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A UCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 3RD, EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH,

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH.

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. Committee: Messrs A. Buckland, Richard Duder, H. T. Gorrie, D. McLeod, J. P. A. Philson, T. Morrin, W. McLaughlin, N. A. Nathan, J. Russell, J. T. Armitage, H. Thompson. J. Kirkwood. Hon. Judge: Colonel Banks. Hon. Treasurer: Mr H. T. Gorrie, Starter: Mr Geo. Cutts. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr A. Selby. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Secretary: Mr William Percival.

FIRST DAY, EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 3nd, 1899. First Race to Start at 12 Noon.

Tradesmen's Plate 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. One m le and a

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Northern Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; sillies, 8st 8t lb); and geldings, 8st 51b each. By subscription of 7 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1898, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1899, 8 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Raster Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 3 sovs and a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any race of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 31b extra; of 200 sovs, 51b; of 100 sovs and one of 200 sovs, 51b; extreme penalty. One mile.

Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs second horse.

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ceive 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. Winner of any handicap, after the declaration of weights, to carry 51b extra. Seven furlongs. Eden Handicap of 100 sove; second horse to re-

Seven furlongs.

Onslow Stakes. a handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 100 sovs at time of entry. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry a penalty of 101b. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to to the funds. Five furlongs.

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

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Railway Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards: Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race, after publication of weights, to carry 51b penalty. Five furlongs

SECOND DAY,

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1899. First Race to Start at 12 Noon.

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

Ellerslie Handicsp 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. Six furlongs.

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Autumn Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, acceptance, 3 sovs, and a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. One mile and a half

Autumn Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.
Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to
the funds. Two miles.

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Flying Handirap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, togo to the funds. The winner of any race, after the publication of the weights, to carry 5lb penalty. Six

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

Shorts Handicap of 100 sove; second horse to

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Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go ito the funds. Lowest with the first one mile.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, 1899. First Race to Start at 1 o'clock

Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race exceeding 30 sovs in value at time of entry. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three quarters.

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

St. George's Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter. Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

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

Second Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov, and sceptance, 1 sov, and sce Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs; second

Grandstand Handicap of 100 sove; second horse

to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven Victoria 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. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

AUTUMN MEETING, 1899, With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

> FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1899. SECOND FORFEIT.

Champagne Stakes, 1899, 3 sovs. NOMINATIONS.

Easter Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Handicap ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1899 (GENERAL ENTRY NIGHT), by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Easter Handicap ... 3 sovs First Hurdles NOMINATIONS.

Tracesmen's Plate	T SOA .	onorts mandleap	I BOA
Handicap Hurdles	1 sov	Welter Handicap	l sov
Eden Handicap	1 80V	Maiden Hurdles	1 BOV
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Pony Handicap	1 sov	StGeorge's Handicap	I sov
Railway Handicap	1 sov	Pony Handicap	1 80V
Stewards' Handicap	1 sov	Criterion Handicap	1 sov
Ellerslie Handicap	1 aov	SecondWelterHnder	1 807
Autumn Hurdles	1 sov	Grandstand Handiep	1 80V
Flying Handicap	1 80V	Victoria Handicap	1 BOV
Pony Handicap	1 80V		
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ACCEPTANCES.

Tradesmen's Plate... 1 sov Onslow Stakes ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Eden Handicap ... 1 sov Railway Handicap ... 1 sov

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899, at the Post. Champagne Stakes 7 soys Easter Handicap ... MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899, by 10 p m.

ACCEPTANCES. Stewards' Handicap 1 sov Ellerslie Handicap ... 1 sov Ellerslie Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Hundles ... 1 sov Welter Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Hundles ... 1 sov Welter Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Hurdles

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1899, at the Post Autumn Handicap, 3 soys.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1899, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov Handicap-Hurdles ... 1 sov StGeorge's Handicap 2 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1899, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

Northern Champagne Stakes, 1900 Royal Stakes (foals), 1900 and 1901

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1899, by 9 p.m. Easter Handicap Autumn Handicap MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1899, by 9 p.m.

Tradesmen's Handicap Onelow Stakes Handicap Hurdles Eden Handicap Pony Handicap Railway Handicap MONDAY, APRIL 3rd 1899, by 9 p.m.

Stewards' Handican Flying Handicap Pony Handicap Ellerelie Handicap Autumn Handicap Shorts Handicap Welter Handicap Autumn Hurdles

Maiden Hurdles Handicap Hurdles St George's Han Pony Handicap Handicap

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th, 1899, Morning Paper. Criterion Handicap Second Welter Handicap Grandstand Handicap Victoria Handicap

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WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, TO BE HELD ON

M A R O H 8TH AND 9TH, 1898.

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

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, March 8tH, 1898.

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

To start at 12 noon.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sove; second

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

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

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Wanganui Cup, a handicap of 600 sovs; recond horse to receive 75 sovs, and the third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit It is only winners that will be rehandicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Thursday, the 2nd March, 1899. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs, on Tuesday, February 28th, 1899, at 9 p.m.; and 4 sovs on Saturday, March 4th, 1899, at 9 p.m.; and 4 sovs on Saturday, March 4th, 1899. Wanganui Two year-old Stakes of 150 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters; second horse to receive 30 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Colts, 8st 7lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 3lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs to carry 5th extra; of 800 sovs, 1th extra; pennities not accumulative. Closed with twenty-three nominations. Acceptance, 4 sovs, and 6 sovs at the post.—To start at 3.80 p.m.

First Hack Race Handicap of 50 sovs; second

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

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

SECOND DAY-THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1899. Harrison Memorial Stakes, a handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sev; acceptance, 1 sev.—To start at 12

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs:

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—10 start at 12.45 p.m.

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

Wanganui Stakes, a handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from

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

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

Autumn Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to

receive 15 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 51b, not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 4 p.m.

Second Handicap Ha k Race of 50 sovs; second

lorse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. It six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb, Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acc 1 sov.—To start at 4.45 p.m.

Farewell Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to

receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 61b, not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 5.15 p.m.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES AND ACCEPTANCES,

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club. No Entry will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

AUTUMN MEETING, MARCH 8th and 9th, 1899. FRIDAY, January 20th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—NOMINA-TIONS: Wanganui Cup, Wanganui Stakes Handicap, and Flying Handicap, Laoy.esch 1

MONDAY, February 6th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS: Stewards' Stakes, First Pardle Race, Second Hurdle Race, First Handicap Hack Hurdles, Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat Handicap, Second Hack Flat Handicap, Harrison Memorial Stakes, Nursery Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and Farewell Handicap, 1 sov each, TUESDAY. 21st February, 1899, on or about.—WEIGHTS for Cup, Stewards' Stakes, First Hurdle Race, First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, and Flying Handicaps.

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First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, and Flying Handicaps.
TUESDAY, 28th February, 1899, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPT-ANCES: Wanganui Cup and Stewards' Stakes, 2 sovs each; First Hurdle Race and First Hack Hurdles, 1 sov each; Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes, 4 sovs; First Hack Flat, 1 sov: Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.
THURSDAY, 2nd March, 1899, on or about.—REVISED WEIGHTS, if necessary, Wanganui Cup.
SATURDAY, March 4th, 1899, at 9 p.m.—FINAL PAYMENT: Wanganui Cup, 4 sovs.
WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1899, at the post.—FINAL PAYMENT: Two-year-old Stakes, 5 sovs.
WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 1899, at 10 p.m.—ACCEPT-ANCES: Harrison Memorial Stakes, Second Hurdle Race, Second Hack Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Becond Hack Flat, and Farewell Handicap, 1 sov each; Wanganui Stakes, 3 sovs; Autumn Handicap, 2 sovs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS,

To which the attention of persons entering horses is par-ticularly directed.

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

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys to go to the funds of the Club. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.

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

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

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

A VONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH AND 22ND, 1899.

List of Officess. — Judge: Mr J. Bollard, M.H.R. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Stewards: Messrs J. Bollard, M.H.R., F. Lawry, M.H.R., Robt. Duder, M. Foley, H. T. Gorrie, A. Hanna, Donald McLeod, Jos. May, J. R. Martin, and J. W. Russell. Treasurer: Mr Donald McLeod. Clerk of Course: Mr A. Selby. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks.

PROGRAMME

(PASSED BY AUCKLAND RACING CLUB). FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

Maiden Plate of 30 sovs. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, ½ sov; acceptance, ½ sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.

Avondale Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. Winner of any race, after declaration of weights, to carry 5th extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

Pony Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14.3 and under. Nomination, \$ sov; acceptance, \$ sov. Disance six furlongs

Hack Handicap of 30 sove. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, a sov; acceptance, f sov. Distance, five furlongs.

High-weight Handicap of 40 sovs. For all horses

that have not won an advertised race exceeding 50 sovs in value at time of entry. Winner of any race, after declaration of weights, to carry 71b extrs. Lowest weight, 7st 71b. Nomination, † sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

Distance, one mile.

Railway Hannicap of 50 eves; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Winner of Avondale or Wetter Handicaps to carry 515s extra. Nomination, I sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, fire furlongs.

SECOND DAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, \$ sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and a half miles.

Flying Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to

receive 5 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; sceeptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14.3 and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance for furlongs.

Autumn Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile

Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, three miles.

Auction takes of 40 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards Three-year-olds to carry 9st; four-year-olds, 9st 12lb; five. six, and aged, 10st 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs, and the whole of the surplus to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs, allowed 7lb; if for 30 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, 28lb. Nomination, 1s sovs. Distance, five furlongs.

Waitakerei Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to

Waitakerei Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomition, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, WEIGHTS, &c.

NOMINATIONS, for all events will close with the Secretary, at the Club's Office, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, 7th April. by 9 p.m.

WEIGHT'S for First Day's Racing will appear on or about MONDAY, 10th April.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day will close at same time and place on FRIDAY, 14th April.

WEIGHT'S for Second Day will appear on THURSDAY, 20th April.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day will close on THURSDAY, 20th April. by 9 p.m.

DAY, 20th April, by 9 p.m.
Order of running subject to alteration.
Five per cent deducted towards expenses.

HARRY H. HAYR, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD AT

CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, HAMILTON, ON SATURDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1899.

President: W. H. Herries, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-President: F. W. Lang, Esq. M.H.R. Stewards: Messrs I. Coates, E. M. Dickey, C. J. W. Barton, R. Noble, G. Edgecumbe, R. C. Mathias, F. W. Browning, E. B. Cox, W. T. Davidge, M. G. Farrer, A. Swarbrick, A. Furze, L. Cussen, R. J. Gwynne, W. Cussen, and Dr Kenny. Starter: Mr C. J. W. Barton. Judge: Mr L. Cussen. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett Clerk of Scales: Mr Arthur Furze. Clerk of Course: Mr W. H. Hume.

PROGRAMME

(UNDER METROPOLITAN RULES).

Trial Handicap of 15 sovs; second borse to receive

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2 sovs from the stake For all horses that have never
won a race exceeding the value of 10 sovs. Distance,
seven furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 10s.

Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs; second horse to
receive 3 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and
a half, over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s;
acceptance, 15s.

South Auckland Cup of 50 sovs; second horse to
receive 5 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile
and a quarter. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.

Pony Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive
2 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches
and under. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 5s;
acceptance, 10s.

Handicap Steeples of 40 sovs; second horse to

Handicap Steeples of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 7\frac{3}{2} sovs from the stake. Distance, about three miles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.

Claudelands Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake.

to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Winner of Cup, 10th penalty. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

District Hack Race of 10 sove. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs at time of starting—owned in the counties of Waikato, Waipa. Raglan, Piako. and Ohinemuri. Distance, six furlongs. Weight, 9st. Nomination, 5s; accept-ance, 5s.

Flying Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Winner of Cup, 10th penalty; the winner of Claudelands Handicap, 7lb penalty. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 10s: acceptance, 10s.

CONDITIONS.

All NOMINATIONS close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, 17th February, with the Secretary, at Hamilton, or with Mr H. B. Massey, 13 Coombes' Arcade, Auckland. WEIGHTS to appear on or about THURSDAY, 23rd February.

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ACCEPTANCES for all events to be declared before 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, 2nd March.
Stakes paid in full.
Nominations and Acceptances to be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
Performances and description of horses, and the riders' colors, to be sent with nominations.

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A. J. STOREY, Hon. Secretary.

OHINE MURI JOCKEY CLUB (Passed by the A.R.C.)

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, TO BE HELD ON THE

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ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH AND 18TH, 1899.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Plate of 30 sove; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of 20 sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles Nomination, 10s; acceptance, £1 5s. Dis-

tance, two miles.

First Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. For ponies 14.3 and under. Three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs.

Ohinemuri Cup of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 51bs; of 100 sovs, 71bs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half.

First Steenlechase of 50 sovs.

and a half.

First Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs from stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about two miles and a half.

Karangabake Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Winner of Ohinemuri Cup to carry a penalty of 7lbs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlorgs.

Martha Stakes of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Winner of Ohinemuri Cup to

carry a penalty of 7lbs, and winner of Karangahake Handicap 5lbs penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY.

Paeroa Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to

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Second Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

Waitekauri Plate of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Waihi Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs fom stakes. Winner of Paeroa Handicap to earry 51bs penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

Second Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stakes. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about three miles.

Second Pony Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. For ponies 14.3 and under. Three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Final Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 22nd February, 1899.
WEIGHTS will appear for First Day's Races on or about FRIDAY, March 3rd, 1899.
ACCEPTANCES for all events of First Day's Races close at 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, March 9th, 1899.
WEIGHTS for all events of Second Day's Races will be declared at 8 o'clock on evening of First Day's Races. ACCEPTANCES at 10 o'clock on same evening.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Paeroa, Ohinemuri, or to Mr W Blomfield's Office, Durham Street, Auckland, and must be accompanied by the advertised amount of entrance money.

Name, age, pedigree, description, and performance of horses, and colors of riders, to be sent with nominations.

In the event of two or more horses the property of one owner starting in any race they will be bracketed on the totalisator. totalisator.

Five per cent will be deducted from all winnings for

course improvements.

F. VERCOE, Secretary.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, TO BE HELD AT

MANGAWHARE, ON SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1899.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Pony Race Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under. Nomination, 10s: accep ance, 10s. One mile. Northern Wairoa Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 25s. About three miles.

Flying Handieup of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nominations, 12s; acceptance, 13s. Six furlongs.

Mangawhare Welter Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a quarter.

Bushman's Hurry Scurry. See posters.

Autumn Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s; acceptance, 13s. One mile and a half.

The Stewards may alter the order of events.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on MONDAY, 6th March, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS declared on WEDNESDAY, 8th March.

ACCE TANCES close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on THURSDAY, 16th March, at 9 p.m.

FREDK. L. BEART, Secretary.

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HACK RACE MEETING (Under A.R C. Rules),

TO BE HELD AT WAIHI ON MONDAY, 6ти МАКСН, 1899.

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PROGRAMME:

Maiden Plate a handicap of 5 sovs; second horse
1 sov from the stake. Distance six furlongs. Entrance, 4s. For horses that have not won a race over

£5.
Handicap Hurdle Race of 10 sovs; second horse 2 sovs from the stake. Gne mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 3in. Entrance, 8s.
Trot Handicap of 5 sovs; second horse 1 sov from the stake. Two miles. Entrance 4s.

Local Hack Hace, a handicap of 4 sovs; second horse 1 sov from the stake. Welter weights. One mile. Entrance. 3s.

Waih Cup of 15 sovs; second horse £2 10s from the stake. One mile and a half. Entrance, 12s

Hack Hurdles Handicap of 5 savs; second horse
1 sav from the stake. One mile and a half. Entrance, 4s. Tinee, 48.

Flying Handicap of 7 sovs; second horse 1 sov from the stake. Six furlongs. Entrance, 6s.

DATE OF ENTRY AND CONDITIONS. ENTRIES close with the Secretary on MONDAY, 27th

st., at 8 p.m. HANDICAPS to be declared by MARCH 1st. HANDICAPS to be declared by MARCH 1st.
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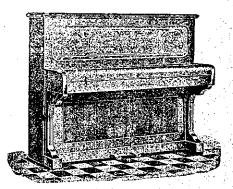
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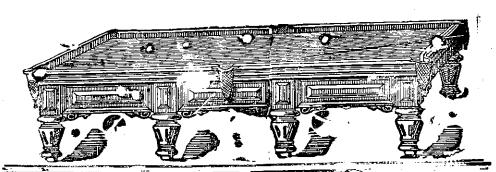
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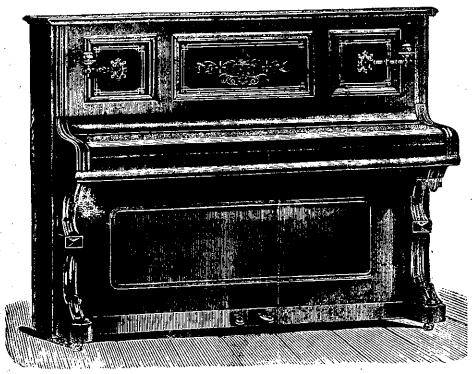
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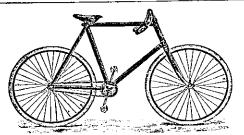
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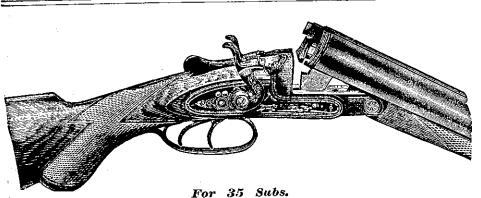
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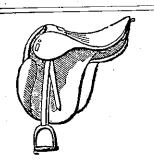
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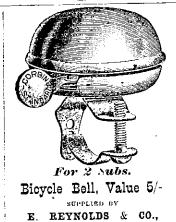


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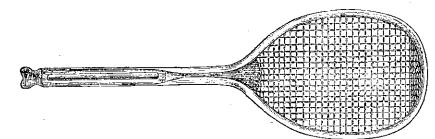
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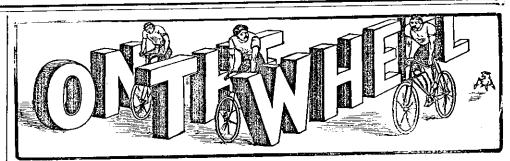
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THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING AT WANGANUI

The weather for the League of New Zealand Wheelman Championshipswhich commenced at Wanganui on Thursday-was, though charming from the spectators' point of view, not altogether to the liking of the riders, for a fresh breeze somewhat interfered with them. There was a big attendance, nearly 3000 people being keenly interested in the day's proceedings, and though Thompson in the amateur mile.

some of the heats were rather dreary for lookers-on, the majority of events furnished good contests.

The One Mile Cash Handicap went to Bennett, of Hawke's Bay, who won the final by about a wheel, after a very slow ride for three laps out of the four. In the last lap Bennett went away, and stalling off the opposition, succeeded in riding the mile in 2min 58sec.

G. R. Bell, of Wellington, was successeful in the Half-mile Amateur Championship. He jumped away with the lead, and though H. C. Thompson gave chase in the second lap, Bell was able to last long enough to cross the line about

a wheel in front. Sutherland, Tierney, Jones, Middleton, Barker, and Porter qualified for the final of the Half-mile Cash Championship. This race was a bit of a funeral to start with, and Porter was the first to liven up the field. He went away in the second lap, but could not last it out, and finally Sutherland won, with a bit to spare, from Jones and Middleton, in the

slow time of 1min 21sec. The veteran Harry Thompson won the Three Mile Amateur Championship from his namesake, H. C. Thompson, of Oxford. The latter was in the lead up to 150yds from home, when the Christchurch Thompson passed him, and, after a good finish, just got home a yard in

front. Reynolds was easily successful in the Three Miles Cash Championship. Barker, Ralston, and Lewis fell towards the finish, but they were practically out of the race before the smash. At about a mile and a half Campbell and Reynolds dashed away, and soon had a big lead. When Campbell had had enough pacing, Reynolds was in a secure position, and he finally won by nearly 300yds. Bennett finished second, Tierney third, and Sutherland fourth.

J. Carl, of Christchurch, with a start: of 80yds, won the Mile and a Half Handicap rather easily from H. C. Thomson and Bell. Carl made the most of his start, and was never troubled.

Falls and other causes were responsible for the thinning of the field in the Ten Mile Championship, and at the half-distance only Reynolds and Wall were in the race. Wall could not get away in the race. Wall could not get away from Reynolds until in the final lap, when the latter's generalship was at fault, and he allowed himself to be outmanœuvred by the Christchurch rider. Wall dashed away at a terrific pace when Reynolds slowed down, and the Auckland crack could not catch him, and suffered defeat by 10yds.

Harry Thompson, after a good race with Crozier, scored a popular win in the Five Mile Amateur Championship. He was in front at the start of the last lap, making most of the running, and he easily held his own to the finish.

Dexter and Campbell had rather an easy win in the Two Mile Tandem Championship, after Barker and Wall had

made the race interesting.

For the second day of the cycle championships at Wanganui the weather was all that cauld be desired, but the attendance was not nearly so good as it was on the first day. Reynolds showed that his defeat by Wall on the first day was a bit of a fluke by dead-heating with the Christchurch crack in the Five Mile Cash Championship and easily beating him in the Enfield Cup race.

Harry Thompson and Bell, the Wellington rider, rode a splendid race in the Mile Amateur Championship. They went to the front in the second lap, and though Donald soon after dashed to the head of affairs, Thompson and Bell fought out the last lap, and a splendid finish resulted in the veteran's favor by half a wheel.

Middleton, of Victoria, had a somewhat easy victory in the Mile Cash Championship. He was materially assisted by the pacing of "Honolulu". Jones, and when Joey Barker had a cut Middleton had enough left in him to win comfortably. The time was 2min 23sec, exactly similar to that done by Harry

The Three Mile Amateur Handicap fell to H. C. Thompson, of Oxford, who thoroughly deserved his win, for he rode most consistently throughout the meeting.

A. J. Campbell (80yds), of Auckland, had a well-deserved victory in the Two Mile Cash Handicap, winning, after a good race, from Bennett, of Waipawa, and Thompson, of Wanganui, by 5yds, in 5min 29 2-5sec.

The Ten Mile Amateur Championship also came to Auckland by the aid of J. Crozier, who won rather easily at the finish from Harry Thompson (who did too much of the pacing) and H. C. Thompson. Crozier's was a popular win, and the Auckland amateur had a very warm reception from the public.

The Five Mile Cash Championship was really a match between Reynolds and Wall. The former made the pace a cracker from the pistol, and at the start of the third mile Thompson, Barker, Dexter, Jones, and Humphreys cried a go, leaving Reynolds, Wall, and Tierney on the path. The latter was hopelessly out of the race, and retired when four miles had been covered. Reynolds led till about half a lap from the winning post, when Wall, with a brilliant dash, got in front. The Auckland man was not to be shaken off, however, and he got up within 20yds from the post, and after a desperate finish the judges decided that Reynolds and Wall crossed the line together. It was a splendid race, run in the very good time of 11min 59 2-5sec, and both riders were vociferously cheered.

In the Enfield Cup Race, five miles, Teddy Reynolds had it all his own way. He was in good form, despite his severe race with Wall, and though Jones tried to make a fight, Reynolds won easily by nearly half a mile. The majority of the riders left the track between two and three miles, and though Dexter came on again after leaving the track, and finished third, the judges would not place him. Reynolds covered the five miles in 12min 32sec.

On Saturday next the last races on the sports track at the Exhibition will be decided. There will be quarter-mile, half-mile, and one-mile handicaps, a three-distance League Amateur Handicap, and a Farewell Bicycle Handicap, for which the distance is not yet announced, but I suppose it will be two miles.

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Mr Ted Pearson, present holder of the Melbourne-to-Sydney record, intends, during the Easter holidays, lowering the recently made record from Sydney to Melbourne. This record now stands to the credit of a member of the Redfern Bicycle Club, and Mr Pearson feels fairly confident that, with fine weather and an ordinary share of good luck, he will be successful in his attempt.

All the best men in New Zealand are riding Dunlop tyres, and when such riders as Sutherland, Barker, Wall, Allen Jones, Scorcher Jones, and Tierney, and a host of other riders plump straight for the reliable tyres, others will do worse if they do not take the experience of the flyers.

