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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. Hesketh, H. O. Nolan.

FIRST DAY, BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1898.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 3 sovs each, to go to the funds.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1898.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899

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.

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.

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.

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.

Auckland Steeplechase 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 a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 4 sovs each, to go to the funds.

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.

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.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1898, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS. Auckland Cup ... 1 sov Railway Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1898, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Auckland Cup ... 3 sovs Auckland Steeple... 2 sovs

FORFEIT. Royal Stakes of 1898-1899, for three-year-olds and two-year-olds ... 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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1898, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Trial Handicap ... 1 sov Nursery Handicap ... 1 sov

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1898, at the Post. ACCEPTANCES. Great Northern Foal ... 10 sovs Auckland Cup ... 6 sovs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Alexandra Handicap ... 2 sovs Welter Handicap ... 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899, at the Post. Steeplechase... 3 sovs Royal Stakes ... 10 sovs

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1899, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS. Great Northern Derby Stakes, 1900-1901

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1898. Auckland Cup ... Summer Steeplechase

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1898. Trial Handicap ... Nursery Handicap

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1898, by 12 noon. Alexandra Handicap ... Summer Cup Handicap

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1898, in Morning Paper. New Year's Hurdles ... County Handicap

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1899, by 9 p.m. Ascot Handicap ... Grandstand Handicap

Sylvia Handicap ... Newmarket Handicap

Handicap Pony Race ... WM. 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, A. Alison.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1899. Handicap Maiden Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake.

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 50 sovs.

Zealandia Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1½ 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.

Calliope Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1½ 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.

First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under.

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.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1899. Suburban Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles.

Second Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under.

Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake.

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.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Hack 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.

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.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1899. Second Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake.

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

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

Third Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles.

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.

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.

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

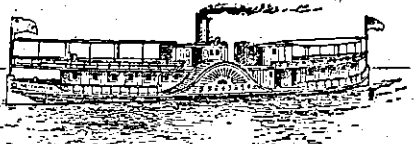
Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race, after the weights are declared, to carry a penalty of 5lb extra.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES: NOMINATIONS. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, by 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, by 9 p.m. Takapuna Cup ... 1 sov First Steeplechase ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th, by 4 p.m. FIRST DAY. Maiden Plate ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th, by 9 p.m. FIRST DAY. Maiden Plate ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 2 sovs



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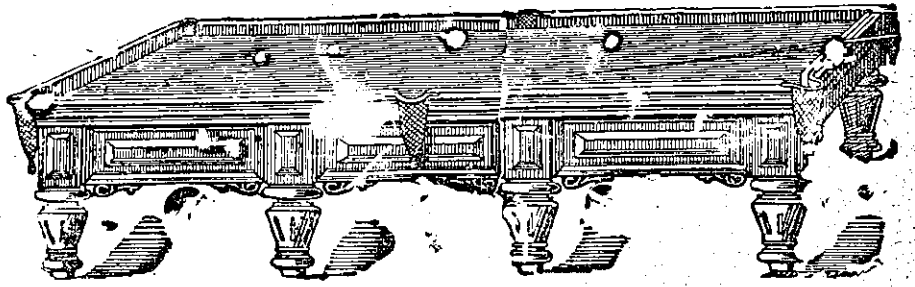
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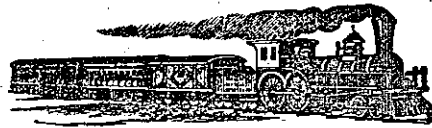
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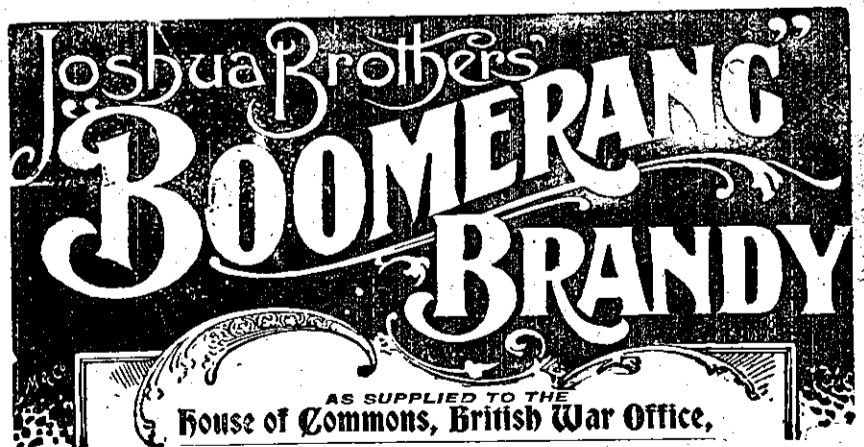
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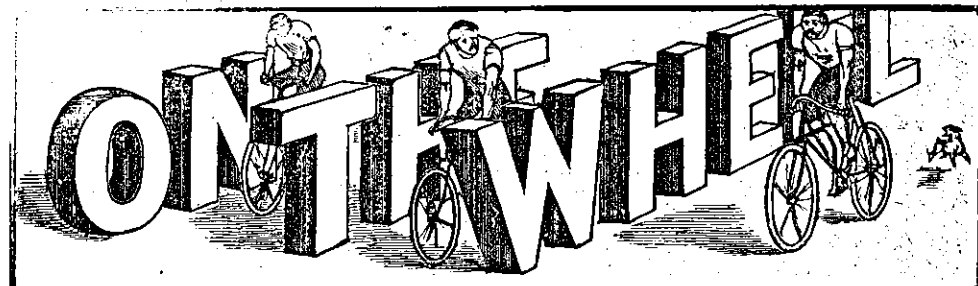
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The New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance was, according to report, disbanded on the casting vote of a chairman who occupied the unique position of delegate for and against the disbandment. No one will envy Mr Haswell—that is, I believe, the gentleman's name—his position.

The Auckland Cycling Club holds a meeting under the auspices of the Auckland Industrial Exhibition, next Tuesday evening, when a programme of six bicycle events, including a pursuit race, will be run off.

The handicaps for the N.Z. Wheel Race caused some astonishment among riders and others in these parts when it was found that Teddy Reynolds had been given a start from A. R. Barker, who, it will be remembered, has been beaten by the Auckland rider again and again.

The committee appointed by the N.Z. A.A.A. has drawn up a report on the question of cycling in connection with amateur running, but the results of its labors will not be made known until the next meeting of the executive of the amateur governing body.

Subject to the approval of the Auckland Exhibition, the A.A.A. and C.C. will run a twenty-mile scratch race on the Exhibition banked track. The suggestion that such an event should be provided comes from Mr S. Thorne George, one of the club's vice-presidents.

The Waikato rider, Innis, who has been in town for some weeks, intends settling here if he can find employment.

The Auckland Cycling Club will in all probability hold a carnival somewhere about the end of January or early in February, when it is proposed to put on amateur races under League rules. While the cash body has not succeeded in gaining a single rider from the ranks of the A.A.A. and C.C., they should find no difficulty in getting together a few riders, as the League has recently adopted a resolution providing for the reinstatement of professionals who have stood down for twelve months. This system of "manufacturing" amateurs, or rather, I should say, "shamateurs," is hardly likely to popularise the governing body in the eyes of lovers of true amateurism; more particularly after their alleged desire to purify the ranks of amateur cycling.

W. Martin, more popularly known as "Pluggie Bill," is coming back to Australia again.

There is a likelihood of a team of Australian riders visiting New Zealand in February next (says a Melbourne paper). The New Zealand clubs are very anxious that a first-class team of racing men, including Walne, should go across for a racing trip through the Island, and with this object in view several clubs have already guaranteed £150 towards paying the expenses of the tour.

The brightest feature of the St. Kilda Carnival (Melbourne) was the fine exhibition of riding given by R. W. Walne (on Dunlops), the Australian champion accounting for the Three Mile Paced Tournament and the Ten mile International scratch race.

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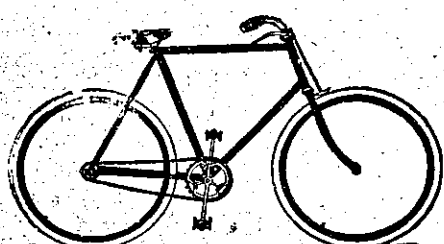
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Probably the greatest match of the year has just taken place in Paris. Champion and Bonhours, the middle distance champions of France, met Tom Linton and F. C. Armstrong, representing England. The contest, which was over 50 kilometres, took place on the Parc des Princes track, and it had been arranged that the victory for either side should be according to the positions at the finish. In the event of points being equal the rider who first crossed the tape was to give victory to his side. The four riders appeared on the track all paced by electric tandems, in respect to which each was equally well served. At the pistol all got away to a capital start, Champion as usual cutting out the pace at a fast rate, but he was soon passed by Armstrong and Linton. In the fourth kilometre Armstrong's tandem stopped dead, and Linton's shortly afterwards followed suit, the result being that the English representatives were left without pace. Armstrong got a fresh tandem, and went in pursuit of the Frenchmen, while Linton was left temporarily out in the cold. Champion led at the eleventh kilometre. Armstrong at last got behind a fast tandem, and gave the spectators a taste of his ability. He speedily overtook Bonhours, and went in pursuit of Champion, whom he passed at a terrific rate of speed. Linton, in the meantime, was hanging out signs of distress, and he was lapped by Bonhours. In the twentieth kilometre Armstrong was leading by 400 yards. Linton now began to ride better, and in the fortieth kilometre he left Champion and caught Bonhours, whom he passed. Linton made a game effort to catch Armstrong, who was several laps ahead, but the latter answered sprint with sprint. Armstrong won by two laps in the splendid time of 58min 42 2-5 sec, Tom Linton second, Bonhours third a lap behind Linton, and Champion a lap behind Bonhours last. The English representatives therefore won very decisively. Armstrong's time is a French record.

It is very easy to know if any ride has overtaxed the strength and caused over-fatigue, says the famous cycling physician, Dr. E. B. Turner: Under such circumstances the rider will be unable to eat, he will be hot, thirsty, restless, and feverish at night, and quite unable to sleep, and the next day will suffer from lassitude and a distinct disinclination for any form of exertion. If rest be taken, these symptoms of "fatigue fever" will rapidly subside; but if they be disregarded, and the offence repeated, nature will step in to exact the penalty due to her outraged laws.

The science of correct ankle action is not always an easy one for the novice to learn. They don't seem to understand this new application of the ankle, and sometimes in the attempt to obey the directions of their tutor will slip the pedal until brought up sharply by the heel. The simplest explanation of the movement we ever heard given by an instructor was: "Fancy you are turning a handle with your foot," and when one comes to analyse the words they will be found to contain a wealth of meaning. Everyone knows how the wrists adapt themselves to the turning of a handle, and when the cycling novice has this basis on which to work he soon learns to use his ankles with the greatest effect.

There is a likelihood of A. MacDonald of transcontinental fame, making an attempt to reduce W. Kux's Adelaide to Melbourne record of 545 miles in 51 hours 48 minutes at an early date, as MacDonald is very confident, that with fair weather and pacing, he can lower the existing records. The last man to attempt this ride, was the crack N.S.W. road rider, W. S. McCombe, but he failed, through meeting wet weather most of the way.

An amusing story is going the rounds anent one of Melbourne's big cycle manufacturers. Mr A. Robb, was recently had up before the Melbourne Court for riding with his hands off, and after a deal of evidence on both sides, was mulcted in a small fine. A week later Mr Robb attended the Mayor's dinner, and received a bit of a shock when placed beside and introduced to the identical Magistrate who had, a few days previously, fined him for riding hands off. Mr Robb then tackled the on an equal footing, and so convinced his antagonist that he ended up victoriously by selling him one of his firm's machines, which Mr Robb had contended in Court, ran as easily and steadily with the hands off as on. Mr Robb has now gone a step further; he has appeared, with success, to the Chief Justice and obtained an order nisi to review the Magistrate's decision, so that, up to the present, the honors are with the cyclist.

Lilian Russell, the celebrated actress, is said to own the most valuable and beautifully decorated drop-frame machine ever manufactured. The frame is of gold and silver, thickly set with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds. Mrs Langtry has a wheel of solid silver, a prize that she values most highly, although it is of very little use as a riding machine. A tandem worth £2500 is something of a novelty, yet one that has been known for a long ago.



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The performances of Forbes, the speedy New Zealander, in Melbourne since the recent League meeting in Sydney stamp him as being one of the most consistent riders on Australian tracks at present (states the Sydney Evening News). Forbes beat all comers a few days ago in a 25 miles scratch race on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and gave such a splendid exhibition of pace and judgment that local critics had no hesitation in speaking of him as the best man on the ground. He defeated Parsons, the Victorian champion pace follower, when everyone thought that popular rider was going to score an easy victory. The New Zealand champion is a dangerous man always, but especially so over a long distance. He can set a terrific pace, and then sprint like a demon at the finish. In the scratch race alluded to the pace was jerky and broken, being exceptionally fast in patches. This broke Parsons up, though the brilliant Victorian made an excellent show in the running. When it came to the final sprint, however, none of the field could hold Forbes, who won easily. This splendid achievement by the New Zealander makes Megson's recent riding seem all the finer. On Forbes' Melbourne showing he is certainly the crack Australian stayer at present, and he will return to Sydney to race at the forthcoming electric light meetings on December 23 and 28 with his reputation enhanced, and more anxious than ever to lower Megson's colors. It will be remembered that after Megson defeated him in their match in Sydney a few weeks ago Forbes expressed himself as being confident that he could reverse the decision if the race were ridden over again, and he wished for another meeting. Megson, on the other hand, was just as confident that he could beat Forbes every day in the week. As the Sydney sprinter is just now in splendid form it is probable that some sensational racing will be seen at the coming evening meetings.

week. This race is now the largest held in N.Z. and attracts riders from almost every centre in the colony. On the first day the attendance numbered over four thousand, and fine weather prevailed, but a strong nor-wester interfered with times. The following are the results:—

ONE MILE MAIDEN.—E. T. Scrimsher, 50yds, 1; H. Smith, 40yds, 2; V. Ritchie, 50yds, 3. Time 2min 18 2-5sec.

DASH HANDICAP. One lap.—First heat: J. Hanley (Dunedin), 35yds, 1. Time, 45 1-5sec. Second heat: W. Robertson (Christchurch), 40 yds, 1; A. Jones (Auckland), 15yds, 2. Time, 45 3-5sec. Third heat: A. C. Middleton (Melbourne), scr., 1. Time, 46 2-5sec. Fourth heat: T. MoNaught (Timaru), 40yds, 1. Time, 47sec. Final heat: A. Jones (Auckland), 1; T. MoNaught, 2; Robertson, 3. Won after a magnificent sprint by inches only. Time, 45sec.

ONE MILE AMATEUR.—B. Bassett (Christchurch), scr., 1; T. Oates, 50yds, 2. Won by 30yds. Time, 2min 29 3-5sec.

N.Z. WHEEL RACE HANDICAP, two miles. First prize £40, second prize £20, third prize £10, fourth prize £5.—First heat: C. C. Derrett (Hororata), 180yds, 1; E. Henry (Christchurch), 70yds, 2; A. Huston (Ashburton), 220yds, 3; A. Jones (Auckland), 80yds, 4. Won by twenty yards. Time, 4min 37 1-5sec. Second heat: H. Holland (Ashburton), 180yds, 1; E. A. Wall (Christchurch), 40yds, 2; A. C. Middleton (Melbourne), 20yds, 3; G. Sutherland (Christchurch), scr., 4. Won by ten yards. Time, 4min 31 4-5sec. Third heat: A. Holmes (Christchurch), 100yds, 1; A. E. Barker (Christchurch), scr., 2; D. J. Plunkett (Wellington), 60yds, 3; R. J. Cook (Christchurch), 100yds, 4. Won by a length. Time, 4min 39 4-5sec. Final heat: H. Holland, 180yds, 1; A. Barker, scr., 2; G. Sutherland, scr., 3; E. Wall, 40yds, 4. Time, 4min 36sec.

CYCLIST CHALLENGE SHIELD SCRATCH RACE. Two miles.—G. Sutherland, 1; A. E. Barker, 2; A. Ralston, 3. Other starters—D. J. Plunkett, A. C. Middleton, N. Ralston, W. Stackwood, W. Bennett, R. Hendry, R. Cook. Won by a wheel, others close up. Time, 4min 54 1-5sec.

FLYING STAKES. Half mile.—First heat: K. Rodger, 40yds, 1. Time, 1min 13 5-5sec. Second heat: Barker, scr., 1. Time 1min 3 1 5-5sec. Third heat: C. Jones, 50yds, 1. Time, 1min 3 1-5-5sec. Fourth heat: G. Sutherland, scr., 1. Time, 1min 5sec. Final heat: Sutherland, 1; Clarkson 2; Ferris (Oamaru), 40yds, 3. Won on the tape. Time, 1min 3 3-5-5sec.

MULTICYCLE HANDICAP. Two miles.—G. Henwood, Scrimshaw, Lewis, Wearne (quad), 250yds, 1; H. Ritchie and V. Ritchie (tandem), 200yds, 2; A. Holmes and K. Rodger (tandem), 100yds, 3. Splendid race. Won by a length. Time, 4min 12sec.

The attendance on Saturday was only fair. The racing was again excellent, except in the big race which was won by Holland, of Ashburton, in an easy manner. He set out at a fast pace from the start. As the scratch men refused to pace one another, they could never get near Holland, who won by a dozen lengths.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP. One mile.—First heat: C. C. Willis, 110yds, 1. Time, 2min 12sec. Second heat: A. W. Humphreys, 45yds, 1. Time, 2min 12 2-5sec; third heat: J. Stanton, 80yds, 1. Time, 2min 13sec. Fourth heat: W. Clarkson, 80yds, 1. Time, 2min 12 4-5sec. Final heat: Humphreys (Wellington), 1; Clarkson (Christchurch), 2; H. Gunthorpe (Dunedin), 85yds, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 9sec.

THE N.Z. WHEEL RACE MEETING.

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

The Great New Zealand Wheel Race Meeting, promoted annually by the Christchurch Cycling Club, was held on Friday and Saturday of last

Photo by Gregory, A. W. A.

MULTICYCLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Henwood, Lewis, Robertson, and Wearne (quad), 230yds, 1; Middleton and A. Balston (tandem), scr, 2. Won easily. Time, 4min 11 3/5sec.

FLUTTER HANDICAP, one lap.—A. N. Jones, 5yds, 1; W. Robertson, 40yds, 2; J. Hanley, 35yds, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 46sec.

ONE-MILE AMATEUR HANDICAP.—K. Bassett, scr, 1; T. Oates, 80yds, 2. Won by a wheel. Time, 2min 23sec.

FIVE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANTERBURY (paced).—G. Sutherland and A. R. Barker, dead-heat; R. J. Cook, 3. Other starters—A. Balston, D. J. Plunkett, A. C. Middleton, A. Calder, A. W. Humphries, and J. W. Jones. After three miles had been covered the three placed riders were the only ones in the race, the pace having been too fast for the others. Time, 12min 24sec. Suther and, thinking he had won, was very anxious to run off, but Barker declined, and forfeited the gold medal which went with the first prize.

CONSOLATION, one mile.—W. Hall (Timaru), 3yds, 1. Time, 2min 11sec.

The riding of A. Jones, champion of Honolulu, in the short distance races was the best seen in Christchurch. He is a beautiful pedaller, and when he strikes form and gets used to the track he will cut out faster times. W. Tierney rode without success.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

JAMES AITKEN wishes to notify that he has leased that well-known House, the **EMPIRE HOTEL**, which has been carried on very successfully for the past 23 years by Mr Thomas Whitaker. Strict attention will be paid to the wants of patrons and a continuance of their liberal patronage is solicited. **JAMES AITKEN** PROPRIETOR. **EMPIRE HOTEL, TAX STREET INVERCARGILL.**

possession—it is pretty generally agreed that the names of D. Wilson, W. H. Madill, G. Smith, Hori Eruera, and A. W. Bell will figure among those selected to make the journey to Dunedin in February. Taking them seriatim and contrasting their performances with those that have been brought under our notice at Southern meetings during the year, the quintette must give the other centres a rare shaking, for, though far short of the numerical strength of the team that last year did battle for Auckland at Wanganui, they are a first-class lot. Fit and well D. Wilson still stands in front of any heel and toe exponent in other provinces and should account for the One and Three Mile Walks, W. H. Madill may be expected to place to Auckland's credit the Hammer Throwing and Shot Putting Competition, G. Smith will—in the absence of Patrick—take a power of beating in the 100yds Flat, 120yds and 440yds Hurdles—his most dangerous opponent over sticks, in the absence of Holder, being Cholmondeley, the Christchurch representative—Hori Eruera can still lay claim to the distinction of Champion Pole Vault, and A. W. Bell must be found a most formidable opponent in the One and Three Mile Runs.

