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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 George, Messrs F. Earl, E. D. O'Rourke, U. W. Duthie, Thomas J. Sinclair, G. W. S. Patterson, H. Thompson, W. C. Somers, Colonel Hoagate; Committee, Hon. E. Mitchellson, Messrs Murdoch McLean, Richard Duder, W. McLaughlin, H. T. Gorrie, L. D. Nathan, A. Hanna, H. O. Nolan, J. Marshall, G. W. S. Patterson, Thomas Murrin, R. H. Reid, Judge, Mr E. B. Lusk; Hon. Treasurer, Mr H. T. Gorrie; Starter, Mr C. O'Connor; Clerk of Scales, Mr F. W. Marks; Clerk of Course, Mr A. Selby; Audit r Mr B. E. Isaacs, A.S.A.A. (Eng.); Handicapper, Mr J. O. Evelt.

FIRST DAY:

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Tradeemen'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.

Northern Champagne Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb, and geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1903, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1904, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Easter Handicap of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race or flat races collectively of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry 8lb; of 150 sovs, 7lb; of 200 sovs, 10lb penalty. One mile.

Brighton Hurdle Race 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. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of a hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Two miles.

Eden 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. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.

Onslow Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 50 sovs, or 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. Five furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 8 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Tramway 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. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

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.

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

Fifth Century Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age. Penalties to commence on 1st of August, 1903. Winner of C.J.C. Derby, Canterbury Cup, or Great Northern Derby to carry 7lb penalty; of two of these, 14lb penalty. Winner of any other race or races collectively of 500 sovs to carry 5lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra; 14lb extreme penalty. Maidens at starting allowed: Three-year-olds, 5lb; four-year-olds, 7lb; five-year-olds and upwards, 14lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each. If struck out by 9 p.m. on second Friday in January, 1904, 2 sovs forfeit. Those left in after this date to pay 5 sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

Autumn Hurdle Race 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. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

Huia 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. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 8 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

St. George's Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 85 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs each, and final payment of 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of Century Stakes to carry 10lb penalty, or any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Electric 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. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

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.

Criterion 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. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Six furlongs.

Autumn Handicap of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

St. Helier's Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

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

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 8 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Buckland Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc., AUTUMN MEETING, 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—Tradeemen'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; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov; Buckland Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Tradeemen'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. Tradeemen'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.

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AUTUMN MEETING, 1904.

President, Dr. Earle. Vice-President, H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper, A. E. T. Nixon. Judge, W. H. Hartgrill. Starter, C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper for Open Events, J. O. Evelt. 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.

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, 150 sovs 7lb extra, 250 sovs or over 10lb extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

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.

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.

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. (Wide definition of Hacks, Rule 44.) About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.

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 2 sovs on Monday, February 29th, 1904, at 9 p.m. One mile and three-quarters.

3.45 Petre Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

4.30 p.m.—Wiritoa Hack Race Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. (Wide 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.

5.15 p.m.—Flying Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 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.

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.

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.

1.30 p.m.—Jackson Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. 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 forfeits are 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.

2.30 p.m.—Second Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. (Wide 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.

3.15 p.m.—Harrison Memorial Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

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

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

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

Hurdles, Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, Wiritoa Hack Flat Handicap, Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap, Petre Welter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Harrison Memorial Welter Handicap, Farewell Handicap, each 1 sov.

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

WEIGHTS.

Cup, Stewards' Stakes, Juvenile Handicap, First Hurdle Race, First Hack Hurdles, Petre Welter, Wiritoa 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; Wiritoa 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, 3 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.

No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.

F. MOFFATT, Secretary.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THE

PAPAKURA RACECOURSE,

ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1904.

President, Mr W. T. Massey, M.H.R. Vice-Presidents, Mr F. Lawry, M.H.R., Mr J. G. Rutherford, J.F. Stewards, Messrs W. T. Massey, M.H.R., F. Lawry, M.H.R., D. McLennan, J.P., J. G. Rutherford, J.P., Wm. Fitzpatrick, H. Walsh, E. Jones, E. A. Bewes, J.P., Thos. McEwen, E. S. Cole, Jas. Walker, jun., H. Willis. Judge, J. G. Rutherford, Esq., J.F. Starter, Mr G. Cutts. Handicapper Mr J. O. Evelt. Treasurer, Mr R. J. Willis. Clerk of Course, Mr Jas. Walker, jun. Clerk of Scales, Mr F. Marks. Secretary, Mr F. D. Yonge.

PROGRAMME.

Maiden Race Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won an advertised race (jumping races excepted) exceeding 50 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s 6d. Seven furlongs.

Flying Stakes Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Winner of any race (jumping races excepted) after the handicaps are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

Pony Race Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Winner of any race (jumping races excepted) after the handicaps are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

Papakura Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Winner of any race (jumping races excepted) after the handicaps are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb; of two or more, 10lb. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. One mile.

Hack Race Handicap of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised race (jumping races excepted) exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Winner of any race after the handicaps are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb; two or more, 10lb extra. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s 6d. Six furlongs.

Railway Plate Handicap of 22 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Winner of any race (jumping races excepted) after the handicaps are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb; two or more, 10lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, FRIDAY, January 22nd, close with the Secretary at his office, Durham-street, and at Papakura Hotel at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS to appear THURSDAY, February 4th. ACCEPTANCES, February 5th, by 9 p.m.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.



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 35 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, 1 1/2 sov. 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 5min 32sec 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.
Class Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 40sec to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 1904

- Trial 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.
Epsom Trot Handicap (Harness) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 45sec to the mile. Nomination 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Summer Trot Handicap (Harness or Saddle) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
Suburban Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
Tramway Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2min 40sec to the mile. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 55sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Telegraph Trot Handicap (Saddle) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 53sec to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
High-Class Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 45sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Alexandra Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

THIRD DAY:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1904.

- President's 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.
Second Harness Trot Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 55sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
Welcome Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
Criterion Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 50sec to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
Second 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.
Dash Trot Handicap (Saddle) of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 54sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
March Trot Handicap (Saddle or Harness) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 45sec to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Manukau Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

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NOMINATIONS for all Events Close with the Secretary at his Office, Durham-street East, on FRIDAY, February 5, 1904, at 9 p.m. Nominations to be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. N.B.—This rule will be strictly adhered to.

HANDICAPS for the First Day to appear February 8, 1904. For the Second Day, to appear February 22, 1904. For the Third Day, to appear February 25, 1904.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day Close with the Secretary, on FRIDAY, February 12, 1904, at 9 p.m. For the Second Day close with the Secretary on MONDAY, February 22, at 9 p.m. For the Third Day close with the Secretary on THURSDAY, February 25, 1904, at 9 p.m.

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- 1. Borough Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from stake. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.
2. Handicap Maiden of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from stake. For all horses that have never won a race to the value of 15 sovs at time of starting. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

- 3. Waiti Cup of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. Nomination 20s; acceptance, 30s.
4. Flying Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 4 sovs from stake. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
5. Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stake. Distance, one and a-half miles over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s.
6. Hack Race of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from stake. For all horses that have never won a race to the value of 15 sovs at the time of starting. Distance one mile. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.
7. McCurdy Memorial Stakes of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stake. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, 19th February, 1904, at 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

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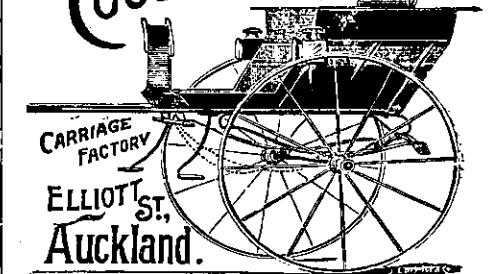
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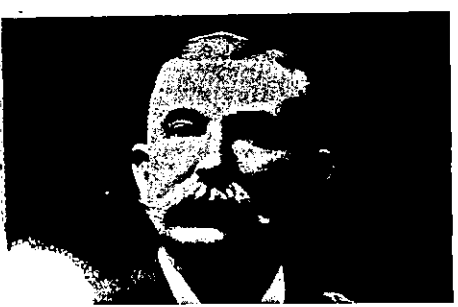
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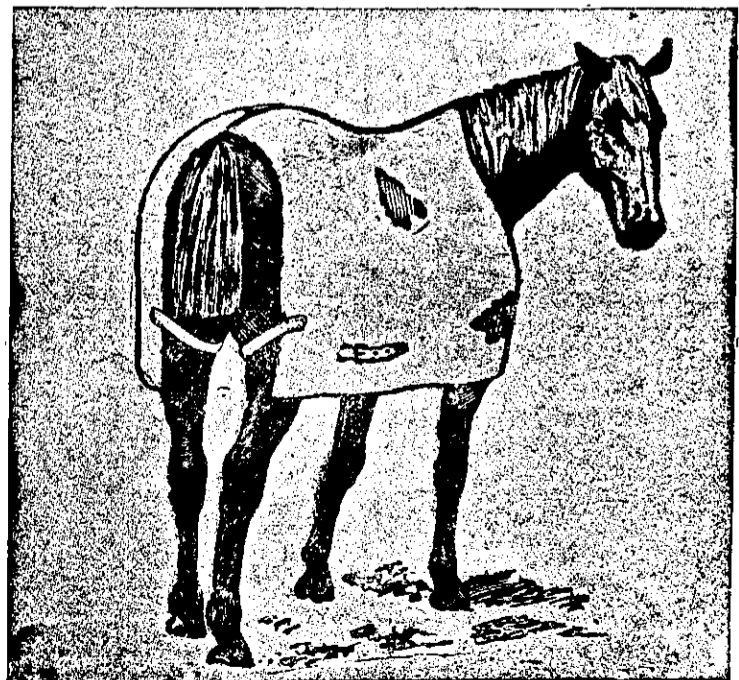
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FIXTURES—1904

February 11 and 18—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 11 and 12—Gisborne R.C. Summer
February 13—Papakura R.C. Annual
February 17 and 18—Te Aroha J.C. Summer
February 17 and 18—Egmont R.C.
February 18 and 19—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 24, 26, and 27—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
March 3 and 4—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 5—South Auckland R.C. Annual
March 7—Thames J.C. Autumn
March 12—Waikato J.C. Annual
March 19—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
April 2, 4, 5—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
April 4 and 5—C.J.C. Autumn
April 14 and 15—Masterton R.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS.

February 12—South Auckland R.C.
February 12—Thames J.C. Autumn
February 19—Waikato J.C.
February 19—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
February 26—A.R.C. Autumn, special events
February 26—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
March 23—C.J.C. Autumn, general entries
March 25—A.R.C. Autumn, general entries
March 25—Masterton R.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS DECLARED

February 12—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 15—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
February 18—South Auckland R.C.
February 19—Thames J.C. Autumn
February 19—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
February 24—Waikato J.C.
March 1—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
March 19—C.J.C. Autumn
March 21—A.R.C. Autumn, special events
March 26—C.J.C. Autumn
March 28—A.R.C. Autumn, first day's events
April 5—Masterton R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

February 11—Te Aroha J.C.
February 18—Poverty Bay T.C.
February 19—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
February 26—South Auckland R.C.
February 26—Thames J.C. Autumn
February 26—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 4—Waikato J.C.
March 12—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
March 23—C.J.C. Autumn
March 25—A.R.C. Autumn, special events
March 30—A.R.C. Autumn, first day's events
March 31—C.J.C. Autumn
April 9—Masterton R.C. Autumn

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

February 19—Dunedin J.C. Champagne Stakes
February 20—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes, 5 sovs

FINAL PAYMENTS.

February 29—Wanganui Cup, 5 sovs

was seen actually to "bore" Patron diagonally across the course to the outside fence, then to strike Patron on the head with a whip, and, further, to obtain a hold on Patron's bridle, forcing the animal back, and thus enabling Flossie to pass the post first. Amidst a chorus of hooting and groaning, the rider of Flossie weighed in, and the stewards on their own initiative rightly met to consider the circumstances. The evidence before them was apparently conclusive, for the horse was disqualified for the race and the jockey for twelve months. Subsequently the case proved to be of a much more serious nature than was at first thought to be the case. At an adjourned meeting held on Thursday it was resolved to disqualify John O'Connell, the rider of Saladin, for ten years, and to fine him £5 for training without a license. James O'Connell, owner of Patron, which horse had been interfered with, and Robert Riddle, owner of Flossie, were disqualified for five years. The horses Flossie, Patron, and Saladin were disqualified for five years. The disqualification of Lloyd, the jockey who rode Flossie, for two years was allowed to remain. The disqualification of E. McLean, rider of Patron, was fixed for one year, and Sheehy, the former owner of Saladin, was fined five guineas for failing to notify the change of ownership.

The case certainly seems to have been a very grave one, and the stewards are deserving of warm praise for their conscientious efforts to purify the sport. Some may be found averring that the sentences imposed are unduly harsh, but this view of the matter will not meet with any general endorsement. Wherever racing is carried on there are always to be found a certain number of black sheep who could be well done without, and it is the racing club's duty to, whenever possible, exclude them from participating in the sport which they dishonour. The drastic sentence imposed by the Palmerston stewards should do much good in that it will prove that at least some of the racing clubs are determined to do their best to safeguard the public interests

EQUINE NOMENCLATURE.

It is somewhat difficult to account for the extreme reluctance some owners appear to have to naming their horses. One would naturally expect that when a sportsman has purchased a valuable animal about the first thing to be done would be to give it some distinguishing name. Many owners, such as Sir George Clifford, Hon. J. D. Ormond, or Mr Stead, of course do adopt the plan, but others either do not care whether their horses are named or not, or else they find an unaccountable difficulty in choosing a suitable appellation. Years ago in England it was not an altogether unusual thing to find a horse going through the whole of its racing career without any name being given it. A four-year-old Auckland-bred mare has been running in the Old Country lately, but up to within a month or two ago it was nameless. Look at the list of the horses left in the Northern Champagne Stakes. It will be noticed that a number of nameless ones are left in the classic event. Surely the effort to find a suitable name should not be so great as this would imply. If this difficulty is the real reason of the delay, why do owners not adopt the plan of giving a small prize for the most apt name in which those of the sire and dam are suggested? This plan would certainly bring any number of replies, and out of those submitted surely something suitable could be found. If it were done then it is possible that we might have no recurrence of such names as Matamatahare-keke and the like, a very obvious advantage. Among the list of nameless ones is Mr Alison's high-priced two-year-old by Hotchkiss from Forme. As we Aucklanders hope that this handsome chestnut colt may prove a champion the opportunity seems a good one for such a competition.

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A SERIOUS TURF SCANDAL.

THE stewards of the Palmerston Racing Club have been called upon to deal with an incident which occurred during the running of the Novel Handicap at the recent meeting, and that they have not shirked their duty in the matter every racegoer will be prepared to admit. It seemed at first sight to have been a very particularly glaring case of foul riding with which they had to deal. From the description of the race in a Southern paper it would appear that three horses started, these being Flossie, Patron, and Saladin. The starter (Mr Lefevre) states that the horses were in line when he gave the signal to go, but Saladin did not attempt to get away. In contradiction of this the jockey and others state that the horse is a bad starter. At all events, the mare Flossie led the way for some distance, and was then approached by Patron, when the foul play is alleged to have taken place. The stewards watching the race and many onlookers testify that Lloyd, the rider of Flossie,

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

The Gisborne Racing Club's Summer Meeting takes place to-day and to-morrow.

I have to acknowledge receipt from Mr J. A. Turton, secretary of the Egmont Racing Club, a complimentary ticket for both days of the Summer Meeting, which takes place on February 17 and 18.

The scratching pen has been put through the name of Golden Sands for the Maiden and Hack Races at Napakura.

V. Cotton has been engaged to ride for Sir George Clifford and Mr J. B. Reid. The miniature Sloan went South on Friday.

The pony Solitary was unlucky to bump up against the champion pony Annoyed. She has been runner-up to the daughter of Regel and Torment in no less than five races.

Shrapnel won the Stewards' Handicap at New Plymouth yesterday, a result which was fully anticipated as he was very well backed. That the five-year-old gelding by The Workman—Element can gallop he has given pointed proof ere now, but a mistake has frequently been made in running him out of his distance.

Horses which look to possess likely winning prospects to-day at Gisborne are Croupier or Moulina in the Flying Handicap, Hippowai in the Hurdles, Croupier or Taura in the Summer Handicap, Morpheth or Papatu in the County Stakes, and Tyrone or A. N. in the Park Stakes.

Twenty-two have been left in the Northern Championship Stakes which will be run on April 2. As far as present form is concerned, the race looks a gift for Silkworm, who is the sole representative of the Yaldhurst stable. Mr Arsenio's Hotchkiss—Formo colt is in the list.

It is exactly one hundred years ago since steeplechasing was established in the United Kingdom, and the sport derives its earliest distinction from Ireland, where the first regular steeplechase was organised, and took place in County Galway. The Irish Steeplechase of 1803 was planned after a Hunt dinner.

In Japan the grooms take no chances of getting kicked by going behind horses when in their stalls. The stalls in that country are so arranged that the horses are backed into them. The stalls are long and there is a door at the head to which is attached a swing box and a hay rack. This door is swung open and the horse is led out when the stall is cleaned.

A very little programme of sport has been arranged by the Northern Wairoa Racing Club for the Autumn Meeting, which takes place on Saturday, March 19. Six events will be run, these being the Hurdle Race, one and a-half miles; Autumn Handicap, one and a-half miles; Hack Race, one mile; Flying Handicap, seven furlongs; Victoria Handicap, one and a-quarter miles; Welter Handicap, one and a-half miles. It will be seen that the committee of the go-ahead club do not believe in sprint races, as the shortest race is one of seven furlongs, and it is almost a pity that some of the other clubs do not share the same belief. Nominations close with Mr H. E. Stehr, the secretary, on Friday, February 26. Full particulars of the various events will be seen in our advertising columns.

When a horse is particular about what he eats and does not seem to thrive on his rations, he requires attention. In such cases look first to the teeth, or better still, have a veterinary surgeon do so. Teeth that are sharp prove a constant source of irritation, not only when the animal is eating, but when driving, and it is little to be wondered at if an animal constantly suffering pain should take on an unthrifty appearance. Where horses are fed on wild hay there is always more or less danger of their getting beaded heads lodged between the teeth and cheek, or, in some instances, these may lodge under the tongue and cause great discomfort. Frequently a head of wild rye lodged under the tongue or beside the cheek has caused death, this finally being induced by the head burrowing into the flesh. The outlay of a trifle for an examination of this kind should not be considered for a moment, because this amount may be saved in the course of a week or two by the use to which an animal, after being treated, will eat his feed. Where there are many horses on the farm it will certainly pay to purchase a tooth rasp, and this should be used at least twice a year on all horses whose teeth present sharp edges.

Acceptances for the first day's events to be run at the Summer Meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club, close with Mr F. D. Yonge to-morrow (Friday), at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the Wanganui Cup and first day's events of the Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meeting are due to appear on Friday, February 19.

Nominations for the Autumn Meeting of the Northern Wairoa Racing Club are due with the secretary, Mr H. E. Stehr, on Friday, February 26, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the various events to be run at the annual meeting of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club close with Mr H. Poland, the secretary, on Saturday, February 20, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Annual Meeting of the Rotorua Jockey Club close with Mr W. T. Carr, the secretary, at Rotorua, or with Mr H. H. Hayr, Auckland, on Friday, February 12, at 10 p.m.

General entries for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting are due with Mr Percival on Friday, March 25, at 9 p.m., at which time acceptances for the Easter Handicap and Brighton Hurdles are also due.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Annual Meeting of the South Auckland Racing Club close with Mr R. J. Gwynne, the secretary, Hamilton, or with Mr H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, at 9 p.m. on Friday, February 12.

Acceptances for the first day's racing of the Te Aroha Jockey Club's Summer Meeting must be in the hands of the secretary, Mr Samuel Lawson, not later than 8 p.m. on February 11.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Annual Meeting of the Waihi Jockey Club, must be made to the secretary, Mr Thomas C. Grant, on or before Friday, February 19, at 10 p.m.

The Summer Meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club will commence to-day. The Meeting is creating very little attention even in Christchurch.

The Autumn Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club has been postponed from March 7 to March 24. The date for the closing of nominations is now fixed for March 4.

The Annual Meeting of the Tuakau Racing Club will take place on Wednesday, March 2. Nominations close with the secretary, Mr Tapper, on February 19, at Tuakau.

The Cambridge Polo Club Sports will take place on Saturday, February 20. This will be as a sort of wind-up to the Provincial Polo Association's big three days tournament.

Locally, things have been very quiet in the sporting world during the week. The round of Country Meetings will take a good many sportsmen out of town, so that there will not be a great deal stirring until the Auckland Racing Club's big Easter Meeting.

An enterprising sportsman in the Old Country has accepted a wager that Pretty Polly will win the Derby, Oaks and St. Leger. As the price was only 6 to 1 against the filly for the treble, it looks like a foolish bet for crack two-year-olds do not always retain their form when a year older.

Particulars of the Annual Race Meeting of the Tuakau Racing Club are advertised in this issue. It will be seen that a nice little programme of seven events has been arranged. These include the Hurdle Race, 1½ miles; Maiden Race, 6 furlongs; Tuakau Handicap, 1½ miles; Pony Race, 5 furlongs; Welter Handicap, 1 mile (for gentlemen riders only); Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs; and Farewell Handicap, 5 furlongs. The Meeting will take place at Tuakau, on Wednesday, March 2, nominations closing on Friday, February 19. It may be of interest to note that the A.R.C., at the request of the Tuakau Racing Club, has removed the disqualification incurred by those horses that competed at the Onewhero Meeting.

The races at the late Takapuna Meeting were well distributed amongst the different owners, and most of the money was won by the local contingent. The visiting contingent only secured two races out of twenty-four, Gold Seal winning a double. Khama, Gold Seal and Annoyed secured two each, and Wellcast, Scotty, La Hune, Avalanche, Veldt, Dolores, Golden Sands, Numa, Inspiration, Aka Aka, Jewellery, Beau Seaton, Inchcape, Newtown, Sally Hornor and Dingo one each; Solo and Kamo and Akarana and Eureka a dead heat each.

The Ben Godfrey gelding Ben Blair has been purchased by an Auckland sportsman, and will go into W. Gall's stable at Greenlane.

The ex-New Zealand pony Belle Cole, starting an odds on favourite in a race at Kensington (Sydney) won by three-quarters of a length in fast time. The Label mare carried 9st 3lb.

J. Thorpe has taken in some of the yearlings now in his hands, and they are ridden about the roads daily.

Frank Burns will steer the St. Hippo gelding Hippowai in the hurdle events at Gisborne. He ought to win to-day.

Mr M. Deeble is about on crutches again. It will be remembered he had his leg broken at the A.R.C. Meeting when riding Princess of Thule.

The pony Itt has been purchased from Mr W. Ring by a patron of W. Gall's stable, and is now located there. Its price has not transpired.

Mr F. Pratt, who purposed taking his team to South Africa this month, has now had to postpone his departure in consequence of some of the members of his team being on the sick list. The half-brother to Hohoro and Silkworm is suffering from influenza.

The Ballarat trainer, James Scobie, was not so badly injured as the first reports of his accident would make it appear. The fracture of the thigh is not what the surgeons call a bad break, and in other respects the trainer of Little Nell, F.J.A., and company is in good health and spirits. He may be about again in six weeks.

Work at headquarters (Ellerslie) has been very dull since the Takapuna Meeting. With the exception of the Taranaki competitors, Mars, Waipuna, Escape, Woodmount, Jewellery and Scotty, nothing of any consequence has been done except medium pace and spurting, as most of these raced at Takapuna and did not require any severe tasks.

A very interesting programme of events has been arranged for the Great Carnival which commences at Rotorua on February 23. The order of the various events is published in our advertising columns. Entries for the rowing, sailing, and military events close to-morrow, with Mr J. N. McLean, the secretary. The Committee are sparing neither time or trouble to make the affair a success, and at present the indications point to their object being completely achieved.

In Russia every person who owns a horse is obliged to furnish a certificate of ownership. If a horse is sold, this certificate must be produced and transferred to the name of the purchaser. The one who sells a horse must be responsible for its good condition and age, and must return the purchase money and pay a fine if he deceives the buyer in his representations of its health or age.

There is no doubt that Harry Franks' luck badly wants changing. Inchcape makes the fourth horse that he has lost through an accident. The others were The Swimmer, Courtier, and a horse in Christchurch. In addition he has had his house burned down and lost some relatives by the train accident some two years ago at Christchurch. Another unlucky incident was when Leo Delaval won at Takapuna and paid the dividend of £320, on which occasion he thought he had £3 on, but through some mistake it was not invested. The fickle jade Fortune has not treated the genial Harry too well since his arrival in Auckland.

The Waiuku Annual Race Meeting took place on Thursday last, but the threatening weather prevented quite a number of people going up by steamer. Notwithstanding this a goodly number put in an appearance, and business was fairly brisk on the different events. The useful gelding Aka Aka won a double, but his brother Tahae was not so fortunate as to win, although the long odds of 7 to 2 was laid on his ability to do so. The muddy state of the course beat him as he is a long strider.

It is not often that the sportsmen who congregate in the vicinity of Vulcan Lane allow much to distract their attention from the discussion of their favourite's chances at whatever meeting may be in progress, but yesterday afternoon the Taranaki Meeting had a serious rival in the exciting news from the War in the East. The smart work performed by the Japs in sinking the big protected cruiser Pallada, to say nothing of badly injuring two battleships, was almost the sole topic of conversation.

The Union liner Tarawera too, back to Napier on Saturday Gold Seal and Hinetaura.

The Madcap mare, Sly Miss, although fagged by her owner, was easily beaten by Aka Aka in the six furlong race at Waikau.

Redeemed, one of Mr T. W. Armitage's string, had to succumb in one of the short races, although well supported Waiuku.

Notwithstanding his big rise in weight from the impost he carried in Wellington Convoy was found equal to win the Taranaki Cup yesterday. The V. gelding is beyond question in great form just now, for his performances have been remarkably consistent of late. The opinion was rather generally held that in awarding Convoy 9st 6lb the handicapper had been over severe with the brown gelding, but his victory in the big mile and a-half event proves the contention to have been all wrong. It further emphasises the prowess of Gladsome at Wellington.

M. Edouard Blanc, the owner of famous Flying Fox, has just issued a curious pronouncement. In future the high-priced son of Orme and Vampire will be permitted to serve only ten mares besides his owner's, at a fee of £600 each, with the remarkable proviso that none must come from an "English breeder's" establishment. Whether the wonderful success of the first crop of Flying Fox youngsters has made M. Blanc desirous of having none of them to oppose his home raised ones in France, or whether his intention is to make the fame of his sire as world-wide as possible, is hard to say. At any rate, his last move gives the much-talked-of horse another record, for his fee now exceeds the £500 for which the Duke of Portland still lets a favoured few use his pet, St. Simon. What is more, M. Blanc will experience no difficulty, for a couple of years at least, in finding breeders willing and even anxious to pay the high price he demands.

A Victorian exchange states that a particularly unpleasant incident took place after the running of the January Handicap at the Ballarat Miners' Turf Club meeting. Hatwood was always favourite for the race, and at the rise of the barrier odds of 2 to 1 were laid on him. There were five other starters, but the betting was practically 10 to 1 bar one. Robin cut out the early running, but towards the finish Hatwood and Vindico were fighting for first place, when Light Sleeve came on the outside. After the race the judge put up Light Sleeve's number, but after it remained for a few minutes it was taken down, and Hatwood's substituted. A large section of the public thought Light Sleeve won by half a length, and the bookmakers were especially emphatic that Hatwood—who, by the way, was an odds-on favourite—had been fairly beaten. The ring indulged in a hostile demonstration against the officials, and then, closing their bags, declined to bet on subsequent events.

The Annual Meeting of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club will take place on the Paeroa racecourse on Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18. The programme, which is advertised in this issue, consists of sixteen events, all classes of races being included. On the opening day, the principal item is of course, the Ohinemuri Cup, of 100 sovs, one mile and a quarter, other well-endowed races being the Paeroa Steeplechase, the Hurdles, and the St. Patrick's Handicap. On the second day, most interest will probably attach to the Paeroa Handicap, of 60 sovs, and the Tally-ho Steeplechase, of 60 sovs, one mile. Altogether the sum of £600 is spread over the various events, which is a very liberal amount for a country meeting. It may therefore be expected that the response made by owners will be a free one, for the fixture is one of the most important of the "country round." Mr Poland will take nominations up to Saturday, February 20.

The cricket match between the M.C.C. team and Victoria had a very sensational ending. Victoria put together 299 in the first innings, of which McAlister made 139. As the Englishman could only get 248, they were left in a minority of 51, so that Victoria appeared to have a very fair winning chance. Rhodes and Arnold however, got in a lot of fine work on the glue-pot wicket, and Victoria's second effort resulted in but 15 runs. The first four wickets fell for nothing, and if Trott, who top-scored with 9, had been caught off a chance he gave, the total would not have reached two figures. Writing from memory, the lowest score ever made in a first-class match was when the M.C.C. dismissed Oxford University for 12, as long ago as 1877. Victoria was beaten by eight wickets.

The American turf has received a severe loss during the week, Mr Wm. C. Whitney having joined the great majority. The deceased sportsman won the English Derby in 1901 with Volodyovski. Mr Whitney was at the top of winning owners in America this season with 102,569dol to his credit, Mr J. B. Haggin coming second with 89,795dol, and Mr E. R. Thomas third with 83,250dol.

