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WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

WINTER (STEEPLECHASE) MEETING.
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
JULY 14 AND 16.

Judge: Mr G. H. Soles. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evelt.
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Geo. Hutchison, E. J. Riddiford, J. Saunders, and the
Hon. C. J. Johnston.

PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. For horses that have never won a handicap steeplechase exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry, hack and hunter steeplechases excepted. Weights—4yrs, 11st 5lb; 5yrs, 12st; 6yrs and aged, 12st 3lb. Entrance, 2 sovs. About two miles.
Stewards' Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.
Maiden Hack Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of nomination. Weights—Two-year-olds, 9st; three-year-olds, 10st; four-year-olds and upwards, 10st 5lb. No allowances. Entrance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.
Winter Hurdle Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Two miles.
Parliamentary Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a furlong.
Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For qualified hacks and hunters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles and a quarter.
First Hack Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a furlong.

SECOND DAY.

Hutt Flying Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.
Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For qualified hacks and hunters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles.
Wellington Steeplechase Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 5 sovs. About three miles.
Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 50 sovs; a bracelet of the value of 40 sovs for the first horse, and a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs for the second horse. Gentleman riders. Minimum weight in handicap, 11st. The horses to be nominated by ladies. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles on the flat.
Winter Oats Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winners of any previous race the same day to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.
Final Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.
Final Hack Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.
NOMINATION for all events, except the Maiden Steeplechase and Maiden Hack Race, FRIDAY, June 17th.
WEIGHTS declared for the first day's handicaps, also for the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap, FRIDAY, July 1st.
ACCEPTANCES for all the first day's handicaps and Wellington Steeplechase Handicap; also, ENTRIES for the Maiden Steeplechase and Maiden Hack Race, FRIDAY, July 8th.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All Entries, Nominations, Acceptances, etc., close at 9 p.m. (unless stated to the contrary) at the Club Hotel, Wellington.
Five per cent will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes.
Definition of a Hack.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race at any time, hack and hunter races excepted, and is not or has not been nominated in any race, other than hack or hunter races at the same meeting.
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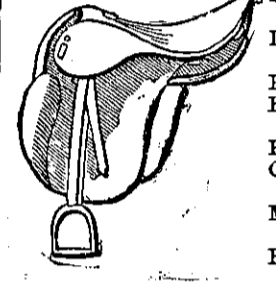
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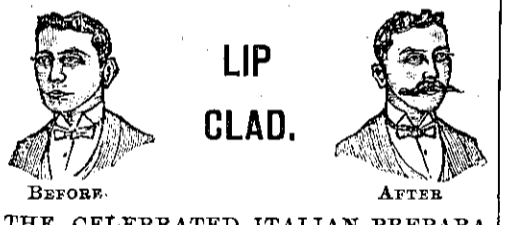
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WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 27 AND 30.
Bracelet Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs, at 30s each, that have not won over £3 of advertised money in one stake. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, July 22nd, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on MONDAY, July 25th, by 8 p.m.
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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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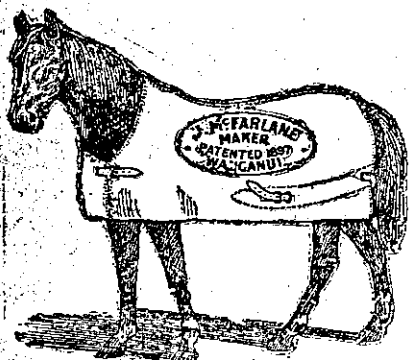
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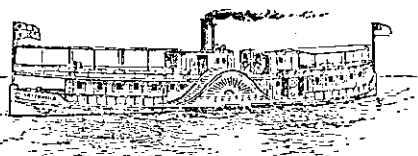
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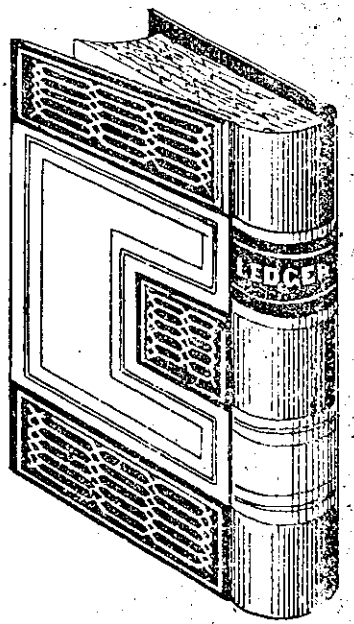
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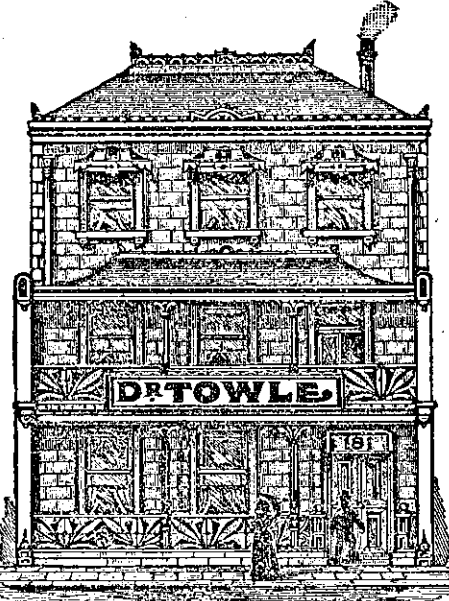
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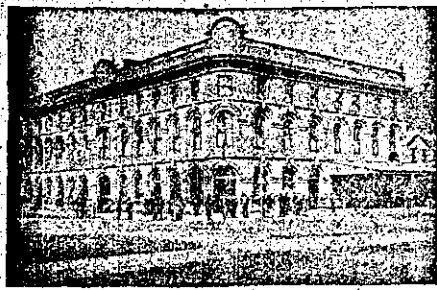
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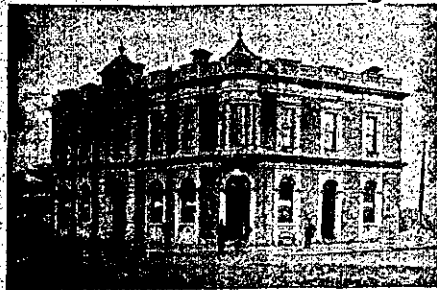
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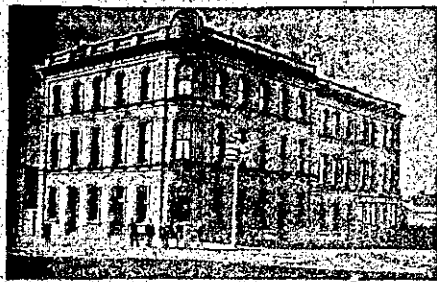
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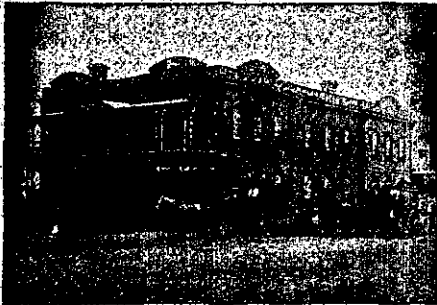
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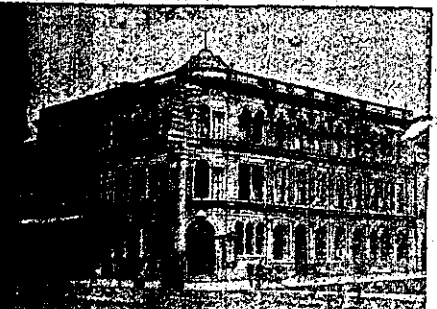
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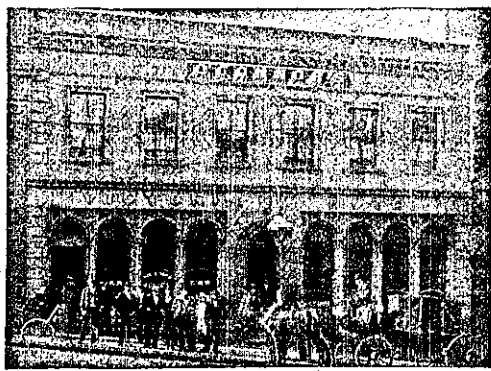
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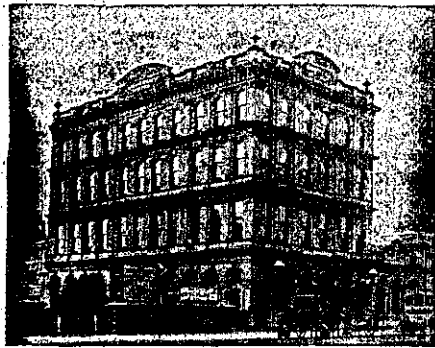
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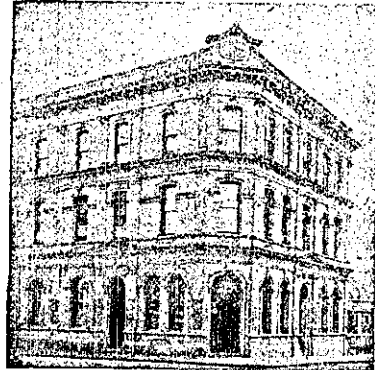
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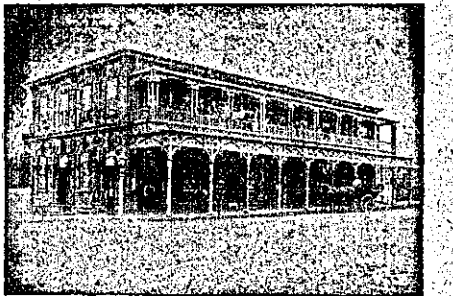
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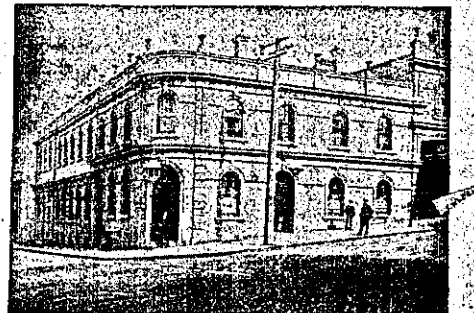
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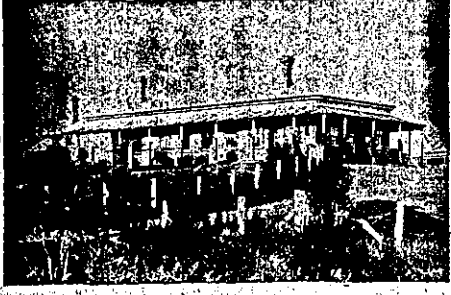
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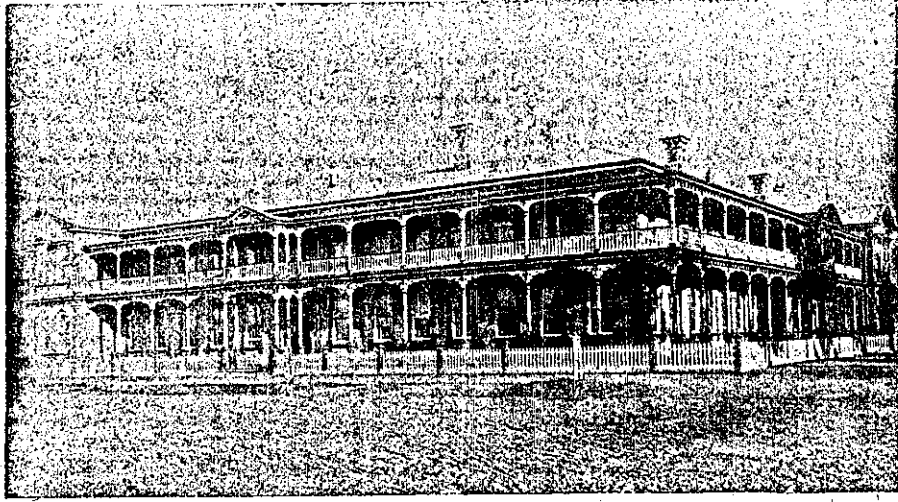
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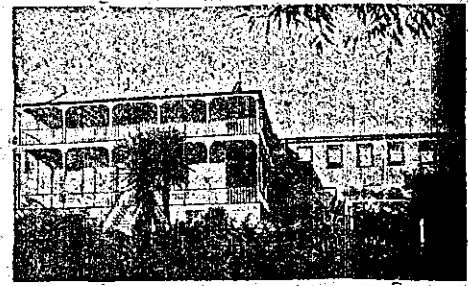


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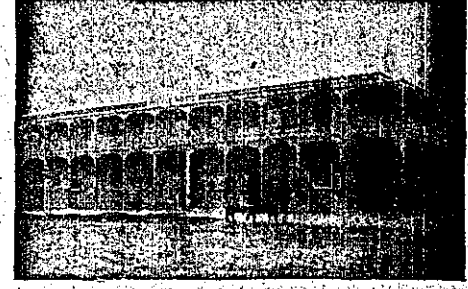
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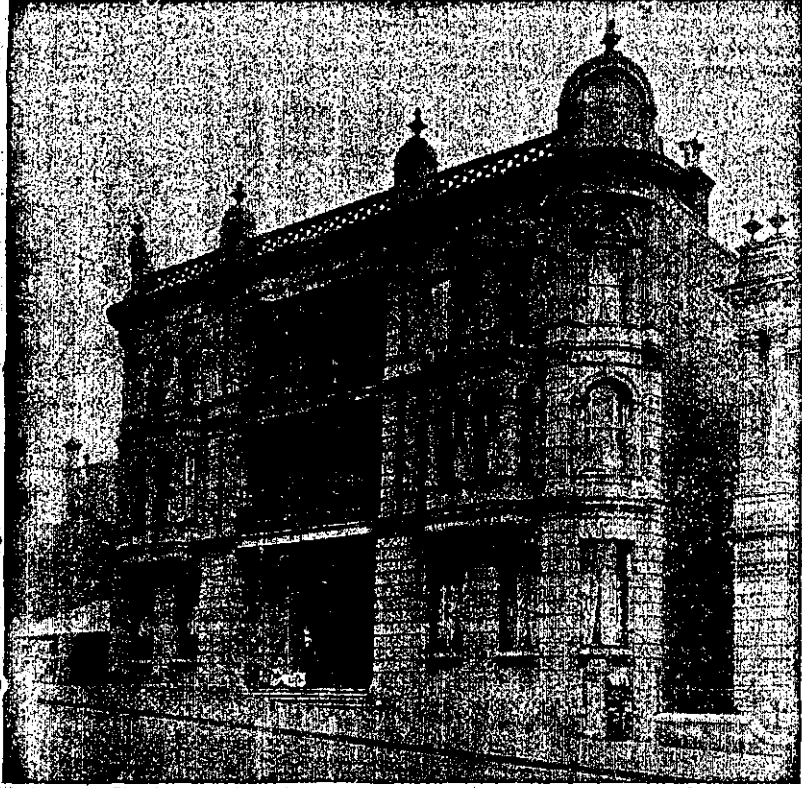
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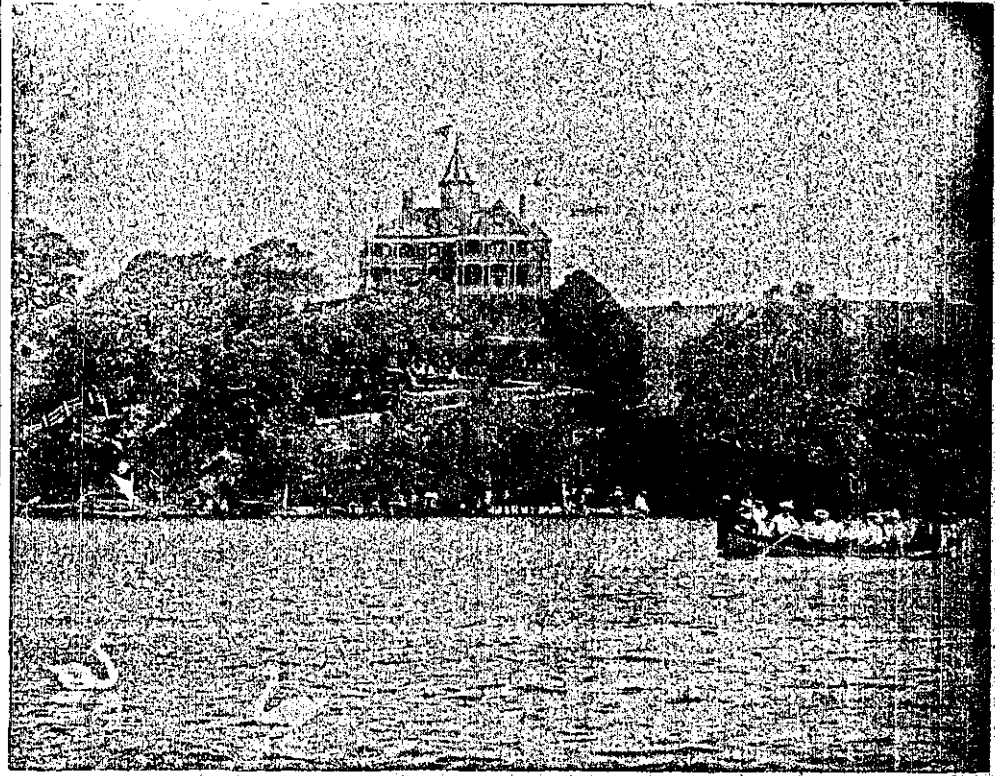
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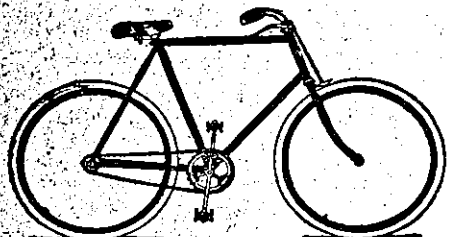
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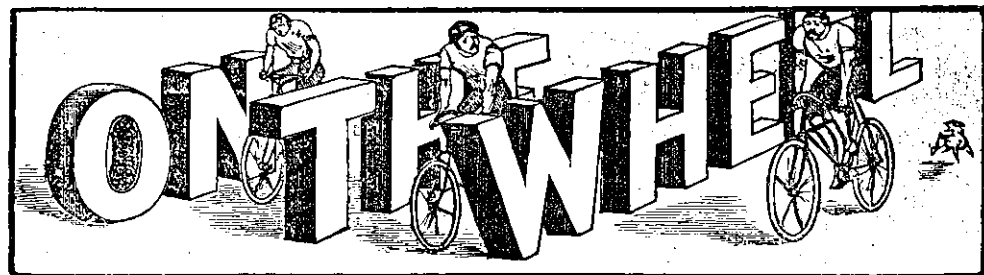
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Mr E. Norden, of the Auckland Cycling Club, returned from South last week, and reports League matters flourishing in the South.

The talk of match between Forbes and Sutherland has gone "bung," neither rider seeming inclined to come to business when brought together. Like the newspaper correspondence between pugilists, the scheme was evidently merely an advertising dodge, a wordy warfare.

Body, the old New Zealand cyclist, who has been racing in Australia returned to New Zealand a few days since, and according to a Southern paper, will go on to America and the Continent shortly to measure speed with the big guns.

Tejdy Reynolds seems rather anxious to meet Sutherland, and expresses the hope that the League Champion will come North during our big Industrial Exhibition Carnival.

The most interesting item in cycling circles since my notes of last week (says "Demon" in the Otago Witness) is the successful attempt of P. Ralston to break the 50-mile record. To take 11sec off a record does not seem to be much of a performance, but when the state of the roads and the weather are taken into account the ride becomes creditable indeed. Ralston's record of 2hrs 25min 26sec will stand now till next season.

The programme for the Austral Meeting in December has been framed. The prizes for the big race this year will be increased, the first being £240, second £120. The total value of prizes amounts to no less than £700. A cycling novelty in the form of a brass band mounted on bicycles rides round the streets of Christchurch.

