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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26TH AND 29TH, 1898, AND JANUARY 2ND AND 3RD, 1899.

President: Hon E. Mitchelson. Vice-President: L. D. Nathan, Esq. Stewards: Messrs A. Buckland, D. W. Duthie, W. D. Holgate, D. McLeod, J. Dawson, E. A. Price, A. J. Denniston, C. Heath, H. O. Nolan, Committee: Messrs A. Buckland, Richard Duder, H. T. Gorrie, D. McLeod, J. P. A. Phillips, T. Morrin, W. McLaughlin, N. A. Nathan, J. Russell, J. T. Armitage, H. Thompson, J. Kirkwood. Hon. Judge: Colonel Banks, Esq. Treasurer: Mr H. T. Gorrie. Starter: Mr Geo. Catta. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr A. Selby. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Secretary: Mr William Percival.

FIRST DAY, BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1898.

First Race to Start at 12 Noon.

Trial Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 10 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1898, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 10 sovs. All forfeits to go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a half.

The Auckland Cup, a handicap of 1000 sovs; second horse to receive 150 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 3 sovs each, and a final payment of 6 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 2 sovs, and 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal stakes to carry 10lb extra. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Christmas Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any handicap, after the publication of weights, to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1898.

First Race to Start at 12 Noon.

Alexandra Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Summer Cup, a handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 3 sovs, and 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap, after declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 5lb. One mile and a quarter.

Handicap Welter Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Lowest weight, 8st. About one mile.

Waitemata Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won 50 sovs at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Visitors' Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won 50 sovs at the time of starting. Entrance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7st 9lb; three-year-olds, 9st. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899.

First Race to Start at 12 Noon.

Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

New Year's Handicap Hurdle Race of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. En-

trance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 10 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1898, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 10 sovs. All forfeits to go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a half.

Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 3 sovs, and a final payment of 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. One mile any a half.

Pony Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won 50 sovs at the time of starting. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899.

First Race to Start at 12 Noon

Ascot Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Sylvia Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race, after publication of weights, to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a quarter.

The Royal Stakes of 500 sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent, and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Winners after August 1, 1898, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lb, of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 10 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—Upon payment of 3 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1898. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1898, must pay their total subscription of 10 sovs each by 12 noon the day before the race. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs, and a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race, after publication of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Weight-for-age. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., SUMMER MEETING, 1898-99.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1898, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Auckland Cup ... 1 sov Railway Handicap ... 1 sov A.R.C. Handicap ... 1 sov Auckland Steeple ... 1 sov Summer Cup ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1898, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Auckland Cup ... 3 sovs Auckland Steeple ... 2 sovs Railway Handicap ... 2 sovs

FORFEIT.

Royal Stakes of 1898-1899, for three-year-olds and two-year-olds ... 3 sovs Great Northern Derby ... 3 sovs Great Northern Foal Stakes ... 3 sovs

FIRST FORFEIT.

Champagne Stakes, 1899 ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1898, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Trial Handicap ... 1 sov Glasgow Handicap ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov New Year's Hurdles ... 1 sov Nursery Handicap ... 1 sov Midsummer Handicap ... 1 sov Pony Cup ... 1 sov County Handicap ... 1 sov Christmas Handicap ... 1 sov Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Alexandra Handicap ... 1 sov Maiden Handicap ... 1 sov Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Ascot Handicap ... 1 sov Criterion Handicap ... 1 sov Sylvia Handicap ... 1 sov Welter Handicap ... 1 sov Grandstand Handicap ... 1 sov Waitemata Handicap ... 1 sov Newmarket Handicap ... 1 sov Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Visitors' Plate ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1898, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Trial Handicap ... 1 sov Nursery Handicap ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles ... 3 sovs Pony Cup ... 1 sov Christmas Handicap ... 2 sovs

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1898, at the Post.

ACCEPTANCES.

Great Northern Foal Stakes, sweep ... 10 sovs Auckland Cup ... 6 sovs Stakes, sweep ... 10 sovs Railway Handicap ... 3 sovs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Alexandra Handicap ... 2 sovs Welter Handicap ... 1 sov Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Waitemata Handicap ... 1 sov Criterion Handicap ... 2 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Summer Cup ... 3 sovs

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, at the Post.

ACCEPTANCE.

Summer Cup Handicap ... 3 sovs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1898, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Glasgow Handicap ... 2 sovs A.R.C. Handicap ... 3 sovs New Year's Hurdles ... 2 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Midsummer Handicap ... 3 sovs Maiden Handicap ... 2 sovs County Handicap ... 3 sovs

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899, at the Post.

ACCEPTANCES.

Great Northern Derby, sweep ... 10 sovs A.R.C. Handicap ... 4 sovs

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Ascot Handicap ... 1 sov Grandstand Handicap ... 4 sovs Sylvia Handicap ... 1 sov Newmarket Handicap ... 4 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899, at the Post.

Steeplechase ... 3 sovs Royal Stakes ... 10 sovs Auckland Plate ... 2 sovs

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1899, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Great Northern Derby Stakes, 1900-1901

Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1900-1901

Royal Stakes, 1900-1901

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1898.

Auckland Cup Summer Steeplechase

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

Trial Handicap Nursery Handicap

Hurdles Handicap Pony Handicap

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1898, by 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap Summer Cup Handicap

Second Handicap Hurdles Welter Handicap

Criterion Handicap Waitemata Handicap

Pony Handicap

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1898, in Morning Paper.

New Year's Hurdles County Handicap

Glasgow Handicap Racing Club Handicap

Midsummer Handicap Handicap Pony Race

Maiden Handicap

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899, by 9 p.m.

Ascot Handicap Grandstand Handicap

Sylvia Handicap Newmarket Handicap

Handicap Pony Race W.M. PERCIVAL, Secretary, A.R.C.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

(ANNIVERSARY DAY).

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1899.

President: Hon. E. Mitchelson Esq. Stewards: Messrs E. W. Alison, R. H. Duder, F. Wells, W. Adams, J. Alison, J. Mays, W. Avenell, G. Lankham, W. J. Ralph. Judge: Hon. E. Mitchelson Esq. Treasurer: Mr E. W. Alison. Starter: Mr E. D. Halstead. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. Marks. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Clerk of Course: Mr Fred. Wells.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1899.

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

First Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

Zealandia Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, five furlongs.

Takapuna Cup, a handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; of 100 sovs, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs; and 3 sovs at the post. Distance, one and a half miles.

Calliope Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, six furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.

First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

Stewards' Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Takapuna Cup or Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; of both, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1899.

Suburban Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

Second Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

Hobson Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sov. Distance, about three and a half miles.

Haak Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

Anniversary Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Suburban or T.J.C. Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; or both, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1899.

Second Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and a half miles and 100 yards.

Borough Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

Summer Handicap of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Third Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

Marine Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

Devonport Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Borough or Summer Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; or both, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, six furlongs.

Second Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, about three miles.

Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race, after the weights are declared, to carry a penalty of 5lb extra or lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, free. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES: NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, by 9 p.m.

Takapuna Cup ... 1 sov First Steeplechase ... 1 sov T.J.C. Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, by 9 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Plate ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 1 sov First Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov First Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Zealandia Handicap ... 1 sov Stewards' Handicap ... 1 sov Calliope Handicap ... 1 sov

SECOND DAY.

Suburban Handicap ... 1 sov Hobson Handicap ... 1 sov Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Haak Handicap ... 1 sov Second Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Anniversary Handicap ... 1 sov

THIRD DAY.

Second Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov Welter Handicap ... 1 sov Borough Handicap ... 1 sov Marine Handicap ... 1 sov Third Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov Second Steeplechase ... 1 sov Summer Handicap ... 1 sov Devonport Handicap ... 1 sov

WEIGHTS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th, by 4 p.m.

Takapuna Cup First Handicap Steeplechase

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th, by 4 p.m.

First Day's Racing.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, by 9 p.m.

Second Day's Racing.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, by 12 noon.

Third Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th, by 9 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Plate ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 2 sovs First Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov First Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Zealandia Handicap ... 1 sov Stewards' Handicap ... 2 sovs Takapuna Cup ... 2 sovs First Steeplechase ... 3 sovs Calliope Handicap ... 1 1/2 sovs second day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, at Post.
Takapuna Cup... 3 sovs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, by 10 p.m.
SECOND DAY.
Suburban Handicap 1 sov T.J.C. Handicap 3 sovs
Second Hurdles 1 sov Hack Handicap 1 sov
Second Pony Handicap 1 sov Anniversary Handicap 2 sovs
Hobson Handicap 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, by 9 p.m.
THIRD DAY.
Second Maiden Hurdles 1 sov Welter Handicap Free
Borough Handicap 1 sov Summer Handicap 3 sovs
Third Hurdles 1 sov Second Steeplechase 2 sovs
Marine Handicap 1 sov Devonport Handicap 2 sovs

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No Entries will be received for any race except on this condition—that all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards present, or those whom they may appoint. Their decision upon all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

No Nomination or Acceptance will be received on any pretence whatever after the hour named, or without being accompanied by the necessary amount of cash. The attention of owners is particularly called to this regulation.

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

The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and dates of fixtures, etc.

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

Telephone Office at Devonport to close at 5 p.m.
Telephone Office open on Course up to 5 p.m. on race days.

ROBT. WYNYARD,
Secretary.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB
HACK MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 1898.

President: A. Standish, Esq. Vice-President: W. Bayly, Esq. Stewards: Messrs O. Samuel, A. McL. Thomson, J. Paul, W. L. Newman, G. J. Newman, N. King, R. Cook, A. E. A. Clarke, T. Elliot, E. R. A. Haworth, L. W. Alexander, and A. Goldwater. Judge: Mr E. R. A. Haworth. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Clerk of Scales: Mr A. Goldwater. Clerk of Course: Mr John Harvey. Handicapper: Mr R. G. Pardy.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—MONDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1898.

Maiden Plate of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Open to horses that have never won an advertised race over the value of 20 sovs. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

Hack Derby of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stakes. For three-year-olds. Derby weights. Final payment, 1 sov. One mile and a half.

First Welter Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 9st. Gentlemen riders allowed 7lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About one mile and a half.

Christmas Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Ladies' Purse, a handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won over 20 sovs in one vent on the flat at the time of entry. Minimum weight, 10st. Gentlemen riders. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

Scurry Stakes of 25 sovs. The winner to be sold for 10 sovs, and any surplus to go to the funds. Catch weights. Entrance, 1 sov, to be made immediately after the Hack Derby. Five furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

NOTES.—The winner of the Hack Derby, or of any handicap after the declaration of weights, to carry 7lbs extra.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1898.

Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised race over the value of 20 sovs. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the First Day's Races; acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the First Day's Races; acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Electric Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the First Day's Races; acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Summer Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the First Day's Races; acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Second Welter Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 9st. Gentlemen riders allowed 7lbs. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the First Day's Races; acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

Moturoa Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Weights to appear after the Summer Handicap. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Entrance: Winners, 1 sov; losers, 1 sov; immediately after the Second Welter Handicap. Seven furlongs.

NOTES.—The winner of any handicap, after the declaration of weights, to carry 7lbs extra.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

SATURDAY, 19th November, 1898: NOMINATIONS.—First Handicap Hurdles, Second Handicap Hurdles, Christmas Handicap, Ladies' Purse, First Welter Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap, Maiden Handicap, Electric Handicap, Summer Handicap, Moturoa Handicap, 1 sov each.

WEIGHTS for the First Hurdles, Ladies' Purse, Christmas, Flying, First Welter, and Maiden Handicaps appear on **SATURDAY, 3rd December, 1898.**

FINAL PAYMENT.—Hack Derby, 1898, 1 sov, on **SATURDAY, 3rd December, 1898.**

ACCEPTANCES.—Hack Guineas, 1898, 1 sov, on **SATURDAY, 31st December, 1898.**

WEDNESDAY, 14th December, 1898.—ENTRANCE: Maiden Plate, 1 sov. **ACCEPTANCE:** First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; First Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 2 sovs; Ladies' Purse, 1 sov; Flying Handicap 1 sov.

MONDAY, 26th December, 1898.—ACCEPTANCES: Maiden Handicap, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Electric Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Handicap, 3 sovs; Second Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

ON THE COURSE, Monday, 26th December, 1898.—ENTRANCE: Scurry Stakes, 1 sov, First Day. **ACCEPTANCE:** Moturoa Handicap, 1 sov, Second Day. **ENTRANCE:** Farewell Handicap (winners, 1 sov; losers, 1 sov)—Second Day.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

DEFINITION OF A HACK.—Hack means a horse that has never won a race and is not nominated at time of start for any race, hack, hunter, and pony races excepted.

All Nominations, Acceptances, and Entries, accompanied by the necessary amounts, must be addressed to the Secretary, and left at the Secretary's Office, Brougham Street, New Plymouth, not later than 9 p.m. on the advertised dates of closing.

Full particulars of colors, age, and pedigree must be forwarded with the nominations.

In all cases where penalties have to be carried for winning, it shall be the duty of the owner, trainer, or jockey, to notify the Secretary on or before Friday, 23rd December, 1898.

Horses walking over will receive 50 per cent of the stakes.

All races to be run under the Rules of Racing, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand.

STAKES PAID IN FULL.

N.B.—The stakes in this programme are subject to revision by the Committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc.

The Committee also reserve to themselves the right of altering the dates on which the handicaps appear should they deem fit to do so.

ROBERT G. BAUCHOPE,
Secretary.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB
(Registered under Auckland Racing Club).

SUMMER MEETING, 1898.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 26 AND 27.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, six and half furlongs. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won over £25. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Goldfields' Cup of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Miners' Purse of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two and a half miles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Railway Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, four and a half furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

Stewards' Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Winner of Goldfields' Cup to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

Hauraki Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Midsummer Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

Thames Handicap Hurdles of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles, over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Parawai Stakes of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, four and a half furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov.

Jubilee Stakes of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 1/2 sovs.

Welter Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

Settlers' Purse of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

Thames Handicap Steeplechase of 85 sovs; second horse to receive 12 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about three miles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Free Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, five and a half furlongs. Post entry. Acceptance, 1 sov.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1898, at 8 p.m.
NOMINATIONS for Maiden Handicap 10s, First Handicap Hurdles 10s, Goldfields' Cup 20s, Miners' Purse 10s, First Handicap Steeplechase 20s, Railway Handicap 10s, Stewards' Handicap 10s, Hauraki Handicap 10s, Midsummer Handicap 10s, Thames Handicap Hurdles 10s, Parawai Stakes 10s, Jubilee Stakes 20s, Welter Handicap 10s, Settlers' Purse 10s, Thames Handicap Steeplechase 20s.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1898.
WEIGHTS will be declared for Maiden Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Goldfields' Cup, Miners' Purse, First Handicap Steeplechase, Railway Handicap, Stewards' Handicap, Hauraki Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1898, at 8 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES for Maiden Handicap 20s, First Handicap Hurdles £2, Goldfields' Cup £2 10s, Miners' Purse 20s, First Handicap Steeplechase £2, Railway Handicap 16s, Stewards' Handicap 20s, Hauraki Handicap 20s.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1898.
WEIGHTS will be declared at 9 p.m., and ACCEPTANCES will be received up till 11 a.m., at the Club-room, on **TUESDAY, the 27th December,** for Midsummer Handicap 20s, Thames Handicap Hurdles £2, Parawai Stakes 20s, Jubilee Stakes £2 10s, Welter Handicap 15s, Settlers' Purse 15s, Thames Handicap Steeplechase £2.

REGULATIONS.

Five per cent will be deducted from all winnings for course improvements.

All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and color of rider.

Any jockey riding except in the colors entered will be fined one guinea.

All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final.

The Rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

WILLIAM H. POTTS,
Secretary.

ARTHUR CLEAVE & Co.,
GENERAL PRINTERS,
VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON

MARCH 8TH AND 9TH, 1898.

President: Dr Earle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Mr Alex. Higgin. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper for Open Events: Mr J. O. Evett. Handicapper for Hack Events: Mr George Morse. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald Macdonald. Timekeeper: Mr R. Higgin. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messrs E. E. Fletcher, Alex. Hatrick, Allen Cameron, J. H. Nixon, A. J. Parsons, and R. Anderson. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Freeman R. Jackson.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1898.

Stewards' Stakes, a handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. About two miles and a distance, over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 12.45 p.m.

First Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Vide Definition of a Hack.—To start at 1.30 p.m.

Wanganui Cup, a handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and the third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit. It is only winners that will be re-handicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Thursday, the 2nd March, 1899. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs, on Tuesday, February 28th, 1899, at 9 p.m.; and 4 sovs on Saturday, March 4th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—To start at 2.45 p.m.

Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes of 150 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters; second horse to receive 30 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Colts, 8st 7lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 3lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 300 sovs, 7lb extra; penalties not accumulative. Closed with twenty-three nominations. Acceptance, 4 sovs, and 5 sovs at the post.—To start at 3.30 p.m.

First Hack Race Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Vide Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 4.15 p.m.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Winner of Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb, and winner of Stewards' Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb, not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 5 p.m.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 9th, 1898.

Harrison Memorial Stakes, a handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 12 noon.

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 12.45 p.m.

Second Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Vide Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 1.30 p.m.

Wanganui Stakes, a handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a half. The winner of the Harrison Memorial Stakes to carry a penalty of 5 sovs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs.—To start at 2.30 p.m.

Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 3.15 p.m.

Autumn Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb, not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 4 p.m.

Second Handicap Hack Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Vide Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 4.45 p.m.

Farewell Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb, not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 5.15 p.m.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

No Entry will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

AUTUMN MEETING, MARCH 8th and 9th, 1898.

FRIDAY, January 20th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS: Wanganui Cup, Wanganui Stakes Handicap, and Flying Handicap, 1 sov each.

MONDAY, February 8th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS: Stewards' Stakes, First Hurdle Race, Second Hurdle Race, First Handicap Hack Hurdles, Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat Handicap, Second Hack Flat Handicap, Harrison Memorial Stakes, Nursery Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and Farewell Handicap, 1 sov each.

TUESDAY, 21st February, 1899, on or about.—WEIGHTS for Cup, Stewards' Stakes, First Hurdle Race, First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, and Flying Handicaps.

TUESDAY, 28th February, 1899, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES: Wanganui Cup and Stewards' Stakes, 2 sovs each; First Hurdle Race and First Hack Hurdles, 1 sov each; Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes, 4 sovs; First Hack Flat, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.

THURSDAY, 2nd March, 1899, on or about.—REVISED WEIGHTS, if necessary, Wanganui Cup.

SATURDAY, March 4th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—FINAL PAYMENT: Wanganui Cup, 4 sovs.

WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1899, at the post.—FINAL PAYMENT: Two-year-old Stakes, 5 sovs.

WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1899, at or about 8 p.m.—WEIGHTS for Second Day's handicaps.

WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1899, at 10 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES: Harrison Memorial Stakes, Second Hurdle Race, Second Hack Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Second Hack Flat, and Farewell Handicap, 1 sov each; Wanganui Stakes, 3 sovs; Autumn Handicap, 2 sovs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance money to go to the funds of the Club. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.

Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. meetings are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. This notification does not apply to owners and trainers who have a standing arrangement with the executive.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances. All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary or Clerk of the Scales one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20 sovs, to the Race Fund. Stakes are paid in full. All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. Prior to any race the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2 sovs. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

WHANGAREI JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER THE METROPOLITAN RULES.

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT

KENSINGTON PARK,

WHANGAREI,

ON

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

JANUARY 13TH AND 14TH, 1899.

Stewards: Dr Hall, Dr Sweep, Messrs W. A. Carruth, T. P. Moody, A. R. Crane, M. W. Armstrong, G. E. Alderton. Judge: Mr R. Thomson, M.H.R.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Hack Handicap Race of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.

Handicap Hurdles of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, twice round the course, over seven flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

Pony Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Distance, once round the course. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

Whangarei Cup Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one and a half miles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.

Settlers' Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and a quarter. For horses owned six months previous to the day of nomination by a settler north of Waitemata County, N.Z., and which have never won a race exceeding the value of £10. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

Selling Steeplechase Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 2 1/2 sovs out of stakes. If to be sold for £50, to carry 12st 7lb; for £40, to carry 12st; for £30, to carry 11st 7lb; for £20, to carry 11st; for £10, to carry 10st 7lb; for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. Distance, about three miles, over such jumps and course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

Flying Stakes Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1899.

Handicap Hurdles of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

Maiden Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs out of stakes. For maidens at time of starting. Distance, about one mile. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

Handicap Pony Race of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Distance, once round the course. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

Marsden Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse 3 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about one mile and a quarter. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s.

Settlers' Stakes Handicap of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov out of stakes. Distance, about one mile and a quarter. For horses owned by a settler north of the Waitemata County six months previous to the day of nomination, and which have never won money exceeding the value of £10. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.

Whangarei Steeplechase Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 4 1/2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about three miles, over such jumps and course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 25s.

The Recovery Stakes Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs out of stakes. Distance, once round the course. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

NOMINATIONS

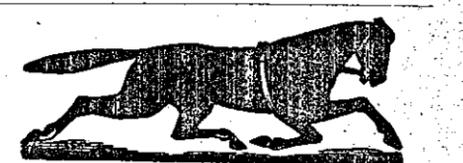
will close with Mr Wynyard, Auckland, and the Secretary, Whangarei, on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th, at 8 p.m., and

ACCEPTANCES,

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, at 8 p.m.

G. CLARK-WALKER,
Secretary.



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB

SUMMER MEETING,

SATURDAY, TUESDAY, AND SATURDAY,

24TH, 27TH, AND 31ST DECEMBER.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Maiden Trot Handicap (saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won an advertised trotting race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.

Maiden Pony Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, that have never won an advertised race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

Exhibition Cup Handicap (saddle or harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 6min 40sec or better. Winners after the declaration of handicaps may be re-handicapped. Nomination of 1 sov, owners' name only, to be made on or before the 30th September at 10 p.m.; a further payment of 1 sov each nomination to be made on the 25th November, when the name, sex, breeding, and performance must be given. Handicaps declared on the 8th December, acceptance, 2 sovs, on the 16th December, and a final payment of 2 sovs at the post. Distance, two miles.

Pony Cup Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

Electric Trot Handicap (saddle) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race, other than the Maiden Trot, after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 5sec. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a quarter, over five flights of hurdles.

Juvenile Stakes Trot (saddle or harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds. Winners at time of entry to receive a penalty of 5sec for each race won. Nomination, 1 sov, and a payment of 1 sov at the post. Distance, one mile.

Telephone Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of the Pony Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

December Handicap Trot (saddle) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Exhibition Cup or Electric Trot to secure a penalty of 7sec, or of both 10sec behind original start. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a half.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1898.

Glasgow Trot Handicap (harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and a half miles.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

Auckland Trotting Cup (saddle or harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs; third horse 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.53 or better to the mile. The winner of the Glasgow Trot to receive a penalty of 7 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Christmas Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 4 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a half furlongs.

Lightning Handicap (harness) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the A.T. Cup or Glasgow Trot to receive a penalty of 7 seconds, or both 7 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

Handicap Steeplechase of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about two and a half miles.

Class Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Winners may be re-handicapped. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile.

Epsom Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of the Christmas Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

Dash Handicap Trot (saddle) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any trotting race in saddle to receive a penalty of 5 seconds for each race won. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, 1 mile.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Trial Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and a half miles.

Second Maiden Pony Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, that have never won an advertised race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

President's Handicap Trot (saddle or harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, third horse 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.53, or better to the mile. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

New Year Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 in and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

Flying Harness Trot of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the President's to receive a penalty of 5sec behind original start. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

Second Steeplechase Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 in and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about two and a half miles.

Second Class Trot Handicap (saddle or harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Winners after declaration of handicaps may be re-handicapped. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and a half miles.

Grandstand Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of the New Year Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

Telegraph Trot Handicap (saddle) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race, other than the Trial, to receive a penalty of 5 seconds for each race won. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES

- FIRST PAYMENT Exhibition Cup, 1 sov, on FRIDAY, 30th September, at 10 p.m.
SECOND PAYMENT Exhibition Cup, 1 sov, on 25th NOVEMBER, at 10 p.m.
THIRD PAYMENT Exhibition Cup, 2 sovs, on 18th DECEMBER, at 10 p.m.
FINAL PAYMENT Exhibition Cup, 2 sovs, AT POST, 24th December.
GENERAL ENTRIES close on FRIDAY, 9th December, at 10 p.m.
HANDICAPS for Exhibition Cup to appear on 3rd DECEMBER.
HANDICAPS for the First Day's Races to appear on 18th DECEMBER.
HANDICAPS for the Second Day to appear on the 26th DECEMBER.
HANDICAPS for the Third Day to appear on the 28th DECEMBER.
ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races close on FRIDAY, 16th December, at 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day's Races close on MONDAY, 26th December, at 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Third Day's Races close on THURSDAY, 29th December at 10 p.m.

Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses of course.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.



ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB. ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1899.

Patron: W. H. Herries, Esq., M.H.R. President: R. D. Dansey, Esq. Vice-Presidents: R. H. Reaney, Esq., and Dr Ginders. Judge: W. H. Herries, Esq., M.H.R. Starter: Mr A. Munro. Clerk of Course: Mr W. Dansey. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Timekeeper: Mr J. T. Winters. Hon. Treasurer: Mr W. A. Boulton. Clerk of the Scales: Mr James Stanley. Stewards: Messrs C. A. Clark, G. Steel, W. Henshaw, Joe Munro, A. Munro, J. T. Winters, John Falloona, W. Rogers, F. Samson, F. F. Watt, and H. Stewart. Hon Secretary: Mr Alfred Warbrick.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles 7ft 6in in height. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 15s. Distance, two miles.

Maiden Plate of 15 sovs; second horse to receive £2 10s out of stakes. For horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding £15 in value. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d. Distance, one mile.

Pony Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive £2 10s out of stakes. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches or under. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s. Distance, six furlongs.

Rotorua Cup, a handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, one mile and a half.

Maori Hack Race of 6 sovs; second horse to receive 30s out of stakes. Horses to be the bona fide property of Maoris, and to be ridden by Maoris. Catch weights. Post entries. Entries, 6s. Distance, one mile.

District Hack Race of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of stakes. Horses must be the bona fide property of residents in the Thermal Springs district. Distance, one mile and a distance.

Flying Stakes of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 30s out of stakes. Nomination, 4s; acceptance, 5s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Forced Handicap of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 30s out of stakes. Nomination, 4s; acceptance, 5s. Distance, one mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES

NOMINATIONS for all events—excepting Maori Hack and Forced Handicap, which are post entries—must be in the hands of the Secretary on THURSDAY, 6th January, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS will be declared on or about MONDAY, 9th January.

ACCEPTANCES, accompanied by the necessary fees, to be in the hands of the Secretary, at Rotorua, by SATURDAY, 14th January.

CONDITIONS.

- In the event of a walk-over only half of the stakes will be paid.
No Nomination or Acceptance will be received on any pretence whatever after the day named, or without being accompanied by the necessary amount of cash. Attention is particularly called to this regulation.
All pedigrees and performances of horses, and colors of riders, to be sent with all entries.
Any jockey riding in other than the colors entered shall be fined 2 sovs.
All protests must be made in writing to the Secretary within 15 minutes after the race, accompanied by 2 sovs, which will be forfeited to the club should the protest be dismissed.
Should any dispute arise in any way connected with these races, the decision of the Stewards shall be accepted as final and conclusive, and every owner nominates subject to the above conditions.
Order of running subject to alteration.

ALFRED WARBRICK, Hon. Secretary.

[Passed this 4th day of December, 1898.—W. PERCIVAL, Secretary Auckland Racing Club.]



NORTHERN Wairoa RACING CLUB (Under N.A.R.A.)

SUMMER MEETING, TO BE HELD AT MANGAWHARE, ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 AND 27, 1898, AND HACK DAY, JANUARY 2, 1899.

NOMINATIONS for all races close with the Secretary at Dargaville, on MONDAY, 21st November, at 9 p.m. For programme see SPORTING REVIEW, October 13.

F. L. BEATT, Secretary.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1898. AT SYLVIA PARK, ANNUAL SALE OF THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS.

THE undersigned have received instructions from MESSRS L. D. & N. A. NATHAN to sell at Sylvia Park on Friday, December 30th, at 3 o'clock, the following Yearlings:—

LOT 1.

CHESTNUT YEARLING FILLY, by St. Leger (imp) out of Charente, by Nordenfeldt from La Dauphine, by The Dauphin from Brassolis, by Panic from Josephine, by Boiardo. This is a well grown Filly.

LOT 2.

CHESTNUT YEARLING COLT, by St. Hippo out of Maratea, by Nordenfeldt from Fishgirl, by Yattendon from Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman from Coquette. Fishgirl is the dam of Swordfish. This Colt is very stoutly bred, St Leger, Robinson Crusoe, Musket, Yattendon, and Fisherman running through his pedigree.

LOT 3.

CHESTNUT YEARLING FILLY, by St. Leger out of Bellona, by Nelson from Muskerin, by Musket from Hippona, by Hippocampus from Yatterina, by Yattendon. Bellona is full-brother to Man of War, a

winner of several races on the West Coast of New Zealand. This Filly is well grown and on breeding lines is difficult to beat.

LOT 4.

BAY YEARLING FILLY, by St. Hippo out of Waitemata, by Eiridsford from Aoreve, by Chester from Kaipara, by Goldsborough from Maritana, by New Warrior from Menuaro, by Fisherman. Eiridsdale, a full-brother to Waitemata, a winner in Victoria. This is a well grown Filly, and should command the attention of breeders.

LOT 5.

BROWN YEARLING COLT, by St. Leger out of Sunbeam, by Ingomar from Amohia, by Towton out of Anticipation, by Ravensworth out of Coronaria. Amohia is dam of Tigredia, a Derby winner. Tigredia is dam of Tigress, the Wanganui Guineas winner. Sunbeam was herself a good performer. This Colt is very nicely bred, and should gallop fast, as all the family are racers.

LOT 6.

BROWN YEARLING FILLY, by St. Hippo out of Innisfail, by Nordenfeldt out of Innisthona, by Leonidas from Moiena, by Patriarch from Rosabella, by Panic. Fabulist is half-brother to Innisfail. St Innis, the half-sister to the above yearling, is a winner of races. This Filly is well grown, and is sure to come to hand early.

LOT 7.

BAY YEARLING FILLY, by St. Hippo out of Ellerslie, by Trenton out of a daughter of First King—Lady Grenville, by Chandos from Lady Chester (imp), by Stockwell. The breeding of this Filly cannot be surpassed. Trenton mares are eagerly sought after. This Filly is well grown and shows good paddock form.

LOT 8.

BAY YEARLING COLT, by Seaton Delaval out of Leocante, by Leolinus out of Cantiniere, by Musket from Queen Bess, by Nutwith out of the daughter of Riddleworth. Woodstock, the half-brother to Leocante, won the March Handicap at Hawke's Bay, and the Napier Cup and City Stakes at Napier Park. All this family are gallopers. Seaton Delaval is the sire of Miss Delaval, Hastings, Rosella, all good gallopers. This is a very fine upstanding Colt, and is very difficult to fault.

LOT 9.