At the monthly meeting of the A.R.C. Committee on Thursday last the programmes submitted by the following Clubs were passed:—Papakura, February 13; Helensville, March 2; Katikati, March 5; Coromandel, March 17; Rotorua, February 24; Matakoho, March 11; Tuakau, March 2; Otahuhu, February 20, 24, 27. The disqualifications imposed by the Coromandel Racing Club on Thas. Scott, James Gilroy and the horse Donegal, were endorsed. Jockeys' licenses were granted to E. Ross, W. Wilson, A. Wyatt and S. Howie.

The London "Sportsman's" Paris correspondent says that time has given pause to those who were apt to imagine that the Societe d'Encouragement had been worsted in the action brought by "Tod" Sloan against the leading Turf body in France. The judges who decided the case, whose decision has been appealed against by the Societe d'Encouragement, have not taken into consideration Rule 76 of Racing, empowering the club to warn off any trainer or jockey or persons under their control. They opined that the plaintiff was not under the control of the Societe d'Encouragement, and consequently, as a private individual, was beyond their jurisdiction. In their idea, he should have been prosecuted for trespass, and this idea impelled them to over-rule the demand for £5000 as damages and simply allow the costs of the application made by "Tod" Sloan, on the lowest scale, as between solicitor and client. Such meagre satisfaction will not have given any great advantage to the plaintiff nor have improved his position as an applicant for a license to resume his former profession. It seems a pity that Sloan was not better advised, for many a sportsman would have welcomed him back to the saddle.

From England comes word that Galtee More has been bought by Count Lehn-dorf from the Russian Government, delivery to be taken on July 1 next. The purchase was made on behalf of the German Government, for whom a little while back the Count bought Ard Patrick. While in Russia, Galtee More sired Irish Lad, who won the Moscow Derby and the Polish Derby.

There is a class who don't care a han about the handicapper or his opinion. They know nothing about weights—or measures either (writes "Reginald"). Their time is taken up pursuing the elusive "double" and the start long before the weight-adjuster has had anything to say in the matter. They are a bit now, as gaily as ever, in connection with the Newmarket and Australian Cup. The chance of winning a lot at small risk will always be an irresistible attraction. Somebody usually hits on the right combination, and many a man has been put on his legs by capturing one of those doubles that are always so difficult to locate. If the little double eventers can't get the goods they most particularly want, they take something else, for, come what may, they must make a cast. The bait is too alluring to be passed by without making some kind of a snap. And when all is said and done, no great harm comes of this method of speculation. Those who lose don't lose much, and the lucky ones land something worth while.

Now that the Paris racing season is over, the various societies which organise the meetings have had time to make up their accounts. When last year Parliament decided that the 7 per cent. which is retained by law on all bets staked at the "mutual betting" establishments should be raised to 7½ per cent., it was generally predicted, says the London "Standard's" Paris correspondent, that the returns would show a falling off. The Government, however, at the same time, ordered that war should be waged against the bookmakers. They were not allowed to ply their calling as they had been in previous years, and the result has been that the turnover of pari mutual establishments, which in 1902 was 233,000,000 francs, rose during the past season to 240,500,000 francs, or £9,600,000 sterling. The 7½ per cent. which the Government has deducted from this total is divided up as follows.—One per cent. (£96,000) to the State, for the encouragement of horse breeding; 2 per cent. (£192,000) to the Assistance Publique, or Poor Law authority; ½ per cent. (£39,000 from April 8) to poor parishes for additional works to provide them with a supply of potable water; and 4 per cent. (£384,000) to the racecourse societies for expenses.

Anticipations.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Papakura Racing Club will take place next Saturday on the famous old course at Papakura. This gathering has invariably proved a very pleasant one to attend, for the train journey is not too long and the meeting is always well conducted. Time was when the fixture at Papakura was a very big affair, and even now, although the several metropolitan meetings have robbed it of much of its former glory, some of the old glamour remains with it yet. A special train will leave Auckland at 1.20 p.m., and on this occasion the passengers, who may confidently be expected to be numerous, will not have to crawl through a barbed wire fence, as happened once upon a time when through an oversight on the part of the engineer the train was pulled up in the wrong place. Messrs Walters and F. D. Yonge have fixed up all arrangements for the meeting, which only wants a fine day to be very successful.

Looking through the various events the following appear to possess likely winning prospects:—

MAIDEN RACE.

Leo Delaval.

FLYING STAKES.

Crecy or Lady Bobs.

PONY RACE.

Whawhai or Solitary.

PAPAKURA CUP.

Bonheur or Defender.

HACK RACE.

Bonomiana.

RAILWAY PLATE.

St. Olga or Aka Aka.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

Francis Lovejoy was given a trial over seven furlongs on the tan, with Ake Ake to bring her home over the last six furlongs, finishing together without pressure in 1min 30sec.

Armitage's team, viz., Lady Bobs and Idasa, were restricted to light tasks on the tan, the rest being away at Taranaki.

Beau Seaton and Roseshield worked separately at a medium pace.

Muthema, Dolores and Daffodil were given slow work on the plough.

Wright's team, with the exception of Portland Lass (who spurted three furlongs in 39sec) only did gentle exercise.

Frank Macmanemin's team were not out for hard graft, but his two-year-olds ran over four furlongs on the tan in 51½sec.

Bonomiana was run out in a six furlongs flutter in 1min 17½sec. St. Olga cantered and spurted two furlongs.

Yolette was too good for Crecy over six furlongs on the tan in 1min 17½sec.

Golden Sands spurted four furlongs with W. Gall in the saddle, the last three furlongs in 38 2-5sec.

Val Rosa is in easy work again, and looks none the worse for a spell.

Solitary did her best for five furlongs in 1min 6 1-5sec.

Promotion and Elspeth each separately did half-pace work, spurring home the last two furlongs.

Kohima, a member of J. B. Williamson's team, defeated Star of the North for six furlongs in 1min 20½sec. The rest of J. B.'s team only did the easiest of tasks.

Quite a number of horse owners, bookmaker's and jockeys are away attending the Taranaki Meeting. Amongst the members are W. Curtis, Ben Armitage, J. Reckett, T. McKay, R. Cleland, Ted O'Hanlan, F. Macmanemin, Mark Ryan, A. Julian, J. Chaaffe, jun., B. Deeley, J. McGregor, Speakman and others.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 1 Consultation on the Hobart Cup, run at Elwick, Hobart, Tasmania, 27th January, 1904. 50,000 at 5s. Closed with a subscription of 37,500 tickets, drawn pro rata:—1st, Proceedor, Elizabeth Town Syndicate, care of H. G. Chambers, Deloraine, Tas., £3000; 2nd, Harmony, Cognac, care of R. J. Irvine, 492, Flinders Street, Melbourne, £937 10s; 3rd, Ivan, H. E. Matchett, care of H. Harbor, Albany, N.S.W., £562 10s. These amounts are net.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, February 9.

The Midsummer Meeting of the Canterbury J.C. takes place on Thursday and Saturday this week. The fields in the Midsummer Handicap, Filly Stakes, and Lyttelton Plate, will be small, as there will be about four starters in each race, but in the Hornby Welter and Craven Plate there promises to be much keener competition. The following are my selections:—

Midsummer Handicap: Cannie Chiel.

Hornby Welter: Nell Gwynn.

Filly Stakes: Tessera.

Lyttelton Plate: Malakoff.

Craven Plate: Windwhistle.

Halswell Welter: Catherine Gordon.

Delarey has been doing some good work on the track. On Saturday he put up a taking gallop over a mile and a quarter. Before the Wellington Cup was run this colt showed his connections that he could gallop fast enough to win any Cup, but he did not win after all.

Blazer is looking as well as ever, and ought to win a race this week.

Another Southerner in Kremlin is highly spoken of, and is whispered about as being particularly smart.

Blazer has been nominated for the Great Autumn Handicap, not the Great Easter.

Roseal is in the latter race, but not in the Great Autumn. Strange, isn't it?

The South Canterbury Jockey Club has decided to purchase four of Rose's patent starting gates, and enlarge their totalisator house so as to provide two additional selling windows. Also to improve the other buildings on the course by the expenditure of £100.

The Autumn Race Meeting will be held on April 13th and 14th.

At a meeting of the Ashburton Trotting Club held on Saturday evening, the Autumn Meeting of the Club was fixed for April 21st. A programme consisting of five Saddle and two Harness events, with stakes of the total value of £175, was approved. It was decided to leave the Ladies' Bracelet an open event for the present, to be apportioned either to Saddle or Harness horses, as might be deemed most expedient.

Riccarton trainers mustered in full force on Saturday morning, the horses having engagements at the Summer Meeting this week being given some fast work. Very little interest seems to be taken in the forthcoming Meeting, which promises to be a similar gathering for dullness. Even owners and trainers seem unable to arouse any enthusiasm. With the Welter Handicaps out, fields would be very small.

Treadmill opened out by galloping seven furlongs alone. He was not asked to break records, and moved without much freedom. He is evidently feeling the effects of the hard going.

Cannie Chiel and Brave Heart broke away at the mile post, and ran the distance in 1min 45½sec. Brave Heart was pulled off at the top of the straight.

Narcissus showed a greater turn of speed than Stronald in the half-mile spurt.

Quarryman, with the worst of weights, had no difficulty in accounting for Djin Djin over seven furlongs, run in 1min 36sec. He appears to be going well.

The Mohican had a slight advantage over Stepdancer at the end of seven furlongs, which occupied 1min 32sec.

Secret Society was much too good for Ordnance in a six furlongs gallop, which took 1min 20sec.

Blunderbuss spurted half-a-mile by himself. Nell Gwynne did useful work over a mile.

Gladstone, looking very fit, was not extended, but ran a mile at a useful three-quarter pace.

Tessera finished three lengths in front of Chryses at the end of six furlongs, run in 1min 17½sec.

Catherine Gordon held Magnificent quite safe at the end of half-a-mile, which was left behind in 51sec.

Windwhistle was sent a mile at three-parts speed by herself.

Thunderer, Ability, and Poacher got under way at the six furlongs mark, and finished in close order at the end of three-quarters of a mile, which occupied 1min 22sec.

Ability had much the most to say, whilst Poacher showed signs of distress.

Roscommon trotted once round, and afterwards ran a mile by himself, the last mile in 1min 49 1-5sec. King Dick started off between five and six furlongs posts on grass, running the last half-mile in 53sec.

Zetland, after trotting once round, was spurted for half-a-mile, which he left behind in 51sec, while Lee-Enfield did strong work over a mile and a quarter, but was not extended.

Clanburn, Antigone, and Bayonet finished together after running a mile on the plough in 1min 49½sec, while Cerise

and Blue carried too many guns for Gist, and finished a six furlong gallop by himself in 1min 10sec from a flying start.

Cannonite was given a half-mile spin, while Steel Spur, a two-year-old by Clanranald-Blythside, finished together after running the same distance in 53sec.

Nautiloid was the last to work, and she reeled off half-a-mile in 51 4-5sec.

After breakfast Stronghold was sent six furlongs, the last five taking 1min 4½ sec. This colt is looking and going well.

Bill Perkins occupied 1min 7½sec to negotiate the last five furlongs of three-quarters of a mile. There was not much to choose between Conal and Rosiphele at the end of six furlongs, which was run in 1min 20 1-5sec.

Aello, who is very sore in her off fore knee, was cantered once round, and Orcan did steady exercise.

Tuesday morning broke dull. Threatening showers of rain fell at intervals. Most of the work was accomplished on the trial grass, which was in good order for time-making.

Windwhistle and Quarryman were the first pair out and dashed over seven furlongs on the plough in 1min 33sec, finishing together.

Cannie Chiel (Hewitt) and Treadmill were associated in a gallop over a mile. Getting away on even terms the pair set out at a sound pace. At the six furlongs post they were joined by Djin Djin. The trio raced on together, Treadmill finishing a couple of lengths in front of the Midsummer Handicap candidate. The time registered for the full journey was 1min 44sec, a good performance.

Narcissus was better than St. Ronald at the end of a fast seven furlongs on the grass, run in 1min 34sec, while Stepdancer defeated The Mohican over six furlongs in 1min 34sec.

Chryseis appeared to be better than Tessera at the end of a six furlongs spin, run in 1min 20sec.

Secret Society and Lollah were to have been associated in a gallop over six furlongs, but the former getting a break of several lengths Lollah was not persevered with and was eventually eased up in the straight. Secret Society's time for the journey was 1min 15sec.

On the grass track Kremlin dashed over four furlongs in 50sec with comparative ease. He had a solid weight up, and his performance pleased track watchers. Reliance put in steady pacing over a circuit, while Catherine Gordon left five furlongs behind her in 1min 4½sec, Magnificent assisting her over the last half-mile, which was run in 50½sec.

Delarey had Gladstone for a companion in a working gallop over a mile, which was cast behind in 1min 47½sec, the pair finishing well.

Zetland dashed over half-a-mile in 49 sec, a brilliant performance, while Blazer and Flower o' Clutha finished together at the end of a six furlongs spin, which occupied 1min 18sec.

Cerise and Blue defeated Bill Perkins over a fast five furlongs, which was run in 1min 6sec, the former going very easily at the finish.

Muskburn, who was slow to commence, left a mile behind him in 1min 47sec.

Roscommon galloped seven furlongs, the last half-mile being run in 52sec. Cannonite and Manjess broke away at the six furlongs post, King Dick joining in after a furlong had been traversed. Manjess was soon beaten, leaving the other pair to run on together. The time registered for the last five furlongs was 1min 8sec.

Ability ran six furlongs, Thunderer and Poacher assisting him over the last five. The time for the full journey was 1min 8½sec. Ability was apparently fully extended.

Lee Enfield brushed over half-a-mile up the back, while Nautiloid took 52½sec to run a similar distance. Steelspur and Bayonet finished together at the end of six furlongs, the last half-mile of which occupied 56sec.

Clanburn and Antigone ran a mile in 1min 40½sec, finishing together.

Rosiphele brushed over five furlongs on the plough in 1min 5 1-5sec. Stronghold ran six furlongs in the grass in 1min 17 4-5sec, being assisted over the first part by King's Quest and the last three furlongs by Signalman.

Conal and Merry-maker separately brushed over three furlongs.

Aello and the Cuirassier—Anita filly dashed over half-a-mile up the back from a walking-up start in 53½sec, but Aello could have improved upon that time.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, February 9.

Mr H. A. Russell has been appointed master of the Hawke's Bay hounds.

One of the features of the Wairoa Meeting was the excellent starting of Mr A. Hyde.

The Phantom passed out last Friday. The gelding, who was owned by Mr R. Ellingham, succumbed to an attack of inflammation of the bowels.

Defoe has been acquitting himself in first-class style over the schooling hurdles of late. Robinson Crusoe's son will probably put in an appearance at the Woodville Meeting.

Mr W. Rathbone has leased Athol Maid (Nator—Atholine) to Atlas White.

First Foot has been sold to a Waipawa sport. Robinson Crusoe's son and Seraphine are now under the direction of W. Griffiths.

W. Kirk has quitted the service of Geo. Colello, and has joined F. Stowe's establishment.

J. Cameron has leased Kiwa, and the Captain Webb gelding runs in his nomination at the Wairoa Meeting.

The Waiuku—Leonie colt that was purchased last Saturday at the annual sale of the Mangatarata youngsters by the Messrs Douglas Bros. has been handed over to J. Munn for educational purposes.

A younger full brother to Armistice is running on the Te Mahanga estate, and in company with the other juveniles will find his way in April to Palmerston North, where the proprietors of the Te Mahanga breeding quarters intend to send their young uns for sale this year. A foal half-sister by San Fran to Armistice is also enjoying herself on the Messrs Douglas Bros. property, and as the young lady is bred on somewhat similar lines to The Graftor and Gaulus, when the time arrives to face the auctioneer she ought to attract considerable attention and cause the changing of a good parcel of shekels for her possession.

Goldsmith, the three-year-old son of Gold Reef and Ladysmith, will shortly be brought down from Te Mahanga station to join J. Cameron's team.

The Sir Launcelot—Tirade yearling colt purchased by Mr Hazlett, of Dunedin, at the sale of the Mangatarata juveniles last week, was shipped to his new home the other day.

I notice that it is reported that a couple of hundred pounds would have purchased Freeland at the Pahiatua Meeting. I hardly fancy the statement to be correct, for the day that Mr G. Hunter left Waipukurau to assist at the Wellington Meeting he was offered that sum for Wonderland's son and he refused to deal, and as he is such a genuine sort whose interest in the game is his love of it pure and simple, I do not imagine that the defeat of Freeland at the Hutt gathering would have effected him to part with the chestnut gelding.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, February 9.

At the Manitoto Meeting last week Bulawayo, who played such a prominent part at the last A.R.C. Meeting in the pony races, secured the Naseby Cup from Tugela and Visionary. The Crest gelding cut out the ten furlongs in 2min 11sec, after being badly ridden and running wide at each of the turns. Blythe, who rode the horse, is one of the latest additions to the list of crouch riders, and at present he is very green at the business. Bulawayo out of the road and two furlongs less to travel Tugela romped home in the principal race on the second day's card.

The Cajolery gelding Toney won a race each day, and the North Island-bred Avenue, a son of Drury Lane, also landed a double.

The Phaeton mare Phyrne paid the fine dividend of £19 18s in a field of four, and was ridden by T. Burns, who has lately been regaining the prominence which he formerly held some years ago.

Amongst the starters at the meeting were Quagga, Floradora and La Russe. The former is a half-brother by Gipsy Grand to Bulawayo, and should earn distinction amongst ponies. He looks as if he could get under the standard. Floradora is half-sister to Goldspur, but unfortunately is amiss in the respiratory organs, whilst La Russe, a sister to Petrovna, ran considerably below expectation, gauged from her previous form.

As a result of further enquiries into the running of Flossie, Patron and Saladin in the Selling Races at the recent meeting of the Palmerston Club the stewards of that club have disqualified John McConnell, the rider of Saladin, for ten years, James O'Connell and R. Riddle, owners of Patron and Flossie respectively, for six years, and the three horses have been placed under the ban for the same period. Lloyd's, the rider of Flossie, disqualification remains at two years, and E. McLean, the rider of Patron, has had his term fixed at one year.

H. Goodman, one well-known trainer, leaves to-day for Wellington to take charge of R. W. Paterson's team at the Hutt. The engagement is not a permanent one, but is expected to extend over four or five months. Goodman has been connected with the sport in this part for over forty years, and his many friends will be pleased to hear that he has at last procured a chance to get rid of the bad luck which has attended him during the past few years.

There was a good deal of inconsistent form displayed in the trots at Manitoto, but the most noticeable of it was held to be accounted for by the fact that a change of rider worked improvement in the horses' gaits. It must be said that the tote investments appeared to cor-

rectly indicate what the horses were expected to do, and when they were favourites they succeeded in catching the judge's eye.

Kremlin, Blazer, and Flower o' Clutha have left to take part in the C.J.C. Midsummer Meeting. Each of the trio is pretty well at present, and should run well in their engagements.

S. Waddell, trainer for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, has returned on a holiday trip to Dunedin after an absence of eight years. The many old friends of the genial "Stuart" are pleased to see him looking fit and well. According to present intentions Waddell will spend a couple of weeks here before leaving again for the North.

A QUESTIONABLE PRACTICE.

Running horses out of condition has become such a common occurrence that the practice is tolerated without demur. None the less it is an evil that can and ought to be, to some extent, regulated. It is a peculiar thing that there are owners who would not dream of "stopping" one of their horses in the accepted sense, but they do not, at the same time, consider it a transgression to allow their representatives to carry their colours while the animals are still far from ready to do themselves justice. This, to say the least of it, is rather inconsistent. It is quite probable that in many cases no harm is meant by, or comes of, giving a horse a public outing while he is still unfit to back, but it is to be feared that this is a method often adopted to put the handicapper off his guard. And, unfortunately, the ruse too often succeeds. Even when nothing of the sort is intended, or even thought of, it is not a sportsmanlike action to start a fat horse.

Of course there is no reason why the handicapper, if he be the chief victim aimed at, should not be there to judge for himself, and act accordingly. It does not follow that because a horse is beaten today he should receive any allowance of weight on that account for an engagement, say, a month hence. For that month might easily make all the difference. We saw in a couple of prominent cases in the holidays how horses improve (?) in a short space of time. A horse may be seen three parts ready to-day, and, in that state, much inferior cattle who have the benefit of condition may beat him. But a little later on, when the defeated one has the assistance of condition, he puts altogether another complexion on the "form." Thus it is easily possible to use this means towards an end that cannot be considered anything else but highly questionable.

Some owners who regularly follow the practice referred to try to justify themselves by arguing that it is impossible to train horses of a certain disposition solely in private. In rare cases this might hold, such as, for instance, when learning an awkward, sluggish, and unwieldy young one his business. Season after season, however, we see juveniles educated at home, and backed with satisfactory results their first time out. Neither Sylvanite nor Koopan ever saw a starter before the last Debutante Stakes, yet they ran first and second in that race. It may be argued that an educational run beforehand would have benefited them, but neither did much afterwards.

In matters of this kind, the worst trouble arises when well-known performers, after being allowed to take matters easily for a term, are brought out while still labouring under aldermanic proportions to figure under silk. There can be no question about this move. It is, in nine cases out of ten, simply with a view to running weight off. Surely owners, if they wish to be considered sportsmen of the right kind, should see that their horses are at least in fair shape before they are allowed out in public. They do not appear to think of this, however. The practice of running horses out of condition has long gone past a joke. It amounts in many cases to an absolute scandal, the worst of it being that these methods are tolerated, and followed by "leading" men. As we have said before, the difference between pulling a fit horse and running a fat one is very often so slight as to be neither here nor there. It is high time the evil were checked, and if stewards understand their business, they will put a word in against it whenever the opportunity offers. — ("The Sportsman.")

The Australian sportsman, Mr J. G. Clarke, who took the Melbourne Cup winner The Graftor to England, and with the son of Gozo won the City and Suburban Handicap, is still racing in that country, and is a patron of the Victorian trainer J. E. Erewer, who succeeds the American trainer Huggins as a tenant of the Heath House, Newmarket. At the December Steeplechase Meeting at Newmarket Mark Time, by Marco, carried Mr Clarke's livery to victory in the Links Three-year-old Hurdle Race.

TROTTING.

On Saturday week the Otahuhu Trotting Club will make a commencement with the three-days Summer Meeting. Owners would do well to remember that acceptances for the first day's events close with the secretary to-morrow, Friday evening, at 9.

The progress of the Greymouth Trotting Club has been remarkably rapid during recent years. About three years ago the property was bought for £3300, the money being raised on debentures. The amount owing on debentures is now £2500, £800 have been spent on improvements, £5000 have been given in stakes, and the work now in hand is estimated to cost about £1000.

The reciprocal arrangements entered into between the New Zealand Trotting Association and the governing bodies in the United States must tend to the benefit of the sport (says the "Weekly Press"), and when reciprocity has been arranged with the Melbourne Speedway Club, the chain will be practically complete. It will mean that no foreign horse can start in New Zealand without a certificate from the governing body of the country whence he came, and similarly no New Zealand horse will be able to race in other lands without a certificate from the New Zealand Trotting Association. Negotiations with Victoria are now being conducted, and there is no doubt that the Speedway Club will agree to the request for reciprocity made by the New Zealand Trotting Association. The National Trotting Association and the American Trotting Association will endorse all penalties and disqualifications imposed by the New Zealand Association, and the latter will support the penalties inflicted by the American authorities. For the future, all horses coming here from America must be furnished with the National Association's export certificate.

Pulling trotters to avoid fast records became so common in Russian harness racing a year or two ago that the driving clubs at St. Petersburg and Moscow discarded the system of classifying horses according to their records and substituted a new plan of classifying them according to their winnings. The scheme is said to work well and it will probably remain in force.

According to the "Breeder and Sportsman," the average colt at birth will weigh one hundred and ten pounds; at the end of the first year five hundred and twenty pounds; at the completion of its second year, it will have gained two hundred and twenty-eight pounds, thus making its weight at that period seven hundred and eight pounds; it will have gained one hundred and eighteen pounds more than its third year and at its completion will tip the scales at nine hundred and twenty-six pounds, while at the fourth year it will have gained seventy pounds more, thus making its weight nine hundred and ninety-six as a four-year-old. These estimates are based on a class of horses known as drivers and of course the figures do not apply to drafters, chums or bronks.

The coming of the two minute trotter may have scared a few of the more timid horsemen out of business as it was predicted would be the case, but to date none has been reported as missing. Nor has any trainer lost heart, so far as can be learned. As a matter of fact, the two minute trotter did not do any more damage than was done by the first two minute pacer, so far as actual racing is concerned. There is still plenty of room for the trotter that is not quite good enough to get to the top of the record ladder. And the more you look into it the more you will be convinced that the standing pace is by no means crowded. For instance, a floating item in the turf papers calls attention to the fact that but four trotting stallions have race records better than 2:07, and the four with their race records, are Creteus 2:03½, Directum 2:05½, Eingen 2:06½, Rhythmic 2:06½. Which means that the 2:07 trotter is still some pumpkins at the races and ought to continue to win his share of the money for some time.

The faster classes have never yet been overcrowded. Right now men who campaign at the more important meetings are looking for trotters that they think can make a good showing in the 2:07 class in 1904. And if a glance is taken over the list of eligibles it will be enough to show that the fields can not be large. Yet the trotting record is 1:58½. When it gets to 1:55 there will be no decrease in the demand for trotters that can race in 2:05 to 2:08, and the 2:05 class will be considered a very fast one for trotters, when the great majority of the present generation of horsemen has answered the final summons.— "Kentucky Stock Farm."

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 20TH.

The following are the Handicaps—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.			
	sec		sec
Redleaf	Lucky ...	...
Bryn	Wahine ...	...
Pleasanton	Manganui ...	...
Kiteonetea	Cleave ...	...
Dan O'B.	Bloomington ...	...
Carbolic	Bell Jar ...	...
Lady Love	Kidney Pai ...	...
Mack	Dolly Gray ...	...
Countess	Dan O'Connor ...	...

HARNESS TROT HANDICAP. Two miles.			
	sec		sec
Duke C.	Imperator ...	...
Rosalind	Little Ben ...	...
Polly II.	Belladonna ...	...
Colenso	La Grande ...	...

OTAHUHU PONY CUP HANDICAP. Six furlongs.			
	st lb		st lb
Annoyed	Solitary ...	...
Avalanche	Whawhai ...	...
Sonoma	Rapid ...	...
Gladys Rose	Little Mabel ...	...
Sally Horner	Kyra ...	...

OTAHUHU TROTTERING CUP HANDICAP. Two miles.			
	sec		sec
Rosalind	Redleaf ...	...
Typewriter	Victor Hugo ...	...
Le Rosier	Happy ...	...
Rushlight	Miss Huan ...	...
Macquarrie	Imperator ...	...
Rebel Boy	Sir Robert ...	...
Empress	Kiteonetea ...	...
Mistle	Duchess of Rothschild ...	...
Three Kings

PONY TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.			
	sec		sec
Rushlight	Manganui ...	...
Frie	Seacole ...	...
Isabel	Maidee (late Little ...	...
Fibre	May ...	...
Little Paul	The Weed ...	...
Invicta	Kitty ...	...
Flossie

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP. One mile.			
	sec		sec
Albert Victor	Nat Gould ...	...
Le Rosier	Duchess of Rothschild ...	...
Macquarrie	Pleasanton ...	...
Baxter	Bert ...	...
Eric	Snip ...	...
Bryn	Dorizetti ...	...
Isabel	Mack ...	...

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP. Five furlongs.			
	st lb		st lb
Gladys Rose	Cuisine ...	...
Sally Horner	Garnet ...	...
Inspiration	Rapid ...	...
Vulpine	Stockbridge ...	...
Whawhai	Itt ...	...
Seashore	Kyra ...	...

CLASS TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.			
	sec		sec
Duke C.	Empress ...	...
Waitekauri	Mistle ...	...
Typewriter	Happy ...	...
R.D.	Black Diamond ...	...
Lusitania	Sir Robert ...	...
Colenso	Bliss Irvington ...	...
Rebel Boy

The following are the Nominations—

SECOND DAY.

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP.—Mack, Clere, Kiteonetea, Carbolic, Countess, Redleaf, Malicaste, Dolly Gray, Pleasanton, Bell Car, Kidney Pai, Awahiwhio.

EPSOM TROT HANDICAP.—Le Rosier, Colenso, Waitekauri, Duke C., Miss Huan, Lusitania, Imperator, Isabel.

SUMMER TROT HANDICAP.—Victor Hugo, Sir Robert, Black Diamond, Kiteonetea, Rushlight, Baxter, Macquarrie, Rosalind, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Empress, K.D., La Grande, Duchess of Rothschild, Happy, Little Ben, Imperator, Bryn, Belladonna.

SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP.—Sally Horner, Sonoma, Annoyed, Gladys Rose, Solitary, Little Mabel, Rapid.

TRAMWAY TROT HANDICAP.—Mack, Eric, Lady Florence, Little Paul, Typewriter, Redleaf, Dan O'B., Snip, Three Kings, Nat Gould, Fibre, Pleasanton, Bert, Duchess of Rothschild, Happy, Bliss Irvington.

TELEGRAPH TROT HANDICAP.—Dorizetti, Colenso, Macquarrie, Rebel Boy, Nat Gould, La Grande, Bert, Bryn, Isabel.

HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP.—Le Rosier, Victor Hugo, Sir Robert, Rushlight, Typewriter, Baxter, Polly II., Empress, Mistle, K.D., Duke C., Happy, Miss Huan, Lusitania.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP.—Sally Horner, Kyra, Mosquito, Mataura, Stockbridge, Garnet, Inspiration, Itt, Solitary, Gladys Rose, Seashore, Orange and Blue, Vulpine, Rapid.