A remarkable marriage was recently celebrated in the arena of the Madison Square Gardens cycle track, New York, U.S.A. The affair was introduced as a special draw for the six days' go-as-youplease ride. C. W. Miller, the famous long-distance rider, was married publicly during the progress of the race, and 5000 spectators were present. One hour before the finish Miller, who had ridden 1975 miles, and was a sure winner, dismounted, together with all the contestants, and the ceremony was performed at once. Having saluted the bride, and received the cheers of the onlookers, the happy bridegroom remounted and rode through the remaining time, eventually winning with a 22 miles lead, the full distance being 2006 miles.

The delegates to the New Zealand Cyclists' Alliance met last Wednesday at the Amateur Sports Club, Durham Street. There were present, Mr C. E. McCormick (in the chair), and the following:
—Messrs J. W. Browne and A. Wynyard Joss (Ashburton), T. Davies and A. A. Davies (Waikato), F. J. Ohlson (Auckland), and W. H. Toy (Thames). As the executive officers of the Alliance had failed to carry out their duties it was



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decided that officers should be elected to actively conduct the business, and after the application of the Thames club for affiliation had been granted, the following officers were elected :--Hon. secretary, A. A. Davies; hon. treasurer, C. E. McCormick; auditor, F. J. Ohlson; and J. W. Browne was made a third member of the executive. The following important resolution was adopted: — "That the secretary be instructed to make application to the late secretary of the Alliance (Mr Andrew Wilson, Timaru) for the records of the Alliance, also to write to Mr R. T. Lees, the late hon treasurer, giving full particulars of the meeting, and requesting him to transfer any funds belonging to the Alliance in his hands to the account of the treasurer, Mr C. E. McCormick, National Bank of New Zealand, Auckland."

Bobby Walne, Australia's speed king, has annexed the largest prize (£140) ever given in Australia for a scratch race, and, as usual, the rider who wins the cash rides Dunlops.



[BY VIGILANT.]

There will be 100yds and mile flat races at the sports' ground at the Exhibition on Saturday night. Our best cash runners will compete, so the races should be very interesting.

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The 100yds Handicap run at the Wanganui Cycle Meeting resulted in the victory of S. Davidson, who was in receipt of 10yds start. His time in his heat was 10sec, and he won rather easily from A. Stedman, who was scratch. The second heat was won by G. Pownall (6yds) who only just got home in front of T. Baker (11yds). The time was 10sec. In the final the race between Baker and Davidson was a good one, and the latter won after a fine struggle by a yard, with Stedman close up third. The winner's time was the same as in the heats, 10sec.

In the Quarter-Mile T. Baker, 18yds, had a comfortable win. He was in front at 300yds, and thenceforward had matters all his own way. Pownall (12yds) was second, and D'Arcy (17yds) third. Baker's time was 52 3-5sec.

At the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club's Sports on Saturday some very good performances were accomplished. The 100yds handicap was won by Clark in 10sec dead. This time was taken by four timekeepers, and Clark started fairly and squarely with the pistol, so the performance must be recognised. A standard badge is to be applied for. Clark also ran a great race

in the 220yds handicap. Running from scratch, he was timed to do the journey in 23 2 5sec, but the standard timekeeper made it 1-5sec longer, or just 1-5sec over the standard. There was a good race in the 300yds Ladies' Bracelet, which was won by by Reid in 34 1-5sec, this time being again just over the standard. Murdoch threw the hammer 102ft 11in, beating the standard.

Very good entries have been received for the athletic events to be decided at the meeting of the Auckland A.A. and C.C. on Saturday week.

L. E. Myers, the once-famous American athlete, probably the greatest runner from 100yds to a mile the world has seen, in talking recently on training methods, said:—"I always trained differently from other men. I didn't believe in the old system, and I don't believe in it now. I exercised my lungs. When I wasn't running the best exercise I could get was in singing, and I developed a baritone of which I am not ashamed. I didn't start out to get a voice, nor to become known as a singer, but I just did it to use every inch of lung that I had and make it strong, so that during the race it would take in the oxygen and supply the necessary fuel to make me win out. There were many complaints in the place where I then lived that I used to make the night hideous, and also the day, but I have learned many pleasing melodies during these hours of training. There are several operatic roles that I know from start to finish, and I can do them at full speed and not make a break. Still, I can now charm many of my friends with ballads from 'Robin Hood' and the like, and they never dream how I came to learn them."



[BY MURITAL.]

The annual pionic of the North Shore Sailing Club was held at Kohimarams on Saturday, and as is usual with this club's fixtures, the gathering was a very enjoyable one. The weather was fine, but as the wind was on the beach, the water was a bit lumpy, which somewhat spoilt the rowing events. There was a great crowd present, and the yachts mustered in strong force. G. Dacre won the race for yachts' dinghys, F. George the sculling dinghy race, A. Dacre the dinghy race for members only, and Miss M. Garnaut the ladies' dinghy race. The ladies' pair oar is always an interesting race, and that of Saturday was no exception. Misses Alison and Lind won the first heat, the Misses Sullivan won the second, and Misses Alison and Lind the semi-final. The committee wisely decided to postpone the final of this event until some night during the week, hoping to get smoother water. After the races a good concert programme was carried out on board the p.s. Britannia, some of our best talent being engaged.

The Parnell Sailing Club held the last of its series of races on Saturday, and notwithstanding the small entries, the contests were interesting.

Rainbow won the big yacht race, with Ida second. Only two started in the race for smaller second. Only two started in the race for shader boats, Mahoe beating Ida. Rambler again won the Patiki race, Eka second, Boomerang third.

Sculling races were held on Saturday after-

noon, under the control of the St. George's Rowing Club, for Mr Rathbone's challenge cup. In the first round Richards (40sec) best Gilmour (40sec), the loser swamping; Buchanan (20sec) beat Pirie (20sec); Innes (35sec) beat Hope (35sec); and Brett (30sec) beat Busby (10sec). The remainder of the heats will be rowed during

the week. The West End Rowing Club's fourth trial fours of the season were successfully brought off on Saturday afternoon. There was a large number of spectators, about 400 being present. The rough state of the water somewhat spoilt the rowing, but taking this into consideration the racing was good. Three crews contested the first race, namely. Dowden's, Richmond's, and Rees', and they finished in that order. In all the following heats there were four starters. Hodge's crew won the second heat from Boyce's; in the third heat Oswald's crew beat P. H. Hughes'; and the fourth heat was won by A. Stephenson's crew, Holland's and Conway's crews dead-heating for second place. This left four crews to row off the final, they being stroked by A. Stephenson, Dowden, Hodges, and Oswald, and that was the order at the finish. The winning crew comprised.

-A. Stephenson (stroke), M. Stephenson, W. K. Pulling, P. D. Rylance, and H. Stein (cox), and they received a great ovation after the race. The trophies were presented by Mr Bartlett.

Although the Messrs Logan Bros. have partly succeeded in the object of their visit to Sydney with the 1 rater Mercia—they having sold herthe trip can scarcely be looked upon as a trium-phant one. It was generally admitted that she was unlucky in being beaten by Laurel in two of the races in Auckland, but Laurel has beaten har twice in Sydney The Ablance has beaten The cable received in her twice in Sydney. The cable received in Auckland on both occasions said—" Laurel beat

Mercia easily." With reference to the first race in which the two Auckland-built 1-raters contested in Sydney, the Referee says:—"The racing under the burgee of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club on Saturday (February 18) proved highly interesting, although a mishap to the New Zealand rater, Mercia, somewhat spoiled the racing in Class B. By some inconceivable means Mercia got her moorings twisted round her fin, where they hung, unknown to her crew, after the start of the race. Under the circumstances her performance at the outset was a dismal failure, so much so that Mr Logan, after a couple of short boards, gave up, and it was not until after getting into shallow water that the cause of the 1 rater's inability to sail properly was discovered." Mercia was on scratch, giving Laurel 11min and the 1/2 rater Bronzewing 6½ min. The bretze must have been favorable for Bronzewing, as she came in first. Laurel's position at the finish is not mentioned.



[BY STONEWALLER.)

THE CUP MATCHES

Wednesday's rain freshened up the Domain wonderfully, and on Saturday there was a good gathering of cricketers and spectators. The play in the senior contests was attractive, and in junior matches there was plenty of scoring done.

The Gordon—Auckland XI. match was rather

one sided, for though they won the toss the Gordon men could only compile 78. True, the loss of Dr Pabet was a severe one, but I think the

batsman ought to have made a better show.

Norman Williams (19), Kyd (13), and Sawbridge (15) were the only double figure scorers, and the wickets went down rapidly before Bob Neill, Stone, and Lundon.

The Auckland skipper took 7 wickets for 52,

Lundon 2 for 22, and Stone 1 for 1.

With Auckland in, Stone and Holland were quickly got rid of, but on Nicholson and Clayton coming together the runs were put on rapidly. Both hit freely, and it was not until the total stood at 102 that Clayton was dismissed by Dr Neill, who made a good catch from Kissling's

bowling. Clayton hit ten 4's in his 54.
Nicholson stayed with Neill until he had
registered 49, when a good ball from Kelly sent him back to the pavilion. Included in his score were eight boundary hits.

Neill and Lundon put on runs freely, and just on the stroke of time Lundon was caught for 13. The Auckland score at present stands 157 for

The Auckiant toole at present actions for wickets, Bob Neill, not out, 24.

Against United, the Auckland XV. made a lamentable show. Selby, T. M. Quinn, and Allen saved the side from total disaster, but after they were out the others were quickly retired. The total reached 55, and the last eight wickets

went down for 1 run. Stemson took 7 wickets for 28 runs, and D. Hay captured 4 wickets and did not have a run scored from his bowling.

P. Marshall and Dug Hay commenced batting for United, and the latter was stumped from the first ball he received. Marshall (23) and Stem-son (38) played good cricket, and never failed to

hit when the opportunity offered. After Stemson's dismissal United lost four wickets pretty rapidly, and the score stands at 106 for 7 wickets.

Playing at the Shore, Parnell stayed at the wickets the whole of the available time, knocking up 243. Ohlson was the principal contributor, his runs totalling 81. He had bad luck in being run out when thoroughly well set. Ohlson made his runs by his usual sound cricket, and estab-ished confidence in the members of his team.

Young played a good innings of 38, and Resteaux (41, not out) also put in a fine display.

Woods (11), Lusk (19), Seagar (15), and Lawson (15) were the other contributors to the

Denby captured eight wickets of the ten. The other two men were run out.

North Shore have a big task before them on Saturday

At the Thames on Saturday the Foundry team had an easy win against the School of Mines, scoring 107 (Low 72, not out) to 36 (Newdick 10). Low was conspicuous with the ball as well as with the but, doing the hat trick on one occasion.

The North Shore-Parnell first junior match should result in an easy win for the Parnell men. North Shore made 84, and so far the Parnell total is 171 for the loss of one wicket. A. Brown (85, not out) batted with extreme vigor, and he met with good support from Cooke (30) and H. Totman (39, not out).

Brookby, for Parnell, captured 8 wickets for

The match at Wellington between the Wellington B. Team and the Midland teams has so far been a very big scoring affair. The Midlands scored 445, out of which K. Tucker compiled

221 (not out). The Phonix Eleven, who were 237 behind the Wellington A. team, scored 287 for one wicket in their second attempt, Naughton, who played splen lid cricket, being responsible for 135 (not

With capital weather the New Zealand versus New South Wales match commenced on Coberoft again had the luck to win the toss, this time from Iredale, who skippered the Welshmen. Our men played a very weak game, and were completely stuck up by Howell's bowling, and after a miserable display by the majority

Baker (17) and Lusk (15) were the only batsmen who could play him at all, and they survived but very few evers. The innings closed for 64, leaving the Welshmen winners by an innings and 384

The tour is over, so far as is at present known. There is some talk about the team playing an eighteen of Orange oricketers, but I should not think it is very likely that the match will be played. The New Zealanders have played four matches, have won one, drawn one, and lost two. Against the strong Victorian and New South Wales teams our men seem to have been disheartened, and have not in any way shown the form expected of them. Baker has proved himself the most consistent batsman of the team. Lusk has played well at times, and Cobcroft batted with his customary coolness. The failure of Sims to shine will be generally regretted, for the young Canterbury batsman is a very pretty player when thoroughly set. I suppose nervous-ness was the cause of his downfall. Reese has played more than one good innings, and his style has been favorably commented upon by "other-side" experts. The bowling department of the team has not come out well. Fisher never seemed to be at his best in any of the matches. The bulk of work has fallen to Upham, Frankish, Downes, and Reese. They have all tried hard, but I am afraid the sound batting and good wickets were too much for them. The bowling generally lacked trickiness and sting, and the team suffered accordingly.

I have not the slightest doubt that the tour will be of benefit to New Zealand cricket, for the members of the team must have picked up many a wrinkle, and have gained experience that will be useful to their clut men as well as to themselves.

Trumper's fine show with the bat in recent matches gives him a big show for a place in the Australian team.

"A rather funny incident occurred at Prince's "A rather funny incident occurred at Prince w Ground when we were playing the Players. I knocked my wicket over with my leg, and, strange to say, the wicket-keeper, H. Phillips, made the mistake of appealing to the bowler's umpire, who, as I covered my wicket, could not see that the bail was off. Not knowing what the appeal was for, the umpire replied 'not out.'"

DR. SPEER

DOCTOR SPEER is a graduate of Harvard University, Class 74, and has devoted 20 years to the study of SPECIAL DISEASES, some of these in association with the leading specialists of the Old and New Worlds, which enables him to treat all private troubles with excellent results. Catarrh, stomach and liver troubles attended to in all their various forms. All skin diseases, from whatever cause, absolutely cured within a stated time. All applying to him will receive his honest opinion of their complaints. No experimenting! He will guarantee a positive cure in every case he under takes, or forfeit £200. His reason for doing so is this:—Where there is no organic others words. nothing but inorganic trouble, or in other words a conglomeration of symptoms producing a certain result, there is no reason why it cannot be removed with the proper remedies, therefore he guarantees. Furthermore in all other businesses the master must guarantee his work—why not in medicine? The old-fashioned doctor will promise nothing, therefore he must be guessing as to the trouble, and guessing as to the remedy. Ladies and gentleman, in science there is no guess-work. No man or woman can die without a cause. That cause should be known to a doctor, and the remedy, too.



Photo by C. Bell, Auckland. RESIDENCE IN GREEN LANE OF MR H. FRANKS, TRAINER FOR THE HON. H. MOSMAN.

of the batsmen, the New Zealanders were all dismissed for a total of 140.

Baker (29), Upham (31 not out), Frankish (19), Lusk (15), and Coboroft (10) were the only bate-men to make anything like a show. Baker's was a lucky innings, and the brightest and best ericket was shown when Upham and Frankish were together. Upham was lucky, like others who scored runs, for he was twice missed from easy chances; still, he deserved his runs, for he played a plucky game.

Howell was the most successful bowler, his

five wickets only costing 22 runs. Noble got two wickets for 40, Pye one for 26, and McKibbin none for 32.

When the New South Wales men went in, Duff and Pye were very quickly dismissed, but on Trumper and Farquhar getting together, they took command over the bowling, and playing soundly, carried the total to 151 for the loss of two wickets, Trumper being not out 81, and Farquhar not out 61. Both batsmen gave chances, but evidently the fielding was not up to he mark on either side.

On Saturday, when the game was resumed, Trumper and Farquhar did what they pretty well liked with the bowlers, scoring very rapidly, in spite of frequent changes in the attack. At last, when Farquhar's total was at 110, he sent one to Fisher at cover-point. Trumper stayed on until he got his leg in front of a straight one from Cobcroft, and retired for the fine score of 253. He gave another chance in the slips, but through out his innings Trumper played with great confidence, and he had all the bowling brought against him completely at his mercy. Afterwards Poi-devin, Greeory, Noble, and Iredale pasted the worn-out bowling, and when play concluded for the day the total stood at 546 for the loss of seven

On the Monday the three remaining batsmen did not offer very serious resistence, and the innings ultimately closed for 588. Gregory, not

In a minority of 448, the New Zealanders started their second innings, and they made a sorry show against the bowling of McKibbin.

The Rest of Australia team will be selected from the following players: — Giffen, Johns, Reedman, Giller, Graham, Trumper, Laver, Pye, Doonan, Coningham, Iredale, Howell, McKenzie, and McKibbin. From these men two will be chosen to fill up the Australian Eleven, for which nine have already been selected. The same nine have already been selected. commences to morrow (Friday), and should result in a fine contest.

The Bannerman benefit match between the First and Next Best Elevens of N.S.W. showed some very good scoring in the first innings. The First eleven made 353 and declared their innings closed with 7 wickets down. Donnan 120 and Iredale 108 were the principal scorers towards this total. For the Next Best Duff 50 and Poidevin 57 (not out) were the chief rungetters in an innings which totalled 186 for the loss of seven wickets. There was a big attendance at the Sydney ground, and Bannerman should do well as a result.

The N.S.W. Cricket Association has voted £25 to the Harry Trott Testimonial, and £20 to the fund being raised for Charles Bannerman's Benefit.

Writing of Charles Bannerman, "Short Slip," in the Sydney Mail, says:—As a big hitter Bannerman had few superiors. On one occasion, the match between the 1878 Australian team and 15 of New South Wales, he lifted Genry straight on to the northern fence, i.e., beyond the lawn tennis court, and in the same season, against Lord Ha rie's elever, he nit Schultz over the members' old pavilion—a grard on stroke. His fastest scoring was against Leicestershire, when the Australians required 210 to win, and he scoren 133, run out. The first 40 were ten 4's. He was run out when there were but three runs wanted to win. Against Longeight Eighteen he hit W. R. Gilbert straight out of the ground for 6, and the ball was never found - perhaps, to use and the ball was never found—perhaps, to use an old joke, it is travelling yet. "If," says Charlie, "we had been running till now I suppose we'd have got a million." Twice he landed T. S. Pearson, against Lord Londesborough's team, in one over (four balls) out of the ground for 6 each at Scarborough. I asked Charlie if he had any remarkable experiences. He replied,

medical ethics will not cure, neither will dignity founded on guessing help you. Dr. Speer wishes it distinctly understood that he does not claim to perform impossibilities, or to have miraculous power. He claims only to be a qualified and successful physician, thoroughly informed in the above DISEASES of men and women. People at a distance can, by sending for question-form be treated at home. The course does not in any way interfere with business. Absolute secrecy in all cases. Advice free to all.

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Nelson, August 29, 1898. DEAR SIB,—After being under your treatment for two months the bad dreams have left me, and now wake up feeling refreshed in the morning. Work is no longer a burden to me, and feel like facing the world again. Consupation and the other symptoms are going away. I may say in one month more I shall be completely cured.

Yours faithfully.

Taranaki Street, Wellington, September 3, 1893.

DEAR DOCTOR,—I am willing to add my testi-mony to that of others, and I wish to convey to the public that I give it of my own free will for the great benefit I have received during one one month's course of your treatment. I was all broken out with a rash so itchy that I was an oroxen out with a rash so itchy that I was unable to sleep. This you stopped in three days; the pains in my bones are lessening every day. Six months ago I caught this trouble, and I tried. remedy after remedy, but did me no good. I look upon what you have done for me as little short of a miracle.

Yours truly, Yours truly, HENEY H. HIGGINS.

At the late Tapanui race meeting the Austratian bred colt, Abercrombie, by Abercorn—Gymnklana, won the Maiden Plate.



[Вт Оврнеия.]

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

ALFONSO BIGGS.

A CURTAIN RAISER.

Never mind when, and never mind where, Alfonso Biggs had a bright career—Particular star and particular hub of the 'Varsity Rovers Dramatic Club.
Male or female roles he'd play,
In his irresistible versatile way;
Emotional lead, or gay soubrette,
Old woman, or regimental pet;
Heavy father, or jour premier, Heavy father, or joune premier, Villain, hero, or gondolier; While character and low-comedy parts, He'd polish off as a boy scoffs tarts.

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Bold with success, these Thespian scions
Audaciously hit on
Sir E. Bulwer Lytton,
And went for "The Lady of Lyons."
They nagged and they jawed
As to who should play Claude,
But settled at last
The whole of the cast;
And all were agreed
That, indeed,
They couldn't find one so
Fit as Alfonso,
The subtle and keen,
To tackle Pauline.
So at it our amateurs went with a will—
Long weeks were devoted to study and drill—
Till the piece ran as smooth as a sewing-machine;
But the pride of the cast was Alfonso's Pauline!
Good enous h, boys." quoth Stage-manager Hicks,
Stick up the posters—our opening fix—
Clem. Scott and his critical colleagues invite;
We're ready to face 'em next Saturday night!"

The hour has come, The audience, too; Rum ti tum goes the drum, And the band tooral-loo! And the band tooral-loo First act is over, Audience applaud Each talented Rover; But Pauline and Claude Receive an ovation, With bouquets galore, Called in rotation, The curtain before.

The curtain betore.

After act second,
Alfonso felt ill;
The manager reckon'd
Pauline had a chill.
The stage was so draughty
That Manager Hicks—
Aye ready and crafty—
Said Pauline had better
Slip on (what he'd got her)
A pair of warm breeks!
Rolled up to the knees,
Than perish and freeze.

Than persh and freeze.

The curtain falls upon the final scene,
'Mid plaudits from the enthusiastic crowd.
The gallant Claude and exquisite Pauline,
A tableaux strike, with limelight grace endowed;
Still thro' the house tumultuous cheers resound,
That almost hurl the fabric to the ground.
Ring up, ring up,'' cries Hicks. One fatal pace
Pauline advances, and the flowing lace
Upon her gov n is by the roller caught—
The rising curtain laps and draws it taut!
Suddenly each rapt spectator views
Slim legs, pink hose, and dainty buckled shoes!
Next a rough pair of baggy football breeks:
Pauline, in rationals, with oaths and shrieks,
High in mid-air, incontinently sticking,
Struggled and swore, and did some tall
Drop-kicking!

Struggled and swore, and did some tall Drop-kicking!
The audience roared, quite frantic with delight,
Alphonso's fame had reached its highest flight—
To such a lofty pinnacle sublime,
No amateur could ever hope to climb!
His zenith reached, no higher could he rise,
Unless Pauline had vanish'd in the flies.
Alas, poor Briggs, how vain this world's renown!
Lower the curtain—gently let him down.

The stage laments a shining light grown barmy. Altonso Brown enlisted in the h'army. Next hallelujah lass with tambourine, Plays cymbals now instead of Cymbeline.

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

[BY AGNOTOS.]

Business still booming at Harmston's Circus. The Flying Jordans will probably revisit New Zealand before the year is out.

Mr Titheradge, who was through New Zealand in a new piece at the London Haymarket.

The burlesque of "Sinbad the Sailor" has been running successfully at the Theatre Royal, Brisbane, in Queensland.

The Pollard Opera Company opened to excel lent business in Hawera, where they have made themselves great favorites.

The Firms' Pantomime Company opened at the Theatre Royal, Brisbane, with "The Forty Thieves," on February 21st. Mr Fred. Dawson, agent for the Jubilee

Singers, sailed for Gisborne last week (Tuesday), to make arrangements for the company's season

Wilson Barrett now charges a fee of five shillings for obliging with his autograph. It is stated that he gives the money to a theatrical charity.

John Fuller intends taking the Waxworks combination to Dunedin, where they will open just previous to St. Patrick's Day. The closing performances here are announced. Tenders for the erection of the Wanganui

Town Hall and Opera House, in accordance with the plans and specifications accompanying the accepted design, were called for last week.

Bland Holt has substituted "The White Heather" for "One of the Best" at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. He will probably follow the present production with "The Cotton King."

The Spectator states that Mr Harry Hill, of the Knight-Ferrar Company, was recently married to Miss Minnie Ascole, a member of the same company. Mr Harry Hill is a son of Mrs Walter

Mr MacDonald, of the firm of Gardner and MacDonald, theatrical and advertising agents, is in town. He came over with Mr St. Clair, and will prepare the programme for "The Sign of the Cross" Company here.

The Bovis Brothers left Melbourne on February 8th to fill an engagement in Johannesburg, South Africa. Their engagement is with Luscomb Searelle for three months. They will probably visit England after leaving South Africa.

