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as
Lady Jane

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as
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Grosvenor

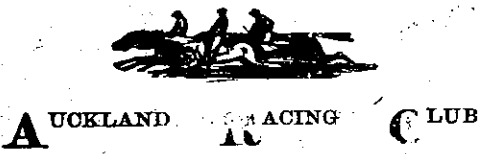
Miss R Marshall
as
Patience
a dairy maid

Mr J Mason
as
Reginald
Bonthorne

Miss Beresford
as
Lady Ella

Miss Alderton
as
Lady Angela

RACING PROGRAMMES



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 2ND, 4TH AND 5TH, 1904.

President, Hon. E. Mitchellson; Vice-President, Mr L. D. Nathan; Stewards, Hon. Seymour Thorne...

FIRST DAY:

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

- Tradesmen's 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 mile and a-quarter.

SECOND DAY:

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1904.

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.

THIRD DAY: EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

- Maiden Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150 sovs, at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc., AUTUMN MEETING, 1904.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

SECOND FORFEIT—Champagne Stakes, 1904, 2 sovs. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Easter Handicap, 1 sov; Brighton Hurdles, 1 sov; St. George's Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 (General Entry Night) by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Easter Handicap, 2 sovs; Brighton Hurdles, 1 sov.

NOMINATIONS—Tradesmen's Handicap, 1 sov; Eden Handicap, 1 sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Tramway Handicap, 1 sov; Steward's Handicap, 1 sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Hurdles, 1 sov; Huia Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Electric Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; St. Helier's Hurdles, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Buckland Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Tradesmen's Handicap, 1 sov; Eden Handicap, 1 sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup, 1 sov; Tramway Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, at the post.

Champagne Stakes, 5 sovs; Easter Handicap, 3 sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Steward's Handicap, 1 sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Hurdles, 1 sov; Huia Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; St. George's Handicap, 2 sovs; Electric Handicap, 1 sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, at the post.

Century Stakes, 5 sovs; St. George's Handicap, 2 sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Handicap, 5 sovs; St. Helier's Hurdles, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Buckland Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, by 9 p.m.

Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, in morning paper.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Pony Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, by 9 p.m.

Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Autumn Hurdles, Huia Handicap, Pony Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Electric Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, by 9 p.m.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Buckland Handicap, Victoria Handicap.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1904.

- Handicap Maiden Plate of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a race exceeding the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

Takapuna Cup Handicap of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lbs; of 100 sovs, 5lbs; exceeding 100 sovs, 7lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Ferry Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles.

First Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards; 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Steward's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lbs; of the Takapuna Cup, 7lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 1904.

Suburban Handicap of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

Second Pony Handicap of 85 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards; 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Hobson Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Five furlongs.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About three miles and a-half.

Moana Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Anniversary Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Suburban or Takapuna Jockey Club Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lbs; or both, 7lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Seven furlongs.

THIRD DAY:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 1904.

Marine Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For maiden two-year-olds that have not won a race at time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Borough Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Four furlongs.

Summer Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters.

Third Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards; 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

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

Second Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles.

Welter Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1903, 9 p.m.

Takapuna Cup, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 9 p.m.

All minor races, three days.

WEIGHTS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 4 p.m.

Takapuna Cup Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase, second day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 4 p.m.

First Day's Racing.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 9 p.m.

Second Day's Racing.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 12 noon.

Third Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 9 p.m.

Takapuna Cup Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase, second day.

All minor races, first day.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 10 p.m.

Second Day's Racing.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 9 p.m.

Third Day's Racing.

R. WYNYARD, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1904.

President, Dr. Earle. Vice-President, H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper, A. E. T. Nixon. Judge, W. H. Hartgill. Starter, C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper for Open Events, J. O. Brett. Handicapper for Hack Events, George Morse. Clerk of the Scales, E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course, Donald Macdonald. Hon. Surgeon, Dr. Tripe. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon, Maxwell Edgar. Stewards, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs Alan Cameron, D. Campion, J. F. Outfield, A. Higgin, James Higgin, G. Marshall, and Jas. Watt. Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Nixon.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 1904.

1. 12 noon—Stewards' Stakes Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. The winner of any flat race, under the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 8lb extra, of any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs 5lb extra, 160 sovs 7lb extra, 250 sovs or over 10lb extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

2. 12.45 p.m.—Juvenile Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. The winner of any flat race, under the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 8lb extra, of any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs 5lb extra, 150 sovs 7lb extra, 250 sovs or over 10lb extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

3. 1.30 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdle Race of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles and a distance, over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.

4. 2.15 p.m.—First Hack Hurdle Race Handicap of 85 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. (Vide definition of Hacks, Rule 44.) About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.

5. 3.15 p.m.—Wanganui Cup Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50 sovs from the stake. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit. It is only winners that will be re-handicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Saturday the 27th February, 1904. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs, on Friday, February 26th, 1904, at 9 p.m., and 5 sovs on Monday, February 29th, 1904, at 9 p.m. One mile and three-quarters.

6. 3.45—Petre Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

7. 4.30 p.m.—Wairoa Hack Race Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. (Vide definition of Hacks, Rule 44.) The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

8. 5.15 p.m.—Flying Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 85 sovs, and the third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Winner of any flat race under the value of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 8lb extra, of any flat race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs 5lb extra, 250 sovs or over 7lb extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1904.

1. 12 noon—Autumn Handicap of 150 sovs, second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a distance.

2. 12.45 p.m.—Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.

3. 1.30 p.m.—Jackson Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds and upward. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after 1st August, 1903, of any race or races collectively of 250 sovs to carry 5lb; 500 sovs, 7lb; 750 sovs, 10lb; and 1000 sovs, 12lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 8lb, three-year-olds and upwards, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows:—1 sov if struck out on or before Friday, September 25th, 1903, at 9 p.m.; or 2 sovs if struck out on or before Friday, November 6th, 1903, at 9 p.m. All horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5 sovs on Friday, February 26th, 1904. Closed with 124 nominations. Six furlongs.

4. 2.30 p.m.—Second Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. (Vide definition of Hacks, Rule 44.) Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About one mile and five furlongs over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.

5. 3.15 p.m.—Harrison Memorial Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

6. 4 p.m.—Wanganui Stakes Handicap of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a-half.

7. 4.45 p.m.—Matarawa Hack Race Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. (Vide definition of Hacks, Rule 44.) Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

8. 5.15 p.m.—Farewell Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

AUTUMN MEETING, MARCH 3rd and 4th, 1904.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1904, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Wanganui Cup, Wanganui Stakes Handicap, Flying Handicap, Stewards' Stakes, Juvenile Handicap, First Hurdle Race, Second Hurdle Race, First Handicap Hack

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1904 (or on about).

WEIGHTS.

Cup, Stewards' Stakes, Juvenile, Handicap, First Hurdle Race, First Hack Hurdles, Petre Welter, Writotoa Hack Flat, and Flying Handicaps.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1904, at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Wanganui Cup, 2 sovs; Stewards' Stakes, 2 sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 2 sovs; First Hurdle Race, 1 sov; First Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Petre Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Writotoa Hack Flat, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.

[SUBSCRIPTION.

Jackson Stakes, 5 sovs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1904 (on or about).

REVISED WEIGHTS.

(If necessary), Wanganui Cup.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29th, 1904, at 9 p.m. FINAL PAYMENT.

Wanganui Cup, 5 sovs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1904 (at or about, 8 p.m.)

WEIGHTS

Second Day's Handicaps.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1904, at 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Autumn Handicap, 2 sovs; Second Hurdle Race, 1 sov; Second Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Harrison Memorial Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Wanganui Stakes, 8 sovs; Matarawa Hack Flat, 1 sov; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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

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

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance money go to the funds of the club.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, otherwise a fine isov will be imposed.

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 standing arrangements 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 one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20 sovs to the Race Fund.

Any person running a horse in colours other than those named at time of entry will be fined 1 sov.

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.

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F. MOFFATT, Secretary.

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6. C f by Hengist—Dunoon
7. B f by Cyrenian—Lady Cecilia
8. Br c by Explosion—Maratea
9. Br c by Bell Boy—Duchess

TWO-YEAR-OLDS—

1. CELERITY, by Seaton Delaval—Monsoon
2. LILYMEA, by St. Leger—Lady Cecilia
3. LYCIA, by Soult—Lady Musket
4. HERMES, by Phoebus Apollo—Lady Wellington
5. MARISA, by Cyrenian—Mantilla
6. WATTATI, by Lord Roslyn—Jennie
7. MUDDLE, by Explosion—Miscalculation

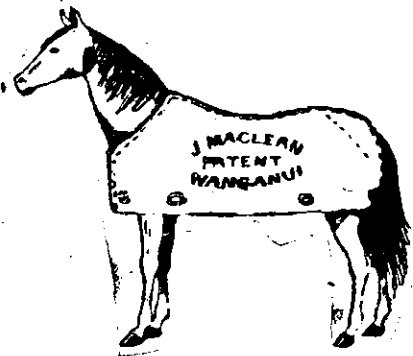
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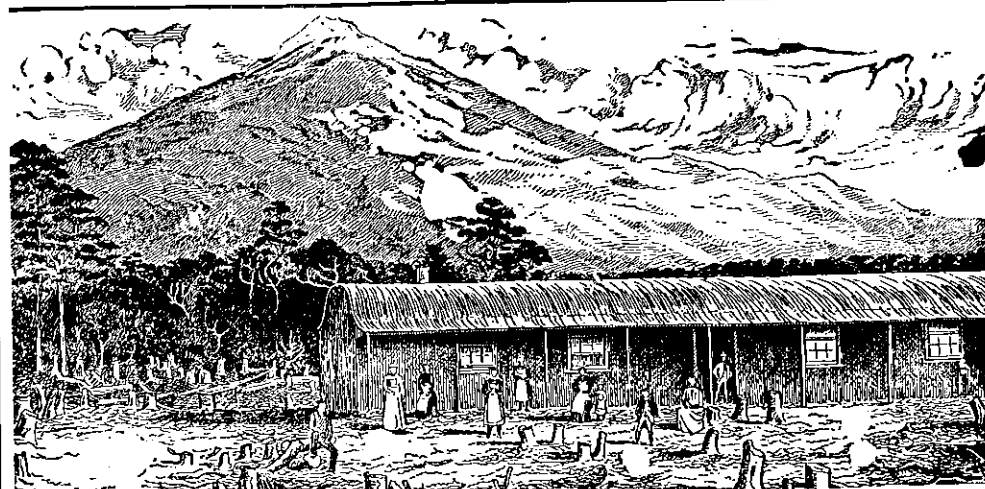
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PAPAKURA RACING CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THE

PAPAKURA RACECOURSE,

ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1904.

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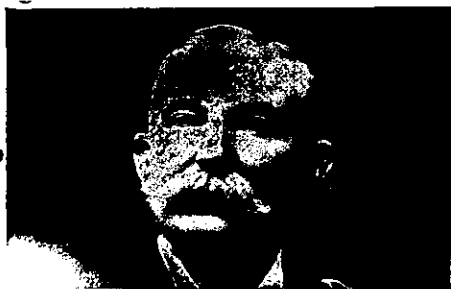
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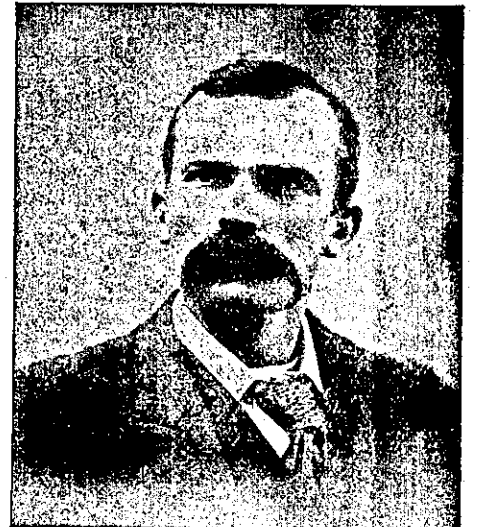
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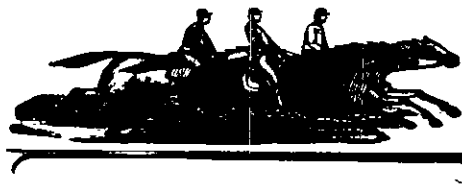


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[NEW ZEALAND]

FIXTURES—1903-4

January 22 and 23—Wellington R.C. Summer
January 29, 30, and February 3—Takapuna J.C. Summer
February 11 and 12—Gisborne R.C. Summer
February 13—Papakura R.C. Annual
February 18 and 19—Poverty Bay T.C.
March 3 and 4—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 19—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 14 and 15—Masterton R.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS.

January 22—Papakura R.C. E
January 29—Canterbury J.C. Summer, general entries
January 29—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
February 6—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 28—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
March 25—Masterton R.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS DECLARED

January 25—Gisborne R.C. Summer
January 25—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 4—Papakura R.C.
February 12—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 19—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 1—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 5—Masterton R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

January 22—Takapuna J.C.
January 29—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 5—Gisborne R.C. Summer
February 5—Papakura R.C.
February 8—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 18—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 28—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 12—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 9—Masterton R.C. Autumn

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Second forfeits for the A.R.C. Champagne Stakes, 1904, falls due on Friday, February 5.

Nominations for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, St. George Handicap and Autumn Handicap, to be run at the A.R.C. Easter Meeting, are due with Mr Percival on Friday, February 26, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the Takapuna Cup and First Handicap Steeplechase are due with Mr Wynyard on Friday, January 22, at 9 p.m. Acceptances for all minor events to be run on the first day are due at the same time.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close with the secretary, Mr Moffatt, on Friday, January 29, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Annual Race Meeting of the Papakura Club close with Mr F. D. Yonge, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday), January 22, at 9 p.m. Nominations can either be made at the Durham-street office or at the Papakura Hotel.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1904.

THE NORTHERN BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S TOURNAMENT.

THE great bowling tournament, which has just been brought to a conclusion in Auckland, has proved beyond question the most successful function of its kind that has ever taken place in the land of the moa. Favoured as it was throughout by ideal weather conditions, the great carnival will be looked back upon by the hosts of visitors who came from all parts to attend it as the most pleasurable event of the year. For no less than twenty-six clubs to be represented gives some idea of the hold bowling has upon the affections of New Zealanders. Although of course one of the most ancient of games, bowling had not up to within the last few years made any great strides, but now quite a different tale has to be told. The idea that it is simply a game for old men has been completely exploded, and thus we saw at the recent tournament many young men taking a hand, while even a match for boys was

played. The reason for this growing popularity is not far to seek, for it lies in the fact that bowling is essentially a summer game which requires a minimum of exertion, while a maximum of interest is maintained. It is a game of skill, for although a certain amount of luck necessarily enters into it, the scientific player triumphs in the end.

The peculiar fascination which the game unquestionably possesses may in a measure be traced to the fact that the issue frequently remains in doubt to the very end. A very good illustration of this was shown in the exciting final struggle for the championship between Wellington and Ponsonby, which was won by the very last bowl played by the skip of the Southern club, a really well-deserved victory. The tournament was carried through from start to finish without the semblance of a hitch, the various contests being played in the most harmonious spirit possible. The meeting of so many followers of the game from the different centres will serve to still further heighten the popularity of the old-time sport. At present it is estimated there are quite two thousand players in the colony. If the present rapid increase is maintained this number will soon be doubled, and the game become almost a national one.

TROUT AS AN ASSET.

THERE can be no disputing the fact that the stocking of the lakes and rivers of the colony with trout has proved a success beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who inaugurated the movement. Trout fishing throughout the whole of New Zealand has proved a very great attraction, and beyond question the sport, which has but to be tried for anyone to realise the fascination it possesses, has been the means of greatly increasing the influx of visitors to our shores. We are, however, rather apt to overlook the fact that because we have the trout now nothing more therefore remains to be done. This, however, is very far from being the case, and it behoves the powers that be to prevent any depletion of stock which at present is threatened. It is very evident that some alteration will have to be made in the amount charged for a license, for at present the number of trout fishermen are very greatly on the increase, and it is simply impossible for the supply to be maintained at the present high pressure. Take for instance Lake Rotorua. When netting was permitted some eight tons of fish were caught, and there was naturally a great outcry against such wholesale destruction. Is there such a great difference now the rod fishermen have matters all to themselves? From Lake Rotorua itself between five and six thousand fish have been caught this season, amounting in all to nearly six tons of trout, and this makes no allowance for the fish of which no record has been taken. The license fee will certainly have to be dealt with. For instance on one occasion a visitor paid half-a-crown for a day's license and caught one hundred and seventy pounds' weight of fish. Can this be in any way considered an equitable *quid pro quo*, that is to say from the Acclimatisation Society's point of view? The townsfolk, who can only devote a few days to the sport during a season, have to pay a license far more than the visitor who during his short visit to the Hot Lakes is able to spend nearly every hour at the pastime.

Two things should be done to maintain the supply of trout at Rotorua. The first and probably most important is that the hatchery at Waimakariri should be moved to Rotorua, and secondly the amount of the license fee should be regulated by the number of fish caught. If this was done there would be far less chance than at present of Rotorua losing one of its chief assets—the trout fishing.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

The Wellington Cup will be run on Friday.

The disappointing Cyrenian colt Cyrus is now trained at the Hunt.

T. Wilson will ride Hinetaura and Gold Seal at the Takapuna Meeting.

Matuku's dam Kotuku died last week, having got injured in a wire fence.

Gladsome is generally considered to be a "good thing" for the Wellington Cup.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club cleared more than £300 over the recent meeting.

There are one hundred and seventeen nominations for the Great Northern Foal Stakes of 1905-6.

Owners will do well to bear in mind that acceptances for all events to be run on the opening day of the Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting and Steeplechase (second day) close on Friday next at 9 p.m.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's San Francisco—Roie yearling has been christened Golden Gate, after the famous entrance to the harbour of the big Californian seaport.

Canteen is expected to run well in the Wellington Cup. His owner is very confident of victory, for the horse is exceptionally fit.

The privileges in connection with the approaching meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer and Winter Meeting will be submitted to auction at the Haymarket to-morrow (Friday), at noon.

Entries for the Dunedin Jockey Club's Meeting are very poor. Only sixteen, including several scrubbers, have been nominated for the Cup, which is worth £500.

The course at Takapuna is looking exceedingly well just now. Present indications point to a highly successful meeting next week.

The Australasian Amateur Athletic Championships to be decided in Melbourne on January 30 and February 1, promise to provide exciting sport. The issue will rest between New South Wales, Victoria and New Zealand, and it is regarded as remarkably open. I fancy Victoria will win the banner.

The death is reported from Suva of the stallion Favona, formerly the property of the late Mr S. Coombe. The chestnut son of Regel and Friendship, who belonged to Mr Withero, had been running in a paddock with some mares, and one of the latter kicked him in the head causing his death. His foals are reported to be very promising.

The Flintlock gelding Fairy Bower, who used to race in pony events in Auckland, won the Governor's Cup at the Summer Meeting of the Fiji Racing Club. Among those which finished behind him were the ex-Aucklanders Bacchus and Goetzer and the Sydney mare Bother.

The Autumn Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club will take place on Monday, March 7. Eight events will be decided, these being the Maiden Plate, six furlongs; Hurdle Race, one and three-quarter miles; Miners' Union Handicap, one mile; Pony Race, six furlongs; Steeplechase, two and a-half miles; Railway Handicap, seven furlongs; Hack Race, six furlongs; Final Handicap, four furlongs. The club has done very well in allotting prize-money and, as this fixture always proves a very pleasant one, I expect a good many metropolitan sports will patronise the good ship Wakatere and pay a fleeting visit to the mining township. Full particulars are advertised in this issue, but it will be well to note that nominations must be made to Mr W. H. Potts, the secretary, on or before Friday, February 12, at 8 p.m. The handicaps will make their appearance a week later.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 2 Consultation on the Perth Cup, run at Perth, Western Australia, 28th December, 1903. 50,000 at 5s., closed with a subscription of 20,000 tickets, drawn pro rata on the basis of a 25,000 Sweep.—1st, Cypher, J. B. Jones, P.O., Paddington, N.S.W., £1280; 2nd, Home-ward Bound, Morris and Evans, care of F. H. Morris, Sunbury, Vic., £480; 3rd, Sport Royal, A. W. Cassidy, Waikato Hotel, Hamilton, New Zealand, £320. These amounts are net.

Handicaps for the Gisborne Meeting are due on the 25th inst.

There are one hundred and twelve nominations for the A.R.C. Royal Stakes.

The ex-Auckland pony Sonica has been scratched for the Newmarket Handicap, chine for there will be plenty of room for

Major Holgate replaces Dr. Stuart Reid as a steward of the Auckland Racing Club

Betting on the Takapuna Cup is very dull, but will doubtless liven up a great deal after the Wellington Cup has been decided.

Papakura Races take place on February 12. Nominations are due with Mr F. Yonge to-morrow, at 9 p.m.

That smashing good pony Buluwayo has been nominated for the Dunedin Cup, to be run over a mile and a-half.

Putty, who was much fancied for the Takapuna Cup, has been an absentee from the training track recently.

The annual meeting of the Foxton Racing Club takes place on Friday and Saturday.

The result of the Viceroy's Cup is a big advertisement for Australian-bred horses. They could hardly do more than run first, second and third.

Mr Ted Fox, of Putney (Eng.), who is making a tour of the colonies accompanied by two friends, is expected to arrive in Auckland by the next boat. He did a lot for Tom Sullivan, the sculler, in England, and is a keen enthusiast in all sporting matters.

Suivre is favourite for the A.J.C. Challenge Stakes, while Bridegroom is the popular pick for the Anniversary Handicap, the two big events of the Sydney Turf Club's Anniversary Meeting, which commences on Saturday.

The illustrations of the recent meeting of the Whangarei Racing Club, which appear in this issue, are from photographs taken by Mr Cowdell, of Whangarei. Our frontispiece photos. are from the same artist.

The trotters which the last mail steamer brought from America for Mr Robertson were Jewel Heiress, by Heir at Law; Vera Capel, by Birchwood; Myrtle Dean, by Bow Dean; Abbey Bells, by Bow Bells; and Bismarck, by Birchwood.

De La Rey is considered by many to have more than an outside chance in the Wellington Cup. His weight wont trouble him anyway.

It is better in the long run for a stallion's reputation and his owner's pocket that a horse should cover sixty mares at a moderate fee than a few at a price at which he cannot command public favour (writes "Milroy" in the Sydney "Mail.") In the former case, if the horse is worth heaping as a stallion at all, it will need an unusual and most unlikely run of bad luck for him in the course of a few seasons not to get something that will at least maintain his reputation, while with a lesser number of mares the odds are that he will go on without winners until whatever reputation he had will be either lost or forgotten. And there is another strong consideration. The horse that serves the greater number of mares will get better stock—foal for foal—than the one who covers the lesser number. This has been proved over and over again from one end of Australia to the other on stations where usually the stallion is out all the year round with his herd, and will get sound hardy foals up to sixty in the season. Inspiration, by Goldsborough and Albemarle, by Chester, each sired over ninety foals a year or two back. While this can be done, we have known a high-class horse in a crack stud, and restricted by exorbitant fees, to go through a yearly allowance of a dozen or so mares without getting anything worth a row of crooked pins. Musket, for instance, was a hard worked horse, as were colonial Sir Hercules, Lochiel, Goldsborough, Grandmaster, Kelpie, Cheviot, Trenton, Trump Card, Bylong, Julian Avenal, Cossack, Gozo, Richmond, Gang Forward, and Robinson Crusoe, while many crack racers have been unmistakable stud failures because of being laid up in lavender and housed, so to speak, in glass cases. Practical stud masters know that stallions do better work with forty mares than with ten, and experience has taught them that the well used stallion lasts longer than the pampered beast who has a dozen or less picked mares during the season,

Waiuku Races will take place on February 4th. Very fair entries have been received.

The well-known Auckland Bacchus, and the Sydney mare Bother, were to run a match for £100 aside at Suva on Saturday last. It was the outcome of the racing on New Year's Day, when Bother won a double, Bacchus finishing second.

Marshal Soult is in great heart just now. After putting up a splendid gallop over six furlongs, he cleared out with his boy the other morning at Ellerslie.

At the Clifton (Q.) Jockey Club's Meeting a jockey named Eugenie M'Grade was killed owing to his mount having fallen over the first obstacle in the Hurdle Race. M'Grade was a brother to the well-known horseman "Ted" M'Grade, who lost his life in the wreck of the Kielawarra some 20 years ago.

The Anniversary Regatta is going to be a very big affair this year. With the mammoth liner Delphic engaged for flagship there is no fear of any overcrowding. The full programme is advertised in this issue.

At the recent meeting of the W.A.T.C. (Perth) the bookmakers paid fees totaling £2700. For the four days, the paddock layers paid £74 10s each, and those in the outside enclosure £37 15s each.

The Takapuna Jockey Club committee are effecting various improvements to the enclosure. The most noticeable one is the alteration to the totalisator. When this is finished there will be no more complaints of vexatious delay at the machine for there will be plenty of room for the staff.

The French magistrates recently decided that any person, other than the official employed at the offices of the "Mutuals," and actually invested with his functions, who shall take money and offer to act as agent, either paid or gratuitously, or its investment at the "Mutuals," commits an offence under the Gambling Act. It has been ruled that anyone offering to oblige a friend by carrying his money to the race lottery becomes a bookmaker, and is liable to fine and imprisonment.

During the season just ended in England American jockeys have not made a very brilliant show. Maher and Martin, with 56 and 51 winning mounts respectively, have the best record. Owners do not seem to run after the Yankees quite so much as formerly (writes "Ranger" in the "Illustrated S. and D. News"), and one of those enterprising proprietors explained to me his theory as to their success. "It is not," he said, "so much what a horse has on him as what he has in him that does the trick, and American trainers are reputed to be clever in that department. They keep pluck up, as alleged, both inside and out."

American turf statistics for the past season place the imported stallion Ben Strome, by Bend 'Or from Strathfleet, by Scottish Chief, at the head of the winning list with an aggregate of £20, 55s. Regarding Ben Strome the "Horseman" says:—"Any shred of reputation Ben Strome ever possessed as a race-horse rests on his own doings in private, for his public performances were wretched, as during the greater part of his career he was running in selling races, and though entered at the minimum price that English racing laws allow—£50—he was only once successful, even on such terms, out of a score or more essays. But before his first and only start as a two-year-old, when he was substantially backed for the most important colt race of the year, his then trainer, the celebrated John Porter, stated that he had tried the youngster good enough to win—an assertion that was borne out by his starting at 6 to 1 in a very high-class field of 15, including the mighty Donovan, who won. In this race Ben Strome showed some speed, finishing seventh, though running green, so hopes were entertained of his making a fair three-year-old; but the best he could do at that age was to take a paltry plate for "maidens" and another of similar description for "maidens at entry," so he was promptly weeded out of the Kingsclere stables, shortly afterwards (as narrated above) joining the ranks of low-class selling platers, so he might at any time have been purchased for less than half a single fee earned by a high-class English sire. The main cause of Ben Strome's inability to ever reproduce in public the form he showed when tried on the Hampshire downs was soft and defective feet, which were not sufficiently serviceable to carry his somewhat heavy frame. Luckily, he does not appear to transmit this infirmity to his offspring, for an American dirt track, no matter how carefully handled, is incomparably more severe on horses' feet than the turf courses and grass-clad training grounds of England.

Quite a number of thoroughbreds went South on Saturday by the Te Anau. Among them were Uranus, by Castor—Cissy; the Phoebus Apollo—Armillia yearling colt, the Seaton Delaval—Stepfield and the Cyrenian—Windmill colts; the Cyrenian filly from Miss Delaval and the Seaton Delaval—Cantatrice filly, the Soult or Seaton Delaval—Problem colt, and the Cyrenian—Chiara colt bred by Mr Richard Allen. Tres Belle, La Valiere, and Castrolina and Ellerslie and foal were also shipped by the Union liner.