THIRD DAY.

PRESIDENT'S TROT HANDICAP.—Mack, Dan O'Connor, Clere, Carbolic, Countess, Redleaf, Lucky, Green Lavender, Pleasanton, Dolly Gray, Berlinwax, Bell Car, Kidney Pai, Lady Love, Allertorious.

SECOND HARNESS TROT.—Victor Hugo, Colenso, Snip, La Grande, Duke C., Duchess of Rothschild, Little Ben, Belladonna.

WELCOME STAKES HANDICAP.—Sally Horner, Mosquito, Mataura, Annoyed, Sentinel, Solitary, Gladys Rose, Little Mabel, Rapid.

CRITERION TROT HANDICAP.—Le Rosier, Sir Robert, Black Diamond, Kiteonetea, Rushlight, Lady Florence, Redleaf, Macquarrie, Rosalind, Three Kings, Empress, K.D., Duchess of Rothschild, Happy, Little Ben, Imperator, Bryn, Belladonna.

SECOND PONY TROT HANDICAP.—Seacole, Wanganui, Eric, Flossie, Rushlight, Little Paul, Maidee (late Little May), The Weed, Fibre, Kitty, Bliss Irvington, Invicta, Isabel, Awahiowhio.

DASH TROT HANDICAP.—Mack, Donnizetti, Baxter, Macquarrie, Dash, Waitekauri, Polly II., Nat Gould, La Grande, Bert, Bryn, Isabel.

MARCH TROT HANDICAP.—Le Rossier, Eric, Victor Hugo, Sir Robert, Kiteonetea, Typewriter, Colenso, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Polly II., Three Kings, Empress, Mistle, K.D., Pleasanton, Duke C., Happy, Miss Huon, Lusitania, Albert Victor.

MANUKAU HANDICAP.—Sally Horner, Kyra, Mosquito, Sonoma, Mataura, Stockbridge, Annoyed, Garnet, Sentinel, Inspiration, Itt, Lady French, Gladys Rose, Seashore, Orange and Blue, Vulpine, Rapid.

There has been any amount of argument in Australia as to which was the speedier cyclist Ivor Lawson or Major Taylor. They have met a good many times this season in Sydney, and Lawson has generally had the best of the argument, but in a challenge match at Melbourne, on Monday, the flying negro beat him in two races out of three.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS. PAPA KURA RACES.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 1904.

A special train stopping where required will leave Auckland at 1.20 p.m., Newmarket 1.30, Penrose 1.45, Otahuhu 1.54, Papakura Racecourse arrive 2.20 p.m., returning leaving Papakura 5.35 p.m., Racecourse 5.55 p.m., Auckland arrive 7.4 p.m.

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SATURDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

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MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

A special train will leave Auckland for Rotorua at 9 a.m., Frankton 12.30 p.m., arriving Rotorua 4.45 p.m.

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RAGLAN—SATURDAY

FEBRUARY, 1904.

ROTORUA CARNIVAL.

ORDER OF EVENTS.

TUESDAY, 23rd—Aquatic Sports, Military Competitions. EVENING—Opening of Band Contest.

WEDNESDAY, 24th—Annual Race Meeting of the Rotorua Jockey Club, Opening of Bowling Tournament. EVENING—Continuation of Band Contest.

THURSDAY, 25th—Grand Procession, in which 10 Bands, Maoris, and others take part, Band Contest Quickstep Competition, Continuation of Bowling Tournament, Inanimate Pigeon Match. EVENING—Band Contest.

FRIDAY, 26th—Marine Picnic to Mokoia Island, Opening of Tennis Tournament, Continuation of Bowling Tournament. EVENING—Conclusion of Band Contest.

SATURDAY, 27th—Conclusion of Bowling and Tennis Tournaments.

EXCURSION TRAINS from SATURDAY, 20th, to THURSDAY, 25th February, available for return till March 12.

J. N. McLEAN, Secretary.

ROTORUA CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1904.

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J. N. McLEAN, Secretary.

February 8, 1904.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

- 1. Short Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. Four furlongs.
2. Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles, over eight flights of hurdles.
3. Karangahake Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. Five furlongs.
4. Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.
5. Ohinemuri Cup of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race of the value of 40 sovs after weights have been declared to carry 7lbs extra; of 100 sovs, 10lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a quarter.
6. Komata Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.
7. Paeroa Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. About two miles and a half.
8. St. Patrick's Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Karangahake Handicap, Short Handicap, or Ohinemuri Cup to carry a penalty of 7lbs, or of two, 10lbs extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

- 1. Hikutaia Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.
2. Waitekauri Plate of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Five furlongs.
3. District Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters, over eight flights of hurdles.
4. Waikino Welter of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Seven furlongs.
5. Paeroa Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Waitekauri Plate to carry a penalty of 7lbs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 30s. One mile.
6. Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.
7. Tally-ho Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 25s. About three miles.
8. Final Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Waitekauri Plate or Paeroa Handicap to carry a penalty of 6lbs extra; or both, 10lbs extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

- 1. NOMINATIONS for all events close at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 20th day of February, 1904.
2. WEIGHTS will appear for First Day's Races on or about MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1904.
3. ACCEPTANCES for all events First Day's Races close at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 12th day of March, 1904.
4. WEIGHTS for all events of Second Day's Races will be declared at 8 p.m. on the evening of First Day's Races. ACCEPTANCES close at 10 p.m. on the same evening.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Paeroa, and must be accompanied by the advertised amount of Entrance Money.
2. Name, Age, Pedigree, Description, and Performances of Horse, and Colours of Rider, to be sent with nomination.
3. In the event of two or more horses the property of one owner starting in one race, they will be bracketed on the Totalisator.
4. All races to be run under Rules of Racing.
5. All stakes will be paid in full.

H. POLAND, Secretary.

NGARUAWAHIA ANNUAL REGATTA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17, 1904.

The following Privileges in connection with the above Regatta will be Sold by Auction at Ngaruawahia on Friday, February 19—

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E RATHBONE, Secretary.

TUAKAU RACING CLUB.

(Registered Under A.R.C.)

ANNUAL RACE MEETING,

To be held at

TUAKAU,

on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1904.

PROGRAMME:

- 1. HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, one and a-half miles. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.
2. MAIDEN RACE HANDICAP, of 7 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised race (jumping races excepted) exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Six furlongs. Nomination, 3s 6d; acceptance, 3s 6d.
3. TUAKAU HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. One mile and a-quarter. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.
4. PONY HANDICAP, of 7 sovs; second pony to receive 1 sov from the stake. For ponies 14.3 and under. Five furlongs. Nomination, 3s 6d; acceptance, 3s 6d.
5. WELTER HANDICAP, of 7 sovs; second horse to receive 1 sov from the stake. Minimum weight, 10st. Gentlemen riders only. One mile. Nomination, 3s 6d; acceptance, 3s 6d.
6. FLYING HANDICAP, of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Winner of Cup to carry 7lb penalty. Six furlongs. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP, of 7 sovs; second horse to receive 1sov from the stake. Five furlongs. Nomination, 3s 6d; acceptance, 3s 6d.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary, Tuakau, on FRIDAY, February 19, or with H. B. Massey, 14, High-street, Auckland.

WEIGHTS to appear on, or about, MONDAY, February 22.

ACCEPTANCES close on FRIDAY, February 20, by 9 p.m.

First Race to start at 1 p.m.

Admission, 1s. Horses and Vehicles, 1s extra.

Band in attendance.

A. H. TAPPER, Hon. Secretary.



RESERVES IN THE TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE WEST.

FOR LEASE BY PUBLIC TENDER.

It is hereby notified that Written Tenders for the Lease of the Undermentioned Sections will be received up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 29th February, 1904, at the District Land Office, Auckland.

RESERVES FOR LEASE

Under "The Public Reserves Act, 1881." TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE WEST.

Table with columns: Lot, Area, Upset Annual Rental. Rows include lots 7, 8, 151, 154, 197, 558, 205, 206, 571, 572, 573, 574.

TERM OF LEASE: FOURTEEN YEARS.

Full particulars of terms and conditions of lease may be ascertained and plans seen at this office.

GERHARD MUELLER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.



Department of Lands and Survey. District Office, Auckland, 30th Jan., 1904.

It is hereby notified that a Sale of Town Lands, as below, will be held at this Office on FRIDAY, 26th February, 1904, at 11 a.m.

TOWN OF RAWENE, 94 Lots
SUBURB OF RAWENE, 32 Lots
TOWN OF PIRONGIA EAST, 1 Lot

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G. MUELLER, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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ACCEPTANCES.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

MAIDEN RACE HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Golden Sand, Aka Aka, Leo Delaval, Sly Miss, Beatonia, Star of the South.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP; five furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Creedy, Sly Miss, Lady Hobbs, Bloodstone.

PONY RACE HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Solitary, Lady Lottie, Whaiwhai, Rapid.

PAPAKURA HANDICAP; one mile.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Gowrie, Defender, Frances Lovejoy.

HACK RACE HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Golden Sands, Bonomianna, Malanta, Ngahere, Hineakin, Minna, Star of the Mouth, Redeemed.

RAILWAY PLATE HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Defender, St. Olga, Aka Aka, Creedy, Jack Brown.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 11.

FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Croupier, Soultina, Tutungarehu, Hinetaupariki.

FIRST HURDLE RACE; one mile and three-quarters.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Eclair, Rags.

SUMMER HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Croupier, Taura, Ballyneety.

FIRST COUNTY STAKES; seven furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Morpeth, Craftsmen, Lady Raven, Papatu.

PARK STAKES; seven furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Tyrone, Croupier, Taura, A.B.N., Soultina.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—APRIL 2.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr R. Turnbull's ch c Bor's, by Stepanik—Shepherdess Messrs R. and R. Duder's b c Akarana, by Seaton Delaval—Anna Mr G. G. Stead's b c Silkworm, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Moth Mr G. H. Frank's b c —, by Seaton Delaval—Leocant Mr H. Friedlander's ch c Gladstone, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Gladys Mr M. Friedlander's b c Beau Seaton, by Seaton Delaval—Tres Belle Mr E. J. Watt's br c Submarine, by Torpedo—Blue water Mr E. W. Alison's ch c —, by Hotchkiss—Forme Mr W. T. Woods' br c Rambler, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole Mr F. Zimmerman's br c General Average, by Hotchkiss—Creedy Mr J. P. Sinclair's br c Air Gun, by Hotchkiss—Mantle Mr J. Warner's b c Promot, on South—Frances Alice Mr F. Macmanamin's ch c Dunmoir, by Hotchkiss—Dunoon Mr G. P. Donnelly's b f Queen's Messenger, by Gold Reef—Korematuku Mr J. Warner's b f Elspeth, by Sult—Lady Emmeline Mr W. Handley's b f South Maid, by Sult—Merry Asid Mr E. Alison's br f Romola, by Walls—Lissadurn Mr C. Barker's b f —, by St. Leger—Simonias Mr Jimi Kara's br f —, by Hotchkiss—Sunningdale Mr J. Hazel's b f Muthena, by P. cebus Apollo—Reproach Mr M. Deed's b f —, by Cyrenian—Irma Mr F. W. Arnold's br f Gwentol, by Brigadier—Gwendoline

SECOND DAY—APRIL 4TH.

FIFTH CENTURY STAKES of 500 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr A. Watson's ch h —, 5yrs, by Hotchkiss—St. Laura Mr J. Monk's ch h Achilles, 4yrs, by Medallion—Nereid Mr J. Monk's blk h Ghorka, 4yrs, by Lochiel—Fiancee Messrs R. and R. Duder's br h Black and Gold, 4yrs, by Cuirassier—Hune Mr L. Marshall's ch h Spalpeen, 4yrs, by Gossoun—Windmill Mr A. Bradley's br h Wairiki, 4yrs, by South—Rose and White Mr J. Monk's ch c Sea Lion, 3yrs, by Medallion—Nereid Mr L. Wood's br c Onawa, by Hotchkiss—Jadestone Sir Geo. Clifford's blk c Treadmill, by Bill of Portland—Catherine Wheel Mr E. J. Watt's ch c Starshoot 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Crescent Mr E. J. Watt's b c Melodeon, 3yrs, by Medallion—Melodia Mr H. Friedlander's br c Thunderer, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta Mr J. T. Ryan's br f Bonheur, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Cherente Mr F. Zimmerman's b f Alba Rose, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 11.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 200 sovs; one mile and a-half.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Cannie Chiel, Magnificent, Terrapin, De la Rey.

FILLY STAKES of 150 sovs; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Tessera, Nautioid, Aello, Quickfire, Chryseis.

HANDICAPS.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FEBRUARY 16.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP; one mile.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Dolores, Zuleika, Hutaikapu, Matamatarakeke, Aurega, Kingsman, Yollette, Lavadel, Swagsman, Grey Seaton, Jack Brown, Silica.

HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and a-half.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Moccasin, Hippowai, Sircar, Eyermore, Star, Loch Lomond, Hylas, Puffing Billy, Omata, Kolf, Beality.

PONY HANDICAP; five furlongs and a-half.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Solitary, Sweet Marie, Cuisine, Topesal, Sentinel, Bob Roy, Miss Lantia, Little Mabel, Storyteller, Imati.

DOMAIN HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Green and Gold, Kollette, Kingsman, Lavadel, Sweet Marie, Lady Desborough, Hippowai, Jack Brown, Frank Dodd, Sentinel, Twilight, Imati, Discoverer.

FLYING HANDICAP; five furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Liberator, Golden Sands, Sly Miss, Lady Desborough, Stepney, Kitty, Iris, Surplus, Silvermere, Silica, Pukehoas, Discoverer, Topesal, Cuisine, Miss Lantia.

MAIDEN PLATE; five furlongs and a-half.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Aurega, Stepney, Kitty, Marshal Ney, Silvermere, Surplus, Rolf, Ronga, Omata, Iris, Belford, Lochard, Frank Dodd, An Hevor, Discoverer, Pukehoas, Miss Lantia, Timati.

HACK RACE; seven furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Better Days, Loch Lomond, Kitty, Frankton, Marshal Ney, Reality, Omata, Secret, Bonga, Hefora, Pukehoas, Twilight, Timati.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—FEBRUARY 27.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Pendant, Silenus, Bonnie Chiel, Paul Fry, Strata Florida, Emir, Fiveness, Sojourner, United States, Independence, Corroboree, Debenture, Billali, Marip, Latchkey, Carovitch, Stuart King, Nirvana, Drawbridge, Bright Beauty, Bivalve, Martinique, Harvest Lad, Berthier, Deucalion, Sans Peur, Playaway, Lively, Bassini, Possum, Maharani, Berriedale, Dandella, Staple, Giggles, Mimer, Green Mountain, Kensington, Mark, Hazel Lad, Chere Amie, Mistral, Ban Ceonthe, Pliable, Royal Oak, Sea, Kale, Boaz, Lady Doris, Katoomba, Aurate, Velox, Carolina, Marie, Carron, Elish Rose, Acton, Charleston, Blue Rose, Westerly, Quo Vadis.

SECOND DAY—MARCH 1.

AUSTRALIAN CUP; two miles and a-quarter.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Weight, Name, Weight. Races include Combat, Strata Florida, F.J.A., Emir, Lord Cardigan, Annotate, Australia, Patronus, Bridgegroom, Orphan Boy, Sweet Nell, Sport Royal, Cross Keys, St. Ambrose, Scot ish King, Avalon, Preceder, Debenture, Czarevitch, Mallard, Eivalve, Seaport, Billali, Bright Beauty, Elderslie, Homeward Bound, Martyr, Irvington, Jacobite, Marmont, Green Mountain, Rabato, Marie, Solano, Westerly, Quo Vadis.

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EGMONT RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Wesignar 8.13, Shrapnel 8.13, Exmoor 8.10, Full Cry 8.10, Field Battery 8.9, Black Reynard 8.2, Numa 7.13, Waipuna 7.12, Float 7.10, Marshal Soult 7.9, Scotty 7.8, Regulation 7.7, Reclaimer 6.13, Jewellery 6.12, Ringlet 6.11, Sally Port 6.10, Lady Soult 6.9, Lass o' Gowrie 6.8, Anchorite 6.7.

MEREMERE HACK.—Noneen 8.10, Catspaw 8.6, Kudu 8.5, Rustique 8.4, Glory 8.3, Louisa 8.2, Tambourina 7.11, Siandra 7.11, Lurcher 7.10, Commonwealth 7.9, Coxswain 7.7, Pearl Gun 7.7, Royal Flush 7.5, Parkshot 7.4, Rotoiti 7.3, Aureole 7.2, Hurrah 7.0, Duchess 7.0, St. Winifred 7.0, Levant 7.0, Van Courier 7.0, Vaccinate 7.0, Liquidator 7.0, Tortoiseshell 7.0, Limestone 7.0, Mataura 7.0, Crimson Thread 7.0, St. Myra 7.0, Gold Trip 7.0, Woodmount 7.0.

HURDLES.—Waiwera 12.9, Cannon-gate 10.12, Tupara 10.9, Midia 10.8, Levant 10.8, Fakir 10.0, Rags 9.7, Lady Bell 9.5, Whangaroa 9.3, Moetoropuka 9.0.

OHAWA HACK HURDLES.—Otai 11.9, Moturoa 11.3, Ranana 10.9, McCraki 10.8, Hawera 10.6, Pharos 10.3, Lurcher 9.13, Rita 9.13, Opaeae 9.10, Vallance 9.0, Van Courier 9.0, Picklow 9.0, Bas Blanc 9.0.

EGMONT CUP.—Convoy 9.3, Romeo 8.13, Melodeon 8.3, Ghorka 7.11, Armistice 7.10, Putty 7.9, Strathavon 7.8, Idas 7.7, Durable 7.7, Mars 7.2, Black Reynard 7.2, Heroism 6.13, Maro 6.12, Bowan 6.10, Matamatarakeke 6.7, Jewellery 6.7, Sally Port 6.7, Liable 6.7, Blackwing 6.7.

HAWERA WELTER.—Oingo 10.3, Hardwork 9.9, Marshal Soult 9.6, Scotty 9.5, Regulation 8.3, Waimoe 8.3, Kuharoa 8.13, Tupara 8.12, Roseshoot 8.12, Bowan 8.11, Paritutu 8.9, Wind 8.8, Perfection 8.8, Lady Bell 8.6, Liable 8.5, Lady Soult 8.4, Warwick 8.4, Lass o' Gowrie 8.4, Blackwing 8.3, Waipawa 8.3, Inglewood 8.3, Gilnockie 8.0, Levant 8.0, Quilted 8.0, Tambourina 8.0, Mary Seaton 8.0, Escape 8.0.

WAIPAWA HACK FLAT.—Maureen 8.3, Rita 7.12, Louisa 7.11, Pukeka 7.11, Commonwealth 7.10, Quilted 7.9, Black Cat 7.7, Ranana 7.7, Siandra 7.7, Little Turk 7.7, Vallance 7.7, Hurrah 7.0, St. Winifred 7.0, Aurcole 7.0, Gold Trip 7.0.

NOMINATIONS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MARCH 3 AND 4.

WANGANUI CUP of 750 sovs; one mile and three-quarters.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Races include Gladstone, Canteen, Ida, Melodeon, Maro, Acille, Romeo, Cannie Chiel, Armistice, Puffy, Heroism, Miss Lottie, Ghorka, Matamatarakeke, Treadmill, Convoy, Mars, Cyrus, Sally Port, Bowman.

WANGANUI STAKES of 850 sovs; one mile and a-half.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Races include Gladstone, Windwhistle, Armistice, Puffy, Heroism, Miss Lottie, Bowman, Cannie Chiel, Convoy, Mars, Cyrus, Sally Port, Shrapnel, Treadmill, Jewellery, Ida, Melodeon, Maro, Ghorka, Itomeo.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

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

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 750sovs. Seven furlongs.—Eulawayo, Kaharoa, Pampero, Sychem, Crown Imperial, Melodeon, Starshoot, Float, Rapids, Baggipes, Martian, Red Gauntlet, Cannie Chiel, Quarryman, Treadmill, Golden Vein, Windwhistle, Brave Heart, Vladimir, Ghorka, Achilles, Exmoor, Rawiri, Canteen, Petrovna, The Mohian, Field Battery, Roseal, Muskburn, De la Rey, Lolah, Gladstone, Cerise and Blue, Bill Perkins, Full Cry, Nell Gwynn, Convoy, Kremlin, Livonia, Welbeck, Lady Lillian, Lec-Enfeld.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP, of 750sovs. One mile and a-half.—Buluwayo, Secret Society, Pampero, Sychem, Melodeon, Starshoot, Float, Grand Rapids, Baggipes, Red Gauntlet, Cannie Chiel, Quarryman, Treadmill, Ghorka, Canteen, Stepdancer, Blazer, Field Battery, Martian, Muskburn, De La Rey, Gladstone, Cerise and Blue, Bill Perkins, Full Cry, Convoy, Welbeck, Roscommon.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SECOND COUNTY STAKES.—Morpeth, Maura, Sarilla, Papatu, Suedonyx, Lady Hae, Lady Raven, Craftsman.

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

ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Tutungarehu, Waipai, Tyrone, Aherlow, Soultina, Terahui, Nukurau, Croupier, Murmur, Sardonyx, Hinetaupariki, Ice, Regiment, Ro many Girl, Good Spec.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Taura, Hiki, Oudenarde, Tyrone, Aherlow, Soultina, Taura, Ballyneety, Croupier, Murmur, A.E.N.

VICTORIAN RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FOURTH DAY—MARCH 5.

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

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.

(Run Under New Zealand Conference Rules of Racing).

AUTUMN MEETING.

To be held at

MANGAWHARE,

SATURDAY, MARCH 19.

PROGRAMME.

To start at 1 p.m.

- 1. HURDLE RACE (handicap), of 15sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a-half; over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 8s.
2. AUTUMN HANDICAP, of 20sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.
3. HACK RACE (handicap), of 10sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding the value of 15sovs at the time of starting. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.
4. FLYING HANDICAP, of 10sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Winner of the Autumn Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.
5. VICTORIA HANDICAP, of 13sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Winner of Autumn Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s.
6. WELTER HANDICAP, of 12sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s. Minimum weight, 8st.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on FRIDAY, February 26, at 9 p.m. Weights to be declared as soon as convenient after Tuesday March 1.

ACCEPTANCES.

Acceptances for all events close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on SATURDAY, March 12, at 9 p.m.

H. E. STEHR, Secretary.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES

CRICKET.

Friday's rain, to say nothing of the showers which fell on Saturday morning, made the wicket rather sodden for the continuance of the first series in the second round of Cup matches. A hot sun did not improve matters from a batsman's point of view and the scoring was small.

Ponsonby defeated Parnell by 69 runs, this being one of the few matches played to a finish this season, a difficult feat owing to the absurd two-days' system still finding favour with the executive. Ponsonby made 103 and 88 (Wallace 25) to Parnell's 45 and 77 (F. S. Murray 37).

As was expected City had a very soft win against North Shore, scoring 259 to the Shore's 80 and 95 for six wickets. "Chummy" Hemus was the bright particular star of the match with 105 to his credit. He only added three to his previous score when he was caught. McCormick, with 69 not out, very ably seconded Hemus' efforts. Woodward, Bush and Barry were the only two-figure scorers for the Shore.

Eden beat Grafton on the first innings by 113 runs. On the previous Saturday Eden put together 224, and as Grafton had lost four wickets for 42, a victory for Eden was well assured. Graham, Hill, and Sloman each made 23, but none of the others seconded their efforts, and the innings closed for 113. Eden made a very feeble display in their second innings, only getting 74, of which W. B. Smith made 23 before he was run out.

At Christchurch on Saturday Lancaster Park, who made 300 for nine wickets last Saturday, closed the innings, leaving United to get 301. The latter made 384 for nine wickets—Sims (not out) 159, Vernon 46, E. Frankish 46, Talbot 33—winning by 84 runs on the first innings. Sydenham carried their score to 313, Kinvid being in with 86 to his credit. Midland responded with 145—Barry 37, Whitta 37, Lawrence 28—suffering defeat on the first innings by 168 runs. Sydenham began their second innings, losing four for 96, Bennett getting 26.

The Sydney wicket is the most difficult in Australia for the bowler: it is the easiest for the batsman (says "Not Out" in the "Referee"). For this reason the necessity of playing either a slow leg-break or a very fast bowler on the Australian side in the next Test match is great. The only question is this: Is there a bowler of either type good enough? If H. Trumble play—and I am told he will—and M. A. Noble be able to bowl—and there is every reason to think he will—a new bowler of a different type from those who have already represented Australia ought to be chosen. While improving the attack on the Sydney wicket, the batting might at the same time be strengthened. Two big matches have yet to be played before we come to the fourth Test, so that there will be something to go upon. It is worth noting that, from all accounts, the Englishmen did not shape too well against Eady's bowling at Hobart. On the Sydney wicket the well-known Tasmanian has, however, never appeared really dangerous.

New South Wales has won the Sheffield Shield Competition for 1903-4 with three wins and one defeat. Success of this sort was only to be expected, seeing that the eleven of the State includes seven of the Australian team which defeated England in the third Test match at Adelaide. The third successive season of victory, the Mother State is in the happy position of having won the Shield in four of the last five seasons. Victoria and South Australia have each played only three matches this summer with similar results—one win and two defeats. There is, one believes, little likelihood of the return match between Victoria and South Australia taking place, though the interests of cricket in both States concerned will be better served if it be played.

The M.C.C. Eleven will commence a return match against New South Wales on Friday on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

T. Hayward, the Surrey professional, hit 4 fives and 17 fours in his score of 134 at Launceston the other day.

The fourth Test match will commence on Friday, February 26, at Sydney.

Savigny, who made 164 not out for Tasmania against the English cricket team, has secured the honour of having recorded the second highest score against visitors. He is beaten by that sterling player Trumper, who compiled 185, not out, in the first Test match. In some ways, Savigny resembles Trumper (says the "Town and Country Journal"). He generally goes in first, and is a most prolific run-getter. Quite recently Savigny made 219 not out, and his display was really splendid. His form was said to be better than in recent years, and, as one critic said, that is saying a great deal, for, in the opinion of good judges, he has for a long time been absolutely the best batsman in Tasmania. After his score of 219 not out, Savigny had made 414 runs in three innings, once not out, or an average of 207 runs per innings.

Trumper's innings in the third test brought up his total runs in tests this season to 467, which pans out at an average of 93.4 runs per innings—a record which is far the best of the Australians. In six visits to the creases he has scored two centuries; and by consistently piling up three-figure scores he has earned a distinction (with Englishman McLaren) of having accumulated four centuries in test matches.

The youngest sister of Trumper died, after a protracted illness, during the progress of the Adelaide test match.

LAWN TENNIS

The following is the draw for the annual championship events, to be held under the auspices of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Association:—

Men's Singles (best of five sets): W. A. Brown v. A. S. C. Brown, Baker v. Cooke, Dr. Craig v. Grossmann, Billing v. T. S. Ruddock.

Ladies' Singles (best of three sets): Miss Gorrie bye, Miss A. Nicholson bye, Miss E. Geay bye, Miss D. Udy v. Miss S. Rice, Miss Pearl Gorrie v. Miss Gwen Gorrie, Mrs Cooper bye, Miss A. Gray bye, Miss A. Stewart bye.

Men's Doubles (best of five sets): Mair and Billing v. Oliphant and Morpeth, Grossmann and Ruddock v. W. A. Brown and Paterson, Jackson and Keating v. A. S. C. Brown and Bamford, Dooke and Turner v. Redman and Rishworth.

Ladies' Doubles (best of three sets): Miss Gorrie and Miss P. Gorrie bye, Miss Nicholson and Miss A. Nicholson v. Miss A. Gray and Miss E. Gray, Misses A. Stewart and D. Udy bye, Mrs Cooper and Miss Harvey bye.

Combined Doubles (best of three sets): Mr and Mrs Mair bye, W. A. Brown and Miss A. Nicholson bye, Cooke and Miss G. Gorrie v. Morpeth and Miss Gittos, A. S. C. Brown and Miss A. Stewart v. Grossmann and Miss Gorrie, Turner and Miss S. Rice v. Ruddock and Miss P. Gorrie, Baker and Miss Whitelaw bye, Billing and Miss D. Udy bye, Paterson and Miss Nicholson bye.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reeler.")

There were no entries for the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Class Races, which were to have been sailed last Saturday, consequently they lapsed. It seems a pity to find these races dying out, but with so few new yachts being built there was very little chance of a continuance. It is possible there may be a revival in the 30-ft class next season. There is already a talk of several new boats.

Mr E. D. Tredwin, of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, London, is on a visit to Auckland.

The Premier of Tonga has given an order to Charles Bailey, jun., for a 32-ft cutter.

The Parua Bay Regatta Committee submitted a rather nice point for the decision of the committee of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron last week. In the recent regatta at the Northern bay in the sailing instructions for the yacht race a certain stake with brush top had to be rounded. This was not in position, a pulling boat undistinguished by any flag, being substituted. This was not rounded by the leading boat, and the second boat to finish lodged a protest. The committee of the senior yacht club has forwarded a reply which states that according to Rule 26 the various rounding marks have to be definitely stated, and that nothing can be considered as a mark unless so specified. The pulling boat was not so specified, and therefore could not be considered as a mark. As it was impossible for any of the yachts to sail the detailed course, for no such course existed, therefore it could be "no race." The option of sending the competitors over the proper course was left to the Parua Bay executive.