The heel and toe exponents of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club received a rude shock on Saturday last, when no less than three of the five competitors engaged in the One Mile Walk Handicap were disqualified by the judges, Messrs Burton and Coombes. These included McAffer, who indulged in an amble whenever he thought the eyes of the judge were not on him, and J. Dickey and D. Wilson who mixed it in the last 100yds of the event. The judges are to be congratulated on their firmness.

Through the efforts of Mr F. J. Ohleon, an enthusiastic worker in the interests of Amateur sport, a Public Schools Amateur Athletic

with 150ft 1in, a few inches short of the record. He just stepped outside of the circle when he threw 158ft 9 1/2in, and on another occasion he threw the hammer into the branches of a tree, where it rested. Had it escaped the tree the throw would probably have eclipsed the record by several feet. M. W. Long ran a great race in the 300yds event, in which he went around a field of about twenty men in 31 3/5sec. Kraenzlein won the Long Jump with 23ft 5 5/8in; G. W. Orton the Amateur Athletic Union Two Mile Steeplechase Championship, in 11min 41 4/5sec; F. G. Beck the Shot Putting, with 46ft 8in (2ft 6in handicap, Sheldon being second with 45ft 11in (1ft 9in handicap) and G. R. Gray third from scratch, with 44ft 8in; H. E. Manvel the Half Mile Handicap from scratch, in 1min 56 1/5sec; R. C. Ewry the Amateur Athletic Union Standing Broad and High Jump Championships, the former with 10ft 11in, and the latter with 5ft.

The match for £50 aside over fifteen miles, between Bacon and L. Hurst, was decided on Oct. 29, at Rochdale, in miserable weather. The *Sporting Life* gives the following particulars of the race:—When the men came out to take up their positions on the track there was some betting on the result, Hurst being a strong favorite at 4 to 1. They were despatched to a perfectly level start, Bacon leading for the first quarter of a mile, when Hurst went to the front. After this they passed each other several times, and there was nothing in the running to indicate the probable winner. Bacon was certainly going in splendid form, and at the half distance (7 1/2 miles) was leading by a yard, the time being 40min 11 3/5sec. Odds of 3 to 1 were offered against Bacon, who continued to run strongly, and at the eighth mile was still leading. Hurst got slightly in front before the ninth mile w

thought Wilson's style would pass muster anywhere, and when he saw the snapshot of Wilson's spurt in the three miles he said he was satisfied it proved beyond all doubt that Wilson's walking was fair. At the last championship meeting, held at Wanganui, the special correspondent of the *Canterbury Times* says a New Zealand professional watched Wilson very closely all through the three miles, and said he failed to see how any good judge could find fault with his mode of progression. He also said Dickey, the other Auckland walker, who was disqualified on Saturday, had a nice easy style, and when he gets more pace, which will come to him in the course of a year or two, he would be a match for his club-mates, Wilson and Creamer. The reason the judges gave for their action on Saturday was that they were trying to reform the style of walking in Auckland. If Wilson, Dickey, and Co. ran on Saturday, I am sure F. Creamer did when he gave Wilson twenty yards in the last quarter of the mile walk last November twelve months, and put up the fast time of 6min 27sec. Hoping you will find room for the above in your valuable paper.—I am, etc., **FAIR PLAY.**

Megson is to-day looked upon as the fastest rider in Australia.

G. M. NEWTON,
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LEGAL CHAMBERS, QUEEN STREET
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THE POLLARD OPERA COMPANY WHEN ORGANIZED, 1891.



BACK ROW—(13)—T. Pollard, A. Jones, M. Neal, L. Cambray, A. McShane, M. Denholm, B. Mackay, L. Tubman, A. Cobb, M. Cambray, N. Rede, L. Everett, May Beatty, B. Mackay.
SECOND ROW—(8)—L. Tubman, A. Cobb, M. Cambray, N. Rede, L. Everett, May Beatty, B. Mackay.
THIRD ROW—(12)—E. Ziegler, A. Gildale, N. Wilson, Maud Beatty, V. Russell, C. Kaye, L. Steph.
FOURTH ROW—(11)—A. Landeshuit, Mrs Pollard, Jack Pollard, W. Clemo, J. McShane, A. Gilben.
FRONT ROW—(5)—A. Young, N. Landeshuit, G. Young, T. Smith, W. Percy. *Member of the Com



[BY VIGILANT.]

The Athletic sports, under the auspices of the Exhibition authorities and the management of the A.A.A. and C.C., were continued on Saturday afternoon, the principal event of the day, as far as merit of performance is concerned, being the 120yds Hurdles, in which Geo. Smith, owing 12yds, ran to within a yard of Claude Motion, owing 4yds, who accounted for the race in 17 3/5sec. Even allowing a fifth for the remaining yard, Smith's display was extremely creditable, as it is within the mark to allow 1 3/5sec for the extra twelve yards, and the lumpy and heavy state of the ground, as fairly heavy rain had fallen just before the final. This brings him down to 16 1/5sec, which, in the absence of Holder, should be found good enough for anything down South in February.

While the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club has, so far, made no definite arrangements with regard to the team to be sent to Dunedin to defend the claim of the province to the coveted Championship Banner—now in our

Association has been formed to embrace the whole of the public schools of Auckland City and Suburbs. Athletic sports meetings and swimming galas will be promoted by the Association, and these may be expected to serve the double purpose of improving the schoolboys physically, and bringing out the amateur runners and swimmers of the future.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club will, in all probability, hold another Sports Carnival under the auspices of the Exhibition towards the end of January.

According to the *Sydney Referee* there is very little prospect of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association sending competitors across to the N.Z. Championship at Dunedin February. It appears that the Association on the other side will need every penny they can scrape together to send men to the Australasian Championship at Brisbane in August 1899.

Sampson, the strong man now showing in Australia, will, it is understood, include New Zealand in his Antipodean tour. Aucklanders may, therefore, look forward to witnessing the feats of strength by this marvel of physical development.

E. C. Bredin has two matches on hand. He meets Downer over 500yds for £50 aside, and Tinsler over half a mile for a like sum. The first match was fixed for this month, and that with Tinsler for January.

Some good performances were recorded at the autumn sports meeting of the New York Athletic Club, held at Travers Island, New York, on Oct. 1. Flanagan won the 16lb hammer competition

reached, but his opponent Hurst had him some years gradually made anybody's race end of the fourteenth mile expected that B sprint away from quarters of a mi general constern Hurst was left to 1hr 23min 18sec.

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"THE GONDOLIERS."—A capital first night was the production of "The Gondoliers" on Wednesday evening by the Auckland Opera Company. Herr Vennermark's lovely scenery even surpassed his own handiwork in "The Mikado." The latter opera, when replaced, was running without a hitch, and Mr J. T. Stoyles' patient teaching was rewarded by a relief from any anxiety as to the business. As Herr Carl Schmitt was engaged with "The Golden Legend" on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Mr Charles Waud took the baton at the Opera House, and proved a most efficient substitute, "The Mikado" going like clockwork. For "The Gondoliers," however, the Herr Professor was in his wonted position. Staging, dressing, music, and business were all of a high standard of excellence, and the audience manifested their delight by frequent encores, so that the Library clock had chimed the quarter to 11 before the curtain finally fell. The chorus sang and acted with good volume and admirable precision. "Roses Red and Roses White," "Buon Giorno," "Bridegroom and Bride," and the grand finales to both acts were capitally done. The dancing—with lovely lime-light effects—of the cachuca and gavotte was excellent. Taking the characters (ladies first) Miss Emily Reeves made a dignified and stately Duchess, and wore a lovely dress in the second act. She fully maintained her reputation, both vocally and histrionically, although the part is not nearly so strong as Katisha. Of Mrs E. H. Hopkins' Casilda I have already expressed a very high opinion. Vocally she is quite as good as ever, and her acting and delivery of Mr Gilbert's incisive dialogue proves her to have made great strides in stage-craft. The Misses Carrie Knight and Lily Thomson, as Giatetta and Tessa, must be bracketed together as two more of the successes of the production. Both ladies sing, dance, and act charmingly, and make their points with grace,

other opportunity of seeing them may occur for years to come. Once more I must congratulate conductor, stage-manager, trainer, performers, and orchestra on the great success achieved.

MR DUVAL tells me that Mr Pollard discovered in Napier an excellent tenor, who has joined the company. Mr Carter is the new recruit.

EXHIBITION MUSIC: "THE GOLDEN LEGEND."—On Tuesday evening in last week the second performance of this fine cantata crowded the Choral Hall with an enthusiastic audience. Praiseworthy as the first rendering proved, the second far surpassed it in every respect—soloists, chorus, and orchestra quite eclipsing their previous efforts. A gentleman pre-eminently competent to judge, having heard all former productions in the colony and being a distinguished musician himself, pronounces Tuesday evening's "Golden Legend" distinctly the finest ever heard in New Zealand. This, indeed, is high praise, as the visitor in question is by no means a reckless musical optimist. The triumph was largely due to the splendid conducting of Herr Carl Schmitt, who infused his fervid personality into the forces under control of his baton, and seemed to inspire them with his energy, dash, and sympathy. Only one portion of the piece dragged somewhat, i.e., the long duologue between Elsie (soprano) and Ursula (contralto), which, though dreary at best, might perhaps in some passages have had a little more dramatic meaning and force imparted. Exclamations such as "And must he die?" "Foolish child, be still!" "I will myself the offering make," "My child, thou must not die!" "Ah! Love is me!" "What if this were of God!" seem to indicate a highly-wrought pitch of passionate emotion rather than a wail of sorrow. But a truce to fault-finding where these is so

CHORAL HALL.—On Friday evening a ballad concert by the Exhibition soloists was much enjoyed by a large audience. All the singers were in their best form. Miss Large sang "Deh Vieni Non Tarder" (Mozart's "Figaro"), "The Swallows" (Cowen), and, as encores, "Annie Laurie" and "Jim"; Madame du Rieu, "Sunshine and Rain," "The Silver Ring," and "Killarney" (encore); Mr John Prouse, "Thou Art Passing Hence" and "The Deathless Army" (encore), "Ich Gralle" and "To Anthea"; Mr John Hill, "May Morning," "Mignon," and "A Song of Sleep" (encore). Every song was artistically rendered and much appreciated. Another delicious treat was afforded by the string quartet daintily and effectively played by Mons. de Willimoff, Mr Cox, Herr Zimmermann, and Judge Edger. The selections were two movements from Beethoven's No. 4 and Haydn's "Hymn to the Emperor." Mr Towsey accompanied some of the vocal numbers with wonted skill, and Miss Prouse in the others displayed exquisite sympathy and taste.

I HAVE received from the manager of the Henry Dramatic Company marked copies of Wellington newspapers containing very favorable criticisms of "From Scotland Yard."

MR CALLENDER, of the Hellers, forwards me *The Taranaki Herald* and *Hawera Star*, both of which speak in the highest terms of the artistic and financial success which the company is achieving.

WHEN the Pollards play in Auckland we shall hear Mr Ernest Fitts in the new patriotic song "Victory," which sings the praise of Kitchener's Khartoum and Fashoda triumphs. The composer (Vergne Whyte) has forwarded me a copy of the song. The air is a dashing and inspiring *tempo di marcia*, with an effective accompaniment and a ritornello introducing "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Messrs Eady are the publishers.

THE annual meeting of the Auckland Liedertafel took place on December 9th, Mr G. M. Reid in the chair. The balance-sheet presented showed that the finances of the society are in a healthy condition. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Patron, the Right Rev. Dr Lenihan; president, G. E. Mueller, Esq.; vice-presidents, Peter Dignan, Esq., J. J. Holland, Esq., Dr Dawson, V. E. Rice, Esq., Rev. Dr Egan, Hon. J. A. Tole, Theo. Cooper, Esq., Professor. Egerton, Professor Tubbs, Dr Fox, Dr Hooper, Dr Lewis, Rev. Mitchell, J. P. Hooton, Esq., D. Goldie, Esq.; conductor, Mr Arthur Towsey; hon. secretary, Mr J. R. Simpson; hon. treasurer, Mr A. Trenwith; librarian, Mr F. Parish; hon. auditor, Mr H. W. Taylor; hon. pianist, Mr Alf Bartley; committee, Messrs H. Davy, G. Roberts, T. Allan, M. Trenwith, and F. Wright.

THE Pollard Opera Company will open at the Opera House on Boxing Night with "The Gay Parisienne," a musical comedy by Mr George Dance (librettist) and Ivan Caryll (composer). It was first produced at the Duke of York's Theatre, London, where it had a run of over 300 nights. The rights for the colonies were purchased by Messrs Williamson and Musgrove, and the Pollard combination bought the New Zealand rights, also the scenery, wardrobe, and effects as used in the Australian production. "The Gay Parisienne" is of that style of entertainment that has almost supplanted comic opera. The music is bright and sparkling, and some of the situations are farcical in the extreme.

THE POLLARD OPERA COMPANY OF TO-DAY.



BACK ROW—(5)—E. O'Connor, H. Gleeson, F. Gardner, G. Walker, H. Smith.
 SECOND ROW—(10)—B. Russell, J. Friend, Alf. Stephens, W. Percy, G. Young, E. Nable, C. Bunz, G. Cleaver, H. Quealy, J. Thomas.
 THIRD ROW—(15)—C. Buckingham, Herr Bunz, J. O'Sullivan, J. Gardener, E. Fitts, F. Duval, W. O'Sullivan, T. Pollard, H. T. Harrison, Prof. Ashton, C. Vaughan, J. Quealy, T. Quealy, H. Poore, H. Sinnott.
 FOURTH ROW—(17)—Misses M. Hewson, Z. Karkeek, E. Metcalfe, E. Ziegler, C. Palmer, L. Stephens, N. Wilson, M. Mitchell, Mrs Pollard, Misses Maud Beatty, May Beatty, N. Ford, Mrs O'Sullivan, Misses W. Karkeek, J. Ramsay, A. Curtice, Mr D. Williams.
 FIFTH ROW—(13)—Misses A. Halle, B. Mercer, R. Stephens, M. Metcalfe, A. Smith, A. Pollard, N. Rede, N. Borthwick, L. Ericson, J. Campbell, K. Lewis, L. Harmston, B. Harrison.
 FRONT ROW—(4)—Albert Stephens, Eily O'Sullivan, Jack Pollard, Charley Albert.

charm, and precision. The Misses Minnie Lye and Ethel Boulton fill subordinate roles very well indeed, and, taken all round, the ladies are eminently a strong cast. Mr Archdale Tayler plays, for the first time, Don Bolero (the Grand Inquisitor), and adds another to his already long list of triumphs. His reading of the part quite eschews burlesque; and humor and excellent singing are artistically blended throughout with consistent dignity. For a first appearance as the Duke del Plazzo-Toro Mr Em. Keesing made a very creditable show, but will, with more practice and confidence, do much better work in the future. Mr Robin Hay's Luiz is worthy of all the praise bestowed upon him in former productions. He sings and acts up to Casilda capitally, and their joint efforts are the bone and sinew of the piece. Mr G. Tracey Hall's Guiseppe always makes its mark. His fine voice, stage presence, aplomb, and natural ease fit him for the role, which he plays à merveille. Mr A. L. Edwards, as Marco, also wins laurels, but, being new to the role, will improve at every performance. Mr A. G. Murphy's Antonio proves how much can be made of a comparatively minor part, and the same may be said of Messrs E. S. Fort (Giorgio) and F. P. George (Annibale). So numerous were the encores that I must only mention some:—"There Was a Time" (Casilda and Luiz), "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" (Marco), "Rising Early" (Guiseppe), the Duke's opening song and quartette, Don Bolero's "I Stole the Prince" and "There Lived a King," the Duchess' song and "Highly Delighted" duo, "When a Merry Maiden" (Tessa), "Kind Sir" (Gianetta), Tessa and Gianetta's farewell songs and ensemble with Marco and Guiseppe, etc., etc. By the time these lines are in print the operas will have started the final four alternate nights, and, being then letter-perfect, no one should miss hearing "Gondoliers" and "Mikado" so well staged and performed, especially as in all probability no

much to praise. Of Mr John Prouse's Lucifer I need only say ditto to my last praises of his splendid conception and interpretation of the many opportunities in a grand role. Magnificent was his Mephistophelian mockery of the Pilgrims chanting a psalm in "Here I am, too, in the pious band." The diabolical humor of the devil singing a hymn, with sardonic comments of his own interpolated, is a neat dramatic stroke. Mr John Hill's singing of the powerful and dramatic passages in Prince Henry's role displayed a marked advance on his previous performance. In capital voice, and with a greatly-improved orchestra, he let himself go, making his points with artistic effect. The vigorous treatment of a part which is a great deal more than the breathings of a love-sick swain, richly deserved the enthusiastic applause bestowed on the singer. Passages such as "Purge with your nostrums and drugs infernal; the spouts and gargoyles of these towers. 'Not me! My faith is utterly gone in every power but the Power Supernal;" and "Through every vein I feel again the fever of youth," were forcibly delivered. Miss Large surpassed herself in the music allotted to Elsie, and sang the number, "My Redeemer and My Lord" (Mr Radcliffe, obligato on Cor-Anglais), with refined taste and effect. Madame du Rieu, although not quite in voice, displayed marked improvement, and was applauded for Ursula's pathetic prayer, "Virgin who lovest the poor and lowly." Mr J. W. Ryan again acquitted himself well in The Forester's brief part, "Your daughter lives and the Prince is well," being admirably declaimed. I trust that "The Golden Legend" will be repeated at least once more.

CICIL WARD, now under engagement to The Firm, is appearing in the new line of a low-comedian, and plays Tom Dossiter in "Harbour Lights."

MELBOURNE WAXWORKS.—The popularity of the above entertainment is still on the increase. If matters go on as they have been during the last few weeks, our only John will be obliged to petition the building commissioners to extend his premises, or else run the risk of a summons for overcrowding. Apart from what might be called the "stationary" entertainment—in the shape of every "diversion," bar a "shindy," that at Old Country fair ever offered—there is a continuous change of programme in the way of new comedies, new songs, new dances, etc. On Saturday evening last a minstrel entertainment was given, and as we have seen nothing of that kind of a really high-class character in Auckland for some time, it goes without saying that it went well. New attractions are promised for the holiday week, and we do not exaggerate when we say that even the canniest of Scots would consider he had received his full "sixpen'orth" of amusement after leaving this kaleidoscopic combination of every variety of amusement. John seems to be almost as much pleased as the public, for at the present time his face continually wears the happy expression of one who has successfully catered to the pleasures of his fellow citizens and whose efforts have been appreciated.

ON Saturday week last the members of the Auckland Liedertafel, at the kind invitation of Messrs Reed Bros., journeyed to Motutapu. The party left in Mr Bradney's launch Presto, and, after a pleasant run down to Home Bay, were met by Mr Reed, who showed them round the island. The members then, under the trees, regaled Mr Reed with a choice selection of part songs and, after a little light refreshment, re-embarked for home. When the Presto got alongside H.M.S. Tauranga the members treated the crew of the war ship to a few suitable part songs, which were received by ringing British cheers. The Presto arrived at the wharf a little before 9 o'clock, and all declared they had had a good time.

APPROPOS of the staging of "The Mikado" at the Auckland Opera House. This opera was first produced in the colonies at the Theatre Royal in Melbourne about thirteen years ago, and the title role was entrusted to Johnny Forde, whom Auckland playgoers will recollect as having last appeared here with Maggie Moore some six or seven years ago.

PADEBIEWSKI, the great pianist, also the man with the marvellous head of hair, has at last finished his long-promised opera. Unfortunately it will be produced first in Dresden during this month. We don't know what our Exhibition committee were thinking of not to have made arrangements for its production in Auckland just now. It would have been such a lift for Paderewski, too!!!

PROFESSOR DANIS, the conjurer who became so popular in Auckland, closed at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, after a very successful season, which was prolonged a month over the original time arranged. He will be over here again during the summer months.