Shoeing a Chinese pony is a difficult undertaking, for he has never been under the farrier's hands, and as the ponies brought down to the treaty ports are seldom less than 7 or 8 years old, the experience is a novelty to which the pony fiercely objects. No attempt is made to reconcile him to the operation by gentleness; the pony is led under a kind of oblong wooden arch about 6ft high, constructed of four firmly planted posts, connected on top by cross-beams. Ropes passed under his belly and over the cross-beams keep him from throwing himself down, while each leg is securely lashed to one of the posts; and thus rendered absolutely powerless, the work of shoeing him is quickly carried through.

Writing on the subject of inconsistent running "M.P.B." has the following in the "Melbourne Sportsman":—"For the 'universal croaker'—that is, the man who finds fault with everything—few people have either time or sympathy. But there are occasions when one must needs speak plainly, even at the risk of being styled pessimistic. And the present is one of them. Not so much on account of the many Turf reforms that have been talked of during the year just past, as of those which have yet to come, before racing is placed on anything like a satisfactory basis. Not long ago we were given to understand that the infusion of new blood into the V.R.C. executive would effect all kinds of improvement in the conduct of racing generally; but, so far, the only noticeable alteration has been an all-round retrenchment and crimping of expenditure on the part of the leading body, with a simultaneous order to the suburban clubs to practically 'lash in, and make up the difference.' The unwritten laws which permits 'stiffs' and 'stumers' on every hand remain unaltered; and while there come periodical bursts of zeal concerning such extraneous matters as the introduction of the totalisator, etc., little or nothing is done to guard the more vital interests of the sport. Small wonder that our recruiting-ground for the right class of owner is becoming more beautifully less; nor is it surprising that the 'honor and glory' aspect of the business now only exists in the lingering imagination of a few moon-gazing sentimentalists. In these days of 'corners,' 'combines,' and general hurly-burly, there's no time for such trifles. It's a case of 'get-a-bit' all round, leaving less than the fingers of one hand to denote the exceptions."

Writing about Persimmon and his Derby win in a recent issue of the London "Sportsman," "Vigilant" says:—"It did not seem to be quite certain that Persimmon would ever get to Epsom at all. He was always an awkward horse to box, not that he ever did anything very much, but he would keep 'icking out with one leg, and turning round and round. Never, however, had he given half so much trouble as he did upon this all-important occasion, and he seemed to have fully made up his mind not to leave Newmarket. After more than an hour of futile effort, Marsh said to his head lad, 'I've tried everything I know to get a horse into a box, perhaps you'll have a turn at it.' The wiles and blandishments of that worthy proved no more successful than the endeavours of his chief had been, and the situation began to look really serious. As the day wore on, the little crowd of sightseers who had been at the station when the horse arrived there gradually increased, until it looked as though half Newmarket had assembled there. At last almost in despair, Marsh called out, 'I'll give a sovereign apiece to those who help get him in.' This did the business. There was an immediate rush, and the colt was almost lifted off his legs and fairly swept into the horse box, when he immediately put his head into the manger and began to eat his corn, as though his behaviour all through had been of the most exemplary description. In the gratification of the moment Marsh was fully prepared to settle the claims for the promised reward on the most liberal scale, but on beginning to pay out the sovereigns, it was a little startling to find that at least seventy men had one and all played a leading part in the boxing of Persimmon, and Marsh had finally to explain that he did not feel justified in disbursing the whole amount of the Derby stake money, particularly as the formality of winning the race had yet to be gone through.

An English writer says that the late Sir J. B. Maple's breeding and racing stud must certainly have placed an enormous balance on the wrong side of the ledger, and without the big "feeder" he was fortunate enough to possess it would have tried the resources of most owners. That some of his mares may in the future make names for themselves is likely enough, but when one considers how few are heard of outside of the huge army now returned as at the stud, the chances against this certainly seem considerable.

The result of some interesting experiments which have been made at the Utah Experimental Station are reported in the "Breeder's Gazette." Among these is one which referred to the watering of horses—whether before or after feeding, the conclusion arrived at being that those watered before showed better appetite, and retained their weight better than the others. The food, however, appeared to be digested equally well in both cases, and, in the opinion of the station, it is advisable to water both before and after feeding. Experiments were also made in feeding horses upon cut hay or chaff and grain mixed, and the same feeds separately, but three exhaustive trials failed to show that any was gained by cutting the hay and mixing it with the grain.

In America during the past five years the Horse-breeders' Protection Association has condemned 486 brood mares as unfit for use. The purpose of the Association is to prevent the lowering of the standard of thoroughbred horses. Records of all brood mares are kept by the Association, and when one fails to produce horses up to the standard she is condemned and purchased. These horses are then sold by the Association into the cotton fields of the South to prevent any impure or weak strains becoming mixed with the thoroughbred strains. It has happened subsequent to their purchase by the Association, the progeny of a few of these mares have shown high-class form. However, these are exceptional cases, and the work done by the Association is, on the whole, of a beneficial nature.

During the last five years in England Bend Or mares have through their produce won £136,845, whilst St. Simon's daughters are credited with £120,556. On the score of races won, St. Simon has the bare advantage of three, the figures being 245 and 242 respectively.

After all, St. Frusquin finished up at the head of the winning sire's list in England last season, his total being £26,526, to Gallinule's £26,478. Half of the amount credited to Gallinule has been won by that marvellous two-year-old Pretty Polly, whereas, St. Frusquin's place is attributable to the all-round excellence of his stock. Thus, Quintessence has been his best supporter, and she has only landed £5350 in stakes.

As regards the value of stakes won, G. Blackwell was the most successful trainer in England last season, his stable annexing £34,135. W. E. Elsey, however, won 57 races with 36 different horses, while W. Waugh won 58 races with 28 horses. F. W. Day scored 13 races with 11 horses, and R. Sievier 9 with 4.

The "Age" remarks that Tritantus after an eventful week, ended his career on Saturday. On the previous Saturday, at Mentone, Tritantus fell in the Hurdle Race, his rider, G. Wheeler, escaping with a broken collar-bone. While schooling at Flemington on Friday, Tritantus came to grief again, and once more there was a broken collar-bone, J. Chevalley this time being the victim. On Saturday, while taking part in the Hurdle Race at Maribyrnong, Tritantus fell again, and having broken his back, the poor brute was shot.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's Consultation on the Summer Cup, run at Randwick, N.S.W., December 26th, 1903. 50,000 at 5s., fully subscribed:—1st, Bridegroom, H.K., care of Ah Lam and Co., Collins Street, Hobart, Tas., £4000; 2nd, Long Tom, H. Cook, care of J. Wagner, William Street, North Botany, Sydney, N.S.W., £1250; 3rd, Fan Fare, W. F. Ross, Tobacconist, Empire Cigar Divan, Willis Street, Wellington, N.Z., £750. These amounts are net.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 1 Consultation on the Perth Cup, run at Perth, Western Australia, 28th December, 1903. 50,000 at 5s., fully subscribed:—1st, Cypher, Commercial Synd., care of S. Rowe, care of W. J. Anderson, Trentham, Vic., £4000; 2nd, Home-ward Bound, C. Uilberg, Atkins, 126, Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, £1250; 3rd, Sport Royal, E. Jackson, P.O., Leederville, W.A., £750. These amounts are net.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

WEDNESDAY.

With a view to the approaching Takapuna Meeting all the different teams worked the reverse way to Ellerslie, but there was nothing of importance done. The various horses did good useful work all on the tan.

Haydn, who has been a bit scratchy since the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, has now thrown off his soreness and is doing good half-pace work.

Frank Ross works after breakfast with his team and feels the benefit of the tan and plough tracks. The last spell of dry weather has made the ground very hard.

THURSDAY.

Bob Hall was the first to work his team. Jewellery ran the round on the tan, the last mile taking 1min 44½sec.

Idasa skipped over five furlongs alone in a taking manner in 1min 3½sec.

Cannogate, with Lingard for a companion, did two good solid rounds. The former is coming on fast.

Haydn alone ran two rounds at three-quarter pace.

Scotty, with Mark Ryan up, ran a short six furlongs in 1min 15½sec.

Kamo, who was anxious to extend herself, ran a taking four furlongs in 50sec.

Hinetaura, with Gold Seal, spurted five furlongs, finishing together in 1min 3sec.

Bonomiana and St. Olga spurted five furlongs in front in 1min 4sec.

Beau Seaton, Mr Friedlander's new purchase, trotted and cantered.

Waipuna and Mars ran a fast seven furlongs in 1min 29 4-5sec, with little to choose between the pair.

Dingo and Inchcape did good graft for two circuits, and will give a good account of themselves in the Takapuna Steeplechase.

Amongst the others that did work were: Mary Seaton, Solitary, Idas, Conclusion, Hadyn, Putty, Bonheur, Te Aroha, Newtown, Waikato, Ropa, Dolores, Marine, Avalanche, Frances Lovejoy, Ngatira, Daffodil, Rambler, Girton Girl, Merry Soult, Cygnet and Tresham.

SATURDAY.

Hall's team was the first to work. Jewellery, Idasa and Mary Seaton all did useful tasks.

Dolores ran once round at top, the last five furlongs taking 1min 6½sec.

Romolo only did three-quarter pace alone.

Idas was satisfied with a like task.

Avalanche ran a fast round on the tan in 1min 55sec.

Daffo Lil spurted five furlongs, moving freely.

Conclusion, with a feather-weight up, did five furlongs in 1min 4½sec.

Scotty moved freely for seven furlongs in 1min 30 4-5sec.

Cannogate and Lingard did two useful rounds nearly at top.

Kamo spurted five furlongs alone in 50 4-5sec.

Hinetaura cantered once round and then was joined by Gold Seal, and they completed the second round in 2min 6sec.

The steeplechaser Marine did a couple of rounds at a good pace, finishing up strongly.

Merry Soult ran a merry five furlongs alone in 1min 3½sec.

Solitary, with weight in the saddle, did a taking five furlongs in 1min 6sec.

Pronotio, with W. Satman up, scampered over five furlongs in 1min 4 4-5sec.

Coronation and two others did their best for four furlongs in 53½sec, and the former led throughout.

Bonomiana and St. Olga made a straggling start, and ran five furlongs at their best gait.

The others that did useful work were Marshal Soult, Up-to-Date, Ropa, Waikato, Te Aroha, Haydn, Delania, Tresham, Golden Sands, Kohine, Irish, Inchcape.

Sally Horner and another ran four furlongs in 51 4-5sec. The latter had no chance.

Mars and Escape did seven furlongs together, the former having all the best of the go.

Solo was much too good for Cuiragi over nine furlongs.

The others to work were Rakau, Crecy, Ngatiro, Elspeth, Veldt, Waipuna and Rambler.

Pine, who was seriously hurt at the summer meeting, is about again and doing as well as can be expected.

Mr F. Pratt is on the look out for a good hurdler or steeplechaser to send to South Africa.

The people's grandstand lately erected by the Auckland Racing Club is no doubt very useful, but not half large enough.

A had practice noticed at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting was the fact that quite a number of people took the lawn chairs

and put them next the new iron fence, where they not only spoil the chairs, but obscure the view. Another had practice is to allow people to mount the fence where the bookmakers stand, scratching all the new paint and knocking the fence about.

The favourite picks for the Takapuna Cup are Hinetaura, Putty and Miss Lotte, and for the Steeplechase Dingo, Kanaka and Marine.

The Pony Annoyed has been coupled with a few in the Steeplechase. Her owner, Tom Bray, thinks she has an outside chance.

Putty is now easier, having been kicked by Idas while in the paddock.

TUESDAY.

Up-to-Date ran nine furlongs in 1min 59sec.

Jewellery ran once round the tan alone in 1min 53½sec.

Mary Seaton and Woodmount sprinted six furlongs in 1min 18sec, the former in front.

Idassa did a five furlong flutter in 1min 2½sec, moving nicely.

Idas negotiated the nine furlongs in 1min 57sec. This mare is on the improve.

Conclusion spurted five and a-half furlongs.

Kamo did her best over five furlongs.

The pony Cuisine spurted four furlongs in 51 1-5sec.

Beau Seaton and Elgin completed a like task in 51½sec, finishing together.

St. Olga was much too swift for Bonomiana in a fast run five furlongs.

Marshal Soult ran a clinking six furlongs in 1min 15 4-5sec, and then took charge of the boy and continued on for another round.

Methuma spurted four furlongs alone.

Scotty, with Mark Ryan in the saddle, fluttered over five furlongs in 1min 3 4-5sec.

Bonheur and Delania worked in company at good three-quarter pace. Both looked well.

Marine did two good solid seconds at three-quarter pace.

Dingo accomplished a like task.

Annoyed ran a short mile alone in 1min 42sec.

Hinetaura and Gold Seal ran a taking four furlongs flutter in 49sec, with little to choose between them.

Cannogate ran one and a-half miles alone.

Rae being away in the Waikato his team only did half-pace work.

Avalanche, with a disciple of Sloan up, ran ten furlongs, the last nine in 1min 59sec.

Midleir and a maiden pony did their best over three furlongs in 37½sec.

Dunmore and Wairakau took 53½sec to negotiate the four furlongs.

Dolores alone took 1min 54½sec to get to the end of nine furlongs on the inside of the tan.

Hippowai and Loch Ard did a couple of circuits on the tan, moving freely.

The following horses also did good medium work:—Numa, Waikato, Solitary, Romolo, Haydn, Frances Lovejoy and Coronation.

Putty was again an absentee.

Golden Sands trotted and cantered.

Khama, assisted by Lady Bobs, ran nine furlongs in 1min 58½sec.

Ross' team (four) all did good work.

Inspiration ran five furlongs, the last three in 36sec.

Ake Ake and Native Rose finished together in a fast round in 1min 56½sec.

Eureka spurted three furlongs in 38sec.

Mauku, with Satman up, started on the sand, but running awkwardly struck the trestle and pulled up lame.

Sally Horner alone ran a fast four furlongs.

Merry Soult negotiated the five furlongs in 1min 2½sec.

Crecy, with J. Wilson in the saddle, jumped fairly well in the centre.

Major, Veldt, Te Aroha, Ngatiro, Cuiragno, Eureka and others did medium pace work.

J. George returns with Maro next Tuesday.

Mr Fred. Pratt, the South African buyer, is at present enjoying himself amongst the trout at Rotorua. He is a most ardent angler.

It is not unusual for a jockey to be mistaken as to whether he has won or lost a race when the finish is a close one. Barden thought he had squeezed home on Long Tom in the Summer Cup at Randwick, but such was not the case, and the "Pink 'Un" mentions that when St. Blaize won the English Derby, his rider, Charles Wood, thought he had just failed to do so.

"Not me," Wood observed to the police superintendent, who had notified the jockey near the paddock entrance to follow him in the accustomed procession, "it's that man over there," pointing to Fred Webb, on Highland Chief. But the officer of the law was not to be put off.

"The judge says so," he curtly remarked. "Fall in behind me, please."

Wood had secured "the rails" at Tattenham Corner, otherwise St. Blaize would not have beaten Highland Chief, who came with a rare rush at the finish.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, January 19.

As quite a number of Canterbury horses have engagements at the Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting more than the usual amount of interest is being taken locally in the forthcoming fixture.

Acceptances for the Wellington Cup includes Gladstone, Cannie Chiel and Delarey. The firstnamed is favourite for the race, and if she reproduces her Auckland form will, I think, about win.

Cannie Chiel is understood to be in his best form and should be close up at the finish.

Delarey has not won over a mile and a-half course, but judging by the way he shaped in a mile and a-quarter gallop at Riccarton last week there is every chance of the Seaton Delaval horse getting the Wellington Cup distance. He has only a feather-weight and if he only runs as well in the race as he has done on the training track his chance of winning is a good one.

I cannot see anything to beat Golden Lily and Silkworm in the two classic events, while Lolah, Golden Vein and Tessera are all worth following.

Secret Society, Magnificent, Thunderer and Fairy Rose will take part at the Wellington Meeting. Magnificent has not been doing much solid work since he returned from the West Coast, where he had a good innings during the Christmas race meeting.

Very poor entries have been received for the principal events at the Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting, which is regarded as purely a local affair. Still seven entries is a very poor response from owners for a £200 stake.

Entries for the Midsummer St. Alban's Handicap and Filly Stakes are confined to local horses. In previous years entries for these events have come from Dunedin, but this year none of the Southern owners have sent in any nominations.

The pony Bulawayo has been nominated for the Dunedin Cup, a mile and a-half race.

At the Waiau Races, on January 9, Khaki won the Cup, one mile and a-quarter, defeating Grand Chain, Lepanto and two others. Khaki also won the Flying Handicap, Lepanto being second, Crusader third.

Neither Scottish Minstrel or Sophistic did any good at the Forbury Meeting.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has received advice from the Railway Department stating its intention to increase the railway platform at Riccarton by 100 feet.

At the last meeting of the committee of the Christchurch J.C. trainers' licenses were granted to A. J. Death, R. Keeper, and jockeys' licenses to J. W. Carter and T. F. Evans. Applications of A. J. Death and R. Keeper for jockeys' licenses were refused.

WELLINGTON

THE WELLINGTON R.C. MEETING.

Wellington, January 17

The forthcoming Wellington Racing Club's Summer Meeting promises to be fairly successful. The field for the Cup is certainly very disappointing, but if Melwood stands his final gallops the eight acceptors will probably face the starter. Canteen has arrived and is galloping in his best style. His owner has accepted all the available odds about him and has advised his friends that he expects him to run well, if not be returned the winner. Gladstone is still under the care of Mr R. Mason and she is striding along in her gallops in a most pleasing manner. Her mentor, although he considers that she has her full share of weight, is hopeful of her repeating her Auckland Plate performance.

Cannie Chiel arrived to-day. The son of Clanranald is thoroughly sound, and when I viewed him to-day in his box looked fit to run for a kingdom. The travelling and racing at Manawatu has tightened his muscles up, and, although his mentor ventured no opinion, I predict that he will strip fitter than we have ever seen him.

Convoy will arrive on Monday and, as he put up a sterling performance on New Year's Day at Rangitikei, he must be in good trim.

Melwood (I regret to find that in referring to the handsome little son of St. Leger I shall have to use some "ifs and buts") if he stands a final genuine gallop or two will take a power of beating, but since he had a gallop early last week he has been treated to hill work only with the exception of a sharp spin over five furlongs on Saturday afternoon. I shall feel sorry but not surprised to find him a non-starter.

Float arrives on Monday with a couple of others owned by Mr Watt.

Ghoorka is reported well, and as he is a sound horse may be counted a sure starter.

Delarey, in charge of J. Taggart, arrived this morning and is also a sure starter for the Cup. This colt looks in capital trim. The racing on the West Coast and walking exercise he obtained travelling home from Greymouth to Christchurch has lightened him up and he will strip a fit horse on Friday. Delarey is credited with having run ten furlongs in 2min 11sec at Riccarton prior to being shipped for Wellington.

From the above readers will gather that the contest for the Cup is going to be a good one and those who are putting the race down as a certainty for Gladsome may be a bit out of their reckoning. With the exception of Melwood a better conditioned field never started in a Wellington field never started in a Wellington Cup, and if the present weather continues there is no reason why the time put up by Advance last year should not be nearly equalled. Staying, I think, is Canteen's forte, and in a small field he may be able to force the pace and wear the others down. If the race is run in slow time I would take Cannie Chiel (who will have the services of Hewitt) to beat Canteen, and when one considers that Sir George Clifford's horse is in receipt of 7lb and three years from Mr Reid's filly Gladsome it would seem that her task is beyond her. I cannot bring myself to believe that she is a Cruciform and for that reason I predict that she will be beaten. I think that the Wellington Cup of 1904 will go to Sir George Clifford. I place

Cannie Chiel	1
Delarey	2
Gladsome	3

The following are my selections for the other races:—Anniversary Handicap: Rawiri, Lollah, Secret Society. Ruapehu Handicap: Pokeka, Black Squall, Immersion. Wellesley Stakes: Mr Stead's selected. Electric Handicap: Ballarat, Te Taraha, Ostiak. Tongariro Handicap: Tarcelet, Clodelly, Spoil. Nursery Handicap: Novgorod, Solution, Tessera. Telegraph Handicap: Full Cry, Golden Vein, Exmoor.

E. Cutts has a team of six quartered at the Hutt, viz., Cannie Chiel, Windwhistle, Golden Vein, Brave Heart, Stronghold and Tessera. It is somewhat singular that the whole of his team claim Clanranald as their sire and five out of the six are chestnuts and are marked with the white stocking of their sire. Windwhistle and Golden Vein look fresh and well and have each done good work since their arrival from the North. Brave Heart is a fine-looking filly, but her legs fill all round when standing in her box, and although she is working and walking sound she is causing her mentor some anxiety. Stronghold is a wiry high-strung colt and although rather highly assessed in being pitted against Golden Lily and Silkworm should win two-year-old handicaps. Tessera is a fine upstanding filly. Her second to Purdey in the Irwell Handicap on the second day of the C.J.C. Spring Meeting demonstrates that she has the gift of galloping and a win at the meeting may be in store for her.

Mr Stead's pair of two-year-olds were doing walking exercise in the presence of their trainer and an admiring crowd when I looked them over. Golden Lily seems to have quite shaken off her cold and will start in the Wellesley Stakes and Wellington Stakes. Silkworm appears strung right up with the galloping he had at Auckland, and as his stable companion lacks his condition through having been idle during the time she was affected with a cold it would not surprise me to find him the better of the pair this week. As the two will probably measure strides at the meeting the result will be watched with interest.

Mr W. J. Jorgenson informs me that the whole of his twenty-two boxes are engaged. S. Waddel brings three of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses, probably Idea, Galahad and Trent; T. Quinlivan (Mr E. J. Watt's trainer) has engaged boxes for Float, Albufera and another; Secret Society, Convoy, Catspaw and a number of lesser lights will also be quartered at Mr Jorgenson's.

Pokeka and Coxwain, the property of Mr Jorgenson, secured three hack events at the Nelson Meeting. The former, a full sister to Plaidie, is a fine upstanding mare and should be heard of in better than hack company before the end of this season. Coxwain is a son of The Workman, and although rather small and light fleshed is a speedy customer. The pair look none the worse for their efforts at Nelson.

C. Pritchard's team consists of Delight, Black Squall, Lissa, St. Ludulum, by St. Hippo—Morning, and the hurdle mare Levant. The latter knocked her hind leg rather hard at Greymouth, and will require a short spell. St. Ludulum is engaged at the forthcoming meeting and seems a useful sort. Black Squall is much improved since I saw her last. Lissa and Delight also look in capital nick. Pritchard has half-a-dozen nice boxes and should win a few races for his patrons ere the season closes.

The veteran Tommy Cotton and one of his sons, V. Cotton, visited the Nelson Meeting. Young Cotton is a smart-looking lad and as he has been very successful recently should get plenty of riding this week.

Visitors to the Nelson J.C. Races are of the opinion that the stewards are ill-advised in choosing the early part of January for their Annual Meeting. Horses racing on the West Coast and around Wellington at New Year time were unable (owing to their want of rest) to compete at Nelson. With a few exceptions, therefore, the meeting was entirely made up of local horses. When outside owners are unrepresented it invariably follows that only local sports attend the meeting and the totalisator receipts in such cases are bound to show a falling off. As no horses of note were engaged at the meeting it is needless to say more than that those who did attend were favoured by good weather and witnessed good, if not high-class racing.

Betting on the Wellington Cup has been fairly spirited. Prior to the acceptances Achilles was heavily supported by a number of backers who like to forstall owners, and as short a price as 5 to 1 was eagerly snapped up. Subsequent to the acceptances Gladsome was backed at 3 to 1, and at the present time 2 to 1 is the best price obtainable. Canteen is next in favour at 4 to 1; Ghoorka and Cannie Chiel have supporters at 6 and 8 to 1 respectively. A considerable amount of double betting has taken place at from 100 to 3 to 100 to 5. Golden Vein, Ballarat, Ringlet and Full Cry are favourite selections for the Telegraph Handicap.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, January 19.

Wilson arrived from Auckland on Thursday. He left with Catspaw this morning for Wellington, and after assisting at the Hutt this week, journeys up to Auckland, where he will pilot Hinetaurua and Gold Seal in their efforts at Takapuna.

Matters in the equine line are brisking up in Gisborne in view of the approaching Summer Meeting, between forty and fifty horses being in work in that district.

Tahuei has evidently quitted the turf arena for the breeding paddocks, as the grey mare has been left in Auckland with the object of being mated with Sout.

Wairenga, a gelded son of Quilt and Ua, passed out last week at his birthplace, Te Mahanga Station. Although he had been racing for some time, he never did anything startling. The cause of his death is internal inflammation.

Inspan is still on the resired list, and his rest is doing him a deal of good.

All of the team who are engaged at the Wellington Summer Meeting left for the Hutt to-day. As all have been responsible for attractive essays of late, it looks as if their prospects at the windy city are of a particularly good sort.

The full-sister to Float and Polyanthus, and a half-brother by The Possible to Seraphine, are amongst the yearly lot that Mr De Pelichet, manager of Mr S. M. Gollan's Station, is sending up for sale at the end of the month at Hastings.

Matuku's dam Kotuku, went to the happy hunting grounds the other day. Unluckily she got tangled up in a wire fence, cutting herself about badly. An inflammation setting in, carried her off.

Awahuri is enjoying himself in the paddock at Ngatarawa. I give the big fellow a chance of seeing the post again for, as a general rule, horses that have a rough strain of blood permeating their veins get over troubles much better than those that have been born in the purple.

Eclair's three-parts brother has had the name of Matapiro claimed for him. Like his relative, he is a finished fencer, and as he can gallop and stay well, it looks like good business to predict a successful career for him at the leaping game.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has christened Roie's foal son, by San Francisco, that he recently acquired at the dispersal sales of the Sylvia Park Stud, Golden Gate.

Asteroid, who was not able to put in an appearance on the convincing grounds of late through injuring one of her heels, is well and healthy again, and has once again been set going on the tracks.

A well-attended Committee Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Kennel and Poultry Club was held in the Albion Hotel last evening, the President, Mr Paul Hunter, being in the chair. The schedule for the forthcoming show was revised, and it was decided to adhere to the liberal principle introduced last year of adding the special prizes to the Society's prize money in all classes. It was reported that a number of applications for schedules had already been received from fanciers in other parts of the Colony. Mr J. C. Coupe, of Melbourne, was appointed to judge all the dog classes. The question of the appointment of judges of the poultry classes was held over until next meeting in deference to a

generally expressed wish. It was decided to present gold nuggets of the value of £10, £6, and £4 respectively, as prizes in the Art Union, instead of one principal prize of the value of £20. A sub-committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements in connection with the Art Union.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, January 19.

The Forbury Park Racing Club held a very successful meeting on Saturday last. There was a splendid attendance, and the racing was fairly interesting. The club received £234 in fees from the metallicians, and the latter gave their clients good liberal prices during the day.

Old Blazer accounted for the principal event in good style, but was not so strong a fancy as St. Denis, who ran badly.

The Flying Handicap was won by Goldspur, who began smartly and led all the way.

Kremlin, who won the Welter Handicap, is a full brother to Muscovite, and has grown into a good cut of a horse. He should score in better company during the present season, as he put up a fairly creditable performance in the race by winning handsomely under 9st 10lb in the fairly smart time of 1min 18sec.

The North Island-bred Aldinga won the Hack Race, but had to run the gauntlet of a protest before being awarded the stake. Aldinga had Trentbridge, who ran second, jammed on the rails, and finally completely extinguished the latter's chance by crossing. R. King, who was up on Trentbridge, was riding his first race since his accident at Woodville, which resulted in the death of the mare Malfern and his breaking one of his collarbones through his mount going over the rails. The stewards opened their enquiry to the press, and their decision in dismissing the protest without even censuring Aldinga's rider and at the same time returning the protest deposit contrary to the rules of racing was in accordance with the facts of the case.

The Glencairn gelding Malster, who had been a well-known performer in these parts and recently raced on the West Coast, has been sold to a Southern buyer at £65.

The nominations received for the Dunedin Cup and the principal races to be decided at the Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting are much less than what might have been expected, but still there is sufficient material engaged to furnish good sport.

There is no truth in the report that the Vivandiere filly sold at the Wellington Park sale was purchased on behalf of Mr Abe Moss, the owner of Canteen.