BROWN YEARLING FILLY, by St. Hippo out of Stepfeldt, by Nordenfeldt out of Steppe, by Saunterer from Seclusion, by Tadmor out of Miss Lellon, by Cowl. Steppe is half-sister to Hermit, winner of Derby. Stepfeldt herself won the Auckland Derby. Stepniak, full-brother to Stepfeldt, won the Canterbury Derby. She, the full-sister to Stepfeldt, is the dam of Bobadil. The breeding of this Filly cannot be surpassed in any part of the world. This yearling is brim full of quality and should come to hand early.

LOT 10.

CHESTNUT YEARLING COLT, by Seaton Delaval from Sybil, by Leolinus from Atlantis (imp), by Thormanby out of Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell out of Media, by Scutari out of Marinella, by Southsayer, out of Bess. Sybil is full-sister to Fabulist and Leolantis, and half-sister to Happy Land, the dam of Hova. Fabulous is sire of Fabulist, winner of Auckland Guineas and Derby. This yearling Colt is well grown and shows a lot of quality. As all the Seaton Delavals have shown that they can gallop, there is every reason to believe that this yearling will follow suit. He is very fast in the paddock.

LOT 11.

BROWN YEARLING FILLY, by St. Hippo out of Liquidation, by King Cole out of Realisation, by Vespasian out of Hopeful Duchess, by The Flying Dutchman. Liquidation performed well. Wapiti, her full-brother held the record for N.Z. for one and a half miles for some years. Maxim, half-brother to Liquidation, was one of the best performers in Australasia. Hastings, half-brother to the yearling under offer, has proved that he can gallop fast. This yearling Filly is bred on very stout lines, and being well grown should command the attention of buyers.

LOT 12.

CHESTNUT YEARLING COLT, by St. Hippo out of Campania, by Robinson Crusoe out of Campanilla, by Maribymong from Silver Bell (sister to Chester), by Yattendon from Lady Chester (imp), by Stockwell. Robinson Crusoe mares are noted for throwing winners. Notably, Hippona, dam of St Hippo, Miss Delaval, the half-sister to the above yearling, has an unbeaten record, having won the three principal two-year-old races up to date, against good fields. This Colt is well grown and should win races, as he is bred to go fast and stay.

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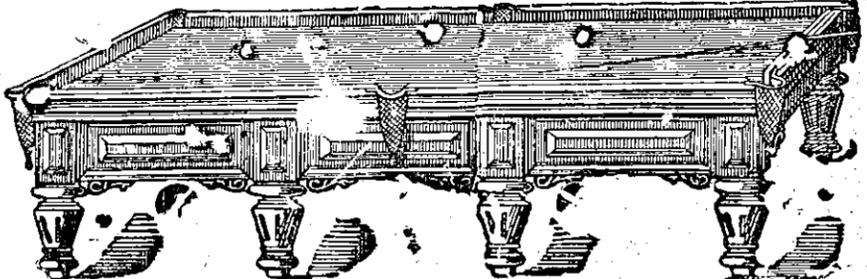
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ST. HIPPO is a bay horse with deep black points, and tands about 16 hands 2 inches. He is a horse of great

girth with very strong hindquarters, and measures well at all points. His performances are of too recent date to be forgotten. As a two-year-old he started five times. The early part of the season he was too overgrown to show to advantage, but in the autumn he won the Northern Champagne Stakes, and carried 2 1/2 into second place in the Nursery Handicap the next day, being beaten a bare head by North Atlantic, to whom he was giving 10lbs. As a three-year-old he won the September Handicap at the A.R.C. First Spring Meeting; at the Hawke's Bay Spring Meeting he won the Guineas and Spring Handicap; at

the C.J.C. Spring Meeting he won the New Zealand Cup in 3.30, with 7 1/2 up, the heaviest weight ever carried to victory in this race by a three-year-old, and ran second to Staphiak for the Derby; at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting he won the Auckland Cup with 8.9, in 3.30, the Great Northern Derby, and Auckland Plate. As a six-year-old he ran second in the Auckland Cup, carrying 9.9, and won the A.R.C. Handicap with 9.9, beating the winner of the Cup, giving her 2.3. This was his last race. ST. HIPPO in his first season at the stud produced Miss Anna who proved herself the best two-year-old of the

season in the Auckland district, and in his second year at the stud Hylas, winner of Musket Stakes, who beat a large and select field, among the number being Hermosa, who won so many races all over the colony.

Terms for approved mares—25 guineas for single mares 20 guineas for two or more mares the property of the same owner. Grazing at Sylvia Park by arrangement. All care taken of mares but no responsibility accepted.

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GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE ANCESTORS OF THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE ST. HIPPO, 1889.

Table listing the genealogy of St. Hippo, including names like The Baron 1842, Won Leger, Pocahontas 1837, and various sire and dam lines.

Main genealogical table for St. Hippo, listing numerous sires and dams with their respective race records and titles, such as Sir Hercules 1826, Sultan 1816, and various other champions.

Vertical text on the right side of the genealogy table, providing additional context and details about the horses mentioned.

THE UNDERMENTIONED THOROUGHBRED STALLION Will Stand at SYLVIA PARK.

SEATON DELAVAL (imp.),

By Melton (the well-known English Derby and St. Leger winner of 1885) out of Rosedale, by Rotherhill out of Moss Rose, (King Tom out of Couleur de Rose, by West Australian, also winner of the English Derby and St. Leger). Rotherhill is by Lord Clifden (winner of the St. Leger) out of the celebrated mare Laura, the dam of Petrarch (the winner of the English Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger), and Lord Clifden is by Newminster (also the winner of the English St. Leger). Melton is a great grandson of Stockwell (winner of the English St. Leger), out of a granddaughter of Thormanby, winner of the English Derby.

the very successful sire Melton, a good looking, sound horse, and a rare stayer, Seaton Delaval is pretty sure to make his mark at the stud, and, indeed, it is a long time since so good a horse was sent to New Zealand.

Melton was sold some years back to the Italian Government for £10,000, and English breeders have ever since been regretting that he was allowed to leave the country, as his stock have been uniformly successful. Owing to his being abroad, there were no two-year-olds to represent him in 1894, but in reviewing the racing season of that year, the London Times of December 14th, 1896, says:—"Melton, with 23 winners of over £13,000, should be given precedence over Wisdom, for Best Man, who won 8 races, is undoubtedly his son, and as Melton's progeny have won £25,000 in the last two seasons, and have included such animals as Best Man, Avington, Bullington, and Indian Queen, it is easy to understand the regret felt at his being exported to Italy."

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Table listing the lineage of Seaton Delaval, including names like Stockwell, Edith, Plum Pudding, and Judy Go.



WELLINGTON PARK STUD. STALLIONS FOR THE SEASON 1898.

The undermentioned THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS (Champions in the List of Winning Sires in New Zealand for the Past Season) will

STAND AT WELLINGTON PARK:— ST. LEGER (imp.), by Doncaster (Derby winner) out of Atlantis, by Thormanby (Derby winner)—Hurricane (One Thousand winner), by Wild Dayrell (Derby winner). During the last six years the progeny of this champion stallion have won the great sum of £33,499 in stakes, as follows:—£5250, £3395, £4559, £5090, £6981, and £3283 during the past 1897-98 season, representing 24 winners. Ninety per cent. of St. Leger's progeny turn out racehorses. He is sire of Waiuku, one of the greatest horses that has raced in New Zealand; the game and brilliant St. Paul; Hermosa; St. Crispin, the Great Northern Derby and Guineas winner of the past season; Okonri; St. Hippo, a N.Z. Cup, and Auckland Cup and Great Northern Derby winner; St. Kilda, St. Cyr, Doris; Impulse, a N.Z. Cup winner; Woodstock, winner of Napier Park Cup; Clanranald, St. Innis, Hippomenes, St. Laura, St. Ursula, Rex, Sylvia Park, Acone, St. Andrew, Regal, Bluejacket; Nestor, an Auckland Cup and Derby winner; Lady Anna, St. Regal; St. Simon, winner of the N.Z. New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race with 12st 12lb in the saddle; and many others.

TERMS—50 guineas for single mares; 40 guineas two or more mares belonging to the same owner. HOTCHKISS (second winner-producing sire in New Zealand for the past two years), got by Musket from Petroleuse (imp.), by Oxford from Hartshorn, by Mountain Deer from Arca, by Gladiator from Twilight, by Velocipede from Miss Garforth, by Walton. It is agreed on all sides that Hotchkiss is the best Musket sire left in Australasia. He is the sire of the champion Multiform, who heads the list of winning horses for the past 1897-98 season; also of Uniform, the last Wellington Cup winner; Swordfish, who annexed the Wanganui Cup of 1896; the great Australian weight-carrier, True Blue; the brilliant Forma, Osculator, that good mare Waiorongamai, Merry Maid, Lady Harriett, and numerous others. TERMS—30 guineas for single mares; 25 guineas two or more mares belonging to the same owner.

CASTOR (imp.), by Zealot (son of the famous sire Hermit, winner of the Derby, 1867) out of Lady Yardley, by the great Sterling (sire of Isonomy), from Leda, by Weatherbit. Castor was a great performer at all weights and distances, winning 22 races out of 28 starts. He is a half-brother to Disraeli, winner of this year's Two Thousand Guineas. During the past season Castor's winnings were considerably in advance of any previous season. His progeny won 20 races of the value of £4694. He is sire of the Auckland Cup winner Antares; the speedy Eton; Coronet, Takapuna Cup winner of 1898; Daystar, Porangi Potae, astashore; Altair, winner of the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes; the brilliant Sydney-owned Cravat; Daytree; Armilla, winner of the Canterbury Oaks; Casket, a Dunedin Cup winner; Orion's Belt, and others.

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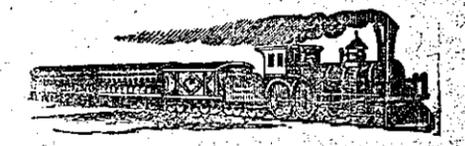
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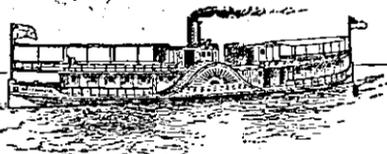
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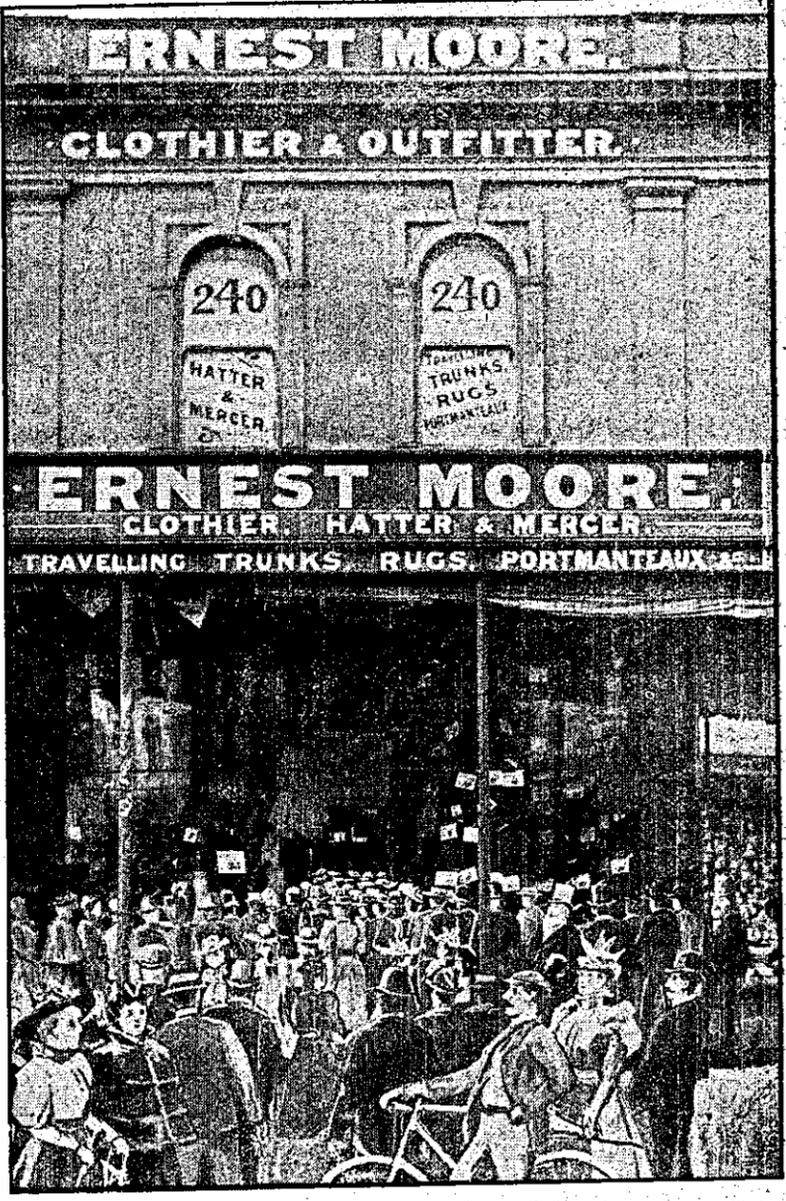
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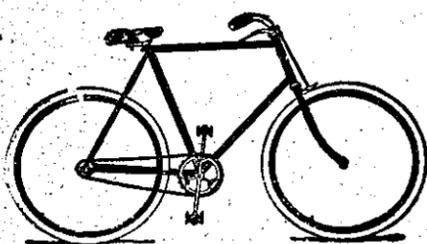
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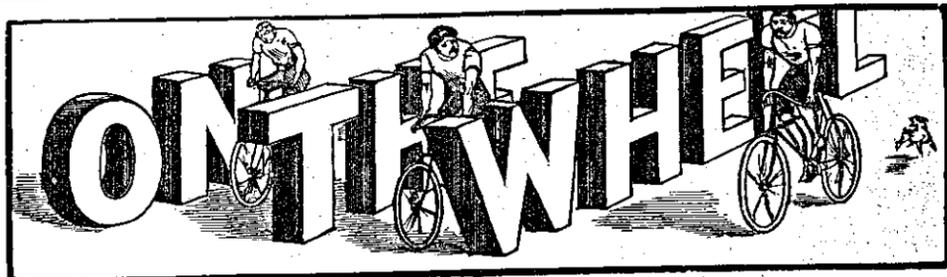
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While other centres are crying out that amateur cycling is rapidly dwindling away, Auckland may proudly boast a steady growth in this popular branch of sport. This was evidenced at the spring carnival of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club last week, when the largest fields yet seen out in this centre competed in the various races set down for decision, the majority of which were most keenly contested, and productive of close finishes and very fair times.

The leading honors of the day went to a new rider in D. Reid, who won the Two-mile Handicap, second in the Five-mile, and third in the One-mile Novice, thus gaining the club's Victor-Ludorum. Reid is hardly what would be called an attractive rider so far as his style is concerned, but is a strong pedaller, with a tidy spurt in him at the business end of the journey.

Gunson, famed for his seconds and thirds, again succeeded in gaining places, but failed to put a first to his credit. He rode consistently and well, taking second points in the competition for the Victor.

Coates, of the Waikato, secured the Two-mile Club Championship, winning with a fine spurt from Gunson, who fought out the issue in most determined fashion. At the same time, the race was somewhat slow, loafing being noticeable in one or two laps.

Innis, another Waikato rider, had extremely hard luck in being brought down in the Championship, as did also J. Crozier, it having all along been considered that this pair and Coates would have fought out the finish. Innis was also brought down in one of the handicap events when holding a good position.

Others who rode well at the meeting were J. Crozier (winner of the Five-mile), Cucksey, Henning, Gray George, A. W. Joss, J. Graham, and A. Cooper (Novice winner).

Rouff, a new man, who caused a deal of trouble at the Thames through his "wobbling," again gave riders an uncomfortable time on Wednesday, and unfortunately in trying to run off the track he struck a post, and fractured his collar-bone.

The riding on the Exhibition banked track on Saturday, when a programme was provided for amateurs, was very fair considering that some of the riders had not been more than once or twice on the track for training purposes. The Quarter-mile flutter fell to Morrin, 40yds, in 34sec, the Half-mile Championship to J. Crozier in 1min 13sec, and the Two-mile Handicap to D. Reid, from 80yds, in 5min 25sec.

It seems doubtful as to whether a portion of the clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance have power to disband the Alliance, while another section announce their preparedness to stand loyal. The Auckland Club is likely to ask the question on this point.

The Mohammedan Cycling Club, says an Indian exchange, which was started here a short time ago with a few members, has now a membership roll of sixty. This is a significant fact, and shows how the pastime has caught on even with our Moslem friends, who are the most backward race in India.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21, Messrs Churton and Co. (John Churton, auctioneer) will hold a monster sale of bicycles, including Humber and Raleigh machines. Each machine will be sold separately, and up to the date of sale may be examined by intending purchasers. All the machines are new, and of the very best type. Cyclists wanting roadsters of the best make at cheap prices should look into this and attend the sale.

At the recent New South Wales League Carnival one rider was fined 10s for looking behind in a race.

The New South Wales *Cyclist* states that bookmakers were very much in evidence at the League of New South Wales Carnival, and "could be heard calling the odds all over the ground. So long as the 'books' keep to the shilling stand, and away from the dressing-room, they will not do any harm. Any sporting man likes to have his little bet, and if some respectable bookmakers were licensed by the League, it would add considerably to the attendance at League carnivals in the future."

A Christchurch telegram says: "Definite information has now been received by cable from Melbourne that the Christchurch Cycling Club's team won the Dunlop Century Relay ride. The Pivot Club (Geelong, Victoria) was reported to have better time, but its record was not authenticated. It was given a further opportunity to repeat the performance, but declined, and Christchurch has now been declared the winner."

Prejudice against the bicycle for women was at one time rampant, but has been lived down pretty effectually; so much so that at the present time a woman who does not ride a bicycle is almost a *rara avis*. There is little doubt that, had the rational dress proved more becoming to women in general, its adoption would have increased with the adoption of the bicycle for women, notwithstanding the opinion of fanatics with regard to its lack of decency as a dress.

Thirty inch wheels are the talk of those interested in American cycle trade. The most striking feature of this new style is the kite frame and extremely short head—only 3½ in in length. The crank hanger has a drop of 4½ in, and when 7 in cranks are fitted, the pedals must sweep exceptionally close to the ground. In the model under notice the rider is placed extremely close to level of his wheels. Makers do not claim for these 30 in models that they are speedier than those with 28 in wheels, but that they steer better and run with less vibration; and on the ground that in these days nine-tenths of cyclists ride for pleasure, not speed, makers reckon they should do good business with these 30 inchers. Undoubtedly, one of the chief reasons for bringing out 30 in machines is to resuscitate trade, which has languished to some extent on account of the fixity of patterns for some years past. The introduction of chainless bicycles has not had much effect on the market, on account of the exorbitant price rendering them unpopular. The prices ruling for 30 in models is low enough, in all reason, running from £10 to £15.—*Australasian*.



[BY VIGILANT.]

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

After being twice disappointed, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club succeeded in getting off its Spring Carnival on the Domain Cricket Ground last Wednesday afternoon. The strong counter attraction in the Auckland Industrial Exhibition, and the somewhat doubtful state of the weather, interfered considerably with the attendance, but those who favored the club with their presence were rewarded with a capital afternoon's sport. Attached is a record of the events:—

- ONE MILE NOVICE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 A. Cooper, 80yds ... 1
 F. Ewen ... 2
 D. Reid, 15yds ... 3
 Other starters—J. H. Gunson scr, C. A. Strong 10yds, C. Rouff 40yds, J. Henning 55yds, H. Cordes (Thames) 60yds, J. R. Sceats 60yds, W. Nelmes 60yds, C. Henning 65yds, Hori Eruera 70yds, M. W. Stevenson 80yds.
 Won easily. Time, 2min 30 3-5sec.

- ONE MILE WALKING HANDICAP.**
 J. Dickey, 50yds ... 1
 A. G. P. Dalton, 110yds ... 2
 C. A. McQuillan, 140yds ... 3
 Other starter—C. McAffer, 85yds.
 An easy win. Time, 6min 35 3-5sec.
- AUCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP (100yds).**
 V. G. Gosset (Ponsonby) ... 1
 G. G. Hill (Grafton Road) ... 2
 W. Welsh (Parnell) ... 3
 Other starters—Robert Pitman (Mount Albert), Leslie Pratt (Mount Albert), James McLeod (Beresford Street).
 Won by a yard. Time, 12sec.
- HALF MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 C. Strong, 40yds ... 1
 J. Gunson, 25yds ... 2
 E. H. Cucksey, 35yds ... 3
 Run in heats. First heat: F. Ewen, 80yds, 1; A. W. Joss, 45yds, 2; C. Strong, 40yds, 3. Time, 1min 11 3-5sec. Won by 4yds. Second heat: J. Gunson, 25yds, 1; F. H. Cucksey, 35yds, 2; C. Morrin, 80yds, 3. Time, 1min 11 2-5sec.
 Won by 5yds. Time, 1min 9 1-5sec.
- HALF-MILE HANDICAP (Flat).**
 W. H. Madill, 32yds ... 1
 H. A. D. Anderson, 18yd ... 2
 N. Bradley, 45yds ... 3
 Other starters—A. W. Bell 15yds, H. Webber 25yds, H. L. Wade 38yds, E. W. Payne 38yds, H. G. Murray 38yds, J. Hawthorn 40yds, L. De Jongh 40yds, E. W. Bridgens 40yds, J. Bremner 40yds, G. Bremner, jun., 45yds.
 Won easily by 6yds. Time, 2min 0 1-5sec.

- 120YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.**
 Jas. McDonald, owes 7yds ... 1
 W. C. Motion, owes 7½yds ... 2
 Other starters—L. Mayson scr.
 Won by a couple of feet. Time, 13sec.
- AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP (150yds).**
 Jas Te Paa, A.C. and G.S. ... 1
 G. S. Spera, King's College ... 2
 M. W. Craig, King's College ... 3
 Other starters—Geo. F. Cooner, A.C. and G.S.
 Won by 3yds. Time, 16 4 5-5sec.
- ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (Schoolboys).**
 A. Cooper (Prince Albert College), scr ... 1
 J. Owen (King's College) 15yds ... 2
 B. Ulrich (King's College), 30yds ... 3
 Other starters—Morrison (King's College).
 Won easily by several yards. Time, 2min 41 4-5sec.
- 440YDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.**
 H. G. Thomson ... 1
 R. Oliphant ... 2
 Other starters—Geo. Smith.
 Won by about 3yds. Time, 53 1-5sec.
- TWO-MILE AMATEUR BICYCLE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.**
 H. Coates (Waikato) ... 1
 J. Gunson ... 2
 H. Brook ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innis (Waikato), R. Coombes (Thames), E. H. Cucksey, J. Crozier, C. A. Strong, G. Henning, C. Jenkins, C. A. Martin, W. Nelmes, A. W. Joss.
 Won after a close finish in 5min 30sec.

- THREE MILE WALK HANDICAP.**
 C. McAffer, 340yds ... 1
 D. Wilson, scr ... 2
 Other starters—C. A. McQuillan 420yds, J. Dickey 180yds, A. G. P. Dalton 400yds.
 Won by twenty yards in 21min 56 2-5sec.
- TWO MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP LADIES' BRACELET.**
 D. Reid, 115yds ... 1
 J. H. Gunson, 80yds ... 2
 H. Brook, 90yds ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innis (Waikato) scr, R. Coombes (Thames) 75yds, G. Henning 80yds, E. H. Cucksey 100yds, C. Strong 120yds, A. W. Joss 120yds, G. George 160yds, J. Mason 170yds, R. Rainger 175yds, C. Rainger 180yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 190yds, J. Graham 200yds, A. Cooper 200yds, J. Sceats 230yds, C. Henning 230.
 Won by five yards. Time, 5min 18 2-5sec. Innis and White fell.
- 440YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.**
 R. Oliphant ... 1
 Oliphant had a walk over, doing the distance in 62 2 5-5sec.
- LONG JUMP HANDICAP.**
 A. E. Styche, 21ft 5½ in (including 28in handicap) ... 1
 H. G. Thomson, 21ft 3in (including 15in handicap) ... 2
 C. C. Lauris, 20ft 7½ in (including 15in handicap) ... 3
FIVE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.
 J. Crozier, scr ... 1
 D. Reid, 190yds ... 2
 J. H. Gunson, 40yds ... 3
 Other starters—H. Coates (Waikato) 50yds, C. Jenkins 120yds, R. Coombes 130yds, G. Henning 140yds, H. Brook 145yds, E. H. Cucksey 160yds, C. Strong 190yds, Grey George 230yds, J. Mason 240yds, R. Rainger 250yds, N. Brown 250yds, C. Rainger 270yds, W. Nelmes 320yds.
 Won by inches. Time, 13min 54 1-5sec.
- 440YDS HURDLES HANDICAP.**
 H. G. Thomson, 2yds ... 1
 W. H. Madill, 16yds ... 2
 H. J. Webber, 13yds ... 3
 Other starters—H. A. D. Anderson 13yds, J. Hawthorn 15yds, J. K. Hodge 16yds, G. Brierly 16yds, E. W. Payne 17yds, F. Poland 18yds, H. G. Murray 18yds, G. Bremner, junr., 18yds, A. R. Gatland 19yds, R. T. Reid, 20yds.
 Won by three yards. Time, 52 2-5sec.



Photo by Hanna, Queen Street, Auckland.
 D. REID, WINNER OF THE VICTOR LUDORUM AT THE A.A.A. AND C.C.'S MEETING.

The feature of the day's sport was undoubtedly the unique record of W. H. Madill, whose performances show him in the light of one of the finest all-round athletes in the Australasian colonies. In the first item tackled, the 16lb hammer-throwing handicap, this athlete accomplished the distance of 124ft 4½ in, thus beating the New Zealand record out of sight and improving on the Australasian record by better than 4ft. This he followed by winning the Half-mile Flat, from 32yds, in 2min 1-5sec, the One Mile Flat from 50yds in 4min 30sec, besides finishing second in the 440yds Handicap, from 16yds, won in 52 2-5sec by H. G. Thomson, and jumping over 19ft 6in in the broad jump. In bringing off this great list of performances in the one afternoon, Madill becomes the owner of Mr J. F. Logan's valuable trophy, having now won it twice in succession. Stripped, Madill is a real good stamp of an athlete, standing about 6ft in height, and with good development about the chest and shoulders, though hardly proportionately put together in the lower limbs. He has now been taking part in amateur meetings for a couple of years, previous to which—with an interval of three years, in which he stood down in order to get into the amateurs—he was seen in professional ranks, where he ran with a considerable amount of success, both in sprint and distance races. In addition to the performances mentioned, Madill is a good man with the 16lb shot, having recently done better than 40ft in practice over and over again, is a very fair high jumper, and has won a mile walk from a handicap mark in amateur sports.

After Madill the man most worthy of mention is H. G. Thomson who won the 440yds Club Championship from Oliphant and Smith, in 53 1-5sec, against a breeze, and the 440yds Handicap, from 2yds, in 52 2-5sec. Both events entailed a great effort, and it was a rare treat to see the game manner in which Thomson finished up; indeed, it may be said that it will take a rattling good man to beat the Auckland lad if he happens to be with him in the last thirty yards, he being as hard as a leech to shake off.

Bell, who came to Auckland some eight or ten months ago, proved himself beyond doubt the best amateur mile runner in Auckland by running second from scratch to within four or five yards of Madill in 4min 30sec, and on this alone must represent the Auckland club at the Dunedin Championships. He is also a sterling performer over the three-mile journey, and intends taking the earliest opportunity afforded to make an attack on the existing time for that distance.

The "double," 100yds and 250yds Handicap, fell to Frank Poland, who won the first-named race off 8yds in 10sec and the 250yds off 13yds in 26 2-5sec. Poland is a well made well proportioned athlete, and being in splendid form, made the most of his chance, though I do not set him down as one who would ever do anything out of the common off the mark.

Geo Smith, of hurdle fame, was credited with winning his heat in the 100yds in 10sec from scratch, the whole of the watches held on it, agreeing as to the time, also his heat from scratch in the 250yds in 26 2-5sec. In the final of the 100yds he, however, failed to get a place, though it must be admitted that he got away badly, while, in the 250yds final, he did not start being none too well.

At the same meeting, A. W. Bell, the crack distance runner, got to within 4yds of Bremner from scratch in 4min 22sec, but the track was found 37 yards short. The performance was, nevertheless, full of merit.

- THROWING 16LB HAMMER (handicap).**
 W. H. Madill (scr), 124ft 4½ in ...
 On every occasion Madill beat the Australasian amateur record by several feet.
- 100YDS HANDICAP.**
 F. Poland, 8yds ... 1
 W. C. Motion, 6yds ... 2
 D. R. F. Campbell, 7yds ... 3
 Run in heats. First heat: Geo. W. Smith, scr, 1; D. R. F. Campbell, 7yds, 2; S. Harrison, 8yds, 3. Time, 10sec. Smith, who ran very strongly, out down his men in fine style, winning in the capital time of 10sec. Second heat: R. Oliphant, 2½yds, 1; E. C. Cuff, 5½yds, 2; A. Tilly, 5½yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won after a tight finish by inches. Third heat: W. C. Motion, 6yds, 1; C. D. Hardingham, 4½yds, 2; J. Hinton 8yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won looking round. Fourth heat: F. Poland, 8yds, 1; R. Pike, 5½yds, 2; J. B. Scott, 4½yds, 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won in hollow fashion.
 A good race. Won by half a yard. Time, 10sec.
- THREE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 H. Coates (Waikato), 40yds ... 1
 H. Brook, 120yds ... 2
 C. Rainger, 210yds ... 3
 Other starters—C. Innes (Waikato) scr, J. Crozier scr, R. Coombes (Thames) 100yds, J. Gunson 110yds, E. H. Cucksey 140yds, D. Reid 145yds, C. Strong 160yds, G. George 180yds, J. Mason 195yds, R. Rainger 200yds, N. Browne 200yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 220yds, J. Graham 230yds, A. Cooper 230yds, W. White 275yds, W. Nelmes 280yds.
 Won by less than 2yds. Time, 8min 1 2-5sec.

- ONE MILE HANDICAP.**
 W. H. Madill, 50yds ... 1
 A. W. Bell, scr ... 2
 G. Bremner, 65yds ... 3
 Other starters—E. Sutherland scr, S. Freeborn 60yds, E. W. Bridgens 65yds, J. H. Kelly 90yds.
 Won by four or five yards in 4min 30sec.
- ONE MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP.**
 E. H. Cucksey, 55yds ... 1
 A. Cooper, 95yds ... 2
 K. N. H. Browne, 85yds ... 3
 Other starters—J. Innes (Waikato) scr, J. Crozier scr, H. Coates (Waikato) 25yds, R. Coombes (Thames) 40yds, G. Henning 45yds, H. Brook 50yds, C. Strong 60yds, R. Rainger 70yds, A. W. Joss 75yds, G. George 75yds, C. Rainger 80yds, W. Thomson (Wanganui) 85yds, J. Sceats 95yds, W. White 100yds, W. Nelmes 110yds, M. Stevenson 110yds, C. Morrin 120yds.
 Won by five yards. Time, 2min 25 2-5sec.
- 250YDS HANDICAP.**
 F. Poland, 13yds (3yds penalty) 1
 W. C. Motion, 12yds ... 2
 J. B. Scott, 12yds ... 3
 Run in heats—Final heat: W. C. Motion 12yds, 1; F. Poland 13yds (including 3yds penalty), 2; E. C. Cuff 8yds, 3. Time, 27 2-5sec. Second heat: J. B. Scott 12yds, 1; H. L. Wade 15yds, 2; J. K. Hodge 14yds, 3. Time, 27sec. Won easily by several yards. Third heat: G. W. Smith scr, 1; S. Harrison 18yds, 2; R. D. Campbell 15yds, 3. Time, 26 2-5sec. Won with a bit to spare in 26 2 5-5sec.