Despite the assertions of the slump in the cycle trade, the English factories are still busy, and notices of "hands wanted" remain at the doors of all for weeks at a stretch.

The Prince of Wales learnt to ride the bicycle in eight lessons, and did not have a single fall. His instructor was Mr Stanton, who exercised great care with his Royal pupil.

"Lancelot," writing in *Bicycling News*, says: "Nothing will tend to purify the amateur ranks more than a well governed flourishing professionalism," to which the N.Z. Cyclists' Alliance may add Amen.

The Christchurch City Council is considering the question of providing accommodation for bicycles by erecting a railing in front of the Post Office, where machines may be allowed to rest. Auckland City Fathers please note.

Twin roller chains will be much sought after by New Zealand cyclists next season, and owing to the difficulty in getting sufficient supplies from England, New Zealand manufacturers will not, it is expected, be able to get large enough stocks.

The New Zealand League of Wheelmen claims the largest membership roll in the Australian colonies. The Maoriland governing body have over 4,000 members, as against the 3,500 under the New South Wales League.

R. Hendry, the Auckland rider, is at present in Christchurch, and will in all probability remain here for some time. "Bob" intends, if possible, to train next season at Lancaster Park, by which means he hopes to get into his very best form. There is no getting away from the fact that a rider who has trained on a grass track is at a great disadvantage when called upon to meet cracks on an asphalt surface.

A novel race is talked of in America. It is a one mile race paced by a locomotive, and the proposed contestants are Murphy, who has covered a mile before a gale on the road in 1min 0.4-5sec, and Anderson, who has ridden a mile paced by a railroad train in 1min 3sec. Both men are anxious to get together and try to do a mile better than a minute. The idea is to lay a course on some long straight stretch and have the engine as a pacer.

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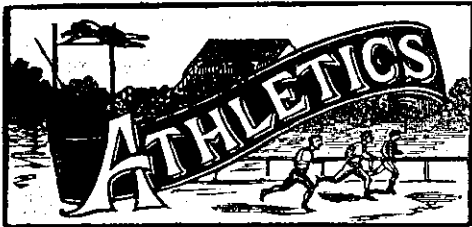
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[BY VIGILANT.]

A. G. Patrick, the Wellington sprinter, does not expect to be sufficiently good form to visit Australia in October, owing to that time being so close to the New Zealand winter.

With a view to the proper representation of Australia in the "Marathon" Race in the Olympic games at Paris in 1900, I ("Prodigal") think that during this and next winter similar races should be conducted in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Christchurch or Auckland. A "Marathon" Race, held under the auspices of the Boston A.A.A. in '97, proved a decided success, the course (along a dusty road, up hill and down dale, by the way) being covered in 2hr. 55min. 10sec. This year 24 ran for the prize, and the winner covered the distance 2hr. 42min. Athletes here should remember that the principal event in the Olympic games will be the "Marathon" race.

The annual report of the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club shows a further shrinkage of funds. The present balance being only £13 10s 1d. It seems a pity that a revival of public interest cannot be brought about.

Efforts are being made in Sydney to revive professional sprint handicaps.

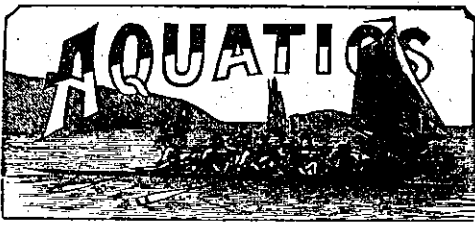
H. Hatches has issued a challenge to A. R. Downer, offering to take 7yds in 200yds or 10yds in 300yds for £25 to £50 a side.

In the first of the three races between G. B. Tincler and F. E. Bacon, (one mile) the former won easily by 30yds, in the fast time of 4min 16 2-5 sec. Details to hand show that Bacon was badly beaten.

The London Sportsman, of April 27, says:—"Burrows, the champion all-round athlete, called at the Sportsman office recently, looking the picture of health and strength. Burrows has been located during the winter months at Cairo, where he acted as manager of the Cycling and Athletic Grounds, and the Theatre Royal Soldiers' Club. Burrows left London last September, and returned on the Ormuz, reaching town on the 25th. He leaves us again in August, and takes with him requisites for a gymnasium, which the young Australian intends fitting up in Cairo. While here Burrows would like to have a cut at the club-swinging record of forty hours, credited in Australia to J. Griffiths and T. Bax, and providing a suitable prize is offered he will be prepared to commence the task within a month from date. On his return to Cairo Burrows will enter upon a three years' engagement with Mortimer and Co., as manager and instructor in gymnastics."

The following description of the mile race between F. E. Bacon and G. E. Tincler is taken from the London Sportsman, which paper says the contest was a magnificent one. Tincler, having won the toss, selected the inside position, and after getting set, the starter Jack Hepplewaite, sent them on their journey amid much

excitement. The Irishman jumped off with the lead, followed by Bacon about a yard behind, and it was seen that Tincler held his hands a little lower down than his opponent, while their strides seemed to be about equal in length. This order was maintained for a quarter of a mile, which was accomplished in 1min 1sec, so that it was evident that Tincler had received his instructions to make the pace rather hot. Going round a second time, the pace slowed down somewhat, as it took the leader, Tincler, 1min 9sec to complete it, the half mile time showing on the board at 2min 10sec, Bacon being two yards in the rear. At the point the bookmakers were still shouting 2 to 1 on Bacon, but the latter evidently was blowing a little, and Tincler's backer, Mr George Drake, ran across the track and snapped up the odds in several places. The third quarter was 5sec quicker, than the previous one, the time for three-quarters of a mile being 3min 15sec, Tincler still two yards in front. At the bell Bacon tried to close up the gap, and in the next hundred yards got within three-quarters of a yard of the leader, and many thought Bacon was going to give his opponent the go-by with his usual rush, but for once the favorite had reckoned without his host, as three hundred yards from home Tincler began to draw away. This gave his backers cause to cheer, for when two hundred yards had to be covered, Tincler had opened a gap of six yards between himself and his doughty opponent, and going further in front, the Irishman was fifteen yards to the good on entering the straight for home. It was all over bar shouting, and Tincler, coming further away at every stride, finally breasted the tape apparently full of running, thirty yards to the good, in the fast time of 4min 16 2-5th sec.



At present (writes the London correspondent of an Australian paper) there is "no such person" as the professional sculling champion of England, Jake Gaudaur having abandoned the Sportsman Cup, which is the visible sign of the title. But there are half-a-dozen aspirants to the honour, and they are at present amusing themselves and other people by flinging challenges for hundreds a side at one another. Tom Sullivan, who once possessed the title and thinks himself good enough to get it again, has come forward with a suggestion that the trustees of the Cup should put it up for competition among the best scullers in England. He suggests a sweepstake of £50 each, the winner to hold the cup and title and take £200 in cash, the surplus, if any, to rank as a second prize. James Wray, George Towns, Wag Harding, and W. A. Barry have signified their willingness to enter the competition, and there is no reason why the cup trustees should object to the proposal of the ex-champion. Up to the present, however, they been given no sign of approval or the other thing.

WEST END ROWING CLUB'S SENIOR FOUR, 1897-8.



O. O. HUGHES (No. 3). A. BAILLY (STROKE). J. HEWSON (No. 2). W. H. CONWAY (No. 1).

Winners at the Ponsonby and Drunken Bay Regattas.

Photo by Bartlett, Auckland.

WEST END ROWING CLUB'S HEAVY-WEIGHT JUNIORS, 1897-8.



F. J. HALES (No. 3) H. H. BACH (STROKE) R. W. REES (No. 2) H. S. SANDS (No. 1)

Winners at the Ponsonby, Hamilton, Drunken Bay, Auckland, and Ngarnawahia Regattas.

Photo by Bartlett, Auckland.

BOXING.

Writing from San Francisco on May 18 the correspondent of the Sydney Referee remarks:—"It has been an eventful month in pugilistic circles. In addition to Sharkey's defeat at the hands of Jeffries, a defeat that was encompassed by too small a margin to do the victor much credit, there has been a happening no less startling than the defeat of Peter Maher by grizzly Joe Goddard. In ordinary times a person well posted on matters pugilistic might say—why should there be anything startling about it? But these are not ordinary times, my masters. Goddard has been giving cataleptic exhibitions lately, and has been walloped around the ropes by the Sharkeys and the Jeffries. He admitted himself that he was getting 'too old to fight,' and when he went East to tackle Irish Peter a week or two ago there was a disposition to regard the match as one of convenience, or, in other words, a fight for revenue only. But he downed Maher with a backhand in the very first round, and call it an accident if you like, the decision goes on record. Another unlooked-for event in pugilistic circles was the loosening of Fitzsimon's tongue. Bob had been very quiet for a long time. It was remarked that he, as well as other old-time notables, had been kind o' snowed under by Sharkey and Jeffries, the young giants of the arena, and it is just possible that Bob himself noticed that his name wasn't on everybody's tongue, as it used to be in the days following those troublous times at Carson. In any case, just while the aftermath of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight was at its height, Robert was heard from, and in such a way that we all thought he meant fight. He said that both Corbett and Kid McCoy had been taking liberties with his name; that each of them had talked of giving him a large sum of money if he would content to risk his two world's championships. He was prepared to accept the extravagant offers made, and take a fall out of each man before the autumn leaves began to fall. Nothing came of it, however. McCoy has his hands full at present, having to meet Gus Ruhlin on the 20th, and Corbett said his offer had been misconstrued purposely. Of this more anon."

INFLUENZA.

The increase of this malady is very marked this winter, and as the after effects on many have turned out so seriously, it is a wise precaution to, if possible, prevent this fell disease, or at any rate, at the outset of the attack, endeavor to "nip it in the bud." Further testimony of the efficacy of the world-renowned Wolfe's Aromatic Schnapps in cases of influenza is frequent, and the agents find that they come unsolicited from many persons, who, when attacked by this disorder, try Wolfe's Schnapps with most satisfactory results. Mr Lewis Stead, a well-known resident of Napier, New Zealand, wrote some time ago to the New Zealand Times, published at Wellington, declaring that a treatment by gargling of 3 or 4 hours' duration was sufficient to cure him, and he went on to say: "the cure being thoroughly complete. I had no chance to try it again on myself, but as there are many sick and dying of the same complaint, it seemed to me my plain duty to humanity to let everyone know about the matter as quickly as possible, and I know many people who have used Wolfe's Schnapps, but the cures have been so

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[By VIGILANT.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

The second round of the district cup matches under the Auckland Rugby Union was entered upon last Saturday, when Newton, Suburbs, and Parnell beat Grafton, Ponsonby, and City respectively.

In defeating Grafton the Newton fifteen thus established a clear lead of three matches, which almost places the cup honors beyond doubt, there being very little prospect of their colors being lowered sufficiently often in the remaining matches to allow of Parnell, or any other of the clubs, drawing on terms. At the same time it may be said that while they succeeded in beating Grafton by 3 points to nil, they had little or nothing to crow about on Saturday, rather was it generally admitted that the losing side had something the best of the game, taking it from end to end. In the first spell the black and whites had all the best of the fun and should certainly have scored, and quite held their own up to within fifteen or twenty minutes of the close, when Newton held sway until a few minutes of time, when Grafton came again with a final effort but failed to score.

Pillenger, the Newton full-back, was as sound as ever in his defence, and got in a large amount of saving work.

Roberts, who had been playing quite up to "rep" form in previous matches, was decidedly off color, his passing being wretched.

Freeman did not seem at all at home with the greasy ball, and fumbled two or three of his takes badly.

Kirkwood was the best of the Newton three-quarters, while Mynott rendered a good account of himself at five eighths, and Hobson, with the exception of one or two mistakes, did his work behind the pack cleanly.

Clarke, of whom I have a great opinion, played with his usual dash on the wing, while in the forwards none worked harder than Lewis.

"Safe as a church," was the remark of a Grafton supporter as Smith, the full-back, wriggled out of a tight corner and got in his kick. Over and over again this clever little "full" brought his side out of ugly corners, and kicked in grand style.

Tait, Renwick, Hume, and Freeborn were the three-quarters, and their handling of the wet ball was far and away better than that of the opposing side. At times their passing was very good.

Carlton Hay and brother "Dug," at five-eighths and half, worked splendidly together and made more than one nice opening for their backs.

Brady on the wing, and Stirling and McGregor in the front, were always conspicuous.

Ponsonby made a game fight against Suburbs, but were outclassed, the blacks winning by 12 points (4 tries) to nil. The game was fast.

Absolum was the pick of the winning three-quarters, and played a slashing game on the attack, quite at his best. His handling of the wet ball was a treat.

Sutherland was out again, and with McPike proved that the Suburbs three-quarters are a real good lot. The trio got in some nice passing runs, and were always there when called on to defend their quarters.

Elliott and Gage worked splendidly together at five-eighths and half, the former making his openings as cleanly and cleverly as of yore, while Gage got in some smart dodgy work and punted judiciously.

Of the forwards, C. Speight, McKenzie, and Williams always stood out.

Webber was very good at full-back for Ponsonby, and the other backs played well, when it is remembered that they were hampered by a beaten pack. Harrison was undoubtedly their best man.

At five-eighths and half respectively, Galloway and Braund made the most of every chance that offered itself, and initiated several good passing runs, also defending well.

The Carder Bros. and Cole played well among the forwards, while Barker stood out on the wing.

Parnell ran over City to such an extent that the latter, who played three men short, gave out after 30 minutes play, the scores then being Parnell 19, City nil.

The New Zealand Football Council will consider the question of sending a football team to England.

Several efforts have been made to get George Smith, the City three-quarter and member of the last New Zealand team, to don the jersey again, with a view to his inclusion in our rep. team. So far these attempts have proved fruitless, and it seems that Smith is likely to adhere to his decision not to turn out again.

A cable of last week states that Mullineaux' English team will not be able, on account of want of time, to pay a visit to New Zealand on their Australian tour next season. This being so, they will not have a chance of playing the strongest Rugby colony in the Australias.

The Ponsonby forward, Wilson, has gone to Coromandel, and Sid Brown, the dashing Grafton front rank man, has gone to Sydney.

Tauranga boys are anxious to arrange a match with Auckland, and will be given a game if the rep. matches with visiting provinces permit.

So far, Taranaki do not appear to have notified the Auckland Union as to when they intend coming north.

A general meeting of the Auckland Rugby Union has confirmed the resolution carried by the management committee, that the residential qualification of visiting players wishing to join our district teams shall be four weeks.

Rumor says that Asher, of Tauranga, who has thrown in his lot with Parnell, is likely to return home shortly. Is it true?

Frank Surman, who returned to Sydney a week or two since, will play for his old love, Randwick.

The Auckland Referees' Association decided at last week's meeting that in the event of a ball tucked under a player's arm being knocked on through concussion with another player it shall be considered a throw forward, even though the player that had possession regains it ere it touches the ground.

WEST END ROWING CLUB'S LIGHT-WEIGHT JUNIORS, 1897-98.



A. WRIGHT (No. 3) A. E. OSWALD (STROKE)
C. WARNE (No. 1) R. A. ADAMS (No. 2)
Winners at the Ponsonby, Hamilton, and Drunken Bay Regattas; also, of the Light-weight Seniors at Auckland Regatta.
Photo by Bartlett, Auckland.

At a recent meeting of the Wellington Rugby Union, the following programme for the northern tour was adopted, subject to satisfactory replies being received from the unions interested:— "Leave Wellington 25th July, play Taranaki 26th, play Auckland 30th July, leave Auckland 2nd August, play Hawke's Bay 4th August, arrive Wellington 5th August." It is doubtful whether the Auckland Rugby Union will be prepared to accept so early a date.

WRESTLING IN SOUTH AFRICA.
Sutherland and Rasso.

In spite of the fact that two of the greatest exponents of the art were matched for £25 a-side to wrestle for an hour in the Græco-Roman style at the Circus on Saturday night (says the Cape Times of May 23), there was but a meagre attendance, the empty benches in the vast amphitheatre having a most depressing effect. The loss, however, falls principally on those who stayed away, as the show was one of the best that has been placed before the Capetown public. Rasso, who is a magnificent specimen of muscular manhood, and who weighs some 17st, is one of the principal exponents of wrestling in Europe. He has met most of the best Græco-Roman wrestlers in the world, and has never been beaten. It is said that he is looked upon as a worthy opponent of Youssouf, the "Terrible Turk," who recently lost on a foul in a match with Roeber, the American champion. His opponent, J. W. Sutherland, is a New Zealander, and the 11st champion of the Australian colonies. That he is a first-class wrestler there can be no manner of doubt, as with all the 6st advantage in weight, Rasso was unable to fulfil his undertaking to throw him five times within the hour.

Prior to the wrestling, the brothers Rasso gave an exhibition of weight-lifting, juggling with dumb-bells of 100lb, 150lb, and 200lb in weight, this portion of the performance ending in the smaller of the brothers placing a large dumb-bell weighing 200lb across his shoulders, and on the top of this sat an 11st man, while two others held on to each end of the bar. With 800lb thus supported, he swung his load round and round with comparative ease. The Rassos were loudly applauded at the close. Sutherland then gave an exhibition of dumb-bell exercise with bells weighing 57lb each. After a short interval the event of the evening came on.

Rasso undertook to throw Sutherland five times within an hour, wrestling time, in the Græco-Roman style, strangling hold barred. When Sutherland and Rasso entered the arena the disparity in the size of the pair was most marked, and a good many doubts were expressed as to whether the little man could keep out of the clutches of his gigantic opponent. At seven past 9 Mr Westmacott, who acted as timekeeper, gave the signal to start, and the pair closed. Rasso soon got a grip, and after about 2min 15sec wrestling gained the first fall. A three-minute rest was then allowed, before the men faced each other again. Sutherland now adopted new tactics, and would not let the big man get a grip, but Rasso would not be denied, and again Sutherland

found the ground. It was one thing, however, to get him on the carpet, and quite another to lay him on his back. Squirming like an eel, he cleverly evaded the big man's well-meant efforts to place his shoulder blades on the ground, the smartness in getting out of dangerous positions gaining rounds of applause. Five, ten, fifteen minutes passed, and still Rasso, although nearly getting the fall several times, could not quite manage it. Then Sutherland, by a lightning-like movement, got the big man over, and it looked very much like a fair fall, but, of course, was not officially recognised. When 25 minutes had passed a very smart throw took place, and the referee gave it as a fall.

There was some dissatisfaction as to whether it was a fair throw, but Sutherland, while not thinking that it was, would not dispute the referee's decision. Twenty-seven minutes fifteen seconds of the allotted hour's wrestling had thus passed, and Rasso had three more falls to gain in the remaining 32min 45sec. After the rest, however, Rasso, whom the last bout had probably tired, came into the ring and withdrew, as he said he felt too done up to proceed.

The match was thus awarded to Sutherland, who was seconded by Martin Denny, while Rasso was seconded by his brother.

Donald Dinnie, the veteran Scotch athlete, then entered the arena and challenged Rasso to wrestle him outside six weeks for £25 or £50 aside, in two styles, the Græco-Roman and Scotch style, and should each gain a fall to toss for choice of style for third bout. After Sutherland had thanked those present for their attendance, the entertainment closed. Mr Corbett-Browne acted as referee in most admirable fashion, working quite as hard as either of the principals.

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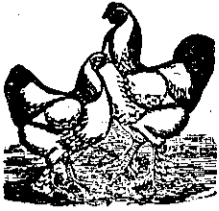


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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

July 5, Tues; 7, Thurs—Gisborne Park Steeplechase July 14, Thurs; 16, Sat—Wellington R.C. Steeplechase August 11, Thurs; 13, Sat—N.Z. Grand National October 10, Mon; 11, Tues—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring

NOMINATIONS.

June 27—Wellington R.C. Wellesley Stakes and Wellington Stakes July 25—N.Z. Grand National

HANDICAPS.

July 1—New Zealand Cup July 18—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles August 1—N.Z. Grand National

ACCEPTANCES.