St. Denis' recent efforts under silk indicate that the gelding has lost a lot of his dash and brilliancy. He has lightened up a lot and looks as if judicious rest would be advisable.

Pipi, who recently sported silk at the Auckland Meeting, landed the Hurdle Race at Forbury on Saturday, but his party did not benefit greatly by the win, and tens to one in a field of six went begging for takers before the race. The Nation gelding was finally quoted at 8 to 1, but his win was a good turn up for the fielders.

Racing stewards frequently refuse to sit on enquiries, protests, etc., because they are financially interested, but recent experiences incline the writer to believe stewards who are personally interested should also keep out of the stewards' room.

Very much indeed does it appear as if the mighty Persimmon were going to be a stud failure (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). With the single exception of Sceptre, the Derby winner of 1896 has scarcely been credited with an animal capable of winning a selling race, and this is certainly not because his stock leave anything to be desired on the score of good looks. During the past three years His Majesty has bred and Marsh has trained a dozen or more colts sired by the horse of whom they are so justly proud, who as yearlings showed infinite promise, and towered above youngsters of similar age. Yet without exception they have proved useless for racing purposes, and this is due, it may be feared, to some inherited trait of temper which is greatly to be regretted, "Great soft brute" is the term we heard Marsh use in speaking of one of them, and if he can only get stock of this description there will in the future be no great rush for Persimmon's services.

There is trouble between the New South Wales Cricket Association and the Sydney Cricket Ground trustees over the proceeds of the first test match. The trustees paid the English team its share, and the association maintains they had no right to do so. The matter will be settled in the law courts, the executive committee of the association having decided to issue a writ for the recovery of the amount of gate money taken during the match.

TROTTING.

THE OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The programme is published of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, which will take place on February 20, 24, and 27, at Alexandra Park. Eight races will be run each day and these have been endowed in the most liberal scale. On the opening Saturday the big events are the Otahuhu Trotting Cup, of 100 sovs, two miles, and the Otahuhu Pony Cup, of 70 sovs, six furlongs. On the Wednesday, the Summer Trot, two miles, High-Class Trot, one mile and a-half, and the Suburban Pony Handicap, six furlongs, are the best endowed races. On the concluding Saturday, the Criterion Trot, two miles, and March Trot, one mile and a-half, carry most money. Altogether nearly a thousand pounds will be distributed in stake money. This should have the effect of inducing our very best trotters to appear at the meeting, while those always interesting events, the pony handicaps, are certain to fill well.

Trotting seems to be on the up-grade in Auckland, therefore the approaching meeting of the Otahuhu Club will be hailed with pleasure by all lovers of the game.

It will be well for owners to bear in mind the fact that nominations for all events close with Mr F. D. Yonge, the secretary, at his office, Durham-street, on Friday, February 5, at 9 p.m., when no doubt the response will be a very liberal one.

At the last meeting of the Westport Trotting Club a statement of the late race meeting was read, showing a credit balance over the said meeting of £483 7s 4d. It was decided to make a cinder track in place of grass. It was also decided to present the rider of the horse who won the first race on the new course with a whip.

A few months back it was stated that the Californian studmaster, Mr J. B. Haggin, of the Rancho del Pasa, was about to send a consignment of thoroughbred mares to South Africa, but latest advices from America are to the effect that he has given up the idea. He now says that he may find himself with his stock left on his hands there, and would have to buy a farm on which to keep them, and that would be rather more of an undertaking than he cares about. He has evidently made inquiries as to the prospects of finding customers over there, and is not thoroughly satisfied.

The young stallion Peter the Great (2min 7½sec) was sold at auction in New York for £1000, a few weeks ago, and an exchange says that his purchaser, Mr Duxrea, is going to try a unique experiment with him, which he believes will be a great success. He has bought an estate in England not far from Nrwmarket, and within easy distance of London, and purposes to start there the first trotting stock farm in England. He will send over with Peter the Great fifteen choicely-bred mares, and will make it his summer residence.

The most successful trainer of trotters in America last year was Scott Hudson, of Lexington, Ky., whose stable won about £15,153 in prize-money.

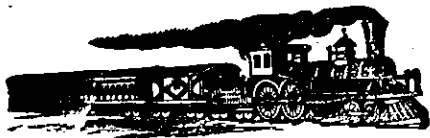
The American horse Gambetta Wilkes has sired seventy trotters and sixty-nine pacers, who have done 2min 30sec, or better. He also heads the list of sires of 2min 10sec performers.

The monthly meeting of the New Zealand Trotting Association was held on the 13th inst. The Hutt Valley Trotting Club was affiliated to the Association and the Colonial Secretary recommended to grant a permit to the club. Mr T. P. Baker wrote from Alexandra South, stating that a number of persons interested in trotting wished to form a club. The chairman and secretary were empowered to write to Mr Baker giving him every possible assistance in the formation of a club. The President stated that he had opened a correspondence with the American trotting authorities and the National Trotting Association, had informed them that under its rules it enforced penalties imposed by the New Zealand Association for fraud against horses and persons. It had export agents at the Atlantic ports, and it was proposed to appoint an export agent at San Francisco, in order to identify the horses exported from that port to the colonies. The meeting decided that in future all horses imported from America must be provided with the National Association's export certificate. It was agreed that the Association should endeavour to enter into reciprocal relations with the Melbourne Speedway Club.

GOOD ADVICE BY THE ENGLISH JOCKEY, CANNON.

Writing recently about his early experiences in the saddle Mornington Cannon, the celebrated English horseman, tells that he was riding for a good while in public before he was allowed to carry a whip or wear spurs. And quite right, too. When little boys are beginning to wear silk it would be all the better for both themselves and their mounts if they were not given any "instruments of torture" at all. They cannot be expected to know how to use them. To me nothing looks so pitiful on a racehorse as a "nipper," who has only just learned to sit on properly, making an attempt to bring the whip into play (writes "Reginald"). In such inexperienced hands the "flail" must be rather a detriment to the unfortunate horse concerned. Boys getting an idea of the business would, like Cannon, be far better employed in managing the reins properly, instead of endangering their own and others' lives and limbs by their frantic attempts to get the "mop" going. And, after all, it is very rarely that the whip really wins a race. But in this country trainers dare not instruct their apprentices to keep their hands down, for there is a regulation in the V.R.C. rules which says that horses must be ridden out, which, according to the Australian version, means whip flourishing and all the rest of it. Was ever such an absurd rule heard of in any part of the world but this? It is beyond all reason. Why should not a rider be justified in easing up when he finds his mount beaten under him, instead of using pressure on an animal that has already done his best. Of course, the rule does not go so far as to say that the stewards expect to see skin and hair fly; but this is what can always be looked for when you put the whip in the hands of helpless kiddies who do not know how it should be used. The proper way to teach our boys to ride is to follow the plan adopted in the case of Mornington Cannon—that is, leave the whip, and the spurs, too, for that matter, at home until the novice has been educated in the proper use of such things.

The "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman" says that in 1899 Professor Ewart wrote him a very interesting letter in which, dealing specially with Trenton, whose dam was of a family tracing back five removes—all bred in New Zealand before coming to the imported mare—he said: "In inter-crossing, I imagine the maximum results will not be obtained during the first generation," and this forecast seems to be quite correct, for, while there are a good many useful Trentons now in training, it would be absurd to compare any of them with such as Wakeful, Aurum, Quiver, Auraria and others of his colonial-bred stock, all of whom got the Fisherman "nick" through their dams. It may, however, be fairly claimed that no Trenton in this country, of whatever class, has failed to show stamina; and that the fillies will make great brood mares I do not doubt. Trenton, however, is quite a remarkable exception in the sense of being absolutely outbred on his dam's side, so far as mares in this country are concerned. Carbine, whose dam was actually exported from England, stands on an entirely different plane, and he can easily be mated. So can a French horse that brings back The Flying Dutchman line, for that is so easy to pick up among the many Galopin-bred mares in this country.



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Cheap Excursion Tickets at the rate of 2d per mile first class and 1d per mile second-class (minimum 4/- and 2/- respectively), mileage counted on way only, will be issued from any station to any station on Friday, January 29th, available for return up to and including Tuesday, 2nd February.

Day excursion tickets will be issued from Auckland, Onehunga and stations on the direct route to Te Aroha on Friday, January 29th, available for return on day of issue only, at first-class 12/-, second-class 7/-.

A special train will leave Auckland for Te Aroha at 6.50 a.m., stopping at Newmarket, Remuera, Ellerslie, Penrose, Otahuhu, Papanui, Drury, Pukekohe, Mercer, Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, Frankton, Hamilton, Kirikiriroa, Morrinsville, arriving Te Aroha at noon, returning leaving Te Aroha at 4.30 p.m., arriving Auckland 9.20 p.m. Return special will if required make the same stoppages as the 6.50 a.m. special from Auckland.

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PROGRAMME.

- No. 1. TRADING VESSELS' RACE, any rig, including scows (cutters excepted). Handicaps. 25 tons register and upwards.—First prize, £50 and Weather Glass, presented by Messrs. T. and S. Morrin and Co., value £2 2s; second prize £15 and Weather Glass presented by Messrs. E. Porter and Co., value £2 2s; third prize £5.
- No. 2. OPEN HANDICAP YACHT RACE, 1st class.—First prize, £20 and trophy; second prize, £2 10s and trophy valued £5; 3rd prize, £2 and trophy.
- No. 3. FISHING BOATS (Handicap).—First prize, £12; second prize, £3; third prize, £1.
- No. 4. MAIDEN GIGS, under 10 stone, clinker outriggers.—First Prize £7; second prize, £2.
- No. 5. YACHT CRUISERS (Handicap), not exceeding 27ft 1 w.l.—First prize, £10 and trophy; second prize, £3; third prize, £1.
- No. 6. HALF-DECKED CENTREBOARD YACHTS, 26ft overall and under, tuck stern.—First prize, £12 and trophy; second prize, £3; third prize, £1.
- No. 7. MAIDEN GIGS, open clinker outriggers.—First prize, £7; second prize, £2.
- No. 8. YACHTS 28ft LINEAR RATING (Handicap).—First prize £8 and trophy; second prize, £3; third prize, trophy.
- No. 9. FISHING BOATS, tuck stern, centre-board.—First prize £8; second prize, £3; third prize, £1.
- No. 10. DECKED OR HALF-DECKED BOATS, 22ft overall and under (Handicap).—First prize, £8 and trophy; second prize, £3; third prize, £1.
- No. 11. JUNIOR GIGS, open clinker outriggers.—First prize, £7; second prize, £2.
- No. 12. OPEN BOATS, 22ft and under.—First prize £6; 2nd prize, £3, third prize, 10s.
- No. 13. PATRIKS (Handicap).—First prize, £5; second prize £1.
- No. 14. SENIOR GIGS (clinker outriggers)—First prize, £3; second prize £3.
- No. 15. NAVAL CUTTERS (Handicap).—First prize, £13.
- No. 16. FOREIGN GOING VESSELS' PULLING RACE.—First prize, £5; second prize, £2.
- No. 17. OIL & STEAM YACHT RACE (Handicap).—First prize, £10 and trophy; second prize, £4 and trophy; third prize, £1.
- No. 18. CHAMPION WALEBOAT RACE (All-comers).—First prize, £50; second prize, £15; third prize £5.

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CHAS. C. DACRE, Hon. Secretary.



Department of Public Health, Auckland, January 14, 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given that any Fish which is known to have been washed, or dipped in the Harbour water within one hundred yards of the Queen-street, Railway, or Hobson-street Wharves, or the outfall of the Mechanics' Bay Basin, will be considered unfit for human consumption, and any person will be liable to proceedings taken under section 87, "Public Health Act, 1900," in whose possession, or on whose premises, such fish may be found.

R. H. MAKGILL, District Health Officer.



THE HAYMARKET.

FRIDAY, at 12 noon.

ALFRED BUCKLAND AND SONS

Have received instructions to sell

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S PRIVILEGES FOR THEIR SUMMER AND WINTER MEETINGS, FIVE DAYS.

C. G. BROOKES, Auctioneer.



Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Auckland, 14th January, 1904.

IT is hereby notified that the undernoted lands will be submitted for sale at public auction on FRIDAY, 4th March, 1904.

VILLAGE OF MAMARI—10 Lots, averaging in area from 2 acres 2 roods 30p to 4a 1r 23p, at the upset prices from £8 2s to £13 5s.

TOWN OF RANGIRIRI—Lot 6, area 1r 20p, upset price £7 10s.

TERMS—One-fifth cash on fall of hammer, and the balance with Crown Grant Fee, £1, within 30 days.

G. MUELLER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

RACING PROGRAMMES.



THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

(Registered under Auckland Racing Club, and New Zealand Racing Conference).

AUTUMN MEETING, 1904.

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

PROGRAMME:

- Maiden Plate of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For three-year olds and upwards who have not won over 25 sovs in value at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
- Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.
- Miners' Union Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s.
- Pony Race of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
- Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.
- Railway Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, seven furlongs. Winner of Miners' Union Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s.
- Hack Race of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Te Aroha, Thames and Coromandel. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. For horses that have not won 10 sovs in stakes or over at the time of starting, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to the date of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
- Final Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, four furlongs. Winner of Railway Handicap or Miners' Union Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS: Will be received up to FRIDAY, February 12, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS Will be declared on FRIDAY, February 19, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES Will be received up to FRIDAY, February 26, up to 8 p.m.

REGULATIONS.

All Stakes paid in full. All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colours of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea. All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final. In no case will tickets of admission be issued to Trainers or Jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary. The rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

WILLIAM H. POTTS, Secretary.



OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, 1904.

TO BE HELD AT

ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM.

SATURDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 24, AND 27.

PROGRAMME.

(Run under the Rules of the New Zealand Trotting Association, and passed by the said Association.)

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

- Maiden Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 50sec. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, two miles.
- Otahuhu Pony Cup Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3 sovs each from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 15 sovs; Distance, six furlongs.
- Otahuhu Trotting Cup Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 25sec or better. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.
- Pony Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Electric Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 54sec to the mile (Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

Flying Stakes Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

ACCEPTANCES.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—JANUARY 22.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 120 sovs; one mile.

Table listing race results for the Anniversary Handicap, including Magnificent, Secret Society, Bawiri, Lolah, and Wind.

Table listing race results for the Ruapehu Hack Handicap, including Immersion, Catpaw, Trent, Replete, Waikakaho, Black Squall, Waitoti, and Fairy Rose.

Table listing race results for the Wellington Cup Handicap, including Canteen, Gladstone, Cannie Chiel, and Convo.

Table listing race results for the Wellersley Stakes, including Silkworm, Tessaera, and Oatjak.

Table listing race results for the TONGARIRO HACK HANDICAP, including Hydrant, Clovelly, Tercelet, and Waitoti.

Table listing race results for the NUBERRY HANDICAP, including Novgorod, Solution, Tessaera, and Albufera.

Table listing race results for the AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING, including Mr. A. Watson's ch h, Mr. J. Monk's ch h, and Mr. L. Wood's br c.

SECOND DAY—JANUARY 23.

Table listing race results for the Wellington Stakes, including Treadmill, Gladstone, Silkworm, and Golden Lily.

Table listing race results for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, including Mr. A. Watson's ch h, Mr. J. Monk's ch h, and Mr. L. Wood's br c.

SECOND DAY—APRIL 4TH.

Table listing race results for the Fifth Century Stakes, including Mr. A. Watson's ch h, Mr. J. Monk's ch h, and Mr. L. Wood's br c.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY—APRIL 4TH.

Table listing race results for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, including Mr. A. Watson's ch h, Mr. J. Monk's ch h, and Mr. L. Wood's br c.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 29, 30, AND FEBRUARY 3.

FIRST DAY.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Sugarcane, Kohima, Aka Aka, Welloast, Sly Miss, and St. Bowan.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Beau Seaton, Yeldt, and Romola.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Numa, Austerlitz, Gold Seal, and Marshall Soult.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Solo, Millie, Liberator, Black and Gold, and St. Olga.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Romeo, Strathavon, Geordie, Rosella, and Putty.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Idas, Miss Lottie, Hinetaura, General Symons, Ropa, and Scotty.

Table listing race results for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, including Maro.

FERRY HANDICAP of 60 sovs; five furlongs.

Table listing race results for the Ferry Handicap, including Lady Rose, Coronation, Irish, Hurrah, Golden Sand, Newtown, Ngatoro, Daffodil, Bonomiana, Mid Cyr, and Rapid.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; two miles.

Table listing race results for the First Handicap Hurdles, including Spalpeen, Cannongate, Tresham, Up-to-Date, Incheape, Kanaka, and Frances Lovejoy.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 75 sovs; five furlongs.

Table listing race results for the First Pony Handicap, including Annoyed, Avalanche, Orange and Blue, Sonoma, Vulpine, Girton Girl, Forth, Gladys Rose, Shrewsbury, Manoeuvre, and Mataura.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100 sovs; six furlongs.

Table listing race results for the Stewards' Handicap, including Numa, Austerlitz, Gold Seal, Marshall Soult, Scotty, Solo, Millie, Green and Gold, and Kamo.

SECOND DAY.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; about three miles and a-half.

Table listing race results for the First Handicap Steeplechase, including Haydn, Nor-west, Kanaka, Rufus, Dingo, Marine, and The Pullack.

NOMINATIONS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 29, 30, AND FEBRUARY 3.

SECOND DAY.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.—Annoyed, Ropa, Rosella, Torchon, General Symons, Count of Kolmar, Cavalry, Maro, Despatch, Bastion, Bonheur, Te Aroha, Scotty, Delania, Geordie, Hinetaura, Matamataharakeke, Wellcast, Jewellery, Strathavon, Avalanche, Soultfish, Idas, Putty, Numa, Romeo, Dolores.

MAIDEN HURDLES.—Loch Lomond, St. Rowan, Lochard, Hector, Irish, Tun, Aka Aka, Tahae, Native Rose.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—Mataura, Little Mabel, Avalanche, Sally Horner, Annoyed, Shrewsbury, Gladys Rose, Forth, Girton Girl, Sonoma, Cuisine, Sentinel, Orange and Blue, Solitary, Whawhai, Polly Perkins, Storyteller.

MOANA HANDICAP.—Lady Rose, Coronation, Woodmount, Escape, Malanta, Silicia, Vanquish, Mauku, Daffodil, Bonomiana, Mid Cyr, Le Beau, Irish, Rapid, Ngatoro, Lady Hune, Newton, Golden Sands, Cuiragno, The Squincher, Hurrah.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Swagsman, Wellcast, Kamo, Dolores, Idasa, Austerlitz, Green and Gold, Millie, Sugarcaue, Liberator, Numa, Spalpeen, Grey Seaton, Scotty, Gold Seal, Bastion, Solo, Waikato.

THIRD DAY.

MARINE HANDICAP.—Eljen, Elspeth, Stromness, Romola, Lovelink, Wairakau, Veldt, Celerity, Akarana, Cabaret, Eureka.

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Anchorite, Daffodil, Minna, Mary Seaton, Merry Soult, Silicia, Austerlitz, Green and Gold, Millie, Vulpine, Numa, Cygnet, Kohima, Bloodstone, Delia Rose, Te Aroha, Sonoma, Marshall Soult, Gold Seal, Discoverer, Black and Gold, Newton, Golden Sands, Waikato, Hurrah.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Wellcast, Maro, Avalanche, Kamo, Dolores, Jewellery, Austerlitz, Strathavon, Zuleika, Liberator, Numa, Idas, Putty, Spalpeen, Grey Seaton, Scotty, Delania, Bonheur, Hinetaura, Lady Hune.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES.—Loch Lomond, Up-to-Date, Lochard, Hippowai, Khama, Incheape, Cannongate, Moccasin, Tresham, Spalpeen, Irish, Crespin, Frances Lovejoy, Native Rose, Major, Leona.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP.—Mataura, Sally Horner, Manoeuvre, Shrewsbury, Gladys Rose, Forth, Vulpine, Girton Girl, Rapid, Garnet, Cuisine, Orange and Blue, Sentinel, Inspiration, Solitary, Whawhai, Polly Perkins, Storyteller, Itt.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP.—Anchorite, Kamo, Idasa, Vanquish, Austerlitz, Green and Gold, Millie, St. Olga, Numa, Cygnet, Bloodstone, Te Aroha, Scotty, Marshall Soult, Gold Seal, Black and Gold, Solo.

SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Puffing Billy, Kanaka, Hylas, Incheape, Cannongate, Star, Moccasin, Dingo, Tun, Marine, Pullack, Kowhai.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Sly Miss, Swagsman, St. Rowan, Wellcast, Jack Brown, Leo Delaval, Dolores, Annoyed, Mary Seaton, Jewellery, Cavalry, Cannongate, Sugarcaue, Zuleika, Bonomiana, Liberator, Le Beau, Putty, Irish, Grey Seaton, Bonheur, Bastion, Lady Hune, Frances Lovejoy, Waikato.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 22 and 23, 1904.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 400 sovs; one and a-quarter mile.—Cannie Chiel, Windwhistle, Quarryman, Treadmill, Canteen, Ringman, Gladstone, De la Rey, Float, Melodeon, Westerly, Grand Rapids, Betsy, Menura, Idas, Hinetaura, Narcotic, General Symons, Count of Kolmar, Idas, Putty, Terrapin, Shrapnel, Onewa, Rosella, Hydrant, Ropa, Ghoorka, Exmoor, Rawiri, Melwood, Field Battery, Convo, Romeo, Regulation.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DUNEDIN CUP, of 500 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Ghoorka, Count of Kolmar, Terrapin, Gladstone, Buluwayo, Cannie Chiel, Treadmill, Pampero, Sychem, Canteen, Delarey, Lolah, Trentbridge, Red Gauntlet, Juniper, Blazer.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, of 250 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Ghoorka, Count of Kolmar, Terrapin, Gladstone, Buluwayo, Cannie Chiel, Pampero, Sychem, Canteen, Djin Djin, Delarey, Lolah, Trentbridge, Magnificent, Red Gauntlet, Juniper, Blazer, Treadmill.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

FLYING.—Tutungarehu, Hiki, Tyrone, Soutina, Terahui, Nukurau, Croupier, Murmur, Hinetaupariki, Regiment, Good Spec.

FIRST HURDLES.—Hippowai, Rags, Eclair, Lady Raven, Papatu, Mangamahaki.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Taura, Hiki, Soutina, Maura, Ballyneety, Croupier, Murmur, Hinetaupariki, A.B.N.

FIRST COUNTY STAKES.—Morpeth, Taura, Terahui, Sarilla, Papatu, Sardonyx, Ladylike, Lady Raven, Craftsman.

PARK STAKES.—Tutungarehu, Taura, Hiki, Oudenarde, Tyrone, Soutina, Lady Rae, Nukurau, Croupier, Murmur, Hinetaupariki, Good Spec, A.B.N.

SECOND COUNTY STAKES.—Morpeth, Maura, Sarilla, Papatu, Saedonyx, Ladylike, Lady Raven, Craftsman.

SECOND HURDLES.—Hippowai, Rags, Eclair, Lady Raven, Papatu, Mangamahaki.

Electric HANDICAP.—Tutungarehu, Waipai, Tyrone, Aherlow, Soutina, Terahui, Nukurau, Croupier, Murmur, Sardonyx, Hinetaupariki, Ice, Regiment, Romanly Girl, Good Spec.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Taura, Hiki, Oudenarde, Tyrone, Aherlow, Soutina, Taura, Ballyneety, Croupier, Murmur, A.B.N.

VICTORIAN RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 27.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Billali, Mario, Independence, Staple, English Rose, Velox, United States, Paul Pry, Emir, Royal Oak, Pliable, Latchkey, Mairp, Boaz, Corroboroe, Giggles, Sonica, Maharani, Charleston, Stuart King, Drawbridge, Dandalla De-benture, Strata Florida, Martinique, Bright Beauty, Czarovitch, Deucalion, Silenus, Sans Peur, Westerly, Carronade, Bonnie Chiel, Berriedale, Carolina, Mistral, Actor, Cantala, Blue Rose, Bivalve, Fifeness, Lady Doris, Kensington, Katoomba, Bassini, Berthier, Chere Amie, Green Mountain (imp.), Mimer (imp.), Mark, Playaway (imp.), Ban Ceontha, Harvest Lad, Lively (imp.), Hazel Lad, Possum, Nirvana, Sea Kale, Pendant, Sir Leonard, Sojourner, Aurate.

SECOND DAY—MARCH 1.

AUSTRALIAN CUP. Two miles and a-quarter.—Billali, Mario, Marmon, Proceedor, Seaport, Sport Royal, Sweet Nell, F.J.A., Emir, Annotate, Debenture, Strata Florida, Mallard, Patronus, St. Ambrose, Combat, Solano, Martyr, Bright Beauty, Czarovitch, Quo Vadis, Orphan Boy, Westerly, Homeward Bound, Scottish King, Elderslie, Avalon, Rabato, Bivalve, Cross Keys, Irvington, Bridegroom, Abundance, Green Mountain (imp.), Jacobite, Lord Cardigan, Australia, Patronage, Sojourner.

FOURTH DAY—MARCH 5.

CHAMPION STAKES. Three miles.—Paul Pry, Sweet Nell, F.J.A., Emir, Strata Florida, Mallard, St. Ambrose, Martyr, Czarovitch, Scottish King, Sport Royal, Bridegroom, Abundance, Green Mountain (imp.), Jacobite, Lord Cardigan, dagan.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

WELLINGTON RACES—22ND AND 23RD JANUARY, 1904.

On 22nd January trains for Racecourse will leave Te Aro at 10.30, 10.55, 11.25, 11.50 a.m., 12.40 and 1.40 p.m., return trains leaving Racecourse at 4.55, 5.55, 6.15, and 6.30 p.m.

On 23rd January trains for Racecourse will leave Te Aro at 10.55, 11.5, 11.56 a.m., and 1.0 p.m., return trains leaving Racecourse at 4.55, 5.45, 6.10, and 6.30 p.m.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES

BOWLING.

The bowling tournament at the St. Louis World's Fair promises to be a very big affair. The dates have been fixed for August 15, 16, and 17 next, and the rules to be observed are those of the Scottish Bowling Association, which are almost identical with the code governing the game in the colonies generally. A handsome trophy will be presented to the club whose team wins the rink championship, whilst gold, silver, and bronze medals are to be given respectively to the first, second, and third in both the single-handed and rink tournaments. The entrance fee for the single-handed championship will be 50 cents, and for each team in the rink championship 2 dol. As entries can be received up to July 15 there will thus be ample time for the New Zealand or Australian bowlers to make arrangements for any visit they might contemplate to the first of the world's great Olympic games, in which the old pastime has found inclusion.

Bowlers were in luck's way to get such a week of brilliant sunshine for the Northern Bowling Association Tournament. Throughout the whole of the time hardly a cloud showed above the horizon, and this with an absence of wind made it bowlers' weather indeed.

The dry spell and the large amount of play on it made the Grafton green exceptionally keen. Many visiting bowlers stated that they had never seen anything to equal it in this respect. To rest the jack under such circumstances was a next to impossible feat.

The final tussle between Wellington and Ponsonby proved wonderfully exciting. Both rinks fought out every head with the utmost determination, and there was nothing to choose between the teams. On one rink Becroft, Buchanan, Watson and Ballantyne (skip) won from Ponsonby by 19 points to 14 put up by the Wellington four Reich, Hill, Ballingrnt and McLean (skip). This defeat for the Southern club was more than equalised on the other rink by Drummond, Hamilton, Bell and Lockie (skip), who got 20 to the 14 achieved by Quinn, Newell, Veale and Kirker (skip).

In the final match between Wellington and Ponsonby Kirker, who was skipping for one of the latter teams, played much under his usual form, and this lost the match and championship for his club. On the second head, with Ponsonby lying two and a very easy draw open, Kirker came narrow and firm, in fact playing the exact shot his opponent should have tried. It cost Ponsonby three points. Later on with his side again lying two the Ponsonby skip again came narrow and gave his opponents four instead; a difference of six in the score. Afterwards Kirker played up very well, but the damage had been done. The game was watched throughout by a very large crowd, the excitement becoming intense as the result was seen to be so close.