One of the best developed men living at present is probably C. A. Sampson, the well-known "strong man," who is now in Sydney. His measurements run as follows:—Neck, 17in; chest (contracted), 39in; chest (normal), 43in; chest (expanded) 58in; biceps 19in; wrist, 4½in; forearm, 16½in; calf, 16in; thigh 2½in; height, 5ft 7in; and weight, 175lb. The enormous difference between the contracted and expanded chest measurements is the result of constant exercise in inflating the chest to the utmost extent while walking and then expelling the air till not an atom is left in the lungs—an exercise he strongly recommends to everyone for, say, half an hour a day.

It seems pretty generally agreed that August is too early for the next Australasian Championship at Queensland, and in all probability an alteration to a later date will be made. The N.Z.A.A.A. has pointed out that, as we will then be in the depth of winter, our athletes will hardly have an opportunity to train.

Newburn, the famous Irish broad jumper, is said to run no less than 170ft before taking off.

At the Exhibition sports, under the auspices of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club on Saturday, W. O. Motion, with 5yds, won the final of the 100yds in 9 4-5sec, which is about equal to 10 2-5sec for the full distance, and a rattling good performance for such a dead lumpy track as that on the Exhibition ground.



[BY STONEWALLER.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

After a lapse of four weeks the Championship matches under the Auckland Cricket Association were resumed on Saturday last, when the competitions in the third draw were completed.

Playing against the Auckland Eleven Gordon carried the day by 7 wickets, the principal contributors to the success being Kallender, Secombe, Lusk, Kissling, and Pabst, others of the Gordon side also running into double figures.

The Parnell—North Shore match resulted in an easy win for the former by no less than 74 runs on the first innings, they running up 153 and dispensing of the home team for the poor total of 79. G. Mills was the only member of the Shore team to make a stand, he batting carefully and soundly for 43. Wynyard and Ball (run out), with 10 each, were the only other double figure men.

For Parnell Resteaux was in great form with the ball, his change of pace and good length proving fatal to the Shoreites.

Rather a surprise was the severe defeat of the Auckland Fifteen by United. The former on the opening day had put together 169, which was looked upon as a tidy order, but United proved themselves more than equal to the task, scoring the fine total of 237. N. Lusk 57, Labatt 94, D. Hay 40, and Walton 30, were the chief run-getters.

In the fourth draw, commencing next Saturday, Gordon and Parnell should play a close game, United should dispose of North Shore, and Auckland Fifteen should make matters interesting for the same club's Eleven.

The latest exchanges from Sydney show that the performances there have been equally as sensational as those of batsmen in Victoria. In the first grade competition Leichardt, with 312, were beaten by North Sydney, 321. For the latter that coming batsman, R. A. Duff, made 95, and his brother, W. S. Duff, 65. Burwood beat Central Cumberland, the scores being—Burwood, first innings 273, Central Cumberland 233. Waverly beat Glebe, the scores being—Waverly, six wickets for 303 (innings declared closed), Glebe 222. For Waverly Sid Gregory put together 108 and Iredale 63. On the Glebe side another Australian Eleven man, Coningham, piled up 107, showing all his old Queensland dash. Paddington administered a drubbing to East Sydney, the scores being—Paddington seven wickets for 472, East Sydney 111. For Paddington that good all round man, M. A. Noble, compiled the splendid score of 267 (not out), and young Vic Trumper, who promises to develop into the greatest batsman Australia has known, made 113. Redfern beat South Sydney, the scores being Redfern nine wickets for 368, South Sydney 226.

In New South Wales this season M. A. Noble has the extraordinary average of 242 runs per innings. He has batted five times, three times not out, his aggregate score being 484 runs. R. A. Duff, of North Sydney, has made an aggregate of 438 for five innings, and his average is 87 runs per innings. Next comes our old Australian Eleven friend, Harry Donnan, with 77 runs per innings, L. W. Pye with 57, A. Coningham 54, and V. Trumper 42.

In addition to being at the top of the tree in the batting averages, M. A. Noble is at the top in bowling average. His 36 wickets were obtained at a trifle over 8 runs per wicket. It is not often we find such a combination of bowling and batting talent in one man. The one time successful McIbbin is very low down on the bowling average list this season, but he has not been long in practice. One thing seems to be pretty certain, and that is that Australia will be able to send a powerful batting team to England, and if Noble, Jones, and Trumble maintain their bowling form, the representatives of England will find matters lively in the five test matches.

It is quite evident that the Australian Eleven will have a very busy time of it in England. In addition to the five test matches, most of which will probably terminate in drawn games, two matches each have been arranged with Gloucester

shire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Oxford University, Metropolitan Club and Ground. Single matches have been arranged with the Cambridge University and South of England, and we presume that matches will be arranged with the Gentlemen and Players.

In Melbourne in the Pennant Cup matches there has been some sensational scoring lately. The M.C.C. playing against Hawksburn ran up 323 for the loss of only three wickets. Bruce made 166 when he was caught. D. Mailer, who is in wonderful form this season, made 91 not out. East Melbourne playing against St. Kilda did even better than the big club, as they ran up 400 for the loss of only two wickets. Of that number, McMichael scored 246 not out, and Laver 126 not out. Coburg made 483 against Brighton all out. The two highest scorers were Dr. Mailer 150 and Baxter 103. It is quite evident that cricket runs in the Mailer family.

The will of the late Mr J. D. Walker, a member of the great cricketing family of 25 to 30 years back, has been proved at £195,000 personalty. He left £500 to be devoted to the furtherance of cricket at Harrow School, of which he was captain in his youthful days; and £1000 to his old cricket and college comrade, Mr A. J. Webbe. The Walkers are a wealthy brewing family.

Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers who lined the Yarra banks at Alphington on Sunday afternoon was a lad of 11, named Davidson, who resides in McKean Street, North Fitzroy. Davidson was running along the water's edge with some other boys of the same age, when he slipped and fell in the river. He was unable to swim, and, as the river at this spot is extremely deep and treacherous, it might have gone hard with Davidson had it not been for Mr Jack Worrall, the well-known Carlton cricketer, who had seen the accident from the top of the hill. Dashing down the hill at the pace he used to set when he was captain of the Fitzroy Football Team, Mr Worrall dived into the water without divesting himself of any of his clothes and caught the boy just in time. For a powerful swimmer like Mr Worrall it was an easy task to bring the lad ashore, and he was then despatched to his home, little injured by his adventure. *Argus.*

to me any amount late enough. Only one little unpleasantness occurred, and that was a protest by Mahaki against Rainbow taking first prize, because she was sailed by Mr A. Logan, instead of the owner, without permission from the club, which is an infringement of the rules. At the time of writing this the protest was under consideration, but it will be hard lines if Rainbow is disqualified, as she won so easily, and her owner had the tiller the greater part of the race; but rules are rules, and they must be obeyed. I only hope the club will make this a firm rule; they were rather lax in this particular last season. I have it on good authority that Mr Pittar, when he entered Rainbow, told one of the club's officials to handicap her with the expectation of Mr Logan (who is a member of the club) sailing her. As is usual in these races, the handicaps were all given at the start. The following are the results:—

Yachts exceeding 25ft l.w.l.—The course was from flagship, keeping outside Sandspit buoy, round black buoy at Rangitoto Reef, back to mark off Hobson Bay, thence round Dock buoy, finishing at starting line, about ten miles. The following boats were entered:—Rainbow scr, Ida and Thetis 3min, Lady Wilma 5min, Ngaru and Zinita 6min, Rarere, Mahaki, and Mizpah 7min. Rainbow, sailing in splendid style, caught her smaller opponents outside the Heads, and so far as first boat was concerned the race was practically over. The race now resolved itself into a duel between Rarere and Zinita, who rounded the Reef mark together. First one and then the other was leading, and at the Hobson Bay mark Rarere only led by about a length. Zinita, however, was smartest in the turn, and getting windward position, had Rarere at her mercy, winning second money by about a minute, after one of the best struggles ever seen in the harbour. This was a different result to the race for the Bloomfield Cup, when Zinita beat Rarere by over ten minutes, and goes to prove what good handling and the boat in proper trim will do. Considering Lady Wilma was only carrying yawl rig and stayail she did well, but looked more like a Sunday-school picnic boat than a racer. The times at the finish were:—Rainbow, 4hr 5min; Zinita, 4hr 9min 3sec; Rarere, 4hr 10min; Lady

seemed to have some doubt, however, about the twice round, and the race was not decided. On the beat down, Bell Bird fairly well held her own with her racing rival, but when sheets were eased for home Alma rapidly caught on the clinker-built boat, and was only a few lengths behind at the finish of the first round.

The subject of conversation during the week has been the arrival from Adelaide of Messrs Rymill and their 1-rater yacht Geisha, to compete in the Intercolonial Championship at the North Shore Native Regatta. The boat is about 31ft overall, 18ft 4in l.w.l., 6ft 8in beam, with a ballast fin carrying nearly half a ton of lead. When in racing trim I should say she will draw nearly 6ft of water. She appears to have good round lines, and is a powerful boat. The new arrival gives one the impression that in a breeze with plenty of windward work she will make her skim dish rivals move themselves. Geisha was built by her owners, who are fitting her up on Logan Bros' slip.

Owing to the rough water at Cheltenham Beach on Saturday afternoon, the North Shore Rowing Club held its trial fours at Brick Bay, where the water was smooth. Although the course was necessarily short, the races were none the less interesting, and some good finishes resulted. A brass band was in attendance, and it is seldom that the pretty little bay wears such a lively appearance. The great attraction was doubtless the ladies' pair-oar trials, nearly thirty fair competitors being engaged. Miss I. Lind and Miss Duder pulled the winning boat in the final of this event, and W. Swinnerton's crew won the trial fours. When it is stated that twenty events were got off during the afternoon with scarcely a hitch, no more need be said about the way the officers and committee managed affairs.

The trial fours of the West End Rowing Club were to have been held on Saturday, but they had to be postponed on account of the heavy sea. When the weather is suitable, heats are being rowed off at night and morning during the week.

Wrestling.

HERCULES v. ATLAS.

A rather sensational encounter between two rival "strong men" is reported to have taken place in the office of a Sydney sporting paper on Saturday, November 26. According to the account of an eye-witness, the "go in" was short, but exceedingly "willing," and there is no doubt that had it been pre-arranged and well-advertised it would have proved an immense draw just at the present juncture. The impromptu bout was, of course, with the "raw uns," and in street-walking costume, which added considerably to the interest which was attached to it. It is said that the modern Hercules was in an upstairs office of the building alluded to when the up-to-date Atlas entered. Some words were exchanged, it is asserted, which did not exactly correspond with the greetings to be found in any standard book on "etiquette for gentlemen." In fact, it appeared that some old-standing grievance existed, which made the meeting mutually distasteful. After various contemptuous remarks passed between them, it is stated, Atlas threatened to put his enormous strength to the practical use of throwing his acquaintance out of the door, and immediately proceeded to enforce the threat, pushing the door violently against the other man's body. This Hercules resented, responding with a right-hander, which is variously reported as having caught his opponent on the jaw, the eye, or the ear—the onlookers all agreeing, however, that it "caught him somewhere." Atlas is then said to have made great endeavors to seize the presumptuous Hercules, in order that he might break him in half, but it was not so willed—the other knew too much to allow himself to be seized in such an embrace, and conducted his movements with surprising alacrity. The affair is said to have lasted a good long round, though to some, at least, of the delighted spectators it was all too short. At last some other minor lights in the pugilistic and wrestling world are said to have interposed their bulk and their persuasiveness between the belligerents, who were parted without any serious damage having been sustained on either side. This was a source of particular satisfaction to the friends of, at least, one of them, who had an important appointment later in the day which it was in the highest degree desirable that he should keep.

Cable news from Sydney states that in the Wrestling Championship contest between Harry Dunn, of New Zealand, and Lucifer, the American champion, Dunn scored the first three falls, Græco Roman, Cumberland, and Catch-as-catch-can. It will be remembered that Dunn has just returned from America, where he scored a succession of triumphs.

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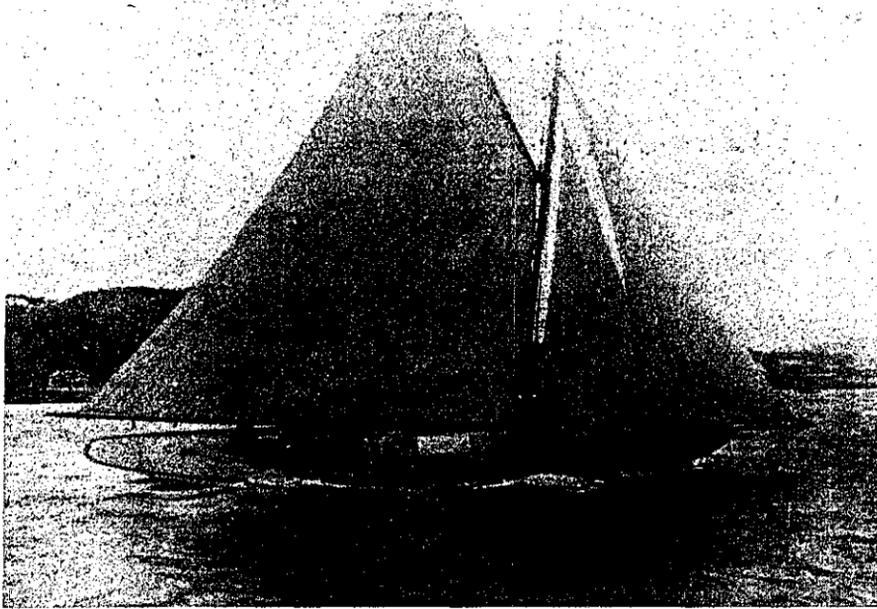
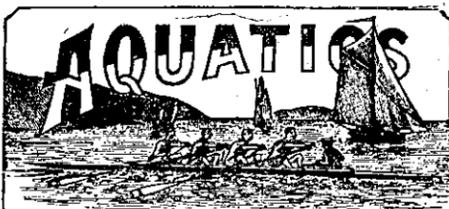


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MR PITTAR'S 36-FOOTER, RAINBOW (LOGAN BROS.)



[BY MURTAI.]

NORTH SHORE SAILING CLUB.

That popular body, the North Shore Sailing Club, held its first races of the season on Saturday afternoon last, and everything went off successfully, which could not very well be otherwise with such a painstaking and competent committee at the head of affairs. A larger amount of interest than usual was centred in the races, as several new boats made their bow to the racing world, the chief of which were Mr Pittar's splendid 36-footer Rainbow, the 1-rater Alma (built by Bailey Bros. for the championship race), and Mr Dexter's aptly-named 1-rater Rambler. There was a good stiff easterly breeze blowing, with a fairly heavy sea, so that all the competitors were given a chance of showing their speed and sea-going powers. The Ferry Company kindly lent the s.s. Durham as flagship, Captain Parker being on board as starter and umpire, with Mr Bennett (assisted by Mr H. Oliver) as time-keeper. To a great extent the races were spoiled by some of the competitors not being on the mark at starting time, thus spoiling their chance, but the club has decided that in future each race will be started half an hour later. The big race was the greatest sufferer in this respect, such well known flyers as Thetis, Ida, Mizpah, and Mahaki being the delinquents, and although, with the exception of Thetis, all started, they did not complete the course. The limit boat in this race was advertised to start at 2 45, which seems

Wilma, 4hr 13min. It is unnecessary to give the times of the others, as they were late at the mark, or did not start. It is a pity there were no boats of Rainbow's size in the race.

Yachts not exceeding 25ft l.w.l.—Same course as first race. The starters and their handicaps were:—Daisy scr, Rogue 4min, May Bell 7min, Mavis 8min; Peri (1min) and Poneke (7min) did not start. Rogue and Daisy soon separated themselves out from the others by making short boards inside the Heads, and at the Rangitoto mark Rogue was leading Mavis and her old rival in that order. Coming back to Hobson Bay, Rogue had increased her lead and Daisy had passed Mavis, Rogue finishing first, Mavis second, Daisy third. The second and third boats fouled close to the finish, Mavis being on the wrong tack. The times were:—Rogue, 4hr 6min 30sec; Mavis, 4hr 10min; Daisy, 4hr 15min.

Patiki Class.—Course, from flagship, round second buoy out in the Channel, back to Hobson Bay, round Dock buoy, finishing at starting point. The entrants were, Boomerang, Bronzewing, Eka, Hazel, Melodr, Rita, Rambler, and Zoe. All the boats started from scratch, and it was a pretty sight to see the miniatures dodging about waiting for the word "go." Bailey's Boomerang was late, owing to which she was never prominent. Dexter's new Rambler (Logan Bros.) got well away with the others, and was never much troubled in the sea, winning by a minute and a half from Eka, Zoe third. It would be better for the spectators if the course for these boats was arranged so as to keep them in sight of the wharf. They proved on Saturday, however, that they are safe in a breeze, and in the comparatively heavy sea outside they shaped better than some of the bigger boats.

The Paus, a boat resembling the Patiki, won the race for boats not exceeding 20ft overall, Ida second, Freak third.

Only two started in the 1-rater event, namely, Alma (scr) and Bell Bird (5min). According to the programme the course was the same as that of the Patiki, but twice round. The competitors

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[BY ORPHEUS.]

"Orpheus" will be glad to hear from those managers of theatrical companies touring New Zealand who desire that the public shall know the movements of the companies. Any information as to dates, etc., will be acknowledged in these columns, as well as any other items of interest to the theatrical world. All letters should be addressed—"Orpheus," SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

"THE MIKADO."—On Wednesday evening in last week, at the Opera House, the Auckland Opera Company very successfully produced Gilbert and Sullivan's favorite Japanese comic opera, which has run to good and increasing houses until replaced by "The Gondoliers" last night (Wednesday). A really strong cast, powerful orchestra of seventeen, and picked chorus under Herr Carl Schmitt's skilful baton, together with brilliant dressing, good scenery, and the admirable stage-management of Mr J. Stoyke, both commanded and deserved the success achieved. There is a wonderful vitality about "The Mikado."

"You may break, you may shatter, the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses doth cling to it still!"

Despite the numerous performances given in Auckland this charmingly quaint and original work reveals fresh beauties at every representation, and in the present instance new business and effective little points suggest that, like Cleopatra, "Age cannot wither nor custom stale its infinite variety." A few words about each of the principals, and, to follow the polite maxim *place aux dames*, I take the ladies first. Mrs R. H. Hopkins makes a fascinating Yum Yum, her pure soprano voice revelling in the tuneful solos, duets, and other concerted morceaux; while she acts with all the graceful *espieglerie* which the role demands. The toilet solo, "The Sun Whose Rays," was most effectively rendered. Miss Lily Thomson's Pitti-Sing is a bright and vivacious impersonation, and although the music is in places rather too low for her she sings her solos and the parts allotted to her in the ensembles very well indeed. Peep-Bo, in the hands of Miss Ethel Boulton, plays capably up to the other little maids, who altogether fill the bill most satisfactorily. Miss Emily Reeve's Katisha is a finer performance than ever, her singing of "Hearts Do Not Break" and "The Hour of Gladness" being undeniably the vocal features of the production. In the dialogue she might perhaps infuse a little more dramatic force into some passages. Mr Archdale Tayler's Koko is a veritable triumph all round, singing, facial play, gestures, dancing, and melodramatic fervour compelling admiration throughout. Mr E. Keating made an encouraging debut as the Mikado. He has a resonant and telling baritone voice, clear enunciation, and makes his points effectively, but I missed the ineffable disgust usually displayed at Katisha's interruptions. Mr A. L. Edwards looks, acts, and sings Nanki Poo's delightful role charmingly. On the stage he makes quite a typical Jap, and his dramatic instincts come out strong—indeed, if anything, his singing would be more effective with just a *souppon* less *marcato* in cantabile passages, but "A Wandering Minstrel I" and the numerous other fine morceaux, whether solos or concerted, were, nevertheless, brilliantly rendered. Mr G. Tracey Hall's Pooh-Bah is another fine impersonation, both vocal and histrionically, especially when we remember how genial and full of *bonhomie* that gentleman is off the stage. Doubtless Mr Hall bears in mind W. S. Gilbert's hint to the first Pooh Bah (who could make nothing of the character)—"Play it as if you are wearing an onion as a breast pin"—and so keeps his everlasting sneer unrelaxed. His splendid voice and artistic singing as usual served all along the line. Mr Theo. Queree's Pish-Tush made its usual success. His voice, although not very powerful, has a penetrating timbre which tells most agreeably in solo as well as ensembles. In manipulating his fan he is *facile princeps*. Space will not permit of detailed mention of the plums, but I may say briefly that they were all up to the mark and deservedly encored, especially Mr Archdale Tayler's "Tit Willow" and "Little List" songs, new verses introduced into the latter being well received. "The Gondoliers" now holds the boards with a splendid cast and accessories, and is bound to draw even better houses than "The Mikado," but criticism must perforce be reserved for next week's issue.

EXHIBITION MUSIC: "THE CREATION."—On Tuesday evening the Choral Society performed Haydn's greatest oratorio to a vast crowd, with a vaster outside unable to obtain admission. It was a mistake to make this concert free. As the performance received a full notice in these columns three months ago, it is not necessary to give detailed criticism. The soloists, Miss Lorrigan (soprano) and Mr H. Brett, again sang excellently, especially the former. Mr John Prouse replaced Mr Dufaur, and was very successful. The chorus sang with fine volume and effect. The additional Exhibition members did not improve the orchestra, which, owing to insufficient rehearsal, did not play so well together as the original Choral Society band, which at the former production had carefully worked up the music. The conductor was quick to realise that disaster was imminent, and took perforce some numbers much below the traditional tempos. Hence the soloists, and especially Miss Lorrigan in her fine rendering of "On Mighty Pans," was severely handicapped in phrasing. However, in the second portion, the orchestra did much better, and "The Creation" as a whole was enjoyed by the enthusiastic crowd.

MOONEY, who was through New Zealand some time back with Crawford, is now working with Harry Rickards' show in Sydney.

ON Wednesday evening the Young Ladies' Orchestra, under Miss Florrie Thorpe, gave a concert in the Choral Hall, affording a real treat to a large audience. The programme lasted an hour and a half and included some of the best items in the repertoire of this popular society, all being admirably rendered.

ON Thursday night the Exhibition orchestra and soloists gave a splendid vocal and instrumental concert, but the attendance was but meagre owing to the charge of half-a-crown being imposed, which people who had received free admission to "The Creation" did not appreciate. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr Arthur Towsey, played Rossini's "William Tell" overture, selections from the ballet music to "Coppelia" (Des Libes), Mendelssohn's "Cornelius March," and Moszkowski's "To Foreign Lands" very well indeed, but surpassed themselves in Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony, No. 8," which was an exquisite treat. Mr John Hill displayed great taste and delicious phrasing in Balfe's "Come Into the Garden, Maud," bowing his acknowledgments to a decided encore. Miss Large sang with refined delicacy and sympathy Godard's "Angels Guard Thee," and, in response to an imperative encore, sang "Cherry Ripe" with facility and archness. Mr John Prouse brought down the house with Schumann's dashing song, "The Two Grenadiers," and substituted a melodious song, "I Cannot Help Loving Thee" (by Clayton Johns). Mr Arthur Towsey and Miss Prouse accompanied with taste, sympathy, and precision.

Mrs WILLIAMSON (Maggie Moore) and Mr Harry Roberts intend making a tour through New Zealand early next year. After finishing in the colony they will take an all-Australian company to America and England.

especially striking, Miss Thorpe playing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song." The bugler then sounds the retreat, and the suits sorts themselves and march out in the same order as they entered. Great praise must be given to Dr de Clive Lowe, who designed all the dresses and trained the performers so perfectly, and to the Messrs Ingall and others who lent valuable aid. Living Whist will doubtless be repeated, and later on Living Chess will be given.

IN all probability the Pollard Company will stage "La Poupée" after the run of the "Gay Parisienne" and "The French Maid," as negotiations are now in progress, and a definite answer is expected from Mrs Williamson by the next mail.

We see from a Wanganui exchange that Miss Kitty Mostyn is to be tendered a benefit there. We regret very much that this bright little actress, playwright, and manageress should be in need of a benefit, but, if she is, no one in the profession could be a more worthy recipient. As an actress Kitty is a formidable rival to Jennie Lee in boys parts; as an adaptor and playwright she is versatile and thoroughly *au fait* in the art of working up situations; and as a manageress she has always been willing to deny herself in order that her company might be paid in full. We hope that her bad luck in New Zealand will be counterpoised by the hearty reception she is sure to receive on her return to Australia.

MANY Auckland playgoers will recollect the excellent piano playing of Miss May Habgood (Mrs Tommy Hudson) when she was last through here with the Hudson Surprise Party, and will regret her recent death in Adelaide. Her demise will be a serious loss to the company, which was to have started on a tour through India.



MISS GERTIE CAMPIAN, NEW SOUBRETTE AND DANSEUSE, POLLARD COMPANY.

LIVING WHIST.—On Saturday evening a crowd of interested spectators watched admiringly the movements of a living pack of cards trained by Dr de Clive Lowe. The honors—especially the four queens—were most beautifully dressed, and, indeed, so was every card in the pack. A bugler sounds the assembly, and two heralds, accompanied by a couple of Touchstones, marshal in the suits in the following order, Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, and Spades, to music from Miss Florrie Thorpe at the piano. A graceful dance by the court cards follows, after which the whole pack, in a series of clever evolutions, shuffles itself. Then the players (Messrs Churton, Tewsley, Baume, and Whitaker), arrayed in academic robes, enter, the hands are dealt, and play commences. Each player calls his card in turn, and the cards advance to the centre, the winner of the trick announces that fact, the four cards bow gracefully and are led off by the herald to the winner's side. The next lead is called and the game proceeds until the thirteen tricks are turned, when the score is announced, the cards again shuffled and dealt for the next hand. The effect is really striking, and especially interesting to whist-players, who can recognise correct leads, second and third hand play, trump signals, etc. Five hands altogether were very correctly played, the games selected being from Cavendish, including, as a finale, the famous Vienna coup. A and B (Messrs Churton and Tewsley) finally won the upper. The games ended, beautiful dances and evolutions are again performed, with limelight effects by Mr Mackie showing up the tasteful costumes splendidly. A final dance, in which the plain cards circle round the court cards, is

FULLER'S PALACE OF WONDERS.—The Agricultural Hall, notwithstanding strong counter attractions, continues to be thronged with visitors. The waxworks, with life like portraits of Her Majesty the Queen, Lord Salisbury, Gladstone, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Bismarck, Dr Jamieson, Pope Leo XIII. (a splendid figure), General Booth, Kruger, Mrs Langtry, Madame Melba, Rangitsighi, Chang the Giant, Duchess of Buccleugh, Miss Fortescue, Princess de Chinay, etc., etc., all beautifully dressed; and the Chamber of Horrors, with its large collection of notorious criminals, deserve careful inspection. Other attractions are the comic glasses, in which those who gaze see themselves in all sorts of distorted fashions; over fifty stereoscopic and cosmoramaic views, phonograph, automatic fortune-telling machines, electric batteries; weighing, lung-testing, strength testing, and mild gambling machines; the Missing Link and other illusions, an auto-organ, the largest umbrella in the world, and a host of other curiosities. Concerts, Punch and Judy, etc., are given at intervals, and novelties are constantly being added. Who would not spring a sixpence for all this?

MADAME MELBA expects that her trip through America will extend over five months. It is possible that she may visit Australia next year, and then we shall probably have a visit from her to New Zealand.

PROMINENT comedians in England are paid salaries almost approaching that of journalists in New Zealand. Mr Dan Leno has been engaged to appear in "Orlando Dando" at a salary of £200 weekly and £5 extra for expenses.

THE little magnetic lady who poses as an animated wax figure at John Fuller's Palace of Wonders, and whose stall is first inside the entrance on the right, has caused not only a lot of amusement, but also considerable confusion, to those who took her for a "wax-work" and commented audibly on her appearance, discerning too late that she was a charming combination of flesh and blood, and enjoyed a joke at visitors' expense. She's a dainty morsel, and has evidently inspired the office poet to break out in verse—

Magnetic, æsthetic, and apogetic,
She poses just inside the gate,
And we wonder and blunder, and find out, by thunder!
She's not made of wax—just too late.
So rigid and frigid, this dainty young midget,
A triumph of art seems to be,
As our measure, with leisure and probable pleasure,
She takes while we criticise "she."
For just when we're reaching, intent upon teaching
Some friend that we're quite up to "cheese,"
A programme—while chaffing, her merry lips laughing—
She'll hold out, and say "Penny, please!"

CHARLIE MACMAHON is putting on a number of sensational melodramas at the Lyceum Theatre in Sydney. Among the members of the company may be mentioned Mr Fred Patey and Miss Marie D'Alton, both well known in Auckland.

THE Cremorne Gardens at Perth (W.A.) have been re opened under the management of Mr Lawrence, who has engaged a number of new people from Sydney and Melbourne, to appear there during the season.

THE Cogill Bros. have dissolved partnership. Charlie is at present under engagement to Harry Rickards, while Harry is running a circus and variety show under canvas, and touring the different Victorian townships.

JOHNNY COLLINS, who has just returned from Sydney, reports that Rowley has been doing excellent business with his "Waxworks Combination." The company has been disbanded for the present, but the waxworks will still be exhibited. The show is now in Tasmania. Mr Rowley goes home to England shortly, in search of novelties. He will re-organise his company about next February.

A RATHER amusing, but somewhat embarrassing, incident happened to Mrs J. C. Williamson (Maggie Moore) recently, while travelling with her little niece from Melbourne to Adelaide. Mrs Williamson was rather late in catching the train, and at the last moment was hurried into a compartment which contained one passenger, a gentleman. The gentleman turned out to be none other than Mr J. C. Williamson: The situation, which was awkward enough in all conscience, was accentuated by the little girl remarking in a very audible whisper, "Oh, auntie, there's uncle." Report hath it that the lady and gentleman treated themselves to a comprehensive stare, and then became abnormally interested in their papers. Mrs Williamson got out at Seymour (the first station) and changed her carriage. The efforts of these two brilliant comedians to appear utterly unconscious of one another's presence must have been exquisitely comical, and it required all Mrs Williamson's facial control to resist enjoying a hearty laugh.