In the issue before last we reprinted in our stage columns, from a Napier paper, the statement that The Firm had booked dates at the Napier Theatre Royal from March 10th to March 17th. We have since found out that the statement is entirely untrue. Mr Reynolds telegraphs from Dunedin that The Firm has booked no dates for Napier, and we are credibly informed that Napier will be passed by Messrs Williamson and Musgrove until the dispute between the Opera Company referred to in the Napier paper and the lessees of the Theatre Royal is settled.

THE Payne Family are doing very fair business in the Greytown district.

All the latest shapes in hats are sold cheap by Geo. Fowlds.



EGMONT RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING, TO BE HELD AT HAWERA, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 8TH AND 9TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

President: R. H. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: R. E. McRae, Esq. Stewards: Messrs W. Adamson, John Heslop, A. W. Budge, R. Hicks, J. Davidson, F. Riddiford, W. C. Symes, A. S. Tonks, Dr. Westera-Scarver, Mr M. F. Baird. Clerk of Course: Mr Geo. H. Gibson. Clerk of Scales: Mr H. W. Sutton. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Westera. Handicapper: Mr J. E. Henry. Timekeeper: Mr J. A. Goodson. Judge: Mr Wm. Brewer. Treasurer: Mr H. W. Sutton. Secretary: Mr Alex. G. Brett.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

To Start at 12 o'Clock.

Waimate Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any handicap of the value of 50 sovs or over, after declaration of weights, to carry 5lb extra. Seven furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. First Hurdles Handicap of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs or over, after declaration of weights, to carry 7lb extra. Two miles and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. First Hack Hurdles Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of any back hurdle race of the value of 25 sovs or over, after declaration of weights, to carry 7lb extra. One mile and a half. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Egmont Cup, a handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs, or two races of 100 sovs each, 7lb extra. One mile and three-quarters. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 4 sovs. Sires' Hack Produce Stakes of 200 sovs—nominator of sire, 40 sovs; nominator of winner, 40 sovs; first horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse, 5 sovs. For three-year-olds. Derby weights. For colts, geldings, or fillies that have never won a race, and are not nominated, or have not been nominated, for any race—hack and hunter races excepted. Final payment, 1 sov, 9th January, 1899. One mile and a quarter. Hawera Welter Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any handicap of the value of 50 sovs or over, after declaration of weights, to carry 5lb extra. One mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Second Hack Flat Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Winner of Sires' Hack Produce Stakes or First Hack Flat Handicap to carry 5lb extra. One mile and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Flying Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Second Hack Hurdles Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. One mile and three-quarters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Third Hack Flat Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. One mile and a half. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Atkinson Memorial Stakes, a handicap of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. One mile and a half. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 3 sovs. Second Hurdles Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. One mile and three-quarters. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Fourth Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Normanby Stakes, a handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Flying Handicap to carry 5lb extra; the winner of Atkinson Memorial Stakes, 7lb extra—not accumulative. One mile and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS ACCEPTANCES, &c., AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

NOMINATIONS ON MONDAY, 9th January, 1899, at 9 p.m.—Egmont Cup and Atkinson Memorial Stakes, 2 sovs each; Waimate Handicap, First Hack Flat Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, First Handicap Hack Hurdles, Hawera Welter Handicap, Second Hack Flat Handicap, Sires' Hack Produce Stakes (final payment), Flying Handicap, Second Hack Hurdles Handicap, Third Hack Flat Handicap, Second Handicap Hurdles, Fourth Hack Flat Handicap, and Normanby Stakes, 1 sov each.

ACCEPTANCES ON MONDAY, 30th January, 1899, at 9 p.m.—Waimate Handicap, 1 sov; First Hack Flat Handicap, 10s; First Handicap Hurdles, 3 sovs; First Hack Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Egmont Cup, 4 sovs; Hawera Welter and Second Hack Flat Handicaps, 1 sov each. WEDNESDAY, 8th February, 1899, at 9.30 p.m.—Flying Handicap, 2 sovs; Second Hack Hurdles and Third Hack Flat Handicaps, 1 sov each; Atkinson Memorial Stakes, 3 sovs; Second Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Fourth Hack Flat Handicap, 10s; Normanby Stakes, 1 sov.

WEIGHTS on or about MONDAY, 23rd January, 1899.—Waimate Handicap, First Hack Flat, First Hack Hurdles, First Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Cup, Hawera Welter, Second Hack Flat. WEDNESDAY, 8th February, 1899, at 8 p.m.—Flying Handicap, Second Hack Hurdles, Third Hack Flat, Atkinson Memorial Stakes, Second Handicap Hurdles, Fourth Hack Flat, Normanby Stakes.

HACKS shall mean horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of 40 sovs at time of entry, hack and hunter races excepted.

A HUNTER means a horse whose owner can produce at the scales a certificate from the Master of any Hunt Club that the horse has been ridden to hounds during the past season to the satisfaction of the Master, and has not won a race over 40 sovs, hack and hunter races excepted.

The foregoing Programme is subject to revision by the Committee, prior to closing, as to dates of entry, acceptance, etc. The Committee also reserve to themselves the right to alter the dates on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

Two or more horses, the property of one owner, running in any race will be bracketed on the Totalisators.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the time and on the date mentioned at the Office of the Club, Hawera; and by Mr Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland; and Mr Alfred T. Danvers, Napier.

Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 8 p.m. ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.

Submitted and approved this 13th day of August, 1898.—ROBT. G. BANCROFT, Secretary Taranaki Jockey Club.



EGMONT RACING CLUB. SIRES' HACK PRODUCE STAKES, 1900.

SECOND ACCEPTANCE (10s) DUE 25th FEBRUARY 1899, when name of horse to be given.

SIRES' HACK PRODUCE STAKES, 1901.

FIRST ACCEPTANCE (10s) DUE 25th FEBRUARY, 1899.

SIRES' HACK PRODUCE STAKES, 1902.

TO BE RUN AT HAWERA, FEBRUARY, 1902, OF 200 sovs—nominator of sire, 40 sovs; nominator of winner, 40 sovs; first horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse, 6 sovs. For three-year-olds—now foals. Derby weights. One mile and a quarter. Qualifications for this race: Colts geldings, or fillies that have never won a race, and are not nominated for any race three months prior to date of final acceptance—hack and hunter races excepted.

NOMINATIONS: For stallions, 2 sovs, close WEDNESDAY, 30th November, 1898; colts and fillies, 1 sov, close 25th FEBRUARY, 1899.

FIRST ACCEPTANCE (colts and fillies), 10s, close FEBRUARY, 1900.

SECOND ACCEPTANCE, 10s, close FEBRUARY, 1901.

FINAL PAYMENT, 1 sov, close JANUARY, 1902.

Nominations, Acceptances, &c., will be received on the dates mentioned at the Office of the Club, Hawera; by Mr Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland; and by Mr Alfred T. Danvers, Napier.

ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.



DURHAM YARDS.

SALE OF MOTU-KOREA STUD.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

At 10 o'clock.

Thoroughbred Sire, Thoroughbred Brood Mares, with Foals at Foot, Brood Mares, Yearlings, Two-year-olds, and Three-year-olds.

Under instructions from MESSRS ALISON BROS.

MESSRS HUNTER & NOLAN

WILL sell by Auction at the Durham Yards on SATURDAY, December 31st, 1898, at 10 o'clock, without reserve, the whole of the Motu Korea Stud, as follows:—

THOROUGHBRED BROOD MARES.

LOT 1.

MURIEL, by St. Leger out of Lady Mary, by Towton (imp) out of Miss Nightingale, by Sir Hercules out of Jessica, with filly foal at foot, by Regal.

LOT 2.

FRIENDSHIP, by Reprive (son of Yattendon) out of Nydia, by Tarragon out of Atalanta (granddam of Reprive), by Reprive (imp), with filly foal at foot, by Regal.

LOT 3.

TAMORA, by Musket out of Moonlight, by Ake out of Moonbeam, by Pacific out of Moonshine, by The Libel, sire of Traducer, out of Twilight, by Velocipedo. Tamora is the dam of Nestor, the winner of the Auckland Cup and Derby, 1896, with colt foal at foot, by Regal.

LOT 4.

JESSIE, got by Anteros out of Tres Deuce, by Traducer out of Gitana, by Sir Hercules out of Gipsy Queen. Jessie is the dam of Rex and Chasseur.

LOT 5.

TORMENT, by Musket out of Hannah, by Traducer out of Renga, by Diomedes out of Waima, by Sir Hercules, with filly foal at foot by Regal. Torment is dam of Miss Nelson.

LOT 6.

HER LADYSHIP, by Nelson out of Phantom, by Musket out of Atlantis, dam of St Leger, with filly foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 7.

MAY, by King Cole out of Friendship, by Reprive out of Nydia, by Tarragon out of Atalanta (granddam of Reprive), by Reprive (imp), with filly foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 8.

REVENANT, by Nelson out of Phantom, by Musket out of Atlantis (St Leger's dam), with colt foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 9.

VASATOR, by Captivator out of Vacillation, by Knottlingly out of Atalanta, by Dainty Ariel out of Moonshine (imp), by The Libel out of Twilight, by Velocipedo, with colt foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 10.

MYSTERIOUS by Carbineer (by Musket—Una), out of Mystery, by The Painter out of Fortuna, by St Aubyn (imp) out of Present, by Sir Hercules out of Moth (imp) out of Miss Foote, with colt foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 11.

TIO, by Brigadier out of Pearl, by Barbarian out of Ladybird, by Traducer out of Barbary, with filly foal at foot by Regal.

LOT 12.

PEARL, by Barbarian out of Ladybird, by Traducer out of Barbary.

SIRE.

LOT 13.

REGEL, by St. Leger, dam Atalanta, by Dainty Ariel out of Moonshine, by Libel out of Twilight etc. Regal is a grandly bred horse, standing over 16 hands, has a splendid constitution, and shows exceptional quality. His sire heads the list of winning stallions for New Zealand. His dam's breeding is closely allied to that of Mersey, the dam of Carbine, and includes the finest strains of English blood.

YEARLINGS.

LOT 14.

A chestnut filly, by Regal out of Friendship, by Reprive, son of Yattendon, out of Nydia.

LOT 15.

A bay filly, by Seaton Delaval out of Phantom, by Musket out of Atlantis, dam of St Leger.

LOT 16.

A bay gelding, by Regal out of Pearl, by Barbarian out of Ladybird.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Lot 17.

A chestnut filly, by Regal out of Jessie, dam of Rex and Chasseur, by Anteros out of Tres Deuce.

LOT 18.

A bay gelding, by Regal out of Tamora, by Musket out of Moonlight.

LOT 19.

A bay filly, by Regal out of Friendship.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

LOT 20.

A chestnut filly, by Regal out of Vasator, by Captivator out of Vacillation.

LOT 21.

A bay filly, by Regal out of Mystery, by The Painter out of Fortuna.

Advertisement for Vanity Fair Cigarettes. Text: 'Taking his gruel like a man' But he'd rather have a quiet smoke of Vanity Fair Cigarettes. Illustration of a man sitting at a table with a chair, smoking a cigarette.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

December 22, Thurs—Wairuku R.C Meeting. December 23, Mon; 27, Tues—Dunedin J.C Summer. December 26, Mon; 27, Tues—Reefton J.C Midwinter. December 28, Mon; 27, Tues—Westport J.C Summer. December 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 23—Takapuna Cup, T.J.C Handicap, and Fris Steeplechase. December 29—Whangarei J.C Annual. January 5—Rotorua J.C Annual. January 6—A.R.C Great Northern Derby, Foal Stakes, and Royal 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 26—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer, second day. January 7—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 22—Wairuku R.C Meeting. December 31—Taranaki Hack Guinness. 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 28—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 22, 1898.

THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES.

PROBABLY never before has so extensive a sporting programme been provided for the holidays in Auckland as at the present time. On Saturday, the 24th, there will be a trotting meeting at Potter's Paddock, and the programme promised is the greatest ever presented at an Auckland trotting meeting, including the Exhibition Cup of 200 sovs. On Monday, 26th (Boxing Day), the Auckland Racing Club will commence its Summer Meeting. Also, on Monday and Tuesday, there will be races at the Thames and another day of trotting at Potter's Paddock in Auckland. Thursday will be the second day of the Auckland Racing Club's meeting, and on Saturday, the 1st, the well-known Motu-Korea Stud, of the Messrs Alison Brothers, will be sold in the morning, while the Sylvia Park yearling sales will take place on the afternoon of Friday, December 30th. On Saturday there will be more trotting, and on Monday and Tuesday, January 2nd and 3rd, the Auckland Racing Club's meeting will be continued. In addition to these fixtures there will be Cycling Sports at the Exhibition Grounds, as well as the North Shore Maori Regatta during the Christmas week. Under these circumstances and in view of the fact that there will be a great many people in town, not only from the country districts, but from the South and other parts of the colony to visit the Exhibition, Auckland should present a gala appearance during the holidays. We hear a great deal about the hard times prevailing in Auckland at present, but matters certainly cannot be as bad as some of our chronic grumblers represent them to be in view of such gigantic preparations for our amusement-loving public. During the earlier part of the year we certainly did suffer from a considerable business depression, but 1898 is closing with better prospects ahead for all classes of people, and it is with a confidence in the general prosperity of the coming year that we wish the readers of the REVIEW a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sporting Topics.

Good prices obtained for privileges generally indicates the success of a race meeting, and, therefore, the Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting should be attended with good results, as the prices realised for the privileges on Thursday were satisfactory. The sum obtained was £421 as against £459 last year, but it should be remembered that this year the committee retain the saddling paddock rights which last year brought £70.

From a Southern correspondent we learn that the once famous Gipsy Grand is to be put into training again. Like St. Hippo, the son of Grandmaster has, for a time, been doing stud duty, and it will be interesting to watch if either of these two top-notchers recover their once brilliant form.

Victorian trainers are not too fond of the sons and daughters of good old Carbine, says the Sportsman, the only two good ones of his get being Wallace and Amberite, the others being of very moderate class. This opinion is shared by the Sydney trainer, Alsop, who has been terribly deceived by both Clarion and Holster. The doings of "old Jack's" progeny in England will be watched with great interest.

From Caulfield we learn that Mr Isaac Foreham has the Wellington Park bred youngsters, Lancaster, Lord Cureton, and Ideal, doing good steady work. The latter, Bianca's daughter, is said to be very slippery.

Vanitas, a gelded son of Martini Henry, is proving himself a thorough champion at Singapore, as with 8.11 in the saddle, he romped home in the Autumn Handicap of one and a half miles, and the next day won the Singapore Cup with the welter weight of 11.7 in the saddle. Vanitas did some wonderful work in Australia, yet, always failed in big races.

Toxic, by Far Niente (imp) from Henbane, winner of the last Coolgardie (W.A.) Cup, dropped dead a few days ago whilst being exercised on the Perth (W.A.) racecourse. At the time of his demise Toxic was third favorite for the Perth Cup, the big event of the West Australian turf world. He was owned by Mr "Bob" Phillips, formerly one of Australia's best-known book-makers.

No. Fowlds gives great value in umbrellas and macintosh coats

English sporting papers credit Mr H. C. White, the New South Wales sportsman, with having taken £40,000 out of the Ring through Georgic's victory in the Cambridgeshire Stakes.

Mr Sam Griffiths, the well-known Caulfield trainer, and also well-known as a pressman, has arrived in New Zealand from Victoria.

Racing clubs generally throughout New Zealand, and we may also include the members of the Racing Conference, profess to think that the totalisator is a safe institution in New Zealand.

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Mr W. R. Wilson has been asked to place a price on Aura (dam of Aurum, Auriferous, and Auraria), for England, but has declined to sell the mare.

A point of some importance relative to the payments of bets was decided in the Court of Appeals in England recently. The facts in the case were as follow:—Mr Hamilton had given a cheque to a bookmaker for £84 3s 9d, in payment of certain bets lost upon horse races.

As a number of owners and trainers are getting up on their hind legs and hurling anathemas at the handicapper of the A.B.C. Summer Meeting, the following story about Joe Evett comes in apropos.

Word has been received from Tasmania that in dealing with the Launceston totalisator cases the Chief Justice ruled that pony and trotting races were a distinct branch of horse-racing, and not governed by the rules of the Tasmanian Turf.

Uhlau, Bavaria, and Fairy arrived by the Takapuna on Wednesday. Uhlau was one of the early fancies for the Auckland Cup, but his late arrival upon the scene is not calculated to make him a final fancy.

On Tuesday the pen was put through the names of Rex, Hylas, and Knight of Athol for the Auckland Cup. Hylas has not been finishing well in his work, while the distance is admittedly too far for Rex.

By the s.s. Gairloch which arrived on Tuesday, Crusoe, Battleaxe, Okoari, Dummy, and Australina arrived from the South. They are all reported to be in first-class condition.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be found that special railway time-tables for trains to Ellerslie, Parawai, and other racing centres are advertised.

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A couple of days after The Grafton won the Melbourne Cup the International Horse Agency and Exchange advertised in some of the London papers that they had secured the option of purchase of the brown gelding.

At the Cardiff (Wales) meeting on November 2 last an English gentleman rider, Mr G. S. Davies, put up a record good enough to make even a Tod Sloan envious.

In a recent issue of the London Sportsman the "Special Commissioner" points out that the great advantage of Australian stock over American, from a breeding point of view, is that the Australians are in almost all cases clean-bred ones.

A pleasant outing during the Christmas holidays will be the Northern Wairoa Races at Dargaville on Monday and Tuesday, 26th and 27th December.

That commodious and well furnished steamer Wakatere is advertised to journey to the Thames on Monday, 26th December, at midnight.

Immediately after the Wellington Park sale on January 4, a bay colt by St. Leger—Musket Maid will be offered to the public.

Wrestling.

The wrestling match between Lucifer and Herr Hajek, and the more recent one between the New Zealand boy (Harry Dunn) and the American champion in Sydney, has given a fresh impetus to a sport that was apparently rapidly dying out in the colonies.

Harry Cansdell, who has had his money up and been waiting weeks for Lucifer to clinch matters for the match the American promised to give him a week after his "go" with Dunn, is disappointed that things have not come to a head yet.

Our Illustrations.

We reproduce a snapshot photograph of Mr D. Wilson, the amateur three-mile champion walker of Australasia, in the act of spurring the last hundred yards of the Three-mile Championship Walk at the last Australasian Championship Meeting in Sydney.

SALE OF PRIVILEGES.

The sale of privileges in connection with the forthcoming Auckland meeting, conducted by Mr Churton at the Brunswick Mart on Friday last, was wonderfully successful.

Notes for Owners and Trainers

Nominations for the Whangarei races will be received up to December 30, instead of the 29th as previously advertised.

ME ALFRED DAMPIER, whose last trip through New Zealand was so disastrous that he shed portions of his wardrobe and "props" at almost all the principal cities he passed through, is doing well at the Sydney Criterion with that old standby, "Robbery Under Arms."

THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr J. Beckett reports the following quotations:—

Table with columns for AUCKLAND CUP, AUCKLAND CUP, RAILWAY HANDICAP, AND STEEPLECHASE, and AUCKLAND CUP AND RAILWAY HANDICAP. Lists various horses and their odds.

Training Notes.

AT ELLERSLIE.

There was not a very large attendance of touts on Thursday morning last at Ellerslie, and the heat of the morning caused trainers to hurry in their work so as to get it over before Old Sol's rays made it too uncomfortable for both man and beast.

Rowing pants to order for 2s 6d per pair at Geo. Fowlds.

HAWKES BAY.

Woodville betting—Harmony—Gold Cup—Baccarat—Departures for Gisborne—Ned Kelly—Errors—Moonraker—Death of a Dreadnought colt—A claim for stakes.

NAPIER, December 15.

Transactions over the first day of the Woodville Meeting were greatly in favor of backers here. Lady Lorne, the winner of the Trial Hack Race, was, practically speaking, the only one enquired for in that race, and the enquiries on her behalf, were very solid. Daphne, who paid over £9 on the first day, was another who was well supported, numbers of investors on Lady Lorne playing up a bit of her winnings on Forerunner's daughter. The stable connections of the former mare had a good commission afloat. The fielders resident here must have paid out collectively something in close proximity to £500 over the first day's venture.

Harmony, who captured the Open Hack Race at the Cabmen's Sports on Wednesday at the Town and Suburban racecourse, is an attractively-bred horse. His dam, Forest Queen, who won the Wanganui Derby in 1879, is by Gladiator from Policy, while his sire, Forerunner, is a half-brother to Vanguard by King of Clubs. Gold Cup, who triumphed at Woodville on the second day of the gathering, was at one time a stable companion of his, the pair being members of Cuneen's string. Since he quitted them neither have scored till Wednesday, when they both got home.

