

For the winners Rowe was in good form, running and collaring well, as also was Wheatley, Beamish and Cronin. Amongst the forwards Phipps, Heffernan, Gash and Conroy played best. For the City Gledhill and Symon, three-quarters, played well, while Golding at centre-half was very clever. Amongst the forwards Drummond, Gill, Carlaw and Coleman got on some fine dribbling rushes, while McLeod and Symons (2) shone on the line out and in the scrum.

#### GRAFTON V. NORTH SHORE.

Grafton could hardly be said to have a strong team, seeing that the match commenced with only thirteen players on their side and ended with eleven, two retiring hurt, and had North Shore exercised a little combination they would have been much nearer winning than they were. As it was, they made an excellent bid for victory, and the match finally resulted—Grafton 7 points, North Shore 5. Tanfield distinguished himself for the latter club, while Brady was best for the visitors.

#### NEWTON V. CITY.

This was a fast and open game throughout. The City presented a gay and brilliant appearance in their new red, white and blue jerseys. After some give and take play on both sides, Thomas secured a try, assisted by the energies of Braund, Stone and Rogers. After some fierce scrums Newtons were forced down. The Newtons now got on several good rushes, but were not able to overcome A. Braund. Loose and fast play followed, and Stone gave Mackie a splendid pass, and he ran in under the bars. Stone took the kick and landed a goal. Newton now woke up, and by some good rushing Heffernan scored. Murray took the place, and the referee awarded him a goal for a good shot. City 4, Newton 3. Both sides worked hard without any advantage, when Newton got a free kick, and Murray by a beautiful place kick again scored. It was now City's turn to wake up, and by kicking and following up hard, again scored. Stone again attempted the place, and made a poster. In the second spell amid open play R. McConnell picked up very coolly, and potted a goal. There was no further score, and the game ended in a hard-fought struggle by 9 points in favour of Newton to City's 6.

#### AQUATICS.

In company with a number of athletes belonging to the Zealandia Athletic Club, our reporter assisted to welcome to Auckland the noted scullers Stevenson and Dutch on their arrival by the Alameda on Friday last. The party reached the end of the wharf in Mr. D. H. Stewart's jack-brake, drawn by four handsome greys, just as the steamer drew alongside, there being a large concourse of people assembled to get a glimpse of the distinguished visitors. After the customary salutations, introductory hand-shaking, etc., the party got on board the brake and were driven straight to Mr. John Gallagher's British Hotel, where an adjournment took place in the large room, which was filled to its utmost extent.

Mr. H. N. Simson proposed the healths of Messrs. Stevenson and Dutch in complimentary terms, and wished them both every success. The bumpers having been "tossed off,"

Mr. Dutch rose to respond, and thanked them one and all for such an unexpected welcome. In referring to his recent match with Sullivan, he confessed that he had been fairly beaten by a better man on that day; but at the same time he did not think he had been treated fairly by Sullivan's party after the race; and he would fully explain himself, in the hope that the reporter he had just been introduced to would publish it. Mr. Dutch's grievance is that immediately after his race with Sullivan, in which he conceded him five seconds start, he issued a challenge to row Sullivan a level race, for which he (Dutch) could have obtained backers to the extent of £500 or £600. Sullivan's backers, however, refused the challenge on the ground that their man had been so long in training he was getting stale, and would not allow him to row for six months. To this he made no demur, until he found that they were making arrangements with Kemp for a match; and he contended that if Sullivan was not too stale to meet Kemp he was not too stale to meet him, and taking into consideration that he gave Sullivan a start, and put every penny of the money they had on

the match up, he thinks, and with apparently good reason, that he ought to have been allowed a level match in preference to Kemp. He would gladly have waited six months if possible, but he had a wife and three children to look after and could not afford to lose time; and as McLean would not row any more, there was only Bubear and Brown left that he could make a match with, so he and Stevenson had decided to try their luck in America, and most folks told them they would do well there. They had very little money, and if they lost their first matches, why they were both young and strong and could work. Speaking of Stevenson, Dutch said he was a splendid companion, a first-rate sculler, and a better trainer he could not wish for. There was no doubt Stevenson was very stale when he rowed Sullivan, as he had then been in training for over twelve months.

Stevenson in responding said he had not much to say, he was a bad speaker. He acknowledged Sullivan to be a better man than himself at present, still, when he returned he would have another go at him. There was the championship of New Zealand to decide yet, and as they were both born in Auckland, the race would be rowed in Auckland waters. They might depend upon it that as soon as he returned he would challenge Sullivan, unless of course he was champion of the world. One thing they could always depend on—Dutch and Stevenson doing their best.

The party were then driven round Epsom, Mount Roskill, back through Symond-street and Karangahape road, through Ponsonby, back to town, and expressed themselves as highly delighted with their drive and the jolly good time they had. Mr. Dutch informed our reporter on the way that it was their intention to try and arrange matches with Hanlan, Teemer, O'Connor, Wallace Ross, or indeed any of the scullers they came across. Stevenson says he is 14lbs. lighter now than he was a few months ago, and he wanted a spell as he was very stale. As soon as he feels his way he intends also to have a match with Peter Kemp and Stansbury if possible. Both Stevenson and Dutch were present at the Zealandia boxing tournament in the evening. The latter informs me he also does a little in the boxing line, and he has arranged a little match with the captain of the Alameda, who is also reputedly handy with his fists, and this novel encounter will take place at sea.