According to the "Yachtsman" of December 20 last, Sir Thomas Lipton has announced his intention of issuing another challenge for the America Cup.

The Parnell Sailing Club sailed off two handicaps on Saturday. The placings in the race for yachts of 22 feet and under were Aoma, scratch, first; Waimoa, 4min, 2; Merlin, 11min, 3. In the Patiki race Sweet Nell, with a fairly liberal allowance of 4min, won very easily from Maroro and Rambler. Messrs Evtitt, Jagger and Tapper were the officers of the day.

Maka Maile easily defeated Alma, Elsie and Malua in the race for the Manukau Yacht Club's Champion Cup, winning by over five minutes. Petrel won the extra handicap from Ida, Endeavour, and a good fleet.

The events unavoidably held over by the Anniversary Regatta Committee were got through on Saturday afternoon, very pleasant weather conditions prevailing. The committee were very lucky in that the good ship Star of New Zealand was lying at the end of the Queen-street wharf, and the genial skipper, Captain Mann Hart, allowed her to be used as flagship, while he and his officers very courteously looked after the comfort of those who boarded the fine Tyser liner. The racing resulted as follows:—

Maiden Gigs, open clinker outriggers: West End No. 1, North Shore, St.

George's, Auckland, Waitemata, West End No. 2. No. 1 won somewhat easily by four lengths from Auckland, North Shore being a good third.

Junior Gigs, heavy weights, clinker outriggers: Auckland, West End, and Waitemata were the entrants, and the race was a splendid one from start to finish, there being very little between the boats all the way. Waitemata finally won, with Auckland second, and West End third.

Naval Cutter Race: Devonport No. 1, Torpedo Corps, and Devonport No. 2. A very good start was effected, Devonport No. 2 being outside, Devonport No. 1 in the middle, and the Torpedo men inside. The course was from off the end of the Queen-street wharf, round a mark-boat at Viking's moorings, off Judge's Bay, and back to the starting point. Devonport No. 1 led all the way back, finishing about 25sec ahead of the Torpedo crew, the other boat being a short distance away.

Senior Gigs: Auckland, Waitemata, St. George's Auckland soon went to the front and won as they liked, with Waitemata second and St. George's third.

Junior Gigs, under 10st: West End, North Shore, Waitemata, St. George's. North Shore did not start. The boats were sent away to a very good start, and a "ding-dong" race ensued all the way, West End winning by about half-a-length from Waitemata, with St. George's a short distance away.

Motor Launch Race.—Entries and handicaps: Matareka, scratch; Enoho, scratch; Naomi II., 70sec; Petrel, 80sec; Billy Richardson, 8½min; Doris, 13min; Pakeha, 13min; Kusabs, 14min; Tui, 22min; Puffin, 22min. Course: About seven miles. With the exception of Petrel a good start was effected, Kusabs, Tui and Puffin being absent. The finish was: Matareka, 3hr 35min 54sec; Naomi II., 3hr 36min 15sec; Enoho, 3hr 36min 31sec; Billy Richardson, 3hr 44min 11sec; Doris, 3hr 46min 1sec; Pakeha, 3hr 47min 58sec. On time allowance Doris is first, Naomi II. second, and Pakeha third.

The early trials of the Logan-built Southerly Buster do not appear to have been a success. Says "Weather-eye" in the Sydney "Referee": "For the first time Southerly Buster, Mr Mark Foy's intended challenger for the Anglo-Australian Shield, tried conclusions with Southern Cross last Saturday. The result was not altogether satisfactory, Southerly Buster only having a margin of 19sec at the finish from her rival. The course was once round the triangular course, a distance of about three miles. On the lead to Taylor Bay Southerly Buster gained some 40sec, but on the work to Shark Island Southern Cross reduced her lead to 15sec. The run down the wind, however, appeared to suit the new boat a little better, as she was able to tack on several extra seconds. She won by 19sec. Mr Mark Foy sailed Southerly Buster, whilst Southern Cross was piloted by Mr Fred Doran. In a second trial it is said that Southern Cross won easily." With all due deference to Mr Foy's handling of the new racer, I should like to stake my last cent on the Buster if the skippers were changed about.

The passengers of the Kroonland, who landed at Queenstown recently, spoke in praise of the wireless telegraphy with which the liner was fitted, and of the facility with which, when an accident occurred, they were able to communicate

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with their friends in England, Scotland and the Continent, and even America. They received replies before the Irish coast was sighted. The accident occurred when the liner was 130 miles to the west of Fastnet, and communication was at once made with the wireless station at Crookhaven. Captain Doxrud was enabled to send messages to the chief agents of the American line at Antwerp, stating the nature of the damage to the steering gear of the steamer, and that he would have to abandon the idea of continuing the western voyage. Within an hour and a half a message was received by the captain from the agents, instructing him what to do, and the Kroonland was headed for Queenstown. Seven or eight passengers telegraphed to relatives for money, and replies were received in four instances authorising the purser to advance the amounts required, and the money was paid over in each case.

The big Aquatic Carnival at Ngaruahia, will take place on St. Patrick's Day, Macch 17. Mr Rathbone, the secretary, notifies in another column that the privileges in connection with the regatta will be sold by auction at Ngaruahia, on Friday, February 19.

An expected addition to the yachts of Lyttelton is the Privateer, a schooner of 108 tons register, owned by Mr M. J. Burke, of Waikari. The Privateer was built in 1874, by Henderson, Coulburn and Co., on the Clyde, and is reputed a fast sailer. She is 105ft in length, with a beam of 22ft 4in, and draws from 5ft to 7ft of water. The saloon is 22 x 16 feet, and nine cabins, including a large ladies' cabin, are provided. It is proposed by her owner to make excursions to the Sounds, the Bay of Islands, and the Chathams, and islands of the South Seas. She has sailed from London for Lyttelton, and will call at Capetown and Melbourne on the way out.

LINE & TRIGGER

(By "Gillie.")

Sir Mortimer Durand, who was recently appointed Ambassador to the United States, is a keen sportsman. One of his Indian shooting trophies is an enormous skin and head of a Bengal tiger, the story of whose death he is always ready to tell. As the jungle was too thick for elephants to be used, Sir Mortimer was armed with both an Empress rifle and an eight bore. The latter weapon he had never used, and when the tiger came on he expected to have dropped him dead by the steady aim he took with it. But the brute rushed on for thirty yards at full gallop, and Sir Mortimer thought he had missed aim. From his coign of vantage in the fork of a tree, he fired with the Empress rifle into the brute's back, and this time he fell. When the tiger was skinned, it was found that the eight-bore bullet had raked it from the chest to the end of his body. It was evidently well endowed with the feline capacity for surviving.

It may interest anglers to know that the trout ate increasing in weight; those caught during the week averaged 6lb.

The "Hot Lakes Chronicle" has always something interesting to say about the trout fishing at Rotorua. According to it large quantities of trout continue to be taken from the lake and streams. Since the 28th ult. 294 fish have been secured, the aggregate weight of which was 1756lb. Among those who caught heavy fish were the following:—J. Head, three, the total weight being 23lb, with a 16-pounder as the heaviest; T. Taylor,

sixteen fish, among them being one of 16lb, 9lb, and 8lb; Taylor and party, thirteen, aggregate weight 65lb, with one of 16lb; Captain Fulton, fifteen, the total weight of which was 75lb, with fish of 15lb, 9½lb, and 9lb in the basket; Messrs Peace and Bartlett caught six, the aggregate weight of which was 36lb; Mr McArthur and Dr. Smith-Hozier bagged thirteen, weight 65lb, and were rewarded with one of 11lb; Messrs Iles and Cotton, with one fish less than the former, had the same weight, with one of 11½lb and one of 11lb; Messrs Camm and Clarke secured sixteen trout, the weight of which was 79lb, the two heaviest being 10½lb and 9½lb; Mr and Mrs Woods secured ten nice fish, with two 10-pounders among them; Mr Camm bagged five, the largest of which was 10lb; Misses Malfroy and Mueller secured ten fish, the largest among them being 9lb. Quite a large number of the fish were secured with the fly.

A shipment of fifty-four English part-ridges is to shortly arrive in Auckland to the order of the New Zealand Government, by the s.s. Turakina, which will make the third shipment during the last two months. They will be liberated in the Waikato district.

At Atiamuri this week Messrs Barry and Everard, of Waihi, had some good sport, having grassed 55½lb one day and 68lb on the following day, with some very fine fish among them. The trout are in splendid condition, and as the river is in good order, getting lower daily, those visiting this locality are certain of good sport.

CYCLING.

Despite the wonderful times now established behind motor pace, the present-day record breaker really pedals no faster than did the cranks in the days of the old ordinary bicycle. This seems a strange statement, but it is nevertheless true, for upon working out the gears it is seen that Dangla, the latest holder of the hour record, pedalled no faster than did Cortis (England), when he first rode 20 miles in the hour on an ordinary. The old-time champion rode a 58-inch wheel. By doubling this we get 116 gear for 40 miles an hour, and in proportion 145 inch gear for 50 miles an hour. Dangla, Hall, Contentet and Robl now push 150 inch gears, and despite the wonderful improvements made in track machine, tyres and pacing machines, the present-day performances, made under artificial speed conditions do not compare too favourably with the wonderful rides accomplished two decades ago by such riders as Cortis and Osmond. From a sporting point of view, Cortis' ride of 20 miles 231 yards in 60 minutes in 1883 is a more meritorious performance than Dangla's hair-raising ride.

The Australian "Cyclist" says there is no doubt Major Taylor is wilfully tampered with in almost every race in which he competes. At least attempts are made in that direction, and that they do not always come off is owing to the negro's skill as a rider.

A form of the sport which is exceedingly popular amongst the members of the crack road clubs in England is unpaced road riding and record breaking. The unpaced road ride for club medals or for records is undoubtedly one of the most genuine forms of the sport. It is difficult to over-estimate the pluck displayed by many of the riders on a gruelling jaunt under trying conditions. Those who break or create an unpaced record under the

Road Records Association rules must ride entirely alone throughout, although they may be followed by witnesses, who must not, while the competitor is mounted, approach within 100 yards.

One of the novelties at the recent English cycle shows was the Neofold folding tricycle, which is of the rear-driving type, with two front steering wheels, carried in forks and coupled on what is known as the "Ackerman" principle. The cross tube of the frame, from which the two front forks depend, is adapted to twist relatively to the head, the two parts being fitted with adjacent plates, and normally secured in position by a bolt and two locking screws. When these are released the crossbar is turned nearly parallel to the length of the machine, throwing the left-hand steering wheel forward, and the right-hand one back by the side of the front chain wheel. By this arrangement the width of the machine is reduced to that of the bicycle, and thus allows of the tricycle passing through the narrowest of doorways.

During the last decade the bicycle frame has undergone many changes, yet through them all the diamond frame has occupied the first place, and is, seemingly, unsailable. It contains just the right number of tubes—not one too many or too few—members just the right lines, is graded and supported in exactly the correct manner. Scores of patterns with the most minute variations have appeared, but all have passed into oblivion, while the true diamond remains with its hold on the trade and public as strong as ever, and its mechanical superiority and beauty of design as manifest as it was when it routed rival types of frames years ago.

A well-known Sydney writer predicts that C. H. Fook, the youth who won the big Dunlop New South Wales Road Race from Goulburn to Sydney last July in record time, will develop into a champion. Young Brook, who hails from Goulburn (N.S.W.), is showing good form on the Sydney track, and with a little more experience will prove that he is as good on the racing track as the road.

According to a usually well-informed Trade journal, several German firms intend to imitate the United States business men who first started opening wholesale depots in Australia, since which time the sale of American and Canadian cycles has enormously increased. The Australian retailer can order his machines and spare parts at short notice from these depots, whereas otherwise it takes months before an order can be executed and the goods delivered to the purchasers.

As far as the A.N.A. meeting at Melbourne is concerned, Lawson scored all the honors against Taylor (says the "Referee"), for he won in the Gold Stakes, a series of scratch races, the one, ten, and three miles, while Taylor only got the five miles. Taylor defeated M'Farland in the heat of the mile, and the long athlete only managed to finish once in front of Taylor in the series. (Of course, he was doing the "donkey work" (as they say in the States) for Lawson. There is no doubt the combination of Lawson and M'Farland is too good for Taylor, or any other man, but I am still of the opinion that, single-handed, Taylor will beat either of them three times out of five. If the Lawson-M'Farland combine be invincible on the Sydney track, it is much more so on the smaller and more tricky course at the Melbourne Exhibition. The rivals will next meet at Adelaide. But it seems certain that match races must eventuate between Lawson and Taylor at least, and there will be a crowd when they do meet. Meanwhile Lawson and his admirers have all the best of the argument on performances.

BOWLING.

The rain made the Auckland greens rather heavy on Saturday, but they improved rapidly as the afternoon wore on. Considering the doubtful outlook, it was surprising to find over sixty players on the ground.

The challengers for the Buckles, Menzie, McCallum, Easton, and Brookes (skip) defeated the holders, Donald, Butts, Garland, and Carlaw (skip), by 20 points to 14.

The policy of encouraging first-year's players was shown by the fact that a First-year's team skipped by Craig, who shows very great promise, gave a fearful licking to a team of older players skipped by Gorrie. On one occasion, with the latter lying five, Craig carried the jack with his last bowl and scored six, of difference of eleven from one shot. This must be nearly a record.

Mt. Eden, which has the name of being the driest green in Auckland, was thronged with players, ten rinks being filled.

Eagleton beat Niccol by 28 to 17 in the Championship Singles at North Shore.

I hear good accounts of the Rocky Nook first-year's team. On Saturday they were only beaten by two points on the last head by a rather powerful senior quartette, having the redoubtable Bouskill as skip.

The Anglican Synod won their match easily on the aggregate against Remuera. Hardie's team beat the Rev. Beatty's by 19 to 12, but the Rev. Kempthorne's quartette simply flattened out Lennox's team by 32 to 9.

The challengers for the "Edwin Stars" (skipped by Laxon), carried too many guns for the holders, who were beaten by 25 to 19.

The matches on the Auckland green are being terribly dragged out, many of the members showing an unaccountable reluctance to play off. The committee have fixed dates on which the various rounds must be concluded, but unfortunately they do not appear to be making any effort to enforce the regulation. This is a very great pity, for ample time was given in which the rounds could be got through and as the weather has been entirely favourable there can be no valid excuse for the delay. Although entries closed in November last not a single game has been played in many cases. A strong effort should be made by the match committee to either hurry up sluggards or else rule them out.

The events to be decided at the forthcoming Rotorua tournament, on February 24, 26 and 27, include a rinks match for gold medals, a pairs match for gold medals, and a singles match for a silver cup. It is expected that most of the Auckland clubs will be represented. I hear of a large number of bowlers who are going up, and although it is not to be expected that all the clubs will have their strongest teams in the field, yet some of the rinks promise to be pretty sultry. The Te Runanga tea rooms will echo with tales of the skips as to why their various games were lost. The tournament promises to be an all-round success, for the Rotorua folk are leaving no stone unturned to make it so.

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ATHLETICS.

At the big tournament at Dunedin, in the final of the Championship Doubles Gore (Lock) won easily, beating St. Clair (Hancock) by 20 to 10.

I had a chat with one of the players from here who went to Auckland to take part in the Northern Association's tournament (writes "Jack," in the Otago "Witness") and he said that he infinitely preferred the system carried out there to the one which obtains here. There the system is for every club entered to play each other, and the number of wins and losses is counted, the club having the greatest number of wins being the victor, and each club must enter two rinks. By that system the clubs get a good deal of play; and although there were a large number of entrants at Auckland, the rink matches were completed in four days. Here rink is drawn against rink, and the lowest scorer of the two goes out—sudden death, as it were. It is true that lately consolation rink prizes have been instituted on the same plan, but the same results follow. In the Northern Association there are no single-handed competitions at their tournaments, which I think an error. In rinks and doubles a player has always his companions to advise and guide him in his play, and console with him in the loss of the contest if such be the case, but in single-handed matches the player is left entirely to his own resources, and must think and play on his own initiative; thus he cultivates self-reliance, and obtains confidence in himself. I am very strongly in favour of single-handed competitions.

Miscellaneous Items

The Scottish wrestling championship, which came to an end on December 12, was a great success from start to finish, and the only cause for disappointment was the fact that the final heat in the open event resulted in an accident, which decided the bout. The two competitors were A. Bain (Lanark) and Jack Carkeek (America), but the latter, while gaining the first fall, struck his shoulder heavily on the ground, and partially dislocated it. Carkeek pluckily went on with the second bout, but as he again injured his shoulder had to retire, and thus the championship fell to his opponent. The final was witnessed by over 12,000 people, and it is probable that the tournament will become an annual affair.

It comes from America that Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, received a knock-out blow in Philadelphia when he tried to become an American citizen. The naturalisation proved too much for him. According to the despatches, Maher knew who the President of the United States was. When he was asked: "How is the President elected?" he replied confidently: "By a large majority." "And the Governor?" "The same way," said Peter. "What was the declaration of Independence?" "It had something to do with the British," said Peter; "it was a kind of international challenge." By this time Peter was slightly groggy, but the Commissioner was fresh. "What's the constitution?" was asked. "It's all too good," Peter declared, enthusiastically; "I am trained up to the minute." "How many States in the United States?" was another question. "There's Pennsylvania and New York and Chicago, and oh a bunch more." Then Peter went down and out.

From a very interesting account of the Australasian Championships in Melbourne, written by the well-known Sydney athletic authority, "Prodigal," the following notes concerning our representatives are extracted:—

"I must allude to the shockingly bad luck attending the New Zealand team, or a portion thereof. By reason of compulsory vaccination, W. F. Simpson became a spectator only in the mile. Simpson was really bad, and had to take to his bed two days before the meeting commenced. It was indeed bad fortune when he elected to journey to Melbourne via the Bluff in the Moeraki, as against travelling by the Manuka, via Wellington, and on to Sydney. I don't say that Simpson must have won the mile, but on form he must have had a great chance in it, whilst the three miles was at his mercy."

In the mile, "Pollock, who had displayed form, pace, and grit, came at the leaders, but he had to put up with third place. For a man who only arrived from New Zealand (via Sydney) the day before the meeting, the form and finish of Pollock was surprisingly good."

In the Three-Miles Walk, "F. Ross (New Zealand), should have been second, but suffered from the heat (and the pace he had been taken along), and practically collapsed, although he gamely finished. In trying to 'hang on' to Barrett, the New Zealander, who evidently can walk well, despite a "jumpy" action, got both feet off the ground at the same time in the first lap." (The winner is also credited with doubtful action in the first mile).

"In the final of the 120yds Hurdle Championship, we saw something happen, as anticipated by the writer. Smith got in at his first hurdle the quicker, but Gardner more than held his own at jumping. They rose the last flight simultaneously, but Smith dashed his leg down first, and got home by a foot and a half in 16 2-5sec. Gardner, who has been training well, and having some hurdle practice with the well-known pro. Bob Wandin, set Smith a real good go. Both first and second deserve praise for their game and fine exhibition of hurdling."

"Laurie jumped well, but still goes in too hard."

"Monday's results were remarkable for the number of records that were broken—one world's three Australasian, and seven Victorian. The New Zealand representative, George W. Smith, succeeded in lowering Arthur Holder's great performance at Wanganui in 1897, of 58 4-5sec for the 400yds over hurdles to 58 1-2sec, which is a record for the world."

At the Board of Control Meeting, all records submitted by the Executive officers were adopted with the exception of G. W. Smith's 120yds hurdle record of 15 1-5sec, established in Auckland, N.Z. It was first unanimously resolved that the action of the Executive officers in submitting the application to the Board of Control be confirmed. An exhaustive enquiry and lengthy debate followed with regard to the record. Eventually it was unanimously resolved that the application for the record be rejected on the grounds that the rules of the Union bearing on records had not been adhered to.

The Motorist.

THE AUCKLAND AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION'S RUN TO ROTORUA.

A meeting of the Association was held last week to make final arrangements for the run to Rotorua. It was decided to leave Auckland on Saturday, February 20, running as far as Ngaruawahia and staying the night; leave Ngaruawahia Sunday morning and run to Okoroire, staying the night; leave Okoroire Monday morning, reaching Rotorua before noon.

Arrangements have been made to camp at Rotorua, Messrs Kusabs having kindly given the Association permission to pitch their tents on a section of their ground near the lake.

The Carnival Committee have invited the members to take part in the procession, and have extended all the privileges to the Association.

While at Rotorua it is intended to make side trips to see the sights in the forenoon, and the afternoons will be devoted to attending the Carnival.

A start on the return journey will be made on the following Friday, at 4 p.m.; stay at Okoroire over night; leave Okoroire Saturday morning for Ngaruawahia. The members can either stop that evening or come right on to Auckland.

Amongst the members of the Association who have already signified their intention of going are—Dr. Rayner, Dr. Purchas, Messrs Moody, Leyland, Smith, Chatters, Bockaert, Spinks, Henning and Crozier.

Mr Bechaert found the road between Mercer and Rangiriri in such a bad state when going through with the 8-h.p. Darracq that he wisely decided to take the train from Mercer to Huntly.

Messrs Dexter and Crozier have sold several Cadillac cars to residents in the Hawke's Bay district.

The motor car industry must be a profitable one, if we may judge by the fact that the balance-sheet recently issued by A. Darracq and Co., Ltd. shows the net profit for the year ending September 30 last to be £100,275.

The Cousins and Atkin Carriage Factory, Ltd., have sold the Vauxhall car to Dr. Stopford, of this city. After an exhaustive trial the doctor was well satisfied with the capabilities of the car. Several cars of this type are now on the way out, and no doubt on arrival will command a ready sale.

Oldsmobiles were awarded first and second prizes and gold and silver medals in Class A of the 1000 miles Reliability trials.

Mr Williams, of Howick, has just completed a most successful tour of ten days through the Waikato.

An hour and a-half for a busy doctor to discover that his oil was not turned on, on his De Dion, was a moderate amount of time to waste.

Motorists passing through to Rotorua can obtain ample supplies of benzine at H. Upton's, at Hamilton, and Wallace's store, at Cambridge.

Mr George Henning is expecting seven steam cars of various styles on the incoming Tyser liner Mimirol. Others are following by the Suffolk.

Mr Percy Isaacs intends taking a party up to the Rotorua Carnival.

In Germany the municipal authorities are beginning to replace their old types of fire engines with motor vehicles.

Nine sales of Oldsmobiles are reported within the last three weeks.

The British automobilist entered upon a troublesome time this month. He had to take out a driving license, to register his vehicle, and pay a tax. The owner of a car pays 20s, of a motor cycle 5s, while the driving license costs another 5s.

As part of its endeavours to arrive at a judicious decision in regard to the regulation of motor cars, the French extra-Parliament Commission on Automobilmism has held a series of comparative tests of the stopping powers of cabs and motor cars. The trial was made in the Bois de Boulogne. The macadam road was very greasy, and the shoes of the horses were quite able to obtain a better grip than the tyres of the cars, which, nevertheless, scored a complete triumph. Two single-horse cabs, one pair-horse coupe, and a pony-trap competed against a 6-h.p. light car and a 40-h.p. car weighing nearly 30cwt. At seven and a-half miles an hour an ordinary cab stopped in 30 feet, both the motor cars in 10 feet. At ten miles an hour the best of several attempts showed that the single-horse cab came to a standstill in 40 feet, and the cars in 13 feet. At twelve miles an hour a pair-horse coupe covered 43 feet before stopping, while the cars pulled up in 17 feet.

Following this, as one of the horses, in endeavouring to stop, had badly strained a thigh muscle, the cars alone made one or two tests. At sixteen miles an hour they pulled up in 34 feet; at 24 miles an hour in 60 feet. On the dry road the results would be still further in favour of the motor car. The conclusion is that horses are very inefficiently braked.

The automobile industry is steadily making headway in this colony, and already there are somewhere about one hundred and fifty cars on the road, and the number is being increased daily. So far Auckland appears to have the lead as regards numbers, with Christchurch a good second, but the latter probably accounts for as many motor bicycles as all the other towns put together (writes "Rover.") Passenger cars are becoming fairly common. There is one running in the Wanganui district, which cost £1200, and the owner is so far satisfied with his investment that he is ordering another car. Two are now running from Tauranga—Te Puke to Rotorua, about sixty-eight miles of rough road; Mrs Grierson has two running between Rotorua and Wairaki and Wairaki-Taupo. Another two cars are used between Rotorua and Waimangu. It is stated that the Government Tourist Department has twelve cars on order for next year, all of which goes to show the big strides the industry is making.

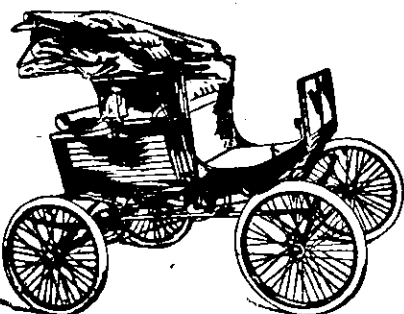
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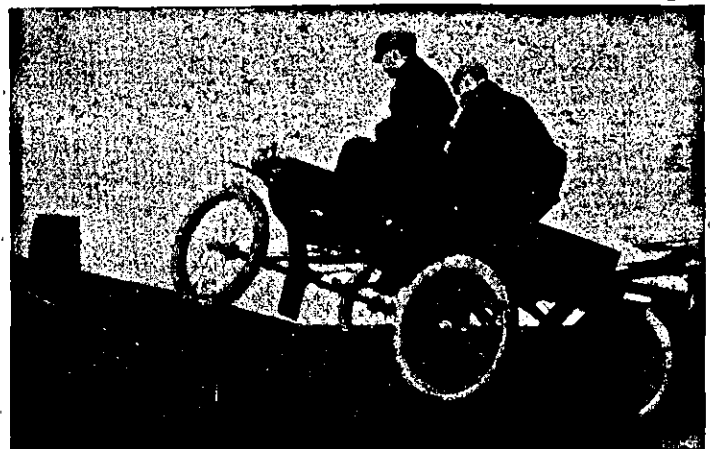
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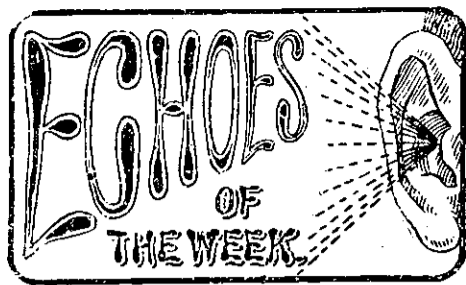
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The new English motor by-laws are now in force. According to this act motorists in England may please themselves as to what pace they travel on the road up to twenty miles an hour, provided they are not endangering the public safety. Of course this does not mean that they can ride through crowded thoroughfares at this speed. This is the commonsense point of view taken by the British Government, who, after exhaustive enquiries and tests, have satisfied themselves that a motor at this pace, when in competent hands, is easier handled and safer than any horse-drawn vehicle at ten miles an hour. Horse owners and drivers when in trouble with a fractious horse immediately put the blame on the speed of the car or motor cycle. This is not so, speed has no bearing on the subject at all. It is the strangeness of the car that causes most of the trouble, and the slight "droning" of the engine to a lesser degree. That this is so one only wants to stand a motor car at the roadside and watch the movements of the different horses passing. Those used to the sight of cars pass without taking any notice, but the horse unfamiliar with the lines of the automobile immediately upon sighting the car starts to "play-up." This trouble can only be overcome by time, and the more motor vehicles that get about our roads the sooner will the difficulty disappear. Motorists should show every consideration for horse drivers, and do all in their power towards assisting any driver who has trouble with a fractious horse. By taking this course motorists will gradually earn the goodwill of the horse owners.

An American motorist, one Barney Oldfield, has covered a mile in 54 4-5sec in a motor car.

The membership of the Canterbury Automobile Association is now forty. His Excellency the Governor was recently asked if he would become patron of the Association, and replied that he would consider the matter during his visit to Christchurch.

The final in the Bowling Championship Singles was between McLaren (Dunedin) and Darton (Lawrence). McLaren won by 17 to 10, this being the third occasion on which he has won the Championship. The Championship Rinks was won by Newtown, the only North Island club represented, who beat Kaituna by 20 to 15.



(By "Ithuriel.")

It was Saturday night in a Mount Albert household, and owing to the temporary absence of his wife, it fell to Mr Brown to attend to the usual process of giving his eight-year-old son a bath and putting him to bed. He had left his "Star" with a man's reluctance, and had hurried matters along with more speed than the little chap was accustomed to. However, he endured it all without a protest until it came to the prayer. It was his habit after "Now I lay me" to ask the Divine blessing upon a long list of relatives and friends, calling each by name. "Please God," he began, "bless papa and mamma, grandpa and grandma, and Aunt Edith and Uncle George, and"—A pause. His father, thinking to curtail the list of beneficiaries, softly insinuated an "Amen." Not heeding the interruption, the little supplicant drew a long breath, and continued, "And Aunt Alice and Cousin Annie, and"—Again his father said "Amen." This was more than flesh and blood could stand, and, lifting his little head, he exclaimed, with tears of indignation: "Papa, who's running this prayer, you or me?"