Dante is on tour again, with Lohr as his man-Where has Curtis got to? After all the talk about the American companies he was going to bring to the colonies, he seems to have dropped out of the managerial firmanent altogether.

Mr Robert Love, manager of Harmston's Circus, has made arrangements to give a benefit performance for the Grey Memorial Fund, on his return from his country tour. The performance will take place on March 24th.

Miss Ada Crossley has been engaged to sing at twenty concerts organised by Madame Albani for next autumn. She has received a similar engagement from Madame Patti for the year

Mr Jo. St. Clair is in town in advance for "The Sign of the Cross" Company. He reporte excellent business down South, and states that their new piece, "Under the Red Robe," has proved an unqualified success. "Pygmalion and Galatea," another production in the company's repertoire has also "caught on" well.

A handsome piece of plate, consisting of a silver American coffee urn, is on exhibition in Mr Eady's Music Store window. The piece will be presented to the winner of the high-jumping contest, to be held at Harmston's Circus (Friday) to-morrow evening, on the occasion of Mr Robert Love's benefit. In addition to this new feature, which is open to all contestants, there will be a complete change of pr gramme, and Mr Love will sing one of his inimitable comic songs.

Mr Charles Vass staged "Struck Oil" at the Drill Hell, Wanganui, on the 23rd and 24th of February. I don't know who Mr Charles Vass is, although he is advertised as having "appeared as John Stofel successfully throughout Australia," but I know one member of his company who is a really clever little actress. I refer to Miss Dora Mostyn, who appeared as Lizzie Stofel and who certainly is favorably known in Australia.

Although in the full tide of success, Mr John Fuller has decided to bring his season at the Agricultural Hall to a conclusion, as it is imperative that he should fulfil engagements entered into some time back at Dunedin. Mr Fuller is to be congratulated on the excellent series of entertainments he has provided for the Auckland people, and, also, for the very moderate scale of charges for admission. He has certainly met with a very generous patronage, but he has just as certainly richly deserved it. The competitions have excited considerable interest, as well as provoked a great deal of mirth. In fact, taking the show as a whole, it has seldom, if ever, been surpassed in this colony. To night, to-morrow, and Saturday will be the last opportunities afforded for witnessing it, and if there are any who have not yet paid the Agricultural Hall a visit they had better hurry up.

MR WALTER KIRBY, THE POPULAR TENOR.

M. Leon Caron, the popular musical conductor of The Firm's Comic Opera Company, leaves for the Old Country shortly on a six months' leave of absence. He will be given a benefit at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, prior to his departure.

I have received a letter, from Waihi, from Mr W. B. Cadzow, the well-known tenor singer, con tradicting the rumor that he intends joining Mr Harry Rickards in Australia. Mr Cadzow states that he intends making his home in Auckland for some time to come.

In giving an alleged list of the real names of actresses, as distinct from the theatrical names they have adopted, "Lorgnette," in the Wellington Mail, makes, at least, one bad mistake. He states that Partie Browne's name in private life is "Pattie Sallie." Where he got this idea from I don't know, but it is incorrect. Her name before she was married to Willie Baumann, from whom she was anbsequently divorced, was Sallie Brown, and as such she is known to many of her old Queensland and New South Wales acquaint-

The Greenwoods have recently been playing through the southern part of New Zealand, and a southern contemporary remarks somewhat in this fashion on their leading lady-"Miss Maribel Greenwood possibly possesses talent, but it would be much better if she would give up attempting to play leading roles for awhile, and attach her self to some really good company in a subordinate position, and then gradually work her way up." I don't know who the critic is that wrote this opinion, but he very evidently wished to convey in as delicate a manner as possible that Miss Mabel couldn't act at all. Whether he is right or wrong I do not presume to say, but I should not like to contradict so clever a fellow critic.

The Exhibition closed with a grand fanfarronade of trumpets on Tuesday evening. The closing concert was a most successful one, and each number was heartly applauded. The each number was heartily applauded. The choruses by the Exhibition choir, with full accompaniment by the orchestra (under the baton of Herr Carl Schmitt), were splendid the other items were equally enjoyable. Special mention should be made of Mr Towsey's organ solo, Meyerbeer's "Santa Maria," from "Dinorah."

Babe, the elephant at Harmston's, is undoubtedly an exceptionally intelligent animal. Some one must have told her that she had received a complimentary notice in the Sporting Review, for while conversing with the manager in the outer tent the other evening I suddenly felt a tug at my coat pocket, and, on turning around to see what was the matter, saw Babe with a satisfied expression on her face flourishing my paper, which she had cunningly extracted with her

The Roberts-Moore Company are still doing excellent business in the South, and will shortly be with us in Auckland, following on after "The Sign of the Cross" Company. Their repertoire includes "The Silence of Dean Maitland," the "Trilby" burlesque, "A Prodigal Father," and "David Garrick." Mr Roberts is stated to have made a distinct hit in the name part of the latter piece Miss Maggie Moore is a decided favorite all over Australasia, and those who saw her when she was last here with Charlie Holloway will be pleased to welcome her back. Her season in Auckland will mark her last appearance in the colonies previous to departing for America and England.

Messrs Holloway (Charles) and Anderson have taken a long lease of the Criterion Theatre, Sydney The theatre will undergo a thorough renovation before their opening night at Easter.

Mr Wal. Rockley, an o'd Auckland boy, is visiting New Zealand for his health. He was for two years with Harry Rickards' Company, and would be with them now but that a bad attack of pheumonia compelled a rest. I am pleased to say that his native air and a trip to Rotorua has pretty well restored him to health, and the pro-babilities are that he will shortly rejoin Mr Rickards in Melbourne. Mr Rockley has not been in Auckland for nearly twelve years, and has been taking advantage of his visit to renew acquaintance with old friends.

A statistician has been devoting himself to a study of the longevity of eminent ballet dancers, and his investigations seem to establish the fact that they are usually a long-lived lot. The famous Carlotta Grisi is living now at the age of 77, and one of the ballet dancers at the Opera in Paris is 70. But he is a man. Amelia Ferraris is still teaching at the age of 78 at Paris, and seems likely to continue that work for some time to come. Fanny Essler was 74 when she died, and Taglioni has passed her 80th year. Rosita Muri, the popular premiere at the Opera in Paris is over 50, and has begun to talk of retiring.

The Brough Comedy Company will be in New Zealand within a measurable distance of time, and the opinion of the Melbourne Press is worth quoting The Melbourne Argus says of Mrs Brough in "The Adventures of I ady Ursula".--The Melbourne Argus says of Mrs "It may be said, without disparagement of her excellent work in other new pieces recently produced by the company, that her special qualities are more fully employed than they have been for a long time. The humor, impulsive audacity, and alternations of courage and femine fright, which her part involves, are admirably seized from first to last. . . . Her work enlisted enthusiastic applause."

In view of the approaching sesson, at the Opera House, of The Firm's "Sign of the Cross" Company the following will prove interesting:

Mr Wilson Barrett is still raking in the cash fast
and furious from "The Sign of the Cross." A
London paper says that Mr William Greet's company, which is playing the actor's religious drama in America, is beating all its previous records this season. At Philadelphia the two weeks' receipts reached over 22,000dols., Thanksgiving Night being alone 2370dols., the record house for the Chestnut Street Opera House at regular prices, and also being the biggest receipts for that night of any theatre in America.

It is always a difficult task for a circus of such dimensions as Harmston's to give a genuinely complete change of programme, substituting new items in every case, and that is what Manager Love has accomplished during the past week. I regret that 1 have not sufficient space at my command to enter in the detail of these changes, and comment on each individual feat, but when all were marked by dispatch, and carried out in a neat and workmanlike manner, it is difficult to discriminate and say which was the best. I must, however, refer to the bareback jockey riding, the like of which I have never seen before. The performer jumps from the ring to a standing position on the horse's back while the latter is at full speed, landing with his face to the horse's tail, thus necessitating a twist while in the act of leaping and an utter change of his ertia. The feat is a remarkable one, and more than exceptionally difficult. Several new features have also been introduced into the tumbling (which are very clever), and the jumping is thoroughly up-to-date. The season here closes on Saturday night, after which the circus will make a brief tour through the Waikato and Obinemuri districts, returning to Auckland in time for the Grey Memorial performance mentioned in another column.

Good houses are still the order of the day at the Opera House, and the Original Jubilee Singers and Virginia Concert Company have no reason to complain of the cordial reception that they have met with in Auckland. Their audiences are somewhat different from the average theatrical audiences, embracing as they do numbers of a class of people who seldom, if ever, frequent theatres, while they also include the many lovers of good music in Auckland, who invariably show their appreciation of a first class entertaiment by a generous patronage. When the company first opened they showed us their ability to amuse and interest by sacred music and jubilee melodiesthe latter a type which may be described as sui generis. Now, by their changes of programme, they have proved to us their versatility and absolute grasp of classical music. The miserere scene from "Il Trovatore" was delightfully rendered on Monday evening by Miss Robinson and Madame McAdoo, the latter sustaining the part of Manrico and the former that of Leonora. duet is a beautiful one, and calls for a clear, sweet tenor voice with considerable compass. It is so familiar to the public that it invites a nicety of criticism that perhaps would not be provoked by a less widely-known selection. For my own part I should very much like to hear the company render the magnificent trio from "Lucrezia Borgia," with Madame McAdoo as Gennaro. Eugene McAdoo as Alphonso, and Miss Anderson as Lucrezia. Mr Hamilton Hodges, who sang with excellent effect "The Death of Nelson, "Carlo Magno" chorus from "Ernani," and I am a little disappointed that he has not already given us "Il Balend" from "Il Trovatore." The other members of the company sustain the reputation they have already made, and Messra Mills, Jalvin, Nott, Collins, and Miss Marshall Webb are all deserving of unstinted praise. As I said in a previous issue, Professor White deserves special commendation, and I regret that he has not seen fit to favor the public here with a pianoforte solo, which would certainly make an agreeable addition to the programme. The professor is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, and was the first one to receive a medal from that institution. The season concludes to morrow (Friday) night.



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ANNUAL MEETING.

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- Handicap Hurdle Bace of 6 sovs; 1½ miles
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 Handicap Trot of 6 sovs; 2 miles
- Waitakerei Handicap of 10 sovs; 11 miles
- 5. Handicap Pony Race of 5 sovs; 5 furlongs
 6. Flying Handicap of 6 sovs; 6 furlongs
 7. Forced Handicap of 4 sovs; 1 mile

NOMINATIONS close with the secretary on TUESDAY, March 7, at Carpenters' Arms Hotel,

Grey Street, Auckland.
Brakes will run to Henderson from Auckland on day of races.

Admission to Course, One Shilling; Horses and Vehicles, Two Shillings.

A DANCE will be held in the Henderson Hall on the night of the races.

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Officials' Bicycle Handicap, one mile. -Trophies. Entry free. (To be run in ordinary

Musical Ride, with illuminated lanterns attached. Bicycle Slow Race, 100yds.—Trophics. Entry

Quarter-Mile Flat Championship, for members of A.A.C.).—Trophies. Entry free.
Grand Exhibition Fancy Trick Riding by Mr R.

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Auckland, February 23, 1899.

To W. KNIGHT, Esq., Handicapper to the Takapuna Jockey Club.

DEAR SIR,-I beg to tender you a ful and ample apology for any statements that I may at any time have made reflecting on your honor or fairness as handieapper to the Takapuna Jockey Club, and I now fully withdraw the

same without any reservation whatever. I regret exceedingly having made any such statements, and hereby acknowledge them to be altogether untrue and without foundation.

I am glad to have this early opportunity of making this public apology and expressing my contrition at having entertained for a single moment the slightest doubt of your fairness and

You are at liberty to publish this apology in the public press at my expense if you so desire. ALEX. A. PHILLIPS.

Witness, John Roper, Auckland.



District Land and Survey Office, Auckland, December 23, 1898.

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RACING CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

March 4, Sat; 7, Tues; 9, Thurs; 11, Sat—Victoria Racing Club Autumn
March 4, Sat—Australian Joekey Club
March 17, Fri; 18, Sat—Queensland Turf Club
March 18, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
April 1, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
April 1, Sat; 3, Mon; 6, Thurs; 8, Sat—Australian
Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting
April 22, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
May 6, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club
May 24, Wed—Victoria Racing Club Queen's Birthday
June 10, Sat—Melbourne Hunt Club
June 24, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES.

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March 3, Fri—Hororata R.C Annual
March 4, Sat—Lake R.C Annual
March 6, Mon—Waihi R.C Annual
March 6, Wed; 9, Thurs—Wanganui J.C Autumn
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March 17, Fri; 18, Sat—Ohinemuri J.C Annual
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Autumn
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April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Feilding J.C Autumn
April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Kumara R.C Annual
April 3, Mon; 4, Tues—Canterbury J.C Autumn
April 19, Wed; 22, Sat—Avondale J.C Autumn
April 19, Wed; 22, Sat—Avondale J.C Autumn
April 26, Wed; 28, Fri—Wellington R.C Autumn
May 24, Wed; 25, Thurs—Dunedin J.C Birthday
June 3, Sat; 5, Mon—North New Zealand Grand National
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June 21, Wed; 22, Thurs—Hawke's Bay J.C Winter
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July 12, Wed; 14, Fri—Wellington R.C Winter

NOMINATIONS.

March 3—Coromandel R.C Autumn
March 6—Northern Wairoa R.C Autumn
March 11—Dunedin J.C Autumn
March 24—Auckland R.C Autumn
April 7—Avondale J.C Autumn
April 28—A.R.C Northern Champagne Stakes, 1900, and
Royal Stakes (foals), 1900-1

HANDICAPS.

March 3—Ohinemuri J.C Annual March 8—Northern Wairoz R.C Autumn March 8—Coromandel R.C Autumn March 20—Auckland R.C Esster and Autumn Handicaps March 27—Auckland R.C Autumn April 10—Avondale J.C Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

March 7—Te Aroha J.C Annual
March 9—Ohinemuri J.C Annual
March 10—Coromandel R.C Autumn
March 11—Dunedin J.C Autumn
March 16—Northern Wairoa R.C Autumn
March 29—Auckland R.C Autumn
April 14—Avondale J.C Autumn
April 21—North Island Challenge Stakes SUBSCRIPTION.

FINAL PAYMENTS March 4—Wanganui Cup

March 11—D.J.C Third Eclipse Stakes

March 20-Dunedin Cup

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THUBSDAY, MARCH 2, 1899.

THE HOBSON HANDICAP INCIDENT.

Ar a meeting of the Auckland Racing Club committee on Monday the Hobson Handicap case was advanced another stage. It is not likely that the question has faded from the memory of readers of the Sporting Review, so there is no need to elaborately recapitulate the facts. All that is necessary is the statement that the trouble has arisen through a con-

troversy as to whether the late starter to the Takapuna Jockey Club despatched the four runners in the Hobson Handicap to a legitimate start, or whether he called them back. Mr Halstead, before, at, and after the enquiry by the stewards of the T.J.C., declared that the start was in order, and that he never called the riders back. There was contradictory evidence, and the stewards finally decided to run the race over again. Mr Booth, the owner of Bluecap, the winner of the first race, naturally objected to this course of procedure, and at once appealed to the metropolitan body. On their part the Takapuna Jockey Club stewards lodged a protest to the effect that the Auckland Racing Club could not deal with the matter, on the ground that under Jockey Club Rule 117 the question was beyond the jurisdiction of the Met-tropolitan Club. The rule quoted says:
—"All protests and objections shall be determined by the stewards. Their decision shall, however, be subject to appeal within fourteen days to the committee of the Jockey Club, so far as relates to penalties, disqualifications, and points involving interpretation of these Rules, but not as relates to questions of fact, and the decision of such committee shall not be questioned in any Court. An appeal from any such decision may be made to the Racing Conference, and its decision shall be final.' This protest was considered by the committee of the A,R.C. on Monday and dismissed, and the appeal of Mr Booth allowed. The Takapuna Jockey Club will not, it is stated, accept this finding, and intends to appeal to the Racing Conference. So we may assume that the matter will presently be finally disposed of by the Appellate Court. In the Sporting Re-VIEW of February 2 we foreshadowed the judgment of the Auckland Racing Club, for a calm consideration of the circumstances could give no other conclusion than that the Hobson Handicap was started legitimately on the first occasion the runners were in the starter's hands. The only Rule of Racing ordering a fresh start is No. 85, which reads, "If the starter allows a start to take place in front of the starting post the start is void, and the horses must be started again." It has never been urged, so far as we are aware, that the horses were in front of the starting post when Mr Halstead despatched them. It was quite clear to the majority of the spectators that Mr Halstead pressed the lever and intended to start the runners, for both ends of the barrier went up simultaneously. And we are strongly of the opinion that but for the clamorous outcry of those "silver" backers of Halberdier present at the starting post Gallagher and Duff would have gone on in pursuit of Bluecap and Bacchus. We have no desire to unnecessarily enlarge upon this subject, more especially as it is probable the question will go before the Racing Conference for final settlement. But as we expressed the opinion at the time that the start was in order, we must say nothing has transpired since to cause any change in that view of the circumstances. Conscientious and able as the stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club may be, they committed the error of yielding to the outcries of an interested section of the public. They are not the first, nor will they be the last, body of men to mistake the brazen cry of the few for the vox populi. Having done so, however, is no reason why a graver error of judgment should take place, and we should be delighted to hear that the stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club had accepted the ruling of the metropolitan club in a sportsmanlike manner. There would be nothing undignified in such a step, honorable amends would be made all round, and such a termination to an unhappy episode would redound greatly to the credit of the Takapuna Club. We want no drifting apart of racing associations; rather do we require that the bonds of sporting fellowship should be forged of links of steel. Although we may have a certain amount of sympathy for the T.J.C. stewards, we cannot arouse a modicum of that feeling for Tattersall's Committee. With a precipition worthier of a better cause, that body rushed in where angels feared to tread, and settled the betting side of the Hobson Handicap difficulty at once. Tattersall's Club declared all bets off without waiting for the appeal to the metropolitan body, though it was known

at the time that the owner of Bluecap

undue haste displayed it may be taken for granted that the committee can now see it committed an error of judgment, a plain fact which we pointed out in the issue of February 2. There was no need for the hurry—both backers and bookmakers could very well have waited for the final decision—but Tattersall's Club adjudicated on the question, as it now turns out. all too soon. And the moral of it all, as the Duchess in "Alice in Wonderland" would say, is, "Do not jump at your conclusions."

Sporting Topics.

The Waihi miners intend to enjoy a day's sport on March 6, when hack races under the A.R.O. rules will take place. A neat little programme of seven events has been prepared for the occasion the leading item on the bill of fare being the Waihi Cup of 15 sovs.

The proposal to hold a race meeting at the Thames on the occasion of the Governor's visit at the latter end of March has not met with the approval of the Colonial Secretary, who has intimated that he will not grant a totalisator per mit for the meeting.

The London correspondent of an American paper, in reviewing the propects of racing in England next year, says that we shall have the Trentons, Carbines, and Carnages running, and that will inaugura'e a new era of better stayers. To supplement these horses, Patron (winner of the Melbourne Cup) and Abercorn (the great rival of Carbine) have been recently brought to the Cobham Stud from Australia, and with the new rules for longer distances the services of such horses will be in ever increasing request.

The full-brother to Waiuku bought by the Hon. H. Mosman at the late yearling sales, and the Hilda colt are now being exercised about Ellerslie. They are both very much admired, but the conformation of the pair leads to the impression that Waiuku's brother will be an earlier beginner than his companion. The latter should furnish into a magnificently shaped big horse.

After his return from New Plymouth last week Tim was very stiff and sore, and it is quite evident that he has had enough of it for the present. It is, therefore, probable that he will be allowed to have a rest.

It is not likely that any attempt will be made to get Antares ready for the autumn, but it is quite likely that we may see Castor's son in work for the winter meetings.

Nicholas repeated last year's victory in the Halswell Hurdles. The chestnut son of Apremont evidently likes Riccarton in the Summer Last year he also won the Belfast Hurdle Handicap on the second day of the C.J.C. Summer Meeting.

Alcestis, the aged daugther of Master George and Psjche, who, after her win in the Telegraph Stakes, was bought in for 25, won the Trial Stakes at the C.J.C. Meeting last Summer. By the way the Press Association sent Alcestis through as a gelding, and the Association is responsible for altering the Telegraph Stakes to Telephone Stakes. "Ring off the old, ring on the new," and the Auckland dailies never turnbled!

Coincidences do occur at race meetings. On Thursday at Riccarton six chestnuts were victorious, Nicholas, Ben Farley, Dundas, The Orphan, Cherrystone, and Alcestis.

Cherrystone was pretty well supported locally for the Craven Plate, though the big dividend paid by the Dunedin gelding came as a welcome surprise to his backers. The metallicians were surprised also, into saying something uncomplimentary to Cherrystone, for his dividend took a lot of the gilt off the bookmaker's ginger-bread.

The bookies, however, had a rare turnup over Dundas. Courtier was the popular fancy, and the defeat of Mr Stead's youngster was one of those surprises the Turf is always giving us.

Dundas must have come on a lot lately. Murray Hobbs' gelding went right off at NZ. Cup time, and it is quite refreshing to know that the son of Perkin Warbeck II. and Reverie has returned to something rather like his best two-year-old form. Dundas at his best is a really good colt, and Murray Hobbs has had very bad luck lately so few will grudge his classic victory.

The Steeplechase at Potter's on Wednesday was a pretty race. All the seven "little ones" cleared every fence and nothing came to grief. Fairy is a beautiful jumper, is pretty fast and she can stay, so her new owner ought to be thoroughly well satisfied with his purchase. We hear he has been offered a very substantial advance on the price he purchased at.

Old Panoply is not a lucky horse. He was put on the retired list a few months ago in consequence of having struck himself, and the rest did him a lot of good. Recently, Frank Macmanemin put him into work again, and he was doing famously until Saturday when he struck himself again, and walked off the course so lame that it was thought that the old fellow would have to undergo another long spell. However, on Sunday he seemed to be quite sound again, and his idleness will not be of long duration

We hear that Mark Ryan, the well-known jockey, was served with a summons at Taranaki charging him with cruelty to the mare Merry Maid in the last race at the Takapuna Meeting. As Ryan has engagements to ride at Wanganui and Hawke's Bay, it is to be hoped that arrangements will be made to have the case postponed until his return to Auckland.

The date on which the English Derby will be run this year is May 31.

Red Lancer and Bluejacket arrived from New Plymouth last week. Red I ancer will probably remain in Auckland until after the Autumn Meeting. Both Red Lancer and Bluejacket are doing moderate work at Ellerslie.

The hon, secretary of the Tapanui Club indignantly denies the charges of "Mazeppa" that the attendance at the late meeting was small, or that there was any stiff running, etc. According to Mr Quin, the Tapanui Meeting was quite an exemplary one, just one of those meetings we seldom get the opportunity of enjoying, for he states. "There was neither stiff running nor foul riding noticed by an active band of stewards who watch the racing from every coign of vantage, and thoroughly understand the sport and know their duties.—I am, etc." Truly, Tapanui must be

Alick Caulton has Porangi Potae fairly well just now. As usual, she will visit South Auckland, Te Archa, and Paeroa. She was very successful in this trip last year, but Castor's daughter will have to meet better cattle this year. The Sharper will not be seen in public before the Avondale meeting.

There were three sad sports at the Taranaki meeting. They had belped to make a pound ticket on Lutra, and entrusted the ticket to the fourth party. When the race was over and the three investors went for their share of the £44 odd they were quietly told the ticket had been lost.

It is not often that race clubs require gas, and hence probably the independence displayed by the Napier Park Club. Concerning a recent meeting of the club we read the following in an exchange:—On account of the Gas Company refusing to accept a cheque with the discount deducted, which was presented only a few days after the regulated time, it was resolved to invite them to cut the gas off.