July 1—Gisborne Park Steeplechase July 8—Wellington R.C. Winter July 25—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles August 5—New Zealand Cup August 8—N.Z. Grand National December 31—Taranaki Hack Guineas

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THE EVILS OF SPRINTING.

THE cable brings word that at the meeting of the English Jockey Club held on Friday last, the Earl of March protested against the frequency of sprint races, which he declared ruined the stamina and temper of thoroughbreds. The Earl of Harewood agreed, and suggested as a cure for the evil the doubling of stakes for long distances. This same protest has been put before the Jockey Club before, but then as now, beyond the plain speaking of one or two stewards, nothing has been done in the direction of checking in some degree the increase in the number of short distance races. There can be no doubt that the sprint is a popular race with the public and with the majority of present-day owners and trainers. But a look ahead proves that the encouragement given to the short distance race is confidence misplaced. It suits the public, it suits the bookmakers, it suits the racing clubs, and it suits certain breeders. But at the same time sprint racing at an early age is destructive to staying power and makes a horse evil-tempered if he has a tendency to bad manners. Here in New Zealand and in Australia the same story is plainly written, by too much encouragement given to races under a mile we are gradually losing stamina. Speed instead of staying power and let the future look after itself seems to be the maxim nowadays, but it is a mistaken one, and time will prove it to be so. Perhaps it is true that sprint racing and the frequent running of two-year-olds are doing more harm in the Old Country than in the colonies, but here as there the spirit of the times is leading to the deterioration of the racehorse. As an example of the havoc wrought amongst thoroughbreds by the present system it may be mentioned that a few years ago 1,108 two-year-olds ran in races on the English tracks, and of these only 779 turned up in the following year. Another year 723 three-year-olds sported silk, but only 417 turned out as four-year-olds. It is only right to surmise that a proportion of the youngsters were tried once and found wanting as regards racing power and that as they possessed good blood were retired for stud purposes. But even allowing a big percentage for breeding the above figures show what a duffing lot of youngsters carried colours in the years mentioned. This two-year-old racing is somewhat similar to the desire in the Old Country for "baby beef." Of late years it has been the ambition of feeders to produce at the big cattle shows two-year-old bullocks fit for the butcher. Their object has been attained, though the beef while tender and choice to look upon has lacked flavour, and by the "old school"—no mean judges—has been pronounced insipid to a degree. By a careful system of feeding the calf is now made to put on flesh and fat right from its birth, there is no "frame first and flesh afterwards," as was the practice of our wise forefathers, and the consequence is that the modern product while good for the raiser and the retailer is not of much account to the consumer. So it is with two year-old

racing. While stud owners are beset with the demand for forward youngsters so long will they breed and force so that the supply shall be equal to the requirements of owners and trainers. And so long as four, five, and six furlong races are popular with all sections of the racing world so surely will the thoroughbred gradually lose the staying power which used to be the hall-mark of its fame. Here, in Auckland, there have lately been attempts to shorten the distance of established races. The only two mile flat race of the year, the Auckland Cup, was threatened with the curtailment of half a mile, but happily the full distance was retained. The proposed Century Stakes is to be run over a mile and a half if it comes to pass, but the original framers of the race could only see their way to make the journey one mile and a quarter. This increase in the distance is a step in the right direction, and all honour is due to the men who suggested and embodied in the conditions the addition of another quarter of a mile. In the colonies as at Home the long distance races want fostering care. The words of the Earl of March should sink deep into the minds of racing men in New Zealand. He is a man who has a complete knowledge of racing, and he is a steward of the most influential jockey club in the world. His suggestions are in the best interests of the future of the Turf, for he foresees that the present system is trending in the direction of the extinction of the stayer and towards the manufacture of a flying machine of service for a season or so as a stake winner, but "only that and nothing more." Here is more work to the hands of the delegates at the approaching Racing Conference. Let them, as New Zealanders in other walks of life have done, "hold a beacon to the world" by pressing home the necessity for long distance races. There is not a first-class racing club in New Zealand which has not had a successful time during the past season, and it would indeed be a red letter year if the Conference could establish itself upon the memory of the racing world by its resolve to spend some of the big profits upon the revival of weight-for-age races and long distance handicaps. Such a resolution carried into effect would do much to revive the glories of the past, while it would materially decrease the ranks of wretched weeds now appearing as sprinting stars for "one season only."

Sporting Topics.

The weights should see the light to-morrow for the events on the programme prepared for the first day's racing at the Winter Meeting of the Wellington Racing Club. These will include the Steeplechase adjustment. The acceptances are due a week later.

The New Zealand-bred Culloden has been sent to the stud in County Westmeath, Ireland. Culloden, it will be remembered, went Home with a big reputation for racing, but on the English courses he never approached his colonial form.

Wheriside has been scratched out of both the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase. Hive has also left both events, while the names of Leslie and Borderer have been removed from the Hurdle Race.

The troubles of the tipster down Hawke's Bay way must be tremendous. "Fetlock" of the Hawke's Bay Herald, trying to find the winner of the Hawke's Bay Hurdles, on Monday in last week, said, "To pick it in five, I shall select Social Pest, Plain Bill, Opae, Golden Plover, and Sultador." As there were only nine runners, "Fetlock" must have been on pretty good terms with himself on the morning of the race. But he might just as well have given the other four starters a chance, for of his selected quintette Social Pest was the only one to get a "drum."

Daystar has changed hands, the beautifully-bred Castor—Cissy horse having found new owners in Messrs Stewart McGuinness and M. Mills. The negotiations for the purchase of Daystar were brought to a close on Thursday last, when Mr E. D. Halstead, the well-known veterinary surgeon, certified to his soundness. It is understood that the price paid was 600 guineas, and the horse has been taken to his new home, where he will probably undergo the greater part of his preparation for the New Zealand Cup. The purchase of Daystar by Waiuku's trainer favors the correctness of statements recently made that last year's Cup winner is destined for Australia, and it furthermore demonstrates that although Daystar could only secure fourth place in the big event, the brilliant but late run which he made on that occasion won the respect of Waiuku's connections, and there can be no doubt that if Castor's son is brought to the post fit, and the ground is not too hard, he will be a dangerous customer to meet. It will be remembered that last year he carried 9st, conceding half a stone to the brilliant St. Paul, and 8lb to the equally brilliant Waiuku. That he should have got as close as he did stamps him as a great horse when well, and it is quite possible that we have not seen the best of him, albeit his performances in the Auckland Cup and other races since have been very disappointing.

Bully! Old Judge Cigarettes. Illustration of a dog and a pack of cigarettes.

Try Geo. Fowlds for tweed and macintosh coats.

Gaulus, the winner of the last Melbourne Cup, is said to be in a queer way, and is not likely to race again.

Merloolas is in work again and striding along freely at Rosehill.

To-morrow (Friday) the handicaps for the New Zealand Cup are due.

Acceptances for the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club's meeting should be notified to the secretary to-morrow, Friday.

Old Ballyhooley's glory appears to have departed. He was submitted to public auction on Friday and disposed of for 14 guineas.

Donald McKinnon is now receiving his lessons at the hands of J. Fountain. The Caulfield trainer is pleased with his charge, and is hopeful for the future.

The New Zealand climate appears to agree with Peerage, Malatus, and Heritaa. Dan O'Brien's trio are looking very well just now, and are coming on nicely.

Quiliri has been stopped in his work. After a gallop the other morning he showed signs of breaking down, so his trainer decided to give him a rest.

Wanganui horses had a goodly share of the "spoils to the victors" at the Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting. Dante took the biggest plum by winning the Hurdles. The gelding showed very good and improved form, and "dusted" the opposition effectually.

Doondiah, who is a fancied candidate for Victorian Grand National Steeplechase honors, won the Bolindorpe Steeplechase at Moonee Valley on the 18th. At the same meeting—Oakland Hunt Club—Sunlight also won a jumping race.

Warbreccan, the two-year-old colt by Pilgrim's Progress out of Ringarooma, is dead. During the present year he started six times, but never gained winning honors. Warbreccan was entered for the Melbourne Cup.

Rhino's victory in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase was a bit of a surprise, even to some of his intimate connections. He had not shown anything like the form of twelve months back till this race, and that his win was not altogether expected is proved by the dividend paid by the machine. He was in stronger favor for the Hurdle Race on the first day of the meeting and made most of the running.

Floater, who shares with "our own" Levanter the honor of being top weight in the Victorian Grand National Steeplechase, carried 12st 6lb to victory easily in a steeplechase last Saturday. He is said to have jumped beautifully, and will probably have something to do with the finish for the Grand National.

Bobadil's name was not long in the list of the handicapped for the Melbourne Cup. Very soon after the weights appeared Mr W. R. Wilson put the pen through Bobadil's name, leaving it to be supposed that the 8st 6lb allotted to Bill of Portland's son was considered to heavy an impost. But Aurum carried the same weight into third place in last year's Cup, and we have had it dinned into our ears that Bobadil was even better than Aurum. Perhaps the stable has something better than Bobadil.

The death is reported of the grey gelding Muscovite, who ran third to Emmalea in the V.R.C. Grand National of 1895, and was subsequently sent to India. In the latter country he won a race or two, but on each occasion that a good stake appeared at his mercy he cut up badly, and in the Indian Grand National of 1896 shirked the last hurdle when he appeared to have the race won. Referring to this, a writer on the Indian PLANTERS' GAZETTE says he does not know whether to condole with, or congratulate the owners of the grey on his demise.

Buyers of yearlings in England would seem to have a much better chance of securing Two Thousand Guineas winners than Derby winners. Of the fifteen Guineas winners during the years 1884-98, six were bought as yearlings at public auction—Scotfree for 250gs, Paradox for 700gs, Enterprize for 2000gs, Enthusiast for 2000gs, Kirkconnel for 520gs, and Disraeli for 1000gs. During the same period only two Derby winners were purchased under similar conditions—Merry Hampton for 3100gs, and Sainfoin for 550gs.

The soul of the Rev. G. Frost, who presides over the Wesleyan Church at Coromandel, has been frozen at the prospect of a permit being granted to the Coromandel Racing Club. This pure divine probably does not recognise the fact that horse racing is an established sport of the British nation, and that speculation in connection with it is inevitable, and that if it is not done through the machine it is done through the medium of the bookmaker. Our religious friend probably prefers the bazaar as a medium of speculation in preference to either the bookmaker or the machine. It is ever so much better for the man of God. If perchance any fraud is perpetrated by the good young woman in using her blandishments to entice some meek member of the flock to enter for her little game, it is perpetrated for a holy cause—principally for the payment of the stipend to our Chadbands.

At the annual meeting of the South Canterbury Jockey Club, held on Monday night, the secretary had a satisfactory state of affairs to bring before the meeting. The club has a credit balance of £490, and the committee contemplated an alteration in the shape of the running track, which it was intended should be fenced all the way round. Mr J. S. Rutherford was elected president, Mr E. R. Guinness chairman of committee, and Mr G. Dowse handicapper. During the evening reference was made to the utterances of a Minister of the Crown, and the imputation that the club was run for financial benefit was resented.

Mr Watts's Rioter (by Foul Play—Daisy) met with an accident while schooling over the hurdles at Hastings on Tuesday morning. He fell at one of the jumps and got badly staked in the shoulder in consequence. It is feared that the injury will necessitate his destruction.

From Javelin's yarn box:—Baron Rothschild has given the Grand Prix de Paris stake, amounting to about £6800, to the poor of Paris, and some of the newspapers have lauded the baron's "munificence." In Swanston-street last week I was with a man who, out of 3s. and 6d., which was all he had in his pocket, gave 1s. to a broken-down racecourse tout to enable him to get a feed. Perhaps you will say that it would be unjust to institute a comparison between the two transactions. I quite agree with you; so it would be to the proprietor of the 3s. and 6d.

Still one more:—"Hope springs eternal in the human breast," especially if the said breast should lie beneath the dilapidated waistcoat of a fatuous punter. A remarkable illustration of it came under my notice on the day preceding the Williamstown races. A Melbourne racing man, generally and rightly esteemed "a good sort," was interviewed in his city office by one who told a sad tale of domestic privation and hopeless penury. The result was a donation of 5s.—"Just to get in something for the youngsters to eat." The visitor—who some years ago used to think nothing of putting "a pony" on a suburban handicap—thanked his benefactor in broken tones, and, as he was taking his departure, said, "I suppose you don't know anything good for Williamstown to-morrow?"

The weights for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups were published in New Zealand on Tuesday last, and no one was surprised to find that, after his brilliant three-year-old form, Carbine's son, Amberite, was put in the pride of place in each handicap, and taking the handicaps as a whole, the two weight adjusters appear to be of very much the same mind in their estimate of the ability of many of the leading horses being very much alike. Mr Dakin starts the Melbourne Cup with Amberite at 9st 11lb, and good horse though he may be, he will have to do more than any four-year-old has yet done in the Melbourne Cup to win. More than that weight has only been twice carried to victory in the Melbourne Cup, namely, by Carbine (10st 5lb) in 1890, but he was a five-year-old then, and Archer (10st 2lb) in 1862, as a six-year-old. Patron's 9st 3lb, in 1894, was the biggest weight under which a four-year-old has won the big handicap. Amberite will, therefore, have to be pretty nearly as good as his sire to win this cup. The Queenslander, Battalion, and the New South Wales horse, Merloolas, have been estimated at a pound worse than Amberite, and they have quite earned their weight. The next pair, Resolute and Gaulus, need not be reckoned with, as the first-named has left for England, while last year's Cup winner has broken down. The Grafton, although he ran second last year, has every pound he is entitled to in being allotted 9st 2lb. Auraria is a Cup winner, and as it is reported that she has got back to form again, she should be particularly dangerous with 9st up. On the same mark are Le Var and Paul Pry, who have been doing great things in West Australia, and The Chief's Sydney form this season entitles him to the same weight. The whole work appears to have been carefully done, but in giving Bobadil 8st 6lb, the same weight as carried by Aurum last year, Mr Dakin has not met with the approval of Mr Wilson, who, probably thinking that it will be safe to entrust the fortunes of St. Albans to Majestic, ran the pen through the name of the brilliant son of Bill of Portland. There are those who are too impatient to await the declaration of the weights, and as many of them have selected Bobadil in their double picks they now know what it is to be left lamenting.

Entries closed on Monday night for the Wellington Racing Club's Welleley Stakes and the Wellington Stakes, to be run in the year 1900. For the first named event 68 nominations were received, and for the second 90. We hope to have the list of nomination ready for next issue.

The adjuster of weights for the Caulfield Cup has adopted almost the same lines in the allotment of his weights as Mr Dakin in the Melbourne Cup, and, if the two gentlemen have not had their heads together, the similarity in the two handicaps is something wonderful—the only difference being that the Caulfield Cup is on a slightly higher scale, as the mile and a half should be. There is absolutely no difference of importance in the two handicaps, the chief one perhaps being that Syerla is 4lbs better off in the Melbourne Cup than in the Caulfield Cup.

The Forbury Racecourse, which is about to be abandoned by the Dunedin Jockey Club, was first used for a race meeting on March 23 and 24, 1871. In those good old days Mr C. Leeb Moore was starter; Mr J. Stephenson, judge; Mr Joe Mills, clerk of the course; and Messrs Taggart, G. Dowse, and Arthur Smith, handicappers.

The Hack and Pony Club will hold a meeting on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, July 9th, and Saturday, July 23rd. One the first day there will be five events, namely, Hack Handicap Hurdles of £7 10s, one mile and a half; Diminutive Handicap of £5, five furlongs, for ponies 14.2 and under; Mile Hack Handicap, £10; Flying Hack Handicap of £5, five furlongs, and a Pony Handicap of £5, five furlongs. Entries for the first day's racing close with the Secretary, Mr H. Massey, at the Metropolitan Hotel, to-morrow (Friday), July 1st. The entrance fees are five per cent on the stake money, and there are no acceptance fees. The Secretary notifies by advertisement the full details of the programme for the two days' sport, also informing owners that nominations must be accompanied by entry fees, and that the stakes will be paid over to winning owners at the Criterion Hotel, Otahuhu, at eight o'clock on the evening of each race day.

Local speculation on the New Zealand Cup has been much of a dead letter during the week, punters preferring to await the declaration of the weights to-morrow before speculating further.

The questions of enlarging the saddling paddock and providing further loose box accommodation at the New Plymouth racecourse has been considered by the executive of the Club, and has now been referred to the Course Committee, who will take whatever steps that may be deemed necessary towards the improvements desired.

After The Sinner's victory at Ellerslie, and his third in the Great Northern Steeplechase, it was generally thought that Mr Skipwith's bad luck had deserted him, and that in buying The Sinner he had made a good bargain. However, the performances of the horse at Hawke's Bay have been as bad as his name, but it is said there is something wrong with him.

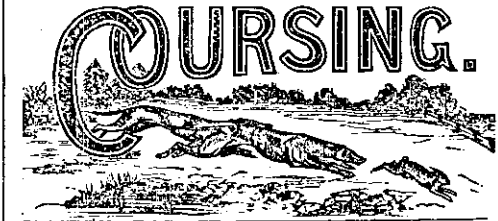
Our Napier correspondent informs us that last week Morganser slipped her foal to Apremont. Mr Rathbone is to be consoled with on his ill-luck, for he was looking forward to something rather choice as the result of the union.

There is no doubt that Auckland contributes materially to the meetings held at Gisborne, and the club and its secretary deserve that patronage, inasmuch as in the matter of advertising in this district they are more liberal than the kindred clubs further along the Eastern Coast. The Elingamite, which left on Tuesday, received a considerable addition to her passenger list, and also took away with her Knight of Athol, Mar-kinch, South Pacific, and Atlantic. Knight of Athol has been performing successfully at unregistered meetings. His disqualification has only just been removed, and this will be the first fair opportunity he has received of measuring strides in good company. Both Atlantic and South Pacific should give a good account of themselves at the meeting.

When Mr James Beckett left the shores of New Zealand he was disappointed with the handicaps of Levanter in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase, and he emphatically expressed his intention of not paying up for him, but the voyage across the water has evidently caused the popular metalician to change his mind, as we find by the list of acceptors for both events that Levanter is still left in. Whernside's 14st load has frightened him out, and this leaves Floater, Levanter, and Hayseed at the top of the handicap with 12st 7lb each. Floater is evidently in good form just now, as he recently won a steeplechase in great style at Caulfield with 12 6 lb up. The beautifully-bred Hayseed won last year, so that it will be seen that our own Levanter is in wonderfully good company. The top-weight for the Hurdles, Battalion, has dropped out, and it may be that his owner is not at all displeased with his handicap for the Melbourne Cup.

St. Crispin has been taken out of work and sent to the Whaketahe district. There, however, he will not be allowed to be completely idle, because his services will be at the disposal of a limited number of mares. On both the dam and sire's side St. Crispin's breeding is wonderfully good, and owners of mares in the vicinity of Waketahe should not be slow in availing themselves of such a good horse as the conqueror of Gold Medallist in the Auckland Derby.

All his friends—and there are a lot of them in the Auckland province—will be glad to hear that Mr Dave Stewart, who was recently injured by a fall out of a cab at the Thames, is rapidly on the improve. Although in bad luck in one respect, the popular sport is in good luck in another. Last week's SPORTING REVIEW contained the information that he had purchased Hermosa for 190 guineas. During the week that has intervened he has accepted an offer of 350 guineas for the little mare, and the sterling daughter of St. Leger and Lady Evelyn goes into the hands of Mr R. Murray Hobbs, of Christchurch.



THE AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB'S JUNE MEETING.

The June Meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club was started yesterday on the Avondale Plumpton. The weather was all in favor of the sport, and there was a good attendance. The following are the results:—

NEW LYNN MAIDEN STAKES.

First Round.

- Firely beat Playboy
- Philson beat Hempton
- Miss Lynn beat Wild Night
- Cyclone beat Flash
- Sweet Pear beat Galtee More II.
- Caravan beat Hinemoa
- Soft Goods beat Carlton
- Master Sydenham beat Fly
- Bob Teague beat Waltzer
- Newton beat Boojum
- Newcastle beat Playgirl
- Kit beat Moss
- Galtee More a bye

Second Round.