"I've just learned a new charm to tell whether or not a man loves you," says the girl with the bulging pompadour. "What is it?" asks the girl with the new diamond ring. "Why you take four or five apple seeds and name each of them for a particular man, and place them—the apple seeds, I mean—on the stove, and the first one that pops is the one that loves you." "Humph!" mused the girl with the new diamond ring, absent-mindedly twisting that piece of jewellery about her finger. "I know a surer way than that." "You do?" "Yes, indeed. You take one particular man and place him on the sofa in the parlour, and sit

close to him, with the light a little low, and look up to him very attentively, and if he doesn't pop, you know it is time to put another man on the sofa."

Whistler's amusing personal conceit was charmingly displayed on one occasion when A. G. Plowden, a London police magistrate, attended a private view at the Grosvenor Gallery. "Almost the first friend I met," he says, "was Whistler, and he very good-naturedly took me up to a full-length portrait which he was exhibiting of Lady Archibald Campbell. After I had done my best to express my humble appreciation of a beautiful picture, I asked him if there were any other pictures which he would advise me to look at. 'Other pictures,' said Whistler, in a tone of horror: 'other pictures! There are no other pictures! You are through!'"

They say that, so far as pungency or repartee is concerned, the legal men are not what they were 40 years ago in New South Wales and Victoria. The statement is incorrect, unjust. Witness Newtown Police Court last week:—

Bald but irate solicitor (defending): "I've always been at the top of the poll."

Ebon-locked attorney (opposing): "Pardon me, your Worship, my friend has nothing on the top of his poll."

The Court went into convulsions. Even the stolid off-duty constable at the door was doubled up by the aptness of this retort. No, no; wit and humour of the raciest kind have not yet been banished from the Bar.

Here is something by a Tasmanian flaneur about a parson well-known in Auckland:—

Talk about "man-millinery" and sacerdotalism! Why, the most gorgeously arrayed cleric seen in Hobart, outside the pale of the Roman Catholic Church, for many a day, was the Right Rev. Dr. Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, as the united service held in his honour at St. John's Macquarie-street, a few days ago, with his buckle shoon, knee breeks o' satin, richly laced sleeves, and ruffles adown his breast, which was something of the same pattern as that worn by the Chief Justice when sitting on the bench in Full Court. His dress looked very like the pictures we see of a Scotch bailie, and of Mephistopheles—minus his cloak.

Mr W. T. Stead's new London journalistic enterprise, "The Daily Paper," was discussed in many a bar parlour and hotel smoking room at the beginning of last month. The first number has also drawn many remarks from licensed victuallers themselves by reason of the fact that it contained a census of visits paid to the public-houses of Paddington, and the editor's own views on the drink question. The Paddington license-holders ought to be very pleased with this free advertisement. The census was taken on Sunday, December 27, which formed part of the Christmas holidays, and it is, doubtless, due to this fact that so many of the licensed houses were so well patronised on that particular day. Strange to say, that the houses "just off the boundary" seemed to have fared better than those situated in Paddington proper. The Falcon, in Kilburn Lane, heads the list, having enjoyed the patronage of 5,218 people; the Chippingham, in Sherland Road, Paddington, is a good second, with 4,592; the Frankfort Arms, in Harrow Road, is third, with 3,247; the Prince of Wales, in the same road, fourth, with 3,090; and the Load of Hay, in Praed Street, fifth, with 3,082. Altogether 181 houses are dealt with, and the table shows the support accorded to each.

Paddington was selected because it was believed to be a fairly typical borough of London, and the main object of Mr Stead was to show the number of inhabitants who patronised the public-house compared with those who went to church. He has discovered that while 122,175 entered the former only 31,331 attended the latter. Of course, the obvious reflection here is that the public-house is far more attractive than the church, and, indeed, Mr Stead himself admits, "we shall never be able to get rid of the rule of the trade until we are able to put something better in the place of the public-house." But what proof (asks a writer in the "L.V. Gazette") has Mr Stead that a large proportion of those who sought refreshment at one or other of the houses mentioned are not also church goers? The majority of people will be found to agree with him that "a mere negative policy of shutting up drink shops is worse than useless." He advocates public-houses without the drink, where men and women could meet for social converse, but would the opening of such places mean any addition to the number who go to church?

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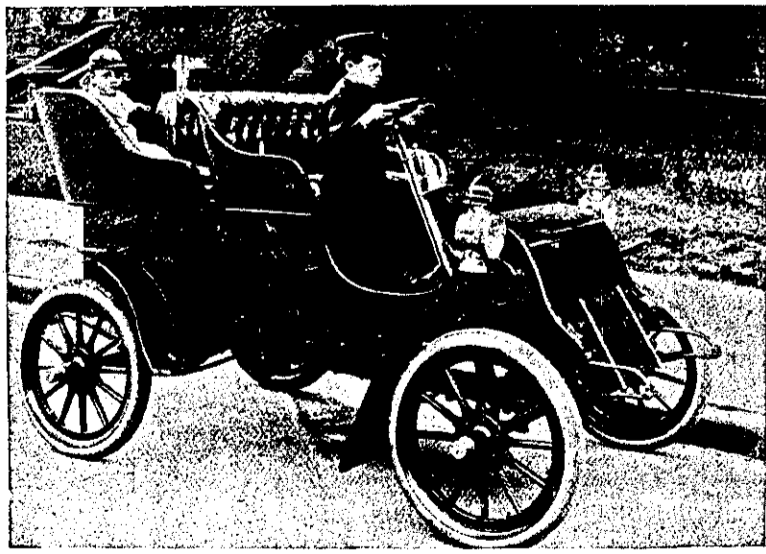
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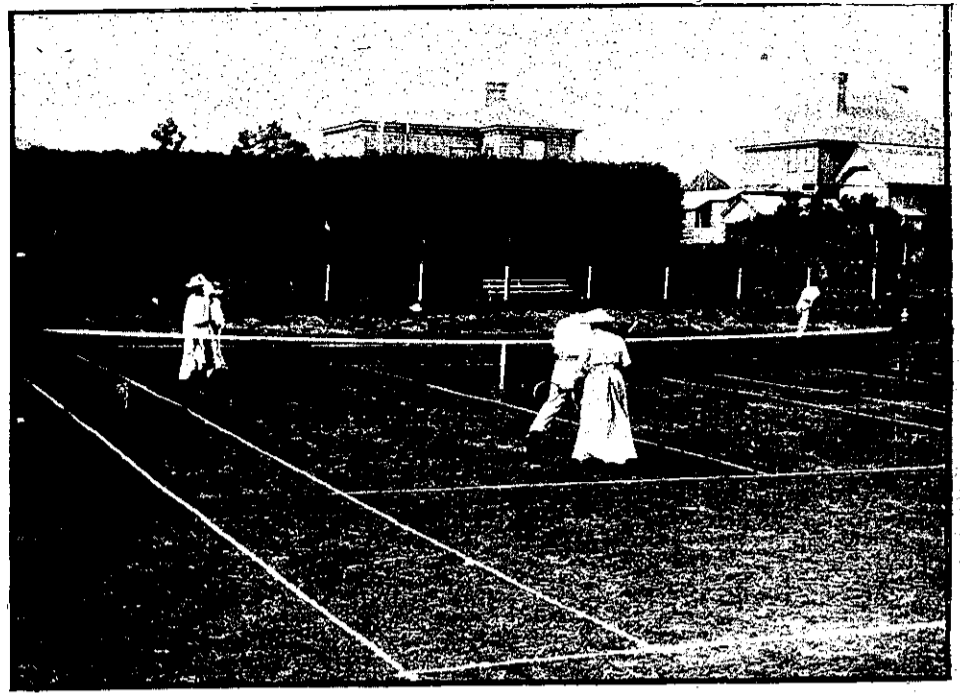
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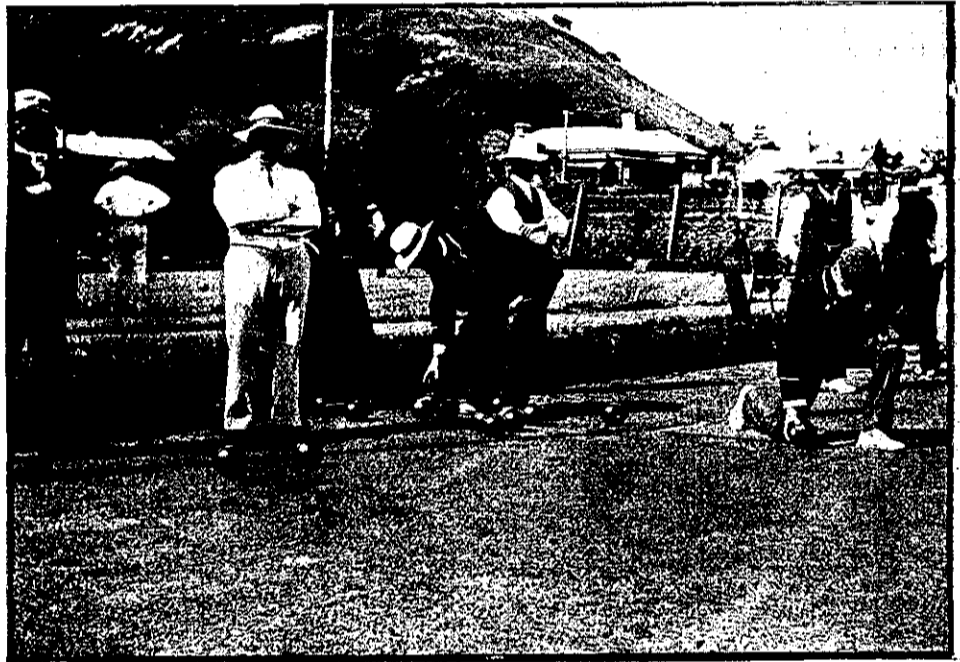


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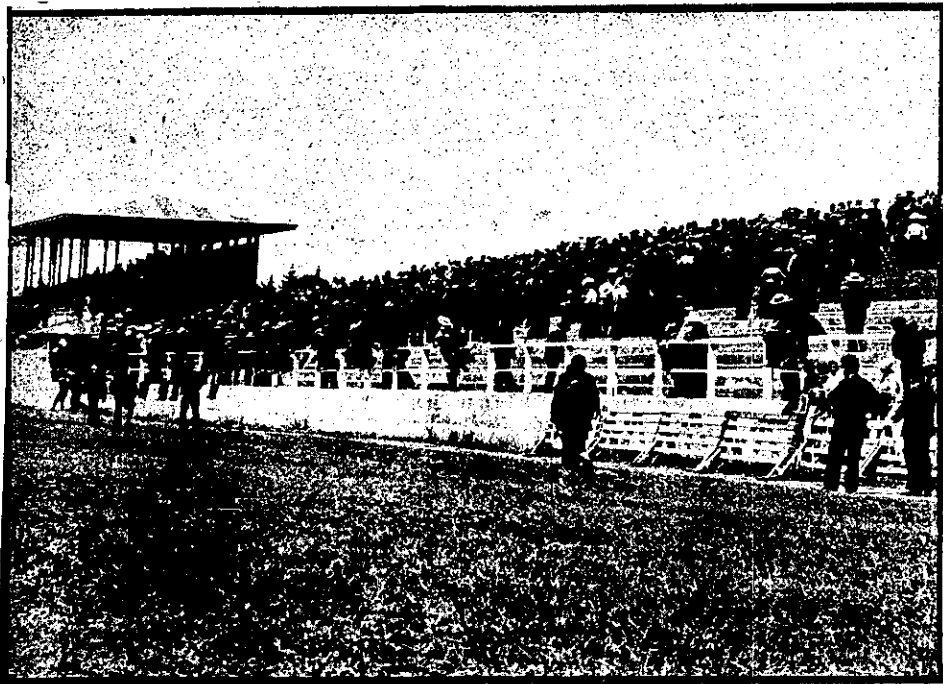
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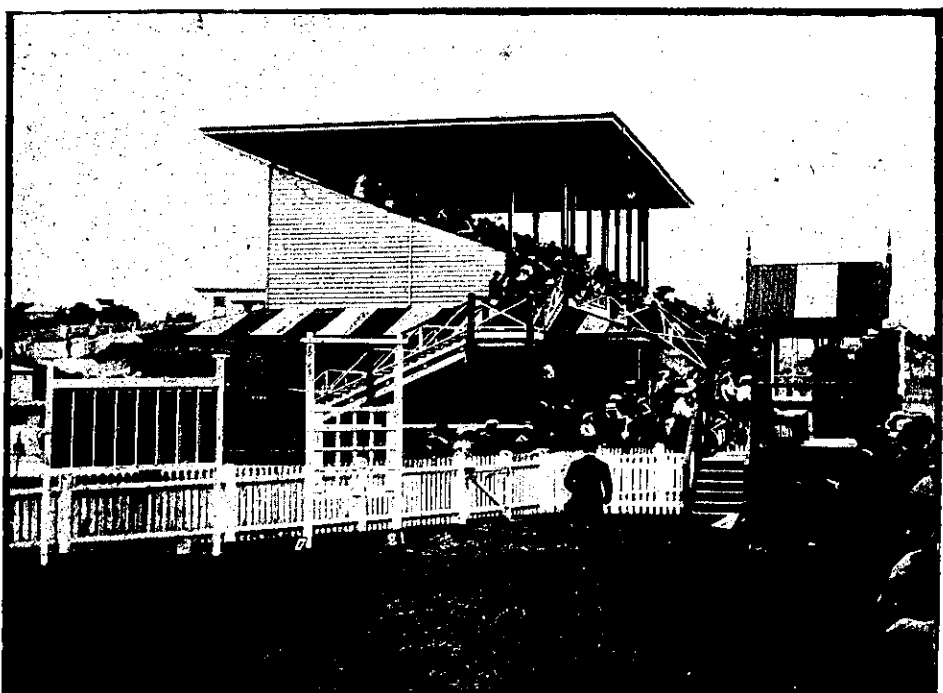
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The sterling merits of Mr Sanford and his Company are not going unrewarded. Full houses nightly testify to the public appreciation of both plays and players. With a repertoire that has been avowedly arranged to meet the popular demand for melodrama, Mr Sanford has taken measures to see that each play is adequately mounted and capably interpreted, and his splendid stage management is apparent everywhere. He himself was, so to speak, born on the stage, and it is certainly no exaggeration to say that he lives on it as well as by it. Of their kind the productions of the Sanford Company are as perfect as it is possible to make them. There are no loose ends or ragged edges about them, while the general effect is one of the most intense realism. "The Struggle of Life" is admirable sample of its class, depicting phases of high and low life in that strangely cosmopolitan human hive, New York City. I gave a sketch of the plot last week, and need only add that the promise of the forecast has been more than fulfilled. The scenery is something of a revelation to playgoers. The picture of Fifth Avenue at night with the snow falling is singularly fine, while each of the others serve in the most admirable way to create and retain the illusion of reality. The cast is a very strong one, and Mr Sanford and the ladies and gentlemen of the Company are seen in parts that fit as though the play had been written around them. "The Struggle of Life" is a drama that no lover of the stronger productions of the stage should miss. It will be presented to-night, and for the last time to-morrow evening.

The next play to be presented by Mr Sanford, commencing on Saturday next, for six nights, will be "Tempest Tossed." This strong comedy-drama, deals with life among the fisher folk on the Coast of Maine, in the United States. Jabez Haggard, who has dropped by various stages from a prosperous merchant to the level of a drunken fisherman, but to whom his daughter clings with the hope of reforming him, is discharged in the opening of the play by the captain of the fishing fleet (Tom Preston), for drinking and endangering the life of the crews. Smarting under his discharge, he swears revenge on the entire Preston family, and becomes a ready tool of the gentlemanly villain in the person of Richard Wentworth, who, while spending a few weeks in the fishing village, has prevailed upon Nelly Preston to consent to a secret marriage.



MISS MAUD BARBER, Of the Sanford American Players.

Wentworth after discovers that he will be cut off from inheriting his uncle's wealth, unless he marries the daughter of a former partner of his uncle, who proves to be Jabez Haggard, formerly Jabez Garth. His uncle had made this a condition of his inheritance, as an atonement to Jabez, whom he had fraudulently ruined, while they had been partners years before. Wentworth learns that Mary Haggard, Jabez's daughter, is the girl he must marry. Jabez is kept in ignorance of the will, and Richard bribes him to abduct Nelly Preston, with the intention of drowning her at sea. Haggard abducts her, but refuses to tell Richard how he has disposed of her. He continues to blackmail Wentworth, until, in a drunken frenzy, he declares that the girl is still living. Richard, enraged at this, beats Haggard into insensibility and finally leaves him. Tom Preston is discovered over the body and is accused of the crime, on account of the quarrels known to have taken place frequently between him and Jabez, about Jabez's brutality to his daughter, Mary, with whom Tom is in love. The next scene shows the efforts of Wentworth to destroy Tom Preston while he is a prisoner in the Lighthouse, and is an intensely thrilling one. The wreck on the open sea, is one of the most realis-



MISS LAURA WALL, of the Sanford American Players.

tic scenes ever presented, and never fails to arouse the audience to a great degree of enthusiasm, with six or seven curtain calls nightly. The last Act shows the villain discomfited, Nelly restored to her brother, and the uniting of Tom and Mary Haggard. The comedy is very strong, caused by the rivalry of Cy Long, the village bumpkin, and Zachary Pegg, the one-legged sailor, both of whom are in love with Polly Ferkins, the innkeeper's daughter. "Tempest Tossed" is written around the quaint characters of the New England Coast of the United States, and holds the interest of the audience through the entire four Acts. There are seven scenes, the wreck on the open sea being especially realistic.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"TWO LITTLE VAGABONDS."

Mr Holloway opened his brief season at Auckland very auspiciously on Saturday night, with that extraordinarily successful play, "Two Little Vagabonds," and

crowded houses have been the rule all the week. The play, which is mainly from the pen of Mr G. R. Sims, is, of course, characterised by the idiosyncrasies of that writer's essentially "popular" style. But the sentimental school is enjoying a great vogue just now, and "The Two Little Vagabonds" like "Fauntleroy" (of which it is a sort of double-barrelled version) is certain of a welcome by a British public in any part of the globe. It cannot be pretended that Dick and Wally are much more than dream children, but neither can it be denied that they are an exceedingly interesting pair, and if the characters were ten times less probable than they are, the clever acting of Miss Beatrice Holloway and Miss Lashmore would make the land of might-be very like the land of fact. Everything, indeed, lies in the mode of presentation, and in this Mr Holloway has been exceedingly fortunate, not only in his principals, but in the entire cast. For the thieves and villains, the weak woman, the misjudged wife, and the wronged husband are all of a type that might be spoiled with consummate ease in the portrayal. After Miss Holloway, whose work is worthy of the very highest praise, Miss Gresham and Miss Marshall must be signalled out for commendation, while the whole of the male parts are



MISS BOOTHBY, Of the Sanford American Players.

see the usual man about the usual dog as before. From which you will gather that there has been no marked diminution in the attendance at the Royal during the Williamson season. Harold Ashton was suffering from the fashionable complaint of sore arm when I met him the other day, but his smile was as genial as of yore, and he reported business to be A1 at Lloyds. "The Admirable Crichton," although the critics of the dailies d—d it with faint praise, caught on all right. The Company was less successful in one or two other pieces, but scored again in "The Light That Failed." The play is better worth seeing than the book is worth reading, to my mind, although I suppose it is the rankest heresy to say so. Edwin Geach bobbed up again serenely early in the week, and I had the pleasure of a short chat with him. His story is a brief one this trip. "A Stranger in a Strange Land" is a wild, and wonderful production, but it makes people laugh, and that is something. Christchurch playgoers, as a class, are wont to take their pleasures sadly, and require a lot of waking up. They wakened up all right on Thursday (the opening night) and again on Friday, and it looks as if the success the piece achieved in Wellington would be repeated here. Rumored that the delay in making a start with the erection of the new Theatre Royal is due to the activity of the building trade and the consequent high price of material and labour. New houses are going up here in all directions, and yet the cry is for more! Dix's Gaiety Co. has booked the Royal from February 13 to March 3. P.R.D. is popular in Christchurch, and a good season is assured. The Fullers appear to be amassing much filthy lucre at the Opera House, where crowded audiences assemble nightly.

The latest London musical comedy, which will probably be produced in Australia before this year of grace is concluded, is entitled "The Earl and the Girl." The story of the play is simple enough. Dick Wargrave, heir to a Peerage, and Elphin Haye, an American heiress, have eloped, and come from America to England, via Paris, arriving at the Fallowfield Arms—where the first scene opens—en route for Stole Hall, which, if Wargrave came to his own, should, as far as one can gather, be his own place. One thing, however, that is clear is that the eloping couple are not married. Also that the girl's uncle, A. Bunker Bliss, is on their track with a six-shooter. Also that, under the impression that Dick is someone else, a "strong woman" believes him to have jilted her daughter. Further, that an American and Jewish solicitor are also hunting for Dick. Add to this a temporary impersonation of Dick (at his request) by Jim Cheese, a dog trainer, and his falling successively into the hands of the fiery uncle, the furious strong woman, and the two lawyers, and the rest of the story you may fill in yourself without difficulty.

played with great capability. Mr J. P. O'Neill is a comedian of the rich, unctuous class not now so common as formerly, but all the more welcome on that account, and playgoers here have been glad to renew his excellent acquaintance. Mr Edwards, Mr Cass, Mr Hesford, Mr Hawthorne, Mr Stanford, and Miss Fanning sustain well-earned reputations. The play is splendidly mounted, and the stage management all through is conspicuous by its completeness. Mr Holloway must feel now that he has too long neglected a field which returns so rich a harvest for his tillage.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—The usual greeting in this flat and dusty metropolis just now, when two people meet, is "How's your arm?" Yes, vaccination has a lot to answer for. Some of the local publicans complain of a falling off in the demand for liquid refreshment owing to so many fellows having been vaccinated since the smallpox scare struck this sweet spot, but I seem to have noticed just as many men trooping out between the Acts to

THE CUYLER HASTINGS COMPANY.

"The Light That Failed," first produced at the Lyric Theatre, London, on Saturday, February 7, 1903, and to be presented in Auckland during Mr J. C. Williamson's forthcoming dramatic season, is an adaptation by "George Fleming" of Rudyard Kipling's popular novel, and it is the dramatisation of a great book. As a rule, it is only novels of the second rank that can successfully be so dealt with. The really great book generally recoils from the compression necessary for stage representation. But in this instance the result has more than justified the highest expectations of all concerned, and the production of this remarkable play has succeeded in putting to flight any lingering doubts that may have before existed. The net result is a stirring, emotional drama, replete with realism, strong in its heart interest and full of startling incident. Although its author has scorned conventional method, the play is imbued with a powerful, well sustained interest, is full of pulsating life and passion and cannot fail to arrest attention. It holds the auditor from the rise of the curtain to its fall. Readers of the book know that the two principal characters are Dick Helder and Maisie.

The story is told in a prologue and two acts. The prologue passes in a war correspondent's tent on the outskirts of the Soudan. It represents a life-like picture of the war scribes' life, and the wounded Dick Helder, blind with the bandages which swathe his head and eyes, raving in his delirium incessantly of Maisie. In the second act we find Dick Helder a familiar visitor to Maisie's studio, and engaged in endeavouring to persuade her to marry him. She, however, is obdurate. She considers that she has a work to do in the world, and on that ground refuses him. They are both artists—Dick a painter of rare ability; Maisie, a dabbler of mediocre quality, who talks ad nauseam of her art. Maisie goes away in search of fame, leaving Dick to paint a rival "Melancholia." He takes for his model a girl whom he has found fainting and half-starved upon his doorstep. She has been a general servant, but is utterly lacking in refinement, and, as the sequel shows, without gratitude and of doubtful moral character. In the second act Dick's old wound begins to tell. It affects his sight and fearful that it will interfere with the completion of his great picture he has recourse to whisky as a stimulant, though he knows that it will only hasten the inevitable end. In the meantime Dick, to rescue his friend and companion (Torpenhow) from the dangerous allurements of his model and the results of a growing intimacy, summarily expels her from the place. Mad with rage at the frustration of her designs and moved by revenge, she plunges a knife into the "Melancholia" for which she has been the model, and on which Dick had spent so much toil, leaving the picture a mournful wreck. Dick, however, is spared the agony of seeing it, as immediately after, on sitting down to indite a letter to Maisie, he finds that he is blind, enveloped in the dark and awful blackness which only comes with the destruction of the optic nerve. Dick, whom his friends have kept in ignorance of the catastrophe to his picture, recalls his former model to keep house for him in his blindness, but her actions lead her to be once more ejected with ignominy from his studio, leaving the way clear for Maisie to return with an altogether changed nature, wherein tender pity for Dick's blindness quickly leads to new-born love. The play ends with a pathetic scene in which Maisie, taking to herself all the arts born of a woman's great love, recalling the days of their boy and girl courtship, unpinning the masses of her hair that he may feel it, and kissing the unseeing eyes, convinces Dick, reluctant to believe his great good fortune, of her undying affection, and pleads with him to let her



MISS BEATRICE HOLLOWAY and MISS SOPHIE LACHMORE, as the Two Little Vagabonds.

make what he terms the sacrifice of being wed to a ruined, helpless man. At last her arguments prevail upon Dick, who at last realises that love has triumphed although "the light has failed."

Miss Laura Wall, the leading actress of the Walter Sanford American Players, now appearing at the Opera House, relates an amusing experience that happened while she was filling an engagement in one of the New York theatres, U.S.A. Here is the story as she tells it: "At one period of my career I held certain views on acting, which the following incident helped materially to change. Among other opinions I held that it was an easy matter to make people laugh, and always secretly thought that the comedian of the company never earned his salary; that the real art of acting was the ability to make people cry; that pathos and emotion showed the talent and genius of the player. Then, as now, I dearly loved to play parts that make people cry. It is just a trick of the voice, a tear, a shade of expression, and there is a choking in your throat, a pulling at your heart-strings, that requires all the nervous energy of the actress to bring about. On the occasion before referred to, I was playing a most harrowing and pathetic role, a part that I was especially fond of on that account. I noticed at a matinee in one of the front rows a nice, gentle-looking old man. He nodded his head at each good point I made. 'Ha!' said I to myself, 'here is a sympathetic gentleman who has a handkerchief, I hope, for he will be compelled to shed tears before I am through with him!' I played right to him. I wept real tears at his grief. He fairly howled. I began to feel how great I was, and was seriously considering whether I should not request a rise in salary. During the next scene I was called on to play, there was a commotion out in the audience which threatened to interrupt the play. But as the scene was leading up to the end of the act, with the soul of the true artist I forebore to glance out to see the cause of the disturbance. After the climax and when the curtain had descended, I quickly

turned to the stage manager, who, from his vantage point in the first entrance, commanded a view of the audience. 'In the name of everything earthly, what was the cause of all that noise?' I exclaimed. 'Oh,' he returned, 'didn't you notice a nice, bald-headed old gentleman in the second row? He is a harmless lunatic, who, through the carelessness of his nurse, managed to escape from the Sanatorium two blocks from here. They traced him to the theatre, where they succeeded in locating him. He made considerable resistance in being removed. That was the cause of the noise.' Picture my dismay! After hugging to my soul the sweet illusion that my emotional acting was having such a powerful effect, to be told that the object of it was an escaped lunatic! Although no one knew it for some time I was a much subdued young woman, without such great faith in my overweening ability to make people weep. Since then I have always given the comedian due credit for his ability to make people laugh, as I realise now it is just as great an art."

When Daniel Frawley and his company return to America (says the 'Frisco 'Dramatic Review'), Mr Frawley expects to make a special tour of the entire United States in a play for which he has just secured the exclusive rights. Among other things Mr Frawley has about completed arrangements for a hearing of his new play "On Broadway."

Mr Mel. B. Spurr, the clever English monologue entertainer, will shortly commence a tour of New Zealand. His recent seasons in Melbourne and Sydney were very successful. The Sydney "Mail" says of his first appearance in Queen's Hall, Sydney:—"He fully confirmed the good reports received of him from Melbourne, and the splendid record he has made in London. Mr Spurr is possessed of a very effective voice, which carries admirably, and a dry humour, quiet, but most infectious. He secures his effects without apparent effort, and his recitals vary from 'grave to gay, from lively to severe.' A great number of his songs and pieces are of his own authorship—he is quite a noted song writer—and he gives them with such cunning of inflection and expression as to imbue every word with its fullest possible significance. Mr Spurr does not use make-up or change of dress, and appears in ordinary evening attire at the piano or zither, but he holds—and convulses—his audience single-handed with delusive ease."

Sir Henry Irving's "Dante" production was a failure in New York.

Mr Charles Kenningham, the popular tenor, will shortly undergo an operation.

A Melbourne paper reports that Miss Clara Butt is understood to have accepted an engagement to come to Australia this year. Her husband, Mr Kennerley Rumford, the well-known baritone, will accompany her.

The Black Family of Musicians are still doing good business in the "smalls." Last week they visited Henderson, Howick, Warkworth, Puhoi, and Waiwera, and this evening they give an entertainment at Ototohanga, and at Cambridge to-morrow and Saturday.

Souvenir nights, now accepted in London as inseparable from long runs, have (says "The Stage") at times been responsible for the display of some ingenuity in devising the form the mementos should take. Silver charms, match-boxes, bottles of scent and books, though not general, are by no means unknown in this respect to souvenir-hunting playgoers. It has, however, fallen to the American manager to make an innovation, and at the 100th performance of "A Princess of Kensington," recently celebrated at the Columbus Theatre, in Boston, sofa cushion-covers were distributed. In the distant future there glimmers some hope of complete furnishing on this plan.