The following altered rules of racing, which The following altered rules of Annuary 1, came into operation in England on January 1, are interesting as showing a marked difference tween the conduct of racing in England and in the colonies:—At every meeting advertised in the "Racing Calendar," one-half at least of the total amount guaranteed for prizes should be apportioned to races of a mile or over for three-year olds or upwards, and of this half, not less than a moiety shall be for races of a mile and a quarter or upwards; but where more than one meeting is held at the same place during the current racing season, the apportioument may be calculated over each meeting, or over all the meetings; provided that in the cases of meetings where races are already closed the stewards of the Jockey Club shall have power to relax the above rule as to the apportionment of the money. No two-year-old shall run in any race with more than 200 sove added before June 1. There shall be To race of less distance than five furlongs. programme of each day shall be subject to the following regulations: (1) There shall be at least two races of a mile or upwards of the minimum aggregate distance of two miles and a half. These must differ at least one furlong in distance. and they shall fill with five entries. Neither of these races shall be open to two-year-olds, and one of them shall be neither a handicap nor a race with selling conditions. (2) There shall not be more than two races to which three-year olds or upwards are admitted of less than seven furlongs, and of these two races only one may be less than six furlongs. (3) Of the races confined to two-year olds there shall not be more than two races a day before September 1, nor more than three a day at any time.

It is stated that the decision of the Auckland Racing Club in the matter of the appeal in the Hobson Handicap, has met with the decided disapprobation of the Takapuna stewards, who will refer the matter to the Racing Conference.

Through the smash at the hurdle opposite the stand at Potter's Paddock on Saturday two jocaeys were hurt. McCallum or Fahey, the rider of Lulu—who was responsible for the accident—was taken to the Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. Donovan, the rider of New Boy, went home in a cab, but beyond the effects of a severe shaking no harm is anticipated. In the case of Lulu's rider, the latest accounts are that he is progressing favorably.

It was only last week that we noted and objected to the presence of a hack at the starting post as a help to a refractory animal. At Riccarton on Saturday R. J. Mason, the Yaldhurst trainer, was before the stewards for riding his hack to the post and holding Courtier in the Richmond Plate. We suppose the stewards were quite within their right in reprimanding the popular Dick Mason, but is it not rather like looking the stable door after the steed has escaped? Stewards of racing clubs are supposed to be placed in their responsible position so that they may prevent any abuses. They are not elected to office in order that they may say to an offender, "You did wrong; do not let it occur again." Where is the use of a reprimand when the fault has effected its purpose?

Mr Garland, late energetic secretary of the Horowhenua Racing Club, is at present living in town (writes our Wellington correspondent). He informs me that the club has spent £1000 on improvements to the course and the erection of a grandstand and loose boxes. The course, which is about a mile round and a good chain wide, has been fenced all the way round, and is in really first-class order. The site for the course generally has been admirably chosen, and is well sheltered by natural bush and has the Horo-whenua Lake in full view. The stand will seat about 500, and has an acre of ground around it. This club, which has only been lately formed, bolds its first meeting on the 17th March, for which some 95 nominations have been received. is to be congratulated on its efforts to make everything a success, and well deserves the public sup A special train will leave Wellington to suit the public, returning in the evening.

The South Auckland acceptances are due to-

night.

Since he started to write up the Figure System in England (writes "Terlinga") Mr Alison has developed a new way of reckoning up the value of the two year-olds engaged in the coming classic ruces. When I say new, I mean new as far as England is concerned. Some years ago Mr Bruce Lowe used to adopt the same system in New South Wales, and, in doing so, he condemned Grand Flaneur as an impossible racehorse, and selected Trevallyn on "figures" as the best Derby horse of the year. Trevallyn ran a good second to Flaneur in Sydney, but then his two year-old form made him out quite capable of this, and the impossible racehorse (Flaneur) was never beaten. In justice to Mr Lowe, it must be remembered that this happened long before his book appeared. As regards Mr Alison, however, he has given up the old dreary way of giving columns of matter concerning past seasons performances, and now shows which colt or filly has the best figures, and should therefore win on breeding grounds. Flying Fox is to win the next Derby. Other writers arrive at this opinion, but they base their opinion upon his form. The "figures" say Trident should prove to be Flying Fox's most dangerous opponent, but Mr Watson, of The Bedminton Magazine, writes that he has the authority of Mr L. ce Rothschild for saying that Trident is likely to turn out a non-stayer. Time will show which is turn out a non-stayer. right, the figures or the owner. Then again, on Mr Alison's calculation, Victoria May must win the One Thousand Guineas and Oaks "on the sheer merit of the No. 1 family." Mr Watson writes "Victoria May is, 1 am convinced, an absolute non-stayer." It is not often that a Bruce Lowe enthusiast writes a good performer down as absolutely bad on the figures. But Mr Alison points out that Myakka has none of the great running families in the first three removes of her pedigree-in fact, her table teems with outside numbers. Myakka won the last four races she started in, and some people think she may win the Oaks.

It has been decided by the committee of the Wellington Racing Club to hake the Hutt course remeasured. Not before time.

It will be remembered that at the late meeting of the Takapuna Club the Hobson Handicap There were only four twoended in a fiasco. year-olds engaged in the event, and through some misunderstanding only Bluecap and Bacchus started when the barrier was released, the riders of the other two, Gallagher and Duff, thinking that it was not a start. Bluecap and Bacchus, however, completed the course, and the former won. On returning to the saddling paddock the starter declared that it had been a start, and the riders of the first and second horses weighed in, and their numbers went up in the ordinary way, while Bluecap and Bicchus were removed to their boxes. The stewards, however, held a meeting, and after considerable deliberation they overruled the starter, and declaring a no race, ordered it to be run over again, but the owners of Bacchus and Bluecap declined to saddle Halberdier and Blue Paul then ran off and the former won. These, shortly, are the facts as they appeared to the general public, but the club was subsequently restrained from paying over the stakes until an appeal to the Metropoli tan body had been heard. That appeal came before the A.R.C. on Monday, when Mr Devore on behalf of Mr J. C. Booth, owner of Bluecap, argued in effect that the interference of the stewards with the verdict of the starter was illegal in racing law. The Takapuna Club, on the other hand, protested by letter that the stewards, in giving the decision they had done, had adjudicated upon a question of fact, and that in consequence it was contrary to racing law to review their decision. The Auckland Club were, however, of a contrary opinion, and after hearing the arguments of Mr Devore it was announced that the appeal had been upheld, and that the stakes for the race consequently should be paid to Mr Booth.

The Bill of Portland — Woodnymph colt, Sirdar, who won at Launceston is reported to be one of the best of his age seen in Tasmania for years past.

Steeplechasing in the summer is described by a Melbourne writer as a barbarous custom. The V.R.C. received only eleven nominations for the Autumn Steeplechase, for which the added money was 300 soys. Six of the lot would not have brought £200 if put up to auction.

Mr G. Cutts has been appointed starter for the Avondale Club, and will commence his duties at the next meeting. Congratulations to the club and starter.

Tom Payten reports that Cocos is rapidly recovering from the infirmity which recently caused his temporary retirement from the turf, and will soon be seen in pubic again.

The New Zealand yearlings by St. Hippo from Innistail and by Soult from Cressina, which were sent over to Sydney by the Westralia, were on February 17 reshipped in the Warrigal for Durban. It is therefore evident that the Innisfail filly has recovered from the troubles with which she was affected on arrival in New South Wales.

The Leorina colt by Soult, purchased by Mr T. Elliott at Mr Walters' sale of yearings, has been scratched for all engagements.

A keen judge of racing, who was present at a recent country meeting in Victoria, states that in one event each of the six horses that started was "dead." He adds that the perplexity of the riders on discovering this was very amusing.

Sir Rupert Clarke is convinced there is a profitable business to be done in the Indian horse market, apart altogether from the Government. From 27th August to 17th November he sold 223 horses in 69 separate transactions—and was approached by 200 European and native customers. The Indian market ought to be approached with profit by New Zcalanders.

Steadfast, for whom Mr W. R. Wilson gave "four figures," was recently sold in Perth for "a tenner."

The V.R.C. committee has officially called upon registered racing clubs, by circular, to put a stop to the custom of stewards clearing out after the last race of the day without waiting to see whether any inquiries or complaints require their attention. Possibly (writes "Javelin") this is the thin edge of the wedge, which is to make an opening for competent stipendiary stewards. At any rate, it is, in some small measure, satisfactory to know that The Old Lady of Bourke treet has roused up, to the extent of wiping her spectacles.

There was nothing very wonderful in Bobadil's Futurity Stakes victory. He won with ridiculous ease certainly, but it took him 1min 31sec to negotiate the seven furlongs with 8.13 up.

The programme for a duy's racing at Coromandel on March 17 appears in our advertising columns. Entries close with the secretary, or Mr Hayr, Vulcan Lane.

According to late cable news, Hymettus and North British are the favorites for the Newmarket Handicap, the price about each being 8 to 1. It is probable, however, that there will be further alterations before the horses see the post, as very few of the stables have as yet made a move.

The Lake Club holds a meeting on Saturday, and we have pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that the gatheriog is under the countsnace of the Auckland Racing Club. Excellent entries have been received, and an interesting afternoon's sport, under the management of a competent committee, may be anticipated. Mr Harry Massey has made complete arrangements for the comfort of visitors, and the trip to the Lake by bus and steamer should be a pleasant one.

At a meeting of the committee of the Avondale Club, held on Friday, a large number of applications for the position of caretaker were opened, and the final selection was Mr Griffiths. The new caretaker, who has already gone into harness, will have a busy time in front of him, as the saddling paddock is being enlarged, and the work of erecting the horse boxes will be at once undertaken.

Private information to the effect that Aurum is doing well in England has been received in Melbourne.

The scratching of Merloolas for his Melbourne engagements did not create any surprise, as he had not been doing any work.

In his comments upon last Saturday's racing at Caulfield, "Goodwood" says:—The feature of the racing at Caulfied on Saturday was undoubtedly the splendid form shown by Bobadil, who, to some extent, gave the lie to his spring form. It has yet to be proved that Bobadil is a genuine stayer, but when he is himself there is no doubt about his brilliancy. He looks a different horse to what he did last November. There is a brightness about his appearance which was then absent, and he carries more flesh. It was really a treat to see him dispose of the field on Saturday. He ran past his horses as if they were standing still. He, of course, hardened in the betting for the Australian Cup, and has also shortened in price for the Newmarket. What a merry six furlongg he would run if Mr Wilson elected to start him for the big sprint race on March 4 The form of North British created a very favorable impression, and he is now a prunounced favorite for the Newmarket Handicap. Welter weight form is not always reliable, and when it is remembered that two moderates like Ilfracombe and Kruger followed him home, the performance of North British, on paper, does not look too good, It was the decisive way, however, in which the Sydneysider settled his field that took with the crowd. He won like like a racehorse, and, as he can hop off the mark smartly, he gives one the idea of being an ideal Newmar ket Handicap horse. It is understood that the connections of North British made an attempt to back him for the Newmarket last week, but the ring quickly closed down on the price, and only a small amount, it is said, was got on. owner was certainly wise in pulling the gelding out on Saturday. A good stake was won, and, with money in hand, the stable can afford to take a shorter price for the Newmarket. The only other Newmarket candidate to show any form of vote was Alix, a three year-old daughter of Trenton and Princess Alice, who ran second to Bobadil in the Futurity. She showed a good Bobadil in the Futurity. dash of pace, but was probably lucky in beating Wait a Bit for second place. Wait a Bit was not ridden a judicious race, and in the straight was blocked on the rails and had to be pulled out, finishing on the outsi te.

THE HON. H. MOSMAN'S TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.

[BY ATLAS.]

The subjects of most of our illustrations this week have connection with the training stables of the Hon. H. Mosman at Green Lane. prietor of this establishment has, in a few years become well known and deservedly popular all over New Zealand and Australia as a liberal supporter of · hat has has been called the Sport of Kings. It is with Queensland that the Hon. H. Mosman has been particularly identified, and especially with that famous goldfield in the sunny north, Charters Towers, This has proved one of the most substantial fields in Australasia, and very much of its development is to be credited to the enterprise of such noted sportsmen and plucky pioneers as the Hon. B. Mosman and the late Mr Richard Craven, whose loss to the turf and community generally has been so recently deplored in the columns of the leading journals of Australia. The enterprise of both Mr Craven and the Hon. H. Mosman in the tropics, where only plucky pioneers cared to venture, was rewarded by Dame Fortune, and both became capitalists. The Hon. H. Mosman's value as a citizen was recognised in Queensland, and consequently he became a member of the Legislative Council, and since that distinction was conferred upon him he has always been found in session an idea that this fellow will require a bit of seasoning before we see him at his best. Lady

Harriet occupied another box, but the fact that

she was not good enough to score in the Taurange company shows that as a galloper she is not so good as she looks. However, as I said

before, she is beautifully bred, and may yet prove of value as a matron. She has been stinted, I believe, to St. Hippo. The colt by Soult out of Lady Emmeline was disporting him-

self with the breaking tackle on. He has been gelded, but looks healthy, and has a smart, sacy

appearance. Telephone has been turned out at Mangere. I have an idea, although Franks did

not tell me so, that this speedy customer is not quite sound Others of the Hon. H. Mosman's

string who are enjoying themselves in the richly-grassed Mangere paddocks are Malachite, by Seaton Delaval—Jadestone, and the two Soult yearlings purchased at Mr Walters' sale. Mala-chite has, I understand, been gedded.

Anticipations.

THE VICTORIAN RACING CLUB'S

AUTUMN MEETING. [BY ATLAS.] THE Autumn Meeting of the Victoria Racing Club will be commenced on Saturday. Of course

the spring gathering of the V.R.C., when the Derby and Cup are disposed of, is the most important event, but for all that experiences of the

past has taught us that the autumn gathering is more attractive to those who care to watch

racing without being inconvenienced by the eloow-

ing of a surging throng. The racing is always interesting at Flemington in the autumn, and, aided by the advices of friends over the water,

I will endeavor to anticipate the judge's verdict in the important events, the weights for which

THE Sr. LEGEB.

The presence of Bobadil will probably cause a

number of absentees, and as the St. Albans' representative appears to be in form, judging from

his performance in the Caulfield Futurity Stakes, there does not seem to be much use in looking further for the winner. I will therefore pick-

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP.

year to pick. Twenty-six of the speediest horses

in Australia were left in when the final payment

year to pick. Twenty-six of the speediest horses in Australia were left in when the final payment was made on Monday evening, and nearly all of these will see the post, many of them being influenced by sweep money. Hopscotch and the New Zealand bred Whakawatea are the top weights, and both in their younger days have shown their ability to gallop. In addition to Hopscotch, the Hon. W. A. Long will be represented by the lightly-weighted Beachcomber, who recently showed such a great turn of speed at Randwick. A horse that has been very heavily backed is North British, who shares favoritism with 'Hymettus, of Caulfield Cup fame. North British has not done much in public, but he has recently been purchased by Mr W. Money, the Brisbane blokmaker. The people connected with Mooney's stable are not fools, and do not throw their money away. What they back is always worth watching. Stand Off has been been performing well in public of late, and must have a chance, while Regained, Veneda, Alix, and Reaper all look dangerous. In view of his second to Amiable last year, the latter seems to

second to Amiable last year, the latter seems to

be well treated with only 8lbs more to carry. The printer reminds me that the space is limited.

so I will not go through the list of candidates

Hon. W. A. Long's Elect ... 1

SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES.

PORTLAND

Australian Cup.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S

AUTUMN MEETING.

[BY PETRONEL.]

The Autumn Meeting of the popular West Coast club commences next Wednesday. The acceptances are fairly strong, so the sport should be decidedly interesting. For the Wanganui Cup I like WAIORONGOMAI, EXPLOSION, and SWORD-

FISH II. The Flying Handicap should be a battle between SYLVIA PARK, TAUHEI, and ETON. For the First Hurdles I like KANAKA, POKOMOKO,

and MISSFIRE. The Stewards' Stakes should fur

nish a good contest between SEDGEBROOK, INDIAN SHOT, and THE MILLER. For the Hack Hurdles

A Gold Hunting Watch, value £5 10s, to be

given away. See page 5.

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NORTH BRITISH ...

BOBADIL WAIT A-BIT GEORGE FREDERICK ...

but place them-

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REVENUE

BOBADIL

This is one of the most difficult races of the

GEORGE FREDERICK ... LEE-METFORD ...

are known to us.

BOBADIL

Telephone has been turned out at

attending conscientiously to his parliamentary duties, but is is fortunate for New Zealand that our climate presented to the Queensland legislator and sportsmen a pleasant change from the heat of Bananaland. It is the support of such gentle-men as Mr Craven and the Hon. H. Mosman that the turf requires, and while New South Wales was fortunate in getting the patronage of Mr Craven, New Zealand was, perhaps, more fortunate in winning the attention of the Hon. Mr Mosman The hon, gentleman has a thorough appreciation of the New Zealand bred thorough appreciation of the New Zealand bred thoroughbred, but it is only quite recently that he has permitted himself to go whole hearted into the purchase of the best of our production. One of his early purchases was Lady Harriet, but she has belied her good looks and has been a comparative failure on the turf. She is well bred, however, and beautifully shaped, and she may yet prove her value as a matron. The Hon H. yet prove her value as a matron. The Hon H. M sman's career on the New Zealand turf may be said to have commenced in earrest when he engaged the services, as his private trainer, of Mr Harry Franks Franks for years had the benefit of associating with Mr R. Mason at Yaldhurst. This, it must be admitted, was a splendid school for any Town splendid school for any young man, and since his sojourn in Auckland he has show by the condition in which he has turned out his charges that he has a profited by his charges that he has profited by his early experiences and is worthy of the charge of the costly animals that the Hon. Mosman has entrusted to him. Antares, in Franks' hands, his been educated to get over country, and has done him the credit of winning three hurdle races, two at Avondale and one on the East Coast, while the speedy Telephone has also been taught by Franks to successfully gallop over the sticks. I had the pleasure of paying a visit to Mr Franks' establishment at Green Lane recently. Green Lane, I consider, is a pretty place, and Mr Franks' residence, with the surrounding gardens and stables, is certainly one of the attractions of the locality. Originally the property was owned by our old friend, Mr Jack Rae, and was called by him in affectionate remembrance of his old favorite, "Levanter's Rest." In laying out the grounds Jack Rae has shown as much sound judgment as he invariably does in the purchase of a horse or the selection of a mount. The and one on the East Coast, while the speedy of a horse or the selection of a mount. The residence, with its shell covered paths, is pretty and enug, while the stables are as comfortable and as well appointed as a trainer nee! wish to preside over. The picture elsewhere will give the reader an idea of the design and appearance of the love boxes that are now the homes of the Hon. H. Mosman's valuable string. The drainage is perfect, and all round there is evidence of the ole provision Franks has made for the comfort its charges. When I arrived upon the scene of his charges. When I arrived upon the scene the man with the apparatus that, according to Salem Scudder, "can't lie" was busily engaged in taking a picture of the yearling brother to Wainku, who I am now introduced to as Montrose, that being the name bestowed upon him. As his picture denotes this is a beautiful colt one that has improved greatly in Franks' hands. He is a dark brown, compactly made, and standing on as fine a set of legs as St Leger ever gave to his progeny. He stands over a lot of ground, and is blessed with a beautiful temper, which renders Franks' task as his mentor very easy. I think that this fellow will be one of the first of the Hon. Mosman's yearlings to return him his purchase money, and if nothing untoward happens I prophecy that will be accomplished early in Montrose's two-year-old career. Now we come to the St. Leger—Hida colt, the chamiltonian that we have the statement of the Wallington Port of the St. Leger Leger and the Wallington Port of the St. Leger and the statement of the Wallington Port of the St. Leger and the statement of the St. Leger and the statement of the St. Leger and the statement of the sta pion of the Wellington Park sale, for I take that the colt that brings the top price at a sale has some claim to be considered a champion, and it is no small honor to have brought the highest price among such a valuable collection of swistocrats as were produced at Wellington Park this year. The colt has been named Hengist, and like Meaters have taken kindly to his conly year. The colt has been named riengus, and like Montrose he has taken kindly to his early education. Indeed, when led and trotted round the yard he behaved as properly as an old stager, and displayed lovely freedom of ction. Hengist is a big fellow, and seems to be getting more noble looking every day, but I do not think that when the time comes Franks will feel inclined to push him on in his preparation as rapidly as the sturdy Montrose. When the time does oome, however, he should demonstrate his claim to the title of champion on the turf as well as in the sale ring. Like Montrose he is blessed with a most even temper, but the temper of a horse, I think, is very often materially affected by the treatment of the tr iner Patience and kindness are virtues in a trainer, and I think that Franks may be credited with possessing them. At any rate, there is abundant evidence of the thoroughly good understanding existing between the trainer and his charges, every one of which is docile enough to be handled by the smallest of stable boys; but that is not necessary at "Levanter's Rest," as all of Franks' assistants are experienced and let me add, obliging. I found the filly by Castor-Cissy enjoying herself in one of the comfortable boxes. She is a beautiful animal, showing all Castor's undoubted quality, and splendidly grown. This sister of Daystar and Altair has been called Circe, and she should Attair has been called Circe, and she should add fresh lustre to the fame of Castor, whose progeny has been doing so wonderfully well this season. Her price at the late sale was 425 guineas. Before the Wellington Park sale I enthused on the beauty of Multiform's sister, and it is therefore not necessary for me again to go into ecstacies about her further than to say that she has improved in Franks' hands, and is sure to furnish into a splendid two-yearold, with a strong resemblance to her flying brother. She has been handled, and her action -so Franks thinks—is very much like Multiform's. The scar under the knee is still visible but Franks thinks it will never affect her. Had it not been for that blemish I am sure she would have brought twice the amount paid for her-375 guineas. These are the chief occupants of public interest in Franks' stables, but I saw

A fine Reynold's Cycle, value £20, to be given away. See page 5.

Antares there. Franks has succeeded in reducing the size of his knee, but it is still big. However, that does not matter so long as it does not affect his galloping, and he has already shown that it does not. From the nature of the exercise he is

doing at present, I am inclined to think that he will not be wanted until after the Autumn Meeting. The two year old Afghan, by St. Leger-Yattaghan has furnished into a handsome horse, BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.] something over sixteen hands high. He is a little bit leggy, but he looks healthy, and will probably be a starter, all going well, in the Great Northern Champagne Stakes in April. I have

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meetng is generally regarded as a sort of benefit meeting for Canterbury horse-owners, there being meeting for Canterbury horse-owners, there being few racing men from other parts to patronise the gathering. If there is any opposition it is usually from Dunedin and Oamaru. The southern contingent this year was not very formidable, but a good deal of money was carried off by them. On the opening day (Thursday) the weather was threatening in the morning, but after 1 o'clock the sun shone out and the remainder of the afternoon was fine. Racing was at times good, the finishes in the Halswell Hurdles, Hornby Welter, and Craven Plate being stubbornly fought out,

was questioned in many quarters.

The field for the Halswell Hurdles numbered half-a-dozen, and Powder Monkey, who has been showing splendid form in her training, was at once made favorite. The race was a capital one to watch Powder Monkey made the running at the start, but ju t before Cutts' was reached she gave way to Gienore and Clarence. These two ran along the back stretch together, just clear of the others, but, half a mile from home, Nicholas and Powder Monkey closed up, and when they reached the straight there was very little between the four leaders. Glenore, Powder Monkey, and Nicholas came down the straight almost in a line, but Powder Monkey blundered at the last fence.

ran into the straight, with Falka, who lost three

Benzoin was withdrawn from the Middle Dundas and Courtier both passed him and came on together to the distance-post, when Courtier of Malatua.

which Matlock carried most money, but he did not gallop at all well The Orphan ran into first place after half a mi'e had been covered, and was

former's well-trained appearance he was made favorite. Boreas also looked in capital trim. Pitch and Toss struck me as having undergone a searching preparation, in fact, when I saw her, I at once thought she would win. I was, however, mistaken, for she just failed to stay the last furlong in a strongly-run race. Altair, who must be considered a particulary smart colt, got away first when the barrier went up, but Derrett steadied him. As the field swept past Cutts' he dropped back with Dundas to the rear. Raugefinder, Pitch and Toss, Boreas, and Sequin then comprised the leading division. The positions remained unchanged until the top turn was reached. Here Pitch and Toss led, but immediately the straight was entered Altair came through the field and soon took command. Boreas ran into second place, and Altair won by a length and a half. Boreas was half a length in front of Pitch and Toss; Dundas was fourth,

gave the others a show and finished four lengths

The Craven Plate brought out ten starters, The Sinner being withdrawn. Blazer carried most money on the machine; Nihilist receiving more support than the others. Gladys II. led for fully four furlongs, when Blazer took com-mand and seemed to have the race at his mercy. He, however, tired in the last hundred yards, and Cherrystone, running gamely under pressure, just got up in time to beat Mr Solomon's gelding by a neck. Gladys II. was too lengths away third, Rochester fourth, and Nihilist sixth.