- Firely beat Philson
- Cyclone beat Miss Lynn
- Sweet Pear beat Caravan
- Soft Goods beat Master Sydenham
- Bob Teague beat Newton
- Newcastle beat Galtee More
- Kit a bye

ATONDALE CUP.

First Round.

- Shooting Star beat Seal Packet
- Waterfall beat Lord Roseberry
- Lavender Water beat Clementine
- Blucher, a bye.

The meeting will be concluded on Saturday next, the first pair of dogs being in the slips at one o'clock.

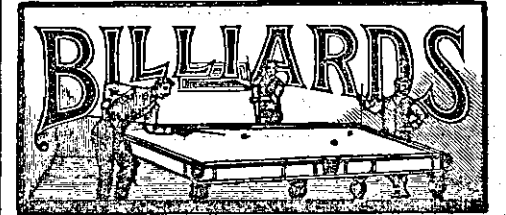
The New Lynn Maiden Stakes should result in the victory of either Soft Goods or Sweet Pear.

Blucher and Shooting Star should meet in the final of the Avondale Cup.

The first day of the meeting passed off without a hitch, and the concluding day's sport should be very interesting.

Last year Mr Sam Bladon won the N.S.W. Waterloo Cup with Bunny (full sister to Black Douglas) owing to the fact that the hare would not go through the escape when it reached it (states the Sydney Referee). Up to that point Kate Hardcastle had won without question. But a stout hare kept out in the enclosure, which enabled Bunny to wipe off the deficit and add sufficient points to win. More recently, when the hare reached the escape at Roly Hill, Black Douglas had just won, but the hare would not go through, coming right back again to the slipper instead, and on this occasion Mr Bladon lost. It would have been a great feather in the cap of the veteran to have won in two succeeding years with brother and sister, and out of the same litter—and he almost did the trick.

Messrs Yates and Brown had a good win over Hazel Girl, although they laid off a bit on the last day owing to the state of the bitch's leg. Mr Martin Power, a miner at Lithgow, who drew Hazel Girl in the sweep, laid Mr Yates a third to nothing that the daughter of Trafalgar and Hoop-la could not win. Thus, what with long odds, sweep money, and betting over the individual courses, the Turana kennel scored heavily.



TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

The third round of the Billiard Tournament in connection with Tattersall's Club was commenced on Wednesday evening in last week when J. Davidson, receives 100, met C. McKinney, receives 125. Davidson was a very firm favourite, and 2 to 1 was laid on his ability to win, but the popular little Secretary playing his free open game, and fluking—well, just a little—floored the odds and won a very even game by 5 in 1hr and 4min. Davidson played much below his usual form, and perhaps there may have been something in the remark that a spectator made that he had laid a little too much "Dante," whereas McKinney was heard to recite to himself as he was walking round "How We Beat the Favourite." The next to play were F. Macbattie, owes 155, and F. McManemin, owes 30. McManemin being slightly the better favourite. During the first 100 McManemin was more than holding his own, but then the back mark man got to work and with some very pretty breaks got within striking distance, and at the call of time the score stood McManemin 188, Macbattie 148. The play was continued on Thursday, when McManemin won a very interesting game by 33 points in 1hr 40min. The winner played his usual good sound game and made breaks of 20, 22, 14, 16, 15 and others. Macbattie played really well, and made breaks of 32, 15, 24, 22, 16, 18, but he had all the bad luck and that is a lot in a game of billiards. Then the Tournament was reduced to three. McKinney and McManemin's names were drawn to see who was to play Duder, who had the bye in the previous round, and McManemin was the name drawn, therefore they immediately started. There was little or no betting, but McManemin was slightly the better favourite, and he won by 16 points in 1hr 24min. He did not play in his usual sound style, he seemed to tire a lot towards the finish. He made breaks of 21, 14, 16, 21, 15. Duder although beaten was not disgraced, for the balls broke badly for him, and he was playing against luck right through the game. A very large number braved the elements on Friday evening to witness the final heat of the Tournament, when F. McManemin, owes 30, played C. McKinney, receives 125. The betting at the start was 6 to 4 and take choice, but very little wagering was done, though shortly after the start the odds extended to 2 to 1 on McKinney, who won handsomely by the large number of 102 points in 51min, thereby establishing two records, the first being the amount of the beating, the second being the time which was very fast. He played a fine open manly game all through, and well deserved his win, which was very popular. The loser had bad luck in the balls breaking safely for him, but had no chance at the handicap.

The Tournament has been a great success, in fact it is already mooted among the members to get another one up, to take place in the middle of August, and we think that the idea is a good one, it helps to pass away many a quiet winter's evening in these very well appointed rooms. The players deserve every credit for the good tempered way in which they contended their various heats, and if any appeal was made (and that was very seldom) they accepted the decision of the referee at once without any demur, and each player took his beating in good part. After the play was finished the popular Secretary issued a general invitation to members of Tatts. to adjourn to the Occidental, where the health of the winner and success to Tattersall's was drunk.

The following are the winners of the Tournament since its inauguration:—

Year	First	Second	Third
1892	R. Blaikie	C. Phillpot	"Budge"
1893	J. E. Cooke	F. Whiting	J. W. Russell
1894	J. E. Cooke	T. Tobias	G. Brimblecombe
1895	F. McManemin	J. E. Cooke	F. Macbattie
1896	H. Hayr	F. Macbattie	M. Moore
1898	C. McKinney	F. McManemin	R. Duder

Mr Charles E. Brown's tailoring establishment is situated in Welleley Street West, just opposite the United Service Hotel, and the man who wants a stylish suit of clothes at a moderate figure cannot do better than pay him a visit.

Our Illustrations.

This week we present our readers with some pictures which must be of interest to all rowing men. We reproduce pictures of the West End Rowing Club's Senior Four, Heavy Weight Juniors, and Light Weight Juniors. The Senior quartette won races at the Ponsonby and Drunken Bay Regattas. The Heavy Weight Juniors are an unbeaten lot and won races at the Ponsonby, Hamilton, Drunken Bay, Auckland, Jewellers' Picnic, and Ngaruawahia Regattas. The Light Weight Juniors were never vanquished during the season, and scored victories at the Ponsonby, Drunken Bay, and Auckland Regattas, besides capturing a race in the Senior division. Master E. Carter, whose photograph we also re-produce, steered during the season twenty five crews for the W.E.R.C., and of this number of races victory rested with his crew twenty-three times. Such a record as this is one that the young gentleman will be proud of for life. A picture of Daystar who many think has been bought to win the New Zealand Cup, is given this week, also a picture of Rangipunehu, a winner at the Hawke's Bay meeting last week. On the theatrical stage is a picture of Mr Ritson, the well-known stepdancer.

Correspondence.

TROTTING HANDICAPPERS.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I have noticed the handicaps for the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club's Meeting, and would like to pass a few remarks in reference to the handicapping done by the majority of the North Island trotting clubs. You will hear on every side that trotting is on the decline in the North Island, and it is only a matter of a short time when some of our once flourishing clubs will drop out of existence, and I may add that the cause of this is nothing else but inferior handicapping, for if the services of a capable handicapper could be secured I would be safe in predicting that trotting would boom in the North Island. To analyse the handicaps issued by different clubs during the past season would be encroaching too much on your valuable space, but it is quite apparent the handicappers have striven to please owners of the 3.30 brigade and have not given the good horses a chance. To prove this just look up the handicaps for the Hawke's Bay Meeting. There you will find that Violetta, Junr., is asked to give away 52sec in one and a half miles, and the basis on which the handicaps are framed on had she been nominated in the saddle race the limit would have been 72sec for two miles. When the handicappers are asked to explain why they make such extremely long and absurd limits they will tell you they know the limit horses to be duffers, and they had to be placed on that mark to have a chance. Now, I maintain that no maiden, or any horse, should be handicapped (in an open race) as worse than a 2.55 performance. The day has now arrived when no man with any knowledge of training trotters will persevere with a horse unless he gives promise of going a mile in something better than even time, but unfortunately we see plenty of horses on our tracks that cannot go anywhere near this gait, and it is this class of horse that has sickened the public of trotting, and has also killed speculation. Would it not be better for clubs to crush the duffers out and bring a few good horses together. That would provide fast and good racing for the public, and also encourage speculation, for you will find there is always plenty of money to back good horses. What has paralysed betting is that there is always a "dark 'un" turning up in the long start division. A correspondent in your last issue says trotting on the coast is killed by the "dead-uns," but what is the cause of so much crooked running? It is the handicapping. Some owners will continually run their horses stiff until they get them near the limit, but if class racing was introduced it would prevent this, and it would be an inducement for owners to keep and train good horses. As things are now, you have a bigger chance of winning a race with a crock that costs a tanner than you have with a horse that costs £150. But many people will tell you that there are not sufficient good horses in the North Island to introduce class racing. I am certain if we had class racing, many of the good horses that are now running idle about Canterbury would be brought up here. In conclusion let me state that the public will not tolerate trotting unless they can see something go fairly fast, and a set-to between two good ones would be a greater draw than a paddock full of the other class. Clubs should bear in mind that when the good ones are going, there is always plenty of money for the machine. Trusting I have not taken up too much of your valuable space, I am, etc.,

Palmerston North, June 28, 1893.

PACER.

Racing Results.

NAPIER PARK STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

Fine weather favored the opening day of the above meeting. There was a good attendance, and speculation was brisk. The following are the results:—

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Amethyst, Pistol Grip, and Te Ngaeha.

ELECTRIC WELTER.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Moonraker, Female Franchise, and Brennan.

Scatched—Tauhei. Dividend, £6 15s.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Rhino, Morag, and Tangaroa.

Scatched—Great Britain. Dividend, £5 13s (?) or £3 13s.

STEWARDS' STAKES.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Rubin, Moonraker, and Bush Rose.

All started. Dividend, £3 6s.

TRIAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Coastguard, Puketoi, and Great Britain.

Scatched—Rangipunehu, Barbarossa, and Druggist. Dividend, £5 13s.

HANDICAP HURDLES.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Missfire, Blackberry, and Social Pest.

All started. Dividend, £3 3s.

SETTLERS' HANDICAP.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Te Hapuku, Brennan, and Alionora.

All started. Dividend, £5 13s.

Anticipations.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB'S MEETING.

[BY PETRONEL.]

Next Tuesday and Thursday the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club will hold its Winter Meeting. As the acceptances are not due till to-morrow (Friday), and as all the weights are not to hand, it is a somewhat difficult task to try and pick winners. Given a start the events may be decided as follows:—

Flying Handicap Hack Race.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Pinepinekeura, Knight of Athol, and Tapuhere.

First Handicap Hurdle Race.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Atlantic, Opo, and Disturbance.

Winter Oats.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Three Star, Knight of Athol, and Coheco.

Trial Steeplechase.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Hilda II, Jim, and Gorse.

Te Hapara Hack Race.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Pani, Moetai, and Snapper Garrison.

Second Handicap Hurdles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Great Britain, Atlantic, and Progress.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Charcoal, Great Britain, and The Saint.

Final Hack Handicap Race.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Pinepinekeura, Moetai, and Teputa.

After the Races.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

For the middle of winter the weather was exceedingly bright and pleasant upon the occasion of the initial day of the metropolitan club's winter fixture. The special race trains were well patronised, and when the bell rang to start proceedings the enclosure and outside showed a goodly number of patrons, who were evidently in a betting mood, as the totalisator investments exceeded by £280 the amount received last season upon a similar meeting. The fields were so well weighted that punters had no easy task in dropping upon winners, only three first favorites scoring throughout the day, and one of these was in the Ladies' Bracelet, for which Mr Henry's services are not required. Harry Piper's starting was admirable the horses in the majority of cases moving away with a machine-like precision at the word go. I had fully expected to see some circus business with Castashore, as I had been led to believe that he was an unruly customer, but with the exception of a bit of a hoist with his quarters, just to show, I suppose, that he was anxious for the fray, he never treated the onlookers to anything fanciful in the way of performing at the post. Each and every one of the executive of the club worked strenuously to

make matters hum, and punctuality in the despatch of the various events was well observed. It's not a bad performance to be able to leave Napier at 11 in the morning, witness seven races, and be back in town at a quarter to six in the evening, more especially when you have to allow an hour and a half for travelling.

Hostilities commenced with the Maiden Steeplechase, a quartette going to the post. Backers solidly backed three of them, Alpine, Great Britain, and Rangipunehu, in the order named, Greenstone, with 28 fanciers out of 418 on the machine, being the neglected one. He did not give his supporters much of a go, either, as he refused at the obstacle at the back, shooting his rider (Goodwin) off, who, however, only got a shaking. Alpine fell at the same fence, but was soon remounted, and went in pursuit, but her mishap completely obliterated any chance that she had of success. Great Britain piloted the way, with Rangipunehu being handy for the greater part of the trip, and the former's rider, not making sufficient use of him, when half a mile from home allowed the Maori-named nedly to get on terms with him, the result being in the latter's favor by a length, Alpine a long way behind.

Ten marshalled up under the starter's hand for the Winter Handicap, the Otaki double event winner, Bush Rose, being the chosen one of backers, Tauhei, with three pounds more on the machine than Brennan, coming next. Pistol Grip shot out at the flag-fall, and soon had a good command, the rest of the field, with the exception of Female Franchise, who nearly upset her jockey just prior to the start by sliding over to the rails, being bunched. Half a mile from home Castor's grey daughter (Tauhei) made a move, and soon had the measure of Pistol Grip. Bush Rose, just as the home stretch was reached, also made a bid, but could not last it with Tauhei, who held pride of place when half the straight had been traversed. About fifty yards from the convincing post White could be seen making desperate efforts to get Brennan out from the crowd that hemmed him in. He succeeded at last, but the judge's box was too near, the grey mare getting over the line all out by a bare length, Pistol Grip, who had come again, a good third. The winner's price (£6 7s) was the biggest dividend of the day. Moonraker got bumped about considerably during the journey, his neck showing signs that he had a rough time of it, and Rubin's rider (Thomas) had one of his legs skinned as a result of his getting jammed on the rails.

Miss Ada Ormond's nomination, Hussar, had the easiest of things in his capture of the Ladies' Bracelet, his rider (Mr T. Ormond) never having to ask him for an effort, leading his opponents from the fall of the flag and passing the deciding point a comfortable winner. Katoomba, on whom Mr A. Hyde used all his influence and persuasion, was second. After the winner had done his gallop on Monday morning he pulled up lame, but on the day of his triumph no effects of that could be seen.

Plain Bill, whom reports have it is amiss, and Spreydon were the only scratchings from the eleven colored on the card for the Hawke's Bay Hurdles. Opai, whose owner complained of the harsh way in which his horse was treated by the handicapper, had the largest number of followers on the automatic dispenser of odds, Rhino, who never looked better, heading Golden Plover, whose appearance was of the best, by three pounds in the amount invested on the machines, the winner (Dante) being next choice. Directly the order was given Rhino skipped off with Tangaroa, and made the pace a craeker for a mile and a half, when the former subsided, leaving the outsider, Tangaroa (who had only £35 invested on him out of a total of £851), in charge. No sooner was Rhino done with than Laing rushed Dante along, and directly he got at the leader's head it could be seen that it was all over, for while Tangaroa was palpably tiring Dante was going as strong as a lion, the rest of the field being practically murdered by the extra strong head of steam that Rhino and Tangaroa had treated them to at the outset. Dante crossed the line with ease two lengths ahead of Tangaroa, Social Pest third four lengths away, Opai coming with a big burst of speed in the last half-furlong just got up to Ahua's son. The winner paid the second best dividend of the day, £6 6s.

Hilda II., who has been showing a great deal of proficiency in the hunting field lately, accounted for the Hunt Club Steeplechase, none of her antagonists possessing a chance with her when her rider (Mr P. Neagle), who rode a well-judged race, let her have a say a couple of furlongs from home. The ancient Puketoi got second honors, and Coastguard third, the rest being nowhere. Several spills took place during the race, but none of the riders got hurt, for which let us be truly thankful, as there is no doubt that these amateur-ridden races do a lot to popularise the sport, and if disastrous mishaps occur they tend to abate interest in the game.

Blackberry and Alpine were the only two backed with any fervour out of the six who lined up to do battle in the Trial Hurdles, the former being elected favorite. What an unlucky one this Blackberry is, to be sure, for when the event seemed to be in his keeping he blundered at the last fence, allowing Alpine to win in very hollow fashion. I used to think that it was because I supported him previously that Blackberry had bad luck, but as I did not back him this I reckon I am not to blame. This I expressed to Jones, his trainer, who, I may say, felt a good deal aggrieved at the performance of Douglas's half brother. Maybe, if I had backed him upon this occasion I would not have mentioned it, but you know, you never can tell.

Brennan, who, by the way, I christened, and who never won for me whenever I took the odds about him, annexed the final item of the day's programme, the June Handicap. White took no risk about getting blocked this time, and in the run home he got to work on Torpedo's noble son to some purpose, securing the verdict comfortably from Te Hapuku, who had always been in a prominent position, by a length, Moonraker, who came very fast in the last furlong, third. I cer-

tainly gave Brennan a chance in this race, as I did not back him, which I consider was a point in his favor.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 25.

That the above club was wise in postponing the second day's racing in consequence of the frightful weather that occurred upon the original date fixed, was proved by the good attendance and the spirited betting that ensued, the revenue from the totalisators being £49 more than upon the second day last season of a similar meeting. Punters discovered ere the day was out that Mr Henry had done his work well, for the location of winners was extremely hard, not a single first favorite coming to the relief of backers.

Hostilities commenced with the Hunters' Hurdle Race, nine being up for the fray, Troubadour being a pronounced favorite, but he never had any sort of a chance with the veteran, Cheque, who came away when he was asked, placing the stake to the credit of Mr Jackson, who, by the way, acts as huntsman for the Hawke's Bay Hounds, in a most easy fashion. The favorite was second, while Druggist, a good looking black son of Turquoise, got third place. Two of the contestants, Phantom and Ruby, both passed out at the first fence, but luckily neither of their riders were hurt. Cheque paid the nice working price of £7 14s.

Katoomba, who was sold after his run in the Bracelet on Wednesday to a patron of J. Maher's establishment, was the only elimination from the nine colored on the card for the Necklet, Rioter and Orizaba being the only two backed with any fervour. However, they did not have much to do with the settlement, Riverdale, a six-year-old son of Cap-a-pie hailing from the other coast, taking charge at flag fall and continued in authority to the judge's chair without much effort on his part. Rangumokai, a Le Loup mare who comes from Wairoa, was second, and had she managed to triumph she would have returned her supporters the substantial dividend of £50 odd. Hikomai and Rioter dead-heated for third place. Riverdale's fanciers got a good price about him, collecting £7 5s for each sovereign invested on his chance. The good display that Riverdale had made for a mile and a half in the Bracelet on Wednesday had evidently been overlooked by backers on Saturday.

Of the ten acceptors for the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Plain Bill's number was the only one missing when the numbers went up. Like his stable mate (Opae) on the opening day in the Hurdle Race, Toriki was selected as the correct solution of the enigma, but the sod-wall the final time round gave him his quietus, and he had been jumping villainously throughout, taking his fences in a half-hearted sort of style. The only good bit of fencing that he displayed was in his negotiation of the water-jump, which he got over really well. With the exception of the first furlong Rhino led from start to finish, Tangaroa, Morag, and Great Britain being his closest adversaries for nearly three miles, where the former gave out. From this out The Dauphin's chestnut son sailed away in a commanding manner from his field. The greatest surprise of the lot was the good fencing and galloping power displayed by Great Britain, who should, when well matured, be heard of to advantage in similar contests. Tally-ho, through jumping too soon after Great Britain at the double half a mile from home, came down, and she and The Sinner, who broke down during the race, walked in. I am glad to say that T. Jones, who trained the winner, threw in for a good stake. He is one of the most painstaking and unassuming trainers we have in this district. J. Redmond (the rider) came in for a great ovation when he returned to scale. It will be remembered that last year he steered Morag to victory in the same race. £10 15 was the dividend disbursed over Rhino.