It is stated that Miss Nora Kerin, of Mr George Musgrove's Shakespearian Company, was during the farewell Melbourne season suffering severely from nervous strain through overwork. During the company's recent Wellington season Miss Kerin also (remarks "Lorgnette") had a severe attack of "nerves," due, it is said, to professional jealousy.

Harmston's Circus were playing at Calcutta when the mail left.

Mr Edward Farley, the operatic baritone, is about to leave Australia for America. As he has many admirers among the public and his fellow artists, a fund has been initiated to present him with a testimonial of regard. Mr Farley, we are reminded by "G String," in the New Zealand "Mail," visited New Zealand as one of the principals of the Montague-Turner Opera Company some years ago.

A section of Dix's Pantomime Company, which concluded a short season of "polite vaudeville" at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday night, have now gone on tour through the Waikato and Goldfields districts. They open at Huntly this (Thursday) evening, with Te Awamutu, Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Aroha, Paeroa, Thames, Karangahake, Waikino and Waihi to follow. The Company include Mr Tod Calloway, the Williams Sisters, and several others, and the remainder of the Company are now appearing at the City Hall.

Mr Geo. Abbott, who is at present paying a visit to Sydney, has succeeded in getting together a strong musical combination, which he intends to send through New Zealand. Mr Abbott, by arrangement with Mr J. C. Williamson, will produce the highly successful musical comedies: "Gentleman Joe," "The Shop Girl," "In Town," and "The Gaiety Girl." He has also purchased the New Zealand rights of the latest London and American success, "The Chicago Girl" and "Pat." Mr Fred. H. Graham, who toured this colony some little time ago as lead for Mr Williamson's Royal Comic Opera, has been engaged as chief comedian, and many leading names will appear in the cast. Herr Slapoffski's services have been secured as musical director. The company will open at Christchurch at Easter and play Auckland at the end of April.

The Dampiers, who open at Wellington on the 22nd, have been doing good business down the Coast, where "The Bush King" and "Robbery Under Arms" have been received with enthusiasm.



THE RESCUE FROM THE SEWERS OF THE GREAT CITY.

SCENES FROM "THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE"—Walter Sanford's American Players.

DORA RIGNOLD AS JULIET.

For the last night of the Princess season (writes the critic of the "Australasian") Miss Dora Rignold appeared as Romeo. A sweet, gentle, and loveable Romeo she made, too. A Romeo of the boudoir, with beautiful rounded limbs, dainty ways, and plaintive, haunting voice. Her elocution was even, but there was no fire behind her passionate love lines. It was an extinct volcano. Miss Rignold, in the moonlight, looked an angelic being without the wings that might have stood to Burne-Jones for one of his cold and saintly figures in "The Legend of the Briar Rose." But her failure to produce Shakespeare's lover must not be scored against her. On the contrary, it is distinctly in her favour, for it serves to show that she cannot divest herself of her sweet, womanly attributes that are so attractive when she plays the woman. Miss Unie Russell was very earnest as Juliet. With her long fair hair, petite figure, and child-like voice, she nearly filled the eye as one's ideal Juliet. A certain restlessness of manner—it may have been nervousness—and a desire to be heard well, caused her to pitch her voice too high at the conclusion of sentences. However, she did so promisingly for a debutante that she is sure to be heard again. Miss Kerin was billed for Juliet, but, under medical advice, she gave up the idea. She has been suffering from nervous strain due to overwork. The remainder of the programme was made up with scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "As You Like It," and "Twelfth Night." Early in the week Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," was advertised for Saturday night, but something seems to have gone wrong with the works in winding up, and the clock stopped. No performance took place, and no reason was publicly assigned for the non-appearance of Kate Hardcastle and les autres.



MR. HARRY A. DOUGLAS, as the Ogre in "The House That Jack Built."

Were it not for the fact that the managers who compose the Vaudeville Managers' Association do not think alike as to the merit of an act only 624 acts would be needed from one year's end to the other. It is the difference of opinion that helps to keep the great army of performers busy.

One of the many tasks Mr Hennessy has is that of seeing several hundred persons a day, answering one or two thousand letters a week, and throwing cold water on the ambitions of those trying to break into the "business." Stage aspirants who yearn to taste of the joys of the footlights flock to this office like flies to the proverbial molasses barrel.

The offices of the Vaudeville Managers' Association take up nearly the whole of the eighth floor in St. James' Building, Broadway and Twenty-sixth Street. There are fifteen offices, divided into four parts, namely, one for Mr Hennessy's personal staff, one for members, one for agents, and one for visitors. The last consists of two large rooms fitted up for the latter. They are as cosy and as comfortable as the prettiest hotel reception rooms. One of the rooms is set aside for the exclusive use of women and the other for men. A corps of attendants is always in evidence in both.

Those in charge of the association have spared no pains, let alone expense, in providing comforts for strangers and performers, or vaudeville artists, as they are

called west of Chicago. There is an atmosphere of courtesy that speaks well of the enterprise, and no one, whomsoever he or she may be, departs without at least a hearing.

The number of persons seen at the association's offices in a day is almost incredible. As many as 400 is a day's average. They come and go in droves.

Since the creation of the Vaudeville Managers' Association—June 4, 1900—about 6000 persons, who never saw the footlights from behind, have visited the association's offices. Most of them drifted in from adjacent towns and cities with no more talent than the nerve that brought them into the metropolis.

An afternoon spent in the association's rooms is as interesting as a farce comedy. Let us look in at Mr Hennessy.

In his office there was a swish of skirts and 60 dollars a week contracts were scattered in all directions.

"I sing bass," said a young woman still in her teens.

"You do?" gasped the manager of the association, in almost visible amazement.

"Yes. But I don't sing soprano." "Too bad," was the comment. "Just think of the opportunity you've missed."

"I'm sure I would be a big attraction," continued she, in a heavy voice. "The old, deep sea songs are no longer wanted by vaudeville patrons," said Mr Hennessy. "What they want are songs of mother and the country lass who lost her little lamb or something on that order. And they want them sung in a high and airy manner."

The young woman with the bass voice made a hasty exit.

Three young men entered. Mr Hennessy was in demand in another room. He left his office to look for trouble. It was waiting him. In another moment he was in the ladies' reception room surrounded by no less than thirty women. And they all tried to speak at once. It was lovely.

"One at a time," protested Mr Hennessy.

"But hear me first," they shouted in chorus.

"I'll hear you," he said, addressing a young woman twitching her thumbs nervously.

They moved to a corner of the crowded room.

"I've er proposition to hand to yer in confidence," she said in a whisper. "I kin do der bestest thing in th' dancing line dat yer ever seen. Tain't no dream, either. Tim Sullivan and the bunch sez me spieling is outer sight. Gimme er chance an' I'll do me worstest. I'll start the ball at 180 dollars per, see! I'm letten yer down easy. Just er minute. Yer gettin' er bargain, marked down from 139 dollars."

"Excuse me," said Mr Hennessy, "I'll see you later."

He had not taken a step before two girls were at the "I-want-to-tell-you-in-confidence game. One said she was from

Milwaukee, the other from a Dutch settlement in Pennsylvania. The first said she could turn somersaults, the second said she could jump a rope three hours without a pause, and do a buck-wing dance on a flying trapeze without fear of breaking her neck.

Mr Hennessy let his assistant, John R. Hopkins, dispose of them. Mr Hopkins is a past master at that sort of thing and does it with such tact that many who have not the slightest chance of "breaking in" leave in a happy state of mind.

There was one young woman out of thirty in the room who waited her turn with an air of indifference that captured a heap of envious glances from the others.

"She must be a real actress judging by her phiz," said one to another. "Maybe she ain't. Maybe she is. Yer can't spot us women by our looks. We're deceivin'. Ain't it so?"

The young woman to whom the remarks were referred stood before a mirror



MISS RUBY WILLIAMS, as Puck in "The House That Jack Built."

pasting an imitation curl well down her forehead. Time seemed nothing to her. And she knew she had but to ask and get what she wanted. Anyhow that's the way she looked.

After wading through the long line of waiting women, Mr Hennessy slipped into the men's quarters.

He found all nations well represented.

"I say, I," said one, approaching Mr Hennessy (some take the liberty of addressing him by his first initial), "I'm up against it"

"Another hard luck story?" he asked.

"Yes. But you see it was this way"—

KEEPING 5000 VAUDEVILLERS BUSY.

Few more trying jobs are to be found in the theatrical world than that held by Daniel F. Hennessy, manager of the Vaudeville Managers' Association, New York. Like vaudeville, Mr Hennessy's job is a continuous performance. It is a little longer than the average vaudeville show and quite as entertaining. His hours are from seven in the morning until close on midnight, and he works Sundays, too.

The great problem he has to deal with is that of keeping 5000 performers busy. These performers make up 2500 acts, all of which have been seen in that city at one time or another. The vaudeville problem is like the old joke of dividing five apples among one hundred persons—by making it into apple sauce. Although Mr Hennessy succeeds very creditably without going to that expedient, the problem is just as aggravating to all concerned.

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 "That's it."
 "Haven't one now?"
 "Well, listen to this story. You see"—
 "Come in to-morrow. I'll try and dig something up."
 And the man departed.
 A lad who said he was fresh from a farm somewhere west of Hackensack, and who described himself as the "Human Ax," approached Mr Hennessy.
 "What is your specialty?"
 "I'm the 'Human Ax,'" answered the lad.
 "Something new at last," exclaimed the manager.
 "That's it."
 "Tell me about it."
 "I get on the top of a ten-foot ladder, throw myself downward on a waggon-tongue and break it in two," interrupted the man who said he came from Chicago.
 "And your act is of what kind?" asked Mr Hennessy.
 "I get into a basket—any kind of a basket—and lift myself up and"—
 "And your act?" he asked, addressing another who joined the circle.
 "The dancing chicken," was the reply.
 "I bring the chicken out on the stage, place it on a plate over a red-hot pan, and when the band strikes up a whole-soul'd melody, I remove the plate—the chicken slips into the pan and"—
 Mr Hennessy fled to the deep recesses of the association's rooms.

NANCE O'NEIL HYPNOTISED BY
 MCKEE RANKIN.

CHICAGO, December 11.—The troubles of Nance O'Neil, McKee Rankin, and W. B. Cleveland, the theatrical manager, who has attached all the property of the actress and actor, were aired in a Justice's Court here to-day. Mr Cleveland in his testimony, declared that Miss O'Neil was hypnotised by Rankin.

"It is a second case of Trilby and Svengali," he said. "From the stage of my theatre I have seen McKee Rankin exert his influence over Miss O'Neil. When he looked at her she forgot her lines, and when he snapped his fingers at her she would act. He has an undue influence over her, and has kept her segregated from other actors and managers."

When Miss O'Neil was put on the stand she denied the allegation of Mr Cleveland that Rankin had any hypnotic power over her.

The case, which involves the recovery of advance expenses which Cleveland claims to have furnished Miss O'Neil and Rankin, was adjourned until December 14.

Playwrights at their wits' ends for new themes and novel titles will doubtless be interested to learn (says the "Pelican") that a drama entitled "Emile Zola" has just been produced with great success in Valencia. This opens up an entirely new world, and if the idea catches on at all we may yet live to see a "Marie Corelli" tragedy, a "William Shakespeare" melodrama, a "George R. Sims" comedy or a "Dan Leno" farce.

Mr Williamson has cabled Mr Vincent from London that he has engaged an English comedy company for an Australian tour. No further particulars were given. Mr Williamson is at present on his way to America, en route to Australia.

Mlle. Antonia Dolores is touring Europe. The gifted vocalist is at present in Germany, with Austria, Holland and Poland to follow.

Kyle Bellew was robbed of a valuable gold watch, a present from General Kitchener, recently, in the Madison Square Garden, New York, while Mr Bellew was watching a bicycle race.

The Stine and Evans Company have "caught on" in Sydney evidently. The "Referee" thus refers to the performance of "Brown's in Town":—"The clever artists did not allow the author's work to suffer in interpretation. Miss Olive Evans again had a splendid part as Dick's wife, and the talented actress scored a hit all along the line. Australia has not had a more buoyant lady or one whose wit has been more infectious. Mr Char. J. Stine had a grand character part, as did also Miss Marshall, and, needless to add, they made the most of their opportunities. Mr Bates, the old man of the preceding piece, was the 'juvenile' Dick, and his impersonation added to his reputation. The remainder of the cast also did consistently good work."

Miss Olga Nethersole has told a London interviewer how Kipling's "The Light That Failed" came to be dramatised. Ten years ago, when returning from her first starring tour in Australia, Miss Nethersole read the novel, and was struck by its dramatic possibilities. At her first opportunity she approached Mr

Kipling with a request, but to her disappointment the author refused permission for the story to be made into a play. Two years later Miss Nethersole again repeated her pleading, and was again refused. Nothing daunted, the lady persisted in her demand, and this time Mr Kipling gave his consent. Miss Nethersole at once drafted out the complete and detailed scenario, and called in the assistance of Miss Constance Fletcher (George Fleming). The result of the collaboration was, as everyone knows, a very successful play. It will be seen here in a few weeks.

The latest "Sturge" contains a synopsis of "The Darling of the Gods," which Mr Williamson has secured for Australia at an exceptionally high figure. Here it is: Act 1.—Scene 1: A glimpse of "The God in the Mountain"; scene 2, A Look into the Garden Within the Yashiki of the Prince of Tosan; scene three, The Great State Hall during the Night of "The Feast of a Thousand Welcomes." Act 2.—Scene 1, Kanzashi Forks at the hour of the Ox (2 o'clock); scene 2, Outside the Shoji of Yosan Among the Moonflowers. Act 3.—Scene, Behind the Shoji of Yason's Sanctuary (40 days later). Act 4.—Scene, The Old Sword Room in the Palace of Zakkuri (later in the same day). Act 5.—Scene 1, The Meeting Place at the Ruined Shrine of the Goddess Kwannon; scene 2, The Red Bamboo Forest; scene 3, Between the Heavens and the Hells (the Brink of the River of Souls (a thousand years have elapsed); scene 4, The First Celestial Heaven (in the Clouds).

Miss Ada Crossley, who sailed from Albany the week before last, sent the following farewell message to the people of Australia:—"I am delighted at the spontaneity and warmth of my receptions everywhere throughout Australia. I enter-tain the most affectionate remembrances of the people, and I wish them every prosperity."

The Majeroni Dramatic Company, headed by Messrs Mario and George Majeroni, have just concluded a Hobart season. Their place at the local Theatre Royal was to be taken by the John F. Sheridan Company, but as passengers from New Zealand were denied the right to land owing to the small-pox outbreak at Christchurch, Mr Sheridan had to forfeit his Tasmanian dates.

May Yohe, who last year married Putnam Bradlee Strong, after escapades which brought both much disgraceful notoriety, is in Buenos Ayres with him, where he is doing a prosperous business as an agent for automobiles. May Yohe, a year ago, accused Mr Strong of pawning her diamonds. He disappeared, was reported to be in Paris, and she followed him. They removed to Argentina, and after the divorce secured by her husband, Lord Francis Hope, became absolute, she and Strong were married, and both declared they would never return to America. In a recent letter Mrs Strong said she and her husband and child would remain in Buenos Ayres, as her husband had opportunities there which would be denied him in America. Neither cared for the opinion of the people they knew, she wrote, and all they asked was the opportunity to live their own lives without abuse or reproach.

Howard Vernon's Musical Comedy Company was the holiday attraction at Hobart. The veteran appeared in "Rip Van Winkle" and other light operas.

Mr George Stephenson's Company finishes up at the Palace, Sydney, on the 17th inst. Then follows Newcastle and Brisbane.

Walter Bentley is playing the London Music Halls in condensed versions of "Richard III," "Othello," and "Macbeth."

Dave O'Connor has left the Pollard Opera Company and gone on the vaudeville stage at Capetown.

Mr Richard Stewart, who is in charge of Williamson's Dramatic Company in New Zealand, is making his twenty-second trip to this colony.

Mr Henry Hallam and his wife, Miss Josephine Stanton, have taken a house at St. Kilda, Melbourne, where they will stay till the beginning of May.

Edith Crane, the original of Trilby in Australia, is appearing at David Belasco's theatre in New York.

Ada Reeve is lying ill in London with typhoid fever, and is in a very low state of health.

Musgrove intends to return to Australia in about ten months, bringing with him a grand opera company. It is partly for this reason he journeys "home," via America, for there they have grand opera all the year round, so he has better opportunities of seeing and hearing artists perform than in England.

Several important turns, engaged by Mr Rickards during his visit to Europe, will be seen shortly at the Tivoli, Sydney. The most prominent of these are the Dumonts, who do a very clever musical comedy act; Clarke and Hamilton, a smart sketch team; Vulcana, the female Sandow; J. Carkeek, a celebrated wrestler; and Johnny Johnston, a cello player.

At the Orpheum Theatre, Manila, a young Englishman one night hissed Daisy Harcourt (who is well known in Australia), a prime favourite with the audience. The audience took Daisy's part by shouting, "Throw him out," but Miss Australia settled her own grievance after her act terminated by going to the box occupied by the hisser and throwing a glass of water in his face. The soured one, as soon as he had dried himself, left the theatre amidst the jeers of the audience.

SOUTHERN PRAISE FOR RHEUMO.

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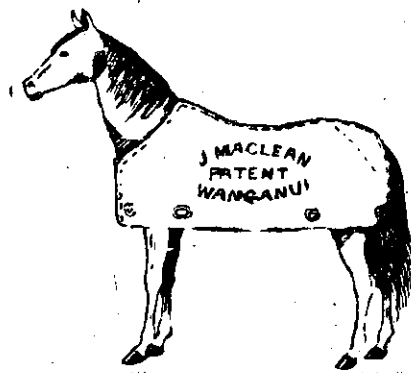
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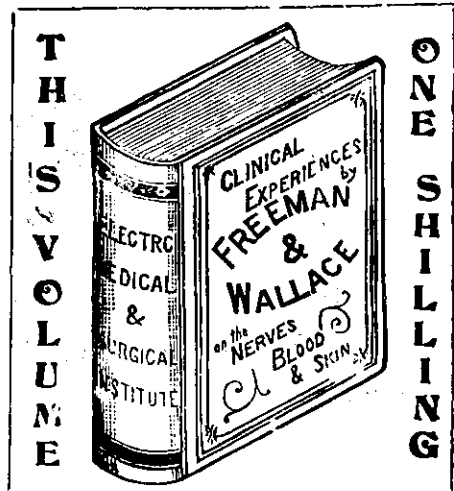
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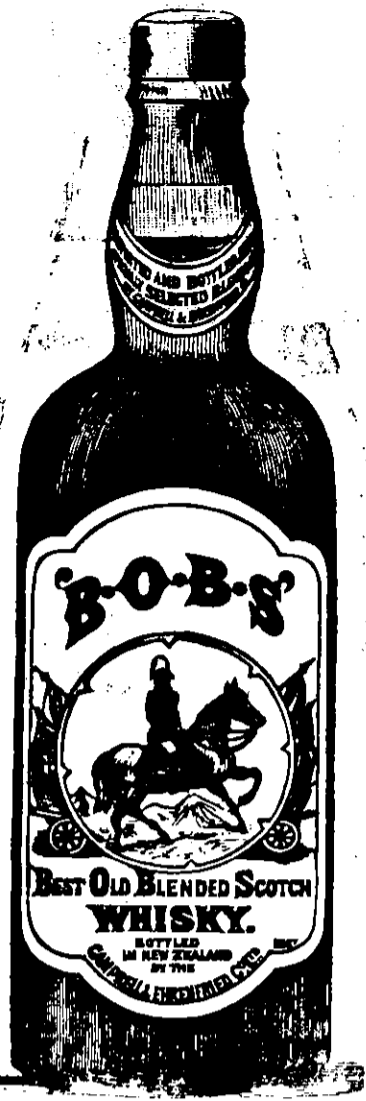
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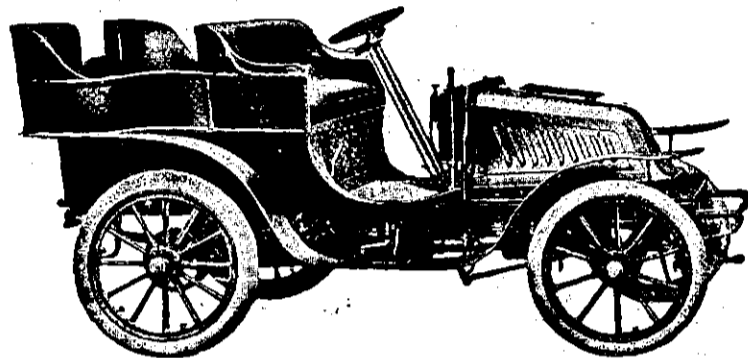
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THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

THE CHURCH AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The Wellington Anglican Church scheme of public house "reform" is somewhat similar to the "trust" scheme, that has been of very doubtful value in the Old Country. The Wellington scheme, which was brought under the notice of members of the General Synod last week, is summed up in the words of the Rev. C. C. Harper, who acted as its sponsor here. The scheme, he said, "aiming at substituting municipal for private control of the sale of alcoholic liquors, originated with Mr Anson, who moved in the Wellington Synod that the best way to deal with the liquor question was in the direction of eliminating private profit. Subsequently a Recess Committee was set up, and sat until last September, when the Synod met again, and the committee recommended that the municipalisation of the liquor traffic should be given a trial. As the result of a conference—held quite outside the Synod—an Executive Committee was appointed, the members of which were not confined to the Church. The Bishop of Wellington was chairman. They felt that a man had a right to buy a glass of beer, just as he had a right to buy anything else, but they wanted to take away the temptation to drink to excess and at the same time ensure that the beer should be pure. It was believed that by the elimination of private profit they would go a long way towards this end. Three systems had been considered—Government control, private control, and municipal control. The first was impracticable, the second had been adopted in England, and many places, but was not the most perfect that could be tried, and they had finally fixed on the third. They were thus in favour of constituting either municipal or county areas licensing districts, with the entire retail traffic under the control of the municipal and county public bodies. The hotels would be under the control of managers, and the profits accruing from the sale of drink would be disposed of in such a way as not to tempt the controlling authorities to push the sale for their own profit."

There are many details, which it is unnecessary to quote at this juncture, relating to the taking of polls, and the purchase of public houses, or bars, etc.

The scheme is similar to one drafted at Gisborne. Another member of the Synod, Mr Williams, mentioned this fact, and remarked that the Gisborne reformers "had made one suggestion which might be well worth consideration, namely, that a certain proportion of the profits should be handed over to the State. This was done in one of the European countries which had adopted a modification of the Gothenburg system. He held that if their scheme were adopted a smaller amount of liquor would be consumed, and, as the exchequer would therefore suffer, it was only fair that a liberal percentage of the profits should go to the State. The purchase of hotels outright involved a heavy outlay, but in the long run it paid, inasmuch as the publichouses were purchased in the open market. Such houses were being worked at a profit. He thought there would be no difficulty in getting the Government to guarantee loans raised for the purpose of effecting such purchases."

A considerable amount of desultory talk ensued, but all that the meeting did was to express the opinion that the work is a secular one and to pass a resolution in favour of the elimination of private control in the liquor traffic. It is a curious fact that these "reformers," who want to nationalise beer are of that class that most vigorously denounce, rightly or wrongly, the nationalisation of coal, or any other commodity. Beer is a boggy

and these people cannot understand that half the difficulties in connection with drink would solve themselves if the faddists and fanatics, and the members of the keyhole brigade generally, would only leave it alone and permit those who consume liquor to manage their own affairs. Earl Gray's scheme is not working satisfactorily, either to the consumer or the Trade, and in any event it requires much longer experience to determine whether it may safely be accepted even as auxiliary to the system at present predominating. What is really wanted in this colony is the organisation of the commonsense party, who could, as they would, remove many of the stupid anomalies in the existing law, and make the way clear for the enjoyment of that reasonable liberty to which we are all entitled, but which as a matter of fact is now, and has been for some years, only a very vague and nebulous affair.

A CHRISTMAS RETROSPECT.

The following racy Christmas article from the London "L.V. Gazette," will be found pleasant reading:—
"God rest ye, merry gentlemen" all, who are connected with our ancient, honourable, and esteemed Trade! And the pious wish, "May nothing ye dismay," is father to the thought. We have little

and reputable person he is evidently considered to be at the moment—he should have to humbly apologise for being alive during the other eleven months of the year.

It would require the humorous capacity of a W. S. Gilbert to do the subject justice, but the merest perception of the comic side of life is sufficient to convince the unprejudiced onlooker of the absurdity of the situation. If the Government is short of a few beggarly millions, who is the man who is looked to at once to make up the deficiency? The publican! If a local celebration of any description is organised who is the man to be approached to supply the funds? The publican. If a church lacks a steeple, or a local football club is short of goal-posts, or a widow he does not know has lost a husband he has never seen, who is asked to head the subscription list? Why, the publican, of course! The publican is the man to get the Government out of its pecuniary difficulties, to finance Municipal festivities, and help every personal lame dog over the style, but when the virtuous ones of the earth are in a reformative mood—when wounding cases are frequent, or illegitimacy statistics are on the increase, or fogs become prevalent, or train services abandon the paths of punctuality—who is the man upon whom the vials of public wrath should be emptied? Why, that bold, bad, baneful, fog-generat-

year has elapsed. We may not be merry, but so long as we pull together as a Trade we have no reason to be dismayed by the prospects of 1904.

Trade Topics

Richardson, the temperance "orator," has been giving the people of Gisborne a treat, but without much result. He endeavoured to entice Mr Lysnar, the protagonist of the "moderate" party in Poverty Bay, into a debate, but without success. If sensible people would follow Mr Lysnar's example, and ignore Richardson, it would save a lot of trouble.

Licensing committees have it in their power to make a nuisance of themselves, and the Franklin Committee required a lot of persuasion, apparently, to induce them to take a common sense view of their duties. At a special sitting at Mercer last week, Mr Northcroft, S.M., presiding, several applications for conditional licenses were dealt with.

Mr Abbott made application for a booth at the Pukekohe Show. Mr Baxter, solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr Abbott. Constable McGovern gave evidence that licenses had been given for a number of years, and that the best of order had been kept so far, and he considered that a booth on the ground would suit the requirements of the public best. Mr Ballard, president of the show for 18 years, said that the license on the grounds had never been abused. More drunkenness would be the result if no license were granted, as people would go from the showgrounds to the hotel, and not go back, but stay and drink. Mr Rutherford, vice-president of the show, also supported the application for license. Mr Potter, a member of the Show Committee, said that, although he was a staunch teetotaler, he was of opinion that a license would be in the interest of sobriety and good conduct. Mr Patterson, secretary of committee, went into figures, and showed that a considerable financial loss would be sustained by the Show Committee if no license were granted. Mr Walter Reed, licensee of the Pukekohe Hotel, also gave evidence in support of the application. The application was granted.

An application for a conditional license at the Pukekohe Races, on March 26 next, was made by Mr Walter Reed. The committee considered that as this would be a big meeting, and was likely to become very popular and draw large numbers, a license should be granted. The committee, therefore, granted a license to Mr Reed. A license was also granted to Mr Priest for a booth at races to be held at Tuakau.

The following statistics, provided by the United Kingdom Alliance, do not say much for the vaunted Gothenburg system. "In 1898, the latest year for which I have the full returns, there were in Christiania 11,525 convictions for drunkenness, and 3979 for drunkenness combined with other offences. Of arrests for drink offences there were, in 1898, 19,482, or about 70 per 1000 of the inhabitants. The year before there had been 83 per 1000. Besides these, there were in 1898 as many as 62,289 persons who were refused a drink at the Bolag's shops, of whom 40,351 were already drunk, and 20,228 were so nearly drunk that another drink would have completed the operation. This shows that the drunkard's appetite is still in great force in Christiania, in spite of the excellence of its licensing system. Manchester's statistics show nothing like this. In 1898 the population of the city was 505,368, or more than twice that of Christiania; yet the total number of persons proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly was 5188, while only 804 who were proceeded against for other offences were drunk when arrested; or about a fifth of the number in the same predicament in Christiania."



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enough to be merry about, but we are not without justification for self-congratulation, and we are by no means dismayed. But merry forsooth! Merry after the experience of the last Licensing Sessions? Merry, with the prospect of another Licensing ordeal staring us in the face? No! It would tax the almost unlimited tap of Mark Tapley's jollity to be merry if he were landlord of the Blue Dragon at the close of this year of our Lord 1903. But we have located the disorder which banishes merriment from our Yuletide conditions; we have made up our united mind and marshalled our combined forces to combat the menace to our peace, and before another Christmas comes round it is our hope and belief that we shall have gained as much right to be merry as our neighbours.

Regarded as a class, the Licensed Victuallers interfere as little with the rights and privileges of their neighbours as any other section of the community, while they respond more liberally than any other to the call of Empire and the needs of their less fortunate fellow-beings. The publican is taxed beyond his means, and solicited for private benevolences to such an extent that he has reason to conclude that the men (and women) with collecting-boxes must regard him as a philanthropic institution instead of the modest and law-abiding tradesman that he thinks himself. It is at such a time of the year as this when the license-holder finds more requests than cheques among his letters, and receives as many agents of charity as customers among the people who favour him with a call, that he wonders why—considering what an amiable

ing; train-stopping, census accumulator, the publican!