Lockie's last shot, which won the match and Championship for Wellington, was a magnificent effort under conditions which would have tried a less seasoned bowler. There was a great outburst of cheering from friends and foes alike when, with his opponents lying two and the game apparently lost, Lockie's bowl just came up and rested the shot bowl. It was a fitting termination to a keenly fought game.

C. B. Osmond, of the Ponsonby Club, won the Singles, beating T. Ballinger, of Wellington, in the final by 17 to 15, after a very keen struggle.

The Carlton Club rather easily annexed the prizes for the highest aggregate score compiled at the tournament, their total being 595. Ponsonby followed with 570, and then came Palmerston North 569, Wellington 541, Auckland 538, Dunedin 525, Mount Eden 518, Victoria 514, the others being less than 500.

The "smoker" at the Federal Club Rooms was a very enjoyable function. All sorts of nice things were said about the way the tournament had been managed and the play shown. The championship banner was handed over to the Wellington Club amid enthusiastic cheering. There was a good attendance of bowlers, who one and all seemed to enjoy the concert.

The "At Home" given by Mr and Mrs Kirker on Saturday at "Tara," their pretty Ponsonby residence, was attended by a perfect host of bowlers, the grounds being simply crowded. Auckland won the bowling match (four rinks), beating the visitors by 104 to 86.

The semi-finals for the Citizens' trophies were both very interesting, but most attention centred in the match between Wellington and Mt. Eden. The former steadily went away, and at the tenth head they led by 15 points to 3. Thanks chiefly to some magnificent play by H. W. Brookes, the Mt. Eden skip, the local club drew up, and with one head to go, wanted three to save the game. When lying two, the third man was short with one bowl, and played the other with the wrong bias, the result being that Wellington won the match by two points.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reofer.")

Dr. Gore Gillon's address last week on "Life Saving" was very interesting. The doctor, in the course of his remarks, said that when one read that there were 125 persons drowned in New Zealand in 1903, he felt that it surely behoved the powers that be to do all they could to reduce that mortality. He did not say that the knowledge of rescue work would do away with the mortality, but he did say that it would tend to reduce it very materially. Many a life was lost from want of knowledge of resuscitation, especially as regards the time when "not to leave off." It was a mistake to think that a man, before he was drowned, must rise three times, as that only depended on circumstances. The first rule in saving was to "lose no time," while the second was to "divest oneself of as much heavy or surplus clothing as possible." It had been said that it was sheer madness to approach a drowning person who could not swim, from the front, but that was not always the case. A good swimmer would often approach from the front, grasp the person's arms above the elbows, turn him on his back and rescue him. The rescuer should always keep uppermost in the struggle.

A well-built oil launch was put afloat by Charles Bailey, jun., on Thursday. It has just been built to the order of Mr G. Fenwick, of Napier. The launch, which is 35 feet long, has been very strongly constructed on the diagonal principle, and is fitted with a 10 horse-power Union oil engine. She is to be engaged in tendering the large ocean-going steamers which call off Napier.

It has been decided that the next tournament will take place next year at Wellington.

The committee of the Ponsonby Regatta Club have decided to resail the race for 22ft overall and under centreboard and tuck-stern boats next Saturday afternoon at half-past two o'clock. The committee have decided to allot all prizes on the evening of the 25th inst., at eight o'clock, at the Ponsonby Club Hotel. There should be a good muster for this closing function.

Logan Bros. shipped the little racer Southerly Buster across to Sydney on Monday. That Mr Mark Foy's boat is exceptionally smart, she proved very conclusively in a test race on Friday, when the intercolonial champion Rainbow, and the new 25-footer Queenie, were pitted against her. Rainbow was sailed by Mr Jervis, and was all out to win. Going to windward in a very light breeze, Rainbow easily went to the front, her big topsail helping her a lot. Off the wind the Buster very soon out-footed Queenie, but only gathered in the 36-footer very slowly, and the latter, which was admirably handled, finished ahead. In a subsequent brush with the Rainbow in a freshening breeze, the Buster had the heels of her big rival. It seems evident that when Mr Foy's boat gets her racing suit on and has a smart crew accustomed to the live ballast type of craft, she will make things pretty sultry for the best of the Sydney 22-footers. Her career will be watched with interest by Aucklanders. The hollow spars carried by the boat were a little too big for her. The American firm who made them rather over-estimated the power of the boat, but the spars are beautifully made. A very special word of praise is certainly due to Carter, of Sydney, for the excellent suit of sails carried by the Southerly Buster. To use a homely expression, these "fitted like a glove." Altogether, the little vessel should prove a credit to all concerned.

The Home Bay Sailing Club's second series of races were got off last Saturday, and proved most successful. In the Class I. handicap Fountain (8min) won on time from Bell Bird (6min), and Kiatere (5min). In the Class II. race Countess (15min) saved her time from Eileen (7min) and Ruru (3½min). Horo won the Class III. race 3secs from Emerald. In the Class IV. handicap the places went to Alofa, Hinemoa, and Roso, while Euriti won the contest for the open sailing boats, with Norma second and Wairiki third. The ketch Wave was flagship, and Messrs Warren and Sloane acted as officers of the day.

Mr Peacock, patron of the West End Club, was presented with a handsome address on Saturday. The wording was as follows:—"On behalf of the members of the West End Rowing Club, we beg to tender you and Mrs Peacock congratulations on your safe return from a trip round the world. The members are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses shown by you to the club ever since its inception, and for the kind interest you have always taken in its welfare. They take this opportunity of conveying to you their heartfelt thanks for the same, and trust that the good feeling existing may long continue. Wishing you, Mrs Peacock, and family many years of health and happiness." Then followed the signatures of the officers. Full musical honours were given, Mr Peacock coming in for an ovation on rising to thank the donors.

The strong easterly breeze on Saturday quite spoilt the various rowing races which the clubs had arranged to hold. Both the West End and Auckland Clubs got off three heats, but the North Shore Club had to postpone all the races but one.

Writing of the Inter-State Yacht Race between New South Wales and Victoria "Weathereye" says: "Some idea of the enthusiasm evinced may be gathered from the fact that something like one thousand spectators witnessed the first day's race from the decks of the steamship New-castle."

The races were held on Saturday, the 9th inst., and on the following Monday and Tuesday, in splendid, in splendid weather. Saturday provided a race in a strong nor-nor-east wind, which exactly suited the requirements of the Victorian yacht, which sailed home a comfortable comfortable winner. On the next occasion, Monday, that the two rivals met, a moderately fresh north-east breeze, with a smooth sea, prevailed for the best portion of the afternoon, and the race resulted in an easy wind for Bona. Yesterday, when the third and final race was sailed, the weather conditions were similar to that of the previous day, only with the wind a trifle lighter from the same quarter. With the breeze so much to her liking, the issue of the contest was thought to lie with Bona, especially after her fine racing display on the previous day; but the judgment proved incorrect, as the Victorian again won comfortably.

Sayonara, the property of Mr Alfred Gollin (late Commodore Royal Yacht Club of Victoria) is a Fife-designed boat. She was built by M'Farlane, of Adelaide, in 1897, her dimensions being 58ft length overall, 10ft 8in beam, 7ft draught. She carries 7½ tons of lead on the keel, having 3½ tons more lead on the keel than Bona. The latter, which was designed and built by C. Bailey, jun., of Auckland, in 1900, is 53ft length overall, 36.16ft on the water line, and has a beam of 9ft 6in. Owing to the difference in their sizes, Sayonara had to allow Bona 2min 58sec over a twenty-mile course. The contest was sailed under Y.R.A. rules.

Billington, the crack English swimmer, may visit Australia, according to a statement in the London "Sporting Life."

Frank Gailey, ex-champion sprint swimmer of Queensland, passed through Auckland recently on the Ventura. He has purchased a share in a cattle ranch through having drawn third horse in one of Tattersall's sweeps on the Caulfield Cup.

I hear that Dick Cavill, the Australian champion swimmer, and Alick Wickham, the South Sea Island torpedo, has been invited to attend the Championship Meeting, which the Northern A.S.C. intend holding on March 5. If this pair come over the Carnival would certainly prove a huge success, but somehow I doubt whether we shall see them, for the Australasian Championships commence in Sydney on March 12.

The Royals will sail off an ocean handicap on Saturday. Entries close this afternoon at 2 p.m., when it is to be hoped that more names will be handed in to Mr Cole, the secretary, than was the case last time. The course will be decided upon on Saturday morning, but if the north easterly weather still keeps up, the destination will probably be some point inside of Waiheke.

SMOKE

Old Judge

TOBACCO & CIGARETTES.

CYCLING.

At the big Sydney Carnival the contest for the Five Miles International gave rise to a desperate battle between the Americans Ivor Lawson and Major Taylor. The former just won in 10min 36sec, which is a world's competition record. It has, however, been done in much faster time, notably by H. D. Elkes, who from a flying start reeled off the five miles in 7min 7 1-5sec.

It is practically fixed that next season will find Christchurch supplied with an up-to-date cycle and motor track (says the "Canterbury Times"). For a long time it has been recognised that the track at Lancaster Park is obsolete, being too large in circumference and too narrow across for cycle racing, and altogether insufficiently banked for motors. Now that the Christchurch Cycling and Motor Club has sufficient money in hand to talk business, the motor dealers are "red-hot" for a track, the combination of interests is likely to result in immediate action. Whether a new track will be laid down at Lancaster Park or another site be chosen is a matter that has yet to be decided upon.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" has some interesting remarks on the big Exhibitions at the Crystal Palace and Agricultural Hall, London. It says: "These exhibitions still serve a useful purpose, no doubt. They must do, or we should not find two or three hundred firms going to the tremendous expense of displaying their treasures thereat. Firms like the Premier, Humber and Rover must have laid out enormous sums on polished oak, artistic upholstery and electric fittings, while many of the Rudge-Whitworth machines are actually exhibited in settings of polished white marble. Silver trophies gleam and glisten on every hand, and the general taste in arrangement and decoration is far in advance of previous years.

"Yet if it were not for the motor-cycle there would be very little of a novel character to see this year. The representative of one of the big companies yesterday admitted to us that if his people had not some motor developments to show they would not have been stand-holders on the present occasion. The motor bicycle, is, indeed, carrying all before it just now. It must surely be the aim and ambition of every young man to become the proud possessor of one. For the expenditure of one shilling or eighteenpence on petrol and lubricating oil you can travel on one of these machines a distance of a hundred miles. If you attach a 'trailer' the 'damage' will be two shillings. Every firm of note is paying special attention to motor cycles. Great ingenuity is being brought to bear on the mechanism, and every year, almost every month, sees some advance. There is great scope for the inventor, and we shall see many improvements made on the present contrivances before we are much older.

"Meanwhile the ordinary bicycle remains pretty much what it was twelve months ago. By 'ordinary' we, of course, mean our familiar friend the 'safety.' To apply the term to the old 54-inch contraction of the early eighties seems rather absurd, for it is scarcely possible to find one outside a museum of curiosities. How times have changed, to be sure! What ridicule was heaped on the 'safety' when it first made its appearance! The tendency to decrease the weight of machines is still observable in certain directions, but it must have reached pretty nearly the limit.

"The introduction of the free-wheel—what a matter-of-course improvement that seems to be now—and the necessity for increased brake power resulted in the building of more powerful frames and an addition of weight, and the manufactur-

ers have gradually got down to the old scale again without sacrificing the desired strength. So far as the ordinary foot-pedalled bicycle is concerned, the only new feature to be noted is the application of the variable gear. This is by no means universal yet. The manager of one of the leading firms informed us that they fitted the two-speed gear when it was required, but he doubted whether they had applied it to more than seven or eight machines during the past season. The object of the contrivance is to make hill-climbing easier. Mounting a rising gradient with a highly-g geared machine is hard work, especially for ladies, so when you come to a hill you switch on the lower gear and get to the top with the least possible expenditure of effort. The variable gear is not exactly a novelty. It was exhibited last year, but since then it has been vastly improved. We shall probably hear a good deal more of it during the next few months."

It is said that "Pedaller" Palmer, who raced in the South last year, has written to Christchurch challenging G. Sutherland to race him at Lancaster Park for £100 a-side. Palmer accomplished some fine riding in Australia early in the season, but "Suthy" ought to be able to make that century all right.

Acting on the recommendation of the the Council of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, the Pioneer Amateur Bicycle and Athletic Club has decided to rejoin the League of New Zealand Wheelmen. As matters have turned out, such a course was inevitable (writes "Veloxx"), unless the club desired its members to be in a position of "splendid isolation," as far as cycle racing was concerned. Standing aloof from the governing body, its members would have had their chances of competition restricted to their own numbers, and while the agreement between the League and the Athletic Association remains in existence, possibly that limited competition would have been prohibited. The Pioneer Club's circular to the other athletic clubs in the colony, advocating the formation of a separate body to control amateur cycling, failed to bring a response, and its members have decided to rejoin the League, and see whether the promises made by the governing body of cycling are carried out. The club's temporary secession will have been of benefit to the sport, if it proves to be the means of inducing the League to deal more vigorously with racing malpractices.

It is obvious that the motor-cycles used by the more prominent of the riders are too highly powered for the average tracks in Victoria (says the "Australasian"). H. B. James, in the final of the Five Miles at Castlemaine, had the narrowest of escapes from serious injury. The pace had forced him close up to the outside fence, and he just reduced the pace by shutting off the power when one of the tyres burst, and caused him to fall. He escaped with a few scratches and a shaking, and decided not to contest the second race. As may be supposed, the poorly-banked tracks play great havoc with the tyres. The lateral strain is enormous, and the wear, instead of coming on the tread or centre of the tyre, is between it and the rim. Thick wearing strips are cemented on to the covers to protect them, but after a five miles race these strips are so badly "chewed up" (as the racers express it) that they become useless. Franklin, the winner of the motor-cycle race at Ararat, had a nasty tumble during some preliminary work in the morning, but he persisted, and got to know the best and worst places on the track, and scored accordingly. The tyre-strip on the rear wheel of his machine was "a thing of shreds and patches" after the race.

LINE & TRIGGER.

(By "Gillie.")

I notice at the recent big shoot of the Dunedin Gun Club seven of the winners in the £100 match and all the winners in the sweepstake used the Colonial Ammunition Company's cartridges and patent concave wadding. They are evidently very deadly.

Good bags of trout keep coming to hand from Lake Rotorua. It is estimated that about six tons of fish have been caught this season, and the cry is still they come.

It is not long ago that I read of Sir Richard Graham and party making a total of 1360 in one day's shooting (writes "Blue Rock"), and this record, having outclassed previous records, especially when the Prince of Wales was at Netherby, attracted much attention from sportsmen and game preservers. It is only necessary to prove to an Englishman that a certain thing can be done, and he will surely proceed to do it. It was so with grouse, for as soon as one sportsman had killed, by means of a party, upwards of 1500 grouse in a day, it became at once the thing to aim at, and was accomplished in a good many places, so that the day's bag gradually rose, year by year, until in a good season 2648 grouse were accounted for at Broomhead, on August 30, 1893; and this still holds the record, and is likely to do so until there is another really good breeding season following upon another nearly or quite as good. A succession of at least two good breeding seasons is necessary before it is possible to expect to make record bags, and the reason of this is that grouse are such birds to migrate that, unless the general stock is good, the leaving of a large local breeding stock tends to help the neighbours' almost as much as the home moors.

In America four brothers have had the great good fortune to bag 527 mallard in one day (they call them all mallard in America, although in most countries only the male of the wild duck is known by the name). This is almost as good a count per gun as the Netherby bags; but how very differently is it met in the sporting press of America from the disguised envy to be found in the Britishers' own estimates of the feat.

In the "American Field" these lucky shooters are held up to the contempt of all good sportsmen. They are called in the public press "game-hogs"—an expressive Yankeeism that requires no dictionary, but nevertheless does require an explanation, not of the meaning, but of the reason for its use.

In America the game reservations in private hands, or in those of a game club, are the exceptions. Nearly all the ground is open to anyone to shoot over, as is the case in Australia, and the shooters are mostly townsmen who go shooting trips once a year or more for the sake of health. Should all of them slay to the full extent of their powers, then game and wild-fowl in America would share the fate of bison.

Consequently it is held that where nobody breeds game or wild-fowl it is common property, and that no person has a right to endanger the public breeding stock. Whether this is right or wrong is perhaps only a matter of sentiment. In England it is felt that the rearing of 10,000 duck in a season is a very big thing to do, and that it becomes even a public-spirited affair when only 6000 are bagged by the owner, and the rest go to stock the British Isles. That represents the true state of the case at the great breeding-grounds of Netherby.

A trout weighing 21lb was taken from the Waitaki last week by Mr J. Smith, of Waimate. This is one of the heaviest fish taken out of the river, the record being a little over 22lb.

The Waikato River is now full of mullet, and not a few of the inhabitants of Cambridge imagine they are trout (says the "Argus"). Some were netted at the mouth of the Karapiro stream, but the majority got away owing to the net sinkers not being heavy enough.

The Hot Lakes "Chronicle" states that from the 8th to the 14th inst. 215 fine trout were secured at Rotorua, the aggregate weight of which was 10077lb. Included in a catch of 15 good fish, Messrs Clark and O'Connor secured one each of 15 1/2lb and 10lb. Dr. Rogers, with six fish to his credit, had one each of 9lb, 7lb and 6lb. Messrs Kamu, Scott, Young and Johnstone stowed away in their baskets 40 fish, the aggregate of which was 200lb, among them being one of 14lb, 12lb, and two of 10lb each. Included in 15 fish secured by Mr and Mrs Topham was one of 10lb, while Mr Gillies caught 13, including one each of 12lb and 11lb. Morton Bros. placed six to their credit, all fine trout, the heaviest being 10lb and 8lb. Messrs Clark and Cater were successful in hooking eight, two of which weighed 10lb each. Mr Stephenson nearly reached a dozen, his basket containing 11 fine specimens, among them being one of 11lb and another of 10lb.

At Oxford on November 28, Oxford University decisively beat the London A.C. in a nine-event match, winning by seven events to two. The most remarkable thing about the match was the poor jumping. No man could be found at Oxford who could clear 5ft in the running high jump (two of their men, one from Worcester, and one from Oriel, cleared 4ft 11 1/2in), whilst not one of the competitors, either from the 'Varsity or the L.A.C. teams, cleared 20ft in the running broad jump. We have boys at most of the Public Schools here who could beat the Oxford 'Varsity men in these departments.

It happened late one night on a tram car going to Ponsonby. Two young men sat together in one of the seats, both of them sound asleep. Their appearance indicated that they had been out for a good time, and that they had looked too long upon the wine when it was red. When the car had nearly reached its destination two policemen entered, one at either end of the car. One of the young fellows awoke suddenly, looked around, shook his companion, and shouted:

"Jump up, Jack! Out of the window! The place is raided!"

Mr C. H. Donnelly, who was formerly with A. A. Partridge, and lately with J. Rix, now has the Pipe Surgery in Vulcan Lane. A specialty is made of this line, but Mr Donnelly is also an expert rigger, and quotes very low prices for his work.

We publish in another column the advertisement of the Zealandia Wine Agency, whose wines, made from grapes grown in New Zealand, are now well known and appreciated. Prizes have been awarded them at the Auckland Exhibition, 1898, and at the Agricultural Shows in Auckland and elsewhere. The efforts the Agency are making to promote the wine industry in the Auckland district deserve the support of the public, who will find at the cellars in Fort-street good wholesome wines, both sweet and dry, equal, if not superior, to much of the imported wine, and at moderate prices.

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The Motorist.

A good run was accomplished by Mr P. R. Skeates, of the firm of Skeates and Bockaert, from New Plymouth to Palmerston North one day last week. Starting from New Plymouth at 4 a.m. on an 8 horse-power single cylinder Darracq Palmerston North was reached at 3 p.m., the distance being 162 miles.

Two American automobilists are credited with driving a 24 horse-power touring car from Chicago to New York (1177 miles) in 76 hours. This is a record for the journey.

A speed of 125 miles an hour has actually been accomplished for a distance of fourteen miles in the well-known Marienfelde-Zossen electric railway, near Berlin. The electric car with which the experiment was made carried some twenty passengers, whose lives were heavily insured by the company, and the whole length of the line was carefully guarded by troops to prevent danger. The passengers experienced no ill effects and were not frightened by the terrific speed.

For the Gordon-Bennett Cup Race La Compagnie Metallurgique de Marchiennes are building two 100 horse-power machines for representing Belgium in the contest.

The New Zealand League is evidently up-to-date. It has obtained the assistance of experts in drawing up rules for the government of motor racing. Among the principal rules are those providing for the appointment of an examiner of machines, the licensing of drivers, the drawing of two distinct lines on the track, one 12 inches from the inner edge of the track, and the other three feet from the outer edge, machines to be kept within these lines, and also for a driver leaving the track immediately a breakdown occurs, the number of machines on the track in any one event to be limited to four. Other leagues should follow suit.

It is not pleasant to be stranded without a puncture repair outfit. It many times incurs a long walk, which is the reverse of pleasant. The cyclist or motor cyclist should therefore be prepared for puncture troubles and carry a reliable outfit. The Dunlop Midget repair outfit for cyclists is noted for the excellence of its contents, and it is handy and portable, enabling it to be comfortably carried in the pocket or stowed in the tool bag.

The German Automobile Club has decided that the Gordon-Bennett Cup Race will be run over a road course starting at Saalburg, passing through Limburg and Ober Ursel, and returning to Saalburg. The road selected is 137½ kilometres long—85½ miles—and will be covered four times, making the total race 342 miles. It is said that the road goes through an extremely picturesque country, but it is dangerous on account of numerous sharp curves, many other roads crossing it, several railroad crossings, steep hills and a number of down grade stretches. One critic has pointed out thirty places considered dangerous.

The course, starting at Saalburg, passes Wehrheim, Usingen, Gravenwiesbach, Weilburg, Heckholzhäusen, Obertiefenbach, Limburg, Kirberg, Neuohf, Idstein, Esch, Glashütten, Königstein, Ober Ursel, Ober-Stedten and Dornholzhäusen. The course is the one which the Emperor favoured, and which a number of leading foreign

drivers, among them Fournier and Rene de Knyf are said to have pronounced as suitable for the race. On the other hand, a number of other prominent drivers and manufacturers and several newspapers have deplored the selection of the road on account of its dangerous points.

This year Germany (holder of the Cup), England and France, America, Italy and Belgium will be represented by teams of three cars each, so that in this year's race eighteen cars will compete as against twelve in the last event.

Dr and Mrs A. C. Purchas entertained the members of the Auckland Automobile Association on Saturday afternoon at their seaside residence on the second beach at Lake Takapuna. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

A number of motorists essayed the run to Waiwera and back on Sunday. Under ordinary circumstances, very good time could be made on this trip, but unfortunately but little attention is paid to the roads. Sunday's party consisted of Dr. and Mrs Purchas, Mr and Mrs Robert Whitson, Dr. and Mrs Rayner, Mr Spinks and Miss Thomas, and Mr Cameron, of Napier, and friend. The actual running time from Devonport Wharf to Waiwera Hotel was 1hr 58min going out, and 1hr 53min on the return journey. There was ample time for comfortable bathing, dinner and a rest at Waiwera before the return at 3 p.m. was commenced. The road was found to be all right until the Lake had been passed, but from that point to Okura it gradually got worse, while the scenery was absolutely hideous in its barrenness. A slight improvement, but a very slight one, was noticeable as the Wade was approached, but after passing through that little township, famous for its local jealousies and pretty river, a very bad bit had to be negotiated, this lasting till the Orewa River was reached. The two-mile beach is a great piece for some record smashing, but at high-tide a rough grass track has to be negotiated.

After passing Orewa the scenery was found to be much more picturesque, although there was no great improvement in the road, as a lot of loose stones were lying about. The view from the top of the hill before the zig-zag is taken on is really superb, and was much appreciated by the party.

The party greatly enjoyed the outing, but the wretched condition of the roads will deter Waiwera from becoming a popular run, which it would otherwise soon become.

It is a well-recognized fact that a certain class of carters and waggon-drivers in and about Auckland, maintains, against all reason, a prejudice against motor cars. By all the means in their power they obstruct the motorist, and the language is occasionally offensive. A summary lesson was dealt to a carter the other day in Quay Street, who, having called various derisive names to an inoffensive motorist, found himself speedily in trouble. It was the work of a moment for the motorist to run alongside the cart, and handing over the control of the machine to his companion, to step aboard the cart, and thoroughly thrash the astonished carter, thus assaulted in his own castle, so to speak. A few energetic examples of this sort would soon check this boorish evil that exists.

CRICKET.

At Wellington, on Saturday, Old Boys against Phoenix made 314, Blacklock (148), Tucker (65), Staples (22), being chief scorers. Phoenix scored 33 for one wicket. In the Wellington v. Midland match the former scored 107, Mahony (22), Latham (24), and Ashbolt (20). Midland lost five wickets for 87, Hickson (not out, 52), Upham (not out, 23).

At Christchurch, Lancaster Park compiled 258, Barrett 73, Orchard 55, Atkinson 30, C. Ridley 30. Midland lost two wickets for 89, Costello 30. Sydenham kept United in the field nearly the whole afternoon, scoring 264, Patrick 101, Robson 39, Fowke (in) 27, S. Frankish 27. United scored two without losing a wicket.

The fifth round of the Auckland Cricket Association Cup matches was commenced on Saturday. After a week of faultless weather, the wicket proved very fast, too much so, indeed, for the majority of the batsmen, who were disposed of rather cheaply.

Ponsonby led off against Grafton with 140 runs, towards which Woods contributed 92, the result of some fine hitting. Braithwaite made 21, but none of the others did any thing at all. St. Paul, with 5 wickets for 66, did best with the ball. Grafton fared badly, for six good wickets had fallen when the bell rang, with only 72 on the slate. Clayton 35, and Stenson 20, showing to most advantage.

There does not look a great deal of hope for North Shore in their match against Parnell. The latter led off with 238, towards which R. Mason contributed 54, and K. Oliff 49, the rest of the scoring being very evenly balanced. Warren, 6 for 87, and McNeill, 4 for 32, bagged all the wickets. North Shore have made a shockingly bad start, as four good wickets were down for eleven runs.

The City v. Eden match is left in a rather interesting state. City put together 115, of which Coates made 37, there being some fairly even scoring among the others. W. Mills, who took 5 for 39, was the most destructive agent. Eden had got 77 for five wickets, S. Mills being 37, not out. Wanting but 40 runs to win, and with five wickets still intact, Eden should just about pull it off.

Canterbury gave Hawke's Bay a rather severe thrashing last week. The latter led off with 112, to which the Southern province replied with the fine score of 357. Barring Frankish and Wigley, who each got "ducks eggs," every man on the side ran into double figures, Ollivier topscoring with 79. Other good performances were achieved by Callaway 64, Relse 53, and Wheatley 45. As Hawke's Bay could only reply with 95, they were defeated by an innings and 150 runs. Callaway secured 7 wickets for 23 runs.

The death is reported from Christchurch of Mr George Willmer, "the oldest playing cricketer in the world," as Dr. W. G. Grace styled him. Mr Willmer was born at Pulborough, Sussex, in 1816, and landed in Lyttelton after spending three years in Australia, on January 3, 1858, having been a passenger by the ship Westminster.

L. A. Cuff, who will be remembered by all Aucklanders, greatly distinguished himself with the bat while playing for the North against the South of Tasmania at Launceston on December 26, 28, and 29, scoring 73 in his first innings and 133 in the second. Of his 73 a local writer says:—"The big Tamar representative played the best cricket of his side, and there is more merit in his total than even the figures suggest. He saw the prominent men of the North going down, and, realising the serious of the situation, played cautious cricket. His 73 was an invaluable effort." Commenting on his second contribution the same writer remarks:—"It looked very much as if Cuff, undoubtedly the hero of the match from the Northern point of view, would carry his bat through, but when he had compiled the finely-made 133 he gave a chance to Eady in the slips and was held. Except for a chance at 88 his innings was flawless and brilliant, his favourite strokes being to the off. He hit 19 fours, five threes, and twelve twos, and in both efforts of the North made the highest score, as well as the highest in the match. It is evident that Cuff shines when engaged in a losing game, and that fact raises his batting in the estimation of lovers of cricket." Notwithstanding Cuff's efforts his side was beaten by eight wickets.