Frisco, an aged son of Gladiator, had a soft thing in the following race, the Hunters' Steeplechase, in which Mr Hyde rode a capital race on the winner. Hilda II., the favorite, was severely handicapped by the soft going, and the heavy weight that she carried told its tale when she attempted to defeat Frisco. This was Mr Jackson's second win during the day, as Frisco was an inmate of his stable. The winner, who was fourth favorite, paid £4 11s.

A quintette ranged up for the Hurdle Race, the first day's hurdle winner, Dante, occupying the position of favorite, but though he made a forward move when a mile and a half had been compassed he soon retired, leaving Missfire in command, who easily held the premier position to the convincing post, Golden Plover under the whip all the way up the straight, failing to make any impression on Maxim's son. Opo was a poor third. Sultador, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's nominee, fell at the hurdle at the back, breaking his neck. The accident was caused through his standing too far off the hurdle. Morrigan, his rider, as a result of the accident, had his collar-bone broken. Sultador cost his owner last March £150, so that what with purchase money, nomination fees, and the incidentals connected with training, he must have cost the Squire of Karamu over a couple of centuries. Missfire, who was second favorite, paid £3 15s. It is rumored that J. Hickey has bought him on behalf of Mr Gollan, and when Hickey returns to England Missfire will form one of the contingent that will accompany him over the seas. A well-bred one and proficient jumper as he is, Missfire must take a power of beating judging by the way Ebor settled his antagonists at Home, for I consider Missfire a much better horse than Ebor.

Of the eighteen colored on the card in the Welter there were only three withdrawals, Pistol Grip, who is not suited in heavy going, Katoomba, who I explained before has found a new owner, and Waterstone. From a good send off Straybird was always there or thereabouts, and it was a remarkable sight to see the three following him all trained from the quarters of the Quinlivan family, the placed horses and nominators being Straybird, T. Quinlivan, jun.; Donovan; Mrs Quinlivan; Bush Rose, Mr H. Lemon; Stockville, Mr H. Rathbone. The stable did not, I believe, partake very largely of the £31 10s dis-

tributed from the automatic machine over Straybird's success. Several Maoris and Chinamen were to be seen at the pay out window collecting. One Napier punter had a couple of tickets on Straybird, the price taking his fancy.

The concluding item of the day's bill of fare, the Final Steeplechase, saw that wonderful pony, Alpine, succeed, Morag, the favorite, being unable to beat her, although she gave him a great chance by running down the last jump, which allowed him to head her momentarily. Quickly straightening up the little mare buried him for pace in the rush for the turn for the last fence. Spreydon, who had been accepted with for both hurdles and who was scratched on the ground, was whispered about as a good thing, but the informants were bad judges, as all he could get was a moderate third.

The machine put through for the two days £9,294, as against £8,965, which was the amount taken at the winter meeting in 1897.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTERBURY.

The ages of the Cup horses—The balance-sheet of the Canterbury Trotting Club—Martin Taylor's appeal—Sale of Middle Park and dispersal of Sefton's string—Riccarton horses at work—Dunedin Stakes and Champagne Stakes entries.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 27.

The nominations for the N.Z. Cup are made up of eight aged horses, three six-year-olds, fifteen five-year-olds, thirteen four-year-olds, and eleven three-year-olds. Waituku, Boreas, Zanella, and North Atlantic are the pick of the aged division, and Bob Ray stands ahead of the other six-year-olds. The five-year-old section consists of some of the best horses in the race, among the number being St. Paul, Swordfish, Nestor, Cœur de Lion, Daystar, and Starshot. Among the four-year-olds Multi-form, Defiant, Nansen, and Gold Leaf are perhaps the best, while Altair, Dundas, and Nihilist have proved themselves a cut above the three-year-olds they have met.

At the annual meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club the balance-sheet showed that receipts had been £5,808 and the expenditure £5203. The receipts included a credit balance of £540 with which the year had begun, and at the close of that period the amount had been increased to £604. The principal sources of revenue were: Totalisator receipts, £2413 11s 8d; gate receipts, £928 12s 6d; nominations, £723 12s 6d; acceptances, £522 10s; privileges, £290 19s 6d; cards, £159 11s 6d; Juvenile Stakes, 1899 (£3 stakes), £86 10s; Juvenile Stakes, 1898, £50. The principal items of expenditure were: Stakes, £3620; totalisator tax, £397 0s 7d; rent to Agricultural and Pastoral Association, £110. During the previous year the sum of £3,310 was given in stakes, and last year the amount was increased to £3,620. At present the club holds its meetings on the Canterbury Agricultural Association's grounds, but representatives from Canterbury and Lancaster Park Clubs have met to consider the question of purchasing a ground to be used solely for trotting purposes. Suitable grounds have not been selected yet.

The hearing of the appeal by Martin Taylor against his conviction in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court, when he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for having kept a shop for betting purposes, was resumed before Justice Dennison on Friday. Drs. Oveaden and Anderson, called on behalf of appellant, deposed that he was in such a weak state of health that sending him to gaol might produce serious or even fatal consequences. Dr. Symes, called by the Crown, stated that Taylor was in very bad health, and that to send him to gaol in the ordinary way might produce serious consequences. His Honor took time to consider the power of the Court to order mitigation of punishment, remarking that the point was a very important one, and would affect other cases.

A. Sefton, in consequence of his having sold his well-known racing quarters, Middle Park, will offer his horses for sale by public auction on July 9. The lot includes Marino, Quiltiri, Art Jewel, ten youngsters by Son-of-a-Gun, and the trotting stallion Imperious.

June 28.

Matters in the sporting world are very quiet just now, but the appearance of the weights for the N.Z. Cup, due on July 1st, and the Grand National events should give sports plenty to interest them for the next month or two.

The main topic of conversation in sporting circles is in reference to the way Mr Henry is going to handicap horses in the N.Z. Cup. Numerous handicaps have been framed by persons who can always tell the handicapper how an important race should be handicapped. When the official list is published and reviewed these private lists are quickly scanned and cast into oblivion. For next week's issue I expect to be able to give you my opinion of Mr Henry's handicap, and shall endeavor to pick the winner in twelve out of the fifty horses engaged. Whether I will succeed in doing so remains to be seen.

Heavy rain fell in Christchurch at the end of last week, and the Riccarton tracks were thoroughly soaked. We are now having a succession of severe frosts, and trainers have been working their horses regularly, and some of the latter look really well for this time of the year.

I am told that Mason has Mr Stead's two Cup horses, Altair and St. Cyr, in capital nick, while M. Hobbs is pleased with the present condition of Starshot, Dundas, and Marquis of Zetland, who has, however, not been galloping as well as he might.

Reay is pushing Sequin along. This filly should pay her way next season.

Other horses which have early engagements and are in daily work include Epaulet, Seabrook, Skirmisher, Strathbraan, Magazine, and Powder Monkey, all of whom are looking well.

In scanning the list of nominations for the Dunedin Stakes (1898) and the Dunedin Champagne Stakes (1899) one cannot help noticing the large entry of Canterbury-owned youngsters in the two races. Mr Stead has nominated seven two-year-olds and Sir Geo. Clifford six. Dan O'Brien's Sweet William colt, Aroma, has been entered for both races. The sires represented are St. Leger, Perkin Warbeck II., Stonyhurst, Stepniak, Hotchkiss, Lake Shell, Clanranald, Richlake, and Phœton.

OTAGO.

Abercrombie—Victim—Proposal and Zephyr—No Hunt Club Meeting this year—Possible racing at Mosgiel.

DUNEDIN, June 28.

I do not think Abercrombie will remain long in the New Zealand Cup list, as, from his appearance, I have great doubt about his being fit for racing this year. He is certainly a big colt, but it would be a pity to rush him along too quickly. Our local bookmakers are offering 100 to 1 against him.

Victim is in work again, probably with a view to some of the minor jumping or flat races at the Grand National Meeting at Riccarton. He is at his best in heavy going.

Mr Curtis's horses, Proposal and Zephyr, are in steady work, the latter's big leg now being reduced to about its normal state. I reckon both these horses will be ready for early spring racing.

There is to be no Hunt Club Meeting in Dunedin this year, which will be felt by our local trainers, as it was of late years a gathering confined to Forbury stables, hence winter oats for the lucky ones.

There has been some talk about trying to get up a day's racing on the Mosgiel course.

WELLINGTON.

F. H. Laing—Entries for the Wellington and Wellesley Stakes—The Taratahi—Carterton Racing Club—The Taratahi Guineas—Alf Lynch—Toss-up and Kohoi—The Restraint of Wagering Bill—A new clerk of the course wanted at Wellington—Opae for the Grand National Steeple—R. C. Hungerford—Conference of trotting clubs.

WELLINGTON, June 27.

F. H. Laing, late owner of The Guardsman and Lady Somnus, who has been on a visit to Sydney, where he gave his impressions on trotting in this colony, and on his return to Auckland appeared as a buyer, returned to Dunedin last week.

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the Wellesley and Wellington Stakes, which closed to-day. They will be sent in time for next week's issue.

A meeting of the committee of the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club was held on the 18th inst., Mr Jas. Lodder in the chair. In reply to an inquiry from Mr W. O. Williams, one of the delegates to the Racing Conference, the secretary was instructed to write that the club would apply for one permit for the ensuing season. It was decided to get a number of willows planted in the saddling paddock, and the matter of a water supply was left in the hands of Mr Ray and the secretary. Accounts amounting to £100 in connection with the improvements just completed on the course were passed for payment.

Several youngsters are in training for the Taratahi Guineas. Jim Cress has a filly by Ascot—Bangor, Topham a filly by Ascot—Donkey, and Jim Reed a colt by Rebellion—Queenie.

The weights for the N.Z. Cup are due on Friday next. I understand several horses will not be weighted, as the nomination money has not been sent. The Canterbury Jockey Club is thus setting other clubs a good example.

Alf Lynch, who owned and rode Raven, the steeplechaser, returned here last week after an extended tour of Australia.

Toss-up, who is entered at the Wellington Meeting as late Kohoi, should not have been so entered, as the pair are different horses.

George Humphries, the popular representative of the Press Association, will not be seen at the Hutt next month, having returned to Cable Bay last week.

Mr George Hutcheson is introducing a bill this season named the "Restraint of Wagering Bill." There is no likelihood of the bill becoming law.

H. M. Lyon, secretary of the Wellington Racing Club, returned from Christchurch to-day.

H. Solomon, the Wanganui bookmaker, left last week on a trip to Sydney by the Waikari.

Adam McMorrin, who was recently re-instated by the Wellington Racing Club, made his re-appearance in the saddle at Hastings.

The Wellington Racing Club wants a new clerk of the course.

I hear The Artist has had to be eased in his work, and from the same source I learn that Opae may be a starter over the big jumps at Riccarton.

R. C. Hungerford, the handicapper to the Greymouth, Ohau, and Nelson Trotting Clubs, also secretary and time-keeper at Greymouth, leaves next month for Sydney, where he will permanently reside. It is a great pity we have not such a capable man as Mr Hungerford in this district to put trotting on a more satisfactory footing.

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The annual conference of trotting clubs will be held here about the middle of next month. I want some delegate to bring in a rule preventing any club which has not paid its stakes receiving a totalisator permit or being represented at the conference; also a rule disqualifying any club found incapable of dealing with cases of ringing-in.

THE BREEDING OF SOME N.Z. HORSES.

(BY "MILROY.")

Since Medallion left New Zealand and took up his quarters at Tocal his stock have been winning all along the line, while his three-quarter brother, Thunderbolt, has been busy over in South Australia begetting all sorts of winners. A brother to Medallion, Crackshot, has also been keeping up the family charter well in his native Maoriland. Mr Frank Reynolds has been generally accounted by those who know little of him to be a particularly fortunate man to buy such a stallion as Medallion on the very eve of the horse's success; but those who know the unassuming squire of Tocal best must be aware that it was owing more to his sound judgment and knowledge of breeding than luck that led to the purchase of Medallion.

A friend just returned from Adelaide tells me that Thunderbolt's stock are chiefly chestnuts, with plenty of white on their legs, broad blazed heads, and are well ticked with grey hairs. This is how Medallion gets them. There is no mistaking them in the paddock by their colour or by their abundance of bone. That both these splendid sons of Loeket should get their stock quite different from the typical Musket mould and colour may appear strange to those who know something of Musket and Touchstone, to whom he is inbred. Touchstone never got a chestnut, and it is said Musket never got one. However, his sons and grandsons have, especially those that are out of Locket.

"The Druid," who lived in the days of Comus, describes that horse as a very grand chestnut, who filled the paddocks of Sir Tatton Sykes with white-faced, white-legged chestnuts, who in their days were a great power on the racecourse. In his first season he got 16 colts and one filly. All the colts were winners, and among them were Ranter and Reveller. Comus went on begetting white-legged chestnuts until his 28th year, and the king of them all was Humphrey Clinker, who begat Melbourne, whose line lives to-day in the descendants of West Australian, the sire of Musket's dam. As everybody knows, Medallion is by Nordenfeldt, a son of Musket. Nordenfeldt's maternal grandsire (Angler) was out of Marchioness, by Melbourne, the before mentioned sire of West Australian, therefore Medallion's sire had two crosses of the only existing line direct from Comus. Medallion's dam was out of Keepsake, by Daniel O'Rourke, whose dam Forget-me-not, was by Hetman Platoff, a grandson of Comus. However, Keepsake's dam overshadows the rest of Medallion's ancestors with the blood of Comus, as her sire, Hampton, by Sultan, had a double cross of him in three removes, and her dam was by Comus himself. A strong corrective to this very large amount of inbreeding is there, however, in the shape of three strains of Sir Peter (3) in Keepsake's dam.

With the exception of Melbourne (1), by Humphrey Clinker (8), the Comus line died out in spite of his own wonderful potency. However, it is now apparent that the blood is coming to life again after lying dormant for over 60 years, and the old time virulence of Comus has again come to the surface in Thunderbolt and Medallion, more especially so in the latter. There in the Tocal paddocks are the white-faced, white-legged chestnuts that "The Druid" wrote so graphically of 60 years ago, and there on the racecourses are these Comus marked chestnuts, by both Medallion and Thunderbolt, winning all before them. This may be a coincidence, "faucy," the unthinking will have it, but it is a "coincidence" that should spur breeders and students to hustle up and forage out facts that may be of

the greatest assistance to them in breeding race-horses on the same kind of blood that Sir Tatton Sykes bred from Comus over 60 years ago.

Comus got his greatest son, Humphrey Clinker, out of a mare belonging to the 8 family, and that horse got Melbourne out of a 1 mare. Medallion's dam belongs to the 8 family, and he has got his best horse (Gold Medallist) out of a 1 mare. These "rearrangements" have occurred before, as witness Musket, the very counterpart of Touchstone; Barcaldine, another West Australian; Gibraltar is Gladiateur over again; Autonomy is a typical Partisan; Gozo a Wild Dayrell pure and simple; Jeweller is Vedette in the life again, and where is it possible on this earth to get a better picture of Herring's painting of Sultan than Abercorn is to-day?

That these horses throw to their ancestors in looks goes for nothing, but if they get their stock in the same style and likeness as did some great ancestor to whom they were inbred, it behoves the breeder to look up the kind of blood to which that great ancestor was partial and procure it for his stallion. What son of Yattendon ever got his stock in the same style—colour and type—as did the old horse or his sire, Sir Hercules? The only horses I know of that have given us anything like the Yattendon type back again are his sons, Sweet William and Clieviden—the latter was given away to the Americans. Perhaps in another 30 years or so another Yattendon will arise in a horse that is inbred to him, as imported Kingston arose and reproduced Partisan almost every time, but nobody knew he was doing so. Let anybody take a picture of Wild Dayrell and compare it to any typical Gozo and they will see Wild Dayrell there every time. But to return to Comus. The best of the Comus horses were Humphrey Clinker (8), Grey Momus (2), Reveller (19), Confederate (5), and Matilda (5). Humphrey Clinker got his two best horses, Melbourne and Rockingham, out of mares belonging to the 1 family, and Reveller got his best out of Luss (2). Sir Tatton Sykes (8), a great racehorse, who to-day appears in many first-class pedigrees, was by Melbourne out of a daughter of Margrave (2), from Patty Primrose, by Confederate (5). The latter, like Humphrey Clinker, was by Comus out of a Cervantes mare, and Cervantes belonged to the 8 family.

The foregoing shows us that the blood of Comus was in the veins of the members of the 8 family, and that the blood of the 1 family was in the veins of the members of the 8 family. It is a coincidence that the blood of the 1 family was in the veins of the members of the 8 family, and that the blood of the 8 family was in the veins of the members of the 1 family.

argument by putting a few of his Cranbrook fillies—out of low numbered mares—to Medallion, because Cranbrook has a double cross of Melbourne, and his dam is by Cathedral (8), a son of Westminster (8); in fact, Cathedral comes from the dam of Sir Tatton Sykes, whom he reached in three removes. There is just one more "coincidence" to touch upon before I leave Medallion. The sporting world all know the value of his son Gold Medallist, who is out of Corolla by St. Albans, a son of Blair Athol. The dam of the last-named is by Melbourne (1). Corolla is out of Water Lily (1), by Rapid Bay (2), whose second dam is by Melbourne. Water Lily is out of White and Blue (imp.) who is by Monseigneur (2)—a son of Orpheus (1), by Fitz Gladiator, a grandson of Reveller, while Orpheus is a grandson of Shane, a half-brother of Comus. If my conjecture is correct—and I have all the evidence on my side—there is a big Comus revival ahead with Medallion, and if the writers of the days of our grandfathers knew a horse from a handsaw, the resurrection of the blood of Comus will add considerably to the pace and value of our race-horses.

THE BETTING MARKET.

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Mr Tom Foley opened his new establishment yesterday, Wednesday. The new Shakespeare Hotel is situated at the corner of Wyndham and Albert Streets. The new hotel is a handsome structure, and internally the arrangements are beautifully complete. A full description of the new premises will appear in next week's issue of the SPORTING REVIEW.

ACCEPTANCES.

V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

JULY 9 AND 16.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE, three miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Grand National Hurdle Race, including Paul Fry, His Grace, Clondalkin, etc.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, three miles one furlong.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Grand National Steeplechase, including Floater, Levanter, Hayseed, etc.

HANDICAPS.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB'S MEETING.

JULY 5 AND 7.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Handicap Hurdle Race, including Tally-ho, Opou, Atlantic, etc.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE, about two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Trial Steeplechase, including Tally-ho, Great Britain, Hilda II, etc.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Flying Hack Handicap, including Pani, Three Star, Pinepinetukura, etc.

WINTER OATS HACK HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Winter Oats Hack Handicap, including Three Star, Pani, Brigand, etc.

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

OCTOBER 15.

CAULFIELD CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Caulfield Cup, including Amberite, Battalion, Merloolas, etc.

Large table listing various horse names and weights, including Syerla, Moonlyong, Bundoock, etc.

* Gone to England. † Scratched. Woodbine (having been withdrawn) and Warbreccan (dead) were not weighted.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 1.

MELBOURNE CUP, two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Melbourne Cup, including Amberite, Battalion, Merloolas, etc.

Table listing horse names and weights, including Majestic, Checkmate, Cordite, Thunder Queen, etc.

* Gone to England. † Scratched. Warbreccan is dead, therefore not weighted.

NOMINATIONS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 9.

NEW ZEALAND CUP, two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the New Zealand Cup, including Mountebank, Explosion, Tyrant d'Eau, etc.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

AUGUST 11 AND 13.

N.Z. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a half.

Table listing horse names and weights for the N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase, including Magpie, Sultador, Ned Kelly, etc.

N.Z. GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES, about two miles.

Table listing horse names and weights for the N.Z. Grand National Hurdles, including Golden Plover, South Pacific, Boreas, etc.

BRADFORD STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a half.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Bradford Steeplechase, including Whakama, Coastguard, Sultador, etc.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

JULY 14 AND 16.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sylvia Park, Tauhei, Indian Shot, Nansen, Martyrdom, Brennan, etc.