December 20.

J. Rollo, of Hastings, has got Baccarat in hand, and he intends taking Kempenfeldt's daughter to Porangahau for the annual Boxing Day meeting of the Porangahau Racing Club.

Landscaper (a full brother to the defunct hurdle mare Waterlily), Hinepara, and Jadoo, all of whom are racing in the interests of the Native sport, Mr Mahangi Kaiwiti, left for Gisborne by the Waibora on Friday night. The owner of the trio has acquired an establishment in close proximity to Napier Park, where his string for the future will be located.

Ned Kelly, the hurdler, has been leased by Mr Kaiwhato, and he will carry his colors at the approaching meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club at Hastings next month. That able and proficient exponent of the art of race-riding, J. Redmond, has been engaged on behalf of Ned Kelly.

Mr Danvers goes to Gisborne this week, his services being required by the Gisborne Racing Club for the allotment of weights at their meeting this month.

The local papers here fell into two errors over the Woodville Meeting, they giving Whitaker the credit of riding Lady Lorne in the race she won at that fixture. Mr Robinson, her owner, wrote to me yesterday and informed me that his son, L. Robinson, rode the mare in her triumph. The time for the race was also incorrectly given as 1min 45 1-5sec; it should have been 1min 48 1-5sec, which was the official ultimatum.

Moonraker did not leave for Auckland after all, the inducement to participate in the Manawatu and Hastings meetings being, I suppose, too strong to resist.

The yearling son of Dreadnought and Lyrebird, the property of the Hon. J. D. Ormond, met with such severe injuries the other day while being conveyed by train to Waipukurau that he had to be destroyed. Along with a number of other youngsters he was being sent to Wallingford, one of his owner's stations, about 18 miles distant from Waipukurau, and by some bad luck he got down in the truck, his companions dealing with him in a very rough manner. I saw him a couple of months ago, and I was greatly taken with his fine, noble appearance, which was suggestive of pace, determination, and stamina.

Mr Lloyd, on behalf of Mr A. Raynor, is claiming from the Waipawa Racing Club the stakes in the race won by The Frenchman at the last meeting. Jewel Gun finished second, and the stakes are claimed on the ground that The Frenchman was not eligible to start.

THE ANNUAL THOROUGH-BRED SALES.

During the next fortnight auctioneers, breeders, and sporting men generally will have a very lively season, as during that time some of the best bred thoroughbreds south of the line will be submitted to public competition. The annual sales of yearlings from Wellington Park and Sylvia Park are eagerly looked forward to by purchasers from all parts of the globe, and as in addition to the two famous studs mentioned, we have drafts from Papanui (Mr W. Walters) and Stebbington (Mr W. Percival's). Then again comes the clearing-out sale of Messrs Alison Bros. Motu-Korea Stud, in which many choice lines may be found; in fact there are two daughters of Musket in the list, and this affords an opportunity for breeders to secure the only direct members of the Toxophilite family in the market at the present day.

The coming sales are causing more than ordinary interest, and already many Australian sportsmen are on the move for the scene of action. It can be reckoned up as a certainty that at the ring side on each of the sale days will be found Messrs W. R. Wilson (St. Albans), J. B. Pearson (Kilmany Park), H. C. White (Havilah), S. Griffiths (Caulfield), and many other prominent Australians. We also know that Messrs Ike Foulsham (Caulfield) and Ike Earnshaw (Randwick) will be represented, and it is quite possible for Mr S. Hordern, jun., to

be in evidence on the dates to be mentioned below. For many years past it has dawned upon sportsmen throughout Australia that horses bred in the Auckland studs combine more bone and substance than do those from any other part, and further than this there is nothing kept in our recognised breeding establishments other than those animals containing the best of "blue blood." This year the yearlings to be offered are exceptionally well-grown, and they are not of the pampered up class; therefore purchasers know exactly what they are purchasing, and we confidently anticipate some big prices and spirited competition.

The ball will be set rolling by Messrs Hunter and Nolan on Friday, December 30th, at Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's famous Sylvia Park Estate, when a dozen highly-bred youngsters will be offered. The brilliant performances this year of Mr D. A. McLeod's filly, Miss Delaval, and Mr L. D. Nathan's Hastings and Rosella, have turned turf men's eyes in the direction of the imported sire Seaton Delaval, and that his virtues are fully recognised and appreciated is proved by the fact that his list this year is full to overflowing. There is sure to be a big demand for the progeny of the imported horse.

The first to come under notice is a chestnut filly by St. Leger from Charente, by Nordenfeldt from La Dauphine, a good shaped one and well grown, and one sure to come early. Then comes a slashing chestnut colt by St. Hippo from Maratea, by Nordenfeldt from Fishgirl, by Yattendon from Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman. A rarely bred one this beyond a doubt, whilst St. Leger's chestnut filly from Bellona, by Nelson from Muskerina, by Musket from Hippona, leaves nothing to be desired in the way of breeding, in fact her breeding will be hard to beat in any part of the world. Another famous family comes to light in a bay filly by St. Hippo from Waitemata, by Eiridsport from Aorere, by Chester from Kaipara, by Goldsbrough. A full brother to this filly in Eiridale has been winning numerous races in Tasmania and Victoria this season. The whole of Australia's best breeding lines are contained in this pedigree, for instance, Robinson Crusoe, Chester, and Goldsbrough.

A brown colt by St. Leger from Sunbeam, by Ingomar (sire of Hova) from Amohia, by Towton, comes from a great racing family, and this youngster is a great paddock galloper. St. Hippo is responsible for a well-grown brown filly, and one that should come early. She is from Innisfail, by Nordenfeldt from Innisthona, by Leonidas. A regular St. Albans pedigree is represented in a bay filly by St. Hippo from Ellerslie, by Trenton from a daughter of First King and Lady Grenville, by Chandos from Lady Chester, by Stockwell. If this filly never races a yard, she is worth big money as a brood mare. However, she is well grown, and knows how to move her pins.

A strapping, bold-looking bay colt by Seaton Delaval from Leocante, by Leolinus from Cantiniere, by Musket, next claims attention, and he is a fine fellow. Well grown and of great substance, he should quickly take on with buyers, as also should the beautiful daughter of St. Hippo from Stepfeldt, by Nordenfeldt from Steppe, by Saunterer. Here is breeding to be studied. Steppe was half-sister to the mighty Hermit, whilst everything from her could both gallop and stay. The purchaser of this filly should quickly get his money back, as she is sure to come early. The champion of the paddock track comes next, in a chestnut colt by Seaton Delaval from Sybil, by Leolinus from Atalantis (imp.). He shows great quality and is well grown, and can gallop fast. St. Hippo's bay filly from Liquidation, by King Cole from Realisation, requires no laudation as to pedigree, for a reference to the catalogue shows her to be connected with the best running families in the world. The last of the dozen is a chestnut colt by St. Hippo from Campana, by Robinson Crusoe from Campanilla, by Maribyrnong from Silver Bell (sister to Chester). This colt is half-brother to the flying Miss Delaval, and is a good-looking colt who should go fast and stay well.

Taken all through, the Sylvia Park youngsters will be found a sterling good lot.

The second day's proceedings will take place at Messrs Hunter and Nolan's Durham Street yards on Saturday, December 31, when the whole of Messrs Alison Bros. Motu-Korea Stud will be sold by auction. The sale commences at 10 a.m., and the number of lots will be twenty-one. Some very valuable animals will be found therein, and the Musket mares should realise high prices. A start will be made with the brood mare Muriel, by St. Leger from Lady Mary, by Towton (imp.), but a full description of the whole appears in another part of this issue.

The third day's sale takes place on Wednesday, January 4, and it is probably the most important of the lot, for it is none other than the annual distribution of Mr Thomas Morrin's Wellington Park yearlings. Wellington Park has become world-famous, and justly so. No breeding establishment south of the line has turned out such a number of winners, and certainly not such a number of high-class horses. Mr Morrin's catalogue tells us that horses bred from mares at Wellington Park have annexed in stakes alone no less than the immense sum of £144,000. Such a result is wonderful, and what wonderful horses, to be sure, helped to gather in the spoil. Good old Frailty produced Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, Mary, Havoc, and Zalinski. Ouida gave to the world, among others, Artillery, Hilda, Hazel, and the wonderful Strathmore, said by Mr Leslie McDonald to be the best colt ever seen in Victoria. Then, again, we have Collarette, Cravat, Armilla, True Blue, Multifarm, Uniform, Waiorongamai, Forme, Formo, Screw Gun, and scores of others too numerous to mention in this column.

This year Mr Morrin sends up twenty-three youngsters, of which ten are colts and thirteen fillies. Unfortunately for the breeder, there is no Frailty youngster this year, but Ouida is represented by a magnificent brown colt by St. Leger.

This is a grand combination of blood, as Ouida is by Yattendon from Gulnare, by Little John. This colt will cause spirited competition, and we hope to see some of our wealthy sportsmen purchase him. We have recently devoted so much space to the Wellington Park Stud that it is unnecessary to go through each individual lot to-day. The colts are a good, even lot, but this year the fillies appear to be better all round, and we fully expect to find that the average prices obtained will be big. We will have the opportunity next week of drawing further attention to this most important sale.

IMPORTANT STUD SALE.

THE MOTU-KOREA STUD.

[BY ATLAS.]

When a short time back we announced that Messrs Alison Bros., the well-known North Shore sportsmen, had decided to dispose of the whole of their thoroughbred stock the expressions of regret were general, and many hopes were expressed that the brothers would relent of their purpose, but we have now to announce that on Friday, December 30th, Messrs Hunter and Nolan will submit to public auction at their Durham Street sale yards the whole of the thoroughbred stock of the Motu-Korea Stud now running at Brown's Island, and thus another turf landmark will disappear from our sight, much to the regret of the racing world generally. Money and time has never been spared by Alison Bros. in securing what they considered the best lines of blood for their stud.

When some half-dozen years ago the North Shore sportsmen came upon the scene as breeders, mares of the very best strains of blood were secured, amongst them being three direct daughters of that most celebrated of all stallions south of the line, Musket to wit. These mares, Tamora (dam of Nestor, etc.), Phantom and Torment, are the only direct descendants of the old Toxophilite horse in the sale market of the world to-day. They are both very fine specimens, and I trust that our New Zealand breeders will not allow these two Musket mares to be purchased for Australia. The Musket strain in mares is disappearing from our midst in an alarming manner, and I know of no opportunity other than the one now offered by the regrettable retirement from the ranks of breeders of Messrs Alison Bros., whereby other studmasters will have a chance of securing direct daughters of Toxophilite's great son. Everywhere south of the line, and aye, even in merry old England, Musket's daughters have been a gigantic success, and, properly mated, this success will continue.

Desiring to place before the readers of the REVIEW all up-to-date information concerning the stud to be offered by Messrs Hunter and Nolan on the 30th, I one day during the week, accompanied by an old sporting scribe, visited Brown's Island, where the stud is located. We were accompanied by Messrs E. W. and A. Alison, and, as the water was smooth and the tide high, that good little steamer, Planet, landed us at the island jetty in double quick time. The first item to attract my attention was the wonderful supply of feed of all the choicest kinds, from the good old English clover downwards. Therefore we naturally expected to find the stock looking well, and in this particular we were not disappointed. Everything is in tip-top condition, the cattle and sheep being simply, to use a Sydney auctioneer's well-known phrase, "balls of fat."

Seeing the stock on Brown's Island, which by the way consists of some 150 acres, every portion of which is covered with the richest of grasses, the thought struck me that the island would suit some of the Australian sportsmen now in our midst as a stud farm, wherefrom they could feed year by year their Australasian stables with yearlings combining both size and substance, and I feel sure that if breeders like Messrs W. R. Wilson, H. C. White, and J. B. Pearson, who are now in our midst, were to have a good look over the property, one or other would fall in with my idea. Of this, however, more anon.

Of course the first of the thoroughbreds to come under notice was the lord of the harem, Regal, by St. Leger from Atalanta, by Dainty Ariel from Moonshine (imp.) by The Label from Twilight, by Velocipede. Therefore it goes without saying that in Regal's veins can be found some of the choicest strains of New Zealand running blood. Standing close upon 16.1 and a rich brown in color, Regal is marked with a star and a white hind foot. Truly he is a nice horse; he has a beautiful head and neck, well let in to perfect shoulders, with a good barrel and excellent loins, but its when you are behind him that his immense power becomes apparent; with quarters big enough for a dray horse and excellent timber underneath him, he is a regular dandy. He is quality all through, and has a beautiful temper. I am told that when in training St. Leger's son showed great pace, and his owners considered that upon one occasion the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap was completely at their mercy. He had shown them a trial better than 1min 14sec for the six furlongs, but alas, the colt went wrong and had to be scratched. The stock sired by Regal are a credit to him, as I feel sure spectators will admit when they see them in the sale ring on the 30th.

In a paddock close to the house were introduced to two charming fillies, in one of which I held particular interest. She is a bright bay daughter of Seaton Delaval from Phantom, by Musket from Atlantis. The dam of this filly died foaling, and when I saw this "wee orphan" some twelve months ago I despaired of her life. Therefore my astonishment was great when Mr Alison informed me that the slashing, great bay filly, with a patch of white on one of the fore feet, was none other than the sickly youngster of last year. Reared by hand Phantom's bonnie daughter is a splendid advertisement for the stud groom under whose care she has been reared. Wonderfully well-grown, of good shape and

make, and also legs like bars of steel, Seaton Delaval's daughter is bound to cause a stir amongst buyers when brought into the ring. Her breeding is of the best, as the Seaton Delaval cross upon the Musket mare cannot fail to be successful.

By "Regal from Friendship," said Mr Alison, as an immense chestnut filly, with a blaze down the face and a white hind foot, came forward. As long as the proverbial ship, with legs like steel bars and showing quality all through, this is, indeed, a fine filly, and so she should be, for, in addition to Regal's good breeding, her dam comes from one of the most famous of N.S.W. families. Bred by Mr Richard Rouse, Friendship is by Reprieve (Yattendon—Gazelle) from Nydia, by Tarragon (Champion Race winner) from Atalanta, by Reprieve (imp.). Everything on the dam's side could race, and to New Zealanders, the good deeds of Friendship are too fresh in memory to need recapitulation, and the chestnut filly under notice, is a worthy daughter of a great family.

Further away on the hillside we came across a strapping bay yearling gelding, by Regal from Pearl, by The Barb from Ladybird. In this colt Regal has sired one much after his own stamp, and I take it, that after racing men see the progeny of the Brown's Island pet, he will be much sought after. The gelding under notice should, from appearances, go fast, and stay as long as a youngster at an ice cream cart.

A yearling bay filly, by Regal from May, by King Cole from Friendship, is another of the good sorts, well grown, of good shape, and showing heaps of quality, and the good legs of her sire, this young lady should meet with a hearty reception in the sale ring. I might here point out that on the dam's side, the King Cole cross "comes home to roost" through Nelson, undoubtedly, one of the best horses ever seen in New Zealand. Nelson is by King Cole from My Idea, by Yattendon, whilst Friendship is by one of Yattendon's best sons, Reprieve, who, by the way, was full-brother to Pardon, dam of Lady Betty, Pigeon-toe, etc. There is nothing better bred in Australia than the Friendship family, and the St. Leger tribe in New Zealand speak for themselves. The filly under notice is a worthy representative.

Taking the young stock in order, we fall across a two-year-old filly by Regal from good old Friendship. This aristocratic youngster was unfortunately injured when a foal, and a damaged hock was the result. This, however, is merely an eyesore, and does not prevent the young lady from showing all the family galloping powers. Well grown in every particular, this pretty filly has a white near hind foot, and bar the blemish above mentioned no fault can be found with her. If she never raced one yard her blood as a brood mare should be invaluable.

Jessie, the dam of John Booth's champion Rex (by St. Leger) and the speedy Chasseur (by Cuirassier), is responsible for a two-year-old chestnut filly by Regal. Wonderfully well grown, and showing more power and substance than Rex, she is a great mover. I take it that this is the best representative that Jessie has yet given us, and as to different sires we have had Rex and Chasseur, both very brilliant animals, it is only fair to anticipate good deeds from the chestnut filly under notice.

A bay two-year-old gelding by Regal from Tamora, and therefore half-brother to Nestor, next claims attention. He is brimful of quality and well grown. This is not to be wondered at, as his dam is a Musket mare, and one that never threw a bad one. This is a full-brother to that improving colt, Regulus, now in full work at Ellerslie.

A great bouncing three-year-old filly by Regal from Vasator, by Captivator from Vacillation, by Knottingly from Atalanta, has been broken in but not tried. Few three-year-olds will be found with the size and substance of this young lady, and that she knows how to move her legs is made evident by the style in which she moves across the paddock. Having now seen all the yearlings, two-year-olds, and three-year-olds, we turn our attention to the good old dames browsing upon the hillside.

Tamora, as the dam of Nestor, takes, of course, the pride of place at Brown's Island. A bay in color, the daughter of Musket and Moonlight can be labelled A1. She is bred the right way, as Moonlight, her dam, is by Ake Ake from Moonbeam, by Pacific (imp.) from Moonshine, by The Label. This is rare breeding, and a bay colt by Regal shows all the family quality. This year the Messrs Alison have sent Tamora on a visit to Seaton Delaval. Singular to say, Tamora has bred seven foals, and every one colts.

Her Ladyship is a bay mare by Nelson (King Cole—My Idea) from Phantom, by Musket. She is a mare worthy of her high lineage, but unfortunately this year she has no foal, but has gone on a visit to Seaton Delaval.

The bay mare Torment, by Musket from Hannah, by Traducer from Renga, by Diomedes from Waimea, by Sir Hercules, boasts of the best blood in the world. On every side can be found champions of the first water. To Nelson this same Torment produced our own Miss Nelson, and everyone knows what sort of a mare she is. This year Torment is followed by a filly by Regal, and this is her first filly since she produced Miss Nelson. The youngster looks all over a goer, and is of excellent quality. Breeding students will notice that through Waimea and Sir Hercules, Torment goes back to the same valuable lines as are found in grand old Frailty's pedigree.

A handsome bay mare named Revenant, by Nelson from Phantom, by Musket, is followed by her first foal, a colt, brown in color with two white hind feet. He is by Regal, and is a great pet with his breeders; and justly so, as look at him as you will he catches the eye at once. Like all the others at the island, he is well grown, and is as active as a kitten.

"The dam of Rex and Chasseur," said Mr Alison, as a handsome chestnut mare named Jessie came strolling along. She is by Anteros (imp.) from Tres Deuce, by Traducer from Gitauna, by Sir Hercules from Il Barbieri. To St.

Leger Jessie produced Rex, one of the most brilliant horses in the land, and to Cuirassier she threw Chasseur, the hero of the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap. This year the bonnie chestnut has no foal, but it is firmly believed that she is now in foal to Regal. Jessie's dam is a full-sister to the brilliant Calumny (winner of the Newmarket Handicap, etc.), and she, therefore, comes from one of the best running families south of the line. Brimful of quality, she is indeed a fit occupant for any stud in Australasia.

A bay mare well known to the whole of the Australasian turf world, next claims our attention, and she is none other than Friendship, one of the most brilliant performers of her day. Prior to coming to New Zealand this mare did good service in Australia in the "cerise and black" of that most successful trainer, Mr William Kelso, and here in our own land she electrified turf patrons on more than one occasion. Her good deeds are too fresh in the memory of sportsmen to need recapitulation here. She comes from a famous family, her sire, Reprive (by Yattendon—Gazelle) being a great racehorse, as also were his brother and sister, Burwood and Pardon, and the latter is the dam of Mr W. Cooper's Lady Betty, who raced so well in England. On the dam's side Friendship loses nothing, as Nydia and all her tribe could, as old Jack Chafe would say, gallop as fast as you could clap your hands. This year Friendship has a bay filly at foot by Regal, and she is now on a visit to Cuirassier. This mare will be hard to beat in any Australasian stud.

A bay mare named May, by King Cole from Friendship, is followed by a bay filly claiming as her sire Regal. This is a bonny youngster, as indeed it should be from its breeding. Through producing Nelson, King Cole endeared himself to New Zealanders, but his laurels do not rest solely with Nelson, for the old chap sired some scores of good ones, and it will be surprising indeed if this fine daughter of Friendship and the son of King Tom's son does not add fame to the family. May is possessed of great quality, and would be an ornament to any stud in the world, whilst the youngster at her side bears testimony to her worth as a matron.