A telegraphic message from Perth (W.A.), to the "Referee," states that while Ernest Jones, the well-known fast bowler, was cycling home to Claremont from the Swan Brewery, where he is employed, he collided with a water cart, with the result that his bowling arm was broken in two places.

A. C. MacLaren receives £450 a year from the Lancashire County Club for acting as assistant treasurer.

The unjust conduct of the clerk of the weather has brought forth the usual lot of suggestion regarding protection of the wicket (writes "Shortslip," in the "Sydney Mail"). At Sydney the wicket is never protected, at Melbourne it is until the morning of the first day, at Adelaide the ground authorities claim that the ground is under their control until 12 o'clock of the opening day, and it is covered until then. Some "constant readers" suggest that the wicket should be covered every night and that a canvas awning be wheeled on to the pitch every time an adjournment is necessary through rain. I certainly think it is fairer to protect the wicket on every opportunity, or to leave it alone, than to follow the Adelaide or Melbourne rule, which provides the side winning the toss with a good wicket to start on for a certainty. Rather than have one side benefited by artificial means, I would prefer everything chanced to luck. In the latter case the match might be played out under even wicket conditions. It would probably be found impracticable in showery weather to place a covering over the wicket during the progress of a match. The matter has been discussed for many years and still there is nothing done. Those people who advocate protection state that it seems absurd to take days over the preparation of the wicket, and then leave it so that half-an-hour's rain might ruin the match. Others think that legislation should not always lean towards the batsman, that the bowler who bears the heat and burden of the day should sometimes have some of the good things that are going round.

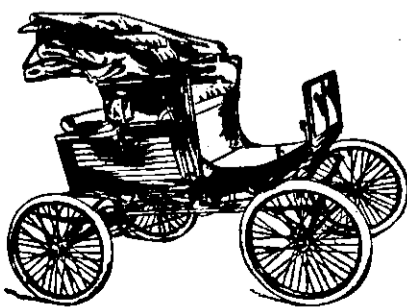
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In response to the renewed request for a visit by the English team, word has been received by the West Australian Cricket authorities from Mr Warner stating that it is impossible for the team to visit Western Australia. Local cricketers appear to regard this decision as a distinct breach of faith.

ENGLAND V. AUSTRALIA.

THE THIRD TEST MATCH.

On Friday last the Third Test Match was commenced on the Adelaide Oval. The weather was beautifully fine, and consequently there was a big attendance of the public, estimated at over ten thousand pounds. Knight, Strudwick, and Relf stood out of the English team. When Noble won the toss from Warner there was joy in the Australian camp, for on the cast-iron wicket, for which the Oval is famous, a mammoth score looked probable for the side batting first.

As usual, the Sydney pair, Trumper and Duff, led off, Fielder and Arnold opening the attack. Both batsmen scored freely, while the Englishmen commenced their usual expensive mistakes in the field. Fielder commenced by missing Duff when he had only scored 32, and when he was 63 the usually safe Lilley missed an easy chance of stumping him. The century went up after just over an hour's play, then Hirst bowled Duff for 79. Hill came next, and both batsmen being thoroughly set, the score rose merrily, and another hour saw the second century hoisted. Ultimately, Trumper dragged one from Hirst on to his wicket. His score of 113 included twelve fours. The second wicket fell with the total at 272. Soon after, Hill was caught behind the wicket from one of Arnold's. After this a collapse came, and wickets fell fast, Noble being the only one to shape at the bowling. After such a splendid start it was certainly a surprise to find the whole side out for 388.

There were 18,000 people present on Saturday when the match was resumed. The display given was not up to the form expected, the very fast wicket apparently troubling the batsmen. Warner showed some steady cricket and looked like making a lot of runs, but put up one from Trumble and McLeod caught him. With the exception of Hirst, who gave a chanceless display of crisp hitting, none of the others stayed very long, the innings closing for 245.

Having a majority of 143 the Australian batsmen Duff and Trumper started

freely, but the former soon went. As usual Trumper gave a very attractive display, but soon after making the half century Rhodes got him leg before. Gregory came out of his shell and played a dashing innings, scoring all round the wicket. It was the best exhibition he has given for a long time and he was heartily cheered on returning to the pavilion. Noble's innings was rather marred by two chances, but the captain's batting was very bright all through. The innings came to a close with a score of 351 runs. Bosanquet did best with the ball.

With the apparently hopeless task of making 435 runs to win Warner and Hayward commenced the innings. Both played very correct cricket, and despite constant changes of bowling the score steadily rose. Trumble was easily scored off, but Hopkins kept the runs down. The century went up after two hours' play, and with 140 on the board for no wickets the hopes of the English sympathisers began to rise. Three runs later Hopkins got Hayward l.b.w. and immediately afterwards bowled Arnold, and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 150 runs for two wickets.

The total scores when stumps were drawn on Tuesday were as follows:— Australia—First Innings, 388 Australia—Second Innings, 351 England—First Innings, 245 England—Second Innings, 150 (for two wickets).

THE FOURTH TEST MATCH.

The competition that will be sure to cause a great deal of interest is announced in our advertising columns to-day by the proprietors of Wolfe's Schnapps. They are presenting the large sum of £50 to any person who correctly gives the result of the Fourth Test Match between England and Australia, or should no one give the actual result the competitor who states the result most closely will become entitled to the prize—in the event of a tie the prize will be equally divided. The only stipulations made are that competitors must cut out the label headed "Caution to the Public," which is on the yellow wrapper of each bottle of Wolfe's Schnapps, and write their selection on the back of it, which must reach the proprietors not later than the day before the match starts. We are asked to draw our readers attention to the advertisement, and intending competitors should be careful to follow the instructions. The results will be sealed before the match commences and deposited with the Manager of the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," who will hold them during its continuance.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

"The slump in poetry is a real thing," observed the director of one of the largest circulating libraries in London. "Poetry is a drug in the market and a burden to our bookshelves. The decline, which commenced twenty-five years ago, is now at its lowest ebb." And he indicated with a wave of the hand serried rows of poetry never disturbed by mortal hand, save that of the professional duster. "Even for Tennyson, the most read of all poets, the demand has ceased," the librarian continued, "while the Brownings, who aforesaid were the delight of our maiden aunts, are now a dead letter. In regard to contemporary minor poets—and the librarian shrugged his shoulders disdainfully—"we do not lumber the place with their 'works' unless some rara avis of a subscriber asks for them. Even Kipling's 'The Five Nations' is less sought after than his previous poems. Alfred Austin, the laureate—well, people are asking for his works on gardening. He writes very well about gardening." The chief of a Bond-street circulating library said that he was never asked for more than two volumes of poetry in a week. The "slump" was unprecedented. He ascribed the cause to the fact that the average person of to-day declines to think. "Consequently he deserts poetry for latter-day fiction, which imposes no such tax upon his mental capacity."

Some hotel burglaries in San Francisco induced the editor of one of the local papers (says "Quiz") to say that he didn't believe the Mayor was the leader of the gang. "I wish to state that I do not think it is a gang from the City Hall that is doing all these hold-ups. There is nothing in the moral make-up of our city officers that would prevent them going, masked and armed, into saloons and robbing proprietors and visitors; but they lack the nerve. They are a lot of peaceful thieves, these office holders, and prefer to do their stealing through the offices they hold. They haven't time, anyway, to go ski-hooting around the town at night—they are too busy spending what they have stolen from the taxpayers during the day." A colonial editor who told the truth like that in this country would probably get into gaol.

It seems to me (remarks "Woomera," in the "Australasian") that the influence of a young man like Victor Trumper, of New South Wales, is all for good. At one moment a cricketing crowd is suffering from the bluest of blues, groping in the very depths of pessimism, out of touch with everybody, ready to bite you, even if you stroked them in the most friendly way. By and by this pleasant-faced young man comes along, with his cheerful smile and his spring-handled bat, and except where flying cricket balls obscure the sun, and short-sighted scientific men see spots on it, everything brightens except the bowling average. That is a great gift in one so young.

When Trumper bats, it seems to me Things are not as they used to be. The sights we see, the sounds we hear Are echoes from another sphere. And even the "Fitzroy Forties" clan Has honeyed words for that young man.

The boldest may not whisper "Rats" When Trumper bats.

When Trumper bats the ball is sent Rebounding off the firmament. The hum one hears beneath the trees Is as innumerable bees.

"Just watch 'im, Jim; ain't 'e a toff; He'll knock her bloomin' corner off." And then they scream and swing their hats, When Trumper bats.

An ingenuous London provision merchant, whose name is Myer S. Tabatchink, and who carries on business in Fairclough-street, St. George's, averred, with regard to some bad "liquid eggs" found in his shop, that his wife broke them to shampoo the children.

"What!" cried the astonished magistrate, "are bad eggs good for the hair?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Have you tried it?"—"Yes."

"Do you often shampoo your children with these rotten eggs?"—"Yes, my wife used two or three of the eggs for that purpose. It makes the hair grow."

But, as 6749 bad eggs were found on Tabatchink's premises, the magistrate came to the conclusion they were used for other purposes than shampooing, and sent the shopkeeper to gaol for a month.

The Medical Officer of Health for Stepney stated that "liquid eggs" were used in bakehouses, and when bad were injurious to health, often resulting in death.

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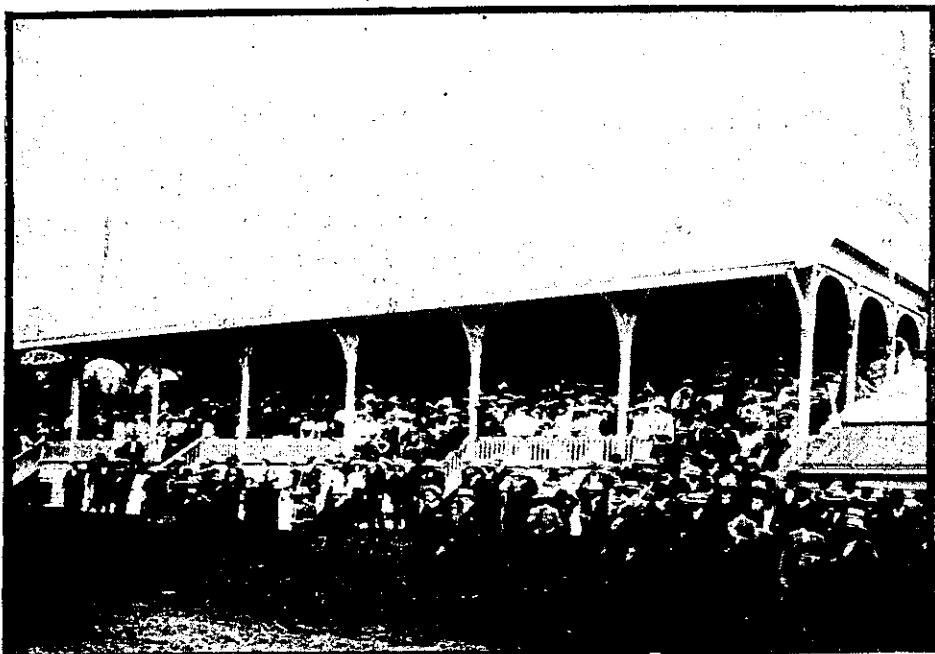
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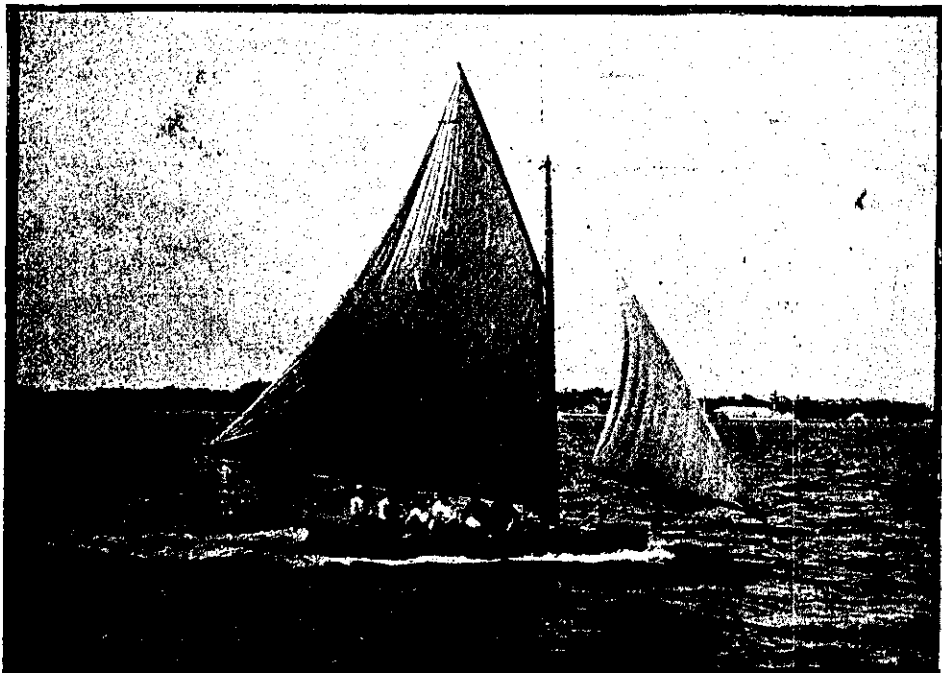


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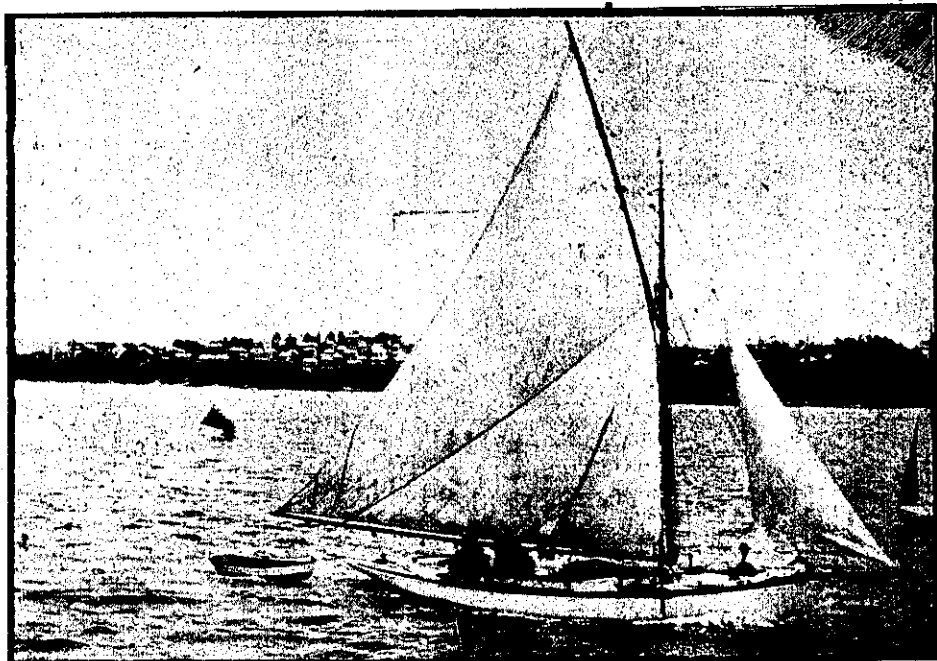
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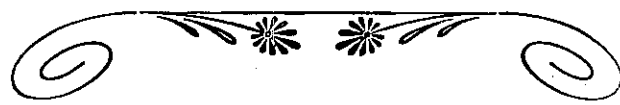
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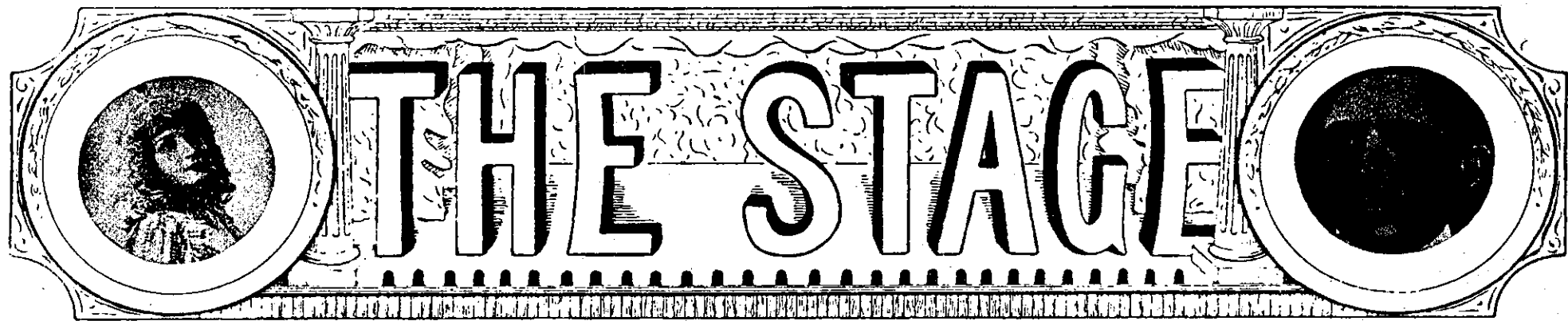
MR. KIRKER'S AT HOME AT "TARA."



AUCKLAND V. VISITORS' MATCH.



A SNAPSHOT ON THE TENNIS LAWN.



THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT."

It is some years since Auckland theatregoers have been treated to a good pantomime, and now our old friend, Mr P. R. Dix, has stepped into the breach with his production of "The House That Jack Built," to be staged at His Majesty's Theatre, on Saturday evening next. Wellington theatregoers first saw this pantomime at the Theatre Royal, last Boxing Night, and have since shown their appreciation of the dazzling spectacle provided, by crowding the theatre nightly. Mr Dix spared no expense in mounting the production in a most elaborate manner, and critics generally agree that it is the finest piece of stage-craft attempted in the colonies, and a credit to any English manager. Mr Leader. Williams, one of the best scenic artists in Australia, spent four months designing and painting the magnificent stage settings, and when the local audiences have seen the representation of the Ogre's Palace of Cards, and the Home of the Butterflies in the Lotus Glade, they will have to admit that nothing finer could be desired. The costumes are another feature of the pantomime, and some idea of the extent of the wardrobe may be gained from the fact that over three hundred costly dresses are worn during the evening. The cast of characters is a particularly strong one, and will serve to introduce many new artists to Auckland, who have already made great reputations in other centres. Prominent among them is Mr Tod Callaway, who for over twenty-three weeks was the principal attraction with Mr Dix's Company in Wellington, where he was singing seven and eight songs nightly. Miss Nellie Yohe is a charming actress with a beautiful soprano voice, and the character of The Princess in the pantomime suits her admirably. For principal boy, an old favourite, Miss Emmie Smith, has been selected, and she made a great hit during the Wellington season. Mr Dix has been fortunate in securing a most brilliant coterie of artists to fill other principal characters, and such favourites as Mr C. M. Berkeley (late of Williamson and Musgrove's Opera Co.), Mr Martyn Hagan, Messrs Carlton and Sutton, the Williams Quartette, Sisters Gillardi, and other old favourites, will make their re-appearance. Of the new performers, the Sisters Steele, serio duettists; Miss Dora Taylor, tip-toe dancer; the Leandso Brothers, acrobats; Zeno, juggler and conjuror; and the Delevalles, trick cycle riders, are the principal ones. A feature of the pantomime will be the ballets executed by twelve lady dancers specially engaged from Sydney. The chorus is a full operatic one, and Mr Geo. Garry will conduct a fine orchestra. Over 100 ladies and gentlemen have been engaged locally to assist in the production, and for the past two weeks have been rehearsing daily under the tuition of Mr Geo. Dean. Mr P. R. Dix has spared no pains to make this production of "The House That Jack Built," a record one, and it is safe to predict a crowded house and a great production at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday evening.

OPERA HOUSE.

SANFORD'S AMERICAN PLAYERS.

Mr Frawley and Mr Cuyler Hastings have given us a new standard of American acting, or rather they have shown us that the methods of the true American schools have not been represented by the comic and vaudeville business that many of us have fallen into the error of regarding as typical. What we look for now in the companies that come to us across the Pacific is, above all, naturalness, and this is what we find and welcome in the company introduced by Mr M. B. Curtis, and performing under the discreet but appropriate title of "Sanford's American Players." There is a smack of old classicality about the appellation that pleases one's eye and ear. It reminds one that the actors in the immortal Globe Theatre called themselves "players." And we seem to have kept the term in a manner inviolate. There be "actors," and "artists," and "play-actors" unesteemed of us, but we have never given the name of "player" to men and women who tear passion to tatters at the shrine of modern melodrama. Yet melodrama is the thing, and the "player" is compelled to

resort to it. He may not prescribe the fare for the populace, but he may keep his art clean, and that is what Mr Sanford and the members of his company succeed in doing. Mr Frawley made only a half-success, partly because his melodrama was a trifle too refined and his interpretation too dainty, but chiefly because the experiment was new. Mr Sanford is lucky in following so excellent a brother player. Where the one sowed the other is reaping. And Mr Sanford deserves to reap. He has given a fine, wholesome drama, robust, without undue sensationalism, and full of spirit and spice. "The Power of Gold" is melodrama, but both the play and the manner of its production are genuinely dramatic. There is a concise, coherent plot, with no more improbability than we met with in the daily records of life, and the interest is deepened, as it is in true art, by making the characters types rather than specimens. Mr Sanford's own part, the Malay doctor, Hadgi Zambra, is a fine study in criminology, the by no means uncommon blend of cool, calculating devilry and blind unreasoning animal passion. Miss Laura Wall's impersonation of the smooth woman fiend is also admirable. Every temptation to overdraw the part is skilfully restrained, and the portrait stands out with astonishing and convincing clearness. Mr Kunkel's Mark, a sordid scoundrel subjected to the sublimating process of hate and revenge, is a striking piece of work all through,

scene in Tattersall's famous Sale Stables, London, is highly exciting, and is the occasion of great enthusiasm on the part of the audience at the end of the second act, while the third act follows with even greater dramatic interest, culminating in the fourth act, with the triumph of Stephen Derrick over his enemies. There is an interesting by-plot in the love of Daisy Herrick for her adopted brother, Ned, and his final acknowledgment as the real heir of Fielding's Manor, while the comedy scenes are interspersed throughout the play and create much amusement. Walter Sanford plays Ned Herrick, the hero, while Miss Laura Wall will enact the adventuress, and Griffith Wray and Miss Adelaide Boothby will furnish the comedy. Several handsome scenes are shown, among them being Derrick Grange, an English country home, the interior of Tattersall's famous Sale Stables, London, and a view of the grounds at Aintree race track.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS AND ZOO.

The buffeting which Wirth's Circus received on the Zealandia had no lasting effect on its capacity for providing a live show of excellent merit when the Auckland season opened on Tuesday night. The circus is often patronisingly termed an amusement for the children. If that be true, it does fine service in discovering that vast quantities of perennial youth exist amongst the adults of most communities. The circus is, in fact, universally popular amongst all classes.

magnificent specimen of humanity. Although not 28 years of age, he possesses 18 stone weight of bone, muscle, and flesh. The ordinary weight-lifter might inspire admiration for his prowess, but as a rule, his feats are not specially entertaining. But Herr Pagel has some original styles of lifting that arouse intense interest. After showing what he can do in direct weight-lifting, he throws 300lbs quite playfully above his head with one hand—he allows a string of a dozen men to play see-saw on a plank supported by his chest. He then enters a cage in which an angry lion is pacing majestically, and immediately seizes the animal by the neck, throws him to the ground, and then with a mighty wrench forces the animal's jaws wide open, displaying the horrible-looking fangs. Before releasing the brute, which by this time is roaring savagely, Herr Pagel lifts him clear into the air, and then steps quickly back prepared for any attack that might be made on him. The leviathan completes his turn by strapping himself to a big horse, and walking up a couple of ladders, carrying the horse with him. His sensational feats were received with enthusiastic cheering.

The Howards, aptly called "the mysterious," give a performance of an entirely different character. One brother, blindfolded, sits in the ring, and the other moves amongst the spectators. To the latter are handed articles of all descriptions, which are without hesitation described by the blindfolded man. Jewellery, cheques, and money are read off, and the time, numbers, and makers of watches are told with accuracy. The brothers describe their method as second sight and clairvoyance. The many who refuse to believe in such powers yet find it impossible to explain satisfactorily how such results can be achieved with equal speed and accuracy by system or hypnotism.

The show is rich in wild animal acts. Tigers are made to walk a tight-rope, play see-saw, jump on top of a rolling globe, steeplechase, draw and drive a chariot, and ride on horseback. A pretty performance is given by Mons. Rogalle, a dapper Frenchman, with a lion, pony, dog, and goat. This strange combination of animals has been transformed into a happy family, who unite in forming picturesque tableaux for the entertainment of the people. Mons. Rogalle gives a final thrill by putting his head under the lion's body and carrying him, peacefully resting round his neck.

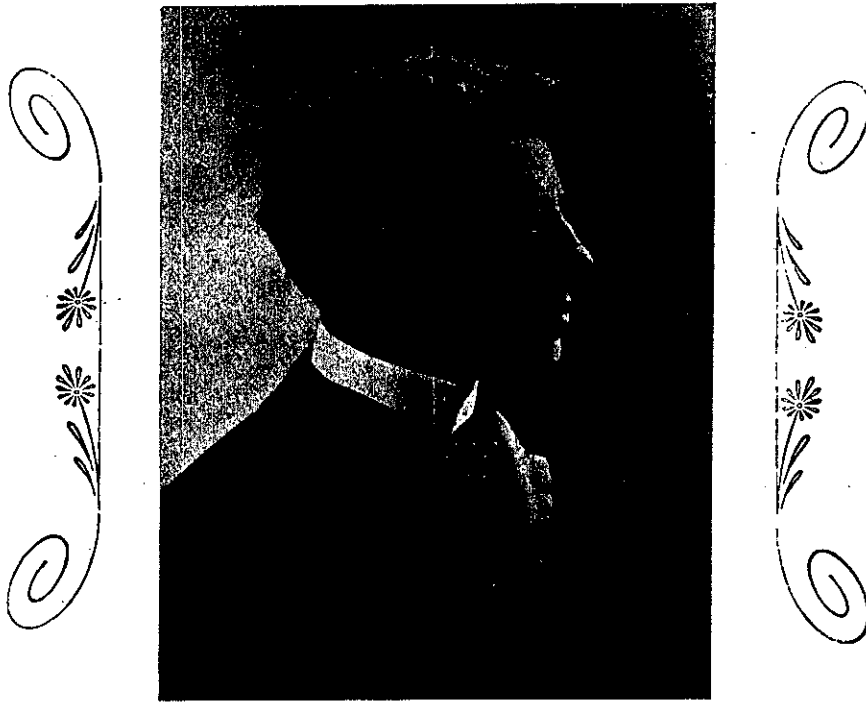
The programme is made up with many other items, all clever and entertaining. There is no waiting, and interest does not flag from first to close.

The Auckland season is limited in length, for the circus will shortly be taken to all centres of importance which can be reached.

The Fitzmaurice Gill Company closed a highly-successful season at the Opera House on Friday night, and are now touring the goldfields.

Mr John Fuller brought his long and successful season at the City Hall to a close on Saturday night, when there was a bumper house. He will probably reopen about Easter.

News of an old friend comes per following paragraph—Howard Vernon's dium of the Tasmanian "Mail" in the Company opened on Boxing Night at the Hobart Theatre Royal with a musical comedy, interwoven with the story of Rip Van Winkle. The name part was taken by Mr Vernon, who plays the character exceedingly well, and gave the patriotic and other songs with a marvellous amount of spirit. The other characters were also well taken by a capable company. On Wednesday night a "Trip to Chinatown" was given. This piece is familiar to playgoers, as given by the Hoyt Company six or seven years ago, and though, of course, the representation at the Theatre Royal could not compare with it, the songs and the comic situations of the piece were given with spirit, and proved as mirth-provoking as ever. Other pieces are promised by the Company, which deserves support as well for its well-timed efforts to add to the gaiety of the season, as from a feeling of kindly remembrance of Howard Vernon himself, whose admirable and refined representations of the principal characters in Gilbert and Sullivan's, and other comic operas, in past days, are a pleasant memory to all theatregoers old enough to remember them.