MR ST. JOHN, who was in Auckland some time back with the St John-Hayman company, has been having a bit of bad luck in Sydney. He took over the Alhambra Theatre there, and was doing fairly well, when Johnny Coleman left him. To make up for this deficiency he brought over Pope and Sayles from Melbourne. Business picked up, and he was rapidly becoming a formidable rival to the Tivoli. This didn't suit Harry Rickards, so he made Pope and Sayles a sporting offer to break their engagement and secede to him. This they did, with the consequence that the Alhambra went to pieces, leaving St. John a heavy loser.

HARRY RICKARDS' COMPANY follows the Pollards at Dunedin. The company includes Ugo Biondi, the Italian rapid change artist, and Bellman and Moore, the American specialty team. Rickards will not visit New Zealand, as his business in Sydney renders it impossible for him to leave.

The Firm's second dramatic company are playing a season at Ballarat, where they produce "A Royal Divorce," "The Prisoner of Zenda," and the "Lady of Lyons." Harry Plimmer is playing lead.

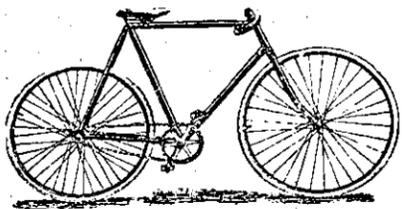
MR JO SINCLAIR seems to have a happy faculty for getting into trouble. His last experience has been in Perth, Western Australia. It seems that he engaged the theatre there from the lessee, Mr Molloy, who raised objections to his overcrowding the house. Sinclair paid no attention to the protest, and Molloy brought the matter before the authorities. On visiting the theatre the next night, Molloy was met by Sinclair, who immediately proceeded to sail into him, and administered a good thumping. Latest accounts state that the lessee proceeded against Jo for assault.

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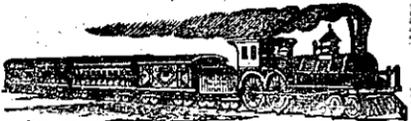
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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS, at the rate of 2d per mile first class and 1d per mile second class (minimum 4s and 2s respectively), will be issued between all stations from Monday, December 19th, to Tuesday, January 3rd, inclusive, available for return up to and including Tuesday, January 31st. Mileage counted one way only.

For further particulars see posters at all stations.

BY ORDER.



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ON and after TUESDAY, December 20th, the following time-table will come into force on the Thames Branch:—

DAILY:

Te Aroha dep., 7.15 a.m.; Paeroa, 7.56; Thames arrive, 8.57.

Frankton dep., 2.25 p.m. (after arrival of 9.30 a.m. train from Auckland); Morrinsville, 3.30 p.m.; Te Aroha, 4.40; Paeroa, 5.25; Thames arrive, 6.30.

Thames dep., 9.15 a.m.; Paeroa, 10.25; Te Aroha, 11.10; Morrinsville arrive, 12 noon, connecting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with North express, and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with evening train to Auckland.

Thames dep., 4.10 p.m.; Paeroa, 5.30 p.m.; Te Aroha arrive, 6.0 p.m.

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Thames dep., 6.0 a.m.; Paeroa, 7.6; Te Aroha, 7.45 a.m.; Morrinsville, 8.35, connecting at Frankton with morning train to Auckland.

Morrinsville dep., 12.50 p.m., after arrival of express from Auckland; Te Aroha, 1.45; Paeroa, 2.25; Thames arrive, 3.25.

BY ORDER.



Crown Lands Office, Auckland, December 2, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Section 3, Block I, Ahipara S.D., advertised to be open for application on 21st instant (Poster No. 427) has been withdrawn until further notice.

GERHARD MUELLER, Commissioner Crown Lands.



District Land and Survey Office, Auckland, December 12, 1898.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that 42 Kauri Trees, on Sections 281 and West 229, Parish of Waiwera, containing about 94,783 superficial feet (more or less), will be offered for Sale by Public Auction at this Office on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1899, at 11 o'clock a.m. Upset price, £47 7s 9d. About one mile and a half from Hatfield's Bay, near Waiwera.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.—Purchase money, in cash or by marked cheque, on the fall of the hammer. Timber to be removed within 18 months from date of sale.

GERHARD MUELLER, Commissioner Crown Lands.

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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

December 16, Fri—Alexandra R.C. Annual; December 20, Tuesday; 21, Wed—Fahiatua R.C. Annual; December 22, Thurs—Waiuku R.C. Meeting; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Dunedin J.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Reefton J.C. Midsummer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Westport J.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 28, Wed; January 2, Mon; 3 Tues—Auckland R.C. Summer

December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Manawatu R.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Gisborne R.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Taranaki J.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer

December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Gisborne R.C. Summer; December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Thames J.C. Summer; December 26, Wed—Ashurst-Pohangina R.C. Annual; January 2, Mon; 3 Tues—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer; January 2, Mon; 3 Tues—Vincent J.C. Annual; January 2, Mon; 3 Tues—Wairarapa R.C. Summer; January 4, Wed; 5, Thurs—Kumara R.C. Annual; January 12, Thurs; 13, Fri—Lake County J.C. Annual; January 13, Fri; 14, Sat—Whangarei J.C. Annual; January 18, Wed—Rotorua J.C. Annual; January 18, Wed; 19, Thurs—Tuapeka County J.C. Annual

January 21, Sat; 23, Mon—Wellington R.C. Summer; January 21, Sat; 23, Mon—Foxton R.C. Annual; January 26, Thurs; 27, Fri—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual; January 28, Sat; 30, Mon—Takapuna J.C. Summer; February 4, Sat—Takapuna J.C. Summer; February 15, Wed; 16, Thurs—Taranaki J.C. Autumn; February 16, Wed; 17, Friday—Bay of Plenty R.C. Annual; February 22, Wed; 24, Fri—Manawatu R.C. Autumn; February 23, Thurs; 25, Sat—Canterbury J.C. Summer; March 8, Wed; 9, Thurs—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS

December 16—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual; December 17—Reefton J.C. Midsummer; December 23—Takapuna Cup, T.J.C. Handicap, and Frie Steeplechase; December 29—Whangarei J.C. Annual; January 5—Rotorua J.C. Annual; January 6—A.R.C. Great Northern Derby, Foeal Stakes, and Joyal Stakes; January 6—Takapuna J.C. Summer, general entries; January 12—Bay of Plenty Annual; January 20—Wanganui Cup, Wanganui Stakes, and Flying Handicap; February 6—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

HANDICAPS.

December 17—Waiuku R.C. Meeting; December 18—Auckland R.C. Summer; December 26—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer, second day; January 5—Takapuna Cup and Steeplechase; January 7—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual; January 9—Rotorua J.C. Annual; January 13—Takapuna J.C. Summer; January 25—Bay of Plenty Annual; February 21—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

December 16—Auckland R.C. Summer; December 16—Thames J.C. Summer; December 17—Manawatu R.C. Summer; December 17—Reefton J.C. Midsummer; December 19—Gisborne R.C. Summer; December 21—Westport J.C. Summer; December 22—Waiuku R.C. Meeting; December 31—Taranaki Hack Guineas; January 9—Whangarei J.C. Annual; January 14—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual; January 14—Rotorua J.C. Annual; January 20—Takapuna J.C. Summer; January 23—Takapuna Cup; February 8—Bay of Plenty Annual; February 28—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

FINAL PAYMENTS.

March 4—Wanganui Cup; March 8—Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898.

THE CHURCH AND GAMBLING.

Of course it is part of the work for which the average clergyman is paid, to rail against gambling of all sorts and kinds, and we have no fault to find with these gentlemen for carrying out their contracts to the best of their ability, provided they are in any way consistent, but when, with peculiar discrimination, they attack one particular form of gambling, and either tacitly allow or at least pass over the others, it is only fair that we should take exception to their conduct. From a purely ascetic and moral point of view we are prepared to give some consideration to the clerical premise that gambling per se is a questionable occupation, but, presumably granting that much, we cannot accept their conclusion that wagering with bookmakers is essentially wrong, while the totalisator is a harmless diversification and church bazaars are laudable institutions. If gambling is wrong at all, it is wrong in every one of its ramifications, and if it is permissible in one particular it is permissible in all. To use a clerical argument, you shall not do evil that good may come. But we look at the matter from an entirely different point of view than that of the bigot. The expediency of gambling, in fact its very raison d'etre, notwithstanding the peculiar views of any particular sect, must be decided by the voice of the people, and if they favor its existence it will continue; if they do not it will inevitably be abolished. The people, and not a few exponents of narrow-minded creeds, are the final Court of Appeal, and it has almost passed into an axiom, that English speaking people will gamble in one way or another. But to return to our mutton, our objection to the attitude taken by certain sections of the church, is that they take upon themselves the authority to discriminate, and say, this style of gambling is vile and should be stamped out, while that kind we are willing to allow. Gambling on the Stock Exchange is, according to their idea, perfectly legitimate and proper—but members of the Stock Exchange, we must remember, are occasionally strong supporters of the Church, besides, clergymen have been known to buy shares for a "rise." The totalisator they mildly, very mildly deprecate, but the totalisator is a Government institution, officially used by the various racing clubs in the colony—and then many of our prominent racehorse owners, stewards, etc., etc., are also patrons of the Church, and are usually to the front with substantial contributions that help to swell the treasury, but the bookmaker, no matter how honest or morally legitimate his trade may be, no matter that he lives cleanly and pays his debts as they fall due, no matter that in all other particulars he is a reputable citizen, still on his head, because he has no influence, political or clerical, to back him, and must stand on his own reputation and integrity, all the vials of wrath are to be poured by the Wesleyan and Presbyterian divines to wake their congregation up with something sensational occasionally. Bookmakers, as a rule, don't patronise the churches very liberally; consequently they are fair game, and the average pulpit

orator, evidently working on the principle so wittily explained by the following anecdote, goes for the class at all times:—A new minister had just been appointed, and before he preached his initial sermon he was approached by certain members of the vestry with a few words of advice. "Don't," said one, "preach on the subject 'thou shalt not steal,' as you might offend G—, who is a wealthy supporter of the church, whose son was mixed up in a questionable transaction a short time back." "And," said another, "don't meddle with the seventh commandment, as there are two or three divorcees amongst us who contribute largely." And so it went on, until pretty nearly all the commandments were barred. "But what am I to preach against?" said the parson. "Oh, go for the Jews," was the reply; "we have none amongst us." This seems to be the policy adopted against the "books." As to its fairness—well, we leave that for others to decide.

Sporting Topics.

In the advertisement for the Kotorua Jockey Club Meeting, the date should read January 18th instead of January 8th, the figure 1 (one) having been dropped out during "making up."

The death is announced from Blenheim of the widow of the late Walter Clifford, of Hastings.

Gallimore, a Sydney jockey, is imitating the monkey style of Tod Sloan. Gallimore is in the pony ranks.

Summonses have been issued against several bookmakers, charging them with having trespassed on the Feilding racecourse during the late meeting.

The Sandhurst Cup, upon which "Tattersall" had a consultation and in which doubtless many New Zealanders are interested, resulted in a victory for Lochaber (by Lochiel—Kily O'Connor), with Tecoma second and Acton third.

Mr Isaac Foulsham, who last year was a big purchaser at the Wellington Park yearling sales, will again be in evidence this year, either in person or through his son, who is perhaps better known as the rider of Massinissa.

The secretary of the Manawatu Racing Club has to be congratulated upon the excellence of the entries received for the summer Meeting, which will be held on December 26 and 27. The total amounts to 197, or five more than last year. In quality as well as numbers the entry is a good one. The Manawatu Cup has attracted a field of sixteen, but Auckland horses are conspicuous by their absence.

Mr G. Clarke-Walker has issued a neat little programme for the Whangarei Jockey Club's meeting to be held at Kensington Park, Whangarei, on Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14. There are seven events on each day, and the sum of £305 will be distributed. Nominations may be made with the secretary or Mr Wynyard up to Thursday, December 9.

The well-known New South Wales breeder, Mr H. C. White, who is spending his summer in Maoriland, has amongst this year's foalings at his Havilah Stud a full brother to that sterling good mare, Old Clo' (by Lochiel—Tatters), and a half-sister to Georgic, now running so well in England. This youngster is by Cranbrook from Mirzapore.

The Australian bookmakers, Messrs Charles Westbrook and Joe Harris, have been on a flying visit to New Zealand, during which they attended the recent Wellington Meeting, and saw many of the sights of the North Island. Though strongly pressed to remain for the A.R.C. Summer campaign business prevailed, and they left by the Westralia for Sydney on Monday last. Messrs Alf. Josephs and B. Allen will, however, represent the Australian ring at our racing carnival.

Mr William Kelso, the well-known Sydney trainer, has returned to his native land after an extended visit to England. Through "Martindale" we learn that the Orville Lodge trainer has many good words to say on behalf of the English jockeys, but he thinks English trainers run their horses too big. Later on we may be able to give some of Mr Kelso's ideas, and coming from such a source they cannot fail to be interesting.

The Melbourne Cup winner, The Graftor, has been sent over the small sticks by J. E. Brewer at Caulfield, his companion in the initial event being Battalion. Both shaped well, The Graftor especially so, and J.E.B. was delighted. What a valuable pair, to be sure, to risk over hurdles; one (The Graftor) cost £2000, whilst £1200 has been repeatedly refused for Battalion. We wish such a game owner every success in the Old Country.

By Messrs Huddart, Parker, and Co.'s well-known steamer, Westralia, which arrived from the South on Sunday, there came several racehorses, first among them being Mr S. H. Gollan's New Zealand Cup winner, Tirant d'Eau, the son of Jet d'Eau and Tirallerie being in charge of Percy Martin, and he was also accompanied by his rider, S. Lindsay. Captain Russell's representative, Cœur de Lion, was also aboard, and as this is the sporting Captain's first visit for many years more than ordinary interest attaches to the doings of Dreadnought's son. Both of these horses are located at the Harp of Erin. One of quite another class came by the same boat in Rangefinder, a good and useful member of the second class brigade; as also did the pony Botfly, which is said to be very slippery. The whole of the horses were landed without a scratch.

From *The Australasian* we gather that the Wellington Park-bred Daystar; by Castor—Cissy is now in West Australia, where he is engaged in the Perth Cup with 9.6, to be run on January 2, 1899. If well on the day, Cissy's son should render a good account of himself, as those engaged are not a choice lot taken all round. There are no Waiukus or St. Pauls amongst those over in the "sand-groppers" colony, though Le Var (Lochiel—La Valette) is a wonderfully good horse, yet with 10.5 he has a champion's weight.

The meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club to be held on March 8 and 9 should be one of the big attractions of the autumn, as the programme is a liberal one. Fifteen events have been provided for, namely, seven on the first day and eight on the second, the total amount of added money being £1900. Of that sum £1160 is set aside for the first day, and the balance, £740, for the second day. The Cup this year is worth 600 sovs, the second horse to receive 75 sovs, and the third 25 sovs from the stake. The event is one that should bring about a meeting of our tracks.

The American trainer Huggins has decided to accept the terms offered by Lord William Berosford to remain in England as his private trainer at Heath House, says a London paper. By a private agreement, Lord Berosford has taken over the whole of the yearlings bred by Mr Lorillard, and the four already at Newmarket will shortly be joined by a score more. As regards the horses in training, they will, in accordance with the terms of the partnership, be submitted to public auction on the retirement of Mr Lorillard. It is probable that Sloan will take up residence in England and ride for the stable next year, and there is some talk of another of the crack American jockeys coming over.

In our advertising columns of to-day will be found Mr E. M. Page's advertisement, setting forth particulars of what can be done at the well-known Newmarket forge, or at his branch establishment at Green Lane. Mr Page has now been before the public for over thirty years, and as a farrier, etc., his fame extends throughout the length and breadth of Australasia. During a late visit to Australia Mr Page gathered much useful information concerning the now much-sought-after aluminum shoes, and he has, since his return, considerably improved them, and he desires it known that not only are these aluminum shoes a specialty, but also that they can be had upon short notice. The shoeing of trotters is also made a feature of the establishment, all the latest ideas being well worked up. We may mention that Mr Page does the whole of the shoeing for Mr Chatteris' valuable string, which contains such notable animals as Duke C., Rosebud, Tip-Top, Old Judge, etc. This in itself clearly proves that the Newmarket farrier understands his business. He has a big staff of competent men at all race meetings within a radius of 50 miles. Mr Andrew Downie's (Sydney) patent leather shoe has of late caused a great stir in the Australian colonies, where it is pronounced a boon. We have now much pleasure in informing our readers that Mr Page has been appointed Mr Downie's sole agent in New Zealand for these patent leather shoes. Though but little known here as yet, there is a steadily increasing demand for them, one of the first to be shod with them being Mr John Lennard's favorite, Fabulist, and it is pleasing to hear that the Mangere trainer is delighted with them. Owners and trainers cannot do better than interview Mr Page, who will only be too happy to afford all information on matters concerning all branches of the shoeing business.

Down at St. Hellier's Bay that capital young trainer, Alick Caulton, has again got together a fairly useful string, and despite the absence of St. Gordon, with whom he worked wonders, he may have to be reckoned with ere many months go by. Porangi Potae is too well-known to need comment; suffice it to say that Castor's honest daughter is getting along famously after her recent accident. The Sharper is once more in evidence after a long spell, and this appears to have done Kalo's black son no end of good. The Sharper has only just been taken up, as also has a jumper (steeplechaser) by Bryan O'Lynn. This is a wear-and-tear customer, and if appearances go for anything young Caulton should, with ordinary luck, score a win with him. A chestnut mare by Hotchkiss—Yattaghan (dam of The Afghan) shows great improvement; her trainer is building her up in good style, and if she ever comes back to her two-year-old form, then will she cause No 1. to be hoisted. The two year old by Seaton Delaval from Lady Antrim has been added to the list, and he is one of the wiry brigade.

English files to hand give a full account of Georgic's Cambridgeshire, and the Australian-bred mare, who started at 40 to 1, appears to have had the race safe all the way over the last furlong. Survivor, who is reported as being one of the fittest horses in the field, was never seen near the front at any part of the race, and was not one of the first dozen at the finish. Merman, whose starting price was 10 to 1, ran well, but tired towards the end, finishing sixth, just in front of Newhaven II. The start was a bad one, the second and third favourites—Nunsuch and Pinfold—being practically left at the post. Nunsuch was ridden by Tod Sloan, and it must have been a new and unpleasant experience for him to get away so badly that his chance was completely spoilt. It was probably good luck for Georgic's party that Nunsuch did get left, as the latter subsequently beat the chestnut in the Old Cambridgeshire Handicap when meeting her on only 4lb better terms than on this occasion.

Mr C. H. Fitzgerald's grand trotting colt, Huon Leigh, which was so badly injured in the recent "Elingamite gale," is progressing favorably under the skilful treatment of Mr Veterinary-Surgeon Halstead, but it will be a long time ere Huon's son will be seen on the track. Yes erday it was deemed advisable to remove him to a comfortable paddock at Epsom, and to that end a trolly was, upon the advice of Mr Halstead, called into requisition, as it was feared the walk would be too much for the injured animal.

It seems pretty certain, from the tone of our Hawke's Bay correspondent's letter, that Daunt will not be a starter at the forthcoming Auckland meeting.

Information comes from Christchurch that Social Pest and Female Franchise were to accompany Mr G. G. Stead's horses in the s.s. Waihora. They are, therefore, due here on Sunday next.

The Napier Park horses, Rhino and Moonraker, may be expected in Auckland by the s.s. Waihora on Sunday next. Both horses are reported as being very well.

Mr G. G. Stead's horses are expected to arrive here on Sunday next, and boxes have been engaged at the Harp of Erin Hotel, Ellerslie, for four horses. This will, it is anticipated, be Multiform, Altair, Screw Gun, and Tolstoi.

The pen was put through the name of Miss Rose for the Pony Handicap yesterday. She still remains in the Railway Handicap at 7st 4lb, and at that she has no reason to complain, and when the field gets to the end of the six furlongs the handsome little mare will be found handy.

During the past few weeks at Ellerslie Coronet has been showing as good form as anything on the track, but he has done the same thing before and slipped his backers up. Last year he went very near breaking the watches of the touts in a two-mile spin, but in the Cup he cut an inglorious figure. This year he will have the services of Mark Ryan, who may, perhaps, be able to coax the son of Castor to try.

Djin Djin, Dead Beat, and Cœur de Lion have only done steady work since their arrival at Ellerslie, but they are all well forward, and a gallop or two would quickly wind them up. It is understood that Holmes will ride Djin Djin in the Railway Handicap.

The much-fancied West Coast Cup candidate, Crusoe, is expected to arrive at Ellerslie on Friday next. The son of Cruiser and Satoria is reported to be in fine fettle, and his party are exceedingly confident of being very handy at the finish. Our readers may as well bear in mind that, when in commission, Crusoe seldom fails to catch the judge's eye.

Information from the South conveys the intelligence that the popular colors of the Hon. J. D. Ormond will not be seen at Ellerslie during the coming A.R.C. Meeting. There is much to be regretted, as the public are very fond of the "all cerise," and always follow them religiously, knowing they are sure of a straight run. The happy face of Mr Ormond's trainer, Stewart Waddell will also be much missed in the paddock.

For a chronicle of bad luck the following wagers taken by the Pollard crowd beats anything we have heard for some time. Mr Fred. Duval had the double Hymettus and Wait-a-bit running for £1000, and Wait-a-bit and Tirant d'Eau for £2,250. Mr Pollard had The Graftor and Swordfish for £500, Tirant d'Eau and Target £400, while Mr W. O'Sullivan had Douglas straight out for £1,800, and Douglas and Chasseur for £350. The only win worth speaking of was Mr Duval's double of Tde Graftor and Tirant d'Eau for £100. When it is taken into consideration that Wait-a-bit might have won had he got a good run, the full force of the bad luck experience strikes one.

The old New Zealander, Whakawatea (Aprémont—Becky Sharp) won the Flying Handicap at Canterbury Park, N.S.W., on December 3. He carried 9st 8lb, and was followed home by Blanche Florence (9st) and Nardoo (7st 7lb). A field of fourteen started, and although the time for the six furlongs (1min 18sec) was slow, the performance of Mr Hungerford's old gelding was full of merit. Last week we ventured on the prophecy that the next mail would bring news of a Whakawatea victory, and so it did. He is a wonderful old gelding, owned by a good sportsman, and we wish him many happy returns.

The privileges for the gates, etc., of the Summer Meeting of the A.R.C., as well as the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will be sold at auction by Mr John Churton (of Churton and Co.) to-morrow at 12 noon. Since Mr John Churton has engaged in the auctioneering business he has been singularly successful in giving satisfaction to both buyer and seller, until at present his *chintele* is an exceptionally large one. In dealing with racing matters there is no auctioneer in Auckland so thoroughly *au fait* with the subject, and we are satisfied that both the club and purchasers will have no fault to find when the bargains are completed.

A Christchurch wire notifies that Mr Stead's team of four, viz., Multiform, Altair, Tolstoi, and Screw Gun, were shipped for Auckland by the s.s. Waihora, and they may, therefore, be expected here on Sunday morning next. Accommodation has been secured at the Harp of Erin Hotel for Mr Mason and his valuable charges.

By the success of Georgic in the Cambridgeshire (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*) some of our Australian visitors brought off one of the nicest little coups that have been planned for some time. Backers may have wondered how it was Georgic was never, or very seldom, mentioned in the betting, but the fact is the animal was backed to win some £50,000 long before the Prince Edward Handicap. This the stable knew they had at their mercy, and so confident were they of the mare's abilities that they did not mind putting up a 10lb penalty for the Cambridgeshire. How thoroughly they were justified was apparent from the easy way in which Georgic won.

When Mr Evett issued his weights for the minor events of the Auckland Cup Meeting Mr Lennard expressed himself very dissatisfied with the treatment given his horses, and in consequence he has determined to sell Fabulist and everything else he has an interest in at Mangere.

Mr Thos. Morrin's well-known mare, Sapphire, by The Drummer—Amethyst, has produced a grand filly to Hotchkiss. This leaves only one mare (Valentina) to foal to complete the Wellington Park foalings.

The secretary of the Auckland Racing Club announces in our advertising columns the conditions under which investments on the totalisator will be received at Ellerslie.

Cable advices from Australia convey the intelligence that Mr William Allison, the well-known English sporting man, has purchased from Mr John McMaster, of Casilis, N.S.W., the well-known gelding Oban, by Lochiel from Venusta, by Darebin from Aphrodite, by Kingston (imp.) Oban was bred by Mr A. Busby (owner of Bungebah, etc.), and was sold as a yearling very cheap. He is one of the most brilliant of recent Australians, and a few days ago carried 10st to victory in the Newcastle Cup, doing the mile and a quarter in 2min 11sec.

It will be noticed in our advertising columns that Mr H. W. Hoagland the well-known American veterinary dentist is about to visit Auckland. This gentleman has been touring the Australian colonies for the past three years, and has met with phenomenal success in the treatment of horses' teeth. He claims, and with considerable reason, that many a horse unaccountably becomes poor or unmanageable, and is either treated wrongly for some imagined disease, or catalogued as having a bad temper, when really it is nothing but that the animals' teeth want looking after. He has treated such well-known horses as Newhaven, Grandmaster, Fadladeen, Goldsborough, Splendor, etc. successfully, and all colonial trainers and owners join in testifying to Mr Hoagland's skill.

SWIMMING.

[BY PLUNGER.]

The Auckland Swimming Club are in the field with an attractive programme for a gala on the night of Wednesday, December 21st. The attractions of the evening, very properly, will commence with a ladies race. So far as the accidents of life are concerned it is quite as necessary that a lady should know how to swim as the other sex, and it is to be hoped that the ladies race on this occasion will be a success. The second event is the Ladies' Neat Header. This event might very well have been put lower down on the programme so as to give those ladies who had just competed in the first event a better chance. The other events are the College and Public School Girls' Handicap, 50 yards; Handicap for Boys under 16 years, 72 yards; College and Public School Boys' Handicap, 72 yards; Novice Race, 72 yards; Marshall-Bhrenfried Handicap, 108 yards; Exhibition Handicap, 72 yards; Neat Header (running off spring board over rope), Corfu Dive, and Greasy Boom. The entertainment promises to be a great success, inasmuch as G. Tyler, J. Connelly, and J. Cook intend competing.

I hear that J. Cook is swimming well over 220 yards course and should be heard of in the future.

Connelly is training hard, and it ought to be a great go between Tyler and he when they meet again.

All going well, the A.S.C. intend sending a team to Wanganui early next year to compete in the championship events.

About 200 ladies and gentlemen attended the Farm Cove Baths by invitation last evening to spend "an hour with the Cavill Family" (states a Sydney paper). The baths were well illuminated with acetylene gas, and the movements of the swimmers could be easily followed. No fewer than six of the Cavills—three sisters (the Misses Madeline, Alice, and Freda) and three brothers (Arthur, Sid, and Dick)—took part. The display, which was of a purely private character, must have been a revelation to those who achieve the height of their ambition when they master the art of keeping their heads above water for a few minutes at a stretch, or of swimming from end to end of a bath. The performers did all sorts of apparently impossible feats, shooting through the water as though their splendidly formed limbs were a composition of rubber and cork. An exhibition race between the three young ladies afforded proof of how speed and gracefulness may be combined. In diving, too, they were quite as graceful as their skilful brothers, but the latter proudly demonstrated the comparative weakness of woman by throwing double somersaults from a spring board. One very interesting event was a race over the length of the bath between Arthur Cavill and Sid—both winners of championships—the former having his feet tied. Thus handicapped it was amusing to see how "Tums" ploughed through, and he gave his brother, whose legs were free, plenty to do to defeat him. In a novel aquatic procession the brothers held large Chinese umbrellas over their sisters, who carried fans. For an hour and a half the exhibition lasted, and during the whole of the time there was not a dull moment. Towards the end, a farce, in which "The Honolulu Lady" appeared, created much merriment. Refreshments were served during the display, which was splendidly carried out.

We are in receipt of the Official Handbook and Catalogue of the Auckland Industrial and Mining Exhibition published by Messrs Geddis and Blomfield. The work is excellently got up, well printed and handsomely illustrated. It is of a handy size and conveniently consulted. The contents include a description of the various resources of the North Island, with appropriate pictures, and a full and complete description of the Exhibition. Apart from its worth as a work of reference, it will prove valuable as a memento of the present time.

IMPORTANT SALE OF RACEHORSES

The Celebrated Racehorse, FABULIST, And others of Mr John Lennard's string. Offers will be received privately by JOHN LENNARD, Mangere.

Our Illustrations.

We give a picture of D. Reid, the winner of the Victor Ludorum at the A.A.A. and C.C. Spring Meeting. For those who may not understand the meaning of the term, it may be explained that the Victor Ludorum is awarded to the one who makes the most points in racing during the meeting. Young Reid has only gone in for racing for about six months, and has in that time put up a very creditable record. He was first in the Two Mile Handicap (Ladies' Bracelet), second in the Five Mile Handicap, and third in the Maiden Handicap at the recent Amateur Meeting; first in the Two Mile Handicap at the Exhibition Sports on December 10; and first in the Mile and a half Handicap at the Thames Sports on November 30.

That splendid trotter, Monte Carlo, the property of Messrs Brake and Yates, is depicted. He is undoubtedly the best performer in the sulky in New Zealand. He has a mile record in saddle of 2.22, and a two-mile record in 4.53. Bertie Hughes is depicted driving him.

The photo. of Social Pest, the son of Ahua and Lady Eva, is also given. He has proved himself a substantial winner and a really good horse.

Mr Goodman's black horse, Black and Red, by Maxim—Aqualate, finds a corner. He hails from Dunedin, and in the South has been a good performer.

Miss Gertrude Campian, whose picture appears on the Stage page, is the new *soubrette* and *dansuse* in Pollard's Opera Company. She is a native of Liverpool, and was under engagement to Messrs Williamson and Musgrove for three or four years, during a part of which time she acted as understudy to Miss Ada Reeve in "The Gay Parisienne" and "The French Maid." She joined the Pollard Company with these parts a short time back.

Another reproduction is that of Mr Pittar's fine 36-footer yacht, Rainbow. She is a splendid cruiser, and when we call to mind the easy way in which she won the first-class yacht race at the Shore last Saturday, nothing more need be said about her speed. Rainbow was designed and built by Logan Bros. in their best style, and her principal dimensions are:—Length overall, 50ft; l.w.l., 33ft; beam, 8ft 9in; draught, 7ft.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr W. Ryan, of Wanganui, reports the following business:—

AUCKLAND CUP AND RAILWAY HANDICAP.

- 200 to 5 Crusoe and Okoari
- 200 to 4 Acone and Rex
- 200 to 5 Crusoe and Victoria Cross
- 200 to 6 Crusoe and Daunt
- 200 to 6 Tirant d'Eau and Rex
- 200 to 6 Tirant d'Eau and Okoari
- 200 to 6 Tirant d'Eau and Eton
- 200 to 8 Nestor and Rex
- 200 to 5 Crusoe and Miss Emmy
- 200 to 8 Swordfish and Chasseur
- 200 to 6 Acone and Chasseur
- 100 to 4 Tirant d'Eau and Chasseur
- 100 to 2 Cœur de Lion and Eton
- 100 to 2 Cœur de Lion and Okoari
- 100 to 1 Explosion and Victoria Cross
- 200 to 6 Crusoe and Rex
- 100 to 2 Crusoe and Red Lancer
- 100 to 2 Tirant d'Eau and Red Lancer
- 100 to 8 Crusoe and Red Lancer

Mr B. Cleland reports the following business on the

AUCKLAND CUP.