As a big strapping brown mare comes along with a brown filly foal (marked with a small star) at foot, we find she is named Tio and she is by Brigadier from Pearl, who has been previously mentioned as being by The Barb from Ladybird. This young mare should make a name for herself at the stud, and the youngster at her side bears good testimony for Regal, whom she has revisited.

Muriel is the name of a handsome bay mare by St. Leger from Lady Mary, by Towton (imp.) Muriel has a dashing chestnut filly by Regal at her side, and this year she has paid a visit to Cuirassier. A rarely bred one is this same mare, for, in addition to St. Leger's good blood, she carries the same blood on the dam's side as Dabin, as Towton was a full brother to Dabin's sire, The Peer. Small wonder then that her youngster knows how to move herself in a pad-dock-gallop.

Mysterious is the name of a big upstanding brown mare by Carbineer from Mystery, by The Painter from Fortuna. She is followed by an immense bay colt, marked with a small star. Full of dignity and importance is this son of Regal and he at once shows hatred to members of the Fourth Estate. A reference to the "Stud Book" tells us that Carbineer is by good old Musket from Una, by St. Aubyn from Miss Rowe, by Sir Hercules. With the cross of The Painter given in, nothing better can be desired, for he remembered that The Painter was by The Marquis (sire of Newminster, etc.) from Art Union, by Ferryman (son of Fisherman) from Gilder-mere, by Flying Dutchman. Look at this pedigree as we may it is hard to fault, and Mysterious should cause some spirited bidding.

A bay mare with a small star and two white hind feet is named Vasator, and she is by Captivator (imp.) from Vacillation, by Knottingley from Aislanta. This handsome mare is followed by a slashing bay colt foal by Regal, whom she has re-visited. The foal is a highly creditable specimen, and proves Vasator's worth as a brood mare. Her owners entertain a high opinion of Vasator, and, on breeding alone, this opinion is justifiable.

A handsome flea bitten grey mare attracts attention at once, and an enquiry elicits the information that her name is Pearl, by The Barb from Ladybird. Pearl has evidently thrown back to the dam's side of The Barb's family, which accounted for numerous greys, whilst he was a jet black himself. In Australia mares by the "black demon," as he was called, are now much prized. Cinnamon (the dam of the mighty Abercorn) was a daughter of John Tait's old pet, and there are scores of others helping to keep his memory green. Pearl is a creditable representative of the family.

This completed our inspection, and we could not but express regret at the breaking-up of such a nice little stud. Although the Messrs Alison are giving up breeding, it is pleasing to know that they will still continue to race a few horses.

Table listing horse names and owners, such as Major F. N. George's ch c Seahorse, by Nelson-Moonga, Hon. H. Mosman's ch c The Afghan, by St Leger.

AUCKLAND CUP OF 1000 SOVS. Two miles.

Table listing names and owners for the Auckland Cup, including Mr A. E. Byers' ch h Nestor, 5yrs, Mrs J. Lennard's br h Fabulist, 6yrs.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two miles.

Table listing names and owners for the Handicap Hurdle Race, including Dummy, Dante, Tim, Nor-West.

RAILWAY HANDICAP OF 300 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Railway Handicap, including Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch h Daunt, 4yrs, Mr J. C. Booth's ch g Rex, 6yrs.

NUBBY HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Nubby Handicap, including Hastings, Rosella, Labourer, Afghan, Deadbeat.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Christmas Handicap, including Fabulist, Waiorongomai, Rex, Red Lancer, Battlexe, St. Elmo, Crusade.

PONY CUP HANDICAP, seven furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Pony Cup Handicap, including Botly, Leona, Little Wonder, Liberty, Ranguru, Pearl II.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY OF 500 SOVS. One mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Great Northern Derby, including Mrs Budge's br c Bluejacket, by St Leger—Antelope, Mr A. E. Byers' br c Regulus, by Regal—Tamora.

THE ROYAL STAKES OF 500 SOVS. Weight-for-age. Six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Royal Stakes, including Mrs Budge's b c Bluejacket, 3yrs, by St Leger—Antelope, Mr A. E. Byers' b c Regulus, 3yrs, by Regal—Tamora.

SUMMER STEEPLECHASE OF 300 SOVS. About three miles and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Summer Steeplechase, including Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, aged, Mr P. Chafe's b g Nor-west, 6yrs.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP, saddle. One mi

Table listing names and owners for the Maiden Trot Handicap, including Huon Leigh, Victor Park, King, Lady Florence, Wimers, Victor Royal, Happy.

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Maiden Pony Handicap, including Repeat, Tickle-Me-Gently, Deceiver, Marquis, Spreydon.

Table listing names and owners for the Exhibition Cup Handicap, including Woodcock, Revolver, Handsome Jane, Wahine, Kitty a' Cushla.

THE EXHIBITION CUP HANDICAP, two miles.

Table listing names and owners for the Exhibition Cup Handicap, including Yum Yum, by Childe Harold, J.H. (imp.), pedigree unknown.

PONY CUP HANDICAP. One mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Pony Cup Handicap, including Nannie, The Dove, Kit, Israelite, Certain, Helena, New Boy, Tickle-Me-Gently, Stenson.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP, saddle. One mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Electric Trot Handicap, including J.H., Lusitania, Old Judge, Hard Case, Le Corbeau, Huon Leigh.

HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and a quarter.

Table listing names and owners for the Handicap Hurdles, including New Boy, The Dove, Deceiver, Repeat, Little Raven.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Telephone Handicap, including Nannie, Certain, Israelite, Kit, Repeat, Stenson.

DECEMBER HANDICAP TROT, saddle. One mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the December Handicap Trot, including Lusitania, La Rue, Otakeho, Le Corbeau, Huon Leigh, Victor Park.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, six and a half furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Maiden Handicap, including The Owl, Ladass, Miss Regal, Wylite, Aurega, Moment.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.

Table listing names and owners for the First Handicap Hurdles, including Supplejack, Rainbow, Disturbance, Woodcock.

GOLDFIELDS' CUP, one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Goldfields' Cup, including St Clements, Lady Marion, Supplejack, Merry Maid, Admiral Hawke.

MINERS' PURSE, five furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Miners' Purse, including Reaction, St Innes, Bellman, Brigham Young, Aurega.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, about two and a half miles.

Table listing names and owners for the First Handicap Steeplechase, including The Monk, Disturbance, Woodcock, Rainbow.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, four and a half furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Railway Handicap, including St Clements, Reaction, Bellman, St Innes, Admiral Hawke, The Owl, Maungakawa.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Stewards' Handicap, including Supplejack, Lady Marion, Merry Maid, Markinch, Ladass, Ballymena.

HAURAKI HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Hauraki Handicap, including St Clements, Reaction, Bellman, St Innes, Admiral Hawke, Maungakawa.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

OTAGO CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Otago Cup, including Fulmen, Black and Red, Brisa.

HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.

Table listing names and owners for the Hurdle Handicap, including Dundee, Magazine, Lobo.

FEDERAL HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Federal Handicap, including Arline, Cannonshot, Dundas, Hippomenes, Skirmisher, Vanilla.

ST. KILDA WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the St. Kilda Welter Handicap, including Maremma, Skirmisher, Vandyke, Off Chance, Plotter, Pitch and Toss.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 27.

TELEGRAPH STAKES, seven furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Telegraph Stakes, including Titoki, Tupuhi, Moonraker, Marina.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles.

Table listing names and owners for the First Handicap Hurdles, including Fireworks, Troubadour, Tally-ho, Alpine, Blackberry.

MANAWATU CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Manawatu Cup, including Boreas, Douglas, Target, Ruamahunga.

FIRST HACK HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.

Table listing names and owners for the First Hack Hurdles, including Kapo, Whangaroa.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Grandstand Handicap, including Bona Fide, Pupuh, Castashore, Moonraker, Marina, The Miller.

LADIES' PURSE, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Ladies' Purse, including Daphne, Taplow.

MAIDEN HACK.

Table listing names and owners for the Maiden Hack, including Birthday, Kohope, Foragei, Amethyst, Hurea.

HANDICAPS.

NORTHERN WAIROA R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Handicap Hurdles, including Voltigeur II, Satellite, Master Evelyn, Huntsman, Despised II, Waionga.

NORTHERN WAIROA CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Northern Wairoa Cup, including Cleopatra, Repo, Commodore, Retaliation, Waionga.

RAILWAY PLATE, six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Railway Plate, including Repo, Commodore, Retreat, Retaliation, My Sweetheart, Bouquet.

GUMDIGGERS' PURSE one mile.

Table listing names and owners for the Gumdiggers' Purse, including Cleopatra, Repo, Commodore, Waionga, Retaliation, My Sweetheart.

STEWARDS' PLATE, six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Stewards' Plate, including Repo, Commodore, Retaliation, Waionga, Bouquet, Tom, late The Barge.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 21 AND 23.

WELLINGTON CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing names and owners for the Wellington Cup, including St. Paul, Blarney, Boreas, Douglas, Daunt, Tirant d'Eau, Starshot, Cour de Lion, Crusoe, Goldleaf, Acone, Red Lancer, Target, Dundas, Double Event, Fulmen, Djin Djin, Cannonshot.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4TH.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING

DECEMBER 26, 29, AND JANUARY 2, 3.

Table listing names and owners for the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting, including Firefly, Lillie, Rangefinder, Djin-Djin, Battlexe, St. Elmo, Crusade.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES OF 500 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Table listing names and owners for the Great Northern Foal Stakes, including Mr J. Chafe's b c St Peter, by St Leger—Satanella, Major F. N. George's br c Laborer, by The Workman—Sister Agnes.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Table listing names and owners for the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, including Repeat, Tickle-Me-Gently, Deceiver, Marquis, Spreydon.

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A VISIT TO ELDERSLIE.

[BY PETRONEL.]

A brief time at Oamaru was all that business vouchsafed to me, but during my short stay I was enabled, by the vicarious duties of Mr Jack Sewell, to pay a thoroughly enjoyable visit to Elderslie, the North Otago breeding establishment. Calling on Mr Sewell, a walking encyclopedia on matters sporting, he kindly arranged my visit and agreed to take me out to Mr J. F. Reid's stud farm on the morrow, and next morning, with Mr Morris Evans as an agreeable third, we travelled through some splendid country behind Mr Sewell's cream colored pony, a nag as cute as a waggon-load of Simian gentlemen, and one with a decidedly humorous turn of mind. The journey to Elderslie, about eight miles from Oamaru, lies through some of the best land of a most prolific district, and a man with the scantiest acquaintance with matters agricultural could not fail to note the general promise of abundance adorning the face of the country. With just a little more rain "right now," as the Yankees say, the country would be "sound as the goose," a remark also hailing from across the Herring Pond, and such crops would be assured as those which filled the granaries and pockets of the farmers in the "good old times." May the rain fall and the excellent promise of the present become an accomplishment of the future! As we bowl along my companions point out the prominent places of the country. To the left, stretching away for miles, is Mr W. Holmes' estate, where so many Clydesdales have been bred, born, and reared, and where Ayrshire cattle of equally proud records and sheep of high degree have first seen the light of day. To the right is Mr Menlive's extensive property, also a home of the Shire horse, and away and beyond the hills is the Ardgowan Estate, lately cut up and leased by our paternal Government. By the way, I may note as an instance of domestic legislation that in one small hamlet we pass there are two hotels almost side by side, and that for miles around the licenses of other hotels have been extinguished. Soon we are in sight of Elderslie, and as we near our destination our four-footed intelligence department sweeps round a turn on "his own" and travels at a sprint up to the gate leading to the stables. Well, Elderslie is a delightful place, and as a home for the thoroughbred must be recognised as one admirably adapted for the purpose. The many paddocks are all suitable for rearing young stock, the pasturage is excellent, and there is a splendid water supply, as the Waireka runs through the property. Mr J. F. Reid and his brother, Mr Douglas Reid, very quickly got us under weigh, and in a very short time we were passing the time of day with Mr Dan Foley, one of the stud-grooms, and Gipsy Grand. The son of Gipsy Grand was running in a small paddock with a pretty high fence, a good safeguard, for his highness evinced a keen desire to break something, Jack Dewell being, perhaps, the special object of his attentions. Gipsy Grand has developed into a fine fellow, and judging from the strong lot of his foals I saw running about later on, I do not fancy his stud career will be anything but a big success. He may be put into work again presently, I believe, but I would not like to lay odds on such an event happening, for he is too good a horse to be played with. He has got some splendid foals, with any amount of bone and strength, and if all goes well with them they cannot disgrace their sire. Stepniak is a very "big little" horse, with wonderful loins, rare good shape, and a set of legs as sound as they were when the son of Nordenfeldt won the Canterbury Derby of '92. We had a good look at Stepniak, who is a well-mannered gentleman of exceedingly graceful carriage, and then made a move to the paddocks where the mares and foals were enjoying the luxuriant feed.

In the first enclosure Corolla (the dam of Gold Medallist), Ich Dien (by St. George—Ravenswing), and Bellicent (by Maxim—Iris) were leisurely passing away the sunny hours. Corolla and Ich Dien have visited Gipsy Grand, and Bellicent has been stinted to Stepniak. Mr Stead's three mares were looking wonderfully well. In the same paddock was the New South Wales mare by Patrol—Firearm. She has visited Stepniak, and though not a mare to go into raptures over, the result of the union should not be disappointing. The three-year old daughter of Whirlpool, by Stepniak, was also in this paddock. Owing to an accident, she was never raced, but she should undoubtedly be of great service to the Elderslie Stud. Chestnut in color she is a fine, roomy mare, with good length, and I will predict that her progeny will be no mean cattle.

A tramp through a very healthy looking paddock of oats and down the road leading to the stallion stables and we are amongst a larger group of mares and foals.

The first to come under observation are Vaultress, who has a fine brown colt by Stepniak, and Tempest who is also accompanied by a bay son of Stepniak. The latter youngster is a taking customer, and as the daughter of New Holland—Tornado won, amongst other races, the Dunedin Cup of '93 his career looks promising. Of a verity, his dam is a fine brood mare.

Next comes Illusion, by Apremont out of Fallacy. A smart looking mare is Illusion, and she has by her side a smart filly foal by Gipsy Grand.

Further along we come to Lady's Maid the dam of Vanilla and Vandyke. Lady's Maid also has a filly foal by Gipsy Grand, then in a cluster are Reel, by Medallion out of Pibroch, a nice brown mare with a big brown colt by Gipsy Grand; a chestnut sister to Lady Emma with a foal by Beadonwell, Emmalea a sister to Brisa with a foal to Musketry, a bay mare by Medallion—Huguenot with a foal by Apremont, a sweet mare in Seashell (by Chainshell out of Nautilus), Iris (the dam of Bloodshot and Bellicent) with a pretty filly foal by Gipsy Grand, and Britomarte, who has a grand chestnut colt by Gipsy Grand. The full sister to Euroclydon is growing into an extremely fine matron, and her latest offspring is certainly a credit to his dam.

A little distance away were Ambush, by Vanguard out of Fairy Maid, a really good dam; the brown mare Fairy Maid, by Albany out of Titania, and dam of Tolstoi; and the dark brown matron, Cobweb, by Le Loup—Titania. The two first-named have foals by Gipsy Grand, while Cobweb has a youngster by Stepniak. All three have this season visited the Nordenfeldt sire.

Another walk to a further paddock and we are introduced to Rosepur, by Hotspur out of Rosemary. The speedy Goldspur's dam is looking very well, and has with her a good-looking young Stepniak. Close together are St. Florence and Royal Salute (by Artillery out of Titania), each with a foal by Gipsy Grand. By herself is Mr Stead's Australian mare, Marion. Motto's dam is in blooming health, and her foal by Stepniak is very promising. The same mating has been followed this season, and if Marion's next foal is as good-looking as the one with her now, Mr Stead will have no cause to grumble. I much admire the full-sisters, Rancee Nuna and Whirlpool, by St. George out of Watersprite. Rancee Nuna has a filly by Stepniak and her sister a filly by Gipsy Grand. Pibroch, by Lochiel out of Fallacy, has a very nice Stepniak colt, and Huguenot, by Apremont from Martyr, has a filly by the same sire. Pibroch is the dam of Reel and Skobeloff and of a very nice brown filly lately sold by Messrs Pyne at Christchurch. Of Rancee Nuna, Huguenot, and Whirlpool I can only say that they are grand mares; later on their progeny, I am sure, will gain fame for the Elderslie breeding establishment.

Looking at the mares I have mentioned took considerable time, and I am only sorry I could not see some of the famous draught stock. But I did not leave Elderslie without having a brief inspection of the St. Leger—Ich Dien two-year-old colt. He is a brown fellow and of a nice stamp; his fore legs are a bit straight for some people's fancy, but that does not stop them from galloping (vide Multiforum). The St. Leger colt's companion is a brown gelding by Stepniak out of Illusion. He is not by any means a bad one, and I think he will make a racer. He has a nice set of limbs and a good body.

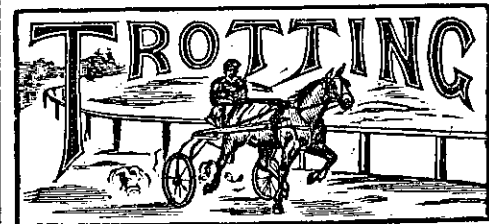
During our rambles we covered a good bit of ground, and Mr Jack Sewell, who has become a votary of the laze-inducing bicycle, though not played out, seemed to desire the rest he had undoubtedly earned, so we rather regretfully bade adieu to our hosts, yoked the fiery steed, and left the Elderslie stud farm. Truly is it a place to spend a happy day. May all luck visit it during the coming year.

During my excursion to Oamaru, "the white-stone city," I just had time to look up Mr O. R. Wise, the owner of Ilex, Lobo, and Glenore. These three jumpers are all the horses at present in the hands of George Robertson, who trains and rides for Mr Wise. Both owner and trainer are rare good sports, and the latter has acted as mentor for Mr Wise for the past twelve years, and during that time he has won a few races. I had a look at Ilex, by Le Loup—Susie, in his box. The old warrior was looking fit and well, and who knows but what he may win an Auckland Grand National Hurdles yet? He will win a race or two before then, I have no doubt. Lobo, by Le Loup—Winifred, is a nuggety-looking customer, and I expect he and Glenore, who is by First Lord out of Young Alice, will have something to do with the finishes of the hurdle races to be decided at the Forbury at Christmas. Glenore looks every inch a hurdler, and I should imagine that he has a bit of pace. At the last Palmerston Meeting he won a treble, annexing the Palmerston Cup, the District Handicap, and the Flying Handicap. That was undoubtedly his day out. Mr Wise is a devoted coursing man, and in his kennels I saw Favonius, who has grown and thickened since he left Auckland, and a nice litter of pups by Shyllock out of Pretty Maid. A slut and a dog take much after "good old Shy," and Mr Wise has a special penchant for the lady. These two are brindles, the others (all dogs) are all fawn and white.

A HARD CASE.

What appears to be an unjust decision was recently given in an American court. The circumstances of the case were these, says the Horseman.—A boy named Davis was, it appears, injured by a fall sustained from a horse, and caused by a defective strap. The boy, it is admitted, pointed out to the trainer that the strap was defective, but the trainer ordered him to get up or go about his business. We all know what exercise boys may do if they elect to disobey trainers, and it is not to be wondered at that the lad decided to take his chances, got up, the strap broke, and he was injured. That seems to be the history of the race in a nutshell. The case finally reached the Supreme Court, which took the extraordinary view that when the boy got up, knowing that the strap was defective, and likely to break, he undertook all coincident risks, and, therefore, was not entitled to recover. This is to say, that, in pointing out to the trainer that the strap was defective, he acknowledged that he knew its condition, and, therefore, accepted all risks of injury that might ensue if the strap broke. Justice Knowlton did not agree with this view of the case, nor will any justly-minded man who understands the ways of training stables. The members of the bench can have given no weight to the circumstances surrounding the case. They apparently did not attach any importance to the fact that discipline is remarkably strict in a training stable. The boys must do as they are told or they must go. In the words of one of Hawley Smart's best characters, if the trainers "take a notion to keep tigers, they must do 'em properly or go." The boy in question was hardly a free agent indeed he was nothing of the sort, and while it may be good law to hold that because he pointed out the rotten condition of the strap to the trainer he accepted all risks, it would be but common justice to hold that that act laid the trainer and his employer liable for the damage done. It is all very well to say that everyone is a free agent; perhaps men among men are in the

eye of the law; but a ninety pound boy in a training stable, doing business with a man of ordinary size, is not a free agent in any sense of the word, especially when the horses are ready for their work and the signal has been given to mount. The boy was hurt because the materials furnished him to do his work with were defective; yet because he discovered this fact, and drew the attention of the defendant's agent to it, the boy can recover nothing—he knew the material was rotten, and yet because he knew it, because he was intelligent enough to know it, he is barred from recovering damages for injury. What would have happened had he done as the court implies he should have done in the circumstances—refused to mount? He would have been thrust from the premises as speedily as possible, perhaps his departure would have been accelerated physically, for men have been known to kick exercise boys from their grounds, and then he would have been without the means of earning a livelihood, branded as insubordinate, and thrown out on the world without a character or credential.



NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Affiliated Clubs to the North Island Trotting Association.

Table with columns: NAME OF CLUB, SECRETARY, TOTAL PERMIT. Lists clubs like Auckland T.C., Hawke's Bay T.C., Palmerston North T.C., Wellington T.C., Johnsonville and Hutt County T.C., Hawera T.C., Otahuhu T.C., New Plymouth T.C., Normanby T.C. and their respective secretaries and permit counts.

TROTTING CALENDAR.

- FIXTURES. December 24, Sat; 27, Wed; 31, Sat.—Auckland T.C. Summer. December 26, Mon.—Canterbury T.C. Summer. December 28, Wed.—Inangahua T.C. Summer. NOMINATIONS. January 8—Canterbury T.C. Fourth Sires' Produce Stakes yearlings. HANDICAPS. December 28—Canterbury T.C. Summer. ACCEPTANCES. December 22—Canterbury T.C. Summer. December 29—Canterbury T.C. Summer. FINAL PAYMENT. December 24—Exhibition Cup, Auckland T.C. Summer.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.] The Summer Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club should be a great success. The club deserves that result because of the liberal nature of the prize money offered. The entries received are certainly good, but it is unfortunate that accidents at sea have robbed the big event of the meeting, the Exhibition Cup, of an inter-colonial interest. The liberal prize offered encouraged Mr Fitzgerald to enter that sterling good performer, Kathleen, and Huon Leigh, but it is now history that on the passage from Sydney Kathleen—who I think would have gone very near winning—was killed, while Huon Leigh was so badly injured that he has since been sent back to Sydney. This was not only bad luck for the owner, who I am sure has general sympathy, but it was bad luck for the club. However, Mr Mark and his energetic committee will survive this misfortune, and I feel confident that the entertainment they will place before their patrons during the ensuing Christmas holidays will be the best on record for trotting meetings in the Auckland district. Splendid fields are sure to start in every event, and I am assured that the track was never in such good order before. Excellent arrangements have been made for the rapid transit of passengers to and from Potter's Paddock, and I hope the meeting will in every way be a success. I have now to use the prophetic pen, and venture on the following predictions:—

Table of race predictions for Waitekauri, Maiden Pony Handicap, Exhibition Cup, Golden King, Lusitania, and Otakeho. Lists names and odds.

I hope to see a great race for this event. It is a thousand pities that the death of Kathleen by accident at sea, and the injury at the same time sustained by Huon Leigh, should have deprived the contest of an inter-colonial character. Still, the race should be an interesting one, and some of the unknowns should make matters merry. The Honolulu mare, Judah, for instance, has all the appearance of being a good one, and may be

worth watching, but I do not apprehend that she will be dangerous just at present. Bagby has not had her long enough here to cause me much apprehension. Pioke should have a chance on his spring form. La Rue has been breaking badly in his work, and that causes me to neglect his chance. Old Judge, I hear, has struck himself in his work, and may not start; if he does I am afraid that his having been eased in his work will seriously affect his chance. Yum Yum has recently thrown twin foals and cannot possibly race.

Pony Cup. Table with names: ORBAIN, KIT, ISRAELITE and their odds.

We always hear good things of Nora, but she is such a mad-cap that she should not be trusted. Her vagaries tried the patience of even J. B. Williamson, and, after that, backers should fight shy of the bonnie little mare.

Electric Trot. Table with names: MISS HUON, COB, LUSITANIA and their odds.

Handicap Hurdles. Table with names: REPEAT, NEW BOY, THE DOVE and their odds.

Telephone Handicap. The probable result of this race will be best indicated by the performances of the ponies in the preceding events of the meeting. For the same reason I refrain from attempting to pick the winner of the December Handicap.

Juvenile Handicap. I anticipate this will be a walk-over for WAITEKAURI.

NOTES.

The sale of privileges in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, held by Messrs Churton and Co. on Friday last, was only moderately successful. The publican's booth was knocked down to Mr A. R. Dunn for £120, the refreshment booth to Mr Murphy for £5, the cards to Mr W. Adams for £91, and the gates to Mr Marks for £140.

Racing Results.

CHRISTCHURCH RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16. The weather was fine and the sum of £3010 was passed through the machine. Results:—

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Powder Monkey ... 1. Time, 3min 24sec. Dividend, £1 12s.

MAIDEN PLATE. Huku ... 1. Time, 1min 35sec. Dividend, £4 4s.

CHRISTCHURCH CUP. Skirmisher ... 1. Malatua ... 2. Jewel ... 3. Time, 2min 13 3/8sec. Dividend, £8 12s.

BRIGHTON HANDICAP TROT (harness). Johnny III. ... 1. Time, 5min 34sec. Dividend, £3 16s.

HANDICAP HACK RACE. Bristol ... 1. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £2 12s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP. Jewel ... 1. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £3 4s.

SUMMER HANDICAP TROT (saddle). Spec ... 1. Time, 5min 41sec. Dividend, £6.

WELTER HANDICAP. Matlock and Huku dead-heated. Time, 2min 3 1/2sec. Dividends: Matlock, £3 8s; Huku, £2 2s.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17. FINAL HURDLE RACE. Nicholas had a walk-over.

NURSERY HANDICAP. Hawthorn ... 1. Dividend, £2 8s.

WINDSOR HANDICAP. Alcestis ... 1. Jewel ... 2. Sequin ... 3. Time, 2min 1sec. Dividend, £8 6s.

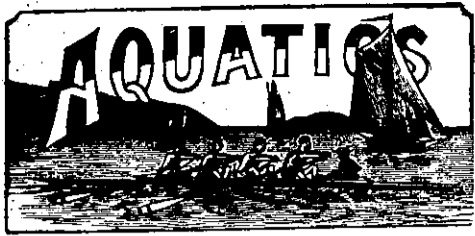
BURWOOD HANDICAP TROT. Rossignol ... 1. Time, 5min 30sec. Dividend, £7 16s.

FLYING HANDICAP. Jewel ... 1. Time, 1min 30 3/4sec. Dividend, £3 16s.

SELLING HACK RACE. Bogengang ... 1. Time, 1min 18 3/4sec. Dividend, £2 4s.

AVON HANDICAP TROT. Shyllock ... 1. Time, 2min 39 4/5sec. Dividend, £2 18s.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP. Matlock ... 1. Time, 1min 46 3/4sec. Dividend, £13 14s.



[By MURITAI.]

On Saturday last the second general handicap race for the Donald Cup was run. A strong nor-easterly gale was blowing, with a heavy cross sea, and this was the cause of some of the boats entered not starting. The course was from Matangi (anchored off Queen Street Wharf), round mark at Bastion, thence out to Rangitoto Reef, back to Bastion, finishing at Wharf, twice round. The following were the entries and handicaps:—Volunteer scr, Thelma 7min, Rainbow 11min, Moana 16min, Aorere 24min, Heartsease 24min, Yvonne 21min, Ladye Wilma 24min, Rangitira 26min, Zinita 24min, Mahaki 30min, Mizpah 32min, Mavis 45min. Nine of these started—Volunteer, Thelma, Aorere, Yvonne, Heartsease, Ladye Wilma, Zinita, Mizpah, Mavis. While sailing about waiting for the start Rainbow carried away her mast, which robbed the race of a good deal of interest, but she would never have had a chance with such a handicap. The least said about the handicap all round, however, the better, but doubtless the heavy weather upset the handicappers' calculations. Mr J. Ansonne got the boats away to a fairly good start, Thelma being ahead down the harbour, with Volunteer under her lee, Heartsease next, then followed Zinita to windward of Aorere, the others tailing off. Just inside the Heads some of Volunteer's throat gear went, and she retired. Mavis, Mizpah, and Ladye Wilma also dropped out. Up to this point Zinita had been sailing exceptionally well, but it was seen she was shipping a great deal of water, as also were some of the larger boats. Thelma was first round the Rangitoto mark, Heartsease next, then came Aorere, Yvonne, and Zinita. They rounded the flagship as follows:—Thelma about 6min ahead of Heartsease, Aorere, Yvonne, Zinita. In the second round all the boats, with the exception of Thelma and Heartsease, went to their moorings, and these two finished—Thelma, 5hr 59min 50sec; Heartsease, 6hr 11min 49sec. Heartsease thus won by about 6min. I think the Thelma crew thought they had the race won, and when it is considered they beat Heartsease by the length of the harbour there is some excuse for their thinking so. Both boats, however, sailed splendidly, Heartsease surprisingly so. The heavy weather seemed to suit her full, bluff lines.

Only three boats started in the Patiki race, namely, Boomerang, Eka, and Zoe. The course was from Wharf, round Calliope Dock buoy, thence round Sandpit buoy, across to Viking, finishing at Wharf, twice round. It was a ding-dong go between Boomerang and Eka from start to finish. Beating across to the Dock, Eka had the best of it, but running and leading Boomerang caught on her; and this is how they raced all the journey until nearing the Viking the last time round, when Boomerang passed her rival and finished first at 4hr 47min 9sec, Eka 4hr 47min 45sec, Zoe 4hr 53min 10sec.

By the Mokoia on Sunday Mr Hordern and his little 1/2-rater Brorzewing IV. arrived from Sydney. She was built of mahogany in England, and is about 25ft overall, 15ft l.w.l., and 4ft 6in beam. This seems a little beam, but she gets her stability from a big bronze plate, weighing about 2cwt. The new arrival was out for a spin on Monday, and off the wind seemed to skim over the water very fast. She is a graceful little thing, with her bamboo spars and silk sails, looking more like a toy than anything. I suppose we ought to be thankful for small mercies, but I think it shows a want of interest that Sydney—with its "splendid harbour," its "wealthy and powerful sailing clubs," etc., etc.—should only be represented by a 1/2-rater. Of course this is not detracting from Mr Hordern's enterprise, nor from the ability of his boat, as I believe she is a flyer, and may make some of the bigger ones move themselves. Still, one would think some of the Sydney clubs would have been represented in an inter-colonial championship race, which has been asked for and worried about for years.

I am afraid "Lux," of the *Herald*, in his aquatic notes of last week, was laboring under a wrong impression. He thinks it is scarcely fair that boatbuilders, after building boats for a certain class, should build others for themselves and beat these, as they had always a chance of "going one better," and refers particularly to the 1/2-rater Rambler. This reads very well at first sight, but there is another side to the question, as it would be a queer rule that debarred builders from improving upon the boats they had previously built for fear of beating them; where would the progress in boat-building come in? Now, in the first place, Logan Bros. did not build this boat for themselves; she was built to the order of the well-known cycling firm of Dexter and Crozier—hence the name, Rambler. Then again, she was built to the same moulds as the other Patikis turned out by this firm. If those who are grumbling about Rambler gave a little more thought and practice to the handling of their boats they would be nearer the winning boat at the finish of a race. I wonder what yacht racing in Auckland would be like if builders did not take an interest in it besides actually building the boats. Take, for instance, the coming inter-colonial 1-rater race. There will be about ten starters. Out of this number Bailey Bros. are building two, Logan Bros. one, Clare one, and although the owners of Geisha and the Waitakauri boat are not professional boatbuilders, they built their own boats. This means that only two or three were built to order, and that if builders had not taken the risk it would have been a very poor race.



[By STONEWALLER.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

The interruption to our cricket season appears to have had the effect of robbing the contests of a deal of public interest, the attendance at last Saturday's matches, when the fourth round was commenced, being meagre.

The Parnell v. Gordon match, in which the former only succeeded in putting on 108 runs—though the weather was admittedly against the batsmen as the afternoon wore on—looks a fairly good thing for Gordon, provided they are favored with a fine day on Saturday next.

Ohlson and Mills, usually the most reliable pair on the Parnell side, were disposed of for a total of 11 runs, the former getting 9 and the latter 2, and had not a tidy score been put on in a somewhat unexpected quarter, Thorpe getting 26, including some very nice strokes, Seager 24 and Woods 21, both playing good cricket for their runs, quite a collapse would have taken place.

For Gordon Sawbridge carried off the trundling honors with 3 wickets for 8 runs, two of these being clean bowled, while the ground fielding taken all round was very good.

The Auckland Fifteen seem likely to give the Eleven of the same club a pretty stiff task to surmount, as when the rain compelled them to draw stumps for the day they had scored 104 for the loss of 8 wickets.

Stone was the hero of the day, contributing no less than 60 (not out) towards the total, scoring freely from all trundlers and playing sound cricket.

The veteran, Selby, with 16, was the only other batsman to run into double figures, his score being the result of careful cricket. Had not this pair made a stand, the Fifteen would have made a sorry showing, as no less than 7 wickets fell for 27 runs.

United, who are playing North Shore on the latter's ground, seem to stand a fair chance of receiving their first check of the season, as although they have got on 115 for the loss of 7 wickets, I understand they will be without the services of Marshall (5, not out) next Saturday, and probably one or two other batsmen.

Brown played well for his quota of 40, and Lusk, who is coming on rapidly, made 30 in good style, while Walton batted carefully for a contribution of 24. These were the only double figure scorers.

I fancy last year's champions were inclined to hold North Shore too cheaply, and made a mistake in going in on a bad wicket after winning the toss. They will be lucky if they escape paying the penalty.

The Association cup matches will be continued on Saturday next, December 24.

Southern papers seem to agree that in appointing Mr Raphael to the management of the New Zealand cricket team for Australia a happy selection has been made.

I have been watching exchanges from the South Island pretty closely of late, and summing up the various comments that have appeared about the probable personnel of the New Zealand team for Australia, it would appear that G. Mills is the only Auckland likely to find inclusion.

In connection with the visit of an Australian Eleven to England, two matches each have been arranged with Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, the Oxford University, and M.C.C. and Ground; single matches against other first-class counties, as well as the Cambridge University and the South of England. Several more matches are in course of arrangement.

The following dates have been arranged for the New Zealand team's Australian tour:—Leave Dunedin, per Waikare, January 30; arrive

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Hobart, February 4; play South Tasmania Association at Hobart, February 7, 8, and 9, and play with the Tasmania Association at Launceston, February 11, 13, and 14; leave Launceston for Melbourne, February 14; play Victorian Association at Melbourne, February 17, 18, and 20; play New South Wales at Sydney, February 23, 24, and 25; Waikare leaves Launceston for Melbourne, February, and arrives Dunedin, March 4.

Mr H. B. Lusk, the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association's selector, has chosen the following team to play in the representative match at Wellington on the 26th and 27th inst.:—Andrews, C. H. Cato, Fanning, Gore, Hallimore, Hill, W. Hughes, Lusk, Tairaro, Wilson, and Wolstenholme. Owing to the inability of some of the most prominent players to get away, the team is not by any means the strongest Hawke's Bay combination.

BILLIARDS.

On the night of October 29 John Roberts informed a *Sporting Life* representative that he was prepared to defend his title of champion against his persistent challenger, Dawson. Roberts takes the original defiance of the little Yorkshireman's that produced such an amount of correspondence last winter, to be something of what the latter desires. It ran as follows:—"I will play Roberts 21,000 up on a standard table made by any of the following firms, viz., Messrs G. Wright and Co., Thurston and Co., Cox and Yeman, or Burroughes and Watts, for £250 or £500 aside, the game to be push barred." Roberts will also agree to play in a neutral ball, have a neutral stakeholder, and neutral referee. The champion would now like to hear from Dawson upon the subject, and is curious to learn whether any more concessions will be expected from him. If the straightforward acceptance of his challenge is not agreeable to Dawson, he can have another match which, perhaps, may better coincide with his view:—Roberts will give him 5,500 points start in 21,000 (push and spot barred), for £250 aside. The match to be played at the Egyptian Hall. Bonzoline balls to be used. As in the proposed level contest, the whole of the gate to go with the stakes—*Sporting Life*. As we have been informed by cable, a match has been ratified.

A peculiar story of assault is reported from Wanganui, the case having been tried before Mr H. W. Northcroft, formerly our Auckland magistrate. The verdict was against the defendants, and Ann Kirkwood, licensee of the Metropolitan Hotel, and her son, William Kirkwood, manager of the hotel, were fined 40s each for assaulting and beating Hugh McIntosh, a porter lately in their employ. The evidence of complainant was to the effect that he had given notice to leave, but on Sunday morning was informed he would be paid off and could leave without notice. As his things were lying about unpacked in his room he refused to give up the key till the Monday. Shortly afterwards he found the Kirkwood had put a ladder up to the window and got into his room. He then went into his room to pack his things, and after some heated words Kirkwood struck him on the head with a stick, partially stunning him. Mrs Kirkwood came to her son's assistance, and while McIntosh was lying on the bed struck him two or three blows on the face with her clenched fist. Mrs Kirkwood stated that her son was a cripple and she had gone to his assistance, fearing he would be hurt. She denied striking complainant, but admitted pushing him back on the bed. William Kirkwood stated that the complainant had been impertinent to him and threatened to strike him, and a scuffle ensued. He never saw his mother strike the complainant.

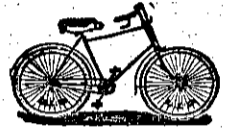
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GRAND CYCLE MEETING.

ILLUMINATED TRACK, EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27th, 8 TILL 10.

Under management of the Auckland Cycling Club.

HALF-MILE FLYING OPEN HANDICAP—£4, £2, £1.

ONE MILE EXHIBITION FIRST-CLASS HANDICAP—£5, £3, £1.

ONE AND A HALF MILE SECOND-CLASS HANDICAP—£4, £2, £1.

ONE MILE MULTICYCLE HANDICAP—£4, £2, £1.

Entry Fees, 2s 6d for each event.

AND GRAND INVITATION PURSUIT RACE (First Time in New Zealand)

BY SIX OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS—£6, £3, £1. Entry Free.

Previous programmes cancelled. Under Rules of League of New Zealand Wheelmen. (Signed) W. R. HOLMES, Secretary.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB

TOTALISATOR INVESTING DEPARTMENT.

Intending Investors will please notice that the Race Days of the Summer Meeting are December 26th and 29th, 1898, also January 2nd and 3rd, 1899.

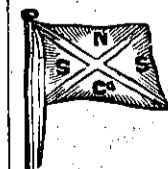
Acceptances will be seen in the morning papers of December 17th, 28th, 31st, and January 3rd.

Clients are requested to send their instructions as early as possible before each day's racing. All Telegrams must be in hand five minutes before the advertised time of starting each race.

Winning investors, making further investments on subsequent days, not forwarding cash to state "money in hand."

No notice will be taken of contingent instructions, or any instructions, unless cash remitted or in hand.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

EXCURSION TO THAMES SUMMER RACE MEETING.

The P.S. WAKATERE will leave Auckland for Thames on MONDAY, December 26th, at MIDNIGHT, leaving Thames on return trip on TUESDAY, 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

RETURN FARE, 7s 6d.

Try Fowlds for tweed and macintosh coats.

MR KELSO'S RETURN.

Mr W. Kelso, the well-known Australian trainer, has recently returned from a trip to England, and the following humorous description by "Boondi" in the Referee will prove interesting to those of our readers who are acquainted with the gentleman:—Welcome to William Kelso, who, after many "moving adventures by flood and field," has returned to the scene of his many triumphs, looking about two points younger than even "Young Billy" himself.

Amongst Mr Kelso's pleasant recollection of "down under" was his introduction by Joe Thompson to the Prince of Wales. The Prince was delighted with the Australian Beau Brummell's appearance, and said he would give a fiver if he had it to spare (which he hadn't) to know who was William's tailor.

William's candid opinion of the Lily is that she was evidently "good goods" at one time, although her understandings were always dicky, but she has gone very much "off" of late, and it is doubtful if she would stand another course of matrimonial training.

Turf Records.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8. Considering the wet weather that prevailed, the attendance was satisfactory at the above fixture. Speculation was fairly brisk and some interesting racing was witnessed.