MR A. C. HENDERSON, of the Sanford American Players.

and the same may be said of the roles of the hero and heroine, taken respectively by Mr Henderson and Mr Barber. The comedy element, so far from palling, as it not infrequently does in melodrama, is refreshing all through, and Miss Boothby and Mr Wray put up a huge score. The minor parts are well taken, and the play, which deals with the wrongs of the innocent and finally sees these righted, goes with a fine pace from beginning to end. The stage mountings are worthy of all praise. The snow scene and the Thames lock, especially, are triumphs of stage art. "The Power of Gold" ought to run for many nights yet, but Mr Sanford promises lots more quite as good. A word of praise is earned by Mr Burke's orchestra, which does some really good work.

Mr Sanford's next offering, to be given by his company at the Opera House, beginning on Monday evening, January 25, will be the production of "The Pace That Kills." This is an interesting and exciting play of English racing life. The mare Daisy, a famous racehorse, is the central figure in several scenes, and the efforts of the villain to prevent her running for the Grand National Stakes at Aintree is made the basis of several exciting situations and unexpected, startling climaxes. The pursuit of the horse on the railway by Richard Fielding, the villain, in an endeavour to serve an attachment on her, thus preventing her from racing, and a most laughable, unexpected denouement at the end of the act, keeps the auditor at a high pitch of interest. The auction

No more popular circus than Wirth's has ever visited New Zealand. Its claims on the people are many. Its proprietors are well-known and respected, and they present entertainments that, whilst retaining the charms of the old style of sawdust and spangles antics, are full of new features. The Wirths fight vigorously against the familiar gibe that to see one circus is to see every one for all time. They retain the tricky horses, the playful ponies, the grotesque clowns, and the lady who ties herself into knots, but, to those are added weird, sensational, and charming novelties that tempt to make one disagree with the old saw that there is nothing new under the sun.

The tents are this time pitched on the reserve at Freeman's Bay. Amongst a multitude of small canvas structures has been reared a fine big tent of thick green canvas, cool in hot weather, and secure from the discomforts of rain. The place contains two rings, one a barred enclosure in which the wild animals are made to cavort and gambol together. The tent is comfortably seated, and well-lighted, and every member of the immense gathering that saw the first entertainment was able to view the acts in visual and bodily ease. Every part of the immense tent was splendidly filled, and from first to last the programme ran smoothly.

The "star" performer of this visit is Herr Pagel, the German Hercules, of whose hair-raising doings news has come occasionally from Australia. He is a

THE MUSGROVE SHAKESPERIAN COMPANY.

FITZGERALD'S STRONG MAN.

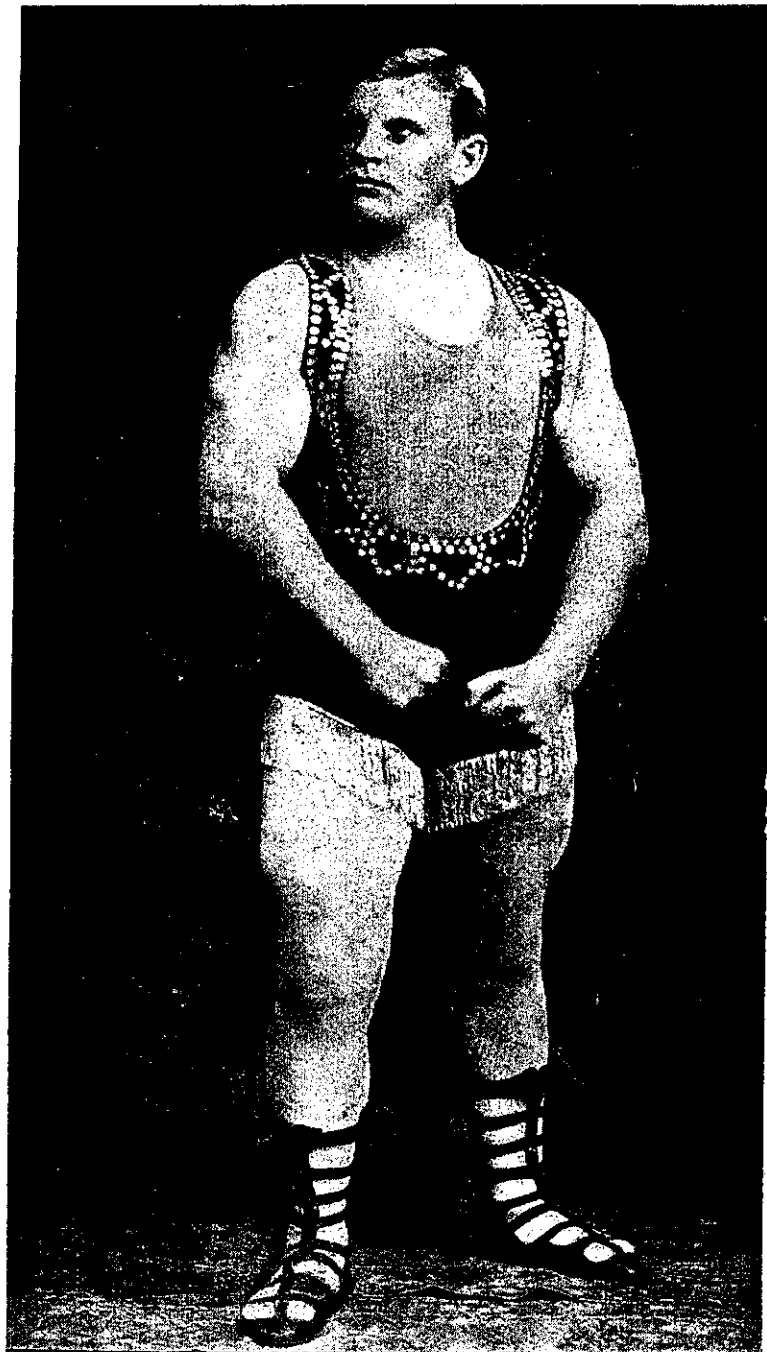
"Twelfth Night" was recently produced for the first time in Melbourne by the Musgrove Company that played it in Auckland, and local interest will be taken in the criticism of the "Argus." The Melbourne critic thus refers to the chief characters, after generally eulogising the production:—"The company was fortunate in including a really fine exponent of that quaint personage, Malvolio, in Mr Denny. The studied pose and the superb arrogance of this opinionated underling were evident upon his first appearance in the train of Olivia, when Malvolio has scarcely a speaking part. In the celebrated letter scene and its sequence, when, cross-gartered and in yellow stockings, he presumes to be familiar with his mistress, Mr Denny made all his effects with an ease and naturalness that redeemed the part of half its improbability. The house laughed loudly at his stupendous conceit and final discomfiture. But this excellent comedian proved his great histrionic talent in the last act, when, in the depth of his ludicrous degradation, he excited the sympathies of the spectators by his simulation of dignity in distress. His removal of the collar of service, just before his indignant exit, was an effective touch of his own invention.

"A good deal of florid eulogy has been bestowed upon the character of Viola as the leading lady of the play. 'The great secret and charm of the comedy,' says Hazlitt, 'is the character of Viola,' and Mrs Jameson is an equally ardent champion. The great charm seems to us to exist, not in the character of Viola, but in the beautiful poetry which she has sometimes to deliver. The character is remembered by the exquisite lines beginning, 'A blank, by lord; she never told her love.' Other fine pearls of verse are to be found in the same role. But, unhappily, Miss Dora Rignold's hollow tones and affected delivery rather marred them. She looked, however, very graceful, and was encored for the song which the clown usually sings in the second act. Nor was Miss Nora Kerin an ideal Olivia. The part is one of extreme difficulty. It is not only a mere sketch, but it is absolutely inconsistent. But Olivia was evidently intended to portray a haughty lady of intense devotion and fixed resolve, who was suddenly, by what the French call a 'coup de foudre,' infatuated by a pretty page, and 'throwing her bonnet over the windmill,' became indifferent to all conventions. Miss Kerin made of the character little more than a proud coquette. Moreover, the articulation of this young actress is so stilted and gasping that it ends by being somewhat disagreeable. Of the ladies, 'past question,' the Maria of Miss Maud Milton was the only role that ranked alongside Mr Denny's interpretation of the steward. She alone of the three ladies seemed to have mastered the art of delivering Shakesperian lines with naturalness and effect. Her refined diction was one of the most delightful features of the performance. Mr Athol Forde and Mr Croker King were exemplary in the respective roles of Sir Toby and Sir Andrew."

The "Dunedin Star" thus refers to the "strong man," who is one of the principal attractions in Fitzgerald Bros' Circus, shortly expected here:—

"In consequence of the advertised announcement that Dr. Gordon, the 'strong man' now appearing with Fitzgerald's Circus, would act as a swingletree between a lorry and a five-ton load and four horses, Lower Rattray-street was thronged with people by noon to-day. A quarter-of-an-hour later the doctor made his appearance opposite the Terminus Hotel, and in a very few minutes was 'harnessed' to the lorry. The lorry, with its five-ton load, was attached by means of chains and straps to the biceps of both arms, while the chains leading from the four-horse team were held in the doctor's hands and strapped there. The word to 'go' was given, and as the horses put their might to the work the lorry, with its load, came away as though the animals had been attached to the conveyance in the orthodox style. A merry pace was soon obtained, and the rise to the Post Office was safely negotiated. Just as the corner of Princes-street was reached an electric tram came round the corner, making straight for the horses and the lorry. For a few moments it seemed inevitable that the 'strong man' was going to certain death. At least, the roar which went up from the assembled crowd would have led any person to come to that conclusion. However, by an almost superhuman effort, Dr. Gordon managed to swing the concern round, and the inevitable collision which occurred was only sufficient to smash a couple of hand-rails in front of the tramcar. The doctor got his back under the fore part of the wagon and fairly lifted the front round. He then proceeded along Princes-street, up the hill, to the Post Office. After being released from his perilous position he fastened to the lorry the trace chains used in hauling the conveyance, and with one hand pulled the iron links asunder. The performance throughout was greatly applauded, and at its conclusion the doctor was greeted with a hearty burst of applause, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he made his escape from the admiring crowd.

"Seen by a representative of this paper afterwards, Dr. Gordon said that for the first portion of the journey the feat was as easy as shelling peas to him. However, when approaching the Princes-street corner, and seeing the electric car coming straight towards him, he began to feel that he was face to face with a real danger. Harnessed as he was, he knew that it was utterly impossible to free himself from either the lorry or the horses, and the position was one which called for a feat of almost superhuman strength, if he was to get out of it alive. Acting on the impulse of the moment, he put all his strength under the fore-carriage of the conveyance, with his hips, and shifted the body round just as the tram crashed into the front of it. The strain caused by the impact was, of course, very severe, but as he felt that it was neck or nothing he stuck to his work, and came through successfully. Had he let go with his hands, or had a chain broken, he must have inevitably been torn asunder."



HERR PAGEL, Wirth's Circus.

My Wellington correspondent writes: "Mr Albert Edwards, who died suddenly in the train at Cross's Creek, Wairarapa, on the 7th inst., for some time acted as the Wellington correspondent of these pages. He was very well known in the profession, and had a very good knowledge of stage matters. At one time he was a member of the Wellington Opera House staff. He contracted a cold while stationed on the stalls door (a death-trap to any man who stays there long enough), which developed into consumption. . . . Anderson's Dramatic Company have been playing to packed houses since Boxing Night. Repertoire: 'Her Second Time on Earth,' 'The Favourite,' 'Man's Enemy,' 'While London Sleeps,' and 'East Lynne.' . . . Some poet wrote 'Time, as she rolls on, alters all,' and it was brought home very forcibly last Sunday night when I saw one of the artists of Fred Davy's Bright Lights of years ago preaching with a crowd of Plymouth 'Rocks' on a street corner in Masterton. The chap in question used to do a song and dance turn and sing yodeling songs. I don't remember his nom de theatre, but his right name is Corkhill. . . . Fitzgerald Bros' Circus, Menagerie and Novelty Exposition opens a short season here on the 18th."

the Circus is particularly good. I can honestly recommend the Fitzgeralds' remodelled Circus to the favourable notice of Aucklanders. The big show goes North to-night (Saturday), opening in Wellington on Monday. . . . The Fullers are determined to make the Opera House (now their own property) up-to-date, and are installing the electric light throughout there. Consequent upon this and other internal improvements the house will be closed to-night, but will re-open on Monday, when Tilly Dunbar and an entirely new company will make their bow. . . . On Wednesday next Williamson's Dramatic Company will open for a brief season at the Royal, when J. M. Barrie's famous play, "The Admirable Crichton," will be introduced to the notice of Christchurch playgoers. The hoardings are gorgeous with picture-posters relating to this production, and when I add that Harold Ashton is already here arranging preliminaries you will know that the season is likely to be a big one. Somehow the popular Harold has a way of being connected with successful shows. You never find him identified with a 'frost.' Plenty of shows booked for Christchurch. More anon."

John F. Sheridan will shortly open at Hobart.

Mr Ben Fuller is going to Australia with a view to arrange with Mr Harry Rickards for a supply of talent for New Zealand.

His Majesty's Theatre, Wellington, has been closed for extensive alterations and repairs. The Messrs Fuller intend to spend £1000 upon it.

The Williamson Dramatic Company revived "The Lady of Lyons" at Dunedin the other day, with Mr Cuyler Hastings as Claude Melnotte.

Mr W. F. Hawtrey is one of the passengers by the Waikare on the Sounds trip. Afterwards he proceeds to Sydney, whither the members of his company have preceded him.

The Covent Garden Theatre proprietors have purchased an orchestration of seventy instrument power.

Walter Bentley has been coaching an amateur society in a small town in Scotland recently.

Musgrove's Melbourne production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is embellished with extra fairy ballets.



MISS NELLIE YOHE, as the Princess in Dix's Pantomime.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS WITH HENRY IRVING.

Twenty-six consecutive years a leading member of Sir Henry Irving's company. Thirty-five a close personal friend of the great tragedian. That is the record to which Frank Tyars, now playing prominent parts with the celebrated English actor at the Broadway Theatre, New York, points with justifiable pride.

Still this is no exceptional record. There are men in Irving's company, not such prominent actors, certainly, as Mr Tyars, but who can claim as long an association with the star. They are the men who shared the struggles of the man who was destined to rise to the pinnacle of fame upon the English stage. Men who had won his friendship in his old barn-storming days, but failed to win their own spurs; some of them still in obscurity, but nevertheless members of his company. Their names perpetually upon the payroll, though rarely in the playbill. Pensioners, in fact, but never permitted by their kindly chief to feel themselves in that position, for they were friends of Henry Irving in the days when he and they were earning perhaps one-fifth of the salary he now pays them, and John Henry Brodridd, better known as Sir Henry Irving, never forgets a friend.

This is the secret of Sir Henry's unprecedented popularity with all members of the theatrical profession. This is the reason that he is almost idolised by those who for many years have been members of his company, and, with few exceptions, it follows that once a member of Irving's company, always a member. He never makes a contract with his players. So long as they do their work they are at liberty to stay with him. Few indeed have left him except such as have graduated from his ranks to the dignity of stars. These include such leading lights of the dramatic and literary professions as Forbes Robertson, George Alexander, Arthur Wing Pinero, Kyrle Bellew, Martin Harvey, Jessie Millward, R. Claud Carton and the late William Terriss.

For while Irving picks the people he thinks most suitable for the parts in each of his new productions, he rarely discharges any of those engaged in the last piece he played. "My boy, I am sorry there is no part for you," he will say, "but I don't know how soon I may need you, so, of course, you will see 'Bram' as usual each treasury day." "Bram" Stoker has been Irving's financial right hand for a quarter of a century.

"The secret of Sir Henry Irving's marvellous success as a stage manager," said Frank Tyars, "is his faculty for taking infinite pains. His untiring patience and the fact that never for a moment has he been known to lose his temper. By kindness and gentleness he wins his way. No man living can get so much out of his fellow men, no manager can so thor-



MISS EMMIE SMITH as Jack, in Dix's Pantomime.

oughly inject his own ideas into the hearts and minds of those in his employment as Sir Henry Irving. He will work at one particular scene or piece of business all day if necessary. He never tires himself and his methods are such that interest that never flags during a rehearsal.

"No, sir, not a damned bit like it. Go back. Go over it again!" Those are the words, and the usual style of other stage managers. Irving is altogether different. Always with a good-tempered smile, often with a merry twinkle in his eyes, he will say:

"Yes! Yes! That's effective. Very good! But—a—I think—a—if I were you I should do something of this sort," or "I should adopt a method something like this." Then he will carefully go through the scene or the lines himself. "Of course," he will say, "I don't want you to

imitate me, but—a—you understand, adapt that notion to your own methods, you know. Don't you think—a—that might be a little better? Come, let's try it!"

"And there is no let-up. He goes on to the bitter end; over and over again in the most kindly manner, until he gets exactly what he wants.

"Absolutely no considerations of expense on anything else ever interfere with the smallest, apparently the most trivial, effect Sir Henry wishes to obtain. I remember on one occasion, during the action of a play, one of the characters had to look at his watch. He did so during rehearsal, but the action scarcely seemed dignified enough for the chief.

"I think—a," said he, "I should take out my watch, so, and open it."

"But my watch does not open, sir," said the actor.

"Oh! Well—a," said Sir Henry. "Well—a—I'll get you one that does!" And he did the next day.

"In the matter of dresses the same prodigality is displayed. They are worn during rehearsals for weeks before the date of production, and I have often heard the dear old chief say: 'Mr So and So, do you feel perfectly comfortable in that dress? No? Well, do you know, I think you are right. You must be perfectly comfortable to do yourself and your part justice. We will get you another dress.'

"Nearly every rehearsal in Irving's company is a dress rehearsal. Actors and actresses are required to work in them until they feel as easy as in ordinary attire. Very few managers are so particular in that respect.

"In the old days I used to flatter myself that I knew everything there was to know about leading business and how to dress most parts. I was the original Nemours in 'Louis XI,' and the day of the first dress rehearsal Irving sent for me to look me over. I thought I looked immense. I had lots of decorations and ornaments, and I felt that my appearance was just all right.

"Irving surveyed me critically from head to foot, then quietly said:

"Very good. Very good, indeed! Yes—a—that's all right, Mr Tyars. But—a. That's a capital wig. But—a—I don't think I should wear one of quite that sort. Of course, in some other part you will find it admirable, but as Nemours—take it off, Mr Tyars; we will try to find something better.

"That ornament, too. Very nice! Very nice! But—a—not for this part, I think. And, if, I may suggest—those boots. They are Davies' boots, I see. Very good. Nobody makes boots like Davies. Yes, that's true. But of course they are not quite correct for this part."

"By the time the chief was through with me I had scarcely a rag on. But although a little worried at the time, I afterwards realised that he was right. In every play Irving produces he studies the costumes in the veriest detail. He spares no expense to procure the best hooks on the costumes of the period, and insists on everything being not only historically correct, but in accord with the canons of the highest art.

"I well remember more than thirty years ago, before he was a star, we were playing together at the Standard Theatre, in Shoreditch, London, when he took exception to a necktie I was wearing.

"My boy," he said, "of course it's very rude of me, and all that, but—a—I don't like your necktie. Now I'll bring you down a necktie to-morrow night." He did. I do not remember one instance of Henry Irving ever forgetting a promise, however unimportant and trivial.

"Remarkable forbearance and forgiveness for the most flagrant errors or mistakes are also prominent traits in his

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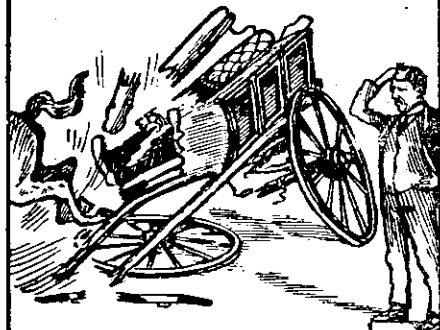
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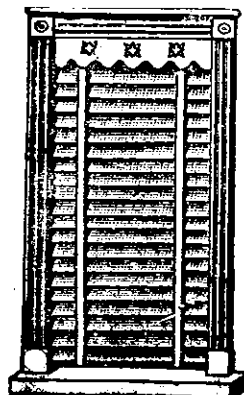
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character. I remember on one occasion Tom Mead, who was then about eighty years old, a grand old actor, was playing the Witch in 'Macbeth.' When he came to the line, 'Cool it with a baboon's blood!' by some unaccountable slip of the tongue he said, 'Cool it with a dragoon's blood!'

"Soon after Irving approached Mead, and with a merry twinkle in his eye, said:

"By the bye, Tom, what was that you said, 'Cool it with a dragoon's blood'? It's not a dragoon, my boy, you know. Not in the best editions of Shakespeare. It's a baboon, my boy. Dragoons, you know, are a hot blooded race. If I were you, I'd say 'baboon' in future."

"The next night Mead was dressing with me, and as he drew on his tights I heard him muttering over and over again: 'Cool it with a baboon's blood!' 'Cool it with a baboon's blood!' When the moment came for him to utter the line he was strung up to a highly nervous state. Irving was watching at the wing. Sure enough the old man blurted out: 'Cool it with a dragoon's blood,' immediately adding, in full hearing of the audience:

"Damn it. I've said it again!"
"Irving simply roared with laughter, and when Tom Mead came off the stage he rushed to him, and wringing his hand vigorously and heartily, said: 'Tom, that's the best thing you ever did. You gave me the best laugh I've had for months. But—a—Tom, don't do it again, please. Will you, old boy?'"

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Of course I was very young in those days it is more years than I care to remember, and it was the first play I had

ever seen. Fancy it! The really very first! And I expected that I was going to revive all those wonderful illusions. It was my own fault, of course, that my anticipations were not realised. 'A Fairy Tale of Home' is the description of the play on the programme. At the time of which I am writing home was the haven where one spent one's holidays, and periodically enjoyed all the good things of the earth. Now home is the place that costs me so much more than I can earn per annum to keep up. In the long, long interim I have learnt that Tilly Slowboy could have left that jam tart lying about for a week in December without fearing the foraging efforts of a single fly. I doubt if Caleb was such an old dodderer that he was really agitated in his mind about giving the public their fair whack of nature for sixpence, and I can't help thinking that John Perrybingle was much too old to make 'Dot' an acceptable husband. If an old chap marries a girl young enough to be his daughter, well, he must take his chances; and if the young wife decides to preserve an utterly unnecessary secret at the risk of her own conjugal happiness, well, that's her lookout. I realise, fast enough, that in the very thought I have got out of touch with the period; I have placed myself beyond the pale of the spirit of the play; I have dissolved partnership with my youth. I am depressed about it, and full of self-pity, and I make haste to declare that I do not hold either Dickens, or Dion Boucicault, or Arthur Bourchier responsible for my disappointment."

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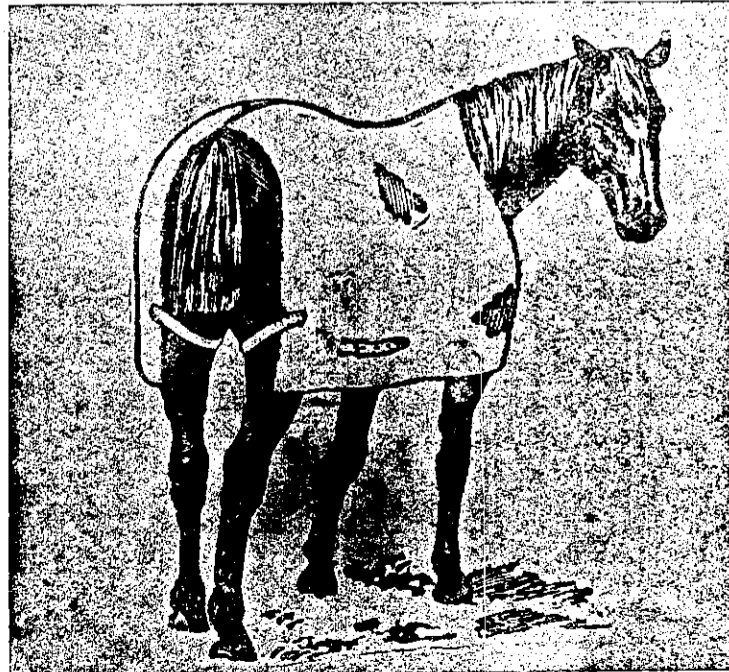
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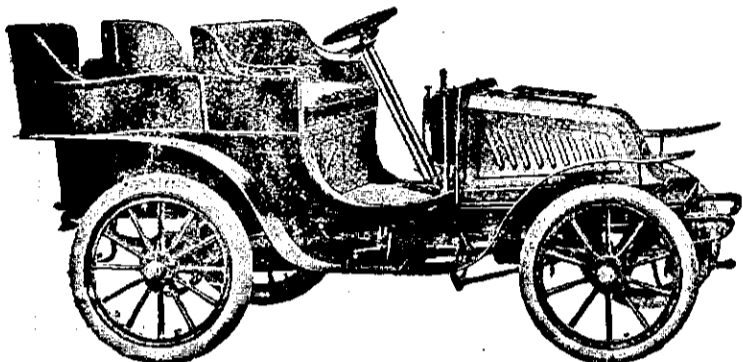
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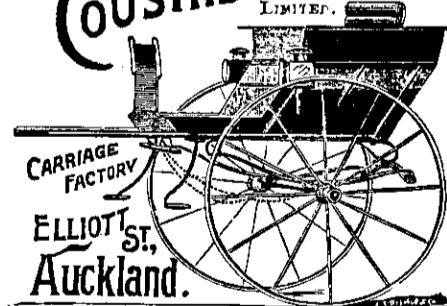
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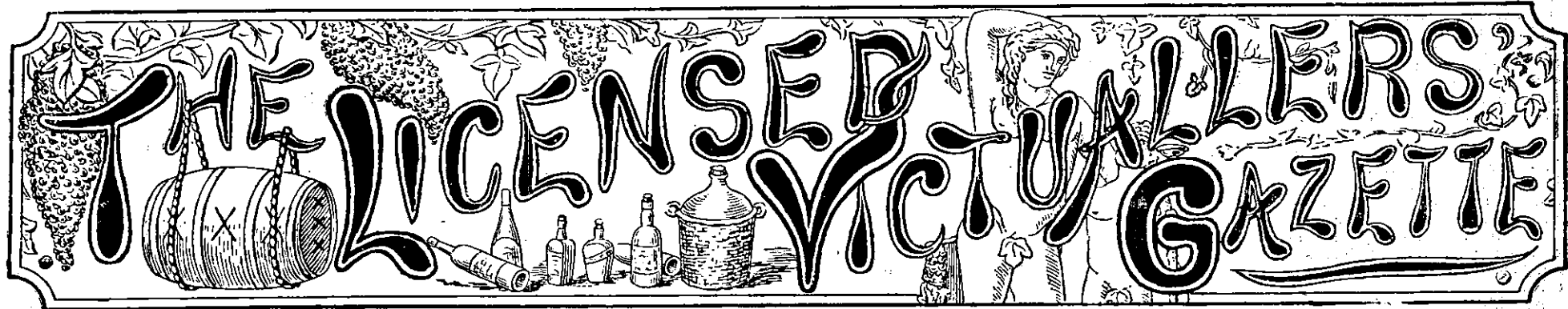
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THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

PROHIBITION FAILS TO BOOM.