The Telegraph Stakes was won somewhat easily by Alcestis, who finished three lengths in front of old Warrington, while Lepanto was third .

SECOND DAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

I like FIRST RESULT, WATERSHOT, and VENTURE, and in the Huck Fiat the finish should be between LADY HELENA, PASTIME, and MARVELLOUS. Racing on the second day commenced with the Belford Hurdles, and out of the six starters five

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After the Races.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

and Craven Plate being stubbornly fought out, while the judge's decision in the two former races

Nicholas just managed to beat Glenore by a nose, after a great tussle. Powder Monkey was half a length away third, and Clarence fourth

The Hornby Welter brought out cleven starters.

Bloomer and Huku were about equal favorites, while the ultimate winner Ben Farley received more support than the others. The race afforded plenty of excitement, and produced another grand finish. In the early part of the race the colors of Vandyke, Ben Farley, and The Spinner were prominent and in this order they or four lengths at the start coming fast. Bloomer, Lapidary, and Argon also closed up. At the distance post Vandyke fell back and Ben Farley just managed the struggle home in front of Falka, who was a clear length in front of Argon; Lapidary fourth, Bloomer fifth, and The Spinner

Park Plate, which is generally considered a gift for Mr G. G. Stead, he having won it for the last six years in succession. Two three-year-olds, Dundas (8.11) and Malatua (8.4), and Mr Stead's two-year old, Courtier (7.9) comprised the field this year. Courtier was a warm favorite. Malatua, with Bob Derrett up, slipped away from the other two at the start, and before a furlong had been travelled the Australian-bred coll was four lengths ahead of them. He so n gave way, however, and, on entering the straight, gave way. Dundas, who went on, won easily by three lengths, Courtier being two lengths in front

Six horses saddled up for the Trial Stakes, for

pluce after half a mi'e had been covered, and was never again headed, winning by a length from Heritas, who got away badly, but came strongly in the last furlong. Hypnotist was a length behind O'Brien's horse.

Attention was next directed to the candidates for the Midsummer Handicap. Peerage was the only non-starter. Mr Stead decided to start both Altair and Motto. Probably on account of the former's well-trained appearance he was made S:quin fifth, and Motto last.

The Lyttelton Plate was won in hollow fashion by Mr Stead's Stepniak filly, Nantes, who never ahead of Rougemont, who was half a length in front of Fireside.

had run on the first day. Powder Monkey again attracted most attention, and started a much better favorite than Glenore, while Micholas, who won on the first day, went out third favorite. Powder Monkey, after running prominently for three-quarters of a mile, jumped the rails, and took no further part in the race. Nicholas and Glenore were then left in the lead, and never gave the others a chance. Nicholas drew away from Glenore after jumping the last hurdle, and won very easily by four lengths. Magazine was third six lengths behind Glenore, Clarence a head further away fourth.

The Welver, over one mile, was considered to be within the reach of Black and Red or Motio. The former started a slightly better favorite than Mr Stead's filly. Vandyke cut out the running from the start, being closely followed by Sequin, Gold and Double Event whipping in. Kounding the top turn Vandyke was still in the lead, with Gold and Motto next, Sequin being at the head of the others. No alteration took place until the straight proper was reached, when Black and Red and Bloomer ran up to the leaders, and a fine race home resulted in Black and Red beating Sequin by half a length. Bloomer was a length and a half away third, Gold fourth, and Motto,

who died away in the straight, last.
The Champion Plate, seven furlongs, was the next event to occupy attention. The field was reduced to five, Boreas being the popular fancy. The race resulted in a rather easy win for Blazer, who made the running from the start, and although Dundas and Boreas were within a length of the Dunedin horse at various stages during the race, they could not get any closer, and suffered defeat by that margin. Dundas and Boreas were dead level most of the war, Hobbs' youngster being only a head in front of Boreas at the finish, while Benzoin was a head behind

Boreas. Djin-Djin got away badly, and finished several lengths behind the leaders.

Courtier, who was withdrawn from the Champion Plate, had no difficulty in winning the Richmond Plate, for two-year-olds, over eix furfront and was not headed, winning by three lengths without being pushed from Suzannab, who was a length in front of France ca, Rougement fourth.

Eight eaddled up for the St. Alban's Handicap, one mile. Altair was at once picked out as the probable winner. Had he succeeded in securing the chief honor he would not have paid even money. From an even start Goldleaf at once drew out, but before going many yards Rochester took the lead, and Pitch and Toss ran into third position. This order was maintained until half way down the straight, when Pitch and Toss ran through and won after a good finish by half a length from Goldleaf, who was a similar distance in front of Rochester. Sequin was fourth, and Altair fifth.

The Flying Handicap produced another good race, and an equally good dividend to those who were fortunate to spot the winner. Hermosa carried most money on the machine, while Falka and Cherrystone were also well backed. None of these three, however, took any part in the final struggle. Gladys II., The Spinner, and Argon, after making most of the running, were almost together at the distance. Argon then shot out and beat

at the distance. Argon then shot out and beat Gladys II. by about a length, The Spinner being close up third. Cherrystone was fourth, Warrington and Hermosa being the next two.

The Selling Race was again won by Alcestis, who was in particularly good form. Sheenan's mare took the lead in the first furlong, and won by a length from Bi-metallist, with The Orphan third.

The Post Handicap saw Skirmisher at his best. After Miss Charm and Peerage had cut out the running for half a mile, the old son of Vanguard, accompanied by Bizarre, came through, but the latter soon retired, and Skirmisher went on and won easily by three length from Miss Charm, who was two lengths ahead of Bizarre.

Inter-Provincial.

Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

The Canterbury Trotting Club's Juvenile Stakes - Mollo's form -Gossip about the late meeting-The sale of Motto-The Brighton Trotting Club—The Osborne appeal -The secretary of the Wellington Club-Departure of horses.

CHRISTONUECH, February 28.
After making the third payment twenty one two-year olds remain in the Juvenile Stakes to be run at the Canterburs Trotting Club's Winter Meeting in May. Mr J. A. Buckland has left two Vancleve colts in.

Motto could not have been at her best last week. In both her races she finished last. Needless to say she greatly disappointed her backers.

Pitch and Toss ran two capital races at the meeting. If she gets fair treatment in the Great

Autumn Handicap she will be hard to beat.
Goldleaf, who only started once, is evidently regaining the form she displayed last autumn.
Mr Cutt's should get her properly wound up during the next month.

Mr O'Brien was again unsuccessful in securing

a winning stake at the meeting. His three Australian bred horses, Heritas, Malatua, and Peerage, have not shown anything to warrant them being classed as other than third raters. Perhaps O'Brien

thinks his team will improve with age.

Courtier was a long way ahead of the twoyear-olds seen out last week. None of his opponents can have any chance of winning any of the classic races at the Easter meeting.

Much disappointment was expressed over Mr Stead's action in withdrawing Multiform from the Champion Plate, and thus depriving the pub-

lic of seeing the champion pitted against Blazer. The Dunedin contingent present at the meeting were confident that Blazer would have lowered Multiform's colors last week. The Canterbury sports think otherwise.

Nicholas has improved considerably since November last, and is now very proficient over the hurdles. Being possessed of race and staying powers, the son of Apremont should win some more races over the sticks. Roberts handled his horse really well in bo h races.

Powder Monkey was one of the mysteries of the meeting. In her training she had shown her owner some capital tride, but when it came to

racing she was clean out of it
Hobbs brought Dundas to the post in capital fettle, and expects the son of Perkin Warbeck II. to perform even better at Easter.

Altair was trained to the hour, and looked even better than he did in November last. He won the Midsummer Handicap in great style

An incident worth noting occurred in the Richmond Plate Courtier, who is generally a bit fractious before the start, was led up to the barrier by his trainer, R. J. Maso, who was mounted on a hack. Mason, it is said, held Courtier until the starter sent the field away. This was reported to the stewards. Mason, in defence, alleged that he was asked by the starter to hold Courtier. The stewards administered a severe caution and notified Mason that such things must not occur again.

Mr H. Goodman who had a run of luck at Riccarton last week, has purchased Motto from Mr G. G. Stead. The Canterbury Oaks winner will leave for Dunedin to morrow along with Goodman's other hores

The New Brighton Trotting Club has fixed the autumn meeting for April 22 and 27. I gramme comprises eight events each day.

The judges appointed to consider the appeal of Rowland H. Brown against the decision of the Wellington Racing Club in awarding the Flying Stakes to Chasseur have made their award. They find that the horse Osborne is entitled to the stakes (Sir George Clifford dissent ing). Fresh evidence was adduced as to Brown's hona fides and ownership. The judges were unanimously of opinion that the rules relating to ownership and nomination of horses should be revised. Mr J. A. Cook, of Dunedin, was unable to attend, and Sir George Clifford was nominated to act in his place.

Mr l.yon, the secretary of the Wellington acing Club, was among the visitors to the

C.J.C. Meeting.

Boreas left for home by yesterday's steamer.

The Waimate Racing Club's Meeting will be held on St. Patrick's Day. Vandyke, Rex II., Vanilla, Ilex, and Gladys II. have been nomi-

nated for the principal events. The Horata races will be held on Friday next. Sequin, Alcestis, Rochester, Skirmisher, and Medallius have been nominated for the Peninsula Cup, run at the Akaroa Meeting on March 14.
For the Amuri Cup Powder Monkey, Social

Part, Female Franchise, Jewel, Gold Medallist, Matlock, and Banner have been entered. This race is run on March 11.

OTAGO.

Cling's case-Appeals from Wairoa upheld-A sale-Betting over the Christchurch meeting.

DUNEDIN, February 28. It will be remembered that some months ago an enquiry was held into the bona fides of the trotting mare Cling, the grounds being that the proper entry had not been given of her perform-ances. The result has been that the race she had won at Tahuna Perk was awarded to the second horse, Mr Rutherford being ordered to refund the mones, amounting to over £120. Mr Ruther ford has now complied with the instructions of the stewards, and is re-instated.

The appeal against the disqualification of Mr Crossan and his horse St. Denis, imposed at the late Gore meeting, has been upheld at a meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club's stewards this after-

At the same meeting the disqualification for three months of the jockey McComb by the Wairos Club was endorsed.

Mr B. Curtis has purchased the galloping pony

Very few journeyed from here to Christchurch for last week's races, the railway authorities not putting on the usual excursion train, which is considered a very short-sighted policy. The re-sult was that punters remained in town, and consequently there was big betting done here, which was rather disastrous to bookmakers through Goodman's horses paying such good odds, as his charges have always a big following, and it was a good achievement to get home with each of his trio—Cherrystone, Black and Red, and Pitch and Toss. Blazer's performance must be regarded as very satisfactory in both his races, his Champion Plate victory especially. Cherrystone, who beat him on the first day, has always been underrated, and it is astonishing how lenient handicappers have been with her this season.

McGuinness moves to Wingatui to-morrow.

HAWKES BAY.

The Danevirke meeting-Rhino in work-New Forest-The Waipukurau Jockey Club programme -Meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club-Death of W. C. Edwards.

NAPIEE, February 28.

The Danevirke Jockey Club's late meeting realted in a £70 profit. The usual bonuses were sulted in a £70 profit. sulted in a £70-pront. The usual nonuses were given to the hon, secretary and handicapper, and a sum of £5 was given to the Waipawa Hospital. Rhino has sufficiently recovered from his mishap to allow of his putting in an appearance on the track at Napier Park this week.

New Forest has returned from his stud work in the Wanganui district, and Connop has been treating the son of Newminster to track work during the past couple of weeks at Hastings

The Waipukurau Jockey Club has published the programme for its usual annual fixture on Easter Monday. The stakes this year have been increased by £65 over what was given last year, the total to be disbursed on April 3 reaching the goodly amount of £400 With judicious advertising—a matter some of these suburban clubs do not evidently properly understand—the affair ought to prove more than ordinarily successful.

A committee meeting of the Napier Park Racing (lub was held yesterday Present Messre J. McVay (chairman), Sweetapple, F. G. Smith, F. Moeller, and J. Bicknell. Several accounts were passed for payment. Arrangments were made for the better accommodation of the visiting public at the Park. Nine new members were elected.

February 28. Quite a gloom was thrown over Hastings yes-terday morning when it became known that Mr W. C. Edwards, Cap ain Russell's private trainer, had succumbed to the ravages of typhoid at about 10 o'cl ck that moining. On his return from the lat. Wairoa meeting, where he had been officiating as starter, he complained to me of feeling out of sorts, but he reckoned that he had caught a touch of la grippe. This idea, however, proved wrong, as after he had been at Flaxmere, his home quarters, for a week it was found out that typhoid fever was his complaint. Up to last Sunday week his condition was such that it was expected he would pull round, but from that out matters took a serious turn, and he finally succumbed yesterday merning. He was born in Victoria, and went to Dunedin early in the seventies." It was there that I first knew him, beloved and respected by all for his upright, manly, and straightforward ways. His loss will be greatly felt in this district, in which he has been resident for nearly twenty five years. He had been associated with Captain Russell for the last sixteen years in the education of the bearers of the "buff and black" uniform. Escopeda, Tigredia, Hueriana, Leonora, Katinka, Krina, Noyade, Katie Ferguson, Alionora, Cœur de Lion, and Tigress were some of the horses that he brought out from Flaxmere. In his early days he was a brilliant and courageous rider over hurdles and country, and of late years had been a keen participator of the pastime afforded by the Hawke's Bay Hounds. As a friend, and I can write with some knowledge on that heading. as our friendship had existed for so many years he was all that was loyal, true, and good, and I have to deplore the loss of such a sterling comrade. He was only 46 years of age at the time of his decease, and, sad to say, his daughter, an only child, is at present prostrated with the same disease as carried off her father. She is now an orphan, her mother having passed away about six years ago. The funeral took place to-day, his remains being laid beside his late wife in the Havelock Cemetery. The funeral cortege was nearly a mile in length, and nearly every turfite in the district attended to pay the last mark of respect to his memory. The Rev. Hobbs, who officiated at the grave-side, extolled the many virtues and attributes possessed by the deceased trainer, and in the course of his remarks said that from his own observations the profession to which he (Edwards) was attached wie in Haitings carried on in a straightforward manner, and decidedly helped to purify the sport. When sickcidedly helped to purify the sport. When sickness evertook Edwards Cour de Lion and Tigress were removed to Gooseman's charge, where they are now being prepared for their engagements

Crown Prince, the roan-coated son of Seaton Delayal and Princess Royal, the property of Mr George Richardson, was brought in from Crissoge to Mr Doncelly's place, where he has been having a spell, and was placed under Jones' care at Greenmeadows, where the other members of Mr Richardson's team are receiving their education. During his retirement Crown Prince has filled

out and furnished considerably.

Mr Kaimhela, the owner of Jadoo and Co. made an offer for Pokomoko after he had won the Welter at Palmerston North last week, but the connections of the gelding did not consider the offer, although it was a substantial one.

Coryd n, the aristocratic looking son of Strephon Young Dinah, is a much improved thorse during the past ten months, and, should looks point to success, he should not be long in attaining that desirable portion.

TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS.

Mr John Norton, editor of Truth, has addressed somewhat sensational open letter to Mr George Adams, well-known in the sporting world in connection with Tattersall's Sweeps. The following is a specimen of the accusations made by Mr Norton :-

"SIR.- 'Tattersall's' time has come. He must "SIR,—'Tattersall's' time has come. He must either reform or 'go bung.' After a very long and prosperous ruu, in which you have had all the best of it, without risk or loss, he has been pulled up with a round turn by Truth, or rather by the public in the columns of Truth. By sinister means, not far to seek, 'Tattersall' has managed to nobble the Press of the whole of Australia—in fact, by means of big, fat advertisements he has practically briled those rutative ments, he has practically bribed those rutative patriotic organs of public opinion, but really of a perverse and putrid plutocracy, into silence concerning his Sweeps. He has crushed criticism by Coin. The coin did not come out of his pockets, but out of the pockets of the public, in whose interests criticism was called for, and against whose interests it is suppressed, by means of the public money entrusted to you to administer for the public advantage—from a public sporting point of view. You have been acting for many years now as the Sporting Steward of the Public. How have you discharged your trust? Give an

It has an Agreeable Flavor. WOLFE'S SCHNAPF S It is a Safe Stimulant. **WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS** It gives Life and Vigor to the Weary WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

account of your stewardship; satisfy the public that all is, was, has been, and ever will be, straight with 'Tattersull's' ere you are over-whelmed with the blast of combined suspicion, exposure, and denunciation which now threatens Tattersall's' Sweeps with discredit, disgrace, and

It gives Good-fellowship to the Well-

"This is not the first time you have been publicly called upon to give a public account of your public stewardship. Why haven't you done it? Won't you do it? If net, why not? You won't do it, eh? Well, I'll do it for you; and when I've finished the job shares in 'Tatters.ll's' Sweeps won't stand at a premium. Why should I do this? By what right do I poke my nose into your business? What is it to do with me? I'll tell you. The public to whom you appeal for support and subscriptions, have a right to know how a concern supported by their money, and ostensibly run in their interests, is really con-ducted. I've as much right to poke my nose into your Sweep business as you have to poke your hands into people's pockets to run it, at least to your own if not the public profit. 'Tattersall's' Sweeps are as much my business as they are yours; and the reason I now, in this direct and public manner, interfere in the matter at all is that I believe that they are not conducted with invariably honesty and regularity; that in some cases they are swindles (you understand me, swindles—gross, glaring, gigantic swindles), and that it is my duty, in the public interest, to tackle 'Tattersall's' as I would any other dirty, dishonest, despicable dodgery on Turf or Tote.

"You should be the last man in the world to complain of my doing this. You've been scooping the pool—collaring "kitty"—out of these consultations for nearly twenty years. From the position of obscure country pub. keeper you've come into public importance and affluence. You run a first-class city hotel and a big restaurant you build marble bars, beautifully adorned with costly paintings, sculptures, and carvings; and, last, but not least, you build a beautiful bijou theatre, the Palace of Varieties; and all out of what? Public money—commissions, perks, and pickings out of 'Tattersall's' Sweeps 'Tattersall' has had a good deep cut at the public; and the time has now come for Truth to take a hand in the game, if only to see fair play. You have hitherto given no heed to the repeated complaints of the public made in these columns against the administration of what you call 'Tattersall's.' Your refusal to either reply or reform has already Your refusal to either reply or reform has already recoiled on you, as is shown by the enormous decrease in the number of your subscribers since the last Melbourne Cup. Then you filled every consultation you opened; since then you've called for £100,000—you get £30,000; you've called for £50,000, and you're lucky if you get £20,000. Your No. 1 All the Year Round Special was perforce kent open from last. Cup data till Anniverorce kept open from last Cup date till Anniversary Handicap—three solid months—while other | ful and extortionate horse owner current Sweeps you've had to draw pro rata"

The matter is one of much importance to New Zealand readers who have contributed so freely to Tattersall's Sweeps in the past, but the character of Tattersall has stood so high at all times that it would be grossly unfair to be prejudiced against him without solid proof. There does not appear to be much against Tattersall in the correspondence already published, and upon which Mr Norton seems to rely. This is how Truth deals with the correspondence alluded to :-

A Mrs C. Kerr, whose address at the time was olo Mr J. P. Sheehan, Forbes, N.S.W., received the following telegram:

Mrs C. Kerr,—
Ticket 5480 drawn Advance, Queensland Cup.
Small stake. Please yourself.
"TATTERSALL,"

C/o G. Adams. To this telegram Mrs Kerr replied as follows: To "Tattersall,"

O/o G. Adams.

Lay owner of Advance £1000 first; £500 second; £300 third.

MRS C. KERR. And in due course she received the following

Mrs C. Kerr,-I have laid owner as instructed. "TATTERSALL."

Woman-like, perhaps, she was curious to know who owned the horse Advance, and accordingly telegraphed the following inquiry: To "Tattersall,"

C/o G. Adams. Who is the owner of Advance? MRS C. KERR.

To which she received the following most peculiar and impolite reply: Mrs C. Kerr,-

Why do you ask owner's name? Have laid wager as instructed. "TATTELSALL."

The Queensland Cup was run, but Advance did not start, and Mrs Kerr having found out (no thanks to "Tattersall") the name and address of the owner of Advance, wrote to him, making certain inquiries, and received this reply:

> Doncaster Villa. Hendon, Queensland.

Mrs C. Kerr,-After the drawing of the Queensland Cup "Tattersall's" manager, Mr Grant, notified he wanted to see me, and I called on him. He then fold me the drawer of Advance had authorised him to lay me £500 for a win, £300 for second, and £200 for third. I told him I wanted, besides the above, £50 to start, but he refused to notify such to the drawer. I told him he was doing the drawer a great wrong if he did not point out how valuable the prize for a starter was. If Advance had started you would have been entitled to £250. I only accepted Advance knowing there would be very few starters, and that the drawer would make it worth my while to start. I did not think Advance could win the Cup. He was in another race I thought he could win, and in which he was only beaten by a head. I am very sorry for your sake and my own that you were not informed what I intended to do, and Mr

Grant is to be blamed for the whole matter.
I am, Yours faithfully, H. A. WALSH.

Hereupon Mrs Kerr placed the matter before Tattersall," and asked for some explanation of these peculiar proceedings, and was comforted with the following curious communication:

Mrs C. Kerr,—
Dear Madame,—We are in receipt of yours dated February 11th. In reply beg to state that we laid the owner of Advance £1000 to nil first; £500 to nil, second; and £300 to nil, Third; and, if he disputes this, refer him to us. The £50 to nil was a second thought with him; and as we do all in our power to discourage the blackmailing of our subscribers by the owners of horses, we did not entertain the request.

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Yours faithfully,
"TATTERSALL."

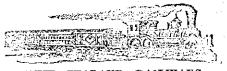
Naturally enough Mrs Kerr, sensible woman as she seems to be, was not to be bluffed off in this fashion. She again wrote to "Tattersall," complaining of the scandalous manner in which she had been dealt with, and, as an unswer, got the following confused and illogical letter, which for cast iron front and chilled steel cheek beats the best Bessemer ever blasted:

Brisbane.

To Catherine Kerr,

Forbes, N.S.W. Madam,—Yours of the 25th to hand, and, in reply, we beg to say that you are quite at liberty to publish the correspondence, but please do so in its entirety we can only repeat that we are not misleading you, and we laid the owner of Advance £1000, £500, and £300, for first, second, and third, to nil respectively, and have witnesses to prove same. When you wired asking owner's name we did not refuse the information; we merely asked for your reasons for inquiring, thinking the owner might have surreptitiously obtained your address, and was resorting to black-mail. We certainly think that a man demanding a certain amount for a certainty is blackmailing. We did most flatly decline to give the owner in question the name and address of the person drawingthis horse, and do we not advertise on all our forms that we never divulge that information? our forms that we again repeat that the person who is misleading you is not "Tattersall," and we feel confident that if you publish the correspondence the unbiassed public will be quite satisfied to take our unblemished word in preference to that of your other correspondent. We have been before the public too long, and have served them too faithfully, to be injured by the writing of a spite-"TATTERSALL."

(Signed)



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

THAMES MINERS' UNION PICNIC AT PAEROA.

ON MONDAY, March 6th, a SPECIAL TRAIN will leaves Thames for Paeron at 10.0 a.m., and will stop at Shortland and Kopu only, arriving Paeros at 11.15 a.m. Return Special will leave Paeros at 6.0 p.m., stopping where required, and arriving Thames at 7.20 p.m.

RETURN EXCURSION FARES.—First class, 5s; second class 3s.

These tickets include admission to sports at

A Special Train will leave Te Aroha Paeros at 12.10 p.m.