79 Mr K. McKenzie's b g Nero, 7.0. G. Reid ... 3 Other starters—190 Hillstone, 182 King's Bowman. Won by half a length. Time, 2min 18 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 1s and £1 1s.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

The weather was again fine, and the sum of £3002 was passed through the machine. Results:—OPAKI HACK HURDLE HANDBICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

THE WAIPARA C. ANNUAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16. The annual meeting, held on Thursday last, was favored by fine weather and a good attendance. Following are the results:—HANDBICAP HURDLES of 15 sovs. About two miles.

MAORI RACE of 5 sovs. Mr W. Searancke's ch g Hauahu, 9.0. ... 1 Mr W. Epipa's b m Orena, 10.12 ... 2 Mr W. Searancke's b m Captain, 8.7. ... 3 Won easily.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS. RACES AT PARAWAI. ON MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 26th and 27th, a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Cambridge at 7.25 a.m., Frankton Junction 8.5, Hamilton West 8.14, Morrinsville 9.0, Te Aroha 9.55, Paeroa 10.33, arriving Thames at 11.45 a.m.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1898. AUCKLAND RACES. MONDAY and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th and 29th:—TRAINS will leave Auckland for Racecourse Platform every few minutes from 10.30 a.m. to 2.10 p.m., returning as required from 4.30 p.m. up till 15 minutes after the last race.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th:—The usual 4 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Helensville till 5.10 p.m., Henderson 6.25, Auckland arrive 7.26 p.m. Morning and evening trains will run between Helensville and Kaukapakapa as on Fridays and Saturdays.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th, and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th:—The usual 3.55 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Onehunga till 4.20 p.m. The usual 4.15 p.m. Mercer train will not leave Auckland till 5.30 p.m., Racecourse 6.5, Mercer arrive 8.35 p.m.

The Auckland Goods Shed will be closed on December 26th and 27th. Goods and live stock traffic will be suspended at all stations on December 26th.

NOTICE TO SETTLERS:—The cattle train will not run to Auckland on December 26th or January 2nd; it will, however, run on Tuesday, December 27th.

"I must have FLAG BRAND PICKLES"

Advertisement for Flag Brand Pickles and Sauces, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman at a table. Text includes: TRY HAYWARD'S WORCESTERSHIRE AND TOMATO SAUCES. THEY ARE DELICIOUS.

6D MELBOURNE WAXWORKS. 6D AGRICULTURAL HALL (Top of Queen St.) GRAND HOLIDAY SEASON. JOHN FULLER'S MINSTRELS.

GRAND SACRED CONCERT ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT. "The Land of the Cross." Collection of ONE SHILLING on entering.

OPERA HOUSE Lessee and Manager ... Mr Tom Pollard Treasurer ... Mr W. O'Sullivan

POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY Will produce for the First Time in Auckland the World-famed Musical Comedy, THE GAY PARISIENNE.

Special Engagement of MISS GERTIE CAMPION, The Charming Soubrette and Dancer. Special Engagement of MR J. B. WATSON, Who originally Staged this Piece in London.

THE NORTHERN UNION STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. NORTHERN WAIROA RACES.

DARGAVILLE, MONDAY, 26th, TUESDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1898. CHEAP FARES.

Latest Passenger Steamer leaving Helensville after arrival of 6 p.m. Auckland train, 24th inst. (Saturday). Latest steamer for carriage of horses leaves Helensville FRIDAY, 23rd inst., 4 p.m., after arrival of 11.5 p.m. train from Auckland.

AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING J. J. DONOVAN. No. 1 BOOTH.

EVERYTHING OF THE BEST AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING GRANDSTAND BOOTH.

S. C. CAULTON (St. Heliers' Bay Hotel). MR CAULTON has made every arrangement to meet all demands, and as he is universally known to the sporting and general public, his many friends will be pleased to know that their requirements will be well looked after.

GRANDSTAND BOOTH. S. C. CAULTON.

The LICENSED VICTUALLERS

The annual subscription to the SPORTING REVIEW AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE will be 12s 6d, payable strictly in advance.

It offers special facilities for advertising "transfers," and other official announcements embracing as it does the extensive circulation of an already popular New Zealand and Australian sporting journal.

THE SPORTING REVIEW AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE has been appointed the OFFICIAL ORGAN of the Trade.

THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

THAT there is room for the expansion of the present Licensed Victuallers' Association every one connected with the "trade" is willing to admit. Thanks to the earnest efforts of the members of the committee, what was virtually a corpse has been galvanised into active life, and, once enlivened, it is rapidly growing and making up for its long hibernation. At present the membership of the association is not sufficiently extended—it embraces the city proper, but does not include the adjacent townships. In view of this outlying districts and the comparatively we are most pleased to be made aware of the fact that a number of the licensed victuallers in the Ohinemuri county are willing and ready to join, but we regret to add that they have not as yet been approached. To make the association a complete body, every publican throughout the North Island should be a member, and, more, Southern associations should be encouraged to affiliate. The solidarity of the licensed victuallers in the North Island means the organisation of a body that, by its harmony and strength, must necessarily force the authorities to render justice and fair dealing to each individual member. Never could the trite proverb, "Unity is strength," apply more forcibly than in the case of the licensed victuallers. At present they are either too apathetic or too careless to recognise the fact that in concerted action is their only hope of actual existence in the years to come. 1899 or, at the latest, 1900 will see another bitter fight between the "trade" and the prohibitionists, and, unless we are trained and prepared, with what chance of success can we hope to accept the gage of battle? Past experience tells us that the "trade" are too willing to adopt the *laissez faire* attitude—in plain English, to let things slide—unless its members fear an imminent attack; then there is a hurrying and scurrying to fight an uphill game with odds against us. That we have won in the past has been more through good luck than good management. These spasmodic attempts to retain privileges that are the just due of a portion of the community who pay more into the Consolidated Revenue than any other class, are not only exhausting, both financially and otherwise, but they are illogical and unbusinesslike. What we really want is a recognition by every licensed victualler that his interests, his very existence, as a legitimate trader is synonymous with those of his *confreres*, and that an injury or injustice meted out to the smallest or poorest member of the "trade" affects virtually the entire body. When this is thoroughly understood, members of the "trade" will comprehend that in unity of purpose and action alone lies the conservation of their interests, and the sooner that that idea is well grounded in every publican's brain the better for them all. At present the "trade" is fighting for bare existence, for privileges that should be freely accorded them as a heavily-taxed portion of the community. They are subject to restrictions and enquiries that would irritate a ticket-of-leave man, and yet they bow to the rod and put up with these indignities, when, if once they worked in unison—not for one election, but for all time—their power would soon be made manifest, and, instead of being supplicants, they would have a right to

demand what we advisedly say is nothing more nor less than justice, and a free right to ply their occupation unmolested by officious police *espionage* and irritating persecution. Let the Licensed Victuallers' Association wake up, employ energetic officials, and place before every man engaged in the hotel business the absolute necessity of his taking an active interest in "trade" affairs and working shoulder to shoulder with those interested in business in the line. There is a great future for the Licensed Victuallers' Association, provided it embraces the entire "trade" and that each individual unit is willing to work for the good of the whole and, as a logical sequence, for himself as well.

THE ROYAL OAK FIRE.

The City Council in Wellington seems to be waking up to the fact that there are some essential improvements absolutely necessary with regard to the extinguishing of fires and the provisions for escape from burning buildings. The appliances for fighting fire are bad enough throughout New Zealand, but in Auckland they are a standing reproach to the Council and community at large. We sincerely hope that this city will not receive another terrible lesson in the shape of a disastrous fire. The last one was bad enough, but fortunately no lives were lost. Now when the hotels are crowded with people for the Exhibition a fire like the Royal Oak would sure to be attended with fatal consequences. At the City Council meeting in Wellington on Thursday night last it was moved "That the Council desires to call the attention of the Licensing Committee to the fact that in certain of the hotels in the city there is very inadequate provision for escape from fire, and suggests that the most stringent measures be immediately taken to compel all hotel proprietors to supply each room in their various hotels with ropes or other efficient means of escape." It was pointed out that the Council had no authentic information on the subject, and the motion was negatived, only the mover and seconder voting for it. Subsequently motions were carried instructing the Fire Brigade Committee to make searching inquiry into the constitution, administration, and general conduct of the fire brigade and its appliances, including an inquiry into its actions at the recent fires, and that the By-Laws Committee be instructed to prepare by-laws for the safer construction of buildings for the accommodation of the public.

TRADE TOPICS.

A statement was made at a meeting of tobacconists in Christchurch last week, that forty-four million cigarettes were now imported annually. Thirty-seven millions of these were of brands controlled by the American Tobacco Trust, and the remaining seven millions came from the great English house of Wills.

While a number of cases of Wolf's Schnapps, which arrived from Sydney by the Elingamite on Monday, were being examined by the Customs' officers, it was found that from each case one bottle of spirit had been abstracted. The cases were so cleverly closed again that there were no external marks to show that the pilfering had been going on. Other cases of spirits had three or four flasks removed. This had evidently been done in the London docks or on the voyage out.

A short time back a number of the hotels in Echuca, Victoria, were closed on a local option vote, and heavy compensation was paid. Now a new trouble has sprung up, which bids fair to set the straight-out prohibitionists and moderate temperates by the ears, and may bring about a coalition between the remaining licensed victuallers and the teetotal party. Three of the persons compensated have applied for colonial wine licenses, and these applications are being strenuously opposed by both the prohibitionists and the remaining licensed victuallers.

At the inquest held on the Royal Oak Hotel fire in Wellington Mr G. E. Smith, inspector of works in connection with the Public Works Department, said he had examined the remains of the fire, and was satisfied as to its cause. In the kitchen he found that the flue connecting the hot plate with the chimney and range was faulty in construction. The casing of the chimney near the hot plate and flue was made of wood, and the charred remains of the stud could be seen there still. This stud extended to the ceiling, and also touched the flue. It appeared to him that the flame must have been escaping from the hot-plate flue, and communicating with the stud. He thought the fire had been smouldering there for a considerable time.

Pattison's whisky firm has suspended payment. It is undergoing reconstruction.

Both Inspector Hickson and Inspector Emerson have been retired from the police force on the grounds of age and infirmity. The latter is seriously ill, and his condition is causing his friends considerable anxiety.

The Commercial Hotel at Woodville, which was recently burned down, was insured as follows:—Stock and furniture, £400, South British; £400, Northern Queensland; building, £1000, North German.

John Fuller says he can't understand what all this talk is about the Exhibition bar, considering that his customers drink up all the gingerbeer, lemon squashes, and other cooling necessities that he can supply. He claims that although the crowd at his place is at times almost suffocating, it always manages to find satisfaction at his bar.

The temperance bodies of South Australia recently had a general conference in Adelaide on the liquor question. The sum total of their labors resulted in a recommendation to excise the "bona fide traveller" and "lodger" provisions from the Licensed Victuallers' Act. Last year they wanted to excise the barmaid, but that charming institution rises superior to such attacks.

Probably one of the most popular hotels in the district in which it is situated is the Kaihu Hotel, at Dargaville, conducted by Mr Powell. The best brands of wines and spirits are kept, and there is ample stabling accommodation, sample rooms for commercial travellers, and private sitting rooms, bathrooms, billiard room, etc., for guests. When Lord Glasgow was Governor of New Zealand he spent some time at this hotel, and expressed, through his private secretary, his entire satisfaction at the accommodation afforded him.

At the sale of privileges for the forthcoming Auckland Racing Meeting held by Messrs Chertouk and Co. on Friday last, the following prices were realised:—The Grandstand Booth was sold to Mr S. C. Caulton, of the St. Helier's Bay Hotel, for £245; the Lean-to Bar to Mr A. R. Dunn, of the Market Hotel, for £230; the No. 1 Booth to Mr Donovan, late of the Star and Garter Hotel, for £150; the No. 2 Booth to Mr O'Connor, of the Victoria Hotel, for £101; the No. 3 Booth to the same gentleman for £81, and the No. 4 Booth to Mr P. Purcell, of the Newton Hotel, for £86.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis Street, Wellington, report having sold on behalf of the Government Life Insurance Department the freehold of the Criterion Hotel, Blenheim, which is the leading hotel in that town, to a Wellington speculator; Mr Robert Seymour's interest in the Club Hotel, Pahiatua, to Mr Edwin Hodren, late of Wanganui; on behalf of the executors in the estate of the late Mr Kater, Kater's Hotel and Princess Theatre, Reefton, to Mr Thomas Rescigh, late of the Princess Hotel, Molesworth Street, Wellington; Mr Simon Glogoski's interest in the Bunnythorpe Hotel, Bunnythorpe, to Mr James Dillon, late of the Masonic Hotel, Palmerston North; Mrs Annie Burnett's interest in the Empire Hotel, Palmerston North, to Mr Edward Sherratt, late of Manukau; Mr Thomas Sidey's interest in the Levin Hotel, Levin, to Mr D. Hannaum, late of Stafford, West Coast; Mr James Butler's interest in the Provincial Hotel, Upper Hutt, to Mr Florence O'Leary, formerly of the police force; also Mr Enoch Crosby's interest in the Makuri Hotel, Makuri, to Mr William Redmond, late of the Queen's Hotel, Masterton.

The *Melbourne Sportsman* says:—"A mining and industrial exhibition has been opened in Auckland, and is likely to prove a failure through the refusal of the court to grant a publican's license for a bar on the premises. The executive committee decided, as a matter of course, that such a privilege would be allowed. The only concession granted was a wine license for seven days. Reports say that the attendance is already far below expectations, and financial failure may be predicted. Few public movements are successful without the stimulating influence of whisky." Well, we are not quite so bad as all that. We think that the Exhibition may just be able to squeeze through and partially pay its way without the aid of a bar. Of course that would be an impossibility in Melbourne, but there is a good deal of the camel about the New Zealander, and by taking in a good supply before entering the Exhibition grounds and making occasional trips to adjacent pubs, he may be able to stand the unwonted strain. Of course if there had been a bar, undoubtedly the Exhibition would have proved a modern Golconda.

We have received the following clipping from Messrs M. Moss and Co.:—"The retailing of adulterated spirits out of bottles bearing the labels of well accredited liquors is to be greatly deplored, and it is with satisfaction we note that the proprietors of that well and favorably known stimulant—Wolfe's Schnapps—are endeavouring to put a stop to the fraud in connection with their liquor. During the month proceedings have been taken under the "Public Health Act" against 26 hotelkeepers, the courts imposing fines and costs to the extent of £160—some of the defendants being fined £10 with £4 costs—which should serve as a warning, as the maximum penalty under the Act is £20 for first offence, and for subsequent ones, £50. We are given to understand that it is not intended to allow the matter to rest, but that samples are being procured from various parts of the colony, and hotelkeepers should therefore be prepared at any moment to be informed that the liquor just sold is wanted for Government analysis. The purity of Wolfe's Schnapps and its stimulating properties are too well known to make it necessary to enlarge upon here, and purchasers are advised to be sure and ask for "Wolfe's Schnapps," and to refuse bottles of any cheap imitations against the sale of which the Supreme Courts of America, New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland have granted perpetual injunctions."

Mr C. H. Chavannes, the well-known pigeon shot and billiardist, is making large additions to his hotel at Wanganui. They will consist of three large sample rooms on the ground floor, and a number of parlours and bedrooms upstairs. With these improvements Chavannes' Hotel will provide up-to-date accommodation of the most extensive character, and maintain its well-known reputation as one of the leading hotels on the coast.

The following, which will give the reader some idea how prohibitionists petitions are faked up, happened in the rather important town of St. Arnaud, Victoria, Australia. It seems that there was not one colonial wine license in existence there. Knowing this a Mrs Hunter applied at the last annual licensing court for a wine license. An opposing petition from clergymen and fifty ratepayers was presented. Thereupon the Court fixed an area within which objections would be considered, and out of the fifty names on the list there were only four within the area. The area fixed by the Court was, of course, commensurate with the radius to which it was presumable trade would be done. We are pleased to record the fact that Mrs Hunter secured her license.

Judging from the press criticisms in Australia the police there are as liable to raise objections to the renewal of licenses as they are in New Zealand, and on equally as flimsy grounds. Considering that in Victoria about 4,000 licenses come under magisterial review at each annual meeting the refusals are very few, and the credit there, as here, is due not so much to the strict espionage of the police as to the desire on the part of the publicans to carry on their business in a strictly legitimate manner. Of course in the Australian colonies the Licensed Victuallers' Associations are well drilled and organised, and consequently their means of defence are the best available. As soon as the same spirit of unity obtains here, may each individual hotelkeeper find himself in a position of greater liberty, and not before.

We have heard a great deal in New Zealand about so-called temperance drinks, and now that the summer weather is on us the prohibitionists will undoubtedly urge that thirst can be slaked and the proprieties observed by resorting to their use rather than to the alluring colonial beer that "breaks up homes and drives people to madness." In view of this possible argument we would like to call the attention of those who may be induced to linger where the temperance drink lurks to the following:—"The New South Wales Collector of Excise has issued a warning to manufacturers of temperance (?) drinks, and inquiry shows that most of them contain more than 2 per cent. of alcohol, 2 per cent. being the limit. Inspectors are now being sent round, and prosecutions will follow. Some hop beer analysed contained 5 per cent. of alcohol, or as much as heavy colonial beer." Now we begin to understand something about the kind of stimulant our prohibitionist lecturers are wont to dawdle with, and possibly it might pay to analyse some of Tommy Taylor's plum wine.

The improvements which have recently been made in the Thistle Hotel (under the management of Mr Harry Ellison) were virtually completed this week, and to celebrate the event several members of the Trade, the Press, and the architect and builder (Messrs Mahoney and Grandison respectively), were present to enjoy Mr Ellison's hospitality. The party took a look over the house, which has certainly been vastly improved. The old private bar has been transformed into a well ventilated and lighted dining-room, while a new private bar has been artistically fitted up. Instead of the narrow entrance which previously obtained, there are now two broad entrances, both from Darby Street and Queen Street, the latter flanked by an excellent *entree*. The accommodation has been enlarged, and at present twenty guests can be comfortably and conveniently housed. The billiard-room, which was always a feature at the Thistle Hotel, has been thoroughly renovated, new cloths put on the tables, and extra light afforded. The room as of yore is under the control of Mr Carrigan. One point we would particularly wish to call attention to, and that is the improved lavatory arrangements. After inspecting the premises the party returned to the commercial room, a large, airy, and well lighted apartment, and drank a few bottles of wine to Mr Ellison's health and future success. In thanking those present, Mr Ellison said that he had put forth his utmost endeavor to raise the tone of the hotel, and that his object was to place it in the front rank of Queen Street Hotels. He had had a long experience, having been a publican twenty years ago, when licensed victuallers who conducted themselves properly were recognised as reputable members of the community. He regretted that at present there was a tendency to look down on hotelkeepers, almost as though they were pariahs; but he was assured of the fact that it was only necessary for the members of the Trade to work in unison, to support one another, and to insist upon the respect due to them as legitimate tradesmen, for them to secure the recognition that was their right. After mutual congratulations the party broke up.

Most of the thirsty public are acquainted with our subject in this issue, and if they are not, well, it's their misfortune—

She's a big upstanding lassie,
With blue eyes and bonny hair,
And she knows by name each chappie
Who drops in to liquor there.
For it's "Halloo! Dick or Harry!"
Or "How are you, Mr Brown?"
Or, perhaps, "Fine morning, Captain;
Has your ship just come to town?"
And we all give back her greeting
In a pleased, familiar way,
With a "Glad to see you, Katie;
How're you bobbing up to-day?"
For there's something in this Hebe
Makes her popular with all,
And the beer seems cooler, milder,
When she draws it at your call.
Don't you recognise the lady?
You can spot her very soon,
At the Clarendon in Auckland,
Any summer afternoon.



Sly-grog selling, like the poor, "is always with us."

Egyptian drink for Tommy Atkins returned from the Soudan—Sirdar and B.

According to statistics, moderate drinkers make the best risks for life insurance companies. decided that there is to be no bar in the Exhibition building, either for the sale of beer or wine.

John Grey and Sons, mineral water manufacturers, have made an excellent display with their exhibit at the Exhibition.

Mr Michaels should do a good trade at the Wynyard Arms Hotel while the Exhibition is in swing, especially now that it has been ultimately

One of the barmen at the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington, stated that £6 or £7 was stolen from the till while the fire was in progress.