Clutha has been for some years under the dismal ban of the prohibitionists, and the only result, so far, is that the little town, which was never a screamingly jolly place, has become duller and deadlier with the lapse of time. Both sides, the moderate and the fanatic, have in fact refrained from citing Balclutha as supporting any theory formed by either. Nothing conclusive could be proved from it. It is so small and so sleepy that—as the Merry Monarch remarked of George of Denmark—drunk or sober, there's nothing in it. What little is known is this, that whereas people used at one time to procure liquor from the hotels, they now keep it in stock in their homes. If a man unwisely takes too much in his own house, it follows that he need not stagger through the streets to get home, and so the watchful policeman—for the policeman still keeps his eye open, even in Clutha—gets no opportunity for "running in" the toper. That's about all there is in it. But Ashburton is, or rather was, looked upon as quite a different sort of place. "Here," proudly exclaimed the no-license apostle, "is a place where the beneficent principles of prohibition will have full scope, and the world will soon see this enterprising town, whose natural progress has been clogged by the drink traffic, proceed along the highway of success by leaps and bounds." That was the anticipation; the result is different. It shows that Ashburton hasn't, so to speak, "bounded" worth a cent. Except that it is drier and thirstier, it does not appear to have changed very much. The little it has changed is for the worse. The Lyttelton "Times" went to the trouble of instituting an inquiry into the working of the new system with absolute impartiality. The outcome of this investigation appears to be "that Ashburton is a cleaner, more orderly, and more 'respectable' town than it was under the old regime, and that its business and its trade generally are practically where they were. There are no announcements from disgusted tradesmen of business having 'gone to the dogs,' but equally there are no glowing reports of a new era of prosperity and freedom from bad debts in the matter of tradesmen's accounts. Money is not reported to be any more easily collected than formerly; in fact, the general verdict from both parties may be taken as about equivalent to the Scotch one of 'not proven.' There is a significant unanimity of opinion to the effect that drunkenness has decreased materially in the district, and this is strikingly borne out by the records of the Police Court, which show that there were only nine convictions for drunkenness during the last six months, as against 44 in the corresponding six months of last year." The net result, so far, is that the town is more "respectable," but this conclusion must be modified after a perusal of the opinions of the local tradesmen. The Mayor (Mr H. Davis) said the general opinion was that there had not been a great difference, except in one direction. Before prohibition a considerable quantity of money was brought into the district by the floating population from the large stations and other places. Men from the outlying districts used to come in to spend their cheques and buy clothing and other articles. That floating population apparently did not spend as much in Ashburton as formerly. Not long ago a man had landed on the railway platform with a cheque for £30 in his pocket. He was incidentally informed that he had arrived in a prohibition town. "I'm off out of this," said he, and he left by the next train for Christchurch. That man would probably have spent a fair sum of money in

purchasing clothes and other things he needed, and there must be many others in the same position. As a rule, the first thing men from the station did was to get a supply of necessary clothing and general outfit to last them some time. He was afraid, too, that the harvestmen would not be as plentiful this year as they were previously. As to the effect on the revenue of the borough, the loss on account of licenses and rates through prohibition amounted to about £400. Taxation had been increased by about 4d in the £ owing to prohibition having been declared, as the loss in revenue had to be made up.

This seems a high price to pay for a mere decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness. On the testimony of the police, the militant drunkards, who fill up the records of the Police Court are very few, and these have not been reformed; they have simply gone away to inflict their undesirable personalities upon other localities. The attempt to compel moderate consumers of liquor to give up the practice has failed, as it has failed elsewhere, and as it will always fail. Liquor is obtainable in the town by all except the bar loafer, but because of that individual, who was never numerous and scarcely ever worth considering, the others are obliged to do on the quiet what their position as free-born Britons should have enabled them to do openly.

Hear what the Lyttelton "Times" has to say on this point:—"Opinions as to the amount of sly grog-selling which is being carried on in the town vary very much. The police express the very confident opinion that there is very little being done in this direction. The prohibitionists as flatly declare that the reverse holds. One gentleman, who is in a position to express a fairly authoritative opinion upon the subject, stated emphatically that drink was being sold in the town in the most wholesale manner. Those who knew the ropes, he said, had no difficulty whatever in getting as much as they wanted. In one case he believed that a person who was engaged in the trade was making as much money out of it as any of the hotelkeepers had made in the reign of licenses. The fact that two "soft" manufacturers were doing a roaring trade in the district was evidenced as suggesting that illicit business was in progress somewhere. It is stated that liquor for certain establishments is sent into the district consigned to various individuals, and is subsequently centralised at its ultimate destination. On the other hand, another man states that the stories of sly grog-selling are elaborated and overstated." The evidence here supplied is, of course, strictly in accordance with the known facts in the prohibition areas of America, and what has been accomplished in the United States in the way of manufacturing hypocrites and procurers will be repeated here if the prohibitionists are allowed to have their way. Strangely enough, it is these very people who make out the best case against themselves. The Premier offered them a "remedy" against drinking in no-license districts, but they indignantly refused it. We do not for a moment suppose that the "remedy" would have been effective, neither do we doubt that its effect upon no-license would have been disastrous to that policy, but at the same time people who clamour about public morality should have accepted it on the broad principle of "death before dishonour."

The case of Ashburton is likely to make the elector in other places pause before he idly casts his vote to restrain the reasonable liberty of his fellow. The person he aims his stone at, the habitual, loafing drunkard, is not affected. That person simply dodges the missile and moves to the nearest place where beer is on tap. The moderate man, anchored by local interests, is obliged to remain and suffer the indignities inseparable from the operation of all sumptuary laws. If prohibition means the substitution of home and co-operative drinking for the hotel, nothing is gained for the cause of the most ardent opponent of alcohol, and that fact may appeal to those citizens who have heretofore failed to understand that the liberty to take spirits is just as essential to the continuance of our dearly-bought racial freedom as the liberty to write to newspapers and to assemble in public meetings.

SOME NOTEWORTHY VISITORS.

Mr "Ted" Fox, landlord of the Half-moon Hotel, Putney, England, is expected to arrive here shortly. He is one of the three well-known supporters of rowing who are touring Australia and New Zealand, mostly for pleasure. The other two (also hotel-keepers) are Mr Field and Mr Hodgkinson, and they will accompany him. Mr Fox and his fellow tourists did a great deal for the colonial scullers in England (not forgetting Tom Sullivan). Apropos of the visit of these gentlemen, I quote the following from last week's "Sydney Referee":—

"The sports from the Thames Side arrived by the mail boat last week, and lost no time in reporting themselves at the 'Referee' office. They were brought round by champion George Towns and Mr Andreoli (who had the care of Dick Cavill, the champion swimmer, when in England a season ago), both of whom had received many kindnesses at the hands of the visitors from London. They comprise Mr 'Ted' Fox, of the Half Moon, Putney, whom many readers of the 'Referee' will have heard of in connection with rowing affairs, Mr 'Jim' Field, of the Queen Adelaide, Wandsworth, and Mr 'Dick' Hodgkinson. Mr Field accompanied George Towns and party to Canada on the successful trip which the Hunter River sculler made to get back the world's championship for Australia. 'Ted' Fox, as the boys call him, has met most of the scullers who have appeared on the Thames for many years. He used accompanying Bill Beach in his walks when the daddy of them all was in England to meet the best the world could produce, and he, of course, met Hanlan, Searle, Stanbury, O'Connor, and all the other aquatic celebrities in their various days.

The visitors would probably never have seen Australia were it not for their association with the grand old sport, and particularly their meeting Towns and other famed athletes from this part of the world. As a matter of fact, they arranged the trip in the expectation of being here in time to see Towns and Tressider row for the championship. Unfortunately, various circumstances caused a postponement, and they will not be witnesses of the struggle unless, like many another visitor to the 'Sunny South,' they become enamoured of Sydney and prolong their stay until May. It would be a good thing for the sport if they could, and in this connection 'Teddy' Fox told George Towns on Monday that if he stopped he'd guarantee he (George) would be a couple of lengths faster over the course on the great day. And there is truth in it, too, for there is no end of benefit to be derived from the presence of a good pal and a good sport on such occasions.

"Yesterday the Londoners visited George Towns' quarters at Drummoyne, and had a look at the famous Parramatta River. Later on they are going to have some shooting under the guidance of that greatest of enthusiasts, Mr Charles Sanger."

Messrs Dwan Bros., Wellington, have been instructed by the lessees of the well-known and old-established Barrett's Hotel, Lambton Quay, who are dissolving partnership, to offer their interest in that house. Full particulars are given in the advertisement appearing in this issue. The hotel is now being rebuilt, and will form a handsome edifice, containing seventy rooms and five shops, which are included in the five years' lease. One half the building is now completed and ready for occupation. The house is free for everything, and the business is undoubtedly one of the best in the colony. Messrs Dwan are prepared to arrange favourable terms for a suitable buyer.

Attention is drawn to Messrs Laery and Co.'s (Ld.), advertisement in this issue relating to the high quality of Clynesh Whiskey.

The Zealandia Wine Agency's cellars are at Fort Street, where samples may be tested and prices obtained.

Trade Topics

A German saloonkeeper in one of the cross streets near Upper Broadway, New York, has hit upon a new idea for attracting and keeping patrons. For each person who drops in frequently for a glass of beer he has a handsome glass etched with the name of the customer.

Don't encourage customers in the habit of expectorating on the floor—there is no excuse for such a practice. Being disagreeable to all but the perpetrators, it is a habit to be deprecated, and should not, under any circumstances, be permitted in an up-to-date bar. In these days of ultra fastidiousness, your only salvation is to keep your place scrupulously clean. The presence of cuspidors should be a sufficiently pointed suggestion to all men, but they should be furnished in profusion, so that none can fail to see them. We remember seeing a barkeeper go round to the front of the bar and gently push a cuspidor towards a customer without saying a word. The hint, needless to say, was effective.

The Dean of Rochester, unlike too many clerical dignitaries, is a close student of human nature, and has made himself thoroughly acquainted with the tastes and requirements of the poorer classes of his diocese. He knows that the average working man cannot employ his leisure hours in the intellectual pursuits which are the mental solace of his superiors in the social scale. "He cannot care much about reading," says the Dean in a letter to a horticultural journal, "and he cannot be expected to sit wrapped in meditation; and the temptation is strong to spend too much time in the public-house where, at least, he can meet and talk with his fellows." As a remedy for what is, no doubt, in many cases, a waste of time and money, the Dean recommends the cultivation of vegetables as a hobby, which, he asserts, will do more to promote sobriety "than all the blue ribbons or pledges ever worn or signed." We might add (says the "Licensing World") from personal experience of that most healthful pursuit, gardening, that it promotes a "healthy" thirst, and few things are more enjoyable than a long "pull at the pewter" when a stiff bit of digging or a prolonged task of hoeing and weeding has been accomplished. The honest draught of beer, so imbibed, never did any harm.

A suggestion comes from our Canadian contemporary, the "Wine and Spirit Journal," of Toronto, which is worth consideration by the trade. It is a bold conception, and indicates that the Canadians are not prepared to sit down and be jumped on. There is some likelihood, remarks the "Journal," that the wine and spirit trade of Canada will in the near future have a representative in the Dominion Senate. One of the French papers published in Montreal writes:—"After having congratulated the Licensed Victuallers' Association on the great success of their last annual convention, we consider it our very agreeable duty to note particularly the tact, dignity and authority which marked the speeches made by Mr Lawrence A. Wilson, who is the President and presiding genius of the Association, and also a public man in a larger sense of the word. His thorough grasp of all the questions of the day secures for him the friendship and confidence of the leading men of the country. . . . Sir Wilfred Laurier—who, like Sir John, is anxious that all large interests in the country should be represented in the Senate—cannot do better than cast his eyes on a man like Mr Lawrence A. Wilson, who is in the front rank of such an important industry, and one which pays such large revenues to the country. We know, personally, that this question is receiving the consideration of the Liberal leaders."

THE WHISKY TRADE.

The general feeling throughout the trade in Glasgow at the time of writing (remarks a correspondent of the "Distillers', Brewers', and Spirit Merchants' Magazine in its November issue) is that October has not, in so far as the home markets are concerned, been so good as the same month last year. Reports sent in to local houses from the various centres throughout the country by agents and travellers bear that business is stiff in every large centre. London, of course, has been slack, and when matters are stagnant there, it is pretty safe to say they will be bad all over. The bad weather in the metropolis, as elsewhere, coupled with heavy losses in the stock market, has militated against brisk business.

At this period of the year, naturally, everyone looks for things to take a turn, but so far there are no signs of improvement.

On the other hand, the export trade is reported to be keeping up to last year's standard, though at the same time it has to be confessed that South Africa is still causing disappointment, as there has been very little doing with that market since February. Everything there, indeed, is suffering, so that the trade does not stand alone under this gloomy condition.

While Australia still remains bad also (and he is a wise man who can foretell what the possibilities there in the near future will be), Canada and the United States have been good markets recently. There has been the usual rush towards the close of the Canadian season, and within the last few days there been some heavy shipments to the Dominion in order to get into the St. Lawrence before that closes for the winter.

ARTIFICIAL ALCOHOL.

The French inventors of producing alcohol synthetically are steadily working at their process, and recently held a demonstration which is described in the "Annales de la Basserie" (1903, p. 387), by M. Arachequesne. The process begins by passing through an electric furnace a mixture of metallic oxides (which are at present kept secret) and carbon, the latter being practically powdered coke; the result is the formation of a special carbide called ethylogene, which, on being added to water, disengages ethylene gas in the same way as calcium carbide disengages acetylene. The only difference being that the new carbide acts more slowly, but it thus avoids all chance of overheating and consequently explosions. The ethylene gas is collected in a gasometer. The exhausted residue from the gas generator

is collected on a filter, dried, carbon added, then again passed through the electric furnace, when the original ethylogene carbide is reformed. Thus the chief expense is the cost of the coke and the electrical energy, the metallic oxides serving indefinitely except for small and insignificant losses. The ethylene gas is drawn from the gasometer by a powerful pump, which forces it into the sulphuric acid in large leaden vessels, like Woolf's flasks, the unabsorbed gas being brought by a special tube back into the gasometer. The sulphuric acid is rapidly saturated, sulphuric acid being formed. This last acid, treated with water, yields alcohol on distillation, but it is necessary to take care to add the water slowly to avoid too much heating. If the water is added hastily, ether is formed, and also acetic acid: a certain amount of acetone is likewise produced. In the manufactory of St-Albon des Villars (Savoie), where this operation is performed on a large scale, the dilute sulphuric acid is re-concentrated, so as to be used over again, and the loss is very small. There is some loss because it has to be passed through a special purifier, since there are by-products in the form of sulphurous or sulphonated compounds, which, if allowed to remain in the acid, communicate a disagreeable taste and smell to the alcohol. Theoretically, the amount of coke required to make a hectolitre of alcohol is from 50 to 53 kilograms, but in practice at present it is found that about 200 kilograms of coke are consumed. However, at 25 francs a tonne (1,000 kilograms) this should pay handsomely. —"The Brewing Trade Review."

Writing to the "Cheltenham Examiner" last month, Mr A. Biddlecombe, of Newcastle, says:—"Man is lord of his own stomach, not of his neighbours". To propose legislation to compel all persons to consume the meats or drinks that one individual finds, or fancies, suits him, is a proposition too absurd for any but an intemperate teetotaler. The greatest scientific authority that the Prohibitionists ever possessed (the late Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson) said, in his evidence before the Lords' Commission on Intemperance, that a glass of sound beer taken with a meal is not injurious. This non-injurious beverage is the drink of the great majority of Englishmen, and there is no reason (either scientific, religious, or otherwise) why the beverage should not be temperately used. The late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone said that bitter beer is a divine drink. A divine drink, which is lawful for a cardinal, a Luther, a Wellington, or a Gladstone to temperately consume, is lawful to manufacture and sell. This beverage being a legitimate

article of commerce, in constant demand by the public, it is the duty of the Government (that for purposes of revenue maintains a limited monopoly therein) to see that the public convenience is met by a sufficient number of convenient places of sale, and to protect sellers against unjust interference from intemperate fanatics. Liberty to eat, to drink, and to purchase such meats and drinks as are most suitable to our constitutions or pleasing to our palates, must be maintained in the sacred names of freedom and common-sense."

Mr Andrew Lang writes in defence of cigarettes. He says they are reckoned immoral and decadent by the sturdy adherents of pipes, one can never understand why. "A single pipe is more lowering to the system than a dozen cigarettes. Why, again, are good cigarettes so difficult to get? At really respectable old clubs the cigarettes are dry, hot, odious things, bearing the names of dealers not favourably known, or not known at all, to the amateur. Probably the committees are all smokers of pipes and cigars or think smoking ungentlemanly, as indeed it has been reckoned in various ages since the days of Sir Walter Raleigh and the author of "the counterblast to tobacco," yet Sir Walter was as good a gentleman as King James.

Brigadier-General Frederick D. Grant, commanding the Department of Texas, says in his annual report to the Secretary of War, in discussing the courts-martial, that in a large number of cases the apparent motive for desertion was liquor. He points out the degrading influence of drinking saloons near army

posts, and leads up to a discussion of the canteen question, of which he has this to say:—"The abolition of the canteen feature of the post exchange, however radical and positive be the objections to the light beverages formerly served therein, I may say, although a total abstainer myself, is regarded by me as a vital misfortune to the military service. Whatever be the convictions and prejudices of reformers on the subject of temperance, the fact should be apparent that the best and surest method of fostering temperance is to fight against and oppose all tendency to excess."

That Mr Rose, of the West London Police Court, should have fined Mr Percy Hales Prior, landlord of the Castle public-house, Holland Park Avenue, 20s for serving a drunken man after the object lesson he had had, is some what surprising. This is a case in which the landlord might have been let off. In the first place he was not present when the drink was sold. It was the barman who served the customer, and it was stated that the man in question showed no signs of drunkenness; on the contrary, he appeared quite sober when served. Thereupon the magistrate observed:—"I had a remarkable object lesson this morning, showing that a man can simulate sobriety. A man was put in the dock on a charge of drunkenness, and the assistant gaoler said he was drunk then. Looking at the prisoner I did not credit it. The charge proceeded, and the defendant spoke with coherence, but as the case went on the assumed sobriety gradually disappeared, and, in fact, the man grew drunk under my eyes. It showed how a drunken man can pull himself together for a time. Quite so. And if magistrates, who have nothing else to do but to watch the accused before them, are thus deceived, how very much more is a barman in the rush of business likely to be mistaken. The magistrate was good enough to observe that the case was not a serious one, and it could have been wished that he had dismissed the charge."

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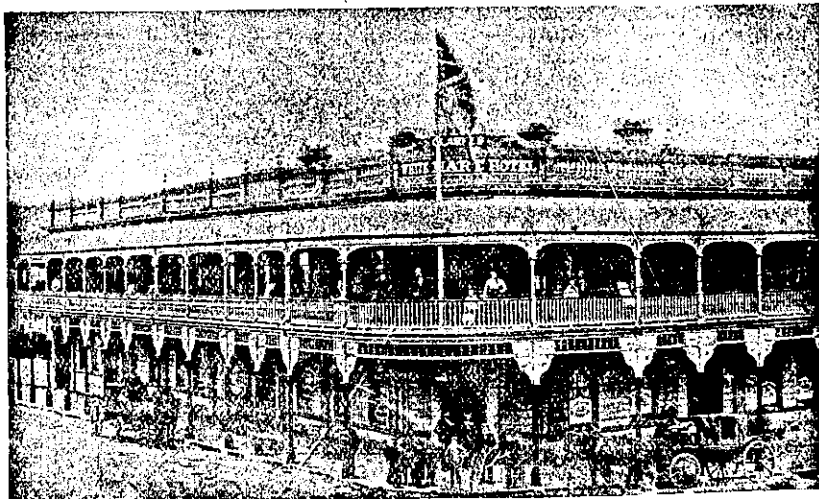
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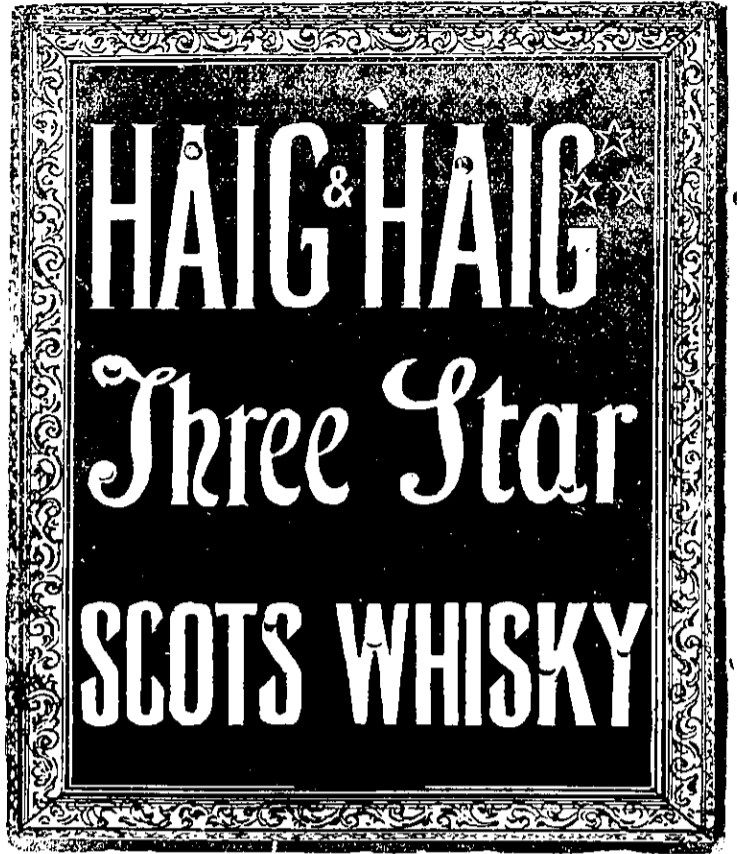
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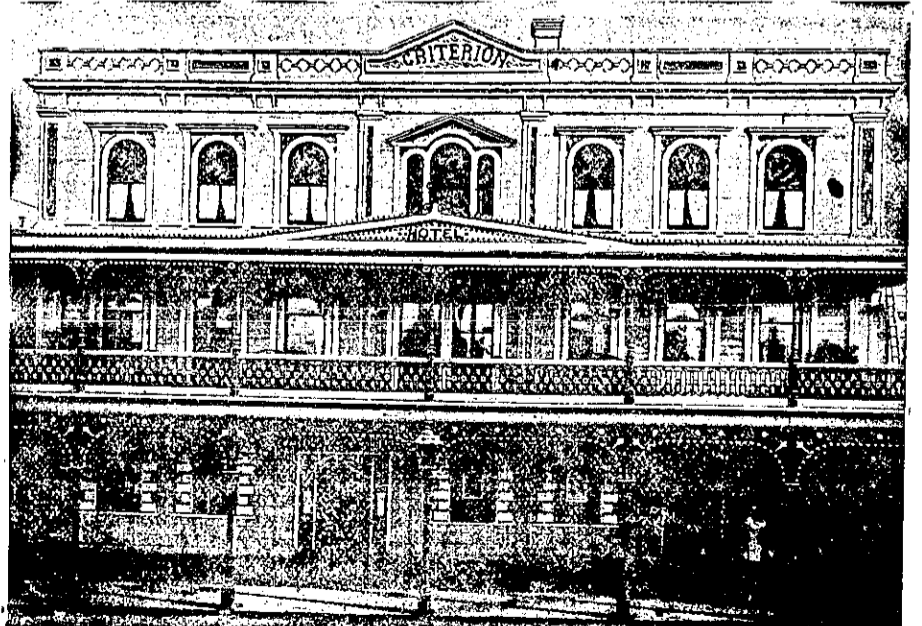


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THE BARMAID QUESTION AT HOME.

("L.V. Gazette.")

The London County Council, who are ever zealous in the interests of frail humanity, having prescribed to the limits of their power what we shall eat and what we shall drink, are quite prepared to decide for us by whom we shall be served. They have not as yet incorporated their conclusions on the subject in the Council's rules and regulations, but through the chairman of the Music and Dancing Committee they have expressed a pious wish that there will be a diminution of the number of young women employed in places of public entertainment. Earl Russell brought up the subject at Spring Gardens on the ground that it was not desirable that this intimation should go forth as the settled conviction of the Council, and the ever-tolerant spirit of Nonconformity blazed forth in the equally pious opinion of the Rev. Fleming Williams, that the employment of barmaids was a serious scandal. Colonel Rotton directed the attention of his colleagues to the fact that Sir Algernon West had merely expressed a wish, without the slightest intention of carrying the matter further. He had intimated to proprietors and managers of places of public entertainment that this was a point on which they could gratify the Council. If they could see their way to fall in with the view of the committee it would be very nice of them, but if they couldn't, well—let us say no more about it. The matter really did not warrant an acrimonious discussion, as under the circumstances any objection to the chairman's harmless little pronouncement was entirely superfluous.

But Sir Algernon could not quite accept this interpretation of his words. He considered the statement he had made would be more accurately designated as "obiter dictum" rather than a pious opinion, and he laid stress on the importance of the word "young" which Earl Russell had overlooked in quoting his remarks. That was the key-word of the entire sentence—the point of the whole objection—the very essence of the committee's plaint. The seriousness of the scandal does not consist in the employment of female labour—it is not the gender but the age of the barmaid that is exercising the mind of the County Council. There is "a fascination in a

ruin that's romantic" to these ingenious reformers, and in reply to the poet's conundrum, "Is a maiden all the better when she's tough?" they reply with conviction, "Certainly! For purposes of employment in a refreshment bar, the tougher she is the better!" Sir Algernon West referred to the case of a lady who had been employed as barmaid for over seventeen years, and that record was sufficient, he thought, to take her out of the category designated by the word "young." We know that middle-age, in the case of spinsters, has been described as "anywhere between eighty and two hundred," but Sir Algernon would restrict this somewhat generous computation. It is permissible, surely, to premise that the chairman's correspondent mentioned the period of her employment not so much to prove herself no longer young as to show that honest employment extending over a period of years had not been fraught with evil consequences.

The late Max O'Rell, who was a sympathetic and discriminating critic of the eternal feminine, declared that a woman of forty is at the zenith of her beauty and her powers of fascination. Then, and not until then, he asserted, does she understand how to exercise her witcheries in the most effective manner. Then "her eyes sparkle with joy, her mouth expresses the ecstasy of past and present bliss, and also gratitude for the kisses that have been impressed upon it"; and, as the wise and witty French author affirms, she is altogether "an intoxicating and incomparable joy." If Max O'Rell's "pious opinion" goes for anything, it is evident that the age limit is, in the interest of men who frequent places of public entertainment, a difficult one to determine. How can a woman of forty possessing all those charms solemnly declare to a County Council inspector that she is no longer young? What do seventeen years of service count for in the career of a girl who is still an "intoxicating and incomparable joy," and what protection to a County Councillor is the birth certificate of a matured maiden whose mouth "expresses the ecstasy of past and present bliss?" So far as we can see there is only one way to secure an innocuous uniformity in the appearance of our barmaids, and that is to provide them with masks constructed from designs approved by the London County Council.

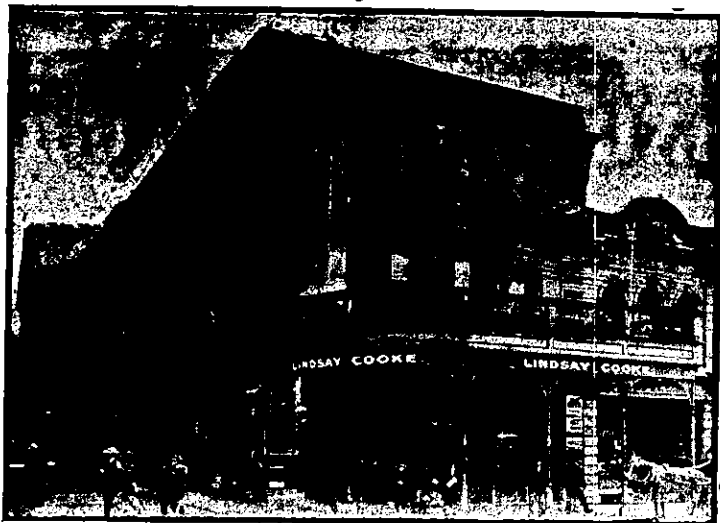
AN IMPERIAL MINISTER ON TRADE PROTECTION.