The usual 5.80 p.m. Te Aroha train will leave Paeros till 6.0 p.m.

BY ORDER.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

UNPRECEDENTED OFFER.

OUR MONSTER PREMIUM LIST.

The proprietors of the Sporring Review, on page 5 of this issue, offer a series of valuable prizes as premiums to readers who send in prepaid yearly subscriptions to the SPORTIAG REVIEW.

A glance at that page will show the excellent character of the articles offered to those readers who care to devote their spare time to the endeavor to obtain subscribers to this journal. The proprietors are offering these valuable premiums as they desire to make the Sporting Review more widely known. As an illustrated sporting and dramatic newspaper, the SPORTING REVIEW occupies the leading position in the colony, and it has long been established as the sporting authority of the North Island of New Zealand. It should not, therefore, be a difficult task for our readers to obtain subscribers. Amongst their many friends and acquaintances there must be numbers who would gladly subscribe to the paper, not only for its intrinsic value, but as a help towards the acquirement by their friends of one or other of the prizes offered. To anyone obtaining two hundred prepaid yearly subscriptions a handsome and valuable Waldmann plane is offered; for one hundred subscriptions the prize is one of the wellknown "Reynolds" bicycles; for thirty-five subscriptions the successful canvasser can have the choice of a gold hunting watch or a double-ba-rel top-lever breech-loading gun; for thirty prepaid subscriptions the sender may have a first-class suit of clothes made to order, and so on through the list. The proprietors do not confine themselves to one article, nor will the premiums offered always be the same. Special prizes will be offered to lady canvassers, the object of the proprietary being to please the working readers, as well as to substantially reward them for their labor. Full information will be given to intending canvassers on application at this office.

THE AUCKLAND LADIES' BENEVO-LENT SOCIETY'S CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next the Exhibition buildings will be under the sway of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. The carnival promises to be a big success. On the Wednesday there will be a procession of florally decorated bicycles, go carts, perambulators, goat and dog-carts—the latter for dogs really, and not for bigger quadrupeds. A great attraction will be Captain Lorraine's balloon ascent and subsequent descent in his parachute. This appearance will be the last that Captain Lorraine will make during his present visit to Auckland. In the evening there will be bicycle races on the sports track, under the direction of the Auckland Cycling Club, a promenade concert, tableaux vivants, and ventriloquism. On Thursday there will be a grand fancy dress, and powder-and-patch ball in Nos. 1 and 2 courts. A very strong body of stewards has been formed for the ball, including all the leading influential men in Auckland, so this affair of powder and patches should be an unqualified success. The fruit show and cooking competitions—full particulars of which appear in the advertising portion of the Review—are arousing much interest. All the articles sent in for these competitions are to be given to the ball committee. Amongst the prizes for the cooking pompetitions is a gas stove given by the Gas Company for the most successful entries cooked by gas. Though the ball is announced as a fancy dress function, ladies and gentlemen in evening dress will not be barred, but it is hoped that as many as possible will array themselves in fancy costumes, and thus help towards the picturesque offect of the gathering. Ball tickets can be ob-tained at Upton's, or at Wildman and Lyell's. The arrangements for the carnival have been carried out efficiently by a strong committee, who have an energetic secretary in Miss Goodall.

ACCEPTANCES.

I HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MARCH 15.

THE HAWKE'S BAY STAKES, five furlongs and a half. Mr M. Hobbs' ch f Hermosa, by St Leger-Lady Evelyn, Major George's ch c Seahorse, by Nelson-Moonga, 2yrs

Mr G. G. Stead's b c Conqueror, by Medallion—Siesta,

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Nr G. G. Stead's b c Altair, by Castor—Cissy, 3yrs

Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Screwgun, by Hotchkiss—Rose of
Wellington, 2yrs

Mr E. J. Watts' ch c St Mark, by St Leger—Leorina, 2yrs

Mr E. J. Watts' ch f Tirade, by Mousquetaire—Florence

McCarthy, 2yrs
Mr L. D. Nathan's ch c Hastings, by Seaton Delaval—
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Mr L. D. Nathan's ch f Rosella, by Seaton Delaval—

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Mr G. P. Donnelly's br g Oingo, by Torpedo –Como, 3yrs

Mr J. Paul's blk f Black Jacket, by Westmere—Echo, 2yrs

Mr G. Hunter's ch f Mistra, by Apremont—Nautilus, 2yrs

Captain Russell's ch f Tigress, by Dreadnought—Tigredia,

Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f Ideal, by Dreadnought—Mount Ida, Syrs

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

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OUR £50 COUPON.

O.M.—Two coupons received. R.B.M.—Coupon received. T.M.G.—Your coupon received. J.S., Albert Terrace.—Coupon informal; too



COROMANDEL RACING CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE CLUB'S COURSE, COROMANDEL, ON FRIDAY, МАКСИ 17тн, 1899-

OFFICERS—Judge: T. W. Rhodes, Esq., J.P. Handicappers: Messrs P. Brodie, A. Fortune, C. McCormick. Stewards: Messrs Jas. Rolleston, R. Campbell, A. J. Prescott, Jas. McCarten, A. Fortune, F. D. Yonge, C. McCormick.

PROGRAMME

(UNDER METROPOLITAN RULES).

Trial Stakes of 7 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race exceeding in value £20. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 7s.

Hurdle Race of 10 sovs; second horse to recive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 5s; acceptance

ance, 5s.

Pony Race of 7 sovs; second horse to receive 1
sov from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and
under. Distance, five furlongs. Entrance, 7s.

St. Patrick's Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse
to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile
and a quarter. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 5s.

Hack Race of 5 sove. For horses that have never

won a race exceeding 5 soys in value. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 5s.

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Flying Stakes of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.

Forced Handicap of 5 sovs. Compulsory with winning horses to enter; optional with losers. Distance, seven furlongs. Entrance, 5s.

CONDITIONS.

1. All Nominations and Acceptances must be accompanied with necessary fees.
2. Pedigree, age of horse, and colors of rider, to be sent with nomination.

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3. NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, at the Coromandel Hotel, and with Mr H. H. Hayr, Vulcan Lane, Auckland, up till 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, 3rd

Vulcan Lane, Auckland, up and to permanent March.

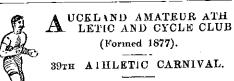
4. WEIGHTS declared on WEDNESDAY, March 8.

5. ACCEPTANCES close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, March 10th, with the Secretary, at Coromandel, or Mr H. H. Hayr, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

H. G. GATLAND,

Secretary.

Do you want a new saddle, value £4. Read our monster premium list on page 5.



39TH AIHLETIC CARNIVAL.

To be held on the

DOMAIN CRICKET GROUND. SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1899.

THE ANNUAL AUTUMN CARNIVAL

Of the above Popular Club will be held in the

CRICKET GROUND DOMAIN ON SATURDAY WEEK NEXT, March 11.

CYCLING for Amateur Cyclists. FOOT RACES.

> HURDLE RACES. HIGH JUMP, Etc., Etc.

Band in Attendance.

ADMISSION-ONE SHILLING.

JAS. W. BROWNE, Hon. Secretary.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS

THREE LAST NIGHTS! THREE LAST NIGHTS!

FRIDAY NIGHT, BENEFIT TO MR ROBT. LOVE. When a Handsome Piece of

Silver Plate will be given as a prize to the winner of the

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CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Fine weather was experienced on the first day of the meeting, but there was only a moderate attendance. The sum of £1643 was passed through the machine. The following are the results:—

HALSWELL HURDLES of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

48 Mr H. A. Knight's ch g Nicholas, by Apremont—Nickname, 6yrs, 10.13, Roberts
 53 Mr O B. Wise's b g Glenore, aged, 10.13, Robert-

Pioneer, 2.0. Won by a neck. Time, 3min 24 4-5sec. Dividend, £5

HORNBY WELTER of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

8.2.
Won by a head, with Falka a good third. Time, 1min
Sec. Dividend, £5 !4s 6d.

MIDDLE PARE PLATE of 250 soys; second horse 20 soys from the stake. Six furlongs.

TRIAL STAKES of 50 sovs. One mile.

lock, 8.2. Won by a length. Time, 1min 45sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse 40 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

LATTELTON PLATE of 120 sove; second horse 10 sove from the stake. Five furlongs.

ORAVEN PLATE of 150 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

TRLEGRAPH HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Four furlongs. 185 Mr T. Sheenan's ch m Alcestis, by Master George
Psyche, aged, 7.8, Rainbow
140 Mr S. Brown's br h Warrington, aged, 6.7, Mc-147 Mr. C. W. Williams' oh ic iLepanto, 3yrs, 7.11.

Other starters—27 Veronica, 7.7; 59 Kismiss, 7.7. Won by three lengths. Time, 49sec. Dividend, £2 18s ed. The winner was bought in for £5.

SECOND DAY-SATURDAY, JANUARY 25. Splendid weather was again experienced, but there was enly a moderate attendance. The sum of £5229 was passed through the machine. The following are the results:—

BELFAST HURDLES of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Once round and a distance.

Mr H. A. Knight's ch g Nicholas, by Apremont— Nickname, 6vrs, 11.10. Roberts

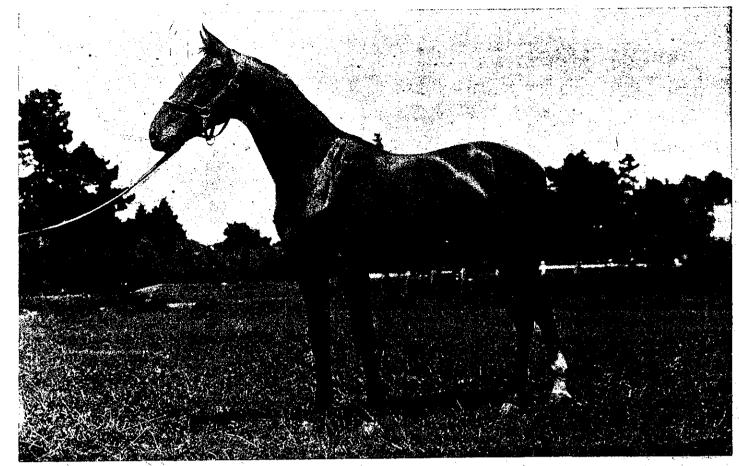


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on 2 Glenore, aged, 11.5, Robertson 2

47 Mr J. Campbell's br h Magazine, aged, 9.10, Pine 3
Other starters—192 Powder Monkey, 10.11; 45 Clarence, 10.2; 45 Rhoderick Dhu, 9.5.
Won comfortably by 5-5. Won comfortably by four lengths. Time, 3min 5sec. Dividend, £5 8s 6d.

LINWOOD WELTER of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Une mile.

CHAMPION PLATE of 300 sovs; second horse 30 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

108 Mr S. Solomor's bg Blazer, by St Clair—Mountain
Lity, 4yrs, 9 2, Jackson
104 Mr M. Hobbs' ch g Dundas, 4yrs, 6.7, R. Wilson
126 Mr F. Webb's ch g Boreas, aged, 9.5, Wilson
Other starters—33 Djin-Djin, 8.2; 55 Benzoin, 7 5
Won by a length. Boreas was beaten for accord pla
by a head. Time, 1min 30 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

RICHMOND PLATE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

330 Mr G. G. Stead's b g Courtier, by St George—
Adulation, 9 11, Derrett

55 Mr H. A. Knight's b f Suzannah, 7.6, W. Holmes 2
62 Sir George Clifford's ch f Francisca, 6.12, Pine . . 3
Other starters—155 Rougemont, 84; 22 Simpleton, 6.9, carried 6 12.
Won by three lengths. Time Imin 7.45-5- Dicident

Von by three lengths. Time, Imin 7 4-5sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

ST. ALBANS HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse 25 sovs from the stake. One mile.

98 Mr H. Goodman's or m Pitch and Toss, by Medal-lion—Vaultress, 5yrs, 7.2. Hewitt 187 Sir G. Clifford's ch m Goldleaf, 4yrs, 7-12, W.

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111 Mr V. Harris' ch g Rochester. 5yrs, 7.1, Octton ... 3
Other starters—319 Altair, 9.3; 51 Skirmisher, 7.13; 30
Jewel, 7.12; 40 Sequin, 7.7; 77 Malatus, 6.19.
Won by half a length, half a length between second and third. Time, Imin 43:ec. Dividend, £10 4s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

32 Mr H. A. Knight's b m Argon, by Medallion—Auray, 4yrs, 7.5, Forward

110 Mr J. Fitzgeraid's blk m Gladys II.. 5yrs, 7.10, Cotton

66 Mr T. Stewart's b g The Spinner, 5yrs, 8.2, Rat-

Other starters—47 The Orphan, 9.0; 101 Ben Farley, 8.9; 65 Cherrystone, 8.3; 181 Hermosa 8.2; 51 Warrington, 7.9; 149 Falka, 7.8; 9 Shekel, 7.6.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 24-5sec. Dividend, £25 88 6d.

SELLING RACE of 50 soys. Six furlongs. Mr T. Sheenan's ch g Alcestis, by Master George— Psyche, aged, 7.7, Rainbow . Mr H. A. Knight's rn g Bi-metallist, 5yrs, 8.0, Derrett Mr R. Alexander's ch m The Orphan, aged, 7.7, Buddi-

Other starters—Vulcau, 7.13; Lapidary, 7.7; Belligerent, Won by a length. Time, 1min 16 3-5sec. Dividend, £6 24. The winner was bought at £65.

POST HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile.

Gold, 6.7. Won easily. Time, 1min 44 4-5sec. Dividend, £3 19s

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MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Although the sky was over-cast no rain fell, and the attendance was better than last year. The sum of £4951 was passed through the machine as against £4692 last year, when there were eight races on the card. Following year, when there are the results :-

FLYING HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

122 Oingo 7.9 42 Osborne, 7.0 ... 53 Aquatic, 7.12 2 .. 3 Other starters—118 Titoki, 8.11; 65 Armoureux, 8.6. Won by a length. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividend, £2

HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

9.3. Won by a length. Time, 3min 56sec. Dividend, £3 5s. MANAWATU R.C. HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 40 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One and three-cuarter

205 Splinter, by Natator-Don Juan mare, 10.13,

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Higgins

99 Shylock, 10.10, Walls

28 Whangaroa, 11.7, Cochrane
Other starters—38 Nayborn, 10.11; 40 Agent General,
9.13; 12 Merry Boy, 9.10; 31 Frost, 9.7; 7 Robin Hood,
9.6; 64 Derry, 9.5.
Won comfortably by a couple of lengths. Time, 3min
24sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

BOROUGH HANDICAP of 65 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance.

78 The Miller, by Armament-Maid of the Mill, 7.0,

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 50 soys; second horse 10 soys from the stake. Five furlongs.

1rom the stake. Five furiongs.

237 Aquatic, by Natator—Corrisande, 8.4, Williams ... 1
62 The Onyx, 7.10, Maunieg ... 2
136 Fleka, 7.0, Lord
Other starters—195 Amoureux, 8.13; 45 Kaimai, 6.9.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 7 2-5sec. Dividend, £2 11s.

A discontented person hailing from the Empire City has addressed a letter to the Christchurch Referee complaining of the moribund condition of the North Island Trotting Association, lauding the Southern Association, and urging the forma-tion of one body for the control of trotting in New Zealand. I reed not fully discuss the question in this issue, but I must say that the Northern Association appears to conduct its business satisfactorily, and that sufficient meetings for business accruing take place. Too many cooks spoil the broth, and too many meetings with no business to transact give rise to much unnecessary squabbling and frothy talk. The Wellington "North Islander" probably has an axe to grind, or else his dignity has suffered through the Forth Island Association doing its duty. Anyhow, it is rather curious to find the Referee making a leading article from an acconymous letter.

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TROTTING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

March 4, Sat; 9, Thurs—Plumpton Park T.C. Autumn
March 16, Thurs—Hawle's Bay T.C. Autumn
March 16, Thurs; 20, Mon—Greymouth T.C Autumn
March 24, Fri; 29, Wed—Tahuna Park T.C Autumn
April 1, Sat; 3, Mon—Wellington T.C Autumn
April 1, Sat; 5, Wed—Auckland T.C Autumn
April 1, Sat; 5, Wed—Lancaster Park Amateur T.C
Autumn
May 18, Thurs; 24, Wed—Canterbury T.C Autumn

NOMINATIONS.

March 11—Greymouth T.C Autumn March 13—Wellington T.C Autumn March 18—Lancaster Park Amateur T.C Autumn April 29—Canterbury T.C Autumn

HANDICAPS.

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March 3 - Tahuna Park T.C Autumn

March 4 - Hawke's Bay T.C Autumn

March 6 - Plumpton Park T.C Autumn

March 90 - Wellington T.C Autumn

March 25 - Lancaster Park Amateur T.C Autumn

March 25 - Tahuna Park T.C Autumn

March 27 - Tahuna Park T.C Autumn

April 3 - Uancaster Park Amateur T.C Autumn

May 6 and 20 - Canterbury T.C Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

March 7-Plumpton Park T.C Autumn
March 10—Tahuna Park T.C Autumn
March 11—Hawke's Bay T.C Autumn
March 11—Greymouth T.C Autumn
March 27—Wellington T.C Autumn
March 27—Tahuna Park T.C Autumn
March 29—Lancaster Park Amateur T.C Autumn
April 3—Lancaster Park Amateur T.C Autumn
May 11 and 22—Canterbury T.C Autumn

. THIRD PAYMENT. March 16—Hawke's Bay T.C Autumn

NOTES.

The Plumpton Park Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting commences next week.

The finishes at Potter's Paddock were much closer on Wednesday than they were on the first day of the Otahuhu Meeting. Both the Herness and the Telegraph Trot were well fought out. In the first named race Alice was trotted to a standstill and had the race been a hundred yards longer Rosebud would have caught and beaten

The Telegraph Trot also furnished an exciting finish. Little Agnes, with her neck stretched out, went for all she was worth, and with Dulce and Albert Victor in full chase at top speed the last lap was good to watch. Greenwood nursed Dulce beautifully, and I think he got every ounce out of his mount and only just got beaten. Dulce stretch out her head and neck as Little Agnes does the result would have been a dead

The Lancaster Park Amateur Trotting Club's Autumn programme is a capital one, and there should be some splendid trotting at the meeting which will be held on April 1st and 5th. There are two races with 110 sovs each for horses that can do 5.10 or under for the two miles, and two races of like value for horses that can do 5.20 or under for two miles.

On the first day of the meeting the Dash Handicap of one mile, with 60 sovs, is for pacers only, and the limit is 12sec. A race for trotters only is set down for the second day. This also is worth 60 sovs, the distance is a mile, and the limit is 15sec. All through the programme is an attractive one to owners, and the Club ought to receive generous support.

Bellman came out of his shell at Potter's on Wednesday. He trotted admirably and never broke a break worth mentioning. When he does go amiably he moves so well that one is lost in conjecturing how good a horse Bellman really

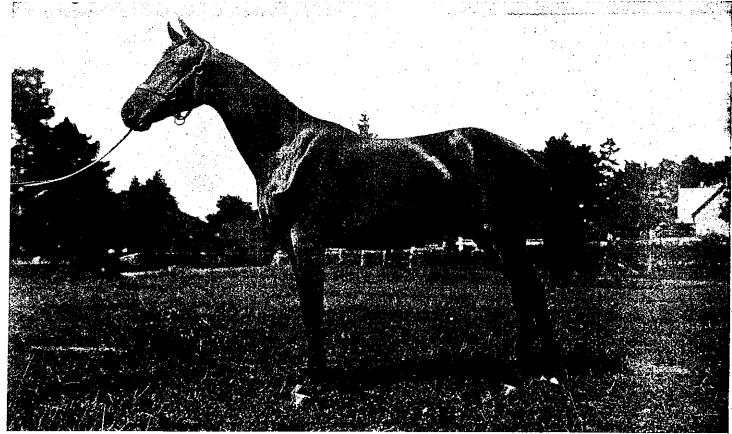


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Maria would have paid a big dividend if she had got home in front of Vola Clair on Saturday. There was only one ticket on Bowden's mare, and at one time the holder must have been on pretty good terms with himself.

Albert Victor once again gave a splendid demonstration of his right to be called a great horse. And really it was distressing to see the grand animal beaten after making such a gallant fight in the Criterion Trot.

Apart from the long start a horse of Albert Victor's calibre has to concede it must be taken into consideration that he has to get through his field. There is the chance of getting blocked by an unscrupulous man, and there is also the chance of getting shut in by the inexperienced.

It was pleasant to see Henry pull out on Cob and give Albert Victor a clear run. Of course, Cob was breaking badly and he had no chance of winning at the time his rider made room for Albert Victor.

After the finish for the Class Trot on Saturday the stewards of the Otahuhu Club met to consider a couple of protests. Duncan, the driver of Mr P. Williams' Alice, protested against both Peril and Judah on account of reversal of form, but after hearing Duncan's statement and Bagby's reply, the latter protest was dismissed and the deposit was ordered to be forfeited. In the case of Peril Duncan withdrew the protest. In regard to Bagby's protest against Peril, the owner of Judah stated that Peril was not, in his opinion, ridden out in the Otahuhu Trotting Cup or in the Criterion Trot. Byers stated that on each occasion his mare had been ridden out, and in every race he had tried to win. After it had been pointed out that Peril and Judah finished close together in the Otahuhu Cup on the previous Saturday run in 5min 432sec, and that the Class Trot was done in 5min 33sec, the stewards decided to dismiss the protest, but returned the deposit as Bagly had reasonable grounds for his

Somebody at Potter's on Wednesday thought that the "boss" calculator was out of his reckoning for once in a way. But when Mr Gellibrand showed exactly how the figures worked the gentleman who hoped he had found a bigger dividend, beat a basty retreat a sadder yet a wiser punter.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

BY PETRONEL.

SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Notwithstanding that rain fell continuously from twelve o'clock on Wednesday the Otahuhu Trotting Club did not suffer. The attendance was very good considering the state of the weather, and the totalisator figures—£1851 in ten shilling tickets—prove that speculation was rather lively. Some very interesting racing was witnessed. The trotting races were productive of far better finishes than were witnessed on the first day, and though the unexpected happened in a couple of instances the pony events were well contested, and resulted in good races.

For the first event on the card, the Trial Trot Handicap, Yuba Bill was the only withdrawal. Bagby's black horse, Vola Clair, was established favorite, Dulce, the winner of the Maiden Trot, being his closest attendant on the machines. After these there was a big gap in the numbers till Coralie and Lass were supported by their admirers. Coralie was rather slow in getting off the mark, but once going she trotted fast for a lar. After that distance had been covered the issue lay between Dulce and Vola Clair. former trotted very evenly, whereas Vols Clair repeatedly broke in his efforts to catch the leader, and lost ground whenever Bagby urged him. An interesting finish saw Dulce pass the judge a fairly comfortable winner by nearly twenty

La Rose, Manola, Kitty a Cushla, and Taniki, declining the Second Maiden Pony Race left eleven runners, and of these Stella and Texas received the bulk of the public's investments, New Boy, Carmen, and Fairy following next in favor. From a very good start, Texas—ridden by young Simpson—was quickly in front, after. Stella had got a good start. This pair led the field along the back and through the dip, where Jennie got rid of her rider, who was nothing the worse for his tumble. At the home turn the field closed up, and half a dozen ponies came up the straight pretty nearly level. Just below the stand Texas was done with, and Carmen and New Boy were on terms with Stella, with Fairy on the rails in close attendance. Fairy had a clear run, and Johnston, timing it very nicely, came with a rush and landed the Lionel mare an easy winner by a couple of lengths.

Peril, Hollywood, and Larry M. going out left ten to try conclusions in the Suburban Trot Handicap. Bellman and Wild Rose II. were both well backed, and there was the tween them in point of favoritism. Uric was also well backed. Little Agnes, making the most of her long start, 58sec, moved along gaily, and in possession of a long lead. Wild both well backed, and there was very little bewas very soon in possession of a long lead. Wild Rose II. did not trot any too kindly, and Bellman was quickly upsides with her, and owing to Old Judge's breaking Henry's horse was soon the only competitor threatening danger to Little Agnes. The latter trotted like a bit of machinery, and never making a mistake, she still had a good lead when the last lap was commenced. Bellman, however, who moved grandly, gradually gained, and catching the mare just below the distance, trotted home a winner by about four lengths.