WINTER HURDLE RACE, two miles.—The Sinner, Voltigeur, South Pacific, Opae, Toriki, The Artist, etc.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one mile and a furlong.—Sylvia Park, Tauhei, Indian Shot, Nansen, Martyrdom, etc.

HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a quarter.—Toss Up, Steel King, Coastguard, etc.

FIRST HACK RACE, one mile and a furlong.—Ublan, La Marquise, Rooney, Resene, Stockade, etc.

HUTT FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Tauhei, Indian Shot, Nansen, Martyrdom, Brennan, etc.

SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, two miles.—Toss Up, Steel King, Coastguard, etc.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.—The Sinner, Toriki, Coastguard, etc.

LADIES' BRACELET, two miles.—The Artist, Hussar, Dromedary, Whario, Laitere, etc.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, one mile.—Sylvia Park, Tauhei, Indian Shot, Nansen, Martyrdom, etc.

FINAL HURDLE RACE, one mile and a half.—Voltigeur, South Pacific, Opae, The Artist, etc.

FINAL HACK RACE, six furlongs.—Rioter, Derringshot, Ublan, Wavelette, Kopney, etc.

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[BY OPERUS.]

AUCKLAND ORCHESTRAL UNION.—On Thursday evening the first concert of the ninth season comfortably filled the Choral Hall with an attentive and appreciative audience. The orchestra mustered in full force under the baton of Mr Arthur Towsey, who conducted with his wonted aplomb and skill, while Mons. de Willmoff, as leader, rendered yeoman service. Flotow's tuneful and dramatic overture to "Stradella," with its exquisite writing for wood-wind and brass, and skillful and interesting contrasts for the strings, was rendered *con amore* by the band. The intermezzo from Goetz's fine symphony in F major opens with an impressive horn solo, tastefully played by Mr R. Craig, the phrases of a graceful melody being echoed by wind and string instruments. The selection proved a happy one, remarkable throughout for original and clever instrumentation. Ambrose Thomas's graceful and dainty gavotte was somewhat marred by raggedness, for which the cellos were chiefly responsible, but on the whole received a charming interpretation. John Barnett's fascinating "Elf Land," a pizzicato morceau crisp and elegant, with horn solo (Mr R. Craig) and wood-wind accompaniment, in which flute (Mr Innes), clarinet (Mr R. Jackson), and oboe (Mr J. Jackson) all shone, was effective and popular as ever. The more solid selections were the first two morceaux in Part II, viz., Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3," in C minor (op. 37), in which Mr Cyril Towsey displayed a clear and elastic touch and facile and correct execution. The first movement was played by the orchestra with crisp decision. The exquisite melody and delicious orchestral effects in the second large movement were very well rendered. The quaint and characteristic rondo allegro showed Mr Cyril Towsey at his best, but the orchestra now and then was somewhat unsteady. The clever young pianist was loudly applauded and recalled. The selection from Wagner's "Lohengrin" included the "Bayelle," with its lovely wind echoes; the melodious and impressive "Bridal Chorus"; and the splendid march which opens the third act. The morceau was capably rendered by the orchestra, allowance being made for a little unsteadiness in the first number. Gungl's "Immortellen" waltz (composed in honor of Johann Strauss, of "Blue Danube" fame) fittingly opens with a funeral march, followed by waltz melodies, built upon clever instrumentation. The orchestra played this number delightfully. Miss Ella Farrell contributed two songs, with orchestral accompaniment, viz., Theo. Bonheur's "Sign of the Cross" and Piccolomini's "Queen of Angels." Her full, pure, and clear soprano voice, managed with artistic taste, won loud applause, but she declined an encore. A slight tendency to "climb" to her upper notes, instead of hitting them with decision, could easily be overcome with a little practice; otherwise her style and method are correct and charming, enunciation being one of her strong points. A more cheerful song or two would also contrast well with her present *repertoire*.

AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY.—The rehearsals of Haydn's "Creation" continue to promise an excellent performance. The services of Mr Percy Dufaur have happily been secured, and his magnificent voice and excellent method will admirably suit the noble music allotted to his part. Mr H. Brett, I believe, takes the tenor role, and probably Miss O. Lorrigan, will be the soprano. The choruses are already going capably, but the band still requires much practice to worthily render Haydn's fine orchestration.

AUCKLAND BANJO, GUITAR, AND MANDOLIN CLUB.—On Monday evening, at the Opera House, seats were at a premium, so popular has this society become. The stage—decorated with palms, foliage, hanging baskets, and fairy lamps by Miss Mellhorne—looked like a bit of paradise. Under Mr Towsey's guidance the club played during the evening—"The Grenadie," "Fortuna Waltz," "Normandie March," "In Haste Galop" (all by J. T. Armstrong), "The Colored Band Patrol" (Paul Eno), and "A Spanish Serenade" (Karl Selbini). While all were well rendered, the gems were "The Fortuna Waltz" and the "Normandie March," both narrowly escaping encores. A quintette, "Hibernia," by the Misses Hilda Fountain (mandolin), Lily Barker (Portuguese guitar), and Messrs H. Fountain (banjo), Foster (guitar), and C. B. Plummer (cello), was a dainty selection, excellently interpreted. Miss Mabel Maxwell, accompanied by her sister Florence, sang "Home, Dearie, Home," with success. Mr Wynyard Jess and Mr George Rowe contributed mandolin solos, both winning enthusiastic encores. A dashing duet, "The Army and Navy," by Messrs W. Lewis (tenor) and J. Worrall (bass), scored well, although the tenor's intonation was not quite perfect. Mr Montague recited with great dramatic force and thrilling effect Lindsay Gordon's "How We Beat the Favorite," and, in response to a tremendous encore, gave "The Hindoo Purgatory," a sly and sarcastic matrimonial *jeu d'esprit*, which was irresistibly funny. Miss Maud Donovan sang Behrend's "The Gift," and, although occasionally sharp, won an encore, singing "Happy Birds" very much better. Messrs Robertson, Schmidt, Young, and Jackson gave Gatty's plantation quartette, "Good Night"—"Shine, shine, moon"—very nicely, and had to repeat the last verse. Mr Wilfred's Manning's rendering of Emmanuel's "The Desert" won an encore, responded to with "My Life for Thee," which suited the singer even better. Of Mr Ernest Schatz's refined and witty comic songs, the

audience seemed never to tire. Including encores, he gave "They're All Fine Girls," "Eight Bars Rest," "Tut, Tut," "The Polka," and "Tell-tale Pockets." He was admirably accompanied by Miss Lily Thompson, who is about to accompany him through life—happy man! Mr Cyril Towsey was the pianist in the orchestral numbers, and Miss Lily Thompson accompanied most of the vocal morceaux with taste and precision. Altogether the concert was a brilliant and enjoyable success.

In a letter recently received from Miss Alice May, later of the Inman Company, that charming young lady says that she is playing soubrette leads with the MacMahon Dramatic Company in Queensland. Members of the combination are Messrs King-Hedley, Harry Hodson, and Miss Harrie Ireland. Miss May Granville, who will also be remembered in connection with the Inman Company, has left the dramatic for the matrimonial stage, being now Madame Diedrichsen, wife of the Norwegian Consul at Thursday Island.

MISS GERTRUDE ESDALE is in Auckland enjoying a holiday with her relatives, and combining a rest with musical, literary, and dramatic pursuits, new parts being studied prior to returning to Sydney.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" will be staged at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings, a matinee being also billed for Saturday. The production is under the direction of Miss Hettie Howarde, who will be supported by Mr E. Fort (Uncle Tom), Miss Addie Lorkin (little Eva), and members of the Auckland "Society" Amateurs. Great pains have been expended in rehearsal and preparation, and patrons may be assured of a good performance.

AMONGST other attractions in the near future, we are promised a visit by McMinn's Minstrels. This company has been doing big biz down the West Coast, and includes the young Australian comique Bob Caulton, Miss Laurie and D'Arcy (serio-comics), Miss Gordon (serpentine dancer), and Jim Leno (a contortionist and daring trapeze performer).

I hear that the senior member of "The Firm" (Mr Williamson) has issued instructions to his New Zealand representative to the effect that no permits can be granted to amateur societies in this colony to produce either "The Geisha" or "The Circus Girl," at least until after they have been performed in Sydney and Melbourne.

BLOODSHOT AT THE STUD.

[BY TERLINGA.]

The box once occupied by the mighty (reckoning by his deeds on the turf) Malua, at Ingleton, Ballan, is now filled by Bloodshot, the New Zealand bred horse who ran second to Newhaven in the Melbourne Cup of 1896. There is no reason why Bloodshot should not succeed at the stud. He is by Maxim, one of the very best horses Musket ever got, and traces on the dam's side, through the original Flora M'Ivor, to Manto, the maternal ancestress of Trenton, Zalinski, and Niagara. Iris, the dam of Bloodshot, was by Traducer from Wai-iti, by Towton (half-brother to the Marquis) from Waimea (dam of Manuka, Papapa, Pairiri, &c.), by colonial Sir Hercules from Flora M'Ivor, by Rous's Emigrant from Cornelia, by Grasshopper from Manto, the imported mare to whom Frailty traces. There is plenty of stout blood here. On the other side we have Maxim, by Musket from Realization, by



MR JOHN J. RITSON.

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Photo by Winkens, Wellington.

Madame Burfoot's Concert Company will take possession of the Opera House next week for a short season, before Madame Burfoot's departure for England by the "Frisco" mail. Madame Burfoot has met with unequalled success during her tour of the colony, and Aucklanders are promised a rare treat when listening to the brilliant soprano. Mr J. Montgomery, the popular theatrical manager, is busy with the arrangements for next week.

MR JOHN J. RITSON, the well-known dancer and Irish delineator, whose photo we give in this issue, has many friends in Auckland, and the amusement-loving public will learn with pleasure that Mr Ritson intends settling down in Auckland, and will give lessons in all-round dancing, including ball-room dancing, etc. Mr Ritson has been touring the colonies for the past four years, and is the winner of a large number of prizes, including three silver cups and sixteen gold and silver medals.

It is stated that Miss Maud Williamson is not a member of the Florence Hazelwood Company, which was booked to appear at the Opera House next month, but that she will visit New Zealand shortly under the management of Mr Alfred Woods.

WHAT a successful season the production of "Dorothy" by the Wellington Amateur Opera Company proved is evidenced by the fact that £700 was taken for the seven nights. The amateurs deserved the good houses they attracted, for their performances are reported to have been of a high order, and the mounting was splendid.

Vespasian from a daughter of The Flying Dutchman. There is no question about Maxim's worth. He was a great racehorse in every sense of the word, and during his short career in America he proved himself a successful stallion. Mr Stead, who bred Bloodshot, is said to have pronounced him a non-stayer. In all probability Mr Stead never trained him over long courses. Be this as it may, Bloodshot showed us in Australia that he could stay as well as go fast. It was a capital performance to push Resolute so hard in the September Stakes when the three-year-old (Resolute) was taking a 7lb allowance. It was in the Melbourne Cup, however, that Bloodshot showed himself a genuine stayer. He carried 8.12, and in a fast race fairly wore down all his opponents save Newhaven. He won the C. B. Fisher Plate at the same meeting, but the opposition was poor, and his second in the Melbourne Cup is the race he should be gauged by. Bloodshot is a whole bay, with black points, a strong, close-to-the-ground, and powerful little horse, showing any amount of quality. Maxim had the most massive quarters I think I ever saw on a horse, and, although on a smaller scale, Bloodshot inherited this excellence in proportion to his frame, and is mixed right down to the hock.

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THE LUMBERER'S MISTAKE.

(By Captain Armstrong in Sporting Sketches.)

If there be any truth in the oft quoted adage to the effect that "a fool and his money are soon parted, then it is to be feared that Percy Weblyn started in life with a stock of wisdom which can only be described as of the most slender description.

Starting at the age of twenty-one with a legacy of £25,000, he had contrived, in the course of a few months, not only to lose the whole of that amount on the Turf, but also to incur liabilities which a reference to his settling book showed him it would take nearly four figures to "square." More than one of the debts had been outstanding for weeks, and a letter he had received from one of his creditors by the morning's post did not serve to restore his equanimity. It was from a so-styled "magnate of the Ring," and ran as follows:—

"SIR.—I shall be greatly obliged if you would let me have a cheque for the amount due to me (£242) at your earliest convenience. I never like pressing gentlemen, but have had severe losses lately, and am really in want of the money—
Yours respectfully,
SAUL HYMAN."

The allowance which Percy received from a maiden aunt—some £400 a-year or so—was barely sufficient to live on, and it was quite impossible to spare anything out of that. However, "hope springs eternal in the human breast," and had not his friend, Captain Basley, got a real good thing in the Hunters' Flat Race at Kempton Park that very afternoon? Of course he had! But then came the reflection that up to the present Captain Basley's swans had turned out geese. By some unforeseen fluke or another—easily explained afterwards by that gentleman—the animals in which he was interested, and on which Percy had been persuaded to plunge, had met with defeat.

Still, if it were not for the "glorious uncertainty" surrounding the sport there would be no bookmakers, and, from what the Captain had hinted for some days past, Fisher Lass for the Hunters' Flat Race was the reallest of real jam! There was no time for further soliloquy, for Captain Basley was at the door in his smart phaeton ready to convey his friend to Waterloo.

Well-dressed, even to a fault, the captain, a large, fair man, with blonde moustache and closely-cropped whiskers, would have looked like a gentleman if he had not laboured under the disadvantage of looking also like a butcher, and there were moments in his conversation when even Percy Weblyn, who was not much of a student of character, was disposed to doubt whether he was quite what he represented himself to be.

Not to put too fine a point on it, "Captain" Basley was a member of the genus "swell lumberer," who, by some means or other—and these gentry are by no means particular in this respect—had managed to procure and introduction to Percy Weblyn, and, by first putting that extremely verdant young gentleman on one or two "good things," had, bit by bit, managed to acquire his confidence to such an extent as to secure the execution of his commissions.

En route to Kempton the conversation in the carriage in which they were ensconced turned on the afternoon's programme.

"What will win the Hunters' Flat Race?" inquired the occupant of the corner seat, apparently of no one in particular.

"Why, either Manganese or Red Admiral—it's a certainty for one of them," replied his *vis-a-vis*.

"Yes, I know that," was the rejoinder, somewhat testily given, "but which? I saw them run at Lewes, when Red Admiral won half a length, and I don't see why he shouldn't win again."

"Ah! but I fancy the mare's come on a bit since then. She beat a good field at Windsor. I think I shall back her myself. I suppose none of the others have got a chance?"

"Not they! King Pippin and Fallow Deer are only platers. The Pharisee won't stay, and Fisher Lass can't go fast enough to keep herself warm."

Hereabouts Percy cast a sidelong glance at Captain Basley, but that worthy was quite hidden

by his newspaper, and apparently oblivious to the conversation which was going on.

At length the train slackened speed, and in a few minutes the pair were strolling slowly down the asphalted path leading to Tattersall's enclosure.

"Who were those two fellows talking in the train?" inquired Percy, innocently.

"I don't know them—never see them racing," was the reply. "But whoever they are, it's evident they're a precious pair of mugs. I only hope the Ring will think the same as they do, and then we shall get a good price about our horse. You're going to have £200 on, aren't you?—better make it a 'monkey.' Such a chance doesn't often happen, and not a soul knows anything about it outside the stable except yourself."

"No, thanks," replied Percy; "it's awfully good of you to let me into the secret, but the fact is I've been dropping a lot of money lately, and daren't go further. But won't you have some trouble in getting such a lot of money on for a hunters' race?"

The captain gave him a sidelong glance which might have aroused Percy's suspicions had he seen it, but that young gentleman evidently had no sinister motive for asking the question.

"My boy," and here the captain's voice dropped to a whisper, "it's a starting-price job. The money's on at London, Manchester, Liverpool, and, in fact, all over the country, and nobody will be a bit the wiser. I've let you in once or twice, and want you to have a good win this time—wish you'd got a 'monkey' with us."

As soon as they had fairly reached the course Basley went off on business of his own, leaving Percy to roam about the paddock somewhat disconsolately. They met again, however, some few minutes before the time fixed for the race, and took their places in time to see the horses come out. There were six runners, Red Admiral, Mr Walters up, being favourite at 5 to 4 on. Manganese, ridden by Mr Purvis, had been in as good demand as the other at the opening of the betting, but was now drifting out to 3 and 4 to 1, while odds varying from 7 to 20 to 1 could be had about the others.

Just as Basley and Percy took up their places on the stand the former was beckoned aside by a tall, hook-nosed man, who inquired—

"This is good, ain't it?"

"Yes, they've squared it; it's all right."

"Good enough to lay odds? You're quite sure?"

The captain gave an emphatic nod, full of significance. Truth to tell he did know something on this occasion, for on the previous evening there had been a short but important conversation between Walters and Purvis.

"I suppose one of us will win?" Walters inquired, carelessly.

"Looks like it, don't it?" the other had replied; and then there was a pause.

"Well," Walters at length exclaimed, "which is it to be?"

"Don't care! You can if you like."

"All right. What will you have on mine?"

"Say a couple of hundred. But I shall want even if it's a case of laying odds on."

So the bargain had been settled, and Walters had persuaded the owner and rider of Fisher Lass to make the running for him, giving him a "pony" for so doing.

"Look here, Bilton," he said to that worthy, as the pair jogged out of the paddock together, "don't go along half the journey and then ease your horse. I don't want to expose the Admiral more than is necessary, and shall only try and win a length or so."

Bilton nodded, and stowed away the notes in his pocket, glad to get a bit out of the race anyhow. He was a careful man, and disregarded Walters' advice to have to have bit on his mount, odds laying not being in his line.

The flag soon fell, and, true to her mission, Fisher Lass made play as fast as she could lay legs to the ground. Passing the stand she was well in advance of her field, and along the far side she increased her lead to twenty lengths of Manganese and Red Admiral, who were jogging along comfortably enough side by side.

"Haden't you better get on and close up now?" inquired the rider of the former, somewhat anxiously, as Walters showed no signs of reducing the gap. "He'll take some catching."

"There's lots of time. I don't want to win by half a mile. She's sure to stop before she comes to the bend."

"Well, get on a bit, at any rate," rejoined Purvis.

"All right, but ease yours. Mine pulls like the devil when she's alongside."

"Now he's coming up!" is the cry from the stand, as Red Admiral leaves the others and goes out in pursuit of the leader. As they approach the final bend, however, Fisher Lass is still some dozen lengths in front, and many of the onlookers are inwardly cursing Mr Walters for giving them such a fright.

"The favourite wins! The favourite walks in!" shouts one enthusiast who has had a plunge.

"The favourite *don't* win! He'll never get up!" excitedly yells another, as the pair race past the stand, Walters apparently putting in all he knows, whereas the rider of Fisher Lass is only pushing his mare along with his hands.

The angle at Kempton Park is a difficult one, and until the numbers go up no one can tell what has won. At length "No. 7," Fisher Lass, is hoisted amid a scream of delight from the fielders. Percy turns eagerly to Captain Basley and grasps his hand fervently.

"Thank you!" he exclaims, almost breathless with excitement.

"Damnation!" utters the captain, whose face has suddenly turned very white, and who makes off in the direction of the weighing-room to try and discover what it all means.

He could get no satisfaction there, though. Walters was blamed on all hands for leaving it too long, but he seemed to take it philosophically enough. Not so Purvis, who was nearly frantic with rage, and declared that he had been sold.

He had, Mr Walters, knowing he could not get much by backing his own horse, and being aware that none of the others would have any chance of catching Fisher Lass except Manganese and Red Admiral, had "squared" the former, and arranged a little plant on his own account, backing Bilton's mare to win a nice stake.

Consequently, when Percy Weblyn read next morning that "several of the starting-price book-makers were hard hit by the result of the Hunters' Flat Race," he may be forgiven for refusing to believe that Captain Basley's investments on Fisher Lass were mythical.