- 5 to 1 Tirant d'Eau
- 7 to 1 Crusoe
- 7 to 1 Nestor
- 8 to 1 Swordfish
- 8 to 1 Cœur de Lion
- 10 to 1 Ulian
- 10 to 1 Fabulist
- 12 to 1 St. Paul
- 12 to 1 Acone
- 16 to 1 St. Gordon
- 16 to 1 Coronet
- 100 to 5 to 1 the others

AUCKLAND CUP AND RAILWAY HANDICAP.

- 100 to 4 Tirant d'Eau and Rex
- 100 to 4 Tirant d'Eau and Red Lancer
- 100 to 4 Tirant d'Eau and Chas eur

AUCKLAND CUP AND STREPLECHASE.

- 100 to 8 Tirant d'Eau and Rhino
- 100 to 7 Crusoe and Rhino

Training Notes.

AT ELLERSLIE.

There was a large number of horses at work at Ellerslie on Thursday last, when the course proper was thrown open, and, thanks to recent rains, the going was in excellent condition. As usual, Chasfe was one of the first to work, and opened with St. Paul, in whose performance the few touts present were very much interested. He was sent steadily over the Cup distance, the pace at the finish being pretty good. On walking off the course the little horse, who is a perfect glutton for work, appeared quite sound. George Wright sent Explosion and Acone a mile and three-quarter gallop, and they performed very creditably. The black colt, who is very well, was in front at the finish. Nestor, looking in real good nick, covered a couple of circuits in taking style. Nestor just now is galloping very resolutely, and seems to be on the improve every day. Coronet did a clinking good mile and a half gallop, Dayntree, who was entrusted with the task of bringing him home, not being of much use to him. If Coronet could be relied on to show his track form in public he would be well worth backing for the Auckland Cup. St. Peter has improved since he was seen in public at the Spring Meeting, and the style in which he executed six furlongs was full of promise. A large number of others did useful exercise. During the afternoon Seahorse and Laborer were treated to a fast six furlongs in the presence of their owner. Both moved very well, Seahorse just beating his stable mate. Both are very fine colts, capable of a lot of improvement, and they should furnish into promising Derby candidates.

The touts rolled up in numbers on Saturday morning, but were not rewarded with anything very interesting. St. Paul went twice round at a moderate pace, which was improved at the finish, when he had Lady Marion as a companion. Nestor did long, steady work, and Regulus, who is improving, brought the Cup horse home. Panoply, Merry Maid, and Waiorongomai did sound work. Coronet was sent two miles fast, l'ayntree joining in the last round, but the Cup horse easily shook the grey off. Eton and Drum-Major did steady work, while Acone, Explosion, and Miss Emmy rattled over six furlongs in good style, Miss Emmy finishing in front, but Acone could probably have done better. Bluejacket and Canopus put a mile and a quarter behind in a satisfactory manner. Lufra was fairly extended for a circuit, but St. Clements and Picklock only cantered. Korowai negotiated the circuit by herself, Lillie doing likewise. This mare did not finish very well. Rex and Crusade were coupled for a really good gallop, and Hylas and Donneraile followed their example. Auld Reekie and Cannongate worked together, the last-named showing signs of improvement. St. Peter did light work, as also did Seahorse and Laborer. Major George's colts are coming on rapidly. Letitia, Rosella, and Hastings had a flutter, Rosella having the advantage. The Afghan was treated to four furlongs on the outside of the hurdles, and the touts made the performance much more sensational than it really was, it being reported that the distance had been done in 51sec with shoes on. We know, however, that the so-called shoes were racing plates, and the time 51½sec. Nevertheless, this was a great go, and when Harry Franks pronounces the colt fit he will be well worth watching. The jumpers, Nor-West, Tim, and Telephone, were out doing steady work.

Though on Tuesday morning the sky was overcast and matters overhead did not look too assuring, there was a goodly muster of sporting men at the famous convincing ground. The course proper, with the hurdles well out, was thrown open, and it was at once seen that Caretaker Hill had been giving his best attention to the track and that the going was good. Frank Macmanemin set the ball rolling by sending Waiorongomai and Merry Maid a fast mile, which was cast behind in 1min 51sec, the big daughter of Bianca coming well out of the ordeal. Considerable interest was shown when Bluejacket (T. Taylor) and his half-brother, Canopus, stepped on to the track, the former being sent the full Derby distance. Canopus endeavored to make the pace in the first mile, but in this he was not successful, as St. Leger's son was running over him; then St. Lawrence joined in, and a merry run home resulted, St. Lawrence finishing slightly in front. The gallop was a good one, and it may be that Bluejacket in the coming "blue ribbon" event may cause a change for the better in his owner's luck. Jack Chasfe was next on hand with St. Paul, who was sent a go over a mile and three-quarters. A youngster took him along for the first part, and then his sister, St. Ursula, brought him home. The gallop, which was on the tan, was a fairly good one, yet it did not please the "talent;" but as the veteran was satisfied it may be taken for granted that all was right. At any rate, the public's favorite walked away as sound as a bell. Adam Byers sent Nestor by himself over the Cup distance; at first he went in a very lazy fashion, but warming up, he finished in good style, and left the track sound and well. The evergreen Panoply, assisted by Volcano and Lady Howitz, essayed the Cup distance, and the old Splendor—Esperance gelding completed the distance in 3min 51sec—not a bad go by any means. The old chap is very well just now. That gay deceiver, Coronet, once more gave proof of his ability to gallop, and also showed that he is well by simply romping over Eton in a sterling gallop, the first mile of which was cast aside in 1min 50½sec. Rumor bath it that the son of Castor—Necklace will carry Mark Ryan in the Cup. A buzz of excitement announced the advent of the N.Z. Cup winner, Tirant d'Eau, and Cœur de Lion. Fast work was not their mission, little better than half pace being deemed sufficient. The N.Z. Cup winner is only a little fellow, but Percy Martin has got him very well, and he is a nice mover. Captain Russell's horse, Cœur de Lion, is, however, a big, strapping fellow, and can evidently use his legs. An awkward action behind does not please onlookers, but "handsome is as handsome does," and Dreadnought's big son may take some beating in the big event. Acone, with a light weight, was responsible for a mile and a half in 2min 54sec, which was cast behind in good style, Explosion, who went with him, being "lost to sight and memory dear," while St. Hippo, who joined in, tailed off hopelessly. Wright has the first two horses looking very well. Miss Rose was altogether too good for Miss Emmy and Lillie in a six-furlong spin, which took 1min 22sec. Buchanan, however, on Miss Emmy, did not finish too vigorously, else much better time would have been recorded. Record Reign, with J. Gallagher in the saddle, went nicely in a good, striding gallop over something like a mile and a half, and gained many friends thereby. During the morning nothing went better than Rex, who dusted down Thelma over six furlongs in 1min 23½sec. The chestnut is very well just now, and was evidently anxious to go faster than his rider cared for. Rex should win a race at the coming meeting. Red Lancer created a very favorable impression by the manner in which he scampered over a mile in 1min 50sec, going well within himself all the way. Djin-Djin strode over two rounds at a good working pace, and is evidently a worthy representative of the Pollard Company. The southern Derby candidate, Conspirer, was restricted to steady work, and Cateby's son is a nice mover. Wright put Rosella, Hastings, and Letitia together for five furlongs, but the former made hacks of her companions, and this, too, in only moderate time. Much more pleasing was a spin over the same distance by Seahorse, in which Nelson's son finished like a tradesman. St. Peter covered six furlongs in 1min 24sec, and the brother to St. Paul finished up as if he liked a distance. He is coming on nicely. The ancient

Maggie was on the tan for half-pace work, doing three steady rounds. He looks well, and is full of life. Fair Nell and Crusade took 1min 5sec to cover a mile, and they finished fairly well. Donneraile lost Hylas in a spin of once round, and the latter's Derby chance may after this be wiped out of mind. Archduke, Bacchus, and another called Augria rattled over a merry five furlongs, with but little to choose between the first two. Dayntree and Drum-Major covered six furlongs at a good pace, and there was not much in it at the finish. Kapai had Dingo for a mate over the steeplechase fences, and both went well, the little grey jumping magnificently, and with the least bit of luck he will repay John Booth his purchase money at the first time of asking. Amongst others to do useful work were Cannongate, Auld Reekie, Knight of Athol, The Afghan, Telephone, and Lady Marion.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTERBURY.

Malatua's prospects at Manawatu A slump in racing matters—Hobbs' team—Dan O'Brien's horses—Tattersall's Rosehill Consultation—The Trotting Club's entries—C.J.C. monthly meeting—The South Island Trotting Association.

CHRISTCHURCH, December 13.

Malatua (6.13) reads well in the Manawatu Cup, one mile and a half, but whether O'Brien will send him up North or to Dunedin I cannot say at present.

There is a slump in racing matters in Christchurch just now. Very few horses are in training at Riccarton, and after the Christchurch Racing Club Meeting, which takes place on Friday and Saturday this week, a number of those will go to other parts for the Christmas-holiday race meetings.

Hobbs has the members of his team in good fettle, and the stable will be well represented at Dunedin. Bloomer is shaping the best of the lot, and if she runs up to the form she is now showing on the training track Hobbs should win a race or two with her shortly.

Skirmisher is also striding along nicely, and Riccarton trainers would not begrudge Lunn a few wins with the old son of Vanguard.

Dan O'Brien's team, consisting of Heritas, Malatua, and Peerage, are worked up daily, and when they are thoroughly wound up they will win races. I have frequently heard it said that neither of the three horses are anything more than second or even third raters. I do not agree with those who have expressed this opinion, for both Malatua and Peerage are exceptionally well bred, and have every appearance of turning out racehorses, if not now, in a short time. Malatua and Peerage will both race at the Christchurch meeting at the end of the week. I think they will each win a race.

A Christchurch resident drew Truth in Tattersall's consultation on the Rosehill Stakes, run on Saturday.

The Canterbury Trotting Club has received capital nominations. Among the horses entered are Fritz and Sunshine. The property of Mr J. A. Buckland, of New South Wales. It was expected that both Fritz and Monte Carlo would be nominated for the Puras of 100 sovs, to be given to the owner of the horse that can trot one mile in 2min 15sec or under, but Fritz is the only one that is going to make the attempt. Monte Carlo has improved greatly since Fritz was here in May last, but is better over a two-mile course. For the Addington Handicap (two miles in harness), Fritz, Monte Carlo, Sam Slick, Jessie, Palm, Polly, Huon, Rosewood, and Harold B. have been entered.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club was held on Tuesday last. Trainers licenses were granted to G. McLeod, R. Longley and James Harris. Applications from E. Hussey and G. S. Powell, for jockeys licenses, were held over. The disqualification of E. Moran was removed. An application for the removal of the disqualification of the horses that took part at unregistered meetings was declined. The committee decided to pay the funeral expenses of the late jockey, A. McDonald, but decided not to recognise any account for funeral expenses exceeding £8, except under special circumstances. The sum of £10 was voted R. Kingate, who was injured while riding at the last meeting.

The South Island Trotting Association has a credit balance of £153. At the meeting of delegates, held last week, it was decided to endorse the disqualification passed by the Lancaster Park Amateur Trotting Club on the mare Tarawera and owner P. Maloney for life.

The stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club have held several meetings to enquire into a charge of misconduct laid against Jockey P. White. Further evidence has yet to be taken before any decision can be arrived at. The case will be heard again to-morrow at 2 p.m.

OTAGO.

Death of Prime Warden—Scratching of Motto—Mountebank—The Hon. J. McLean's stables—The new course of the D.J.C.—Fulmen—Plotter.

DUNEDIN, December 13.

Prime Warden died about a week ago in Southland, when located at the stud.

Mr Stead's mare Motto was scratched on Monday for the Otago Cup.

Mountebank has been added to the list of geldings.

"The Special Commissioner" passed through here in the Talune, on a visit to your city.

Mr B. Curtis has taken up the mare Zephyr. She is looking well after her spell.

The Hon J. McLean has decided to build stables near the Wingatui course, consisting of nine loose-boxes, feed house, etc., also an eight-roomed house adjoining the stables.

Good judges say that when completed the D.J.C. new course will be the best in the colony. Every one that visits it comes away highly pleased with it and the surroundings.

Fulmen is a decided favorite for the Otago Cup, and he is no doubt very kindly treated with 7st 11lb. In the Manawatu Cup he has a pound less, and, it being a more valuable race, it is common talk here that he may go up, but I doubt it much myself.

A horse that in my impression has regained the good form he once or twice displayed is Plotter, and I shall not be at all surprised to see him go near winning the Otago Cup.

Murray Hobbs has engaged loose-boxes at Forbury, and will be represented by Dundas, Bloomer, Bizarre, Bristol, and Hermosa.

There is very little double betting over the Cup and Federal. For the latter race, Benson, Brisa, and Blazer are the favorite pick.

HAWKES BAY.

The recovery of Coolgardie—Jadoo—St. Katherine—Rhino and Pistol Grip not going to Auckland—Moonraker's visit—Daunt and Target.

NAPIER, December 13.

Coolgardie, who has been on the retired list for some time through coming in contact with a wire fence, has nearly recovered from his mishap, and though one of his hind legs bears evidence of the conflict, it is not expected that it will interfere with his progression in the future. His relaxation from labor does not seem to have had any detrimental effect upon him, for he looks real well. One of his stable associates, the rising three-year-old black filly by Strowan from Nora, came under my notice yesterday, and since I saw her last some three months ago she has blossomed out greatly, and has lost that weedy, lathy appearance that was one of her bad features then.

Jadoo, under Fred Collins' supervision, journeys to Gisborne next Friday to fulfil her engagements at the summer meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club, whose venture takes place on the 26th and 27th of this month. The sensational dividend producer is in great buckle.

St. Katherine, one of Captain Russell's brood mares, has added to that gen's possessions by presenting him with a chestnut colt to Gold Reef. She visits the same sire again this season. The same sportsman's filly, Ekaterina Passecapoulo, has been relegated to the paddock.

Neither Rhino or Pistol Grip will be in evidence at the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club. Moonraker, who received his education in the same stable, is booked to leave here by the Waihora for Auckland next Friday. The brown son of The Assyrian has a muscular, hardy look about him which betokens that his mentor has not been idle with him.

Harry Moore has severed his connection with George Hope's establishment, and for the future Missfire will not have his services in the saddle.

Should the weights allotted to Daunt and Target at Manawatu and Hastings be of a satisfactory nature, I opine that they will be absentees from the Auckland Summer Meeting. The pair are entered at Manawatu and Hastings besides having accepted at Auckland.

Orizaba's fore-pin that he went wrong in about a month ago, has been giving more trouble than was anticipated at the time. His trainer, T. Jones, has had his string augmented by the presence of a nice-looking five-year-old chestnut mare by Henchman. The new-comer arrived from Mahia last week, and she will, I believe, make her appearance at the annual Wairoa Meeting next year.

After the Races.

EAST TAMAKI MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

The annual East Tamaki Hack Race Meeting was held on Mr A. R. Harris' farm on Saturday afternoon, and attracted not only a good local attendance, but also numerous visitors from Auckland. These meetings every year seem to become more popular, probably for the reason that there is much of the picnic nature about the proceedings, and moreover the drive through the green Tamaki country at this season of the year is truly delightful. It was so on Saturday, and although there was nothing sensational or exciting about the sport during the afternoon, it was of an enjoyable nature, only one thing occurring during the afternoon—that being an accident to My Sweetheart in the last race of the day—to mar the pleasure of the outing. To see Mr Harris in the judge's box is always a pleasure, but to see him at home enhances the enjoyment of those who pass that way. On Saturday he was in the judge's box, and at home also; and needless to say his decisions were given with that promptness and correctness which has gained for him the reputation of being a first-class judge. He was well assisted by his stewards, and notably by the starter, Mr R. L. Absolum, who handles the red flag well. The following are the details of the day's racing:—

HANDICAP HURDLES of 5 sovs. Three times round the course.

Mr J. Sommers' b g Andy, 10.0	...	1
Kia Ora, 12.2	...	2
Pembroke, 11.4	...	3

Betting—2 to 1 on Kia Ora, 6 to 4 Andy, 5 to 1 Pembroke.

Won by a length and a half. PONY RACE HANDICAP of 3½ sovs. About six furlongs.

Mr H. Patterson's ch g Marvellous, 9.9 ... 1 Marquis, 10.0 ... 2 Little Jim (late Luck-at-Last), 9.0 ... 3

Betting—Even money Marquis, 2 to 1 Amateur, 4 to 1 Marvellous. Won by half a length.

HANDICAP HACK RACE of 3 sovs. Twice round the course.

St. Peter, 9.9 ... 1 Manola, 9.12 ... 2 Stockman, 10.5 ... 3

Betting—Even money Stockman, 3 to 1 Mahogany Jack, 5 to 1 St. Peter.

Won by three lengths. EAST TAMAKI HANDICAP of 8 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Mr H. Watkinson's b g Kia Ora, 12.3 ... 1 Bonquet, 11.3 ... 2 Andy, 10.3 ... 3

Betting—Even money Sweetheart, 4 to 1 Kia Ora and Bonquet, 5 to 1 Mistake and Andy.

A good race, Kia Ora gaining the verdict by half a length. HANDICAP TROT of 3½ sovs. Three times round the course.

Doone, 15sec ... 1 Katie, 40sec ... 2 Nellie, 20sec ... 3

Betting—2 to 1 on the field. There was a novelty in this race, inasmuch as Miss E. Abbott rode her own nomination, Eric.

She succeeded in getting a lot of pace out of her horse, but three-quarters of a mile from home Doone got on terms and never left the issue in doubt.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 3½ sovs. Once round the course.

Mr F. E. Cooney's Mistake, 9.0 ... 1 Dick, 10.2 ... 2 Little Jim (late Luck-at-Last), 9.0 ... 3

Betting—Even money Dick, 3 to 1 Mistake, 5 to 1 Amateur and Stenson.

Mistake won by a length. When half the distance had been traversed, My Sweetheart collided with another horse and fell. The fall ricked her back, and although she had not been destroyed when the visitors left, it is doubtful if she will survive the accident.

Notes for Owners and Trainers

Acceptances are due to-morrow for the following events to be decided at the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting:—Maiden Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Christmas Handicap, Nursery Handicap, and Pony Cup.

On the same date the secretary of the Thames Jockey Club announces that acceptances for the following events must be made:—Maiden Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Goldfields Cup, Miners' Purse, First Handicap Steeplechase, Railway Handicap, Stewards' Handicap, and Hauraki Handicap.

On Friday, December 23, entries must be made for the Takapuna Cup, T.J.C. Handicap, and First Steeplechase.

The third payment, 2 sovs, for the Auckland Trotting Club's Exhibition Cup must be made before 10 p.m. to-morrow. So as to popularise trotting it is to be hoped that owners will respond liberally. The final payment, 2 sovs, for this event is due at the post on Dec. 24.

A VISIT TO YALDHURST.

[BY PETRONEL.]

Yaldhurst is a magical name. The mere mention of the famous stable from which so many notable performers have gone forth to cover themselves with glory, is sufficient to make the ordinary man's blood course a little quicker, but if one has anything approaching a regard for thoroughbred the sound of Yaldhurst occasions something very much akin to emotion.

At the present time Yaldhurst is in possession of probably one of the best horses of the New Zealand turf has known, besides numerous others of most aristocratic breeding; therefore, I am sure a brief account of a visit to Mr G. G. Stead's training quarters will be of interest to readers of the REVIEW. At Cup time "Spectator" had promised to run me out to see Mr Mason and his charges, and on my return from the South I was not slow to avail myself of his offer.

We rode behind a good old chestnut mare, a winner "once upon a time," and a great favorite with her master. 'Tis a pretty drive from Christchurch to Yaldhurst, though everlasting levelness of country may prove a trifle insipid to those hailing from the more lofty parts of the colony. All the same, there is a very English look about the district, and to one from the Old Land it is especially attractive.

Spade Guinea, who won the New Zealand Cup of '86 for the owner of Yaldhurst; of Victoria, a workmanlike-looking grey; and of the late Mr Vallance, Mr Mason's partner, who was drowned in a shipwreck upon the New Zealand coast.

In the first box we visit is a three-year-old chestnut son of Blairgowrie out of Abydos, by old Nelson. He is a hardy-looking sort, with a strong set of legs. Mr Wilfred Stead has had a lot of work out of him in one week, having ridden him 300 miles.

Sant Ilario is in the next box, and the St. Leger—Cissy colt has grown into an immense fellow. Long, level, and very powerful, the bay must have rosy prospects before him. I do not suppose he will be raced until the autumn, as owing to youthful ardor he scratched one of his hind feet jumping the water-race and fence.

The accident will only delay his advent on the turf, upon which Sant Ilario should prove a shining light, and quickly gain the 900 guineas paid for him at the last Wellington Park sale. Nantes, a brown filly by Stepniak out of Huguenot, purchased by Mr Stead for 50 guineas as a yearling, is a pretty looking filly.

She is entered in several races at the coming Auckland summer meeting. If Tolstoi does not make the journey north, she will play a good second to Screw Gun. The filly looks a racer, and is bred well enough to win.

Screw Gun, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, is the next one of note. The chestnut colt has made improvement since the metropolitan meeting, and I fancy Dan McLeod's gallant little filly, Miss Delaval, will have her work out to take down the number of Mr Stead's colt.

Still we all know how well Seaton Delaval's youngster finishes, and I hope a gallant struggle will be seen when they meet. The two-year-old gelding, Courtier, by St. Leger out of Adulation, is in the next box. A very powerful fellow this, showing a tremendous amount of bone. He is a fine specimen of the thoroughbred, and like all inmates of Yaldhurst possesses a very taking manner.

"Here's the crack," says the boy, and as the door of his box opens Multiform turns a lazy, enquiring eye in our direction. The son of Hotchkiss and Formo is not looking so big as when he won the Canterbury Cup, and his appearance is all the better for being a little finer in condition. Aucklanders will see a great horse in the Auckland Plate, and will be able to judge for themselves as to whether I err when I say I have never seen a more intelligent looking animal.

His head is simply beautiful, and he has his sire's full mane. He has superb shoulders, almost as wide as that of a fatted bullock, and perfect quarters. Some judges do not like Multiform's forelegs, but they have never interfered with his galloping power, and handsome as is handsome does. After Multiform we interview Altair, the Canterbury Derby winner. He has almost completely recovered from the accident which prevented him starting in the New Zealand Cup, and by the time he reaches Auckland to try conclusions with Bluejacket, Explosion, and Co., I should say he will be in good trim.

Part of his foot was cut clean away, and it speaks well for the gameness of Daystar's full-brother when we remember how bravely he accomplished his task in the Derby. Now for Conqueror. It will be remembered how the Medallion—Siesta colt broke down in the Champagne Stakes at the Canterbury Autumn Meeting. Conqueror has been out in a paddock until quite recently. He is now in gentle work, and it is to be hoped that his recovery is permanent, for a finer looking three-year-old it would be difficult to find.

He has developed wonderfully, and is now an immensely powerful horse with grand shape and splendid carriage. His legs and feet appear to be as sound as a bell, and beyond visible signs of firing there is nothing in appearance to lead me to suppose that a resurrected cripple was being inspected. Of course he has been training himself in a paddock, and I hope sincerely that all will continue well with him.

Motto, by Medallion out of Marion, we now pay our respects to. The chestnut vixen in the Canterbury Oaks is in blooming health and condition. She will make the journey to Dunedin, and I expect she will make a bold bid for victory in the Otago Cup. She has only 7.7 to carry, and as she has shown ability she should make an excellent fight with Fulmen and Dundas.

It is rather curious that Motto was to have been sold last autumn when Mr Stead had his usual weeding-out sale. The filly had no shoes on at the time, and that fact caused her to remain at Yaldhurst. Such is the luck of the squire. A nice out of a colt is Skobeloff, by Stepniak, and St. Lucia, by St. Leger out of Hilda, is a pretty filly. Tolstoi, by Stepniak—Fairy Maid, Screw Gun's conqueror at the metropolitan meeting, was enjoying himself in a paddock, and Benzoin, by Friar's Balsam from a Bendigo Lady Paramount mare, was also taking the air.

He is a lop-eared brown of small size, but he showed pace in the Stewards' Handicap. Mr Mason's place is a charming one. He has a beautiful little garden, with heaps of roses and a pretty lawn, where I suppose the cracks have paraded at different times before admiring critics.

Going home we drove through Fendalton, one of the choicest suburbs in Christchurch. It was a delightful drive, and a fit ending to a splendid afternoon.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 28, JANUARY 2 AND 3.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, seven furlongs—Chasseur, Lufra, Porangi Potae, Mantle, Cannongate, Daytree, Miss Anna, Doctor, Firefly, Roxana, St Clements, Lady Marion, Canopus, Moonraker, Victoria Cross, Waiorongomai, St Elmo, Acone, Rex, Crusade, Battlexe, Rangefinder, Record Reign, Miss Rose, Miss Rose, Miss Rose, Castashore, Dark Rose, Lillie, Djin-Djin, Red Lancer.

HURDLE RACE, two miles—Dante, Anita, Telephone, Social Pest, Cairo, Rhino, Nor-west, Tim, Woodcock, Kapai, Dummy. CRITERION HANDICAP, six furlongs—Halberdier, Miss Delaval, Deadbeat, Bluecap, St Peter, Screw Gun, Rosella, Hastings, Letitia, Whitlock, Laborer, Seahorse. WELTER HANDICAP, one mile—Korowai, Doctor, Drum Major, Roxana, Brilliant, Conspirer, St Gordon, Brigham Young, Victoria Cross, Regulus, Admiral Hawke, Merry Maid, Panopy, Tiki, Shamrock, Acone, Crusade, Hylas, Cavalier, Rangefinder, Miss Emmy, Lillie. WAITEMATA HANDICAP, one mile and a distance—St Lawrence, Reaction, Hairy Legs, Doctor, Conspirer, Canopus, Donneraile, Regulus, Admiral Hawke, Archduke, Volcano, Lieutenant. PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs—Repetition, Morceau, Little Wonder, Fairy, Brown Mantle (dead), Leona, Lady Howitzer, Liberty, Fair Nell, Temptation, Ranguru, Botfly, Miss Rose, Roy, The Slave, Bavaria. VISITORS' PLATE, five furlongs—St Anton, Drum Major, Solo, The Afghan, Deadbeat, Delia Rose, Bacchus, Bluecap, St Jack, Milo, St Ursula, Nantes, Rosella, Letitia, Hastings, Laborer. GLASGOW HANDICAP, seven furlongs—Chasseur, Lufra, Supplejack, Porangi Potae, Eton, Cannongate, Miss Anna, Doctor, Roxana, Lady Marion, Canopus, Moonraker, Victoria Cross, Waiorongomai, St Elmo, Acone, Rex, Crusade, Battlexe, Rangefinder, Record Reign, Miss Emmy, Castashore, Boadicea, Lillie, Doris, Red Lancer, Miss Rose. NEW YEAR HURDLES, two miles—Dante, Anita, Telephone, Social Pest, Cairo, Rhino, Tim, Woodcock Maid of Honour, Kapai, Dummy, Cumberland, Nor-west. MIDSUMMER HANDICAP, five furlongs—St Anton, Queen Ann, Halberdier, Miss Delaval, The Afghan, Deadbeat, Bacchus, Bluecap, St Peter, Screw Gun, Nantes, Rosella, Letitia, Hastings, Laborer, Seahorse. COUNTY HANDICAP, six furlongs—Chasseur, Picklock, Supplejack, Blairina, Porangi Potae, Reaction, Eton, Cannongate, Cuirassette, Atalanta, Solo, Brilliant, St Clements, Female Franchise, Lady Marion, Moonraker, Victoria Cross, Bellman, St Innis, Waiorongomai, Tyrone, St Elmo, St Jack, Rex, Crusade, Battlexe, Okoite, Milo, St Ursula, Wellington, Record Reign, Miss Emmy, Miss Rose, Castashore, Dark Rose, Djin-Djin, Doris, Red Lancer. PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs—Repetition, Lena, Morceau, Pearl L., Little Wonder, Semolina, Fairy, Brown Mantle (dead), Lady Howitzer, Liberty, Fair Nell, Temptation, Ranguru, Botfly, Miss Rose, Boadicea, The Leona, Slave, Bavaria. MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile and a distance—St Lawrence, Mantle, Drum Major, Doctor, Delia Rose, Canopus, Donneraile, Brigham Young, Regulus, Admiral Hawke, Snider, Archduke, Volcano, Tiki, Boadicea, Lieutenant, The Needle. ASCOT HANDICAP, one mile—Lufra, Supplejack, Porangi Potae, St Lawrence, Mantle, Eton, Miss Anna, Firefly, Roxana, Female Franchise, Lady Marion, Conspirer, Canopus, St Gordon, Donneraile, Moonraker, Brigham Young, Victoria Cross, Regulus, Admiral Hawke, St Elmo, Crusade, Hylas, Battlexe, Rangefinder, Record Reign, Miss Rose, Castashore, Lieutenant, Lillie, Doris. SYLVIA HANDICAP, six furlongs—Paneller, Halberdier, Queen Ann, The Afghan, Deadbeat, Bacchus, Bluecap, St Peter, Screw Gun, Nantes, Miss Delaval, Rosella, Letitia, Hastings, Whitlock, The Laborer, Seahorse. GRANDESTAND HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter—Porangi Potae, Coronet, Auld Reekie, Miss Anna, Fabulist, Uhlans, Nestor, Waiorongomai, Panopy, Acone, Rex, Crusade, Hylas, Crusoe, Tirant d'Eau, Battlexe, Okoari, St Paul Explosion, Castashore, Boadicea, Swordfish, Djin-Djin, Red Lancer. NEWMARKET HANDICAP, six furlongs—Chasseur, Picklock Blairina, Porangi Potae, Eton, Cannongate, Cuirassette, Doctor, Firefly, Brilliant, St Clements, Lady Marion, Donneraile, Moonraker, Victoria Cross, Bellman, Try Me St Elmo, Acone, St Jack, Rex, Hylas, Battlexe, Okoari, Milo, St Ursula, Record Reign, Miss Rose, Miss Emmy, Castashore, Dark Rose, Djin-Djin, Doris, Red Lancer. AUCKLAND PLATE, one mile and a half—Drum Major, Fabulist, Conspirer, Bluejacket, Nestor, Hylas, Crusoe, Coeur de Lion, St Paul Multiform, Altair, Explosion, Castashore, Djin-Djin. PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs—Repetition, Lena, Morceau, Pearl L., Little Wonder, Semolina, Fairy, Lady Howitzer, Brown Mantle (dead), Liberty, Fair Nell, Temptation Ranguru, Botfly, Miss Rose, Roy, Faithful, Fidget, The Slave, Bavaria, Siette.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING, 1900. AVONDALE GUINEAS of 150 sovs, one mile. Messrs Nathans' ch c, by St. Hippo—Campania. Messrs Nathans' b c, by Seaton Delaval—Leocant. Messrs Nathans' ch c, by Seaton Delaval—Sybil. Messrs Nathans' br c, by St. Leger—Sunbeam. Messrs Nathans' br f, by St. Hippo—Liquidation. Messrs Nathans' br f, by St. Hippo—Stepfeldt. Messrs Nathans' ch f, by St. Leger—Charente. Messrs Nathans' b f, by St. Hippo—Innisfall. Messrs Nathans' b f, by St. Hippo—Waitemata. Messrs Nathans' b f, by St. Hippo—Bellona. Messrs Nathans' ch f, by St. Leger—Bellona. Messrs Nathans' br g, by St. Hippo—Jadestone. Messrs Nathans' b g, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Letty. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by Cuirassier—Ganza. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by Hotchkiss—St. Mary. Mr Thomas Morrins' ch f, by Hotchkiss—Weazel. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by Castor—Sunrise. Mr Thomas Morrins' g f, by Castor—Vivandiere. Mr Thomas Morrins' ch f, by St. Leger—Lady Evelyn. Mr Thomas Morrins' b f, by St. Leger—Brown Alice. Mr Thomas Morrins' b f, by St. Leger—Bangle. Mr Thomas Morrins' b c, by St. Leger—Eve. Mr Thomas Morrins' br f, by Cuirassier—Valentina. Mr Thomas Morrins' br f, by Cuirassier—Yataghan. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by St. Leger—Ladybird. Mr John Chaafe's b f St Olga, by St Leger—Satanella. Mr John Chaafe's b f Alwina, by Hotchkiss—Prestissimo. Major F. Nelson George's ch f, by Nelson—Moonga. Major F. Nelson George's ch f, by Nelson—Hestia. Mr Donald McKinnon's b c, by Flintlock—Dreamland. Mr R. Thorpe's br f, by Seaton Delaval—St Elza. Mr W. Walters' br f, by Soul—Rose and White. Mr E. F. Roche's ch f Goldweb, by St Hippo—Cobweb. Mr E. F. Roche's b g Fairy House, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Moth. Mr John G. Ralph's br f Lady Avon, by Soul—First Love. Mr N. Dickey's b g Brookland, by Bruckley—Migoulet. Mr N. Dickey's br g, by Soul—Swiftsure. Mr O. C. McGee's ch g Captain Jack, by Fabulous—Lady Hamilton. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Cressina. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Fishgirl. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Leonia. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Lady Emmeline. Mr W. Walters' br f, by Soul—Muskerina. Mr W. Walters' br f, by Soul—Hotcherina. Mr W. F. Massey's ch c, by Fabulous—Acasia. Mr John Lennard's br c, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose. Mr John Lennard's b f, by Fabulous—Margery. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Takapuna, by St Hippo—Anna. Messrs R. and R. Duder's b f, by Cuirassier—Miss Stead. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br f, by Cuirassier—Hune. Mr T. B. Bell's br c, by Hotchkiss—Mantilla. Mr T. B. Bell's br c, by Hotchkiss—Pandora. Mr T. B. Bell's br f, by Hotchkiss—Reproach.