But while there is more than a vein of truth in our contention that the Trade gets much more of the privilege of public responsibility than it pays for—and the Trade pays highly enough for its privileges in all conscience!—we would not have it thought that we are more disturbed by a contemplation of the situation and the outlook than is actually the case. In the past twelve months what have we done to vindicate our positions as citizens and our claims to earn our livelihoods under the hundred and one laws that a thirsty and grateful country has imposed upon us? Well, we have compelled the Government to frankly acknowledge the justice of our newest grievances—there is no need to recapitulate them—and to give us a firm promise that they shall be remedied. And we have won the Government two constituencies as an earnest of the manner in which we repay favours—if justice has sunk to the level of a favour—bestowed. But we have done more than this, for we have inspired the House of Commons to volunteer a vote of its confidence in us as a Trade, and obtained from the country a pronouncement of its faith in us as tradesmen and its sympathy with us in the injustices which a certain section of the community are eager to perpetuate. But with the Government, the Commons, and the country on our side, we shall, by combined action, resist these attempts. We are in a different position to the one we occupied twelve months ago—we have the best of good reasons for believing that we shall be in an even better one before another

THE LICENSING QUESTION AT HOME.

SIR MICHAEL HICKS BEACH'S GREAT SPEECH.

The following is the full text of the speech delivered by the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the annual dinner of the Lawford's Gate (West Gloucestershire) Licensed Victuallers and Beer Retailers' Protection and Benevolent Association in December. The attendance included a brilliant array of the leading people of the county, including the Right Hon. Sir J. E. Dorrington, Bart., M.P., and Mr Edward Colston, M.P.

In replying to the toast of the Houses of Parliament, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., who was given a hearty reception, said, seeing that that was a banquet held by the West Gloucester Licensed Victuallers' Association, he should have supposed that the name of the member for West Gloucestershire would have been more appropriately coupled with that toast than his own. But he recognised the fact with pleasure that many of the members of that association were also among his own constituents (applause), and he recognised another fact with somewhat less pleasure—that perhaps the precedence of that evening might have been given to him because he happened to be the father of the House of Commons (applause). He felt the dignity which that position gave him, and he felt himself entitled, under the circumstances, to choose the subject as to which he should devote his remarks, and he should delegate to one of the elder of his children—Sir John Dorrington (applause)—that favourite matter of controversy which was known as the fiscal question. He should endeavour to speak to them that night on the present rather than the future—on the immediate future, perhaps, he should rather say, of what he anticipated the legislative work of Parliament would be, and that was, as Mr Foote had already told them, a subject which was exceptionally interesting to themselves (applause). He would, in the first place, congratulate them upon the anniversary which they celebrated that night. That he understood to be the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of their association. It was formed for the purpose of mutual protection and defence; it was formed also for benevolent objects—the assistance which might be given, and, in spite of the prosperous appearance of all he saw around him, might be sometimes needed by those members of their trade who through ill-health or other causes fell by the way. Both of those objects appeared to him to be eminently proper objects. He was not quite sure

that that view would be held with regard to the question of mutual protection—at all events, by those who were their persistent and intolerable opponents. He thought the gentlemen to whom he referred did not look at both sides of the position of the licensed victualler (hear, hear). They seemed to him to be so much impressed with the unquestioned evil which excessive indulgence in drink produced to this nation that they jumped at once to the conclusion that the use of alcohol ought to be entirely forbidden. He had every respect for teetotallers, and he had especial respect for those—many of them—who for the sake of giving what they considered a good example to their weaker brethren deprived themselves of the moderate use of alcohol, which was agreeable to all of them, and which he believed was a necessary stimulant to very many of them. (Applause.) But he did not agree with their opinions; he did not think it would be right to forbid the sale of alcohol in this country, and even if it were right he believed it would be absolutely impossible. That being so, he thought they were brought to the conclusion that their trade was, in the first place, a necessary trade. (Applause.) Parliament had gone further; Parliament had recognised that the sale of alcohol must be permitted; Parliament had dealt with the subject by imposing very heavy taxation upon alcoholic liquors, so as to prevent the excessive use of them so far as taxation could prevent it. Parliament had also hedged round their sale with innumerable restrictions, which were sometimes, no doubt, extremely difficult to enforce, but which it was the duty of the licensed victuallers to enforce in order to prevent their abuse; and therefore Parliament had not only recognised that the sale of alcoholic liquors was necessary, but it had also recognised that their trade was a legitimate trade. (Applause.) Well, a good deal followed from that. One thing, he thought, followed, and that was this—that the members of the trade were entitled to be treated with the same fairness and the same justice by Parliament as if they sold nothing stronger than soda water. (Applause.) Well, now, what was the position of license-holders at the present time? He was not qualified to give a legal opinion upon the matters to which so able a lawyer as Mr Foote had already alluded, but he understood it to be something of this kind. They held licenses which they or their predecessors before them had held for many years—at least, in many cases. These licenses had been renewed year after year almost as a matter of course, except, no doubt, where there had been any fault on the part of the license-holder or premises. On the faith of that continual renewal, large sums had been in many cases ex-

pendent by the owners of those licensed premises in fitting them for the proper conduct of the trade, and those premises, with the great additional value conferred upon them by the possession of the license, had been made the subject of taxation by Parliament for many years past. And yet, in spite of all this, they were told that it was the law that at any licensing session, next month, for example, any of those licenses might be taken away through no fault of the holder, on account of the wish of the licensing authority to reduce the number of licenses in the district. Well, he was not surprised that, under those circumstances, last session saw those concerned in their trade greatly desire the intervention of Parliament. It might be law, but it did not seem to him to be justice. (Applause.) What was the recent history of the licensing question? That was a fact which he did not think they ought to ignore. He could remember the time when it was rather the fashion in many quarters to urge free trade in licenses. Licenses of some kinds, at any rate, were granted to almost anybody who applied for them. The result was a great multiplication of the licenses of the country, with results which induced a complete change in the policy of the nation. There was a very strong desire to limit the issue of licenses—to diminish the number that had been already issued. That desire was reflected in the action of the licensing authorities throughout the country; and the result was nowadays, as they knew very well, that nothing was more difficult than to obtain a new license, whatever the demands of the neighbourhood might be. And, further, existing licenses had acquired an exceptional value on account of the difficulty of getting new licenses, and at the present time a new license might add hundreds, and even thousands, to the premises to which it was attached. That was the state of things at the present moment; but it was not brought about by any action of theirs. (Applause.) On the contrary, the pressure to limit licenses came from quite an opposite quarter; and yet it seemed to him that some people almost urged that state of things as a reason why they should be made to suffer. He had been very glad to hear the promises made and repeated by the members of His Majesty's Government that that question would occupy the early attention of Parliament in the Session which was soon about to commence. (Applause.) Now, it was not for him to say—for the best of reasons, that he did not know—what might be the intentions of His Majesty's Government with regard to it. He did not know whether they intended to deal with the powers of the licensing authority. If they dealt with the constitution they had a precedent for

their action in their legislation last session with regard to the Scotch matter, and he thought there were points in which the constitution of licensing authorities even in England, and certainly in Ireland, did require improvement. (Applause.) He might pass that question by. He wished to speak to them that evening on the powers of the licensing authority, and please let them remember that he spoke, he was thankful to say, no longer as Chancellor of the Exchequer, but as a private member, free of responsibility, except to his constituents, and therefore able to say to them frankly precisely what he thought. (Hear, hear.) He should speak to them that night just as he should to a meeting of temperance advocates. Some had suggested that the powers of licensing authorities should be curtailed so that no license holder should be deprived of his license except for some breach of the law. He wished to say to them frankly that he did not think that Parliament ever would agree to that. He could conceive cases in which purely unfettered discretion would be absolutely necessary for the proper performance of their duty by the licensing authority. Take for example the case of a license holder who, through no fault of his own, from old age, from infirmity, was unable any longer to secure the proper order of his premises. Well, the licensing authority ought to say in such a case, "We do not believe that this license ought to be continued to you. Produce some qualified person, and we will agree to the transfer." (Applause.) Let them take another case. Suppose, through increase of population, or something of that kind, custom had largely increased, and the licensed premises had become utterly insufficient for the proper conduct of business, there again the licensing authority ought to be able to say, "We will renew this license this time, but you must enlarge the premises, you must adapt it for the proper conduct of the business, or the license will not be renewed again." Therefore, he thought it would be impossible

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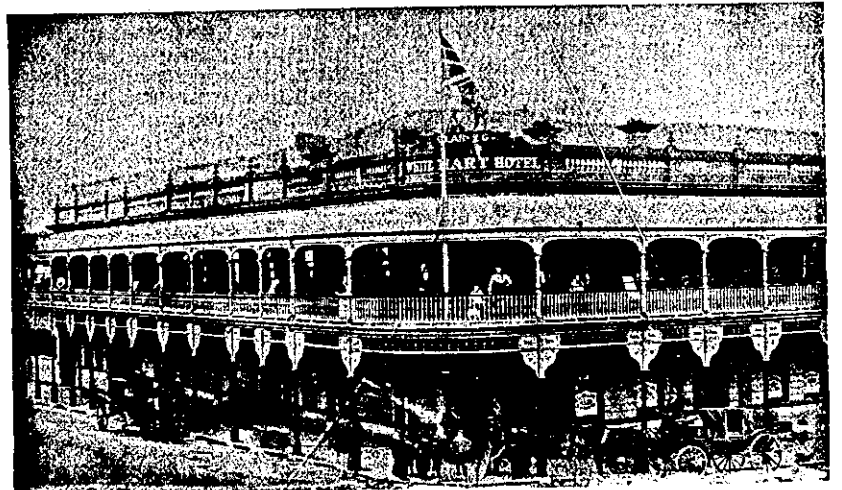
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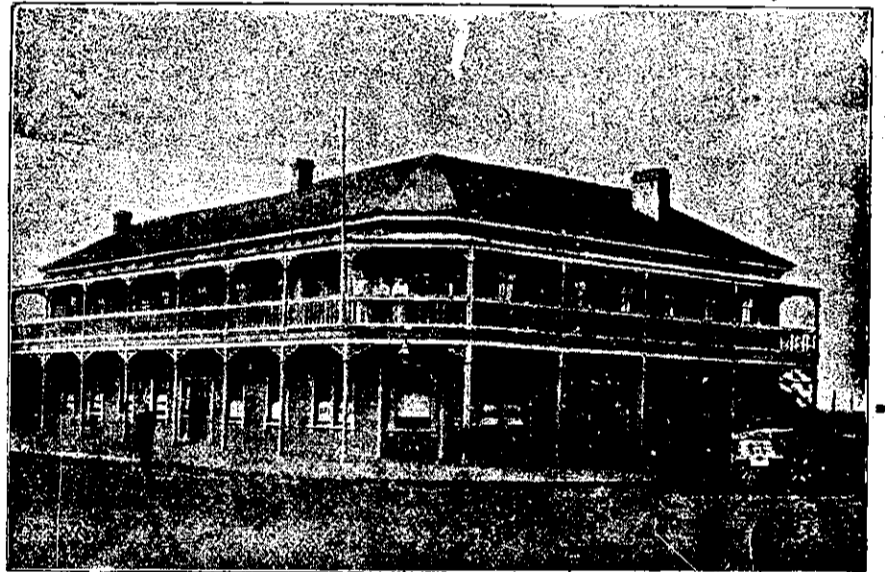
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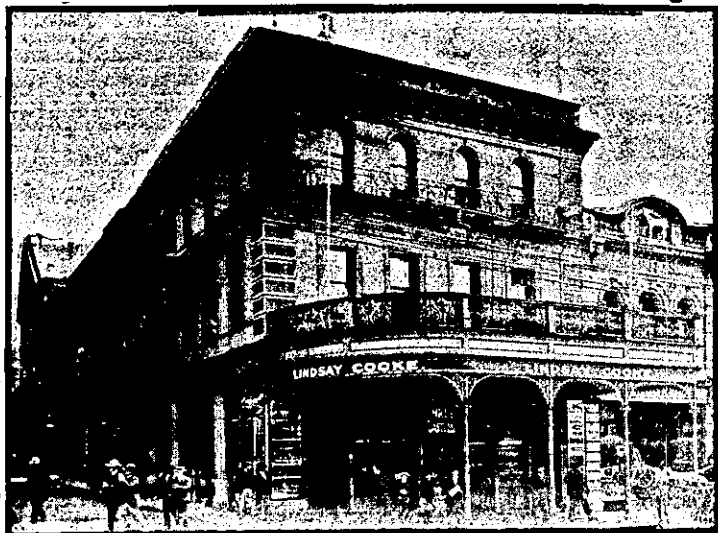
for Parliament to properly deprive licensing authorities of a general discretion in the administration of the law. Then came the question on which Mr Foote had dwelt, which was really the question before them. Suppose the licensing authority desired to diminish the number of licenses in a district, and refused to renew some licenses through no fault of their holders. He must remind them that there was a very strong feeling in the country—not by any means confined to those who were hostile to the trade as a whole—in favour of the reduction of licenses in certain places where their number appeared to be utterly excessive in proportion to the needs of the population, and where therefore there might be a very real risk of the improper conduct of the business. Having regard to that feeling, they must remember that it existed, and that they were asking Parliament—as he understood—to guard them against a real and a great danger, they must be prepared to give something as well as to take something. (Hear, hear.) Very well. He himself remembered a little country town where there was one licensed house to every ninety of the population. It was not a place which called for any exceptional number of licenses, and to tell him that there were not too many licenses in that town was to tell him a thing which he did not believe. Therefore there were places, and there must be places, where the licensing authorities would properly desire to restrict the number of licenses and refuse renewals in certain cases. If they did refuse renewals upon that ground then he was bound to say that he entirely agreed with what fell from Mr Foote, and with the position which by a large majority the House of Commons itself arrived at, namely, that compensation ought to be given. (Applause.) From what source was that to be provided? There they came to a very difficult question. They would not get it from the rates—trust the ratepayers for that. They would not get it from the general taxation; he did not think the House of Commons would sanction that at all. It would have to be provided by some tax upon their trade. Now, he saw it suggested the other day that the war taxes, the increased duties levied on beer and spirits, might very well and properly be devoted to the purposes of a compensation fund. (Applause.) That seemed to

him a very reasonable proposition; but there were difficulties in the way which he felt bound to mention to them, because he thought they ought to be fair to the difficulties His Majesty's Government might have in dealing with that question. He had known what it was to be a responsible member of the Government, and he was not going to say that the Government ought to do something. He felt he could not do himself if in their place. (Applause.) Looking at the yield of the revenue, he thought it was very doubtful if the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be prepared to deprive the Exchequer of any taxes in the year beginning next. Certainly he did not think he would be able to do so, unless able also to put a stop to that increased expenditure which, to his mind, was now getting beyond all reason. That was one difficulty, but there was still another. The war taxes on beer and spirits were not the only taxes which it had been necessary to continue in time of peace. The income tax was 3d in the pound higher than it was before the war; there was a tea duty 2d in the pound higher; there were a sugar duty and a coal tax which did not exist before the war; and he believed that the Government would find very many persons who would be pressing them, if they could repeal taxes at all, to do something with the taxes he had named before they deprived the Exchequer of the duties that beer and spirits paid, in order to devote them to a compensation fund. But, at any rate, he should himself hope that it might be possible to devote a part, at any rate, of those taxes to that purpose, and if they would bear with him he would make another suggestion, which he thought was worthy of their consideration, and the consideration of anybody whose duty it might be to deal with that question. He knew something of the licensing duties for the sale of intoxicating liquors. There were very many of them. There were many anomalies and inequalities in them, and he thought the simplification of all of them would be a great advantage to the public and to those in the trade. He thought that that simplification might—which he would proceed to explain—be also accompanied by an increased revenue from them. He did not want to go into details in that matter that night, because it would be wearisome. He would deal simply that night with the publican's license, which was only a part of the whole, though a large

part. They knew that if a little public-house in a village was rented at not more than £10 a year, it would have a license duty of £4 10s, nearly half its ratable value; while a house rated at between £40 and £50 would have to pay a license of £20. They would then see how the total went up. A public-house rated at a little under £100 would only have to pay £25, and it increased £5 for every £100 ratable value, and when they got to £700 the increase stopped altogether, and the public-house might be worth thousands a year, as some of them were, and yet they paid no more than £60 a year in license duty, while the little house with a rental of £10 a year paid £4 10s. He did not think that was fair (hear, hear), and there was something else which was still less fair. They knew that the great hotels and great theatres and music-halls had no more than £20 a year to pay for their license duty, notwithstanding their enormous rent and the enormous amount of liquor that was consumed in them; while in restaurants, where the consumption of liquor was also great, the license would be no more than £30 a year. He mentioned those things, and ventured to say that the present scale of licenses was utterly unfair (hear, hear) on the smaller houses as compared with the bigger houses; and he thought the bigger houses could very well bear additional taxes, in that way, and he thought those additional taxes ought properly to go to a compensation fund. (Applause.) He was not suggesting anything—certainly not—which for one moment meant high licenses, and would mean practically confiscation. What he suggested was a moderate increase for those who were well able to bear it. He wanted to suggest something else. There were not many new licenses issued nowadays, but still there were a certain number. What happened when a new license was issued? The licensing authority made a deliberate gift of hundreds and thousands of pounds to the fortunate person who obtained the license. Did not they think that a moderate amount of that might go in compensation without being a hardship to anybody or creating any more vested interest on the part of the new license-holder than the existing holder might properly claim? (Applause.) He had thrown those suggestions out, as he had told them, as an irresponsible person. He thought they were worth considering, both by themselves and by those who might have to deal with that ques-

tion, which Mr Foote had described as one of controversy when it went to the House of Commons. One thing only he would add, and that was this. He was very glad to learn from the report and information given him by their secretary, Mr Harris, that the Licensing Act of 1902 had not in its working proved a subject of complaint to licensed victuallers in this part of the country. (Hear, hear.) It dealt with many delicate and difficult questions, and he was glad to find that they—who he was sure, were only anxious to conduct their trade legitimately and properly—had been able to work under it without finding it did them any injury. He hoped, also, it might do some good in suppressing those evils, not merely to themselves, but to the public at large, which undoubtedly existed from the abuse of clubs. (Applause.) He thought, judging from the manner in which Parliament dealt with this subject in 1902, and from the effect, to which he had alluded, of that legislation, they might fairly trust the present House of Commons to deal with that matter in a spirit of fairness and justice. (Applause.) He believed that they would approach that question, of course, with the desire to do what was for the best interests of the country, and also with every desire to do what was fair and right to the license-holders. (Applause.) They might not get absolutely all they desired, but he thought, and he hoped, that before another of their anniversaries came round they might be able to congratulate themselves upon being relieved from the fear of what would have been an intolerable injustice, and upon having been treated by Parliament with the consideration and with the equity which honest and hard-working and loyal subjects of the Crown eminently deserved. (Applause.)

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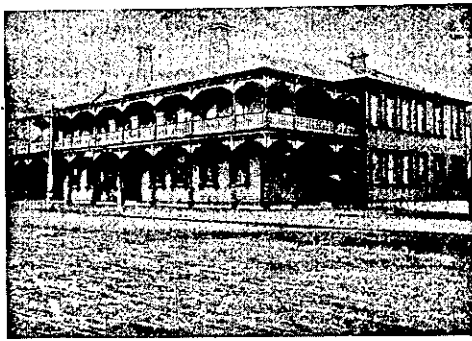
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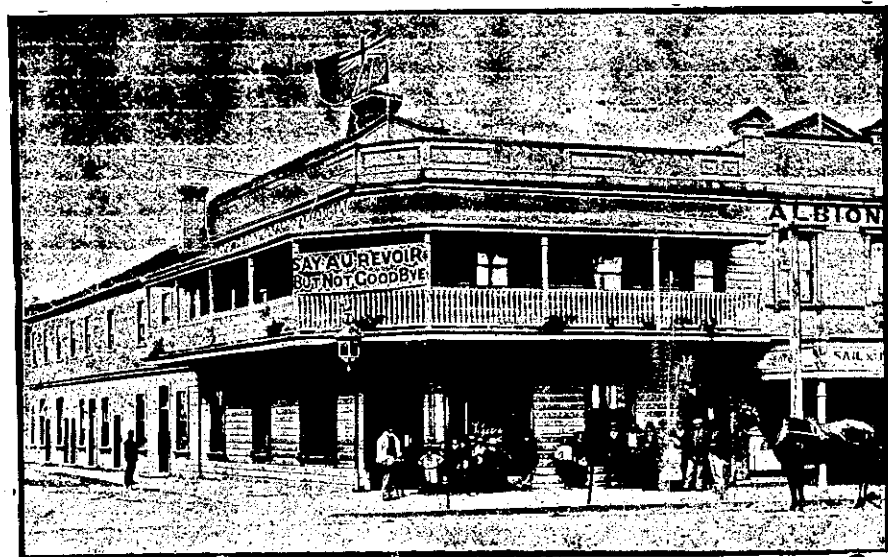


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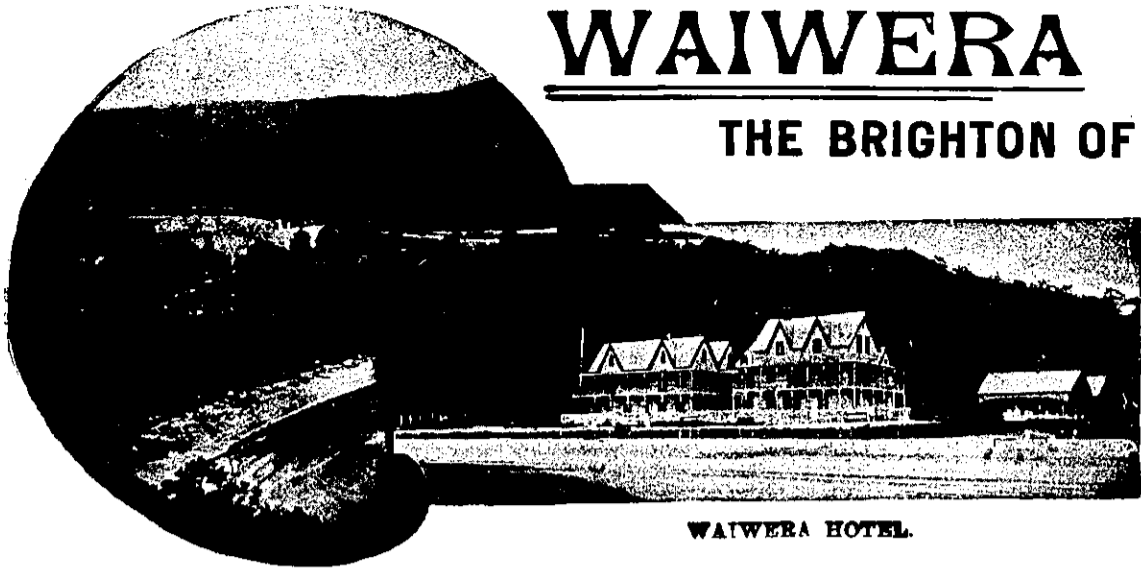
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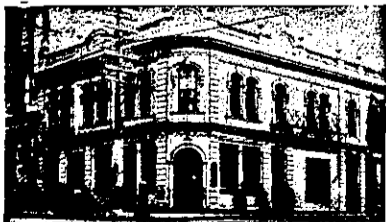
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MR. VICTOR CORNAGA begs to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular Hotel. The Hotel is being renovated and refurnished throughout, and will be found replete with all modern and up-to-date conveniences.

VICTOR CORNAGA, QUEEN'S HOTEL, Symond Street and Khyber Pass.

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THIS FINE MODERN HOTEL IS NOW OPEN.

Erected and Furnished in the Latest Style and situated on an ideal site, commanding a full view of the harbour, the Proprietor trusts to receive patronage of those who require UP TO DATE ACCOMMODATION, HEALTHY SITUATION, EASY ACCESS TO TOWN, AND MODERATE TARIFF.

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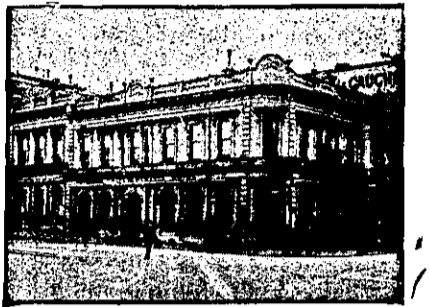
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The Best Wines, Spirits, Beers, and Cigars. All the Comforts of a Home, and a Good Table Kept. Charges Reasonable, and Civility the Rule of House. Commodious Stables. Govt Paddock. Billiards.



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BEST BRANDS OF LIQUORS KEPT.



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The above Hotel is within two minutes' walk of the Railway Station and Town Wharf. First-class Accommodation. Baths and Every Convenience. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Ehrenfried's Beer on Draught. Charges Moderate. Good Stabling and Paddock for Horses. Sample Room and First-Class Billiard Table.

D. McLEOD ... Proprietor.



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G. CLARK desires to intimate that he has taken over the above Long-Established House, which has been rebuilt on the latest and most approved plans, so as to combine with the attractions of a First-Class Hotel all the advantages of a private home. His aim will be to maintain the Historic Popularity of the Hotel.



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(Late of the Queen's Ferry)

Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.

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Wines and Spirits (of all brands) of the highest quality.
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Family orders receive prompt attention
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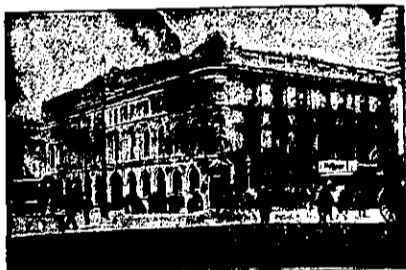
Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Commodious and well lighted Sample Rooms. Reading, Smoking, and Billiard Rooms. The Cuisine under superintendance of a thoroughly competent chef. Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc. of the Best Quality Only. Coaches meet trains and boats at all hours. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention.



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A BEAUTIFUL SEASIDE RESORT.

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Best brands of wines, spirits and cordials. Hancock's Sparkling Ales and Lager Beer. Boating, bathing, fishing, stabling. Four busses and three steamers daily.



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CORNER OF QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

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QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL
VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

J. T. GRAY

(late of the Shamrock Hotel, Wellington)
Begs to notify that he has taken over the above favourite hostelry.

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

HARP OF ERIN HOTEL
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GEORGE WRIGHT Proprietor.

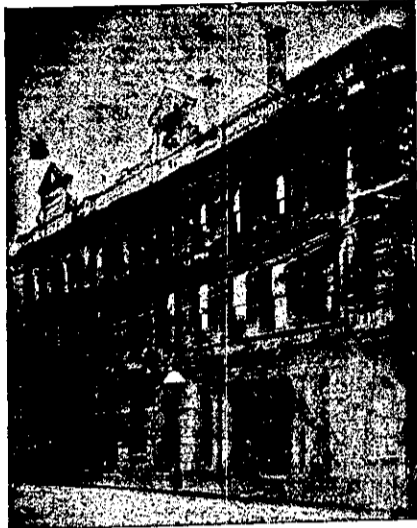
The Proprietor begs to intimate that the new house, which has been erected according to the most modern designs, and is replete with all the latest improvements, is now open for the accommodation of the Public. The stock of Liquors, etc. has been selected with care, and will be found to be of the very best. Excellent Stabling, Loose-boxes, etc.



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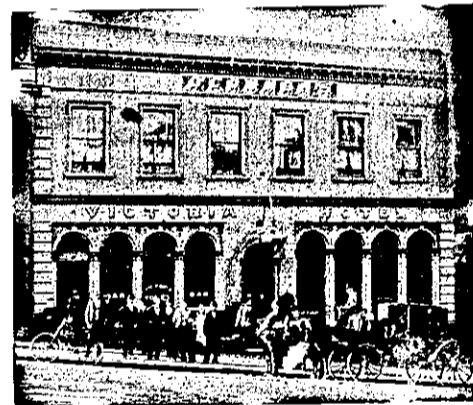
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(Late of Rotorua).



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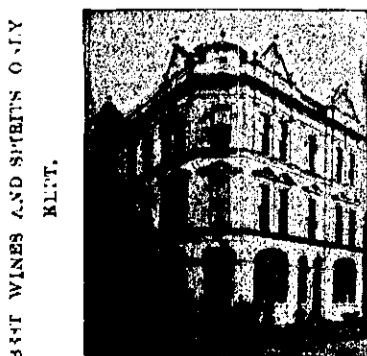


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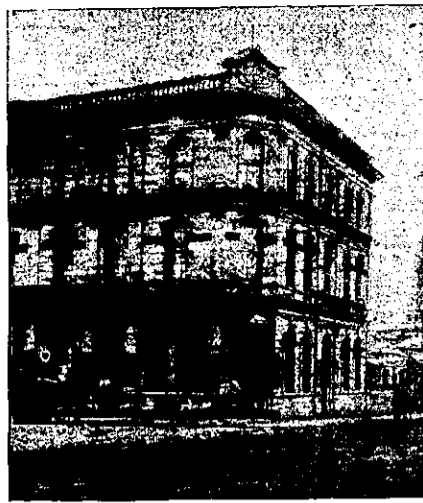
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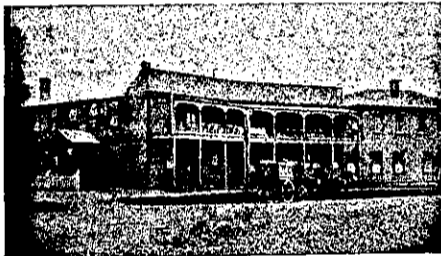
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WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES OF THE BEST BRANDS.

Under the New Management Patrons Old and New will find every convenience attended to.

GLEESON'S HOTEL
LOWER HOBSON STREET.

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Good Accommodation. Splendid Table.
Only the Best Brands of Everything kept.