Strange to relate, he got his money. The Captain looked upon him as too well-feathered a pigeon to lose for the sake of £2,000—the mare started at 10 to 1—and thought that he should not be long in getting it back with compound interest.

He reckoned without his host, however. Percy's suspicions had been aroused by the captain's manner when the "No. 7" was hoisted, and inquiries which he caused to be made satisfying him that Basley's status was not quite what he represented it to be, he determined to cut the connection.

Doubtless, however, the gallant captain would have no difficulty in finding fresh "clients," fate being quite as plentiful as sharps even in these enlightened days.

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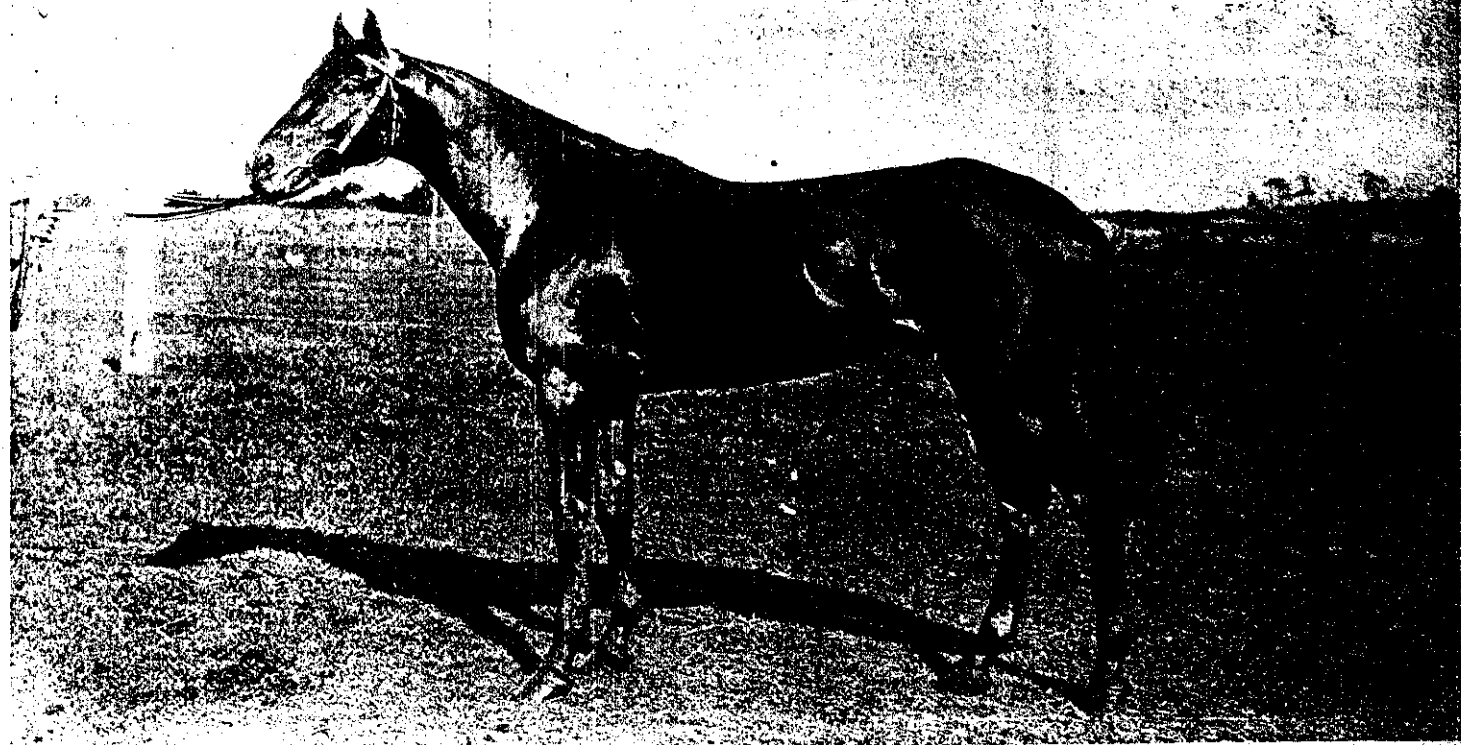
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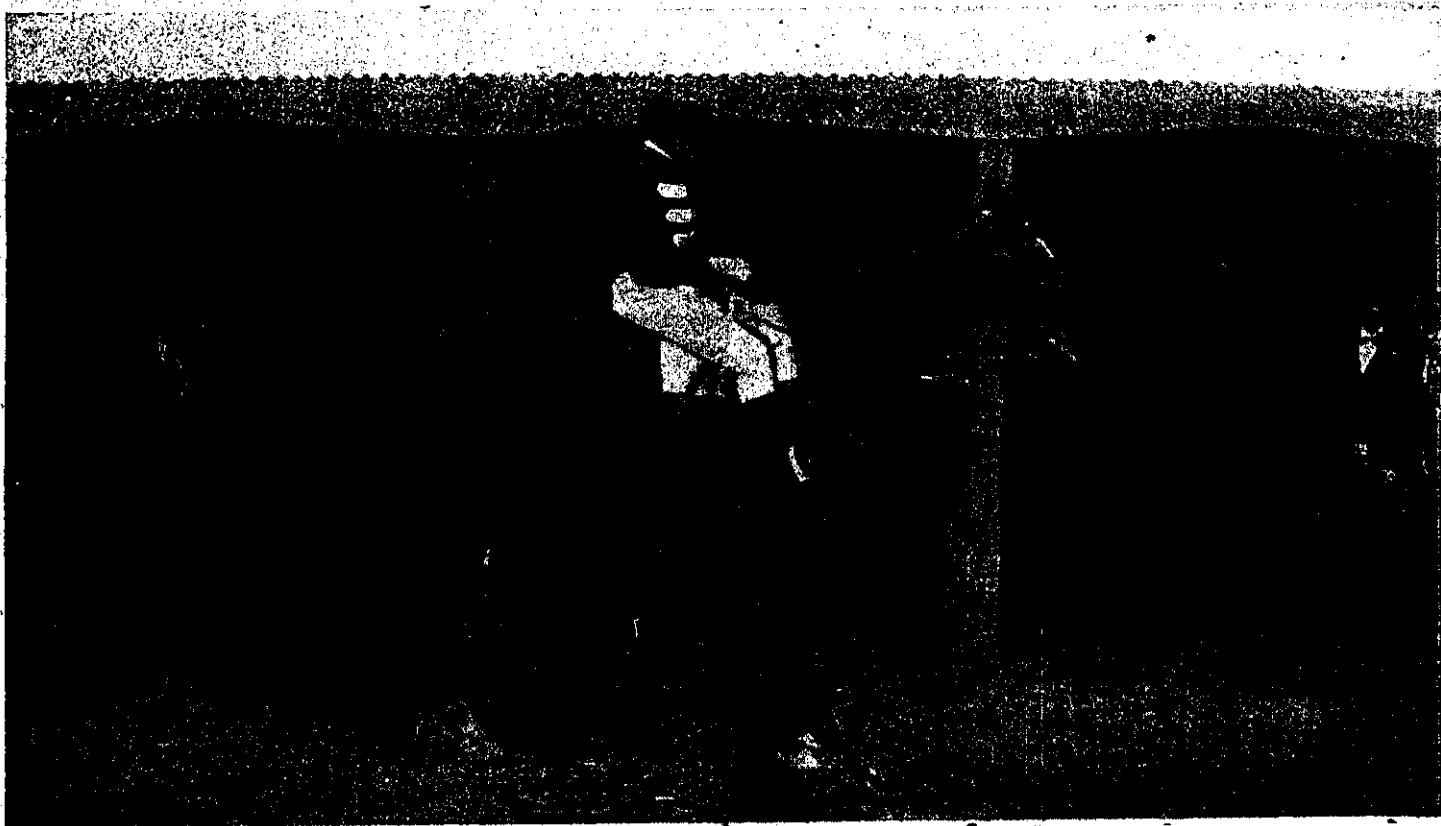
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Our 2100 Coupon should afford Turfmen an opportunity of exercising their skill. See page 20.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

The weather was fine and the attendance large. The racing was excellent there being good fields and several close finishes. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. About two miles. 121 Mrs T. Quinlivan's son, br g Rangipunehu, by Patriarch—Forget-me-not, 6yrs, 12.3, J. Scott 1

WINTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. 175 Mr J. Harding's g m Taubel, by Caster—Vivandira, 4yrs, 9.8, Butterworth 1

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H.B. HURDLES HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles. 121 Mr J. T. Moore's b g Dante, by Sou'-wester—Juliet, aged, 10.8, Laing 1

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE of 45 sovs. Gentlemen riders. About two miles. 149 Mr W. Carr's b m Hilda II., by Bedouin—Stella, 12.5, Mr P. Neagle 1

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About one mile and three-quarters. 136 Mr A. Jefferson's b m Alpine, by Isaac Walton, aged, 11.5, G. Wall 1

JUNK HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. 197 Mr R. Gooseman's br g Brennan, by Torpedo—Christina, 4yrs, 9.13, P. White 1

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 25.

The weather was fairly good and the attendance large. The sum of £4734 passed through the machine, making a total for the meeting of £9994, as against £8965 last year.

HUNTERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs. Gentlemen riders. One mile and a half. 56 Mr H. E. Jackson's b g Cheque, by Cooksare aged, 12.7, Mr P. Neagle 1

LADIES' NECKLACE, value 30 sovs. Gentlemen riders. One mile and a half. 82 Miss Mitchell's br g Riverdell, by Cap-a-pie—Dundee mare, 6yrs, 10.7, Mr Mitchell 1

H.B. STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. About three miles and a half. 79 Mr Poogo Tutaki's ch g Rhino, by The Dauphin, aged, 10.0, Redmond 1

HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Gentlemen riders. About two miles and a half. 92 Mr H. E. Jackson's ch g Frisco, by Gladiator, aged, 11.2, Mr A. Hyde 1

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About one mile and three-quarters. 177 Mr G. Hope's b h Missfra, by Maxim—Take Miss, 4yrs, 11.7, H. Moore 1

WALTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs. 26 Mr T. Quinlivan's, junior, br g Straybird, by Wanderer—Fleetwing, 4yrs, 9.13, Hercocok 1

FINAL STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles. 144 Mr A. Jefferson's b m Alpine, by Isaac Walton, aged, 10.9, Wall 1

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"I must have FLAG BRAND PICKLES"

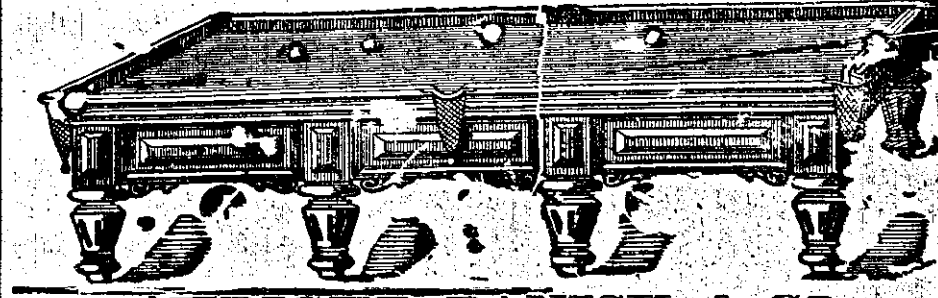


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PROHIBITION FADS.

A LETTER calculated to produce an unpleasant grin on the countenances of intolerant temperance orators, because the writer uses very much the same language against tea that the temperance orators employ against spiritous liquor, appeared recently in the *Lyttelton Times*. The writer states:—"I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my protest against the frightful excess of tea drinking, which is so prevalent in our midst. Truly, this form of over-drinking is undermining the constitution of the people of this country. It is an insidious foe to fight. There is no outward sign of the terrible havoc that this form of excess engenders; chronic dyspepsia, deranged stomachic action, hysteria and nerve troubles generally, are found in the wake of this insidious foe. Like a snake in the grass it lies." The "snake in the grass" simile is delicious, and smacks of the oratory of our Isitts and Taylors when shrieking anathemas against strong "dherrink." How will they relish it when they find their own pet beverage attacked very much in the spirit which moves them to crush a big industry and one of the chief sources of public revenue. The anti-tea writer continues:—"The habit (tea drinking) once formed, how difficult to break, and ruined homes, emaciated forms, a stunted progeny are all the results of this form of ever-growing excess. Can nothing be done to check this frightful waste of life energy? Cannot some enactment be framed to sweep out of the country this curse to the progress of the race?" The writer answers his own query, and the answer is so brimful of the intolerant spirit of Isitt and Taylor that one would be pardoned for attributing to them the concoction of it, were it not that it is strong tea, their own beverage, and not strong "dherrink" that is inveighed against. The answer which the writer gives to his own query as to how to stop tea drinking is:—"Nothing short of prohibiting its introduction into the country will do, for it can be obtained everywhere. There is no check on its sale or consumption; the greedy retailer seeks his profit, and the lives of tens of thousands of our countrymen and women are sacrificed at the altar of the selfish tea vendor, who encourages the bolstering up of his monopoly at the expense of those who are too weak minded to realise the golden rule of moderation in all things." The reference to the "golden rule of moderation in all things" is surely an exquisite satire on the Christian spirit of moderation exhibited by prohibitionists, who will, of course, shut their eyes to the lesson which a contemporary draws from the letter quoted above. A slice from a roast leg of mutton is delicious; if you eat the whole leg you will probably be ill. Shall we, therefore, get up a crusade against the use of mutton? and shall we banish tea from the land because some drink to excess? Shall we prohibit coffee because there are coffee drunkards? Shall we taboo yellow-back novels because many people, especially women, read nothing else? Or, finally, shall we gag public speech because prohibitionists allow their tongues to run riot.

TRADE TOPICS.

The Royal Commission on the Liquor Licensing Laws in England will, it is stated, first decide what colonial and foreign evidence shall be taken after the enquiry into the cases of Scotland

and Ireland is concluded. Without a thorough sifting it is quite impossible to appreciate the value of experience gained in other countries. This is due not to lack of information, but to the numberless and conflicting *ex parte* statements, together with an absence of absolutely authenticated and impartial evidence. It is now freely stated that there is no chance of the Commission presenting a report before 1900, and if evidence of the kind we have just mentioned is to be taken, this estimate would appear to be a not unreasonable one.

When the Ellerslie Hotel was burned down a few months ago much sympathy was felt for the proprietor, Mr Alfred Pickrell, who, besides losing the hotel, also lost the takings of the previous week, which were considerable, inasmuch as it had been a race week. Although diligent search was made in the ruins, all that remained of what had been at one time current coin of the realm were a few balls of silver and copper, which are now preserved as a memento of the past. The old building was comfortable and cosy, but in its place has now been erected a substantial and elegant brick and stone building. On the ground floor are the bar, dining and sitting rooms. The bar is nicely arranged, and the shelves sparkle with the choicest liquors. Up stairs the hotel is well laid out, and if one were asked to pick the best bed-room in the house the choice would be a difficult one, as all are so good and well ventilated. However, John C. Booth, the stalwart Ellerslie trainer, maintains that his room is the best, because it faces the rising sun. The hotel is right alongside of the Ellerslie railway station, and it should not be long before Mr Pickrell reports a full house.

Apropos of the phylloxera scourge and the efficacy of Paris Green, the following from a Melbourne paper may be of interest to New Zealand vigneron:—"The statement made in a certain quarter that storekeepers are liable to a fine under the provisions of the Poison Act for selling Paris Green is without foundation. Mr John Davies, the Melbourne machinery merchant, has shown us a letter received by him from Mr H. Shillinglaw, registrar of the Pharmacy Board, in which it is stated that 'Paris Green, London Purple and Hellebore powder, when used for the destruction of insect pests, are not legal poisons, and may therefore be sold without the provisions of the act being complied with. It is, however, desirable that some caution should be given to buyers as to their poisonous nature.'

King Frederic William III. was very spare of words, as is well-known, but one day he was told there was at Toplitz, where he was just drinking the waters, an Hungarian magnate still less talkative than the king. An opportunity for a meeting was soon managed, and the following conversation took place, the king beginning:—"Bathing?" "Drinking." "Soldier?" "Magistrate." "Good." "Policeman?" "King." "Compliments." Fancy Mr Isitt examining a witness under similar conversational restrictions! We can imagine the prohibitionist apostle commencing as follows:—"Policeman?" "Yes." "Drink?" "No." "Liar!" "You're another!" Here to prevent further ructions The Chairman interferences.

So long as we have licensed houses, and so long as the majority of them are well conducted, it is improbable that an ordinary British community would legislate with the deliberate intention of casting a slur upon the licensee, such as would be that implied in a denial of their right to offer their friends refreshment while the houses were closed to the public.—Wellington Post.

A deputation consisting of members of the New Zealand Alliance and other temperance societies waited upon the Premier on Thursday last to worry him about the licensing laws, and the granting of a license for a house at Opiatunui. Mr Seddon was not happy at any time during the interview. After referring to Local Option Elections and scrutineering, Mr Seddon said that he was of opinion that it would be as well if the law was altered so as to make the customer as well as the hotelkeeper responsible for breaches of the laws in regard to trading after hours. As regarded the bottle licenses, he thought they ought to be done away with, and he had expressed that opinion in the House. He was also of opinion that wholesale licenses should be brought under public control. As to fraudulent ballot papers, he had previously said that the printing of cards, fac-simile ballot papers, and canvassing should be done away with, and he was quite prepared to remedy that defect. The question of a dissolution affecting the length of tenure of licenses was discussed in the House when the Bill was under consideration. As to the new license at Opiatunui, the Act merely required that 100 residents of the district in which a sudden increase of population had taken place should sign a petition praying that power be granted to the committee to issue a license, and that the Governor should give the committee power to grant a licensed house in the ratio of one for every 700 persons residing within a radius of two miles of such house. When the case came before them, the contention was raised that there must be 700 persons residing in the radius. But they were told that the two-mile radius did not affect the question, and that they must take the population for the whole of the riding.

On Friday the St. Kilda Hotel, St. Kilda, was totally destroyed by fire. Most of the stock and a good deal of the furniture were saved. The house, which contained 14 rooms, was owned by Mr J. D. Hutton. It is believed to be insured for £400. The lessee, Mr James Stenhouse, is insured for £400 in the Sun office, on stock and furniture. The fire is believed to have been caused by a defective chimney.

On Saturday night, on the South Belt, Christchurch, a man was found lying dead—dead drunk (states *The Spectator*). Several people gathered round, and the question was asked breathlessly, "Is he dead?" At first it looked as if he was. Then one stepped up, and said, "Where do you live, my man?" His lips moved inaudibly. Then another tried, "Have you a wife and children you would like to send a last message to?" Again the lips moved, and an inarticulate whisper came. Then another fellow stepped up, and he said in vigorous tones, "Here's a blanky nice state of things, for one of our new J.P.'s to be here in this state?" Then the drunk opened his eyes, got straight up on his legs, and said, "No, ol' man, you're wrong; not J.P.—not's bad'sh that yet. Think I'm drunk, eh? Yesh, maybe 'am, but not J.P.—no! no!! no!!! Not as bad'sh that yet! d'night!"

PROHIBITION FANATICS ON THE WARPATH.

All through its sittings the prohibition party have kept the Police Commission busy investigating charges against the police, with the view, principally, of harassing the licensed victuallers' trade. All this has been done at the expense of the country with practically no beneficial results, as most of the allegations made have been proved to be the result of the inflated imagination of fanatics. When sitting at Timaru, a clergyman in holy guise came before the Commission, and charged the police with neglecting their duty by permitting a publican to use two public bars. The police denied the charge whereupon the man in holy orders took upon himself the role of informer, and, skipping across the street, he entered a back bar of the hotel in question and purchased a flask of whiskey, with which he returned and flourished in front of the Commission as an evidence of the perfidy of the police and the sinfulness of the publican. The result was the old story. The police were made the tools of the fanatics, and the publican was dragged into the Court at the expense of the country for keeping two bars, but the Magistrate held that the bar, which was the subject of the action, was not a bar within the meaning of the clause of the Act, which reads—"Public bar" or "bars" means and includes any open, passage, or lobby in any licensed premises open immediately to any street, highway, public place, or public thoroughfare, wherein the public may enter and purchase liquors." Against this decision the prohibitionists appealed, and as the case is one of interest to the trade we clip the report from the *Timaru Herald* of June 17th:—

Police v. Cronin, Mr White for appellant, Mr Raymond for respondent,—appeal against a recent decision of Mr C. A. Wray, Stipendiary Magistrate, on a prosecution of Timothy Cronin, as licensee of the Criterion Hotel, for having a second or unauthorised bar.

