makakahi Hotel, Makakahi, to Captain North, late of the s.s. Waihi; Marine Parade Hotel, Whakataki, to Messrs Parsons and Williamson, late of the Wairarapa; Grand National Hotel, Petone, to Mr W. Biggs, contractor, Wellington; Pahautanui Hotel, Pahautanui, to Mr R. Saunders, late of Rangitikei; and the Royal Hotel, Thorndon Quay, Wellington, to Mr E. J. Searl, well-known in the Wairarapa.

The old White Hart Hotel, corner of Spring and Bourke-streets, Melbourne, was the scene of a little *contretemps* one Saturday night, or early Sunday morning last month. It appears that Constable Hallet, on special Sunday trading duty, in plain clothes, knocked at the door, which was opened by a barman, who would not allow the constable to enter, as his orders from the landlord were to allow no strangers in. At the same time the barman slammed the door, and jammed a link on the constables watch chain. This constituted an assault in the eyes of the law, and the barman was brought before the District Court and fined £6, the bench regretting they could not inflict imprisonment. So much for doing your duty to your employer—a little more, and probably this barman would have been hanged, drawn, and quartered.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is taking steps to get what it calls a more equitable distribution of license fees amongst the municipalities. The Treasurer also contemplates taking £10,000 from the licensing fund to make provision for the aged destitute. This fund is formed from the fees, and is solely intended to be used as compensation to publicans and others for the closing of their houses through a local option vote. The fund now stands at £60,000. The Trade will not object in the least to thus providing for the aged poor, but should not the teetotal bodies also contribute in the same direction?

Near Gundagai, in N.S.W., there is a company working to develop a mineral field. A considerable number of men are employed, and to stop sly-grog selling a "Workingmen's Club" has been formed. One of the miners conceived the idea of buying the drink wholesale by pooling their cash and retailing to each other at first cost. The plan caught on. A Hessian tent was erected; the lounges are kerosene cases, and pannikins take the place of tumblers and wine glasses. The entrance fee to the club is £1, and, though socialistic in its idea, it has degenerated into a species of capitalism. Every night the place is crowded with drinkers, and now the manager of the company is trying to have it suppressed. He says it is doing more harm than would sly-grog shanties. A licensed house, he says, would be a boon. In such a place prohibition is a hypocritical farce, and no better plan exists than the licensing of a hotel according to law. Even the club system fails.

The South Australian Customs receipts for the nine months ending on 31st March last show a decrease of £32,000. In contrast to this, the beer tax gives a heavy increase. What on earth would civilised Government do for revenue were it not for the liquor trade? Great Britain maintains her vast navy and expensive army entirely from that revenue. The people who drink—alcohol, that is—pay for our ironclads and our bayonets, for our bluejackets and our red coats. They keep guard and extend the empire. What does the teetotaler do in that direction, who boasts that alcoholic liquors never pass his lips?

A vote will shortly be taken in Mildura, the Victorian prohibition settlement, to decide whether or not the district should come under the Licensing Act. If so, it is proposed to establish hotels on the Gothenburg system. This means that the municipality will "run" the hotels, and take the profits.

A witness before the Police Commission was asked the question, "Are you a prohibitionist?" His reply should be a motto for the teetotalers, for he answered, "No, I am a total abstainer, but I am also a man."

A blatant lecturer on the evils of drink, a man who oscillates between too much and too little, was seen lately in a leading hotel drinking one of the much-advertised tonics, many a time and oft. At the time a huge bundle of MSS for a teetotal lecture bulged out his breast pocket. Considering that some of these tonics are stronger far than Colonial or British beer, what is to be said of the consistency of such a man? Like most of the prophets of cold water, he and many others of the fraternity bow a frequent knee to Baal.

Sometimes justice is not altogether blind when licensed victuallers are concerned (states the Melbourne *Sportsman*). On a Sunday early last month the police entered the Colac Hotel and found a man there with a glass of shandygaff in his hand. The licensee told the constables that the man had represented himself as a *bona fide* traveller, and, in compliance with the Act, she served him with a drink. This statement the alleged traveller repeated to the police. The latter soon found that the man, though a newcomer to the district, actually resided next door to the hotel. Then, instead of charging the licensee with Sunday trading, the man was proceeded against for representing himself to be a *bona fide* traveller. The case came before the

local police court recently, and has been adjourned until May 13th in order to get a necessary witness.

At the Magistrate's Court, Coromandel, on Thursday last, three charges were laid against a storekeeper named Vetter, of sly grog selling at Opitonui. The case was surrounded with a considerable degree of interest, owing to the fact that an unfortunate man McDevitt had, according to the evidence given at the inquest, partaken of several glasses of whisky on Vetter's premises on the night of his last being seen alive, his body having been picked up several days afterwards in the adjacent Opitonui River. A large amount of evidence was taken. Vetter acknowledged to having dispensed the liquor, the line of defence taken up by Mr McGregor, his solicitor, being that, having opened a general store a few days previously, he was merely entertaining his friends. Vetter, however, admitted that one of the men present on that occasion had paid 2s. This, he supposed, the man had done so as not to appear to be "sponging." The magistrate fined defendant £10, and costs amounting to £3 14s, or in default 14 days' imprisonment. Defendant's solicitor asked for a month's grace. Mr Bush would grant no grace whatever. He had on a previous occasion fined a man £5 for an offence, and had given time, but that defendant had not yet turned up. He did not intend to be had a second time. The money was paid into Court at a later stage.