WAIHI HOTEL
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This Old-established House has recently been taken over by H. E. MEYER, who is thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the district and the travelling public generally. The accommodation is unsurpassed, and the charges moderate. Sample Rooms for Travellers. Hall for Concerts, Socials, etc. Terms on application. Telegrams: "MEYER, WAIHI." Box: 24.

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Maungaturoto Hotel,
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First-class Accommodation for travellers.
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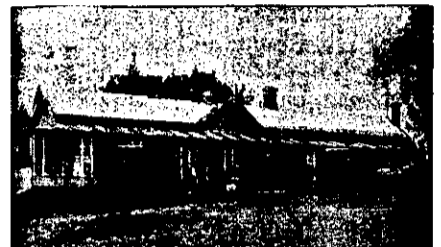
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PROPRIETOR.



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Near Railway Station, Tram Terminus, The Wharf, and Bus Stands.
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Good Shooting, Fishing and Boating. Thermal Springs, Hot Natural and Swimming Baths within twenty minutes' drive of the Hotel, and an Ostrich Farm within two minutes' walk of the Hotel.

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This interesting Pleasure Resort is about two hours' drive from Waihi, and three and a-half from Tauranga. Livery and Bait Stables in conjunction with the hotel.

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(QUEEN-STREET ONEHUNGA.)

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Only the best brands of Liquor kept.
Stabling, Boating and Fishing Parties arranged.

R. T. MICHAELS Proprietor.

ROB ROY HOTEL,
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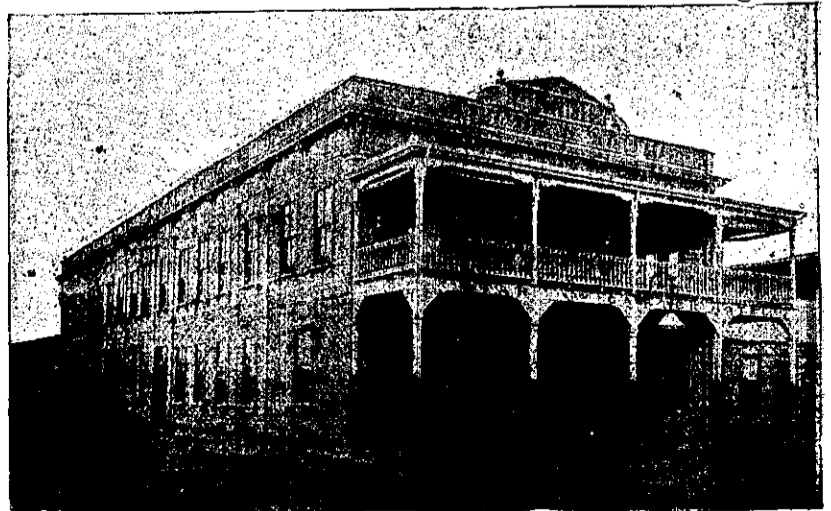
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Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

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Hot and Cold Baths.

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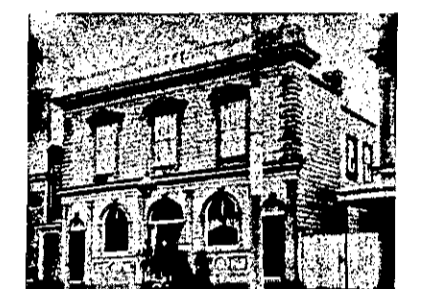
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Best Brands of Wines and Spirits only kept.
FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
Hot and Cold Baths. Good Billiard Table. Coach
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P. GUTHRIE ... Proprietor.



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This well-built and admirably situated
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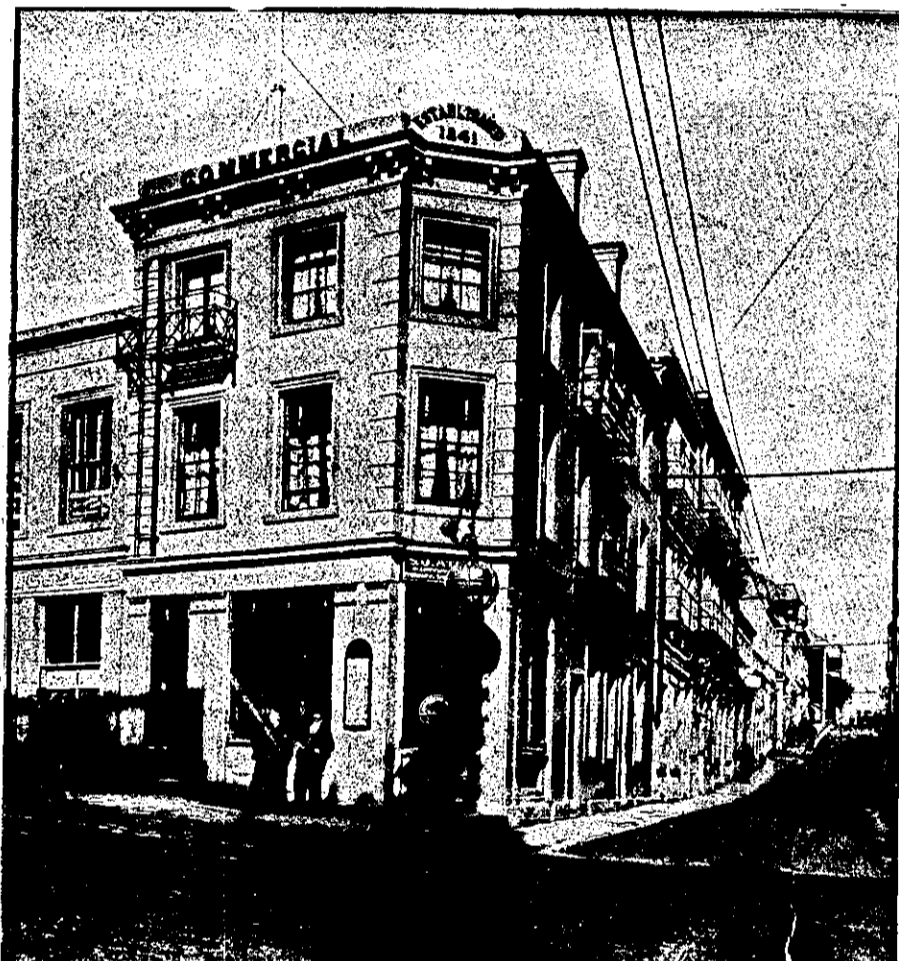
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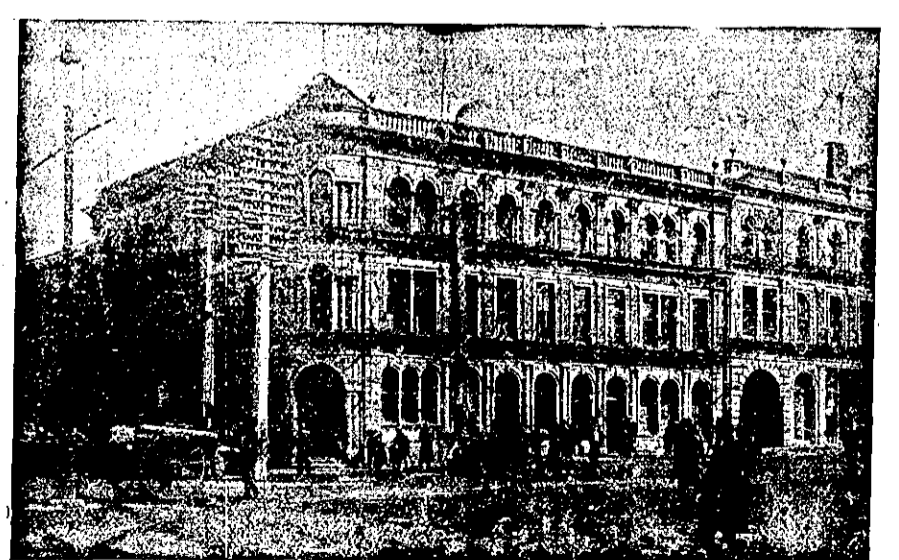
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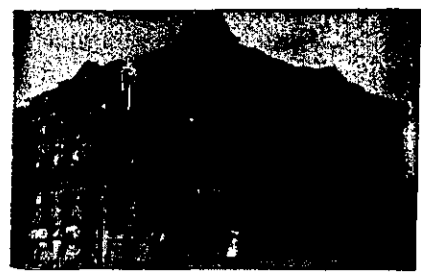
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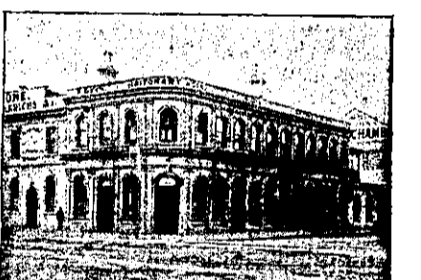
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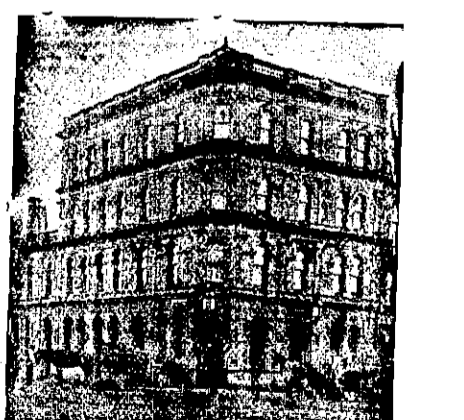
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CHRIS. LEEK ... Proprietor.
Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends
that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been
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modation for boarders and country visitors.
Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes.
Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
Terms Moderate.



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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.
Best Wines, Ales and Spirits Kept in Stock.
SAMUEL McMAHON ... Proprietor.



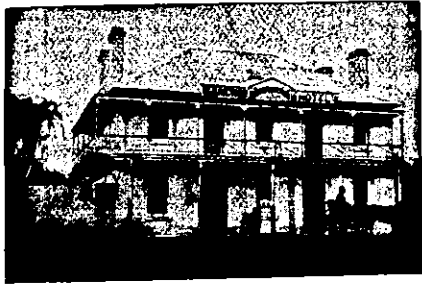
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modation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.
THOM. McEWIN ... Proprietor.

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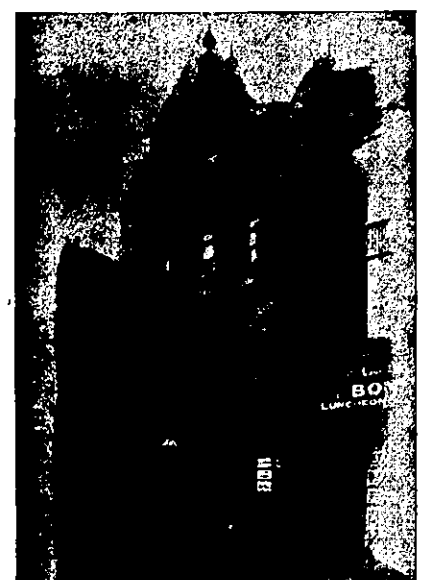


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MRS E. PARKER, Proprietress. Good Accommodation. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Seccombe's XXXX Beer on Draught. Good Stabling and First-class Paddock. SALE DAYS—Dinner always on an hour previous to commencement of Sale.

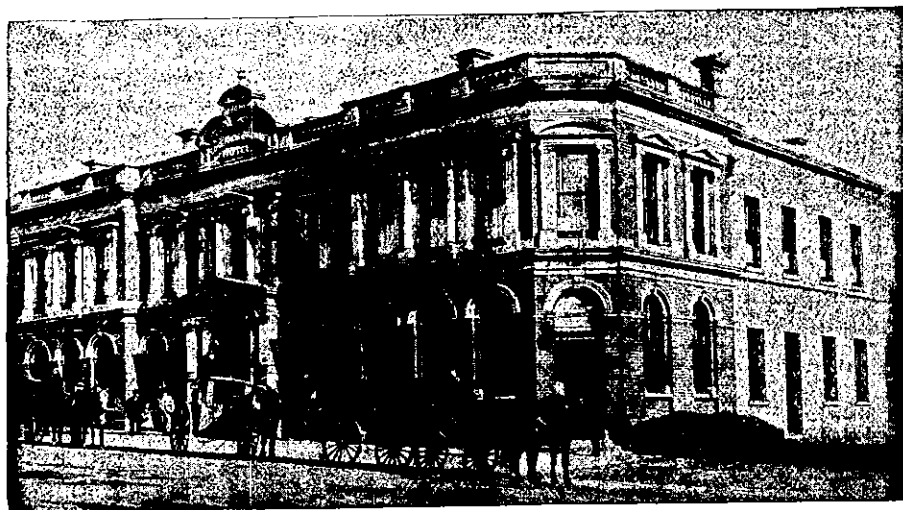
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UPPER SYMONDS STREET, (Opposite Khyber Pass), Auckland. SECCOMBE'S XXXX BEER. Every Convenience, combined with Civility and Comfort, for Country Visitors and Boarders. FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM. GOOD STABLING. F. QUINLAN, Proprietor.



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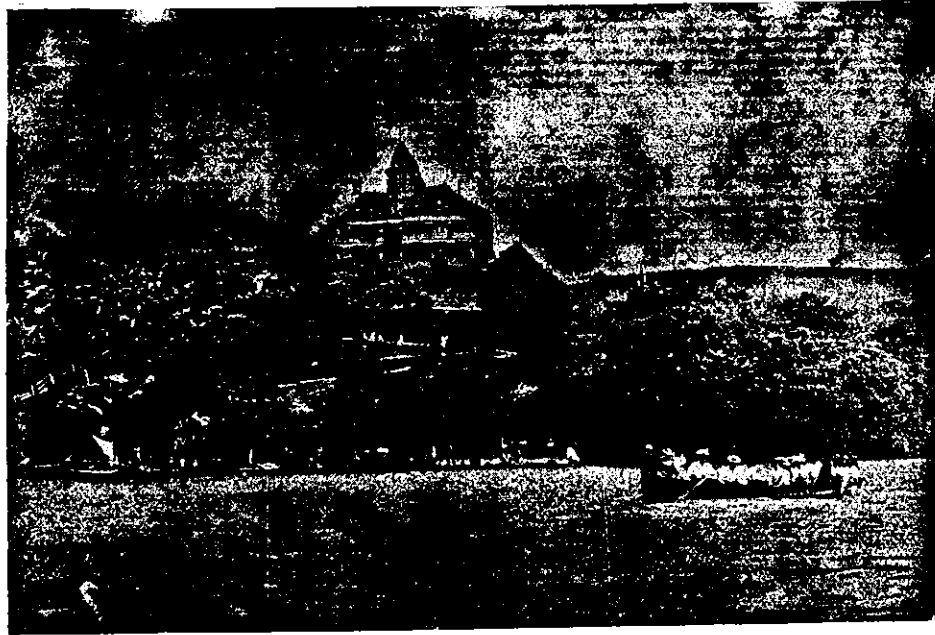
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This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only.

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LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

JASPER MONTGOMERY desires to intimate that he has taken over the above House, which has been re-painted and decorated throughout. Visitors will find every home comfort, whilst the position of the house and grounds is unequalled in the Colony. Terms have been fixed on a most moderate scale, and no effort will be spared to make visitors' stay most enjoyable. Fresh and Saltwater Bathing, Fishing, etc. Only One Hour's Journey from Auckland.

JASPER MONTGOMERY, Proprietor.

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This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Wai-kato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and excellent table.

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MR SAMUEL SARAH

Has taken over the management of this Hotel.

Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept

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First-class accommodation for Visitors. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands Only. Coach twice daily from Auckland. The Best of Stabling.

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QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL, UPPER QUEEN-STREET.

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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.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

POST OFFICE HOTEL,

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Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes.

McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer.

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Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly. This favourite hostelry has been renovated and re-furnished throughout. Private and Public Drawing Rooms upstairs en suite. First class Billiard Room. The most commodious Sample Rooms bet seen Wellington and Wanganui. The cuisine is under the supervision of an experienced cook. Noted for best Wines, Spirits, and Beers of any house on the Coast. The Fielding Club have rooms at the above Hotel. Superior stable accommodation with groom in charge. D. ZANDER, Proprietor.

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The above Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, and may now be classed one of the most up-to-date on the Coast. Wines, Ales and Spirits of First-class Quality only kept in stock. Excellent Accommodation. Fine Lofly Rooms. First-class Table.

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Has been taken possession of by MR. and MRS. R. BUCKERIDGE (Late of Martinborough), who have obtained the Freehold of this Hostelry. Being a Free House, none but the Best Ales and Spirits are kept. Speight's, Jell's, Strachan's, Staples, and Manning's Beer always on tap. Best Meals and Beds a Speciality. An Up-to-date Billiard-room and ALCOCK'S BILLIARD TABLE. The Travelling Public are requested to observe the close proximity to the Railway Station.

THE CLUB HOTEL, Belvedere Road, Carterton.

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table. Ample Stabling and Paddocking. Coaches run twice daily to Shannon. ANDREW LAING (late of Dannevirke), Proprietor.

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MR JOHN YOUNG begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Gardens. Excellent table and Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes. JOHN YOUNG, Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON

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.

CENTRAL HOTEL, LOWER HUTT

M. J. HODGINS, Proprietor. This Hotel is now under entirely new management, and has been thoroughly renovated throughout, affording the best accommodation for the travelling public. Being in close proximity to the Hutt Racecourse, the Hotel offers every facility to visiting owners and trainers. Wines, Ales and Spirits of the best quality only kept in stock. First-class Billiard Table. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention. Stabling—eight large and commodious loose boxes.

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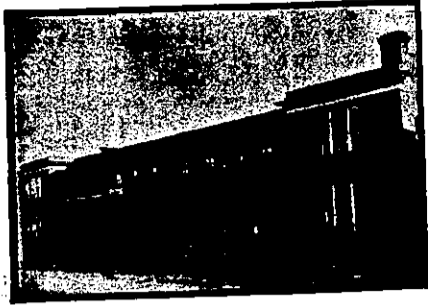
W. MOORE, Proprietor. The railway passengers going either North or South should be acquainted with the fact that at Palmerston Station they can have a good hot luncheon. Railway guards will inform the traveller how much time he will have at Palmerston. All Express Trains remain ten minutes at Railway 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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DEVINE'S EMPIRE HOTEL, MAIN STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH. Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading brands of Whiskies, Wines and Brandies.

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NAVIKSTOCK HOTEL, WAIPUKURAU. Tourists, Commercial and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date. Good trout-fishing in Waipukurau and Tukutuku Rivers.

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THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant. CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH. Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks.



E. J. WARREN. (Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels). HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which is now replete with every comfort and convenience.

WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS. E. W. RUDDIOK Proprietor. Mail Trains wait twenty minutes for Lunch. The Railway passengers, going either North or South...

THE MANGATERA HOTEL. CHARLES MELVILLE, Proprietor. This popular Hostelry has been thoroughly renovated, and patrons will find in it all the comforts of a home.

CARLTON CLUB HOTEL, HASTINGS. First-class Accommodation for Tourists' Families and Commercial Men. J. D. RIVERS, Proprietor.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA. Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public. WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only.

TARANAKI PROVINCE. COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STRATFORD. BEST OF ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY MODERATE RATE. HOT AND COLD BATHS. EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT.

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THE "TROCADERO" PRIVATE HOTEL. CORNER OF EGMONT & ARRI-STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH (One Minute from Railway Station). Every Convenience Provided for the Comfort of the Travelling Public.

TARANAKI—Continued.



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DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

EDWIN WHITTLE ... Proprietor.
Rebuilt and refurnished, this well-known
hostelry now contains every comfort for guests.

The Liquors stocked are the Choicest to
bought in the Market.

PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA
(Corner of High and Princes Streets).

MRS A. MAGUIRE.....Proprietress.
Good Stabling, Billiards, Bath Room.
Wines, Beers and Spirits Unsurpassed.

Mrs MAGUIRE wishes to draw the attention of the
Auckland Public to the ONE SHILLING LUNCHEONS
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CENTRAL HOTEL,
REMONT STREET, PATEA.

L. HINTZE, Proprietor (late of Masonic Hotel,
Wanganui). L.H. desires to notify the resi-
dents of Patea and surrounding districts, that he
has taken over the above popular Hotel, where
he will be happy to welcome old friends and
make new ones.

The best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits
kept in stock. Billiard Room fitted up with one
of Alcock's best Tables. Good Stabling and
Paddocking.

MASONIC HOTEL
Bedford Street, Patea.

Mrs. KEANE ... PROPRIETRESS
Mrs KEANE begs to inform her many friends
and the residents generally of Patea and dist-
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it will be her aim to uphold the past high repu-
tation of the Hotel.

English and Colonial Ales and Stouts always
on supply. Wines and Spirits of best brands
only kept in stock. Prompt attention, civility,
and cleanliness in every department.

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UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT.
THE TROCADERO has been renovated and re-
furnished throughout, and has every up-to-date conveni-
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Sample Rooms. Hot and Cold Baths, and every modern
convenience. The Cuisine is under the direction of an
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CHARGES MODERATE.
Telephone 51. O. H. PAYNTER, Proprietor.

TARANAKI HOTEL,
BOUGHAM-STREET NEW PLYMOUTH.

M. F. BUOKTHOUGHT ... Proprietor.
All Wines and Spirits stocked of the best
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Twenty-year-old Guaranteed Liqueur
Whiskey a Speciality
PAUL'S XXXX ALES.

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METROPOLITAN HOTEL, WANGANUI

ALF. MITCHELL ... Proprietor.
This commodious and well-furnished family and com-
mercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town
wharves. It has a lovely promenade-roof which com-
mands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in
charge of an experienced chef. Alf. Mitchell's name is
sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines
and spirits will be kept. Night porter always in attend-
ance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention
together with civility. Letters and telegrams punctually
attended to. P.O. Box 188. Telephone 84.

ALBION HOTEL (RIDGWAY-STREET),
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Excellent accommodation for the travelling
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Only the best brands of Ales, Wines and
Spirits kept.
Letters and Telegrams receive Prompt Atten-
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A. B. MALTBY ... Proprietor.

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THE TOURIST'S HOTEL.
Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars.
Night Porter kept.
Cook's Coupons Accepted.
Write or wire for rooms to
J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

COFFEE PALACE, WANGANUI

(Opposite the Railway Station and close to the Wharves).
MRS K. F. LOCKYER ... Proprietress.
Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to,
MEALS AT ALL HOURS.
The Best of Beds and First-class Accommodation.

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Terms: 4/6 per diem; £1 per week.
Good table and every attention, not two minutes from
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Post Office, next to Bridge. Pleasure boat kept for use
of boarders. Hot and cold baths. Every convenience
upstairs. All single bedrooms. Ladies' private sitting-
room.

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WILLIAM TOBIN
Has Leased the above Hotel, and will be glad to receive
Friends and Visitors to Timaru. First-class Accom-
modation. Well-appointed Billiard Rooms, Hot and Cold
Water Baths.
The Best Brands of Spirits and Ale in Stock.
Terms Reasonable.

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One minute from Railway Station and Wharf.
Accommodation and attendance second to none in the
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Companies.

B. J. McKENNA.....PROPRIETOR

CLUB HOTEL,
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This Hotel has been renovated throughout, and now
offers excellent Accommodation to the Travelling Public.
Local and XXXX Beer always on Tap.
Walker's Special Whisky on Draught.
Sample Rooms in connection with premises.

JOHN DOBE.....Proprietor

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BOWLING GREEN HOTEL,
CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS,
DUNEDIN.

W. D. WYATT, late of Wellington, begs to inform
his Friends and Country Visitors that he has taken the
above well-known Hotel, which has been thoroughly
Renovated and Re-furnished, and is now in a position to
offer his Patrons First class Accommodation.
TERMS MODERATE.
NOTED HOUSE FOR THE BEST WINES & SPIRITS

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AT THE CORNER OF GREAT KING AND ST.
ANDREW STREETS, DUNEDIN,

BRANSON'S HOTEL,

The outlay is enormous, and is an important
addition to the city.
VERDICT—
BRANSON'S HOTEL

May safely be commended to Visitors as an
Hotel where they will receive everything that
will contribute to their safety, comfort and
enjoyment.
CHAS. B. M. BRANSON.....Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL,
MACLAGGAN STREET, DUNEDIN.

JOHN COLLINS PROPRIETOR.
(Late of Al Hotel, Pelichet Bay.)
The most centrally situated Hotel in the City.
First-class accommodation for Tourists, Travel-
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Charges moderate. A Special Feature: 1/-
Lunch from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, cold, and
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and Spirits supplied.

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This popular and centrally-situated Hotel has been
renovated from floor to ceiling, and refurnished
throughout with the newest and most up-to-date furni-
ture. Suites of rooms for families. Charges strictly
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Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. The very best of
Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.
A Night Porter in attendance.
Accommodation for over One Hundred Guests.
L. CLANCY ... PROPRIETOR.

NELSON.

COACH AND HORSES HOTEL.

G. M. MATHIESON, formerly of the Masonic
Hotel, Havelock, and White Hart Hotel, Rich-
mond, has taken over the above centrally situated and
commodious premises, where it will be his pleasure to
make every provision for the wants and comforts of all
patrons. The interior of the house has been thoroughly
renovated, and the Coach and Horses will be found one
of the most comfortable hostelries in Nelson Province.
Terms moderate. The best of liquors only kept. Good
stabling.

MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

This long-established Hotel, which has always been
the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourist and Commercial
Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr H. Bar-
rett.

The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and all the
Rooms are being refitted in modern style. No effort will
be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

PICTON

FEDERAL HOTEL

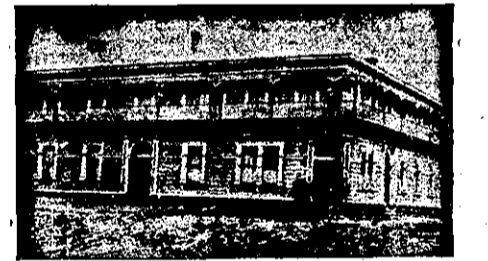
PICTON, N.Z.

T. J. STOREY - - - Proprietor
(Late Representative Booth, Macdonald & Co.)

THE Building is entirely New and of Brick, with all
Modern Appliances and Conveniences. The
Sanitary Arrangements and Ventilation have been
specially studied, and the house is First-class in every
detail.
VISITORS to Picton will find that no effort will be
spared to afford them comfort, whilst the Tariff is Most
Moderate.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVE PROMPT
ATTENTION.

First-class Billiard Table. Hot and Cold Baths.
Porter Meets all Trains and Steamers.

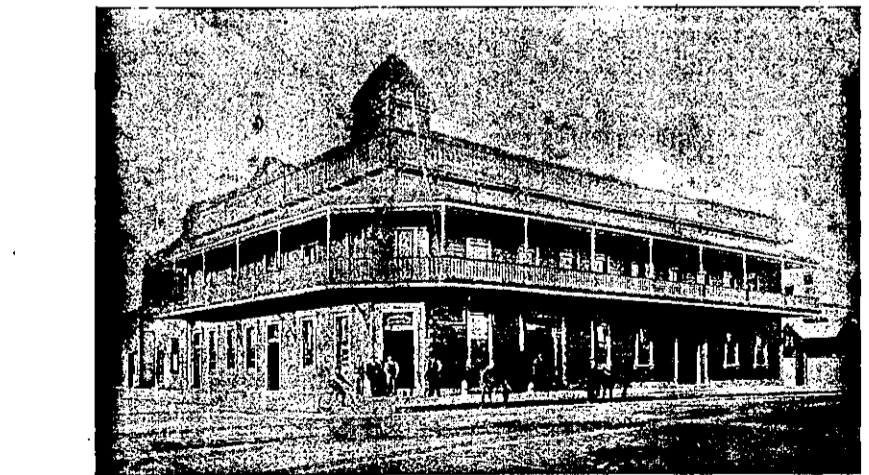


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Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to.

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THE GISBORNE HOTEL

Corner of CHILDREN'S ROAD
and LOWE STREET,
GISBORNE

The above Hotel, re-built on most modern lines, is centrally and conveniently situated, being
within two minutes' walk of the Post Office, Railway Station and Wharf. A balcony of 150
feet by 8 feet, surrounds the building, affording an excellent view of the Harbour and Ship-
ping, and offering easy egress in the event of fire. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. From its
quiet situation is specially adapted for Tourists and Families.

J. H. MARTIN - - - Proprietor.

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MASONIC HOTEL, BLLENHEIM

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Match Tables; and is the House selected by the
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J. PENNEY - PROPRIETOR.

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OCCIDENTAL HOTEL
WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA.

Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the
best accommodation at a moderate tariff.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procur-
able. Cuisine excellent, under the personal supervision
of Mrs Woolhouse.

TARIFF—5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.
Mrs N. M. WOOLHOUSE, PROPRIETRESS.

REEFTON.

ROXBOROUGH'S RAILWAY HOTEL
BROADWAY REEFTON

The Accommodation throughout is all that can be
desired. Excellent Cuisine and Dining Room Appoint-
ments. Wines, Spirits, and Ales defy competition.

Hot, Cold, and Crescent Shower Baths.
Tariff Strictly Moderate.
Visiting Cyclists can rely upon receiving every attention.
J. ROXBOROUGH, Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL,
REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and re-
furnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommoda-
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Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM.
R. DUMPHY.....Proprietor

WESTPORT.



EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT
H. McMASTER ... PROPRIETOR

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Shipping Company).
Recently Refurnished and Renovated throughout. This
Hotel will be found to offer every Modern convenience
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Tables. Six Sample Rooms, Good Stabling.

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