Mr White put in the plan of the front of the Criterion Hotel, showing position of the alleged "public bar," approached by a crooked passage up some steps within the passage, through a folding-door, and finally through an arched opening. The Magistrate decided that the bar was not a public bar according to the interpretation of the Licensing Act, 1881, because it did not "open immediately on" the street.

Mr White submitted that the decision was wrong. According to the evidence the folding doors at the time of the alleged offence were fastened back, and the bar was merely a continuation of the passage from the street. There was no obstacle whatever in the way of anyone reaching the bar from the street, the doors being wide open.

His Honor: Is it a bar then when the door is open, not a bar when the door is shut?

Mr White: Probably. But on this occasion the door was open.

His Honor: Suppose the passage was 190ft. long, and the door into a bar at the end of it was open, would you say that such a bar opened immediately on the street? If the door was shut it would be all right?

Mr White: Whether that is so or not, the doors being open and kept open, and there being nothing to prevent a person entering a room, then it opens immediately on the street.

His Honor: I have a room at the Grosvenor Hotel upstairs. If I leave the door into the passage open, then my door opens immediately on the street?

Mr White: No. That is upstairs. That does not open immediately on the street.

His Honor: Why not? Does the fact of part of the passage being vertical make any difference?

Mr White: You have to go through the house to get to it. Here the passage leads to nowhere except this bar.

His Honor: How far would you have to go back? I want to know how far your argument carries you.

Mr White submitted that, the folding doors being open, the whole place was open immediately to the street.

His Honor (Mr Justice Denniston) said he did not think he need trouble Mr Raymond to reply. It was not a matter that presented any difficulty at all. A "bar or public bar" must "open immediately on" any public street, etc. The definition was as plain as it could be. It appeared that in this case the place was entered by a lobby, up some steps (here they had "upstairs") in the lobby, through a door into a continuation of the passage, and from this continuation through an open way into the bar. As he understood Mr White's contention, this was a bar opening immediately on the street when the door was open, and not a bar when the door was closed. There might be some difficulty if the

definition said "open to any street," but certainly there was no difficulty about "open immediately." The only meaning of that was that any person could step immediately, directly, into the bar from the street, without going through any intermediate room or passage or anything of the sort. This was not a public bar; it did not "open immediately" on any street. The appeal would be dismissed.

Mr Raymond asked for costs. Mr White said there was no provision for costs.

His Honor said he would give costs in this case if he could, as a case entirely without merit. He would give seven guineas costs.

Mr White wished to say that he received instructions to prosecute this appeal, and he had given no opinion whatever upon it.

From the above it would appear that even the paid advocate, Mr White, was ashamed of the appeal, but what about the white chokered gentleman and what price the flask of whiskey?

THE PARNELL BLIND INSTITUTION.

It is probable that many of our numerous readers, especially that portion residing in the South Island, are unaware of the excellent institution for the blind which has been established in Parnell, and most successfully conducted for the past seven or eight years. The starting of the institute was practically the work of Mr John Abbott, one of Auckland's citizens, and to the untiring efforts of that gentleman are mainly due the magnificent home and training establishment for those unfortunates who are bereft of the blessing of sight. Mr Abbott commenced by canvassing town and country people for subscriptions, being first a large donor himself to the fund, and from the inception of the scheme up to the present time his enthusiasm has never flagged or his interest in the institute abated, and he more than any other man deserves the credit for the success obtained. At the present time Mr Abbott is the president, and his active interest in the inhabitants causes him to be held in the highest esteem by all the inmates. Mr and Mrs Tighe, who manage the Institute, are dearly loved by the children, and are exceedingly popular with the adult portion of the inmates. Mr Tighe is totally blind himself, and perhaps for this reason his sympathies with those he has to deal with have been broadened and intensified. Mr Tighe is always pleased to receive visitors, and though it is depressing and painful to see those "who cannot see," the sorrow is mitigated by the interesting spectacle presented by their work and teaching, and also from the gratification of witnessing the ease manifested for them, and also the splendid provisions made for their personal comfort. It will scarcely be possible in this brief notice to enumerate the whole work done by the inmates, or the perfect methods adopted to teach the juveniles. Latterly the Institute has been visited by several Members of the Cabinet, and one and all have been enthusiastic in their praises of the great work accomplished. The Hon. J. Cadman has been in a position to show his practical appreciation of the work, as he has ordered all the mats used in the trains and railway carriages from the Institute, and the netting used for the hat racks in the carriages is all made by the deft fingers of those who cannot see God's blessed light; and it may not be out of place to remind those persons who may read this brief notice in a railway carriage or elsewhere that they can aid this great Institution not only with their prayers, but with their money, too, for sometimes money is urgently needed to meet current engagements. Some three months ago the Hon. J. Carroll, Colonial Secretary, visited the place for the first time, and saw the children at their daily lesson. One boy with marvellous expedition picked off a long statement from Mr Carroll's dictation, and read it without mistaking a single word; others manifested great expertness in using the typewriter, while others sang and played, their elocutionary powers were shown to be great, and taken altogether, as Mr Carroll said, it is simply marvellous. The managers of the Institute know nothing of nationality and nothing of creed. The purpose from the start has been aid the blind by the most modern methods, and most nobly has the philanthropic work been done. We feel certain that Mr Abbott will be much pleased to show any visitors to Auckland through the Institute, and we can assure them of the kind welcome they will receive from Mr and Mrs Tighe and the staff of officers, and we feel certain that every visitor will leave the place assured that those who are conducting and supporting it are serving God and the state in their day and generation. We may inform our Trade, sporting, and agricultural friends that there is always a large stock of hemp halters in hand, and if the stock runs short it can be made up on the shortest notice.

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THE KENNEL.

"Eclipse" in the *Leader*, writing of the Collies at the New South Wales Kennel Club's Show, says:—"Collies were undoubtedly the chief feature of the show, the entries numbering over 160, or about one-fourth of the show. This stands as the record for Australia, and is a feather in the cap of the N.S.W. Kennel Club. Special arrangements had been made, and the ring accommodation was in keeping with the importance of the section. There was a large concourse of spectators around the Collie ring, and the general opinion expressed was that the show of Collies was the best ever seen in the Harbor city. Competitors came forward from several of the colonies, and also a team of the best New Zealand can produce. Some English-bred dogs were in the ring, so that much interest attached to the awards. Mr W. T. Wright, of Melbourne, adjudicated. Whilst many of the classes were unusually large, the judge quickly drafted out those which had no chance, and the awards were given promptly and with precision. In the open class for dogs, Mr L. D. Borsdorff's Ormskirk Palmbearer, an English winner, won first and champion. He was shown in very good form, although not in the best of coat. Messrs Rogen and Andrew's First Shot was second, with Mr J. F. Mills's Harbinger third. The latter was bred in Maoriland, where he has been very successful. Selwyn Laddie and Allan Breck, both bred in New Zealand, gained V.H.C. and H.C. cards respectively. This was a really good class, and much superior to that of last year, when Mr Austin's Laird of Glen Avon won; the latter a small, short-headed, ring-tailed dog, which could not get a card in such company as we find at this show. Ormskirk Palmbearer wins easily, his head is full of character, and nicely chiselled, with nice small ears, which he carries to perfection. His body is all that could be desired—great depth of brisket, well sprung ribs, and the loin nicely arched. Palmbearer stands on splendid legs and feet, and in general outline pleases the eye of the keen critic. For quality he smother his opponents, and he won the champion prize as a champion should do. First Shot has been described in these columns before; he is not a very high class show dog, but judging from his progeny seen at this show, he is making his mark as a sire. I was greatly disappointed with Harbinger, the New Zealand crack. He is a tri-color dog, and has a taking head, but his large bold eyes and 'setter carriage' of ears could never escape my notice; he is flat-sided and lacks substance; he is quite void of that character we like to see in a 'shrewd' looking Collie. Harbinger carries a short crook tail, and when excited this was carried a *la Pommeranien*, over his back in the ring, his chances of ever being a crack could not be taken as serious. Harbinger was certainly shown out of all show form. Selwyn Laddie is a sable and white dog, with a short, thick head, which entirely spoils his chances in this company; he carries a very fair coat, but his gooseberry eye, wide skull, and poor ear carriage must put him back when opposing the first flight. Messrs Rogen and Andrew won with First Shot in the Australian-bred and limit classes, Harbinger and Allan Breck being placed second and third. Clyde of Wyoming, now owned by Mr L. D. Borsdorff, and who once won at Melbourne for Mr C. Lynott, was out at this show, but he was in no trim. Mr J. Macnamara, of Beechworth, secured a V.H.C. card with Pax, a young son of Ormskirk Palmbearer. This was perhaps the best coated dog in the show, but his head keeps him back. In the junior section, Messrs Rogen and Andrew won first with a silver-grey dog puppy, Shetland Buff, by First Shot. He is a good headed youngster. Karratta Bruno was second, and Alice Laird third. I understand an offer of £20 was refused for the winner to remain in Sydney. There were 22 competitors in the Novice class, Messrs Campbell and Miller winning with Randwick's Surprise. Collie bitches were notable for the success of the progeny of First Shot, one of his daughters, Shetland Princess, owned by Messrs Rogen and Andrew, winning first in puppies and open class, eventually taking the champion for the best Collie bitch in the show. She is just 10 months old, and a gem of the first water; she is a sable and white in color, with a sweet head, and lovely expression and carriage of ears; her long, well knit body and grand hind quarters give her a fine appearance. Princess stands on the best of legs and feet, and carries a long brush. She is a little out at the elbows, and if she improves in this respect will take a lot of beating. I never remember seeing any Collie show better in the ring. Shetland Queen, exhibited by Messrs Rogen and Andrew, won first in Australian bred and limit classes, so that these breeders carried off all the available first prizes in the female section. Mr T. Turvey, of New Zealand, scored second and third in the puppy class with Selwyn May and Selwyn Nell, both good ones, and unlucky to meet the winner. Mr H. F. Marr scored second and third in Australian bred and limit bitches with Petarsham Belle and Uarda, the former a sweet one, but on the small side and lacking character and expression. Mr L. D. Borsdorff won the brace prize, Mr T. Turvey second and Mr H. F. Marr third, Messrs Rogen and Andrew not competing. D.H.

The Feathered World.

The entries for the Suburban Poultry Club's Show which open today, constitute a record for the year, and if the quality is up to the usual strength the show should be an unusual success. I hear that most of the classes are strong, and that competition will be keen. The art union tickets are going off well, and I wonder at it for some of the pictures are beautiful. The best all-round fowls is the Minorcas. I am not at all sure whether I ought to mention it. But if I do not boldly declare it to be the best all-round fowl, there

are plenty of fanciers and others who are quite ready to swear till they are "gipsy-faced" that Minorcas are the best fowls for the fancier and for the man who keep birds to eat the soraps. Minorcas are easy to breed true to color, therefore the breed is popular with the fancier. They lay large eggs and plenty of them, and they are very fair birds on the table, therefore the "utility" man is pleased with them. Minorcas lay probably the largest eggs of any breed, not even excepting the Spanish. I think most poultry authorities are agreed on that point, for it is certainly no difficult matter to get a dozen exhibition eggs weighing three ounces each from a pen of Minorcas, if they are well-fed and come from a good laying strain. The West of England has been for many years past the home of the Minorcas, and though lately the Cornish or Indian Game have in a certain degree threatened the supremacy of the black fowl, I think the danger has passed, and that at the present time there are as many Minorcas in Devonshire, Cornwall, and Somerset, as there were ten or twelve years ago, when the breed was at its zenith of show popularity. At winter layers, Minorcas may be relied on if they are hatched at the right time, and once they start, they keep laying. Mr Hopkins, taking the average from four pens, says his birds laid 226 eggs each; Mr Physick, who counted seven pens, averaged 184; while Mr Amesbury says his birds laid from 180 to 200 pen eggs each. He got the latter number from a of birds, four years of age! These three gentlemen are all well-known fanciers and breeders, and their returns are thoroughly to be relied upon. If exhibition strains will lay as many eggs as given above, a carefully selected stock of extra good layers should give even better results. There is no doubt that Minorca breeders have used Langshan blood pretty freely since the introduction of that fowl, and the cross is easily seen in the eye, the thicker shank, and more brilliant green gloss. Before we knew the Langshan, the Minorca was a black fowl; now-a-days, we must have a sheen of almost beetle-green colour. Even Lewis Wright, who is a great stickler for keeping the blood pure, must go with the stream, and the words, "as much green gloss as possible," occur in his latest schedule for judging Minorcas. In his scale of points to be deducted for defects, he has no place for "white in face" now, for, as he says, it is a disqualification in the Poultry Club Standard. It is never carried out in practice, which is a pity. Langshan blood has been used as much as anything to get rid of white in face, and successfully too. I think the Langshan cross makes the Minorca a coarse bird in head and leg, and while I admit to do away with white face is a great thing, I should prefer—if I kept the breed—my Minorcas "straight."

Mr Frank Holmes is going across to Sydney for the New South Wales Poultry Club's Show next month. He takes a team of birds from Motutapu. Messrs Reid's Dark Brahmas and Dorkings and Ducks should do some winning on the other side if breed goes for anything, for Messrs Reid have spared no expense in procuring the very best strains from the Old Country. I hope the trip will be a successful one. All the birds going over are for absolute sale, and as they comprise the pick of the yards Sydney fanciers will have an opportunity of procuring high-class stock they do not often get. I was having a look at Mr Frank Holmes' bantams the other day, and a very choice lot he has. It is rather too close to show time for one to particularise, but I may say that he has bred some capital Black-red youngsters from the Ainscough and Cooper birds he imported last year. In Piles he will be well to the fore with some very typical birds bred from his own stock. The Pile cock now in his third season is in grand condition, and save for a little marbling on the breast, is as good as ever.

The Christchurch Poultry Show took place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, and was a great success. Messrs Fred Rogen and Ambrose Johnstone made the awards in the poultry section. In Dorkings S. C. Kesteven was, as usual, well to the front in both Dark and Silver Greys. In the Dark cockerel class Kesteven had to lower his colors to G. Butcher, who penned a splendid bird, good in size, color, and feet, and the winner of the cup for the best Dorking exhibited. The following are the awards in Game, Leghorns, and Wyandotte varieties, in which competition was keenest:—

Game.—Black red—Cock—Robert Boswell, 1 and 3; M. Donohue, 2. Cockerel—E. S. Leversedge, 1, cup and special; Robert Boswell, 2 and 3; S. Clarke, h.c. Hen—M. Donohue, 1; S. Clarke, 2; E. S. Leversedge, 3. Pullet—E. S. Leversedge, 1; Robert Boswell, 2; S. Clarke, 3. Cook—C. P. Bradford, 1; M. Donohue, 2; A. Walker, 3. Pullet—A. Walker, 1 and 3; Master Bertie Walker, 2; Duckwing—Cock—M. Donohue, 1. Cockerel—E. S. Leversedge, 1. Hen—M. Donohue, 1. Pullet—E. S. Leversedge, 1. Pile—Cock—Robert Boswell, 1 and 3; W. E. Earnshaw, 2. Cockerel—Robert Boswell, 1, 2, 3 and Cup. Hen—W. E. Earnshaw, 1; Robert Boswell, 2 and 3; M. Donohue, h.c. Pullet—Robert Boswell, 1, 2, and h.c.; W. E. Earnshaw, 3. Indian—Cock—A. and H. Clarkson, 1 and special; J. Bundy, 2; Patrick Campbell, 3. Cockerel—A. and H. Clarkson, 1 and special; Whittaker Bros., 2; J. Bundy, 3. Hen—A. and H. Clarkson, 1, 2, and special; A. Walker, 3; Patrick Campbell, h.c.; J. Tindall, h.c. Pullet—J. Bundy, 1, Club cup and special; A. and H. Clarkson, 2; Patrick Campbell, 3; A. Walker, h.c. Old English, any variety—Cock or Cockerel—J. J. Breeze, 1, 2, and 3. Hen or pullet—Harry A. Shepherd, 1; J. J. Breeze, 2 and 3.

Leghorns.—White, single comb, cock.—Palmer and Davison, 1; C. Lucas, 2. Cockerel—H. Hearfield, 1, h.c. cup and special; Palmer and Davison, 2; C. Lucas, 3 and c. Pullet—H. Hearfield, 1, 2, h.c. and special; C. Lucas, 3; John Friend, c. Brown, single comb cock—James Lilloco, 1 and special; A. F. Anderson, 2; J. Farrell, 3 and c. Cockerel—J. Farrell, 1, h.c. and c. and special; W. J. Graham, 2; Robert Wilson, 3. Hen—Robert Wilson, 1, 2, and special; A. F. Anderson, 3; James Lilloco, h.c. Pullet—James Lilloco, 1, special and cup; A. F. Anderson, 2; Robert Wilson, 3 and c; J.

Farrell, h.c. Buff cock or cockerel—T. C. Robertson, 1, 2, 3, h.c. c. and special. Hen or pullet—T. C. Robertson, 1, 2, 3, and special; P. D. McGuire, h.c. Any other variety—cock or cockerel—M. Donohue, 1; E. J. Ross, 2. WYANDOTTES, GOLDEN.—Cock—E. J. Ross, 1, 2 and special; A. Walker, 3. Cockerel—M. Donohue, 1 and special; Dr F. G. M. Brittin, 2; G. Edgar, 3. H. Pitcher, h.c.; E. J. Ross, c. Hen—Dr G. F. M. Brittin, 1 and 2; M. Donohue, 3. Pullet—Dr F. G. M. Brittin, 1, 3, special and c; M. Donohue, 2; E. J. Ross, h.c. Silver cock—W. Goss, 1, 2, and special; F. C. Hack, 3; E. J. Ross, h.c. Cockerel—D. Williams, 1 and special; W. Goss, 2 and 3. Hen—A. Walker, 1 and special; W. Goss, 2; E. J. Ross, 3; F. C. Hack, h.c. Pullet—E. J. Ross, 1, Club Cup and special; W. Ross, 2 and c; R. E. Reeve, 3; F. C. Hack, h.c. White, cock—H. Pitcher, 1. Cockerel—E. L. Anderson, 1 and 2. Hen—E. L. Anderson, 1 and 2; H. Pitcher, 3. Pullet—E. L. Anderson.

Visitors to the Suburban Poultry Club's Show to-day will probably be disappointed at the absence of the Black-Red crack imported from Melbourne by Messrs Brigham and Shayler. I may as well state the reason why Mr Brigham's name is not in the catalogue this year. When Mr Shayler left Auokland for America some of the stock was sold to a budding fancier, and to give him a show it was resolved that "the firm" should not exhibit. Of course such an arrangement having been come to nothing more can be said, but fanciers and other visitors to the show are thereby deprived of a look at the best Black-Red I have seen in the colony. The Melbourne bird has a lovely color, capital head, and splendid feet. In shape and style he is excellent, and all-round he is a bird that would score easily at any show in the colony. I was much impressed with the bird when I saw him the other day, and I am only sorry that he is not on view at the Suburban Show. Mr Brigham has an Ainscough-bred cock that with the Melbourne bird at home would win at most of our shows. I saw the bird as a cockerel, and though I admired his style and reach I never for one moment imagined he would grow into the handsome, vigorous bird he has. He is perhaps a trifle light in hackle color and in eye, and is not so

nically out as the Melbourne bird, but otherwise he is hard to find fault with. These two birds are in splendid trim, and Mr Brigham seems to have a splendidly successful breeding season in view. D.H.

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