For the Otahuhu Pony Cup Carmen and Marvellous were the non-starters. Nora was made a warm favorite, La Rose coming next, and then Nannie. As usual, Nora got the worst of the start, and La Rose, followed by Lulu and New Boy, made the running. The same order cou-tinued along by the gates, and round the back when in the dip Nora ran up to fourth place, and Sinton, riding a well-judged race, brought his mount up on the outside, and half-way up the straight had the opposition settled, landing. Nora a winner by a couple of lengths.

August was made a hot favorite for the Second Harness Trot, being preferred before Rosebud and Alice. Hollywood, the limit horse, was quickly passed by the favorite, who was chased by Alice, trotting very kindly. Williams' mare trotted in fine style, and coming out of the dip the second time she gave August the go-by. Then Chatteris set to work in earnest with Rosebud, and though the Childe Harold mare moved very fast during the whole of the last lap, she could not quite catch Alice, who won, all out, by three lengths, with August a long way off third.

All the seven little 'chasers colored on the card went to the post for the Steeplechase, and a very pretty race was seen. Fairy was the pick of the public, and she fully justified their confidence. Karaka was first over the stone wall into the "country," but was quickly headed by Helena, who with The Dove and Little Raven as nearest attendants, made nearly the whole of the running. Fairy lay last for the best part of the journey, but in the last round she made her move, and catching Helena at the second stone wall, ran home an easy winner by five lengths, with Little Raven a fair third.

The Telegraph Trot, one mile, was a contest between Dulce, Little Agnes, and Albert Victor. Dulce was favorite, despite her penalty of 5sec. Little Agnes, on the limit, went off in fine style, and though Dulce made a splendid fight coming up the straight the limit mare won a great race by the shortest of heads, with Albert Victor only a ifew lengths away third. The latter trotted grandly, and it was hard luck for his owner that the going was so heavy, or he would probably



Photo by C. Bell, Auckland.

For the last race, the Pony Handicap, only three started, Nora, Topsail, and La Rose. Top-

sail was made favorite, as Nora carried a 71b Penalty for her victory in the Cup. She got left at the post, and lost several lengths. La Rose and Topsail went off smartly, but despite their efforts the Nelson mare was almost on terms at the home turn, and halfway up the straight she put in a strong run, and finished an easy winner

by half a dozen lengths.

The following are the results:—

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP (saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

40 Mr J. D. Wickham's br m Dulce, by Newland's Hambletonian-Iniquity, aged, scr, A. Greenwood
72 Mr W. Bagby's blk h Vola Clair, aged,

3sec, owner 3
Other starters—0 Brilliant, 15sec; 9 Imperial
Prince, 20sec; 2 Bugler, 20sec; 17 Coralie,
20sec; 9 Viscount, 20sec; 4 Katie, 20sec. Won by four lengths. Time, 4min 19sec. Dividend, £1 16s.

SECOND MAIDEN PONY RACE of 20 sovs; second pony 3 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs. 35 Mr J. Deed's ch m Fairy, by Lionel,

aged, 9.5, Johnston Mr J. Powell's ch m Carmen, aged, 8.4, White... ... Mr J. Clarke's b g New Boy, aged, 8.0,

Donovan

Other starters—171 Stella, 8.2; 169 Texas, 8.0; O Brooklet, 7.12; 23 Merry Boy, 7.12; 32 Spreydon, 7.7: 12 Marvellous, 7.0; 13 Jennie,

Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 9sec. Dividend, £7. Jennie slipped in the cutting and unseated her rider.

SUBURBAN TROT HANDICAP (saddle) of 50 sovs second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two

144 Mr R. S. Henry's ch h Bellman, aged, 20sec, owner ...

35 Mr J. Brady's b m Little Agnes, aged, 58eec, F. Brady ...

TELEGRAPH TROT HANDICAP (saddle or harness) of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

84 Mr J. Brady's b m Little Agnes, aged,

32sec. F. Brady Mr J. D. Wickham's br m Dulce, aged, 24sec (including 5sec pen.), A. Green wood

Mr W. Abbott's, jun., b h Albert Vic-

tor, aged, scr, Duncan ... 3 Other starters — 4 Charlie, 9sec; 0 Isabel, 18sec; 5 Peril, 19sec; 24 August, 22sec; 0 Hard Case, 22sec; 5 Miss Huon, 22sec; 4 Uric, 27sec; 6 Martha, 30sec; 3 Tip-Top, 31sec; 25 Lass, 31sec; 5 Lawyer Bell, 32sec.

Won by a short head after a good race. Time,

2min 57½ sec. Dividend, £2 9s.

PONY HANDICAP of 20 sovs . second pony 3 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

S. Mr. Tilson Smith's br m Nora, by Nelson-Muskerina, 5yre, 10.2 (including 7lb pen.), Sinton ... Mr W. Reyrold's ch m Topsail, aged,

9.7, Bingham 41 Mr W. J. Matthew's b m La Rose, 6yrs, 2

8.4, Simpson These were the only starters.

Won by half a dozen lengths. Time, 1min 11sec. Dividend, £8 2s.

THIRD DAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

On Saturday the weather was distinctly favorable, consequently there was a very big gathering at Potter's Paddock for the third day of the Otahuhu Club's Summer fixture. The racing, both trotting and galloping, was decidedly interesting, and though there were some surprises the various events resulted in good finishes, for which praise is due to the handicapper, Mr E. D. Halstead. During the afternoon the sum of £2932 was passed through the machine in ten shilling tickets. This, added to the previous days' returns, makes a total of £7481 10s for the meeting, a highly satisfactory result considering Wednesday's unfavorable climatic conditions.

very badly, and lost what then seemed a certain winning chance. Cob's breaking let up Little Agnes again, and she came up the straight ahead of Bob E.T. (who galloped some considerable distance) and Cob, with Albert Victor coming like greased lightning. Henry pulled out to let Albert Victor up, but despite a grand effort, the scratch horse could not quite reach Little Agnes, who won by about a length. Bob E.T. was placed third, and Cob finished fourth. It was a great race on Albert Victor's part, and it was certainly hard lines for his owner to come up against such a veritable "snag" as Little Agnes. The latter is as game as a pebble and as honest as the day. After appearing beaten, she rallied worderfully, landed the race, and gave her supporters the big dividend of £21 6s. The time for the race was 4min 23sec.

Nora was made a warm favorite for the Welcome Stakes, from which Fairy and La Rose went out. Next to the Nelson mare, Certain, Nannie, and Topsail received most support. Certain made made most of the running, with Topsail, Kit, and Lulu in close attendance. Coming round the home turn Kit went to the front, closely followed by Nora, and a slashing finish resulted in a win by a length for Kit, with Lulu in third place.

August was made favorite for the Class Trot, two miles, but she never appeared to have a winning chance, and the finish was between Peril and Judah. At the bottom of the straight it looked any odds on Bagby's mare, but the grey actually held the chestnut up the straight, and won by not quite a clear length. Alice was third and August fourth.

The Hurdle Race, which was supposed to be a match between Fairy and New Boy, was de prived of much interest through a chapter of accidents at the nurdle opposite the stand. In landing over that obstacle Lulu seemed to cross her legs, and down she came. New Boy was right in line with Lulu, and jumped right on top of her, and Karaka also shared in the scrimmage. After this the race was all over, for Fairy went to the front when Johnston asked her, and won easily from Effic and Little Raven. Fairy jumped very well and it was a pity that New Boy came Jennie, 6.7; 19 Marvellous, 6.7; 20 Trick Pony,

Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 72sec. Dividend, £5 13s.

CRITERION TROT HANDICAP (84ddle or harness) of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

Lawyer Bell, 43sec.

Won by a length and a half, after a grand effort on the part of the scratch horse. Time, 4min 23sec. Dividend, £21 6s.

WELCOME STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Six and a half furlongs.

79 Mr M. Moore's ch m Kit, 9.0, Sharp ... 1

298 Mr Tilson Smith's br m Nors, 5yrs,

7.7. McEwen... ... 3.
Other starters - 141 Nannie, 10.8; 110 Topseil, 9.4; 140 Certain, 8.2; 53 Stenson, 6.12. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 30sec. Dividend, £4 19s.

CLASS TROT HANDICAP (saddle or harness) of 40 sovs: second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

Mr Alfred D. Glass' gr m Peril, by Lord Unrold — Arab mare, aged; 32sec. Byers ... Mr W. Bagby's ch m Judah, aged,

12sec. owner 50 Mr P. Williams' b m Alice, aged, 18sec,

Duncan 3
ther starters - 110 Duke C., scr; 79 Pioke,
32sec; 9 Ladv Retford, 34sec; 155 August,
38sec; 48 Old Judge, 38sec.

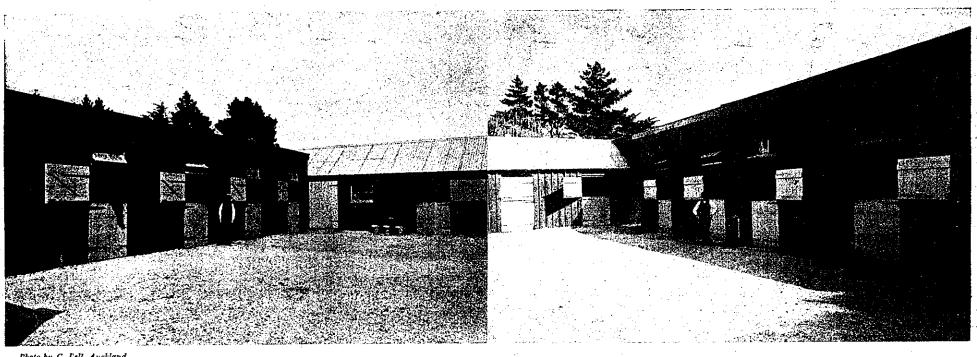


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THE HON. H. MOSMAN'S TRAINING STABLES AT GREEN LANE, ELLERSLIE.

Mr S. Baker's b g Old Judge, aged,

28sec, Williams Other starters-32 Duke C., sor; 136 Wild Rose II., 24sec; II Hard Case, 38sec; 3 Montreal, 42sec; 116 Uric, 15sec; 3 Imperial Prince, 60sec; 35 Yuba Bill, 60sec.

Won by four lengths. Time, 5min 20sec.

Dividend, £1 15s. OTAHUHU PONY CUP of 40 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

Mr T. Smith's b m Nora, by Nelson-Muskerins, 5yrs, 9.7, Sinton ... Mr J. W. Matthew's b m La Rose, 6yrs, 7.12, Simpson Mr S. Bray's b m Lulu, 6yrs or aged, 7.12, McEwen 33

Other starters-101 Nannie, 10.7; 30 Certain, 8.4; 61 New Boy, 7.12. Won comfortably. Time, 1min 55sec. Divi-

dend, £1 4s. SECOND HARNESS TROT HANDICAP of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two

105 Mr P. Williams' b m Alice, aged, 22sec, Duncan 137 Mr A. Hughes' ch m Rosebud, aged,

8sec, Chatteris Mr R. S. Henry's br m August, aged, 38sec, owner 3 Other starters - 19 J.H., 4sec; 37 Hollywood,

Won by three lengths after a good race. Time, 5min 53eec. Dividend, £2 3s.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half.

263 Mr J. Deed'sohm Fairy, by Lionel, aged, 10.12. Johnston 88 Mrs A. Bowden's ch m Helena, aged,

Mr R. S. Henry's blk g Little Raven,

aged, 11.2, owner Other starters 82 little Tom, 11.0: 38 Karaka, 10.12; 41 The Dove, 10.5; 68 Effie, 9.9. Won essily. Time, 5min 30sec. Dividend

From the President's Handicap Trot, the initial race on the programme, Montreal was the only scratching. Vola Clair and Dulce were supposed to be the ones likely to pass the judge first, and finally the black horse was a firm first favorite, Coralie and Hero coming next to Dulce set out in good style, and soon had the long start division in trouble. Dulce broke badly after going about fifty yards, the cause, subsequently explained by Greenwood, being that some man struck the mare as she trotted along close to to the rails. Dulce lost a lot of ground through this blackguardly action, and was never prominent in the race. Vola Clair gained very steadily upon the leader, who, making the home turn for the last time, broke up badly, and let Bagby's horse get on terms. Once in the straight the black horse had the race at his mercy, and he got home a comfortable winner by a couple of lengths from Maria, with Dulce, who came fast through the beaten lot, third.

Jennie went out of the Tamaki Stakes, which the public appeared to regard as a contest between La Rose and Fairy. Texas was best backed after these two. The weight seemed to tell upon Fairy, who, though she got away well, soon dropped back, leaving Newboy and La Rose in the van. These two practically had the race to themselves, and after holding the lead for nearly the whole of the distance New Boy won comfortably by a length from La Rose, with Spreydon third and Fairy fourth. New Boy returned his supporters an excellent dividend, a shade more than 10 to 1.

From the Criterion Trot, one mile and a half, Judah was the only absentee. Of the twelve starters the public fancled Albert Victor very strongly, and then in order named Bob E.T., Cob, and Old Judge. The scratch horse trotted very finely, and gradually but surely cut the field down. In the last lap Little Agnes still had a good lead as they passed the stand, but Cob and Bob E.T. closed up when the back stretch was negotiated. As the field came out of the dip Little Agnes seemed to falter, and Cob took the lead, but almost directly afterwards he broke

to grief and put aside the prospect of a close finish.

The public fastened on Empress for the Richmond Domain Trot, and established Cob as second favorite. Martha (27sec) quickly went to the front, and stepping out well, soon had a good lead. She broke rather badly, however, and spoilt her chance. After Martha was done with, Lawyer Bell took the lead, chased by Le Cerbeau and Wild Rose II The big horse lasted long enough to win by a length from Wild Rose II., who passed Le Corbeau coming up the straight.

Nora, Playboy, and Trick Pony were the scratchings for the Franklin Handicap, for which Kit and Topsail were best backed. Neither had a say in the finish, however, for La Rose jumped off with the lead, and never being headed, won easily from Carmen and Kit.

The following are the results:-

PAESIDENT'S HANDICAP TROT (saddle or harness) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

218 Mr W. Bagby's blk h Vola Clair, by
Antivola — Perrequita, aged, 7sec.

1 Mr W. J. Bowden's ch m Maria, aged, 28sec, owner Mr J. D. Wickham's br m Dulce, aged,

ecr, A. Greenwood 3
Other starters—55 Hero, 20sec; 5 Tangi, 20sec; 4 Brilliant, 24sec; 1 Imperial Prince, 24sec; 66 Coralie, 26sec; 12 Victor Royal,

28sec; 2 Katie, 28sec. Won easily. Time, 4min 16sec. Dividend,

TAMAKI STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs; second pony 3 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs. 70 Mr J. Clarke's b g New Boy, aged, 8.4,

Kelly ... Mr W. J. Matthews' b m La Rose, 6yrs, 8.4, simpson ... Mr T. Langlois' b g Spreydon, 5yrs, 7.0,

Won by a length. Time, 5min 33sec. Dividend, £8 15s.

SECOND HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 30 sove; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. One mile

317 Mr J. Deed's ch m Fairy, by Lionel, aged, 11.7, Johnston... 55 Mr F. Stanley's br m Fflie, aged, 9.5,

Brocklesby ... 2

72 Mr R. S. Henry's blk g Little Raven, sged, 9.12, Hogan ... 3

Other starters—264 New Boy, 110; 47 Little

Tom, 10.6; 26 Karaka, 10.5; 128 Helena, 10.5; 26 Manola, 9.7; 41 Lulu, 90; 28 Deceiver, 9.0, Won easily. Lulu, New Boy, and Karaka fell, Time, 3min 4sec. Dividend, £1 8sec.

RICHMOND DOMAIN HANDICAP TROT (saddle or harness) of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

25 Mr Thomas Stewart's b g Lawyer Bell, by Judge Beldon, aged, 32sec, W. Greenwood Greenwood ... 28 Mr H. Schmeidel's b m Wild Rose 11.,

nged, 12sec, Ellett ... Mr W. C. Hird's br g Le Corbeau, aged,

Other staries-47 Old Judge, 14sec; 13 Peril, 16sec; 106 Cob, 16sec; 11 Miss Buon, 19sec; 2 Gay Belle, 22sec; 14 Little Agnes, 25sec; 162 Empress, 25sec; 22 Martha, 27sec; 10 Yuba Bill, 29sec.

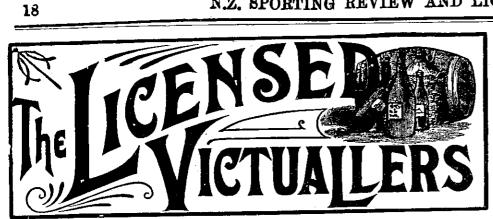
Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 51sec. Dividend, £8 8s.

FRANKLIN HANDICAP of 20 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
Mr W. J. Matthews' b m La Rose, by

Ingomar, 6378, 8.0, Simpson ...
191 Mr J. Powell's ch m Carmen, aged, 82,
White... ...

224 Mr M. Moore's ch m Kit, aged, 9.9 (including 7lb pen.), Sharp.... 4. Other starters—193 Topssil, 9.6; 56 Certain,

84; 63 Spreydon, 72.
Won after a good race with Carmen. Time, 1min 7sec. Dividend, £2 15s.



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SELLING TO CHILDREN. ONE of the principal questions that agitated the Royal Commission on Licensing, recently held in London, was the selling of liquor to children under prescribed ages, and various opinions were expressed by the members of the Commission on the subject. Some were in favor of not allowing children on licensed premises at all unless they were the children of residents of the hotel, while others claimed that this would debar the little newspaper vendors and matchsellers of both sexes from one of the principal means of gaining their livelihood. Now, on general principles, less harm is done to the child who comes in with a jug or bottle to be filled for its parents, makes the purchase, and goes away again as quickly as possible, than to the child who solicits first one and then another of the customers to buy his or her wares, and yet the law on this subject is practically the same in New Zealand as in England. No offence is committed by the publican who allows any number of little ones to come into his bar and sell flowers, fruit, papers, or matches; but if a licensed victualler sells, or allows to be sold, intoxicating liquor to any child under the prescribed age for consumption on the premises he renders himself liable to a fine of ten pounds (£10) for each offence, and, further, upon a conviction for a first offence against this section the convicted person, if licensed, shall be liable to have his license suspended for six months, and in case of a second or any subsequent offence he shall be liable to forfeit his license, and the premises in respect of which such license is granted shall be liable to be declared disqualified for a period of not less than two years nor exceeding five years. The law on this point is very concise, but is less strict in New Zealand than in England, as in the latter place all children are debarred, whereas in this colony an exception is made in the case of the children of residents on the premises of bona fide guests, lodgers, or travellers. Both countries place the prescribed age at sixteen years for selling liquor to be consumed on the premises. Previous to the "Alcoholic Liquor Sale Control Act 1893" being passed in New Zealand, Section 166 of the Act of 1881 was very indefinite, and did not provide distinctly enough for children purchasing liquor to take away. Section 12, Sub-section 8 of the Act of 1893, says, "Section 166 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words, 'No intoxicating liquors shall be sold or supplied or allowed to be sold or supplied to under person, apparently under thirteen years of age for consumption off the premises, any a penalty for such offence of a sum not exceeding five pounds."

The next question is, how are publicans to be able to tell the age of a child? The presumable infant comes in, and is asked his or her age, the answer usually being above sixteen. Still, if it can be proved that the answer

is incorrect, the publican is liable to find himself in hot water; and on this point the police are very prone to act in an over-zealous manner, as was the case in Auckland some time back, when a reputable publican was prosecuted on a charge of selling liquor to a child under the age of sixteen. The defendant proved that he had asked the necessary questions, and also produced the mother of the child as a witness, she giving evidence that the child was over sixteen; but still, the police pressed for a conviction, and the magistrate seemed undecided until counsel for the defence emphasised the probability that the mother was more likely to know the child's age than the police, and the charge was finally dis-This clause certainly needs missed. amending in some form, and in a sub-sequent issue I shall go further into the matter, and point out a peculiar discrepancy that seems to have escaped the notice of the public up to the present time.



Norway has recently enacted a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to youths under sixteen without signed orders from adults. Tourists who offer eigarettes to youths render themselves liable to prosecution, while the police are empowered to confiscate the pipes, eigars, and eigarettes of youths who smoke in the public streets, a fine for which may be anything between 2s and £5.

It is reported in London that the committee on the Pure Beer Question, presided over by Earl Pembroke, has now terminated its work, both the majority and minority reports being completed; but it is apparently not yet certain whether these reports will be presented to the House of Commons, as the inquiry was one of a departmental character, and not conducted by a Select Committee of Parliament.

In speaking of a large sum recently collected in the hospital box of a Victorian hotel, an ex-change remarks:—"There is surely nothing startling in the fact. Hotelkeepers and their patrons are the most charitable class in the community. In proportion, the hotelkeeper pays more to Government, municipality, and charity than any other person in the State.

Apparently the Melbourne police have received Apparently the Melbourne police have received instructions to prosecute licensed victuallers with the utmost rigor of the law. In cases of Sunday trading and bar-door open—really one offence—both charges are pressed home. The minimum both charges are pressed home. The minimum penalty for bar-door open is £5, though a £2 fine can be imposed for the much more serious matter of Sunday trading. Up till recently it was usual to withdraw the bar-door charge if the other was proved.

By the way, the latest recipe for an Opposition with the Prohibitionists, says the New Zealand Mail. The advice is given by the Press, which apparently imagines the device is something new. Why, this particular game was played at the last general election for all it was worth in half-a-dozen constituencies, and in spite of the treacherous alliance between parties absolutely nothing in common, save an unreasoning hatred of Mr Seddon, it proved unavailing.

The Aramoho Hotel, on the route to Wanga The Aramoho Hotel, on the route to Wanganui, has lately been extensively enlarged and refurnished. Situated close to the Aramoho Railway Station, and commanding a pretty view of the river and surroundings, it stands in a busy and largely increasing centre. It will no doubt be a favorite stopping place for tourists and others. Mr W. S. Poole, late manager of St. John's Club, and formerly for ten years with Mr C. H. Chavannes, of Wanganui, knows what is required, and I am informed that he intends leaving no stone unturned to accomplish that end.

I must again call attention to the difference between the unity existing in the Trade in Australis, and the petty causes of complaint which cause its disruption in New Zealand. In Queensland there are branch associations throughout the colony, and in addition a United Licensed Victuallers' Association that embraces the entire Association that embraces the entire state. The same custom obtains in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. Why then, should the old provincial feeling militate against a similar state of affairs in this colony. The Trade here is proportionately as powerful

The name of E. and J. Burke is known the world over in connection with Guinness' stout. The same great reputation has been established by the firm with Burke's Dublin whisky. So recognised has this fact become, even in the most remote countries, that the gigantic cellars of E. and J. Burke, in Dublin, are hardly large enough to cope with the vast output. To some extent to cope with the vast output. To some second this is caused by the firm making it a binding rule not to to let any of their whisky go on the market until it is well matured in the wood. Hence there is not a headache in a barrel of Burke's whisky. The Australasian management of the firm has been recently placed in the capa-ble hands of Mr J. Stanfield Jones, a gentleman especially sent from head-quarters.

"Many people are not even aware that con-"Many people are not even aware that constables on duty are not permitted to take a drink of strong liquor without the permission of a superior officer. In England this rule is rather strictly enforced, but in free Australia it is practically a dead letter. At Bendigo (Victoria) recently Henry Burridge, licensee of the Beehive Exchange Hotel, was proceeded against for selling liquor to Constable Hourigan while on duty. It was proved that Hourigan suffered from an affection of the chest, and had gone openly for his drink, which he took medicinally. his drink, which he took medicinally. Mr. Dwyer, the P.M., thereuron struck out the case remarking that, though a constable was supposed to ask permission from his superior officer, he might die before he got the permit." I don't quite understand why the charge should have read "selling liquor." The police in Victoria must be very different from other parts of the colonies if they pay for drinks when on duty.