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**THE KENNEL.**

The dogs at the Sydney Agricultural Show were a good collection. The best of the winners were Mr H. F. Marr's Laird of Petersham and Petersham Belle in the two open classes of collies, Lord Clifton in St. Bernards, Recklaw (by Champion Jonathan) in Mastiffs, and Champion Philgarlic in Bull terriers. Most of the leading Fox terrier fanciers did not exhibit, and Medlow Monarch was the best shown.

"Sir Tatton," writing of Dog Shows in the Melbourne Sportsman, says:—"From what I can gather, the prospects for the coming season shows are not very encouraging. The general feeling appears to be that there will be a great falling off in entries in nearly all classes, more particularly in young stock. This will not be very cheerful news to show promoters, but should put them on the *qui vive* when preparing their schedules. It is simply folly to play the game of the ostrich and to trust to luck, particularly when careful enquiries can throw light upon the subject. I flatter myself that I am in touch with most of the leading kennels and know how matters stand, and I regret to say that I am compelled to take a very gloomy aspect of affairs."  
D.H.

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The fourteenth annual meeting of the Wellington Society has been held. The balance-sheet is as follows:—Assets: Plant, pens, cages, etc., £224; amount of deposit with the Post-Office Savings Bank and interest, £103; sundry amounts due and subscriptions, £10 14s; Auckland Society, hire of pens, £5; total, £342 14s. Liabilities: Bank of New Zealand, overdraft, £10 1s 3d; treasurer, 6s; balance, £332 6s 9d; total, £342 14s. The various offices have been filled, thus—President, the Mayor (Mr J. R. Blair); hon. treasurer, Mr W. L. Curtis; secretary, Mr J. Speck, with a remuneration of 10 guineas per annum; committee, Messrs D. Murphy, A. H. Fullford, T. Erskine, W. Lowrey, H. Ross, J. Iremonger, E. Faller, F. Cooper, and H. Pitcher. It will be noticed that the name of Mr Bob Bannister is missing from the list. The Wellington fanciers must have turned right round if they will not elect "Brahma" Bannister as one of their officials.

This year's show of the Sydenham Poultry Society is to be held in the fine wool stores of Messrs Dalgety and Co. The committee has been very fortunate in securing such a commodious building, without doubt the best in the colony for an exhibition, and being situated immediately alongside the Christchurch Railway Station, it is particularly convenient for outside fanciers. The committee has arranged with several local dog fanciers to place their dogs on show, and as the display will include several of the most noted dogs in the colony it will be an attractive feature. Messrs Dacre, Wilson, and Deal will judge the poultry, Messrs E. D. Rees and Dacre the pigeons, and Messrs J. Stapleton and R. Evans the canaries. The committee still offers the usual prize money, which is amongst the best in the colony. Altogether the society is endeavoring to encourage the fancy in a praiseworthy manner.

The following from the Birmingham Post will be of interest to all exhibitors and show committees. H. Russell sued C. J. Hands for £5 damages for non-delivery of a Game cock which plaintiff said he purchased at the Leamington Show in October last, in accordance with the rules, which said—"Exhibitors may state on their entry form the price at which they are prepared to sell the exhibits, and the sale must take place at the offer thus made to the purchaser." Plaintiff found, on reference to the printed catalogue, that the price of the bird in question was 10s, and he deposited that sum with the secretary, but it was returned with the explanation that the price given in the catalogue was wrongly stated as the result of a printer's error. He contended, however, that he was entitled to the bird, as he had complied with the conditions in the catalogue. His Honor, Judge Ingham, asked for the production of the entry form, and found the price entered on that was £2 10s. He said it was clear the price of sale was that entered on the entry form, and not in the printed catalogue. He non-suited plaintiff with costs.  
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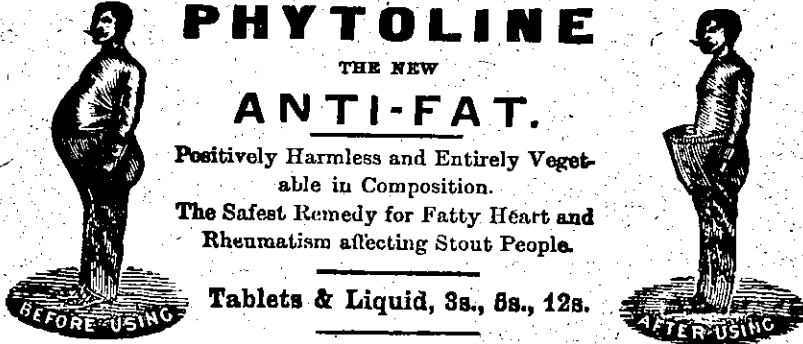
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