Captain Kelmsley, of the Wellington Fire Brigade, claims that all hotels should have flexible ladders for each room.

Very few transfers of licenses during the last week or two; hotelkeepers do not like the idea of changing during the festive season.

Burglars entered the Imperial Hotel, Wellington, broke open the safe, and stole £50 in cash and small articles worth about £5.

The improvements at the Thistle Hotel are very nearly completed, and Mr Harry Ellison is to be congratulated on the present appearance of his hostelry.

Big alterations are being made at Mr Alfred Kidd's Commercial Hotel in Shortland Street. Full particulars of the improvements contemplated will appear in a future issue.

At the quarterly meeting of the Palmerston North Licensing Committee the police reports on the various hotels in the district, with one exception, were very favorable.

There are 89 million gallons of Scotch whisky lying idle in bond owing, Mr Dewar says, to the difficulty of finding a sufficient supply of suitable water with which to mix the spirit.

The N.Z. Times, in referring to the Royal Oak Hotel fire, hints that an understanding exists between the Council and the Brigade to whitewash each other.

Mr W. Mowbray reports that Mrs Dixon, formerly of the New Lynn Hotel, has taken over the Diggers' Rest Hotel at Coromandel. This hotel has been for some time under the management of Mr Charles Wade.

In speaking of the enormous amount of tea consumed in the colonies, the National says:—"People who will strong black tea at every meal would be far better if they were drinking beer, provided it was light and of good quality."

Mr S. C. Caulton, of St. Helier's Bay, is having an excellent steamboat time-table card printed, with a picture of his hotel in the centre. It will prove very convenient for consultation to frequenters of the Bay.

Mr Samuel Gilmer, licensee of the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington, said at the inquest that he had never given the subject of a possible fire five minutes consideration, so safe did he consider the building.

Mr Andrew Usher, the great Edinburgh brewer, has died from an internal cancer. Three years ago he gave £100,000 to the city of Edinburgh for the erection of a music hall, but he has not lived to see the work entered upon.

It is claimed that the Licensing Committee never under any circumstances or at any time offered Mr M. Foley a conditional license for seven days, and that Mr Brabant was mistaken when he stated that such was the case.

The police appear to be keen on hunting down sly-grog shanties in the King Country. Two cases are to come on for hearing at Te Awamutu before Captain Jackson, S.M. Well, they had better be engaged in that work than persecuting respectable city publicans.

Mr S. Charlton, of the Criterion Hotel, Napier, has just written to that city after having accomplished the feat of driving overland to Auckland and back in his own trap and with his provisions, tents, and other appliances necessary for camping.

Mr Clark, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, has resigned his office, as he finds that he cannot devote his entire time to the work. Mr Clark has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Trade, and his resignation will be regretted by the members of the association.

An informal meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association was held in Mr Myer's room on Friday afternoon at 4.15. There was not as good an attendance as was expected, as several of the members thought the meeting was to be held at the Coffee Palace.

A number of alterations have been lately made at the Empire Hotel kept by Mr Stewart. The house has been papered and painted throughout, and some very attractive linoleum dados have been used in a number of the rooms. Altogether, the Empire in its new dress is well worth a visit.

The municipal officers of Ballarat are a little more liberal as to the retailing of alcoholic refreshments than our Licensing Committee here is, judging from the recent Exhibition bar struggle. In Ballarat a deputation waited on the Mayor, objecting to the sale of liquor on the cricket field. They were politely shown the door.

A South African paper states that testotol drinks are invented in order that doctors shall grow wealthy through the general dyspepsia of the public. There is more truth than poetry in this assertion, as colic seems to be the natural concomitant of some of our New Zealand temperance drinks.

The Victorian excise duty on beer for November alone amounted to £14,473. The treasury of that colony, therefore, benefits to the extent of nearly £200,000 a year by this tax. The New Zealand Treasury benefits proportionately, and from a financial point of view it would be madness to sacrifice this income.

It is a peculiar coincidence that the present Lord Mayor of London is a large mineral water merchant, while his predecessor was in the whisky business in a large way. This is on the American or Scotch principle, whisky first and water afterwards. But as Londoners like to mix their whisky and water, it is a pity the two gentlemen couldn't have held office at the same time.

The pictures and statuettes in the commercial and smoking-room of the Royal Mail Hotel have recently been undergoing a thorough regilding, and at present almost dazzle the visitor with their golden splendor. We believe that the work has been done by an English dilettante of artistic proclivities now resident in the hotel, who thus amuses himself when time hangs heavy on his hands.

The alterations which have been in progress at the St. Helier's Bay Hotel (Mr S. C. Caulton) are very nearly completed, and it is expected that everything will be in apple-pie order by Christmas time. There has been considerable expense involved in bringing about the many improvements, and now this pleasurable summer resort will be even more attractive than of yore.

In our last issue we neglected publishing the transfer of licenses granted by the Palmerston North Licensing Committee at their last quarterly meeting. They were as follows:—Princess Hotel, from Marion Clifford to Keady O'Leary; Clarendon Hotel, from George Onimette to F. J. Tasker (Mr Henley); Empire Hotel, from W. M. Jameson to Helena Mary Burnett; Masonic Hotel, Ashurst, from James Williams to James Vile (Mr Baker); Club Hotel, Percy A. Herman to William Smith; Commercial Hotel, Ashurst, from George Hannselle to J. McCarthy; Royal Hotel, Bunnythorpe, from Symon Glogoski to James Dillon (Mr Innis).



When the appeal case against the convictions for sly-grog selling at Clinton and Balclutha were called on at the Supreme Court, Dunedin, the Crown Solicitor said that he had on the previous day received intimation of the discontinuance of the appeals. Seven guineas costs were given against each appellant.

If the decision given against an Invercargill publican a few weeks ago is to be carried out in spirit in future decisions, it will be inadvisable even to serve a cup of tea or a glass of milk after closing hours. It seems that Mr Blackham, hotelkeeper, served some guests with cider after closing time, and was charged with selling beer after hours. The defence was that the liquid consumed was cider, and as counsel refused to agree to the information being amended the case was dismissed. A fresh charge of selling cider, however, was immediately laid, and the defendant was fined £2 and costs, and his license endorsed. Wherefore, in Invercargill, it would be dangerous to sell a man even a cup of salts and senna after eleven o'clock.

It will be remembered in connection with the Exhibition bar case that Mr Brabant, the chairman of the Licensing Committee, promised to give his written judgment on Tuesday morning. This would have enabled Mr Nicholson to bring it before the Supreme Court and gave the matter tested in Chambers. Mr Nicholson applied for the decision on Tuesday, but was put off. He applied again in the afternoon, but was kept waiting until five minutes after three, when the written decision was handed to him. Of course this was just five minutes too late to bring it into the Supreme Court before next February, when naturally the decision will be of no practical use, except as a precedent in case we have another Exhibition. Now Mr Brabant knew what the written decision was for, as he had been officially advised at the meeting, and his action in delaying its delivery until it was too late to be of service, after having promised to have it finished in time, admits of but two conclusions. Either he did it to burke inquiry, or he was afraid to have his decision reviewed in the Supreme Court. In either case his attitude is hardly an enviable one.

At last we know what the lay members of the Licensing Committee are really elected for. They are intended to act as a high-class audience, critical possibly, but very attentive, while the Chairman discourses on matters connected with the Trade, educates them on legal points, and if he is in a particularly good humor perhaps explains to them why he has decided that certain things should be done. The restriction of silence having been removed, they next adopt the attitude of a Greek chorus, and re-echo and endorse the sentiments and decisions he has arrived at. Occasionally, to vary the monotony, one or two, or possibly four, as an "expression of opinion" are allowed to say a few words, and even vote against the Chairman's dictum, but this exercise, which is seldom indulged in, is mere airy persiflage, as what the Chairman says, in the end, always "goes." It is a very pretty little Kindergarten kind of arrangement, and would look very nice and amusing on the stage, but in hard, practical business life proceedings of so farcical nature are apt to be irritating, and electors would like to know the meaning of the burlesque.

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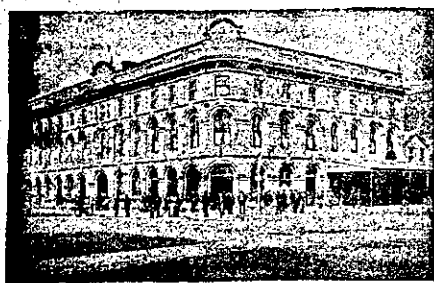
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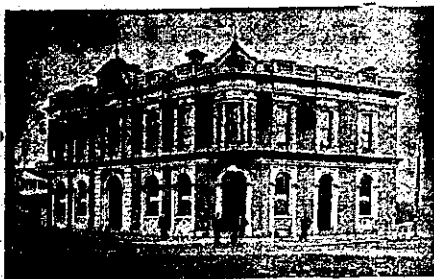
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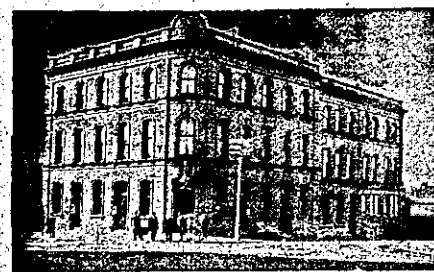
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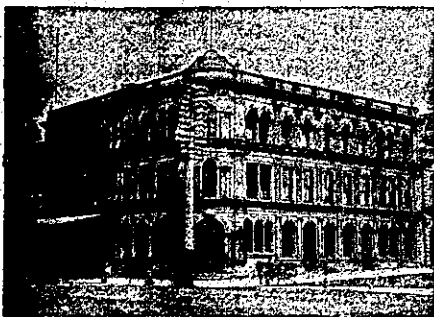
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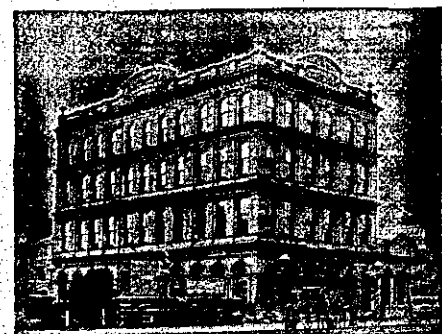
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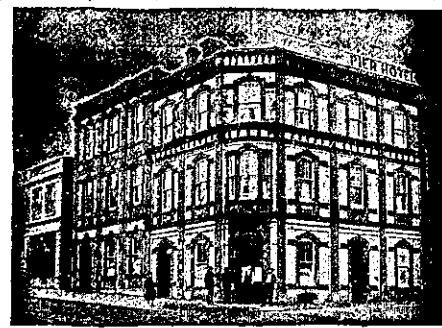
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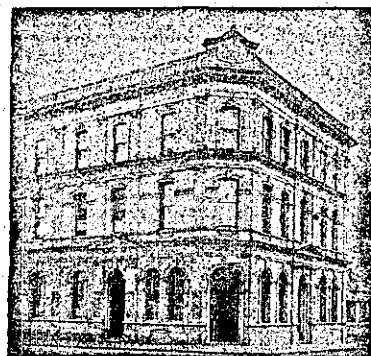
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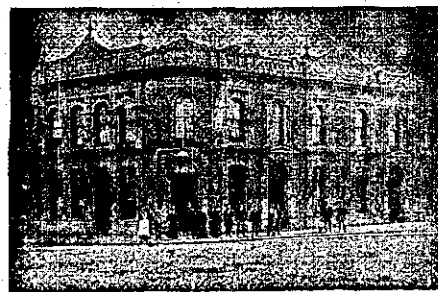
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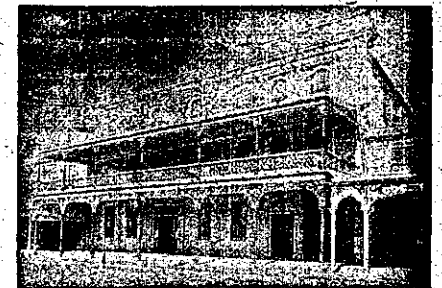
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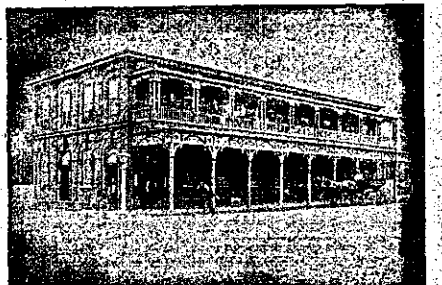
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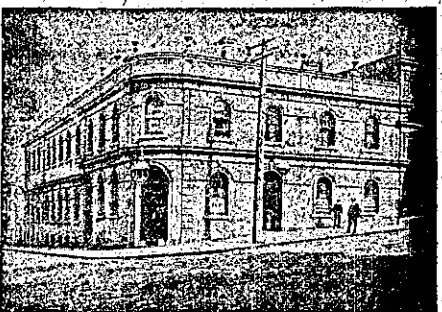
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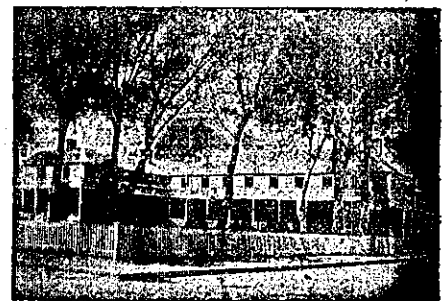
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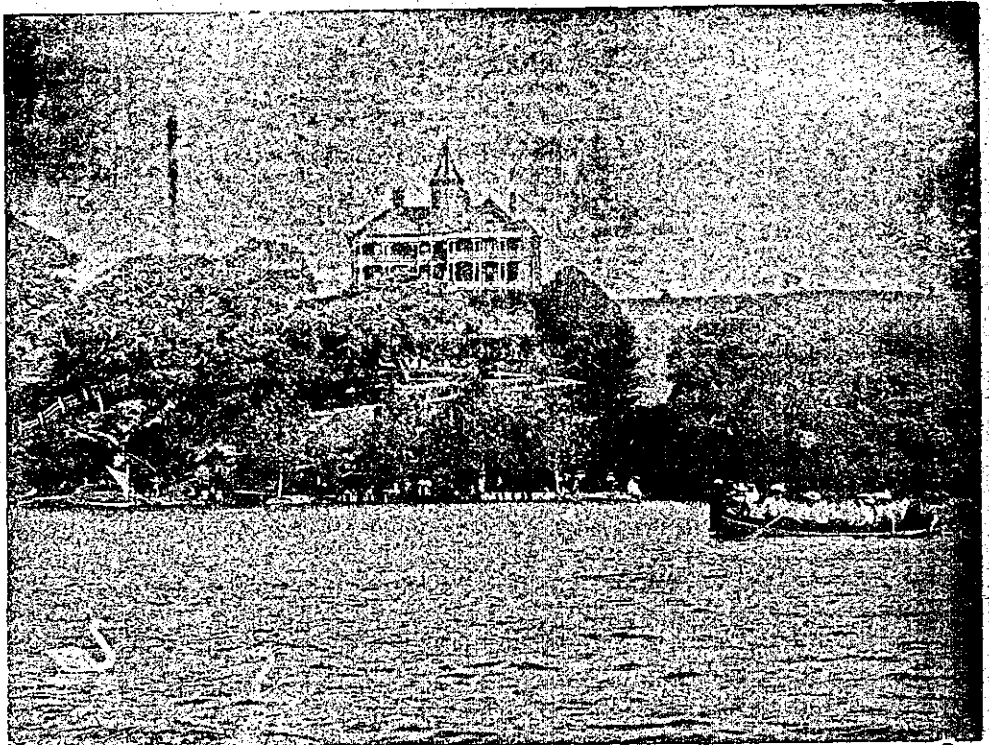
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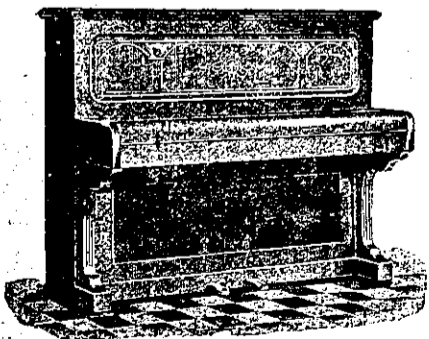
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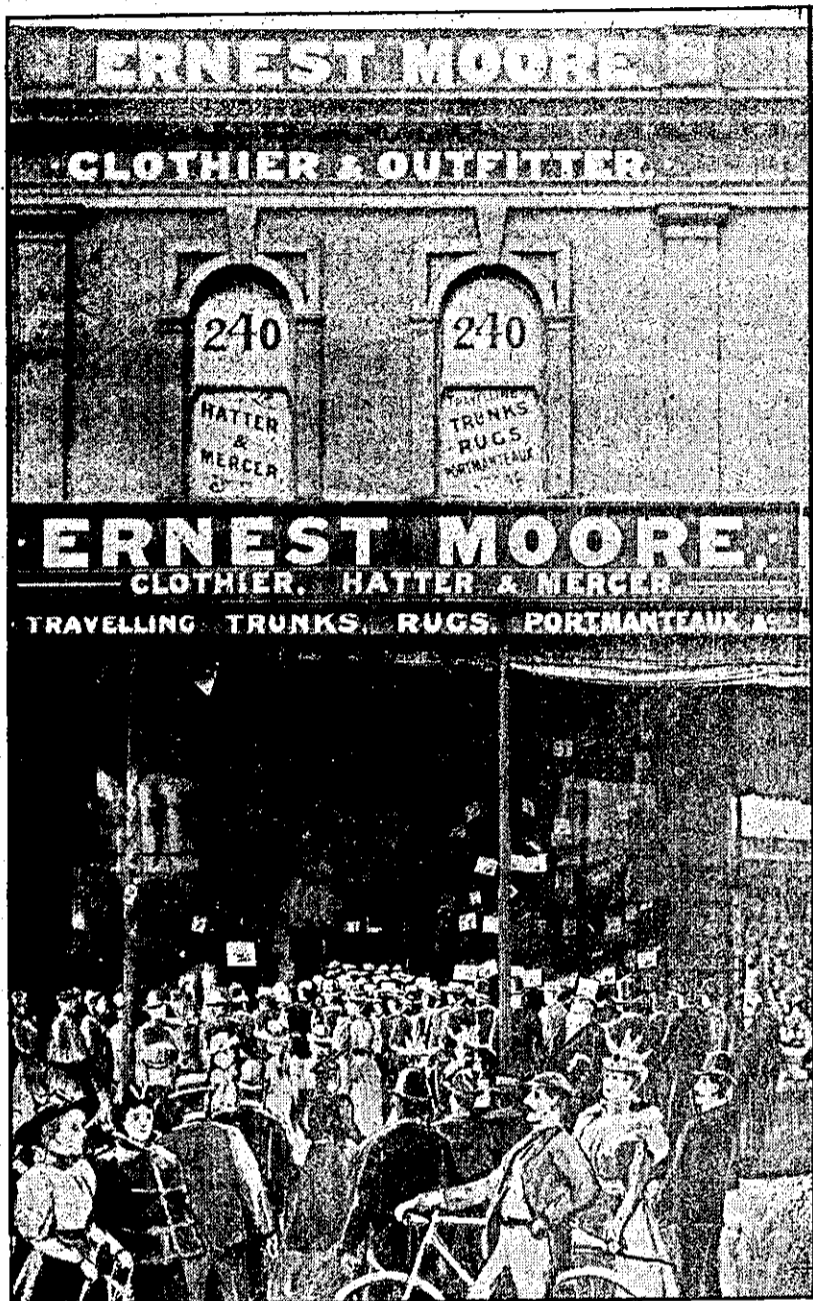
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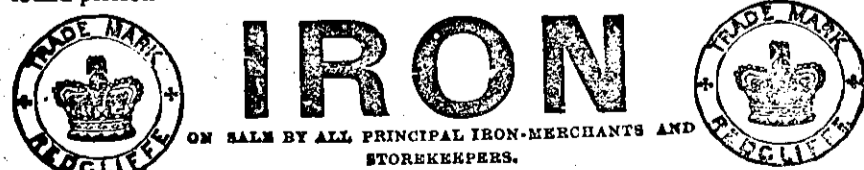
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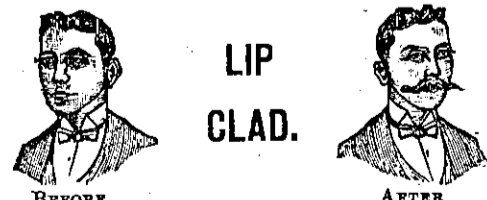
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