Mr Thomas Morrins' g f, by Castor—Vivandiere. Mr Thomas Morrins' ch f, by St Leger—Lady Evelyn. Mr Thomas Morrins' b f, by St Leger—Brown Alice. Mr Thomas Morrins' b f, by St Leger—Bangle. Mr Thomas Morrins' b c, by St Leger—Eve. Mr Thomas Morrins' br f, by Cuirassier—Valentina. Mr Thomas Morrins' br f, by Cuirassier—Yataghan. Mr Thomas Morrins' br c, by St Leger—Ladybird. Mr John Chaafe's b f St Olga, by St Leger—Satanella. Mr John Chaafe's b f Alwina, by Hotchkiss—Prestissimo. Major F. Nelson George's ch f, by Nelson—Moonga. Major F. Nelson George's ch f, by Nelson—Hestia. Mr Donald McKinnon's b c, by Flintlock—Dreamland. Mr Donald McKinnon's b f, by Flintlock—Taipouri. Mr John G. Ralph's br f Lady Avon, by Soul—First Love. Mr N. Dickey's b g Brookland, by Bruckley—Migoulet. Mr N. Dickey's br g, by Soul—Swiftsure. Mr O. C. McGee's ch g Captain Jack, by Fabulous—Lady Hamilton. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Cressina. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Fishgirl. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Leonia. Mr W. Walters' br c, by Soul—Lady Emmeline. Mr W. Walters' br f, by Soul—Muskerina. Mr W. Walters' br f, by Soul—Hotcherina. Mr W. F. Massey's ch c, by Fabulous—Acasia. Mr John Lennard's br c, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose. Mr John Lennard's b f, by Fabulous—Margery. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Takapuna, by St Hippo—Anna. Messrs R. and R. Duder's b f, by Cuirassier—Miss Stead. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br f, by Cuirassier—Hune. Mr T. B. Bell's br c, by Hotchkiss—Mantilla. Mr T. B. Bell's br c, by Hotchkiss—Pandora. Mr T. B. Bell's br f, by Hotchkiss—Reproach.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 28, JANUARY 2 AND 3.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 500 sovs. Six furlongs. Mr R. Blaikie's b c St Louis, by St Leger—Muskerina ... 8 10. Mr J. Chaafe's b c St Peter, by St Leger—Satanella ... 8 10. Major F. N. George's br c Laborer, by The Workman—Sister Agnes ... 8 10. Major F. N. George's ch c Seahorse, by Nelson—Moonga ... 8 10. Mr W. Humm's b c, by Catesby—Rosaland ... 8 10. Mr W. Humm's b c, by Catesby—Wai ... 8 10. Hon. H. Mosman's ch c The Afghan, by St Leger—Yataghan ... 8 10. Mr L. D. Nathan's ch c Hastings, by Seaton Delaval—Liquidation ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Screw Gun, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's br g Tolstoi, by Stepniak—Fairy Maid ... 8 5. Mr D. A. McLeod's b f Miss Delaval, by Seaton Delaval—Campania ... 8 5. Mr J. Chaafe's ch f St Lyr, by St Leger—Lyrelinus ... 8 5. Mr L. D. Nathan's ch f Rosella, by Seaton Delaval—Roie ... 8 5.

AUCKLAND CUP of 1000 sovs. Two miles. Mr J. Chaafe's b h St Paul, 5yrs ... 9 3. Mr A. E. Byers' ch h Nestor, 5yrs ... 9 0. Mrs J. Lennard's br h Fabulist, 6yrs ... 8 11. Mr S. Bradley's blk h Swordfish, 5yrs ... 8 7. Mr S. H. Gollan's ch g Tirant d'Eau, 4yrs ... 8 5. Captain Russell's ch h Coeur de Lion, 5yrs ... 8 2. Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch h Daunt, 4yrs ... 8 0. Mr J. George's br g Crusoe, 6yrs ... 7 12. Mr S. Bradley's br g Impulse, aged ... 7 11. Mr J. C. Booth's ch g Rex, 6yrs ... 7 10. Mr A. Davis' ch g Acone, aged ... 7 9. Mr E. J. Evans' b h Coronet, 4yrs ... 7 7. Mr W. D. Platts' ch g Castashore, 6yrs ... 7 6. Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch h Target, 5yrs ... 7 3. Mr C. F. Telfer's b h St Gordon, 5yrs ... 7 4. Mr L. D. Nathan's blk c Explosion, 3yrs ... 7 4. Mr J. W. Russell's br g Paupoly, aged ... 7 0. Mrs Budget's br c Bluejacket, 3yrs ... 6 12. Mr J. H. Steed's br g Hylas, 3yrs ... 6 11. Mr J. J. Russell's b h Uhlans, 4yrs ... 6 9. Mr G. Richardson's br g Pistol Grip, 6yrs ... 6 8. Mr J. G. Ralph's b h Donneraile, 4yrs ... 6 7. Mr A. A. Phillips' gr h Knight of Athol, 4yrs ... 6 7. Messrs R. and R. Duder's b m Miss Anna, 4yrs ... 6 7.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 300 sovs. Six furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch h Daunt, 4yrs ... 9 7. Mr J. C. Booth's ch g Rex, 6yrs ... 9 3. Mr J. T. Moore's br h Chasseur, 4yrs ... 8 9. Mr E. A. Joel's b g Red Lancer, 6yrs ... 8 9. Mr J. Roulstone's b h Record Reign, 4yrs ... 8 6. Mr E. J. Evans' b h Eton, 4yrs ... 8 0. Mr L. D. Nathan's br m Miss Emmy, 4yrs ... 8 0. Mr G. Richardson's br g Moonraker, aged ... 7 12. Mr E. Cutts' b g Djin-Djin, 3yrs ... 7 10. Mr J. E. Thorpe's br m Lillie, aged ... 7 9. Mr F. Watson's bm Okoari, 4yrs ... 7 8. Mr A. S. Caulton's b m Porangi Potae, 5yrs ... 7 7. Mr L. D. Nathan's br m Miss Rose, 4yrs ... 7 4. Mr T. Connop's ch f Victoria Cross, 3yrs ... 6 10. Mr J. Chaafe's b f St Ursula, 3yrs ... 6 8. Mrs J. Lennard's ch g Brilliant, 4yrs ... 6 8.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs. One mile and a half. Mrs Budget's br c Bluejacket, by St Leger—Antelope ... 8 10. Mr A. E. Byers' b c Regulus, by Regal—Tamora ... 8 10. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Drum Major, by Cuirassier—Hune ... 8 10. Mr Wm. Grey's b c St Lawrence, by St Hippo—Bellona ... 8 10. Mr Humm's b c Conspirer, by Catesby—Spring Creek ... 8 10. Mr L. D. Nathan's br c Explosion, by Cuirassier—Jadestone ... 8 10. Mr J. G. Ralph's b c Hylas, by St Hippo—Cantiniere ... 8 10. Mr H. Richardson's ch c Hippocrene, by St Hippo—Waitemata ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's b c Altair, by Castor—Cissy ... 8 10. Mr J. Taylor's gr c Daytree, by Castor—Vivandiere ... 8 10. Mrs J. Lennard's b f Roxana, by Cuirassier—Vieux Rose ... 8 5. Mr Jno. Marshall's b f Auld Reekie, by Cuirassier—Coalscuttle ... 8 5.

THE ROYAL STAKES of 500 sovs. Weight-for-age. Six furlongs. Mrs Budget's b c Bluejacket, 3yrs, by St Leger—Antelope ... 8 10. Mr A. E. Byers' b c Regulus, 3yrs, by Regal—Tamora ... 8 10. Mr R. Blaikie's ch c St. Louis, 2yrs, by St Leger—Muskerina ... 8 10. Mr J. Chaafe's b c St Peter, 2yrs, by St Leger—Satanella ... 8 10. Mr J. Chaafe's ch f St Lyr, 2yrs, by St Leger—Lyrelinus ... 8 10. Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Drum Major, 3yrs, by Cuirassier—Hune ... 8 10. Major F. N. George's br c Laborer, 2yrs, by The Workman—Sister Agnes ... 8 10. Major F. N. George's ch c Seahorse, 2yrs, by Nelson—Moonga ... 8 10. Mrs J. Lennard's b f Roxana, 3yrs, by Cuirassier—Vieux Rose ... 8 10. Mr D. A. McLeod's b f Miss Delaval, by Seaton Delaval—Campania ... 8 10. Mr L. D. Nathan's ch f Rosella, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Roie ... 8 10. Mr L. D. Nathan's ch c Hastings, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Liquidation ... 8 10. Mr J. G. Ralph's br c Hylas, 3yrs, by St Hippo—Cantiniere ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's br g Tolstoi, 2yrs, by Stepniak—Fairy Maid ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's b c Altair, 3yrs, by Castor—Cissy ... 8 10. Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Screw Gun, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington ... 8 10. Mr J. Taylor's gr c Daytree, 3yrs, by Castor—Vivandiere ... 8 10.

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SUMMER STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. About three miles and a half. Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, aged 11 9...

TE AWAMUTU ANNUAL MEETING.

DECEMBER 15. HANDICAP HURDLES. The Monk 12 7 Orena 10 9...

At the same time the acceptances were declared, the following nominations were also received: MAORI RACE—Honesty, Winnie, Orena, Haubau, Captain...

HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26, 29, AND JANUARY 2, 3. TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs. St Clements 9 8 St Elmo 7 4...

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 24, 27, AND 31. MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP, saddle. One mile. Peril sec Happy 12...

J.H. (imp.), pedigree unknown 6 Judah (imp.), by Marin—Elmo Maid 12...

PONY CUP HANDICAP. One mile. Nannie 10 9 Deceiver 7 7...

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP, saddle. One mile. J.H. sec Huon Leigh 16...

HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and a quarter. New Boy 10 12 Spreydon 9 7...

TELEPHONE HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Nannie 10 13 Tickle-Me-Gently 7 10...

DECEMBER HANDICAP TROT, saddle. One mile and a half. Duke C. sec The Judge 35...

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 27. MAIDEN HANDICAP, six and a half furlongs. Boadicea 9 2 Liberty 7 4...

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters. Supplejack 10 12 St Leonards 10 0...

GOLDFIELDS' CUP, one mile. Fabulist 10 0 Korowai 7 0...

MINERS' PURSE, five furlongs. Reaction 8 12 Aurega 7 4...

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, about two and a half miles. Kapai 11 10 Pbyllis 9 10...

RAILWAY HANDICAP, four and a half furlongs. Fabulist 10 10 Maungakawa 7 0...

MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 27. TELEGRAPH STAKES, seven furlongs. Daunt 9 9 Mania 7 8...

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles. Missfire 11 13 Tangaroo 9 9...

MANAWATU CUP, one mile and a half. Boreas 8 12 Hussar 7 5...

FIRST HAKO HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters. Great Britain 10 12 Robin Hood 10 0...

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, one mile. Daunt 9 7 The Miller 7 0...

LADIES' PURSE, one mile and a half. Daphne 12 13 Macian 11 1...

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING. DECEMBER 27 AND 28. OTAGO CUP, one mile and a half.

Boreas 8 10 Bria 6 13 Goldleaf 8 1 Bloomer 6 13...

FEDERAL HANDICAP, six furlongs. Blazer 9 9 Bloomer 7 11...

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP, five furlongs. Argon 8 7 Girdlet 7 11...

HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters. Dundee 11 5 Glenore 10 0...

ST. KILDA WELTER HANDICAP, one mile. Maremma 10 5 Pitch and Toss 8 12...

NORTHERN WAIROA R.C. SUMMER MEETING. DECEMBER 26. HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a half.

Voltigeur II 11 12 Andy 9 2 Satellite 10 0 Butcher Boy 9 0...

NORTHERN WAIROA CUP, one mile and a half. Cleopatra 9 2 Tom, late The Barge 8 6...

RAILWAY PLATE, six furlongs. Repo 9 0 Emblazon 7 6...

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 21 AND 23. WELLINGTON CUP, one mile and a half. St. Paul 10 0 Coronet 7 8...

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Acceptances will be seen in the morning papers of December 17th, 26th, 31st, and January 3rd.

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PETRONEL'S HANDBOOK.

DUNEDIN, November 30.

Though not strictly within sporting limits, I cannot pass by the Otago Annual Agricultural Show without just a few words of commendation. Of blood horses but a couple put in appearance, Casket and Beadonwell. The former, though barely more than a pony, looked very trim, neat, and handsome; consequently he won from the more substantial Beadonwell. Casket is by Castor out of Necklace, and here again, though only a modest one, Mr Tom Morrin's imported stallion scores a victory. Though thoroughbred horses were a weak lot, the same cannot be said of the draught animals. Several experts have declared that a finer lot has never been seen in the colony, and Mr Van Weenan, the *Sydney Mail* man, went further than that. His opinion, and it was emphatic, was that the heavy draughts formed the best collection ever brought together in the Australasian colonies. For my part I can only say that the classes generally were splendid, and far ahead, in point of excellence, of previous exhibitions of Clydesdales I have seen in New Zealand. I have never been on the "other side," but I will say that the mares at Tahuna Park would be hard to beat at many a show in the Old Country. Hacks were not all superior, and save that Miss Button, of Peel Forest, Ashburton, scored over her male competitors—legitimately—in every event in which she took part, the jumping contests call for no mention. Show Day at Dunedin, as at Christchurch, is a great day for the people, and though the Otago people have no New Zealand Cup to help swell the attendance, no less than 15,000 people (in round numbers) passed the turnstiles. With such figures and fine weather, no wonder that Mr Duthie, Mr Shiels, and other officials were in an extremely happy state of mind.

What a pity it is that racing appears to retrograde in Dunedin! A fine country, a good lot of sportsmen, yet the game seems to be losing rather than gaining ground. May a better state of affairs prevail when the gates of the Wingatui course are opened. Meanwhile there will be racing at the Forbury on December 27 and 28. The coming meeting will be the last held by the Dunedin Jockey Club on the scene of so many past triumphs. "Ichabod" is the cry, and truly the glory has departed. Such are the opinions of sporting men of olden times, who point with pride, tinged with a little sadness, to the days when Dunedin held pride of place amongst the sporting centres of New Zealand; when more money was put through the machine at the Forbury than has ever been accomplished since; when the meetings at the pretty little course were the best attended; and when the sport provided attracted owners and trainers from all parts of the colony. Such old hands at the game as Emanuel Lyons (familiarily and affectionately called "Manny" by his friends), O. P. Roberts (of Mason and Roberts, the totalisator proprietors), and William Abalom Smith (whose dearest pals call him nothing else but "Balsam") these can give one some idea of the "sport of kings" when the highest state of excellence prevailed in Otago. There are others, probably, but these three, with Sidney James, the secretary of the D.J.C., can give one the best idea of the Forbury in its palmiest days. The Dunedin club ought to prosper when the Wingatui course is once in working order, and though regrets are manifold that the many thousands of pounds spent at Forbury on improvements are irretrievably lost, one and all will put forth every effort to place Dunedin once again in a premier position amongst the racing clubs of the colony.

In company with Mr D. D. Hyde, the poultry expert, I was taken over the Forbury course by "Balsam" Smith the other day. To be correct, I should say that my companions came as far as

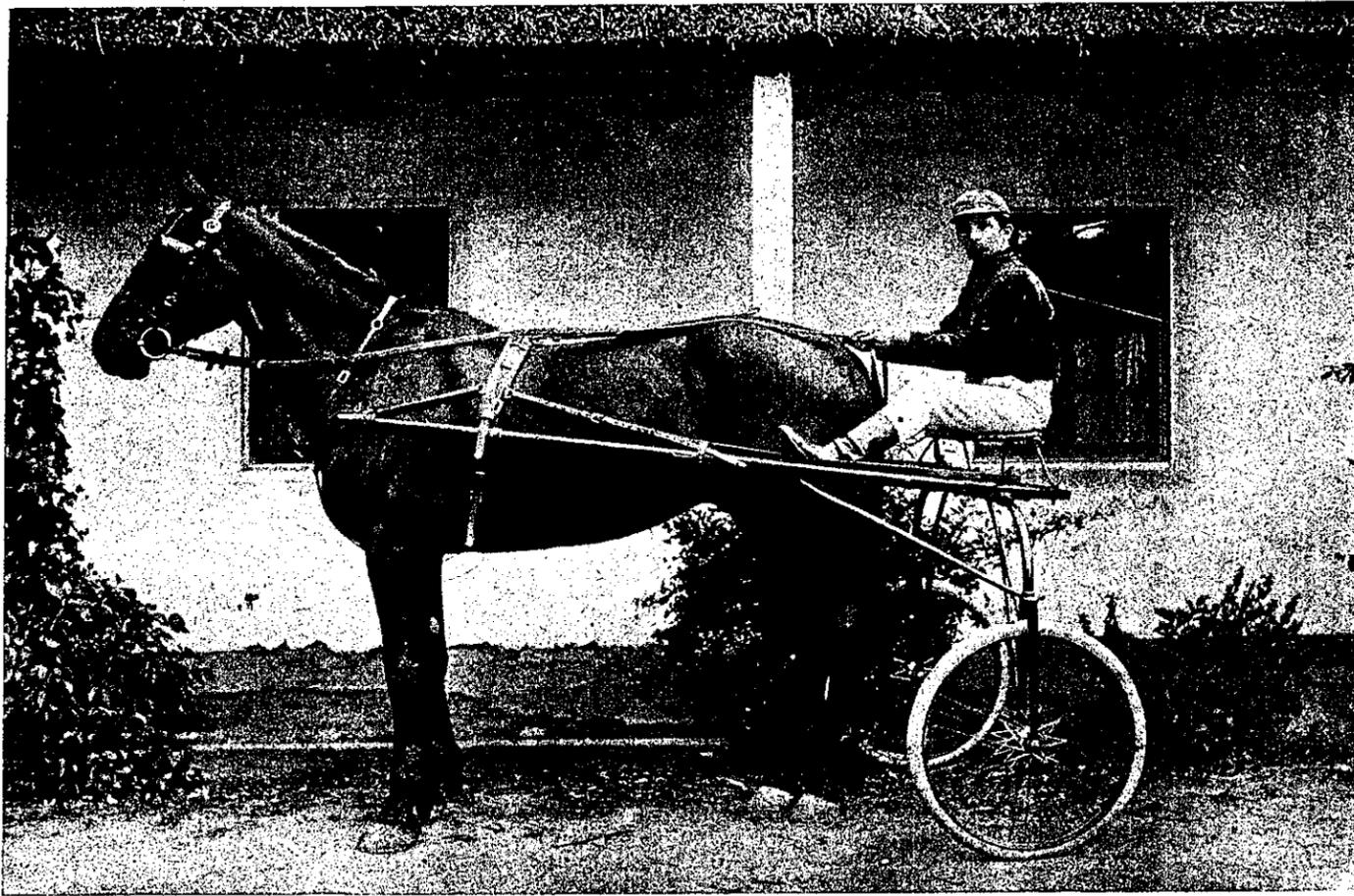


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MONTE CARLO (BY LINCOLN—YET)

a gap in the fence, which only allowed my slim and elegant figure passage. My friends, like stouter Peris at the gates of Paradise, had to remain on 't'other side, while I, not caring to venture on a return journey beset with barbed wire, went up the start "on my own," and had a look at the various stands and other buildings, which to a casual view appear to be good for many years to come. The Forbury is a pretty course, and all the appointments seem to be thoroughly in order, and whatever its future is to be, I am sure many a racing man will regret that Christmas will be the last occasion when the D.J.C. will provide the sport there.

While we were in the neighbourhood of Forbury we padded the hoof to St. Clair, a sweet little suburb of Dunedin, where all the world—of Dunedin—and his wife, the lovers and their lasses, travel on the Sabbath for a sniff of the briny. And some people go to St. Clair because—well, you know, you can get on the tram and when it stops you are outside the radius, and you are a *bona fide* traveller! Such a cheap ride, too! We called on J. A. McGuinness and had a look at the luxurious stables built by the Hon. George McLean. I am not at all sure we did not interrupt a Sunday afternoon stroll that Mr and Mrs McGuinness and the imported Skye terrier, Mark, had set their minds on, but we were made heartily welcome by all three, and thoroughly enjoyed not a brief inspection of the inmates of the boxes.

Brisa, who ran so consistently at Riccarton, and with whom McGuinness won his first race at

Christchurch since he has trained for Hon. George McLean, was looking in fine trim, and she should win at least one race at the forthcoming Dunedin meeting. Brisa is by St. Clair out of Mistral, by Gorton from Lady Gertrude. She is an extremely nice-looking filly, and promises to do considerable honor to the McLean colors, which have not been so often in the van as one would like to see. In adjoining boxes were two relations of Brisa's—Irish Girl and La Reine, both by St. Clair. The first-named is a five year-old chestnut mare who has had a run of bad luck. Mr Guinness is hopeful that in the near future he will be able to get her into winning form. La Reine is a bay full sister to Irish Girl, three year-old, and said to be fairly speedy. She looks all right, and should shortly demonstrate her ability to gallop. Both these mares are well built, and in after years should do excellent service at the stud.

Otago lacks good mares. It has splendid rearing country, but the stock is wanting.

Fulmen was looking none the worse for his three hard races at Riccarton, albeit he did not come out unscathed from either encounter. Joe Evelt seems to have treated him with very great respect in the Auckland Cup, and, good stayer as he is, I think 7/10 more than he is entitled to in the company he will have to meet if he accepts for the big Auckland race. He may develop a little of his dam's brilliance, but at present he is a stayer at a pace, and any gee that can last out the journey and has a sprint for the finish will beat Fulmen. The Castor—Hudda horse is a grand looking fellow, and though he has the

rather nervous manner of all the Castor's he is very amiable in his box.

Nihilist (by Stepniak—Sincerity) is a rare-looking customer. At Riccarton, previous to the Cup meeting, he accomplished some good tasks, but did not show the same form when it came to racing. He is on the improve, however, and I am sure he will render a good account of himself.

All these horses have splendid quarters, and it seems a pity that these excellent stables will shortly have to be vacated. When the Hon. George McLean has his new training establishment at Wingatui finished, McGuinness will make a move there, and, as Mr Frank McLean says, the St. Clair quarters will make a capital boarding-house with very little alteration.

At the other side of the Forbury is Hawkins' establishment. Here I saw Murella, the St. Leger—Muriel filly which the Hon. H. Mosman purchased for 7 guineas at the last Wellington Park sale. The little scrub, as she was then, has developed into a very good-looking two year-old, and lacks nothing in size now at any rate. Her mentor believes in her ability to move, and I hope confidently that he is not mistaken.

A nice-looking mare is Lady Lear, by Chain-shot out of Miranda. She has been stinted to Euroclydon, and such a union should result well. Linshot, also by Chainshot, is another of Hankins' string, as is Battery, by Artillery from Credulity, by Apremont out of Miss Flat. Hankins also has in his care a very fine-looking animal by Stepniak—Huguenot, whose name, unfortunately, I have not remembered.

The case against Peter Grant, for attempting to bribe a witness, came on for trial yesterday. The charge against Grant created a great amount of interest, and the court was crowded, with sporting men fairly well represented. Matt. Barnett was down from Christchurch to see how his partner fared. Abe Moss devoted most of his time to listening to the informer's evidence and that for the defence, and another Barnett, Tom of that ilk, was also an interested spectator. The Crown Prosecutor, Mr J. G. M. Frazer, resplendent with a waxed moustache and pink crysanthemum, took "Terry O'Brien's pups"—as a plain clothes gentleman of the "force" termed the informers—under his wing, and vowed that they were gentlemen whose evidence was to be treated with respect. Alfred Evans, hectic in cheek and white about the gills, a well-trained witness. He told his story very glibly, and some of his expressions were obviously legally tutored. For instance, he said he "refused to comply" when—as he swears—Grant offered him £10 to decline to give evidence. This fellow's evidence was too good, and even Mr Justice Pennefather—who did not lean to the defence at all—alluded to the "parrot like tale of the witness Evans." Both Arnishaw and Wilson were of the usual informer type—shifty-eyed, incessantly nervous, and without a vestige of shame. Mr Sim and Mr Alfred Hanlon, counsel for Grant, had little difficulty in knocking their evidence inside out—what there was of it—and beyond bringing to light that Chief-detective O'Brien employed Evans to make bets for him at tote odds and bring him the winnings, there was not much in the case. Mr Hanlon's opening address for Grant was a fine vigorous display of loquacity. He did not mince matters, and is evidently the sort of man who makes headway with his jury. All's well that ends well, and Mr Peter Grant was acquitted, and the last scene in the subornation case was the view of Evans, the informer, holding the Crown Prosecutor's horse outside the court. From that it would seem that though the Railway Department dismissed him from the service, the Government will yet find the unfortunate man some employment. He admitted he did the dirty work in the Grant case "from pure love and affection of informer's work," and doubtless Peter O'Brien will soon give him another job.

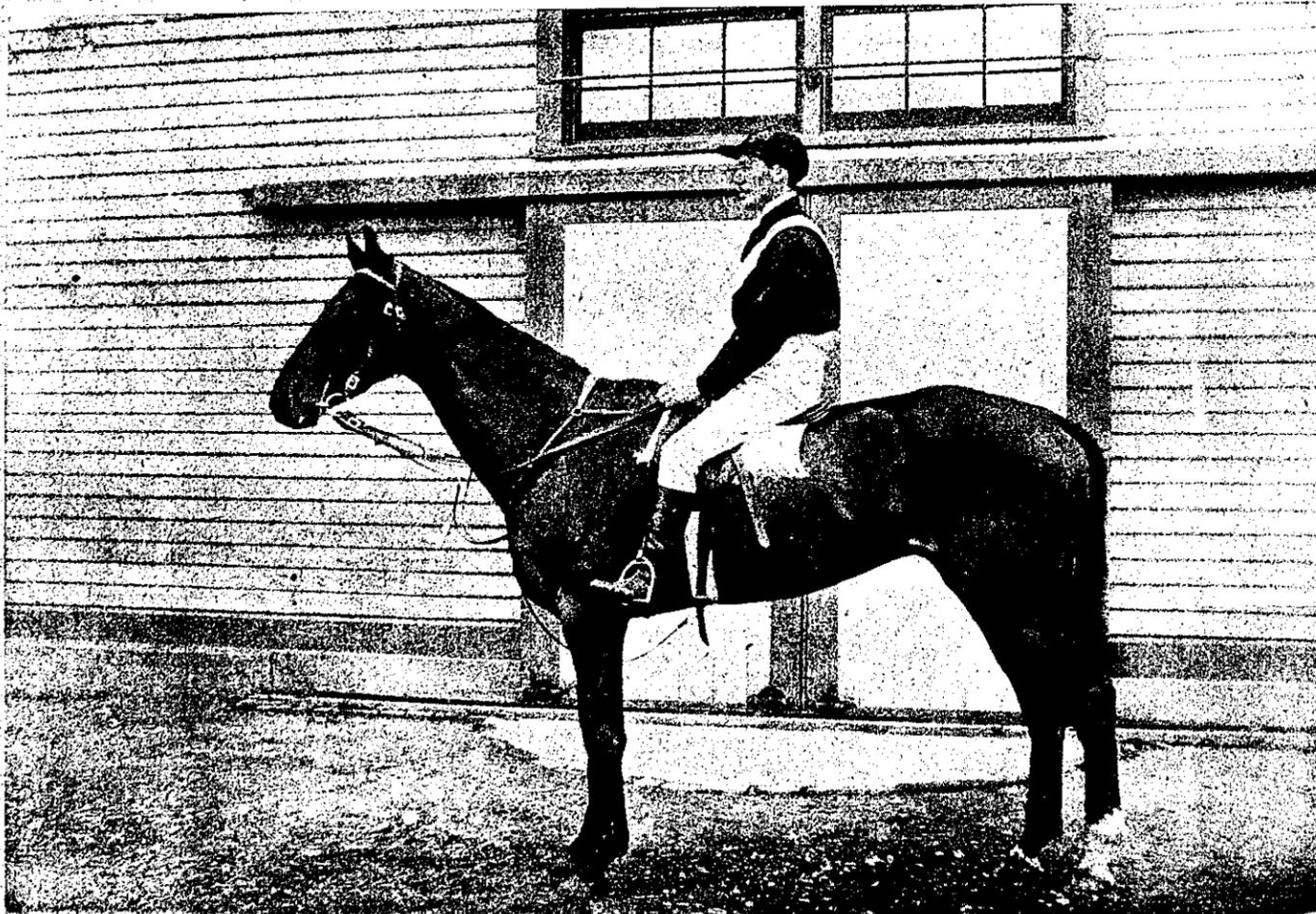


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DEATH OF BROWN MANTLE AND THE TROTTER KATHLEEN.