Mr Walter Long, President of the Local Government Board, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Bristol and District Beer, Spirit and Wine Trade Protection and Benevolent Association. There was a large company. After referring to intemperate temperance attacks on the Trade, he said, "he did not think that amongst the majority of the people there was a readiness to accept statements which were manifestly exaggerated and grossly unjust. During the past two or three years there had been a movement in some parts of the country to ruthlessly destroy licenses without any reference to the character of the house or to the way in which the occupant had conducted the business. They were told by those who preached that policy that there was no property in licenses, that a license was only granted from year to year, that the fact that it had to be renewed each year was proof of it, and that nobody had anything to complain of. He was not going to discuss what was eminently a legal question, but to look at it from the point of view of the ordinary layman. They were told that the policy of taking away licenses wholesale, without cause given or offence shown, was justifiable because there was no legal property in licenses; but he was bound, in reply, to point out that, whether it was legally right or wrong, the fact remained that for the purposes of both the Imperial Exchequer and local revenue, licenses had been treated as real property, and taxed and rated accordingly. It was suggested that members of the Trade should protect themselves against such unjust attacks. Surely, the fairest method would be to take the view which had been taken by members of the Government, and to see if this state of things was to continue. If throughout the country magistrates were to take the view of the law which in some cases they had taken, and if they were to be incited to take it by men in high positions, then it was necessary that Parliament should step in and protect that property which was just as much entitled to protection as any other class of property. That, at all events, was the view which they held, as some of his colleagues had said in Parliament before, and it was a view to which they would undoubtedly give expression and effect when Parliament met.

They might rely upon it that, whether their proposals met with general approval or not, when they were made they would be violently attacked by those who were conducting the crusade upon the other side. He asked them to take care that the facts from their point of view were widely circulated and generally known, and to take care that all the missionary work was not left to the other side.

In connection with the election of Mr Alderman T. Green as Mayor of Yarmouth, it has been found on searching the municipal records that there was an alderman of precisely the same Christian name and surname 200 years ago, who had the peculiar duty of visiting the ale-houses in the town to see that the landlords were selling beer of the best quality, and not charging more than a penny a quart for best ale, and a penny for two quarts of mild ale. He was empowered to convict summarily those "not doing their duty in this respect."

A correspondent of the London "L.V. Gazette" writes on the subject of "Temperance Reformers and the Trade":—"Knowing something from experience of the Trade, it seems to me a great pity that as there appears to be a certainty of a reduction scheme of some kind in licenses being put in force, that some arrangement cannot be come to between the leading brewers and the temperance party. It is quite likely that a meeting between the two parties might result in the arrangement of some scheme, in which, although neither party would get exactly what they want, yet both might be reasonably satisfied. It does not at all follow that because a man is a teetotaler that he is wilfully unjust in his dealings. With regard to the Government scheme of compensation no one knows what it is, or if it will be passed, and it is quite likely that if it were passed it would be in some form that temperance would object to, and be constantly endeavouring to alter afterwards. The looker-on sees most of the game sometimes. An agreement in this case seems to be the best way of meeting the difficulty. As regards the extreme fanatical temperance party, the best way is to take no notice of them, and then perhaps they would not make so much noise."



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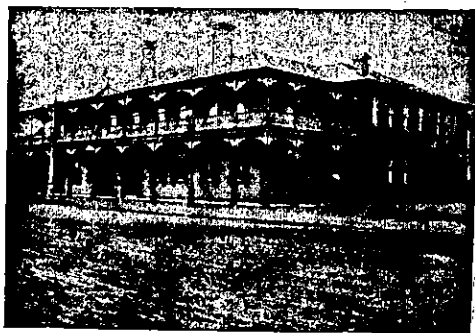
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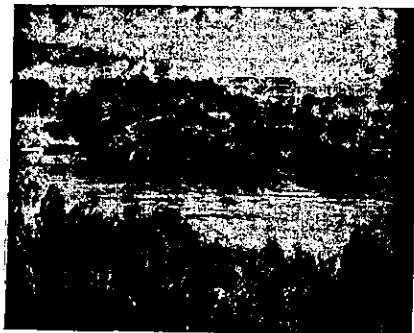
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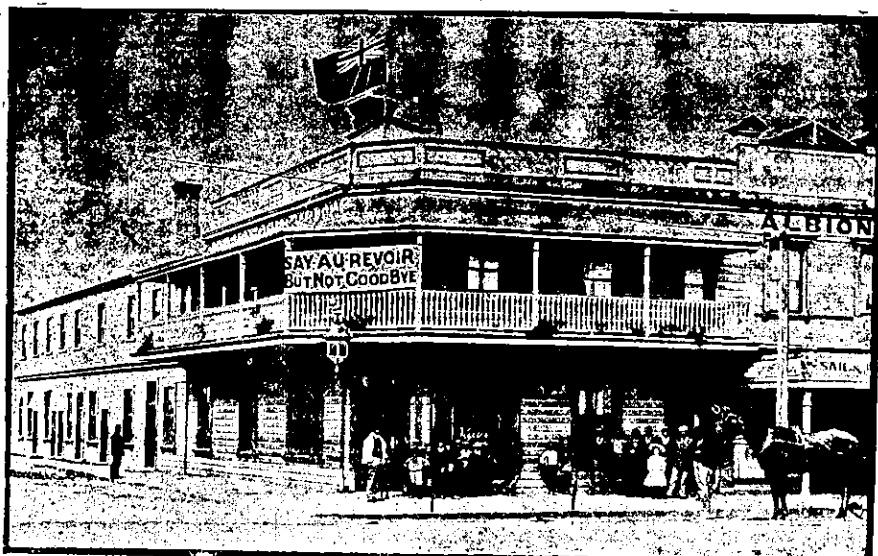


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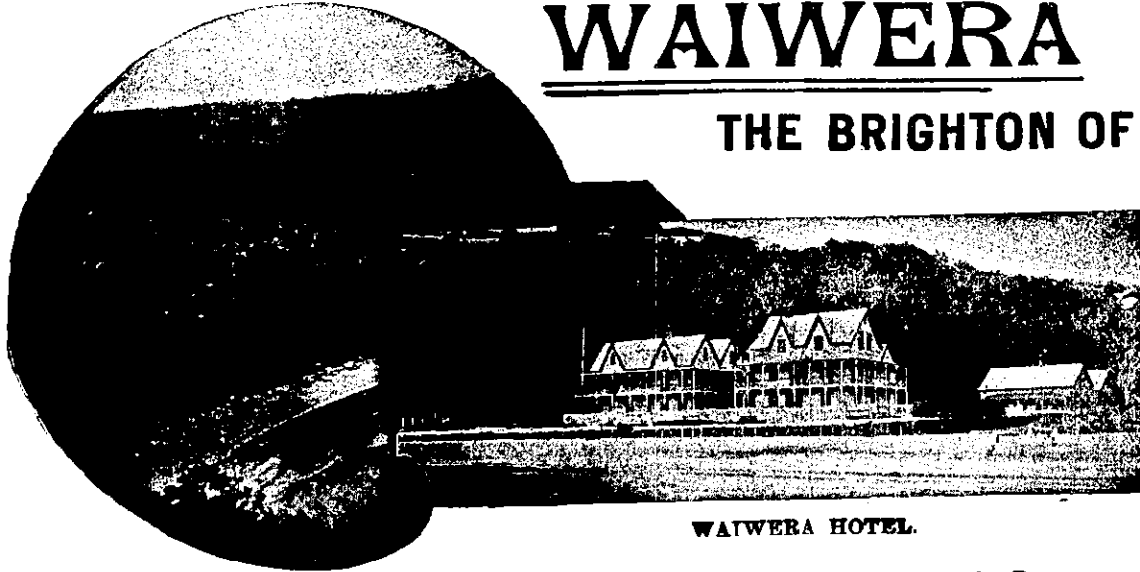
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Up-to-date steamer service, which lands passengers at the fine new Wharf.

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A few doors above the City Hall.

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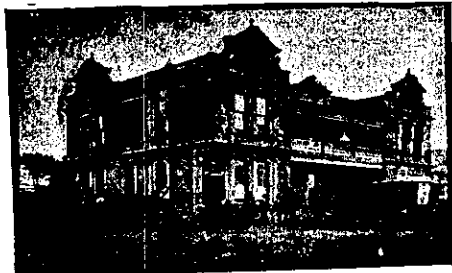


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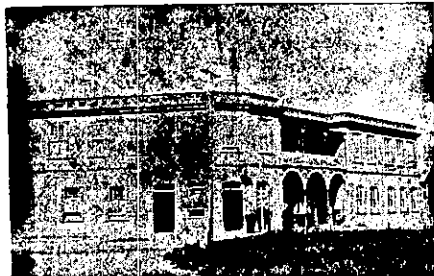


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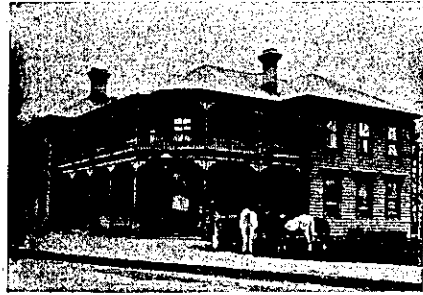
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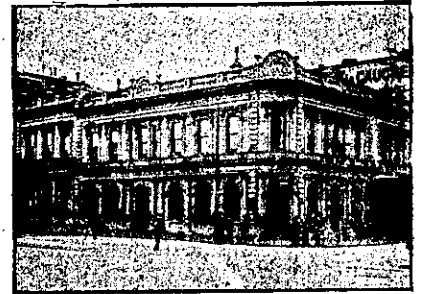
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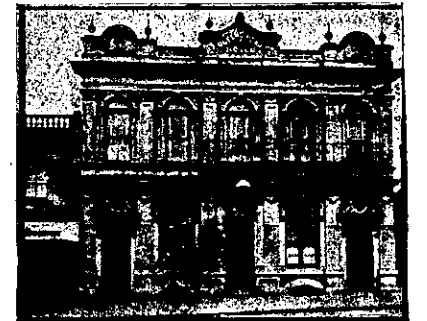
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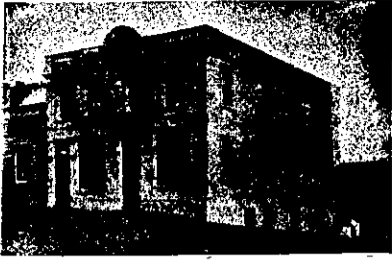
MR GEORGE JORDAN, PROPRIETOR. Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above well-known House, and would respectfully request a continuance of the favours hitherto accorded his predecessor. Ales, Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands procurable. Cigars and Cigarettes.



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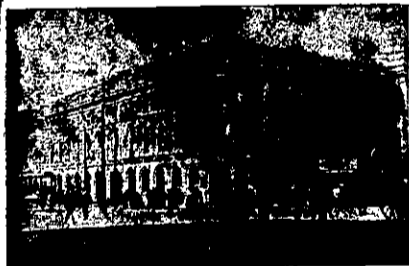
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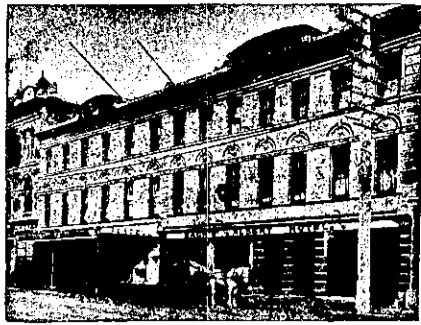
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His trade principle is to keep nothing but the very best, and to aim at the comfort of his patrons.

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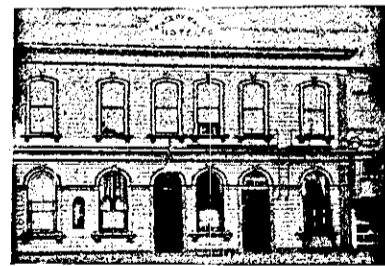
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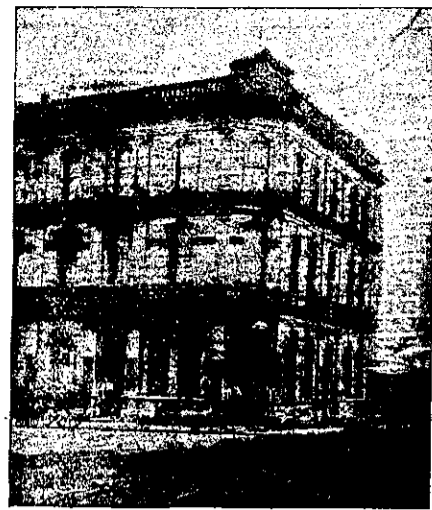
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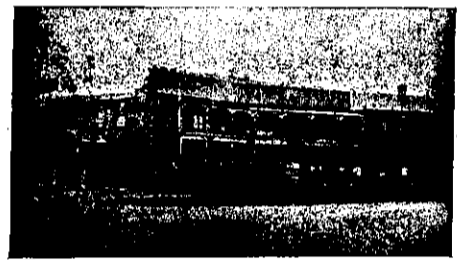
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 FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.
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Good Accommodation. Splendid Table.
 Only the Best Brands of Everything kept.



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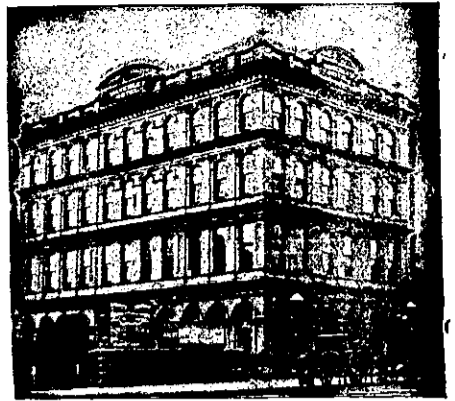
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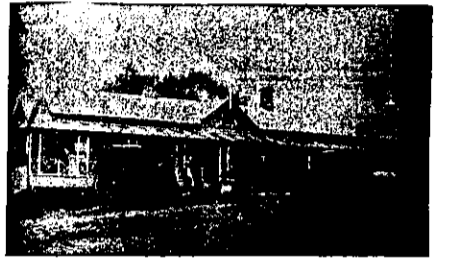
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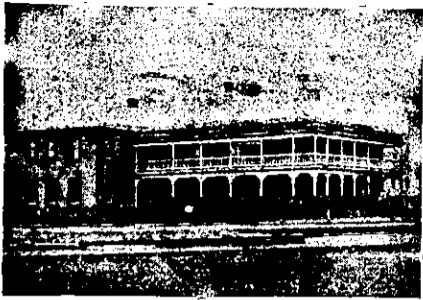
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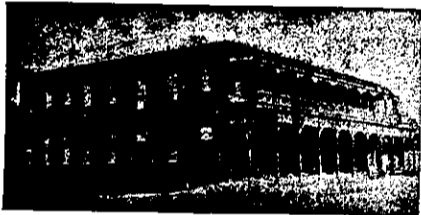
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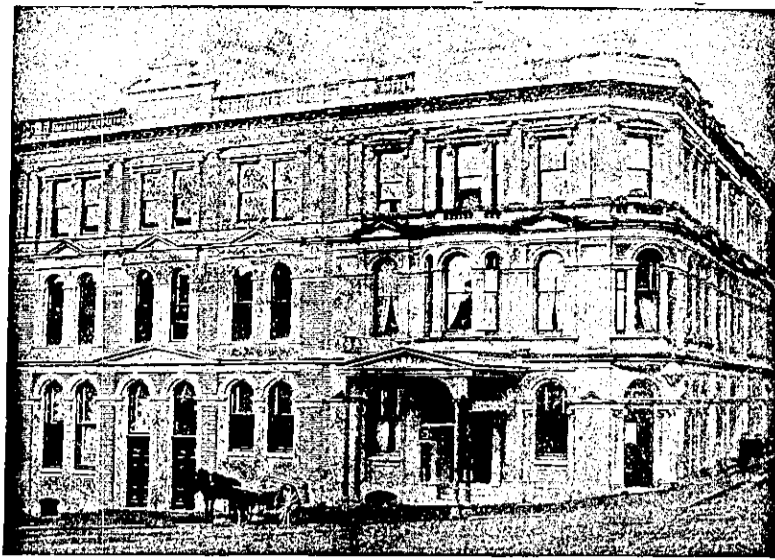
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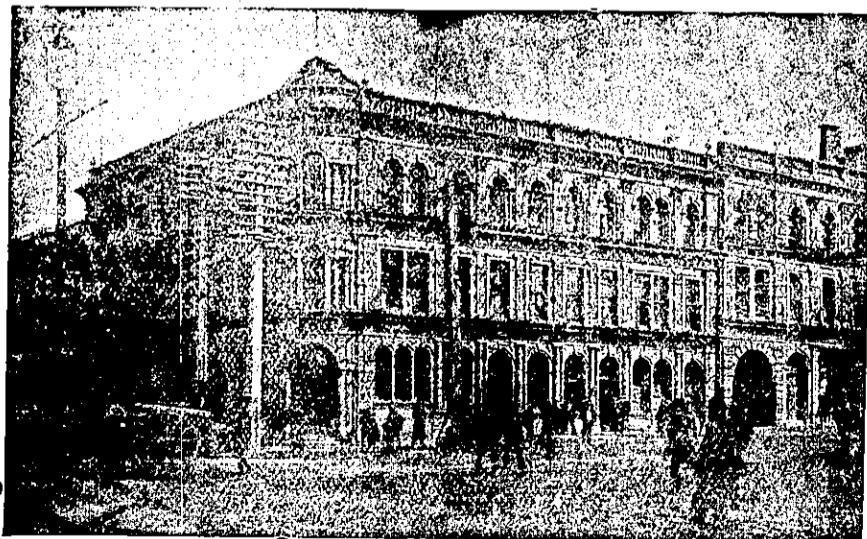
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Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.

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Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes.
Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
Terms Moderate.



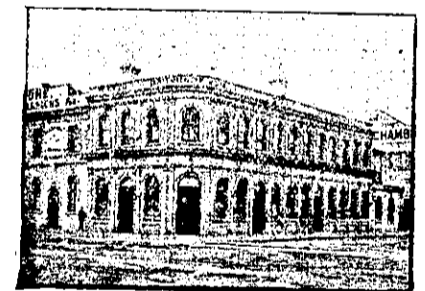
WHANGAREI HOTEL,
WHANGAREI.

This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished
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to the travelling public.

Sample Room. Hot and Cold Baths.
Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place.
Stabling Second to None.

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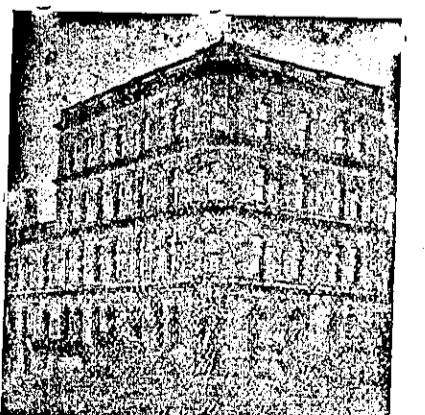
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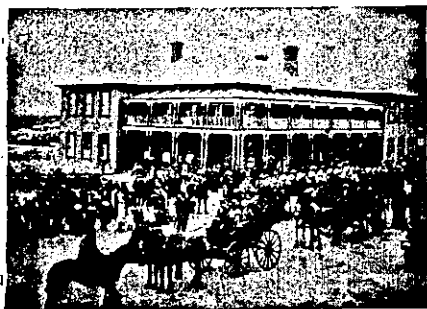
Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Your old
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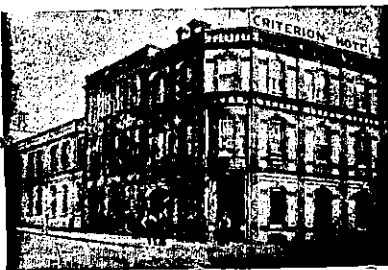
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JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM. Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Ellerslie Racecourse and Alexandra Park Football Ground. WINES, SPIRITS & BEERS—BEST ONLY. Give me a Call— J. COTTELL, Proprietor.

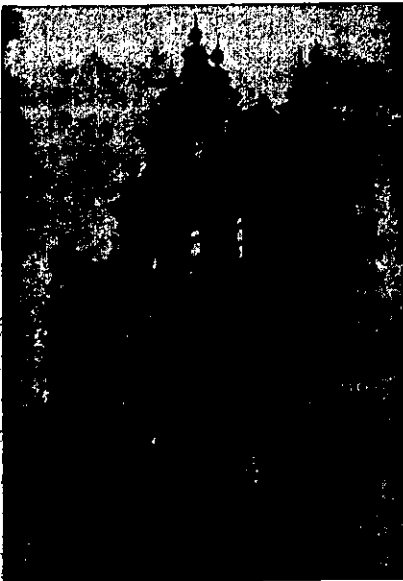


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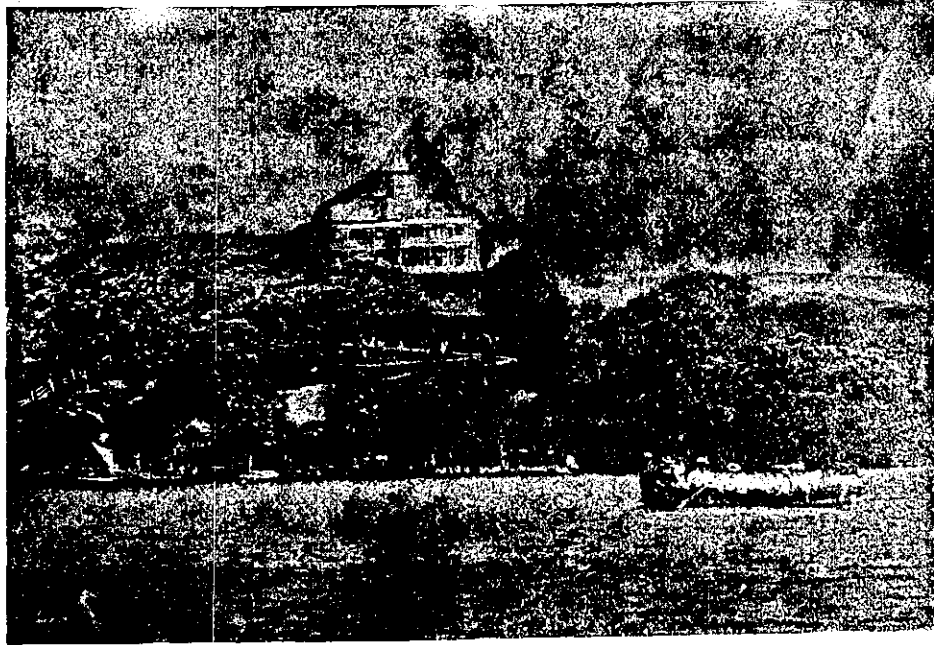
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Grosvenor Hotel, Five Minutes' walk from the Post Office. Hobson Street, Auckland, N.Z. A. SCHULTZE, PROPRIETOR.

This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only. TELEPHONE 1153. TERMS MODERATE.



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WELLINGTON PROVINCE

PALMERSTON NORTH RAILWAY-STATION REFRESHMENT ROOMS. W. MOORE, Proprietor. The railway passengers going either North or South should be acquainted with the fact that at Palmerston Station they can have a good hot luncheon. Railway guards will inform the traveller how much time he will have at Palmerston. All Express Trains remain ten minutes at Railway Station. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits. Only the best brands of ales, wines and spirits kept. Dunedin and Swan's Ale always on tap.

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The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Hotel lighted with Electric Light throughout. Spacious and Well lighted Sample Rooms. S. J. GIBBONS, Proprietor.

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Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. MRS R. ROBERTS (late of Palmerston North), Proprietress.

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H. McMANAWAY, Proprietor. Best Brands of Dunedin Ales, Wines, and Spirits in Stock. The Best of Accommodation. Large Stock Paddocks, Stables and Loose Boxes.

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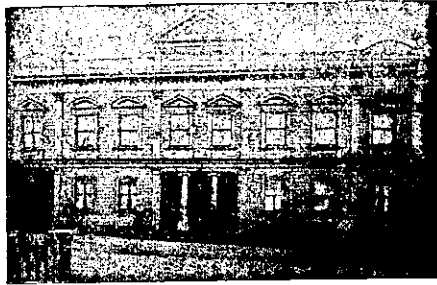
MR J. NORTHOVER having secured a long Lease of the above, and effected extensive alterations and improvements, is now prepared to cater for the public in up-to-date style. Brands of all the Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., kept in stock. Ample Stabling Accommodation and Loose Boxes. Charges moderate. J. NORTHOVER, Proprietor.

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All trains remain at station to enable passengers to obtain refreshments. Fresh tea made for every train. Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches, Cakes, Confectionary. Best brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, Cigars, and Cigarettes. H. JOHNSON, Proprietor.

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CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

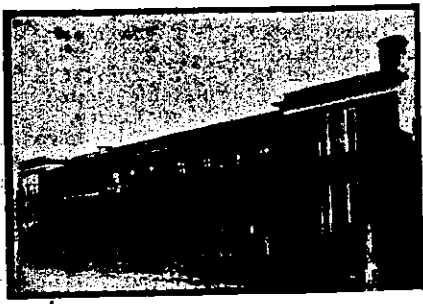
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WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS. E. W. BUDDICK Proprietor. Mail Trains wait twenty minutes for Lunch. The Railway passengers, going either North or South, should be acquainted with the fact that at the Woodville Refreshment Rooms they can have a good Hot Luncheon.

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English and Colonial Ales and Stouts always on supply. Wines and Spirits of best brands only kept in stock.

THE TROCADERO, STRATFORD.

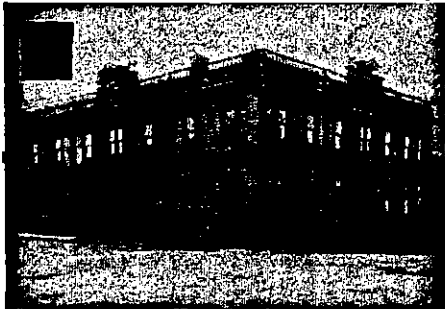
UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT. THE TROCADERO has been renovated and refurnished throughout...

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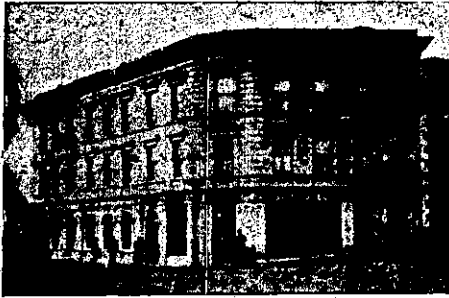
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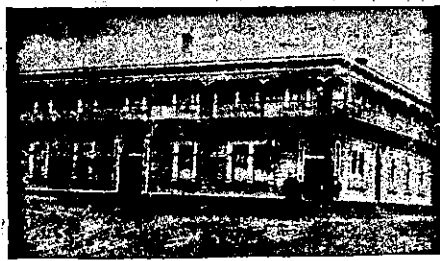
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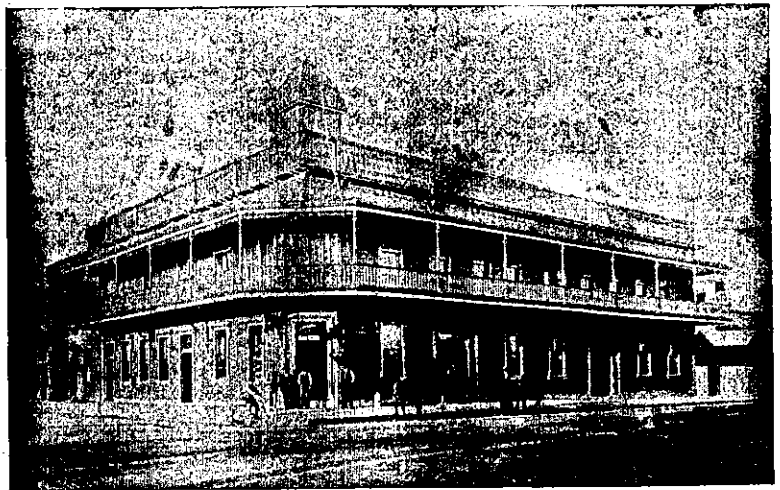


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