The Melbourne Sportsman has a laudable way of hitting right out from the shoulder, and I heartily agree with its comment on the follow-Mr John Vale is in Brisbane on a three months' mission to convert the thirsty Banana-landers to prohibition. To newspaper interviewers he has been frankly asserting that Vic-torians are on the high road to damnation. He specially singles out for condemnation the Democratic Club and L.V.W. Club. The former, he told the Brisbane Observer, has boxing contests on Sunday mornings, and a concert in the evening, "with songs of a questionable characon Sunday mornings, and a contest in the evening, "with songs of a questionable character." The cycling club recently passed a resolution authorising the opening of their bar on Sundays, and, of course, Mr Vale feels its end is near at hand. This, of course, is all rubbish, the wonder being that Victorians do not insist on every hotel in the colony being opened for limited Sunday trading. The great English Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws has, it is reported. it is reported, come to a decision strongly favor-ing the continuance of limited Sunday trading in Great Britain.

Mr Gralton (president) and Mr Harry Wright (secretary) of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association of Queensland, are conducting a spirited campaign throughout that colony, organising new branches and addressing meetings in every centre of population. In speaking of the different grievances of the Trade and the recurring aggressive legislation militating against its interests, Mr Wright said that they were attributable to the want of united action of the Trade as a body, which could only be attained by mutual forbearance and organisation for the common good. In referring to the association in common good. In referring to the association in New South Wales, he explained that in that colony they had brought their association to the front, and without allying themselves to any political body; in fact, holding themselves strictly aloof from such, had still made themselves a power which every political party was bound to recognise and reckon with.

At the Prohibition Annual Convention at Gore. Mr Lowden said he thought they had alienated a lot of support through over enthusiasm. If they went to work quietly they might achieve better results. In Clutha success was not achieved by abusing the publicans and by using He did not believe in personal abuse. This brought Rev. F. W. Isitt to his feet, of course. "Mr Lowden's remarks about personal abuse would be caught at by their opponents. In their crusade against the liquor traffic they employed plain speaking but not personal abuse. It was playing into the enemy's hands that one of their number should, in all kindness, remonstrate against their abuse." I wish right here to mark my appreciation of Mr Lowden's remarks. We, of the Trade, are perfectly willing to meet fair and intelligent opponents, and more than willing to accord them a meed of applause for the temperate expression of their opinions. But men of the Isitt type are to be deprecated, no matter what cause they endeavor to champion, and I speak for the Trade when I say that we are devoutly thankful that the Rev. F. W. Isitt and his brother are against us. They will do us much more good as opponents than they possibly could as friends

"At the Police Court, Wanganui, recently be-fore Mr H. W. Northeroft, S.M., James Shore, a prohibited person, was charged with having been found drunk, and also with having used obscene language, and with having wilfully damaged a cab The accused pleaded guily to the charge of drunkenness, but denied the other two charges. After hearing the evidence for the prosecution, led by Sergeant Dwyer, con-victions were recorded in all charges. Mr Northcroft, after severely reprimanding the accused, and referring to the fact that there were eight previous convictions recorded against him, said that he had been treated with the utmost leniency. He would give him but one more chance, and if he found that he again misconducted himself he would assuredly send him to gaol for six or nine months. On the charge of drunkenness accused was fined 20s, in default seven days' hard labor; on the charge of obscene language he was ordered to come up for sentence when called upon; while for damaging the cab and as great a factor in political economics as in

Australia, and yet we lack combination. We
possess the latent power of numbers; what we
want is concentration of effort an the appreciation of the necessity of a community of interest.

When the transgraph the canadian with the fine and ordered to pay the amount of damage (7s 6d), in default seven days'
imprisonment." Publicans cannot be too careful as to serving prohibited persons, or those in
their company.

The Licensing Act Fund will be lessened by at least £10,000 through the closing of hotels in the Mooroopna district, Victoria. This, of course, will not decrease in the least the consumption of liquors, and it will give the Trade back £10,000 of their own money now in the hands of the Government. When the proper time arrives, a poll can be taken in Mooroopna to increase the number of hotels again.

It is not often a one-armed man assaults a robust licensed victualler, but an instance was given in the Kyneton Police Court recently. On the previous Sunday evening a one-armed man, named Kelly, wanted admittance to the Town Hall Hotel to get a drink, but Mr Sier, the licensee, refused him. Thereupon Kelly dealt him a blow in the face, which stunned Sier. For the offence Kelly was fined £2, or 14 days' imprison-

The London War Office. which comprises on its staff some of the keenest epicures in brandy that can be found, have placed Joshua's Boomerang Brandy on its list. The Commanderin Chief-Lord Wolseley-as is well known, is most careful of his troops in the matter of alcohol. Only the very best possible is permitted in the canteens, and no greater tribute to the genuine merits of Boomerang brandy could be given than the action under its new regime of the War Office.

Mr T. A. Harris, in a letter to the Hawera and Normanby Star, attempts to prove the success of prohibition in the Clutha district, and provides a table showing the decrease in convictions for 1898 as against 1897. To be sure, there is a slight difference, as in 1897 there were twenty five, and in 1898 but nineteen, but if you take the different types of offences, the argument is against prohibition. For instance, in 1897 there were five convictions for sly-grog selling; in 1898 there were eight, which conclusively proves that at any rate prohibition does not prohibit. In 1897 there but one conviction for drunkenness, while in 1898 there were two. Again, in 1897 there were no cases of common assault, in 1898 there were three; in 1897 cruelty to animals nil, in 1898 one case. True, there has been a decrease in assaults on bailiffs and in thefts, but neither of these offences are a necessary concomitant of visiting reputable licensed houses. Taken on the whole, the prohibition experiment in Clutha has been an abject failure, and from all accounts more liquor has been sold than before the houses were closed.

Mr T. Taylor, in his description which he entitles "The Shadow of Tammany," expresses great fear that the present Government may, through holding power so long, and becoming accustomed to look upon Governmental patronage as their inalienable right, grow to emulate the Tammany organisation of New York, and enter upon an era of Government corruption. Mr Taylor's fears of general corruption are ground-less with our restrictive customs and laws. Since the expose of the Lexow Committee, and the publication of Mr Stead's "Satan's Invisible World," the public at large have been too apt to confound the name of Tammany with everything that is vile. Tammany has at times done wrong, but the name in the abstract simply stands for the perfection of political organisation, and it is not the system which is so much to be deplored as the members who have prostituted its original aims Mr Taylor would only be too glad to raise up a prohibition Tammany whose autocratic power would deprive everyone of liberty of ac-tion and thought, and that is the species of insti-tution that the people want to beware of. Such a Tammany would be worse in its effects than a revival of the Inquisition with a modern prohi-bitionist Torquemada as its boss. Tammanyism but the name in the abstract simply stands for

revival of the Inquisition with a modern proni-bitionist Torquemada as its boss. Tammanyism under certain restrictions is worthy of support, but we want neither the Tammany of Bill Tweed in America nor the shadow of the Tammanyism of prohibition, bossed by an irresponsible bigot and agitator like Tommy Taylor, and officered by the Isitts, Crabbes, and Hoskings among his

A rather interesting appeal case comes to me from Queensland, which goes very far to prove that a publican's lot in that colony is not essentially a happy one. In this case appeal was made by Mary Barnett, licensee of the Royal Hotel, Nundah, against the decision of the Brisbane Licensing Bench in convicting her of keeping the hotel open for the sale of liquor on Sunday, December 14, and fining her £5. The apday, December 14, and fining for 33. The appeal was made on the grounds: That there was no evidence disclosed by the complaint or information therein; no evidence to support the conviction; that the decision was against the evidence; that the information was bad for duplicity. Counsel for the appellant said: "The law provided that no licensed victualler should keep his The information, however, showed that the prosecution did not understand the interpretation of the words, 'Keep the house open,' because the mere fact of the selling of beer was not sufficient—it had to be shown that the house was not only open, but kept open. The charge was of opening the house for sale," of which fact he contended there had not been proof. Samuel Molan, one of the principal witnesses, was again put into the box, and deposed to having bought two bottles of beer at the hotel on the Saturday previous, which he fetched away on the following day. The bottles had been placed under the bar counter for him. His Honor, in delivering judgment, said the fact of the doors being open would not justify the justices in convicting the defendant. However, there was the further evidence that a man came there on the Sunday, and that liquor was delivered by the licensee to him inside the licensed premises. By the 127th section of the Act, it was provided that the delivery of liquor was prima facie evidence of its having been sold. That seemed to him to be sufficient to show the house was kept open for the sale of liquor. The other question was: Were those magistrates justified in convicting in face of evidence to the contrary? The evidence to the contrary was not there was no delivery of liquor, but that the liquor had been bought on the Saturday night. The justices had disbelieved that evidence. He considered the magistrates evidence. He considered the magistrates were justified in the course they had taken, and therefore he would dismiss the appeal.



Improvements are still going on at Mr Kidd's Commercial Hotel.

There have been few transfers of licenses since the commencement of the New Year.

A good programme of sports has been provided for the Licensed Victuallers' Picnic on March 8.

I have heard it whispered that Mr J. McRae, of the Waverley Hotel, contemplates a trip to the land of the stars and stripes.

The Provincial Hotel, at Napier, has changed hands, Mr John William McDuff, formerly of Wanganui, being the new proprietor.

The Rev. Mr Isitt says that Invercargill is the drunken end of New Zealand, and the besotted West Coast is the drunken side.

The police are still trying unsuccessfully to catch local publicans selling liquor during probibited hours. Who is urging them on?

Jimmie Moore (Maggie Moore's brother) has

definitely given up the theatrical profession and has entered the licensed victuallers' Trade. He is running an hotel in George Street, Sydney. Mrs Ted Russell (Miss Nelly Greenless) is

conducting an hotel in Bourke Street, Melbourne. Mr Ted Russell was through Auckland a short time back with the Williamson-Woods Company.

A temporary transfer of the license of the Aramaho Hotel, in the Wanganui district, was granted on February 17 from Mr Cody to Mr W. G. Poole.

Mrs Johnson, of the Waipa Hotel, at Kaihu, is in town on a visit. She is stopping at the Albion Hotel, and will probably return to her home this week. It is stated that on the occasion of the Premier's recent visit to Tapanui two illuminated screens were displayed at night bearing the appeal,

"Give us back our beer." News from Wanganui states that Samuel Hunter, a storekeeper, of Raetihi, seventy miles inland, was fined £2 and costs (£14) for sly-grog

Her Majesty the Queen still clings to her modest glass of whisky and soda after meals. It does not seem to have shortened her life ap-

preciably. Dr Gillespie, in his "Natural History of Digestion," recommends the use, but not the abuse, of alcohol, and states that if taken with meals in moderate doses it is benefical.

A Trentham (Victoria) hotelkeeper, Mr T. Ryan, of the Claremorris, has put up a wheat record for the locality. From eight acres he has obtained 84 bags of first quality wheat.

At the sly-grog selling case at Wanganui recently, Magistrate Kettle reprimanded the police for employing a paid spy to secure a conviction, and said it was an illegal act to aid or abet in the committal of a crime.

There are signs of a restriction of production on the part of some of the Scotch distilleries, and this, with the ever-growing demand for their products, should soon equalise supply and demand (says an English contemporary)

A visitor to the prohibition district of Clutha writes:—"Drunken boys and men were seen in considerable numbers on Christmas Day and on Christmas Eve. Drink is sold in all sorts of holes and corners known to the initiated."

Tommy Taylor, who has been stumping the roumy raylor, who has been stumping the South Island, states as his opinion that Bruce, and probably Mataura, will carry the "no license" this year. He opens his political and prohibition campaign in the North Island this week.

At a meeting of the Napier Licensing Comnittee last week, a temporary transfer was rranted from Mr F. L. K. Hill to Mr McDuff. Messrs A. Turnbull (chairman), F. Sutton, and H. Williams were on the Bench.

Harry Bennett, formerly of the old Pier Hotel, has opened a very nice place called the Gladstone Coffee Palace in Quay Street. Everything is exceptionally neat and clean, the rooms are comparable from the comparable for the comparable from the comparabl fortably furnished, and the table is first-class.

A Wanganui contemporary states that Mr E. H. Taylor recently lectured in the Church of England Schoolroom to a large audience on the subject, "Startling Drink Facts" Can this mean Tommy Taylor, or is there another "Richmond in the Field."

Mr Tom McEwin, the well-known caterer, has taken the dining-rooms at the Occidental Hotel, in Vulcan Lane. He has made them very popular amongst racing and sporting men, who have established the place as a rendezuous

Mr M. Walsh, of the Albion Hotel, expects to be married this month. He intends asking leave of absence for a month, and will proceed to Sydney, where he will spend his honeymoon. I wish him every luck in the world. Mick is a genial and popular boniface, and deserves a worthy

The Hawera Star, in dealing with a recent alygrog selling case in that district, delivers an editorial distribe against providing Maoris with drink under any circumstances. This excessive drinking of the Maoris, which is certainly to be deplored, could be regulated and checked if there were more licensed houses and less sly-grog selling.

The arrangements for the Licensed Victuallers' Picnic on Wednesday, March 8, have undergone some alterations. It has been decided to embrace both the wholesale and retail trade, and the different brewers intend giving their employers a holiday. Instead of a lunch being provided, each party will take its own luncheon.

" Magistrate Hawkins asked a recent Balciutha O.A.P. applicant if he had ever been convicted of drunkenness of late years. Why, he lives in a prohibition district,' exclaimed his counsel. 'What of that?' demanded the beak. 'Why, when I was at Waipahi, the other day. I saw two tuns of beer, and they told me one was for Tapanui and the other for Kelso—both prohibition districts.'"—Southern exchange.

A most enjoyable smoke night was held by the members and officers of the Volunteer Engineer Corps at the Albion Hotel on Monday evening last. About fifty were seated at the tables, and a very pleasant evening was spent. A number of songs were sung and toasts drunk, the evening concluding with the singing of the National Anthem.



The recent complaints against Sunday trading in Palmerston North have evidently some basis of fact to go on. Mr E. Fitzgerald, licensee of the Central Hotel, was a few days ago fined £5 and costs for Sunday, trading, and a conviction was ordered to be endorsed on his license.;

We have a lot of similar cases to the one described below occurring in New Zealand from time to time. and the general opinion here is that an example should be made of offenders. The defendant referred to got off very easily, and the leniency of the English judge should not be taken as a precedent. At Southampton recently David Blunnen was summoned for having been disorderly and refusing to quit the Railway Hotel, Sholing, when requested to do so by Mr John Motyer, the landlord, and also for assaulting him. Defendant pleaded guilty, and it appeared that he went to complainant's house, and in consequence of his condition he was refused to be time to time, and the general opinion here is that sequence of his condition he was refused to be served. He was ejected five times, and then struck the complainant with his fist, and threw glasses about. Defendant had been before the ourt previously, and he was now ordered to pay a fine of 5s, and costs 7s, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment for the first offence, and for the second he was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment without the option of paying

The following case of justices taking too much upon themselves is unfortunately only too common in dealing with Trade matters:—A statement was made recently by the licensing justices for Brighton (England) relative to plans for altera-tions to licensed houses submitted to them at the brewster sessions. Sir John Blaker, speaking with reference to the Criterion Restaurant, West Street, said that the justices had no objection to the rebuilding of the premises; but they desired to remind the owner that the license was granted to remind the owner that the incense was granted simply for refreshment to be supplied to persons who dined there. From the nature of the suggested alterations, however they thought that it might be in the mind of the owner to sell liquors in other ways. The police would keep a sharp look out, and if this was found to be the case the justices would probably be of opinion that at the next sessions the license would not be renewed. Mr H. T. Gates, who appeared for the owner of the restaurant, said that the duty had been paid on a full public house license there for years. Sir John replied that the justices had no knowledge of that, and added that they would have no more public houses in West Street. The justices ought not to prejudge cases in this way. It did not show a judicial mind, but rather an attempt to dictate where they had no right to do so.

It is pleasing to see over zealonusness on the part of the police magisterially rebuked at times, and the following case from London will prove interesting:—At the Richmond Borough Sessions recently William Smith, a bricklayer, of 5, St. Margaret's Crove, Twickenham, was charged with being found on licensed premises at Richmond at 12.25 p.m. on Christmas Day, and with giving false evidence with respect to his place of abode the night before. Inspector Dowty said about midday on Christmas Day he went into the house and saw the prisoner. He asked him where he slept the night before, and prisonar answered "Hounslow," but said he lived usually at St. Margaret's. He took him to the police station, and it was found that the statements were false, and that he slept about a mile from the public house he was found in. Sir James Szlumper said to the inspector: It seems to me It is pleasing to see over zealonusness on the Szlumper said to the inspector: It seems to me Szlumper said to the inspector: It seems to me certainly a very unfair measure to take, when you have verified the man's address, to keep him in prison the whole of the afternoon and the night until midday the next day. You had his name and address, and would have had no trouble in finding him. You could have summoned him. Again I say this not an offence to be dealt with in so severe a mauner. Considering the fact that you have been locked up for twenty-four hours the Bench will discharge you. the Bench will discharge you.

A case of selling liquors during prohibited hours, which was recently tried in England, will prove of interest to our readers here: —Joseph William Thompson, of the Fox and Hounds, Bishopsgate, Reading, was charged with selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours, and Thomas Lane and Richard Lugg were summoned for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours on the same date. Lugg was not able to the same and season and season are season of the same date. attend, as he was undergoing an operation in a London hospital. P.C. Finch said that on the date in question he was on duty outside the Fox and Hounds. At 11 o'clock he heard someone moving shout at the beat. moving about at the back. He saw the potman at the gates, and asked him what he was doing there at that time. He replied, "Having a look round." He went in by the back door, and saw Mrs Thompson, the landlady. Witness asked if Mr Thompson was in, and she replied, "No, he is out." He saw Lane and Lugg with hot spirits,

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and asked Lugg whose drinks they were." He said, "I don't know; they don't belong to me." Mrs Thompson, however, said they belonged to Lane and Lugg. Witness asked them what excuse they had for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. They said, "Oh, no excuse, we are only sitting here until the landlord comes home." Mrs Thompson said, "Mr Thompson has gone to the Barley Mow to a presentation." The Bench said that after due consideration of the evidence in the case, they considered there was not sufficient to prove that defendant had served intoxicating liquor during defendant had served intoxicating liquor during

prohibited hours. The case was dismissed.

The following rather peculiar case came up before the Worcester Quarter Sessions (England) recently. It is well worth republishing:—Alberta Archer and Messrs Sladden and Collier, Limited, were the appellants in an appeal against the refusal of the justices to renew a against the refusal of the justices to renew a beer and wine license of Arcadia, Broad Street. Mr Vachell, for the justices, said that there were ten grounds of appeal. According to the register of licenses, dated 1872, there was a license for the sale of sweets to Mr William Browning a confectioner. In 1881 Browing obtained an onlicense for hear and wing. In the following year onfectioner. In 1881 Browing obtained an onlicense for beer and wine. In the following year he dropped the sweets license. In 1897 the license holder, Mr Edward Bullock, sold his interest in the house to Messrs Sladden and Collier, Limited. The new owners abandoned the confectioner's business and established a drinking bar. On January 12, 1898, the license was transferred from Mr Bullock to Mr John Tombs, and on the 19th of February, 1898, the premises were opened under the name of Arcadia. Miss Alberta Archer presided over the establishment, and carried on the business. In July the Chief of Police found that Miss Archer had not a license at all; the license was held by Mr Tombs, who, however, did not reside on the premises. Miss Archer was fined £2 and costs for selling drink without a license. In August premises. Miss Archer was fined £2 and costs for selling drink without a license. In August the license was transferred to Miss Archer, and at the annual licensing meeting on August 31 an application was made for its renewal. The justices objected on the grounds that Miss Archer had been convicted; that the premises were not necessary for the renuirements of the neighbourhood; and that the premises had been altered from their original character of a refreshment house, and the justices refused the renewal. Mr Byrne, chief constable, said that there was not a word to be said against the way in which the establishment was conducted. Mr Candy, Q.C., for the appellants, said that if alterations had been made in the house they were not such as justified the license being taken away; but

the fact was that the owners of the propert the fact was that the owners of the properly had made internal alterations consistent with their intention to carry on the business which the license covered. There had been no structural alterations, therefore no plans had been submitted to the Bench. The statute did not require it. Miss Archer atated that not only could liquid refreshment be obtained at the establishment, but things to eat also, If people asked for something to eat they could get it; they could even have a cup of tea. The Court they could even have a cup of tea. The Court allowed the appeal.

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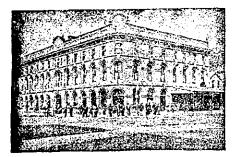
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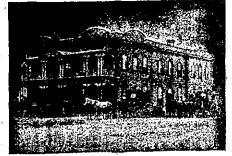
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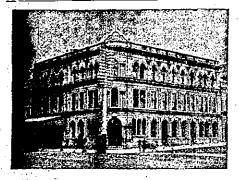
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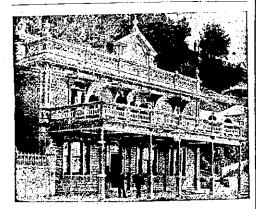
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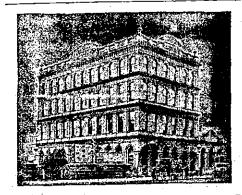
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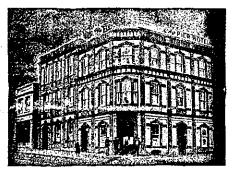


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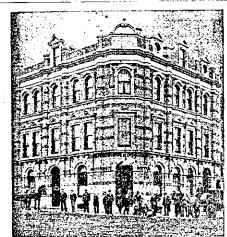


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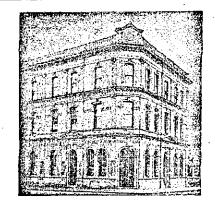


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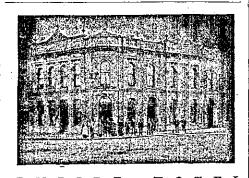
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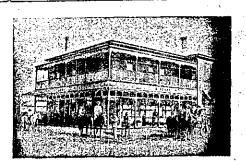


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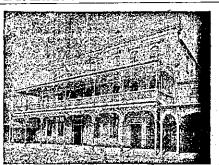
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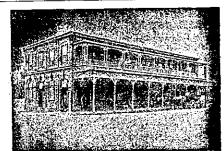
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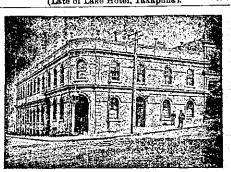
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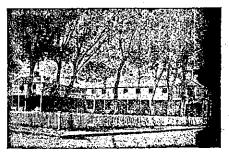


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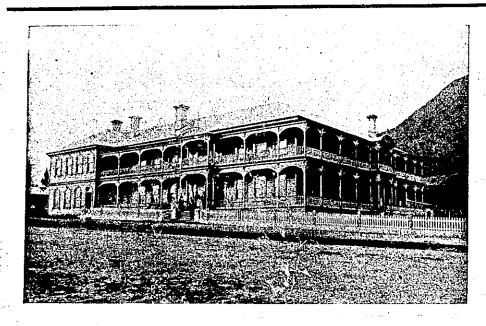
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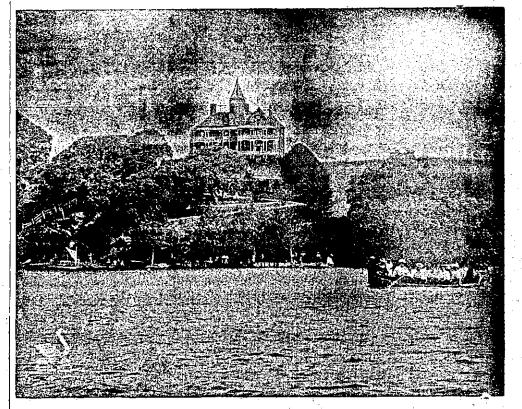
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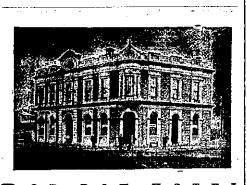


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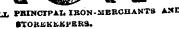
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