#### PUGILISTIC.

The great John L. Sullivan, champion pugilist of the world, passed through Auckland on Friday last by the Mariposa, and our reporter was favoured with an introduction to the "great gun" on the wharf. There was very little opportunity of saying much on either side on account of the unseemly inquisitive crush that crowded round his carriage, gaping at him as if he were a wild beast on exhibition. What little was said gave us the impression that John L. was a totally different man to what most of us have been led to believe from various complimentary reports in American newspapers. He is very unostentatious in his speech and manner; wears a pleasant smile, and is gentlemanly and courteous to a degree. He was in company with two ladies, presumably his wife and her sister from their resemblance, and they were all enthusiastic in their praises of Auckland's scenery. In mentioning the championship of the world, Sullivan said that "that was not now his business, it was totally of a different nature, and it was just within the range of probability that he would forsake the ring altogether on his return to America, after fulfilling his theatrical engagements. He was, perhaps, deteriorating on account of his age, while other younger men were coming along who were no doubt as good as himself, and he heartily and honestly wished them the same success he had had. Mr. Sullivan was very much struck with the ovational reception he received at Honolulu, where he was greeted with a band of zoo performers. By this time the Alameda came alongside the wharf from Sydney, and John L. and his lady friends alighted from their carriage to welcome the Australian passengers, which included Stevenson and Dutch (the noted scullers), Henry St. Maur (the English actor), Dr. Carvers, a number of Cowboys, Indians and Mexicans from the disbanded Wild West Show, and a number of operatic artistes of more or less renown.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS.

[By TORPEDO.]

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#### RANGE TIME-TABLE.

July 25—Auckland Navals, Ponsonby Navals (res. marker).

THE Victoria Rifles have decided to try conclusions with the "A" Battery single-handed, with fifteen men a side, and the match takes place on the 4th August.

The Newton Rifles felt aggrieved at not being asked to provide a representative for the combined Rifle team against the "A" Battery. They were not even consulted in the matter.

A levy is to be made upon the officers of volunteer corps to meet the expenditure for the alterations to the officers' rooms at the Drill-shed.

Miss Buckland's concert was announced to be under the patronage and presence of Major Goring and the officers of the Auckland Volunteer Force, but Captains Geddes and Kohn were the only two to appear in uniform, which greatly irritated the former.

Volunteers generally are still expressing their dissatisfaction with the variable and unreliable nature of Whitney's Snider ammunition. The bonus which Captain Whitney recently received from the Victorian Government for the first million cartridges was for Martini-Henri, which proved highly successful on trial.

The Martini-Henri Club are still unable to fire, as they have not yet received their ammunition. The Government are not acting honorably in this matter. They have sold a number of Martini-Henri rifles to volunteers and others and have failed to supply them with the requisite ammunition, and these expensive weapons are in consequence useless.

There was a splendid muster of the Auckland Navals on Friday evening last. The torpedo detachment met at the rear of the Drill-shed, where the passed men were put through a course of lamp signalling and shaped very well, Lieut. W. Smith being in charge. The remainder of the company were taken over to the North Shore and exercised in gun drill by Lieut. Commander Parker and Lieut. Little.

A correspondent wishes to know who the Naval Artillery man is who caused the flag to be hoisted half-mast high at Waihi the other day. Can any of my readers inform him? I cannot.

I have been asked to state whom I consider the two most consistent Snider shots in Auckland at the present time, and I say unhesitatingly Captain Tobin of the Royal Irish Rifles and Gunner M. M. McCallum of the "A" Battery, in the order named.

Gunner McCallum, who is about to open a wholesale and retail ironmongery business in company with Mr. Wingate, is about to proceed to Sydney for a month or so on business. Gunner "Monty" McCallum would make a good lieutenant, and there is a vacancy.

Speaking of the Wanganui Rifles, a correspondent from that town says that company are in a position to challenge any company up or down the coast to a competition in shooting, drill, or any other military work.

There was a good muster of the "A" Battery on Thursday evening last at the Drill-shed, under Captain Geddes and Lieut. O'Brien. Sergeant-Major Bush, of the Permanent Artillery, delivered a very appreciative lecture on gunnery, after which Lieut. O'Brien exercised the corps in company drill.

The Victorian riflemen have proved a complete frost in England. They failed to attain the second stage for the Queen's Prize, and were equally unsuccessful in other matches. Their highest aggregate was 66, whilst the lowest successful competitor was 82.

Saturday was everybody and anybodies' day at the rifle range, and as the afternoon was beautifully fine there was an unusually large number of marksmen present for practice.

In connection with the proposed reception of John L. Sullivan and the other notables who passed through in the mail-boats, Bandmaster Hunter, of the Artillery Band, informs me that he was approached and asked to name a price to meet the visitors on their arrival, and that he named a merely nominal sum, and was told he would be again waited upon, but heard no