The arrival of the steamer Elingamite was looked forward to with great interest by sporting men generally on Monday morning last, as it was known that Mr G. S. Budge's celebrated gallop-way, Brown Mantle, by Nordenfeldt—Antelope, and Mr H. G. Fitzgerald's trotters, Kathleen and Huon Leigh, had been shipped by her for Auckland. Upon the vessel's arrival Mr Budge and Jack Chasfe, sen., were in attendance to receive the heroine of many hard fought battles, but the downcast appearance of chief steward Finch (Mr Budge's friend aboard ship) quickly foretold of trouble. Yet it was not until the owner and trainer were aboard that the truth became known. "I'm sorry, old chap," said Mr Finch to Brown Mantle's owner, "but your mare has been consigned to the deep, she having died at sea." It appears that on the night after leaving Sydney the Elingamite fell into heavy weather, and heavy seas dashing overboard carried away the fittings surrounding the horses, and all three animals were washed from one side of the ship to the other, and all seriously injured. Brown Mantle and Kathleen received such serious injuries as to prove fatal, whilst Huon Leigh is so badly knocked about that his racing again is exceedingly problematical.

The news flow like wildfire, and great was the sympathy expressed for Mr and Mrs Budge, the owners of Nordenfeldt's bonny brown daughter. Even from gentlemen in no way connected with sport came warm expressions of sympathy, and if there be any consolation over such a serious loss, it will be through finding such a number of friends in the time of adversity. Dame Fortune has for a very long time cast her frowns upon the genial Panmure sportsman, but we take it this last catastrophe puts a finishing stroke upon Mr Budge's ill luck. Like a true sportsman he met his trouble with a good heart, and remarked, "Well, she has kept her two brothers (Bluejacket and Canopus) for a long time, now they must keep themselves."

Brown Mantle was bred by Mr G. S. Budge and was foaled in 1891, and from the first start of her racing career gave great promise. In the hands of John Chasfe she got through some meritorious performances, and then Mr Budge sent her to Sydney to the care of Mr R. Watson, of the Paragon Hotel, in whose colors Antelope's daughter won no less than twenty-nine races. Desiring to put Brown Mantle to St. Leger this season, Mr Budge had her shipped as above mentioned. The filly was very well and was engaged at the forthcoming A.R.C. meeting, and that her Sydney mentor, Mr Watson, thought so is proved by the fact that Mr Watson gave to Mr Finch, ere leaving Sydney, money to put on his pet in the first race she was to start in.

Mr Fitzgerald's loss is a very serious one indeed, as Kathleen had shown him a trial good enough to have secured the Auckland Trotting Club's big Cup, whilst Huon Leigh had also shown something worthy of high lineage. A big price was always on offer for Kathleen, but her owner would not part with his pet, whose loss he feels very keenly.

This disaster is a heavy one, and one that affects both owners and clubs, and we herewith tender to Messrs Budge and Fitzgerald our sincere sympathy in the misfortune. Let us hope that each sportsman has now got to the end of his bad luck.

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H. W. HOAGLAND, Veterinary Dentist (Graduate of Sayer and Drake, Dental Institute, Chicago), will arrive in Auckland next week, and respectfully calls the attention of horse owners to his approved method of operating on horses' teeth. Watch future advertisements.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1899.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SALE

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AT HALF PAST ONE P.M., WITHOUT RESERVE, BY MESSRS HUNTER & NOLAN.

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LOT 1. CHESTNUT FILLY, By Hotchkiss, dam St Mary, by imported St Leger from Weasel, by Anteros (imp.) This filly is descended from the great Musket and St Leger or Stockwell strains.

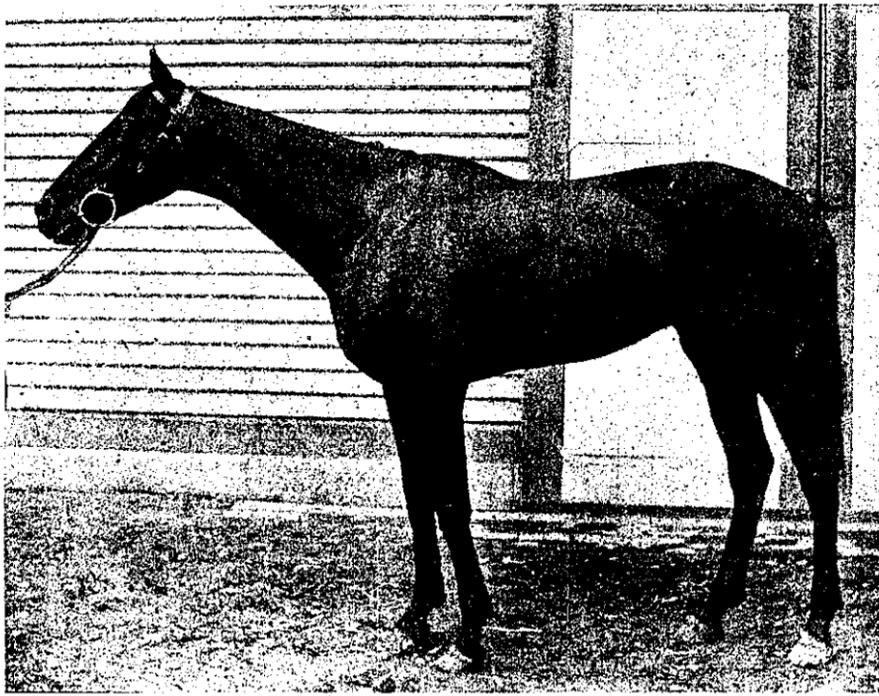


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LOT 2. BROWN FILLY, By Cuirassier (full brother to Trenton), dam Yattaghan, by Nordenfeldt out of Yattagay, by Yattendon. This filly is very well grown, and has the double cross of Musket and Stockwell.

LOT 3. BROWN COLT, By Castor (imp.), dam Sunrise, by Ramarama from Awatea, by imported Ravensworth from imported Skybird, by Teddington. Awatea is the dam of Grip, winner of the Canterbury Cup and C.J.C. Handicap.

LOT 4. BAY COLT, By St Leger (imp.), dam Ladybird, by Carbineer (by Musket) from Winnie, the dam of St Simon and Record Reign (both great winners). Ladybird was a winner of many races. This colt is nicely proportioned, and should keep up the family record.

LOT 5. BAY FILLY, By Cuirassier (own brother to Trenton), dam Valentina, by imported Leolinus from Lyre, by Patriarch (son of Yattendon) from imported Lyra, by Thormanby. This is an immense filly, and Musket on Yattendon and Stockwell blood should be winning blood.

LOT 6. CHESTNUT FILLY, By St Leger (imp.) out of Lady Evelyn, dam of St Evelyn and Heriotesa. This filly is as perfect as she can be in conformation—a size larger than her celebrated sister, and an undoubted good one.

LOT 7. CHESTNUT COLT, By St Leger (imp.) out of Lady Emily, by Castor out of Lady Wellington, by Musket out of Cartridge's and Derringer's dam. This is a big, strong colt, with excellent feet and bone.

LOT 8. CHESTNUT FILLY, By Hotchkiss out of Weasel, by imported Anteros out of Zealandia, out of Toi Toi, by St Aubyn from the celebrated Waimea.

LOT 9. BROWN COLT, By St Leger (imp.), dam Bianca, by Black Eagle from Besie, by Angler from Scarp, by Lord of the Hills

out of Ragpicker (sister to Sylvia), by Fisherman. Bianca's daughters—Lady Whitford, The Shrew, and Waiorongamai—have all won, and are all first-class performers.

LOT 10. BAY FILLY, By St Leger (imp.), dam Bangly, by Musket from imported Locket—dam of Necklace, Thunderbolt, Necklet, and Medallion. Bangly has produced Casket and Orion's Belt, who both proved themselves winners; the former won the Dunedin Cup, and finished second in the C.J.C. Derby and second in the Canterbury Cup. This filly is well grown, and has a great constitution.

LOT 11. BAY COLT, By Cuirassier, dam Ganza, by Castor from Gannet, by Anteros from Albatross. This is the first cross of Musket and Castor. This colt shows every indication of being fast.

LOT 12. CHESTNUT FILLY, By Hotchkiss, dam Rose of Wellington, by imported St Leger from Fleurette, by Robinson Crusoe from Rose of Denmark, by Stockwell. This filly is beautifully bred, and is own sister to those brilliant colts True Blue and Screw Gun (winner of Juvenile Stakes, beating a large field of two and three-year-olds).

LOT 13. BROWN COLT, By Hotchkiss, dam Queen Cole, by King Cole out of Rosalie, by Patriarch. This colt's dam is half-sister to Derringer, and the colt above mentioned is own brother to Battleaxe, the quadruple winner at Waitara and Waverley.

LOT 14. GREY FILLY, By Castor, dam Vivandiere, by Musket, and dam of Son of a Gun, Gallant, The Dancer, Three Star, Heavenly Twin, Pauhe, and Daytree—all winners.

LOT 15. BAY COLT, By St Leger, dam Hilda, by Musket out of Ouida, by Yattendon, and dam of Antares, winner of the Takapuna Cup, Sylvia Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Auckland Cup, Jockey Club Stakes, and numerous races over hurdles and on the flat. Fulmen, another of Hilda's sons, won the Kensington Stakes at Dunedin, and finished second in the New Zealand Cup, to Tirant d'Eau in record time. This is a beautiful colt, and well grown.

LOT 16. BAY FILLY, By St Leger, dam Brown Alice, by Nordenfeldt from Ouida, by Yattendon, and dam of Hilda, Balista, Strathmore, and Artillery—all winners. This filly is compact, has good legs and feet, and should race early.

LOT 17. BAY COLT, By St Leger, dam that sterling mare Eve, by Brigadier out of The Jilt, by Traducer out of imported Fleurance, by Consul. This is Eve's first foal, and he is promising and good-looking.

LOT 18. CHESTNUT COLT, By St Leger, dam Forme, by Nordenfeldt from Formo, by Sterlingworth out of imported Pulchra, by Rosicrucian out of the great English Formosa. Forme, the dam of this colt, was a great performer at all weights and distances. He is well grown, beautifully turned quarters, with sound, good legs and feet. Will not only race early, but will make a good three-year-old. Also, his granddam, Formo, is the dam of Uniform, Forma, and Multiform, all great performers.

LOT 19. BAY FILLY, By St Leger, dam Sapphire, by The Drummer (imp.) out of Amethyst, by Ambrose from Heroine of Lucknow, by Nutwith from Pocahontas. This is a lovely filly, with perfect action. Her dam has produced Bluefire, Mannlicher, and St Conon, all winners.

LOT 20. BAY COLT, By St Leger, dam Ouida, by Yattendon, and dam of those good performers, Artillery, Hilda, Balista, Strathmore, Hazel, and Brown Alice. This is one of the most perfect-made yearlings ever bred at Wellington Park. He resembles his celebrated half-brother, Strathmore, only more robust.

LOT 21. CHESTNUT FILLY, By St Leger, dam Hazel, by Nordenfeldt from Ouida, by Yattendon. This youngster is an immense yearling, showing bone and substance, with good sound limbs. With her breeding, the combinations of Musket, Yattendon, and Stockwell, through St Leger, she should not only go fast but stay.

LOT 22. BROWN FILLY, By Hotchkiss, dam Formo, by Sterlingworth from Pulchra, by Rosicrucian from the great English Formosa, by Buccaneer. This is an own sister to three celebrities, Forma, Uniform, and Multiform, and half-sister to Forme, all in the front rank of racehorses.

LOT 23. BAY FILLY, By Castor, dam Cissy, by Musket from Frailty, by Goldsbrough. This is an own sister to Daystar and Altair, both first class colts, the latter winner of the Canterbury Derby, 1898.

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FINAL PAYMENT.
December 24.—Exhibition Cup, Auckland T.C. Summer

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The following nominations were received for the second and third day of the above fixture, which takes place on December 24, 27, and 31:—

AUCKLAND TROT CUP HANDICAP, two miles.—Motuiti, Otakeho, J.H., Albert Victor, Golden King, Kathleen (dead), Huon Leigh, La Rue, Wild Rose II., Lawyer Bell, Pioke, Isabel, Judah, Duke C., Mundie, Old Judge, August.

EPBOM HANDICAP, five furlongs.—New Boy, Trick Pony, Israelite, Talisman, Tickle-me-Gently, Australine, Certain, The Dove, Goldfish, Wahine, Handsome Jane, Sweetheart, Stenson, Merry Boy, Nannie, Playboy, Nora.

TRICK PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—New Boy, Trick Pony, Israelite, Talisman, Tickle-me-Gently, Australine, Certain, The Dove, Goldfish, Wahine, Handsome Jane, Sweetheart, Stenson, Merry Boy, Nannie, Playboy, Nora.

DASH TROT HANDICAP, one mile.—Lusitania, Trafalgar, Native Cat, Victor Park, Otakeho, Huon Leigh, Ingar, Miss Huon, Tip-Top, Wild Rose II., Coralie, Le Corbeau, Cob, Empress, Peril, Waitekauri, Hard Case, August.

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP (saddle or harness), one mile and a half.—Happy King, Victor Park, Miss Emerson, Huon Leigh, Lady Florence, Hero, Wimeria, Victor Royal, Bugler, Viscount, Coralie, Bob E.T., Peril, Waitekauri.

SECOND MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Trick Pony, Talisman, Clara, Woodcock, Revolver, Spreydon, Goldfish, Wahine, Handsome Jane, Kitty A'Gush, Actress, Marquis, Deceiver, Dolly, cream mare Dolly, Little Bell, Repeat, Lulu, Playboy, Jeannie, Nora, Franchise.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP, six furlongs and a half.—Trick Pony, Israelite, Talisman, Tickle-me-Gently, Certain, Kit, Goldfish, Sweetheart, Merry Boy, Nannie, Lulu.

FLYING HARNES, one mile.—Motuiti, Victor Park, J.H., Alice, Golden King, Huon Leigh, Kathleen (dead), Wild Rose II., Isabel, Peril, Judah, Hollywood, Cleveland, La Rue, August.

SECOND STEEPCHASE, two miles and a half.—Little Raven, New Boy, Doreen, Tormentor, Helena, Revolver, The Dove, Deceiver, Repeat, Lulu, Karaka, Effie.

SECOND CLASS TROT, one mile and a half.—Motuiti, Otakeho, J.H., Albert Victor, Alice,

Golden King, Kathleen (dead), Lady Retford, Isabel, Duke C., Yum Yum, Old Judge, August, Judah.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, five furlongs.—New Boy, Trick Pony, Israelite, Talisman, Tickle-me-Gently, Australine, Certain, The Dove, Goldfish, Wahine, Handsome Jane, Sweetheart, Stenson, Merry Boy, cream mare Dolly, Nannie, Topsail, Little Bell, Repeat, Playboy, Nora.

TELEGRAPH TROT (saddle), one mile.—Lusitania, Trafalgar, Native Cat, Victor Park, Otakeho, Huon Leigh, Ingar, Miss Huon, Tip-Top, Coralie, Le Corbeau, Cob, Duke C., Peril, Mundie, Bellman, Miss Graham, Waitekauri, Hard Case, August, Yum Yum.

Handicaps for the first day's racing appear on page 14.

NOTES.

When the last mail left America Star Pointer was for sale. On nearly every occasion that Star Pointer has been advertised for a record-breaking performance this year, either wind or rain has interfered, or else the track has been heavy. This sort of luck has so thoroughly disgusted his owner, Mr James A. Murphy, that he has put the champion in the sale list.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club resumed the inquiry into the complaint made by Clarke, late trainer of the trotter Cling, that Rutherford, the owner, had not sent the correct performances with the nomination of the mare. It was resolved that the correct performances were not handed in, but the committee exonerate Rutherford, the owner, from any intention of fraud, but the omission having been made, the committee request Rutherford to refund the stakes won by Cling at the autumn and May meetings, and that the same be paid to the horse placed second. It was resolved to disqualify Clarke, the late trainer of Cling, for two years. In explanation of the disqualification, the evidence of Rutherford was to the effect that Clarke, who subsequently informed the club of the omissions, dictated the mare's performances when he (Rutherford) was filling in the entry form.

In printing the nominations for the Exhibition Cup last week a printer's error occurred, it being made to appear that the breeding of La Rue was unknown. This is absurd, as La Rue is fashionably bred. He is by Campaign out of Clara D. On the sire's side he comes from the famous Electioner—a sire of some of the best horses in America, out of Lillie B.; while on the dam's side he was equally well bred, Clara D. being full-sister to Honesty, who was imported to Victoria by Mr Roberts, and for a number of years held the Australian record. On both the dam and sire's side La Rue inherits a strain of the Hambletonian blood, and this in itself is enough to make La Rue an aristocrat. La Rue, it may be mentioned, is in the capable hands of Mr Greenwood.

TAHUNA PARK TROTTING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

The above club was favored with fine weather for the opening day of its meeting on the 30th inst., but the attendance was small. The sum of £1136 was put through the totalisator, the tickets being 20s and 10s each. Results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

8 Mr J. Chain er's ch m Binna, scr, owner .. 1
7 1/2 Mr J. Perry's b m Charlotte, 5sec, owner .. 2
Other starters—8 1/2 Little Fame, 1sec; 6 Boomerang, 3sec; 2 1/2 Venetia, 5sec
Won by five lengths. Time, 5min 59sec. Dividend, £6 2s.

SPRING PONY HANDICAP, in harness, of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles.
2 1/2 Mr J. McKewen's b m Hulda, 48sec, owner .. 1
Other starters—2 1/2 Cling, scr; 6 1/2 Aquinas, 39sec; 12 1/2 Haides, 41sec.
Won by over the distance from Cling. Time, 5min 49sec. Dividend, £1 8s.

FIRST TRIAL HANDICAP, in harness, of 30 sovs; second horse 6 sovs from the stake. Two miles.
4 1/2 Mr C. James' b g Assistant Chief, 14sec, E. Towns- eed .. 1
8 1/2 Mr J. Carter's ch g Donald, scr, J. Hardie .. 2
Other starters—2 1/2 Gilbert, 4sec; 37 Lorna Smith, 9sec.
Won by ten lengths. Time, 6min 19sec. Dividend, £1 16s.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP, in saddle, of 60 sovs; second horse 12 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

8 1/2 Mr T. Kett's b g The Count, aged, 18sec, Emmer- son .. 1
10 1/2 Mr G. Grey's b m Doreen, 16sec, G. Grant .. 2
Other starters—7 1/2 Three Cheers, scr; 5 1/2 Booby, 3sec; 1 1/2 Black Jack, 8sec; 3 1/2 Butterfly, 14sec; 2 1/2 Rex, 16sec; 12 1/2 Alice May, 23sec.
Won by six lengths. Rex was third, outside the distance. Time, 5min 29 1/2 sec. Dividend, £3 4s.

SELLING HANDICAP, in harness, of 25sovs. Two miles.
40 1/2 Mr C. Newmau's b m Kentucky Maid, by Ken- tucky, aged, 19sec, G. Grant .. 1
5 1/2 Mr J. Heenan's b g Pioneer, 29sec, J. Allan .. 7
Other starters—17 1/2 Maggie S, 3sec; 14 Meitaki, 37sec.
Dead heat between Kentucky Maid and Pioneer. Time, 5min 11sec. Dividends—Kentucky Maid, £1 8s; Pioneer, £1.

In the run off Kentucky Maid won easily in 5min 30sec. There was only £1 10s on Kentucky Maid, and the money was returned. The winner was bought in for £13.

DOMAIN HANDICAP, in harness, of 60 sovs; second horse 12 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

101 Mr J. McKewen's b g St. George, by St. Louis, aged, 42sec, owner .. 1
18 Mr E. Towns' ch g John Drumm, 40sec, owner .. 2
Other starters—16 1/2 Honest Wilkes' 5sec; 10 1/2 Booby, 15sec.
Won easily by ten lengths. Time, 5min 32sec. Dividend, £1 6s.

HOLIDAY PONY HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

7 1/2 Mr W. McDowd's b g Sandy, scr, owner .. 1
8 1/2 Mr G. Grey's b g Pippin, 8sec, Pringle .. 2
Other starters—18 1/2 Haides, 8sec; 28 1/2 Hulda, 5sec (8sec pen.); 10 Myra II, 17sec.
Won easily by forty yards. Time, 4min 4sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

DASH HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 6 sovs from the stake. One mile.

5 1/2 Mr W. McDowd's b g Saud, scr, 3sec pen., owner .. 1
43 Mr T. Kett's b m Duchess, 6sec, Emmerson .. 2
18 Mr J. McKewen's b m Black Angel, McKewen .. 3
Other starters—6 Butterfly, 2sec; 1 1/2 Zuleika, 9sec.
Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 47sec. Dividend, 2.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Fine weather prevailed for the continuance of the meet- ing, but the attendance was not so good as on the first day. The sum of £1222 was put through the totalisator Results:—

TROPHY HANDICAP of 38 sovs; winner to receive a trot- ting sulky value £28 and a set of harness value £5; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

30 Mr J. Heenan's b h Honest Wilkes, by Honesty, aged, scr, J. Allan .. 1
16 Mr M. Hanley's b h Halifax, 24sec, A. Pringle .. 2
Other starters—0 Ruby M., 19sec; 6 Aquinas, 21sec; 3 1/2 Zuleika, 28sec.
Won by seven lengths. Time, 3min 59sec. Dividend, £1 12s.

SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

27 1/2 Mr J. McKewen's b m Hulda, 17sec, E. McKewen 1
Other starters—60 Sandy, scr; 2 1/2 Pippin, 10sec; 23 Naomi, 35sec.
Won by over the distance from Sandy. Time, 5min 36sec. Dividend £5.

SECOND TRIAL HANDICAP, in harness, of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

Mr J. Heenan's b h Honest Wilkes, scr, J. Allan .. 1
Mr J. Carter's ch g Donald, 20sec, J. Hardie .. 2
Won by fifty yards. Time, 4min 24sec. There were no investments on the totalisator.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 8 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

84 Mr J. Jeff's b m Whroo, by Berlin—Wanderloo, 5yrs, 19sec, Grant .. 1
42 Mr F. Fedden's b g Joker, scr, M. Allan .. 2
Other starters—11 Doreen, 2sec; 35 Black Jack, 4sec; 20 Three Cheers, 5sec.
Won by forty yards. Time, 4min 17sec. Dividend, £2.

DISPOSAL HANDICAP of 25 sovs. One mile.

67 1/2 Mr J. Davies' b g Kohuru, 20sec, Latimer .. 1
Other starters—29 1/2 Prophet, scr; 27 1/2 Black Angel, 5sec; 17 Patience, 10sec; 6 1/2 Blackie, 12sec; 26 Swindler, 14sec.
Won easily. Time, 3min 3sec. Dividend, £2 6s. The winner was bought in for £11 10s.

ST. KILDA HANDICAP, in harness, of 40 sovs; second horse 8 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

130 Mr J. Rutherford's b g Booby, by Vaneleve, 5yrs, 30sec, Starr .. 1
56 Mr J. McKewen's b g St. George, 25sec, owner .. 2
Other starters—19 1/2 Cling, scr; 22 John Drumm, 28sec.
Won by eight lengths. Time, 5min 39sec. Dividend, £1 10s.

PROVINCIAL PONY HANDICAP, in harness, of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

26 1/2 Mr R. Rutherford's b m Cling, by Vaneleve, aged, scr, Starr .. 1
4 Mr J. M. Wilson's b m Groatholme, 35sec, Grant .. 2
78 Mr J. Miles' b m Maybud, 38sec, W. McKewen .. 3
Other starters—20 Hulda, 16sec, inc. 9sec pen.; 26 1/2 Aquinas, 19sec.
Won by twelve lengths. Time, 4min 3sec. Dividend, £5 4s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 6 sovs from the stake. One mile.

86 1/2 Mr F. Nelson's blk g Glen Dhu, 21sec, Scott .. 1
Other starters—11 1/2 Sandy, scr; 6 1/2 Joker, scr; 4 Coliac, 8sec; 6 1/2 Halifax, 17sec; 7 Assistant Chief, 19sec; 36 1/2 Minnie Grey, 19sec; 8 1/2 Miss Patchem, 21sec.
Glen Dhu led all the way. Time, 2min 52sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

FAREWELL TROPHY HANDICAP, in saddle or harness; winner a trotting sulky value £28; second horse a set of harness value £5. One mile and a half.

9 Mr J. Sloan's b m Maggie S, 25sec, M. Allan .. 1
5 1/2 Mr J. Craig's Nero 11sec, Pringle .. 2
Other starters—24 Dexterina, 2sec; 17 Explorer, 9sec; 3 The Wolf, 13sec; 4 Kohuru, 16sec; 0 Gilbert, 15sec; 6 1/2 Swindler, 22sec; 12 1/2 Assistant Chief, 22sec; 1 Zuleika, 28sec; 9 1/2 Groatholme, 30sec.
Won by thirty yards. Time, 4min 33sec. Dividend, £12 18s.

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THE LICENSING COMMITTEE.

THE recent excitement over the question as to whether there was to be a bar at the Exhibition Building or not has brought to light some peculiar particulars about the way in which the affairs of the Licensing Committee are managed. Judging from the result, the five gentlemen who were elected as Mr Brabant's advisers and coadjutors are mere puppets, without a voice in the determination of the Committee's actions. The magistrate, who is *ex-officio* chairman, seems to have carried out his own sweet will, in distinct opposition to an almost unanimous vote, and if he has this right to over-ride the expressed wishes of his associates we would ask, in all reason, what is the use of a committee at all? The general impression has always been that—with all due deference to Mr Brabant's status as a lawyer, and therefore better qualified to decide on purely legal points; still, when it comes to what is virtually a question of equity or, to speak more plainly, common sense—he was bound to be influenced by the opinion of the Committee. But we have had, during the past two weeks, an instance of his asking for an expression of their opinion and then acting in direct defiance of it. If he be justified in this line of conduct, a committee is an absurd superfluity, as all the necessary labor can be performed by the magistrate himself. But whether he be right or wrong, we feel it incumbent upon us, in a spirit of fair-play, to take exception to his decision. Had he decided to grant Michael Foley a license on Monday the action would have afforded an opportunity for a Supreme Court case to test his interpretation of a place of public amusement within the meaning of the Act, as Mr Cooper would in all probability have taken the course of carrying it into that Court, but Mr Brabant's refusal lends color to the assertion that he does not wish his decisions on points of law subjected to any such criticism. Again, he gives as another reason for his refusal in the argument that the application had already been determined upon, and he could not legally reopen it. This statement, it seems to us, is open to question. The first application was for a license during the entire run of the Exhibition; it was refused. The second was for seven specified days, namely, the week embracing the Christmas holidays; consequently, it was entirely different from the first, and also different from the seven days occasional license that it was suggested the Committee was originally willing to grant; in short, to all intents and purposes, it was an entirely new application, and therefore as such worthy of being treated on its merits. This opinion was voiced by a majority of the Committee, but was arbitrarily over-ruled by the chairman. As to the question of the Exhibition Building being a place of public amusement within the meaning of the Act, Mr Ledingham explained that although the programme was liable to variation, sports, music, concerts, and side shows would be continually going on. Now, if a cattle show is a place of amusement, and eligible for the sale of liquor, what legal objection can there be to the Exhibition? The whole question resolves itself into this. Mr Brabant is either right or wrong. If he is right we have no need of a Licensing Committee, although we certainly have need of some alteration of a law that gives him such unlimited

power. If he is wrong, the sooner the matter goes into the Supreme Court, and is followed by a pronounced protest from the gentlemen who constitute the Committee, the better.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

After the action taken by Mr Brabant, the chairman of the Licensing Committee, at the quarterly meeting held last week (Tuesday), the other members of the committee waited upon him as a deputation on Wednesday morning. Mr Brabant, on receiving them, took the chair, thus constituting a meeting. Mr Masefield pointed out that the business of considering one or two applications had been neglected at the previous meeting, and he wished to have the matter decided upon. Mr Wright next addressed the chair, and said that as the applications referred to were to all intents and purposes new ones, he thought that they should be considered upon their merits. Mr Brabant then suggested that they should adjourn, and another meeting should be held on Friday morning at 9.30. This being agreed to, the proceedings terminated. On Friday morning there was a full attendance of the committee, the meeting being held *in camera* in the magistrate's room. A representative of this paper applied for admission, but was denied, the magistrate claiming that he had no power to grant the permission. The following particulars were gleaned from a member of the committee. On the meeting being opened, the chairman stated that in his opinion the Exhibition building was not a place of amusement within the meaning of the Act. He then sent for Mr Cotter in order that, in company with Mr Cooper, they might agree to bring a case before the Supreme Court to test whether it was a place of amusement within the meaning of the Act. Mr Cotter was unable to attend, and the magistrate then said that the question had already been determined by the committee not to grant the conditional license applied for by Michael Foley, and because of that determination he thought it would not be right to re-open the case for the same applicant. An expression of opinion on the question was taken, resulting in four being in favor of the application being considered on its merits, and one (Mr Craig) against. Mr Stimpson was called in, and his application for a wine-selling license refused. Mr Tom Foley's application for a wine-selling license was thought to be a variation of the previous application. After some discussion, however, it was at first favorably considered, but later on it was concluded that it might prejudice the application of Mr Michael Foley for a wine and beer license, and was consequently thrown out. Mr Ledingham, who appeared as representative of the Exhibition Committee, stated that he could not give a hard and fast programme of the musical and other events, as they were liable to alteration, but that a band programme and side shows would be in evidence every day. Under these circumstances, the chairman reserved his decision as to the granting of a seven days' license to Mr Foley. He stated that he had two points to consider—first, whether the Exhibition building was a place of amusement within the meaning of the Act, and, second, whether he was justified in re-opening a case already determined upon by the committee. He would give his decision on Monday morning. The meeting then terminated.

THE FIRE IN WELLINGTON.

The news of the complete destruction of the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington, by fire early on Saturday morning last, and the frightful death of two of the guests, came as a shock to Auckland people. The Royal Oak, which is situated at the corner of Cuba and Manners Streets, under the management of Mr Gilmer, has for many years held the position of premier hostelry in the capital city, and has been used extensively by tourists as a family hotel. The fire is supposed to have originated in the vicinity of the kitchen, which was situated in the centre of the premises, and gained such rapid headway that notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the firemen, who were on the scene early, nothing could be done to save the building, which, owing to the absence of brick dividing walls, blazed like matchwood. The alarm was given about one o'clock in the morning by one of the barmaids, who occupied bedrooms just above the kitchen. Three of them had a very narrow escape from asphyxiation, as their rooms almost immediately filled with smoke. There were forty-three boarders stopping in the hotel at the time, the majority of whom had retired. Every effort was made to arouse the sleeping guests and secure their safety, but the suddenness of the catastrophe, the rapidity of its advance, and the unfortunate hour of its advent contributed towards the excitement and confusion. On the fire brigade arriving its first attention was directed to the saving of life, and the majority of the inmates had very narrow escapes. The corridors were choked with smoke, and many of the transient visitors, unacquainted with the topography of the hotel, and utterly confused by being suddenly aroused to a sense of imminent danger, were helpless until rescued by others. Most unfortunately two lives were lost,

namely, Mr Greer, representing the firm of David Moseley and Son and the Dominion Cotton Mills, Canada, and Mr George Blandford, manager for Messrs Bing, Harris, and Co, both gentlemen being burned to death. Nearly all the boarders lost the whole of their personal effects, Captain Rose (late manager of the New Zealand Shipping Co.) and his family, who were staying at the hotel prior to their departure for England on Saturday, losing everything. One of the inmates of the hotel, a Frenchman named G. Foulbaum, was forced by the dense smoke in his room to jump from the window. He landed on a corrugated iron roof, which the force of the impact carried him through. He was picked up with a broken ankle. Mr Gilmer estimates his loss at £20,000 over the insurances. He has £13,000 on the building and £6000 on the furniture in the Commercial Union. The new wing, which was erected two years ago, cost £5000 to build and £3000 to furnish. The furniture in the whole building is valued at £12,000. Mr Gilmer's family saved none of their effects. The Commercial Union had reinsured the following amounts out of their line of £19,000 on the building and contents:—New Zealand, £1750; South British, Victoria, Phoenix, Imperial, Royal, North British and Mercantile, and Manchester, £1000 each; Royal Exchange, £750; Alliance, Liverpool, London and Globe, United, Northern, North German, Norwich Union, National, London and Lancashire, Palatine, and Australian Alliance, £500 each. Total, £14,500. In addition to the insurances given above, the Commercial Union office has £750 on a wooden building adjoining the Royal Oak Hotel, making the total insurances £19,750, and the Commercial Union's share £5250. The inquest on the bodies of the victims was opened on Saturday afternoon, and after a portion of the evidence was taken and identification proved, was adjourned until Wednesday.

TRADE TOPICS.

We wish to inform all hero worshippers of the teetotal persuasion that after careful research we have assured ourselves of the fact that Sir Herbert Kitchener, the hero of Omdurman, is not a prohibitionist. On the contrary, he believes in good wine for his own table (when he can get it), and an allowance of grog for his troops.

General satisfaction has been expressed by all classes at the improved regulation of hotel traffic since the granting of the extra hour before closing. The extension has undoubtedly proved a great convenience to the public, and there is every reason to believe that little or no illicit trading is carried on. The result completely falsifies the prophecies of those who opposed the change of hours.

Whenever a woman wishes to gain cheap notoriety and has no other means of figuring before the public, she forms herself into a deputation and waits on some poor overworked minister, and insists that a further restriction be placed on the liquor trade. The Premier of Victoria has been having a turn at this game lately, and has been petitioned to do everything from shortening the hours for selling liquor to closing up the pubs entirely.

Two old Sydney identities among hotelkeepers passed away a week ago in the persons of Mr Thomas Asche and Mr Frederick Squires Tidswell. The name of the latter was most prominently associated with the Metropolitan Hotel, corner of Castlereagh and King Streets, and Mr Asche was for many years lessee of the Royal in George Street. When Mr Asche gave up the Royal he took over the Imperial in Wynyard Square.

In Victoria considerable trouble has arisen over the complaint that some of the licensed victuallers are in the habit of employing canvassers to solicit orders for the supply of alcoholic liquors in the same way as wine and spirit merchants. We have never as yet had any trouble of that kind in New Zealand, but it may be as well to point out that such trading is illegal. The licensed victualler may supply liquor and deliver it to hospitals, ships, picnics, parties, or anyone at a distance, so long as the sale is completed on his licensed premises.

Fletcher, Humphreys, and Co., of Christchurch, have an excellent exhibit of the "Golden Apple" brand of champagne cider on view at the Exhibition building. Good cider is as pleasant to the average palate as champagne, and is certainly far better for the health than many of the decoctions consumed under the name of champagne. The cider turned out by Fletcher, Humphreys, and Co. is certainly of a superior quality, and is made from the best picked fruit procurable. It is stated by connoisseurs to be equal to the best Devonshire or Hereford.

News comes from Sydney that the old President Lincoln Hotel, in Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo, has been taken over by Mr Thomas Smith, of Paramatta Road, Camperdown, and that it is "to be turned inside out and improved in every way." Old Sydney Bohemians will recall many a pleasant hour spent in conversation and argument in this old landmark. The writer of this paragraph has many a time foregathered with artists, actors, and writers in the President Lincoln, and between us we have definitely arranged the affairs of the nation, and plotted out a preliminary programme for the millennium, for Woolloomooloo has always been the Prague of Bohemian New South Wales, and somehow or other we don't like the idea of the President Lincoln being renovated. It will be better remembered in its old "out-at-elbows" Bohemian garb, when, if the seats were hard, the liquor was good, and if the windows were dirty the company was excellent.

At the quarterly meeting of the City of Auckland Licensing Committee Sergeant Treanor reported:—"I beg to report that I do not suspect any publican of Sunday trading, and in this respect there is a vast improvement. I do not know of any trading after eleven p.m. except the hotel already reported upon some five weeks ago. I might state that the state of things to my mind is solely due to the strict supervision of the police." We beg leave to disagree with Sergeant Treanor, and claim that it is not due to his inquisitorial espionage, at times brutal in its rudeness, or to the general supervision of the police, but to the desire of the publicans themselves to act in accordance with the new law.

At the further adjourned meeting held on Monday morning to decide as to whether an occasional license be granted to Michael Foley to sell wine and beer at the Exhibition building, the Magistrate (Mr Brabant) refused to allow of its being issued, on the grounds that the Exhibition was not a place of amusement within the meaning of the Act, and that he would not re-open a case that had once been determined upon by the committee. Mr Nicholson, who appeared for the applicant, stated that he thought he could have the matter brought before the Supreme Court on a *mandamus*, and if he decided to take this action would endeavour to have it heard in Chambers at an early date.

At the meeting of the Eden Licensing Committee on Monday, Mr Brabant in the chair. Application was made by the licensees of the Masonic and Flagstaff Hotels, Devonport, for an extension of hours till eleven o'clock. The applications were opposed by the police and by Mr O. E. Button, who presented a petition against the extension, signed by 372 residents. The Mayor of Devonport, Mr J. C. Macky, also opposed. The applicants were represented by Mr Baume. After hearing argument the committee retired for consultation, returning in a few minutes and making known their intention to grant the extension in both cases, to date from January 1st next.

Mr Brabant seems thoroughly convinced of the fact that the Exhibition is not a "place of amusement" in the meaning of the Act. With all due respect for his decision—what is it, then? A place for mournful introspection? A species of municipal purgatory to which all transgressors against the city by-laws should be forcibly conducted? At this rate we shall expect the sentences at the next Magistrates' Court to run somewhat as follows:—"This is your third conviction for drunkenness. You are sentenced to seven days at the Exhibition," or, "I cannot see my way to send you to Mt. Eden. The offence is a serious one, and I shall be obliged to make an example of you. You will be sentenced to one month's attendance at the Exhibition, the first four days in the Choral Hall." (Convict led out weeping bitterly).

Although defeated again and again at the polls, although it has been clearly demonstrated that the people of New Zealand are distinctly opposed to prohibition, that party still snarls and foams at the mouth on every convenient occasion. We are reminded of Bunyan's description of the Giant Pagan in his book of the Pilgrim's Progress—"He sits by the wayside and grins and snarls at passers-by, but he is old and toothless, and can do no harm." We are moved to these remarks by the following resolution passed by the Wanganui Wesleyan Synod:—"That the Synod records its unaltered conviction that the drink traffic is the cause of the utmost evil to the people of our country, and urge the members and adherents of the Church to renewed efforts to secure its abolition at the prohibition poll of 1899."

Mr R. French in a letter to the *Herald* about the Exhibition Bar, speaks of the "Shriek of the LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE for a bar," and in referring to a deputation that waited on the Premier, says:—"The Premier with his usual common sense and shrewdness, put his finger upon the point at issue, and at once stated that 'he could not for a moment countenance the suggestion that the Government should influence the Magistrate in his capacity as chairman of the Licensing Committee.' He was also correct in his statement that it would be said that the purpose of the deputation would be severely condemned. Now, there was no desire on the part of any one connected with the deputation, or on the part of anyone who was in favor of a bar, to even suggest that undue influence be brought to bear on the Magistrate. Mr French, with Gilbertian topsy-turvydom, has got the matter all wrong side up. He is probably not aware of the fact, that in order that refreshments might be served at the Southern Exhibition a short bill was put through Parliament. Something similar was wanted here, but we have it on the authority of a member of the Licensing Committee, that the Premier said, *the existing law could be got over, and there was no necessity for a special Act.* Again, as far as we know, there has not been a "popular protest" against the opening of a bar, as the majority on the Exhibition Committee were in favor of it, and most of the members of the Licensing Committee excepting the Magistrate and Mr J. J. Craig.

The little lady at the Albion is too popular and well known to need a preliminary description. She might well adopt for her motto, "*semper eadem*" (always the same), as her merry reception of her customers never varies—

Always merry, always laughing,
Whether it be rain or shine;
Fond of give and take in chaffing,
As she serves you with your wine,
Whether you be toff or worker,
City bred or country lout,
So it be you're not a shirker,
When it comes your time to shout,
Be quite sure that every party
Will be treated just the same,
With a greeting brisk and hearty,
As he gives his drink a name,
So we're rather fond of Mattie,
And we come from near and far,
When we know this Hebe, natty,
Takes her turn behind the bar.



The license of the Aurora Hotel has been transferred from Samuel Tooman to William Thomas Parker.

The license of the Hanaki Hotel at Waitekauri has been transferred from William Rae to W. Coulson.

The license of the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, has been transferred from William Preston to Mrs Frances Ellen Hamilton.

The reports of the police at the quarterly meeting of the Waikato Licensing Committee were of a most favorable nature.

Reports from Sydney state that very few transfers are being applied for, and that the hotel business is steadily improving.

Rumored that Mr Masfield is so disgusted with the action of the chairman of the Licensing Committee that he contemplates resigning.

Mr C. G. F. Eager of the Star Hotel, Napier, has, with the permission of the Licensing Committee, changed the name of his house to the "Central Hotel."

Sergeant Gordon, in reporting to Inspector Cullen, said that "he knew of no case in the city where Sunday trading was being carried on."

The transfer of the license of the Freeman's Hotel, at Freeman's Bay, from Charles Nicholson to Jas. McNeil Agnew was confirmed at the sitting of the Licensing Court last week.

At the quarterly meeting of the Ohinemuri Licensing Committee, Sergeant Brennan, who represented the police, reported that the hotels in the district were being conducted in a most satisfactory manner.

If the Foley application case is brought before the Supreme Court and the judgment goes against Mr Brabant, we have been informed that the committee intend making a formal protest against his arbitrary action.

We are pleased to be able to note that the 11 o'clock license has been extended so as to embrace the suburbs, the police having been forced to acknowledge the complete success of the extension since it has been brought into operation.

We wonder what induced Mr Brabant to declare proceedings closed at the recent meeting of the Licensing Committee, and leave the chair while there were two cases still to be considered. Was it "that tired feeling?"

Although his attendance was requested by the chairman at the adjourned meeting of the Licensing Court on Friday morning last, Mr Cotter was obliged to absent himself, business in the Supreme Court necessitating his presence there.

It seems that after all the Licensing Committee are virtually powerless to grant occasional licenses for the Exhibition if the legal representatives of the prohibition party wish to carry the matter into the Supreme Court.

The fatal hotel fire in Wellington again brings prominently before the public the necessity for improved appliances for extinguishing fires, and more up-to-date escapes in large buildings where there are a number of people dwelling.

Mr MacMahon, of the Whangarei Hotel, continues to do a flourishing business at his old-established hostelry. His geniality has made him many friends throughout the North, and those who have experienced his hospitality once seldom fail to give him another call.

The American system of spreading a free lunch at noon-time for regular customers in the different hotels seems to be growing in popularity with local publicans, and they are vying with one another as to who shall provide the most tempting repast.

A prohibition cyclone seems to have struck the Gladstone district in South Australia. At a local option poll taken there it was resolved that no licenses should be issued for the sale of liquors within the district for three years unless by resolution of the electors.

It is rather hard on Mr Walter Stimpson, of the Queen's Ferry Hotel, to be obliged to close up his wine bar at the Exhibition after only having had it open for one week. In that time he could not be expected to have more than half recouped himself for his trouble and preliminary expenses.

At the quarterly meeting of the Napier Licensing Committee on December 5 the following permanent transfers were made:—Albion Hotel from J. B. McCartney to Charles Siddells; Exchange Hotel from A. M. M. Smith to G. H. Gilding; Shakespeare Hotel from E. F. Eager to A. Morrison.

An incipient fire was discovered in the Wellington Empire Hotel about 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The outbreak was suppressed by the proprietor, Mr Mandel. It seems that the ceiling of one of the passages caught alight, presumably from a candle. Fortunately, no damage was done.

Mr Copeland, M.L.A., New South Wales, is working hard to get his Sunday Trading Bill made law before the beginning of the new year. The N.S.W. Assembly is generally well disposed towards Sunday trading of a limited character, and there is every reason to suppose that he will be successful.

In our last issue, in this column, we spoke of Ralston's hotel at Coromandel. The error was a clerical one, as the name should have read Rolleston. The genial proprietor of the Coromandel hostelry is as well-known in Auckland as at his headquarters on the goldfields, and doubtless his many friends wondered if he had adopted a new way of spelling his name.

Mr W. McKay, late of the Ohinemuri district, who took over the Settlers' Hotel at Whangarei, some six months ago, has materially increased the popularity of the house, and made it a favorite resort of the travelling community. It's patronage by the residents as a house of call has also been firmly established. He has an able assistant in Mrs McKay, who makes an excellent hostess.

At the recent meeting of the Wellington Licensing Committee, the following transfers of licenses were granted:—Terminus Hotel, Joseph Sullivan to Edward Sullivan; Albert Hotel, D. J. Kenney to Benjamin H. Price; Tramway Hotel, Dennis Maher to Annie Ryan; Princess Hotel, Thomas Reeseigh to Thomas Taylor; Queen's Hotel, William Tucker to Alfred Greenwood.

A Westport journalist seems to have got himself in bad odour with the publicans in that district, and in consequence he is making a whine that he is being persecuted by being boycotted. From all accounts, he has no one but himself to blame. After having for a long time received substantial support from the publicans, he made arrangements to sell two of his columns regularly to the prohibition party. Under the circumstances he can hardly expect the licensed victuallers to continue to patronise him.

The Ohinemuri Licensing Committee acknowledged the satisfactory effect that the extension of the closing hour to 11 o'clock had had in Auckland. An extension was granted to Messrs Knock, O'Meara, and Smardon, of Te Aroha, and to Mr J. W. Shaw, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Paeroa. Extensions were ultimately granted to all the hotelkeepers of Paeroa, but the applications from Karangahake and Wairangi were ajourned until the next quarterly meeting.

A gentleman signing himself Wm. Jas. Williams writes a hysterical letter to the *N.Z. Herald*, referring to the 11 o'clock licenses, stating that "more work has been thrown on the police, more burdens on the tax-payers, and added shame and misery and sorrow on scores of homes." This lurid kind of language is not only untrue, but calculated to do harm by arousing bitter feeling. The assertion that the strictness with which the law has been observed is due entirely to the supervision of the police is an unfair one. Are the publicans to have no credit for being law-abiding citizens.



In the case of Irene Stewart, charged with sly-grog selling. His Worship held that the offence took place on the same occasion as that of Campbell and that the two cases were virtually one. He would therefore dismiss the information. Inspector Cullen, evidently determined to drive the nail home, gave notice of appeal.

The Licensing Committee sat in *camera* on Friday morning last, representatives of the press being refused admission. The magistrate who acted as chairman claimed that as it was a private meeting in his own room he did not feel justified in admitting anyone. However, he gave it to be understood that he placed no restrictions on members of the committee furnishing particulars to the press.

With reference to selling intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises to children under the age of thirteen, Mr Brabant has interpreted the word "allow" in the Act to mean "who did not prevent," and in commenting said that the word made the prohibition absolute. Technically, then, no matter how ameliorating the circumstances, there is no defence if liquor be procured by a child under the prescribed age.

The method adopted by the police to secure convictions came out very clearly in the case against Florrie Campbell for sly-grog selling, which was tried before Mr T. Hutchinson, S.M., last Wednesday week. It seems that one of the constables in plain clothes in company with a young fellow under age, visited the defendant's house, and called for some beer, which was supplied. Mr Reed, who appeared for the defendant, stigmatised the action of the police as scandalous, and accused them of deliberately committing a crime in order to entrap people into committing a breach of the law. His Worship imposed a fine of £5, and, referring to the methods by which the proof had been obtained, remarked that "he did not think he should say anything, except that it was decidedly un-English."

The judgment in the licensing case in which Francis Little, licensee of the Globe Hotel, Wakefield Street, was charged with allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold for consumption off the premises to a child apparently under the age of thirteen, was given on Tuesday of last week. A fine of £2 with 17s costs was imposed, and the defendant's license was not endorsed. Although the fine was a nominal one, it seems rather cruel that a conviction should have been recorded at all. Mr Little was at the time of the alleged offence ill in bed, and the girl who served the liquor was not the regular barmaid, but a housemaid, whose duties were to clean out the bar and incidentally serve early customers. She was not supposed to be either an expert in judging ages or familiar with the regular custom of the house. Under these circumstances we think it a stretching of the provisions of the Masters' and Servants' Act to record a conviction. In cases of this kind the intent to commit a breach of the law should weigh heavily in the balance in favor of the offender, who, at the worst, is only guilty of a technical offence.

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There has been considerable agitation in Australia of late as to the adulteration of spirits. It is claimed that the difficulty lies in two sources, the substitution of inferior bulk for good bottled whisky and illicit distillation. As to the latter there is little or no illicit distillation in New Zealand, but we often hear complaints of bottles with one brand on, being used for other liquors. Although this is not general in the better class of hotels, still the evil exists, and the remedy lies in the hands of the wholesale trade themselves. Every wine and spirit merchant can cause any retail dealer who sells substituted whisky to be fined for the offence. Of course there is a natural disinclination on the part of merchants to prosecute for fear of their special brand being boycotted. This, we think, is an error, as, if the prosecutors are certain fraud has been practised, it would be much better to expose it at once, and we are certain they would have the concurrence of every honest member of the Trade.

The case regarding Mr Michael Foley's application for a wine and beer license at the Exhibition Building has been a rather peculiar one. When he first made his application the committee were disposed to grant him a seven days' license, but he explained that under the arrangements he had made with the Exhibition committee so short a time would be of no service to him, and that instead of making any money he would lose six or seven hundred pounds, as he had paid a large sum for the privilege. Under these circumstances he could not accept it. He then went to the Exhibition committee and made new arrangements for a seven days' privilege during the holidays, and again applied to the Licensing Committee, but as has already been reported the meeting terminated abruptly before his case was considered. It was again brought up at the adjourned meeting on Monday, a report of which appears in another column of this issue, and the chairman decided to reserve his decision.

A Ballarat (Victoria) hotel-keeper was recently proceeded against for having on his premises some J.D.K.Z. gin which was discovered to be 6.2 under proof. It was contended for the defendant that there was no standard of proof for the liquor. It was also averred that the gin had not been tampered with, at least since delivery from the merchants. The Excise officer admitted that only about five cases out of a shipment of 200 or 300 cases were tested by the landing waiters, and the Bench, after expressing the opinion that hotel-keepers were very much dependent on those exporting liquor, dismissed the case, with costs against the Department. Dr. Wollaston, the Secretary for Customs, represents that J.D.K.Z. gin has an unalterable minimum

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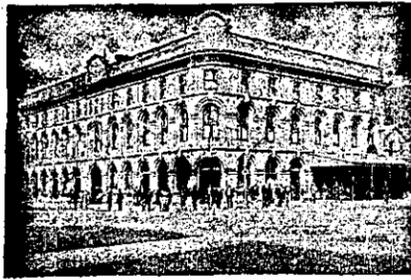
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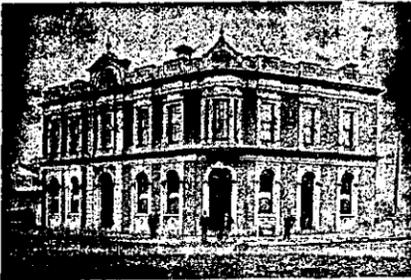
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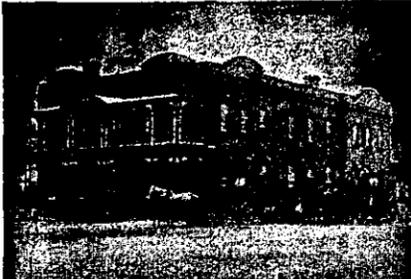
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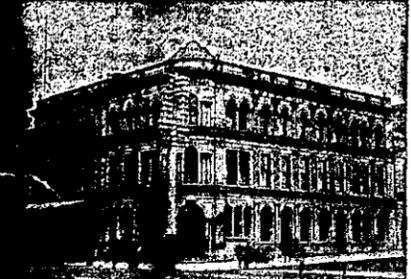
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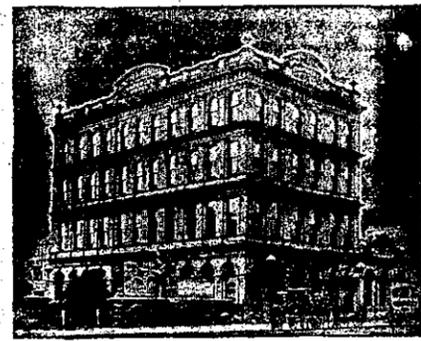
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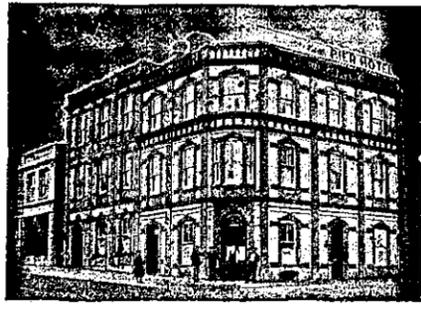
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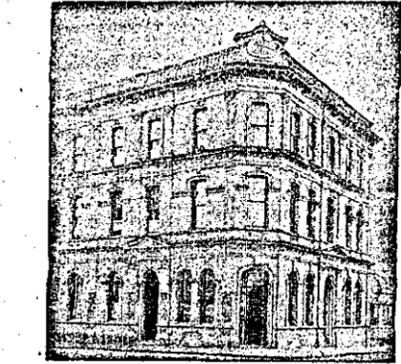
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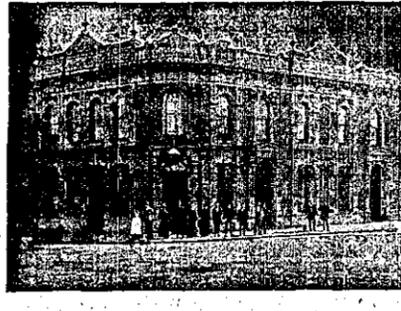
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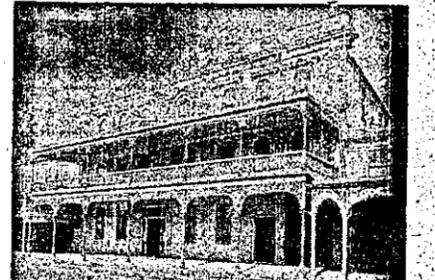
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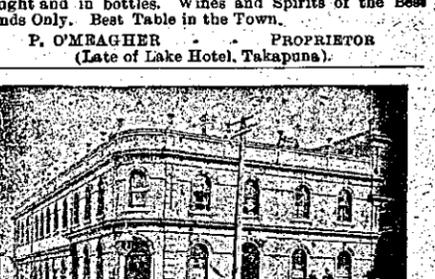
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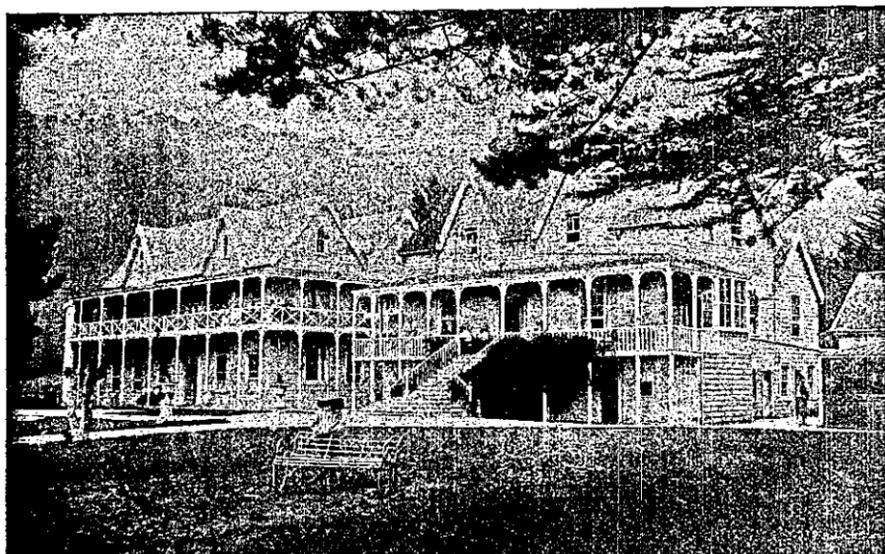
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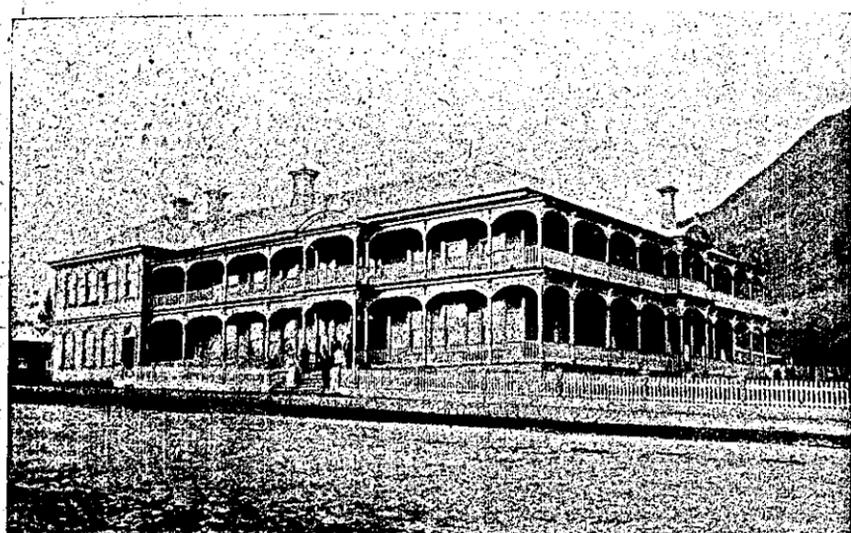
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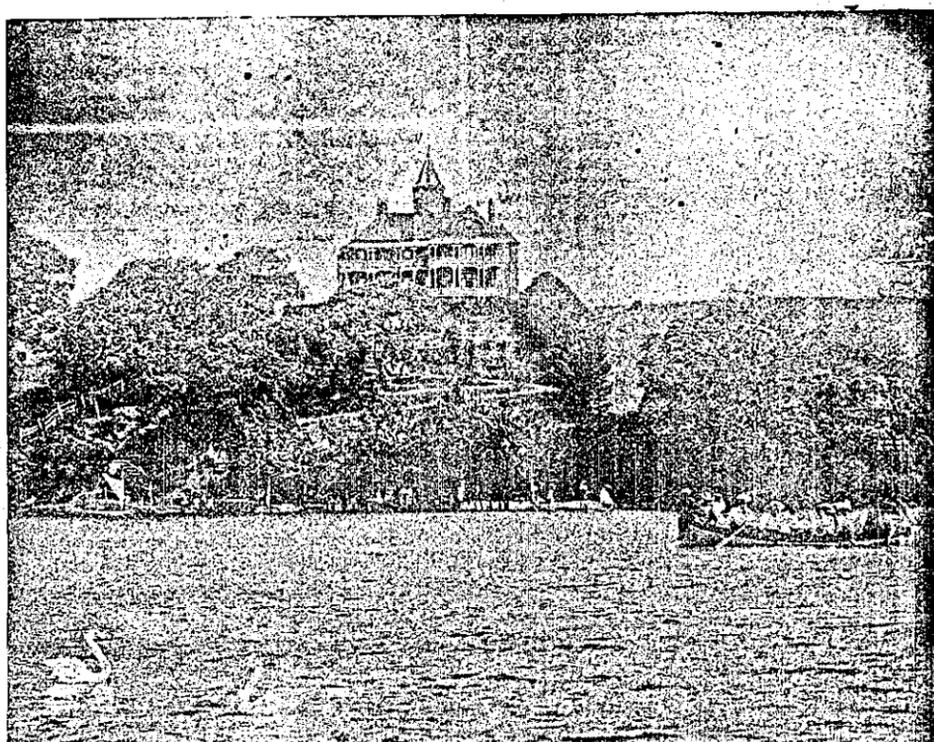
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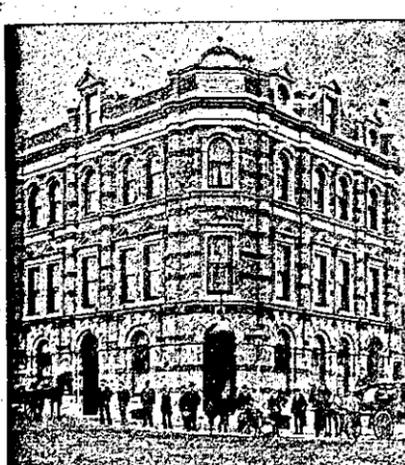
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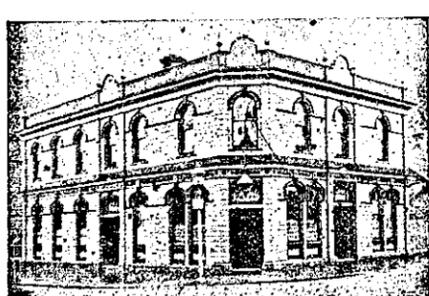
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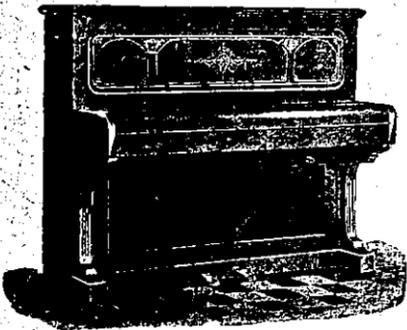
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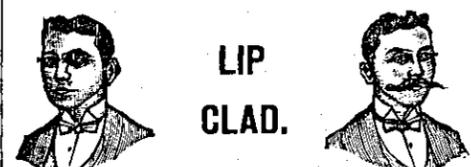
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