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RACING PROGRAMMES.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB GREAT NORTHERN STEEPCHEASE MEETING, 1904.

JUNE 3RD, 5TH, AND 11TH 1904

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

FIRST DAY:

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD, 1904, PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Maiden Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Great Northern Hurdle Race Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

Maiden Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Cornwall Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

Selling Steeplechase of 100 sovs. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds.

Ladies Bracelet of 100 sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 75 sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 25 sovs for the second horse.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12.30 o'clock.

Orakei Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Ranfurly Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake.

Remuera Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Prince of Wales' Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap Steeplechase) of the value of 50 sovs. For qualified hunters the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club...

THIRD DAY:

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12.30 o'clock.

Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

York Welter Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Winter Steeplechase Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Campbell Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Fitzroy Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Pakuranga Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Farewell Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc., GREAT NORTHERN STEEPCHEASE MEETING, 1904.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; Winter Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 12 (General Entry Night) by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap, 2 sovs; Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap, 3 sovs.

NOMINATIONS—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; Maiden Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov.; Cornwall Handicap, 1 sov.; Selling Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Ladies' Bracelet, 2 sovs; Orakei Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov.; Ranfurly Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Remuera Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Prince of Wales' Handicap, 1 sov.; Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; York Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Campbell Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov.; Fitzroy Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Pakuranga Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; Maiden Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov.; Cornwall Handicap, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, at the post.

Great Northern Hurdles, 2 sovs.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Orakei Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Ranfurly Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Remuera Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Prince of Wales' Handicap, 2 sovs; Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, at the post.

Great Northern Steeplechase, 4 sovs.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; York Welter Handicap, 2 sovs; Winter Steeplechase Handicap, 2 sovs; Campbell Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Fitzroy Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, by 12 noon.

Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

MONDAY, MAY 23, in morning paper.

Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, Maiden Welter Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap.

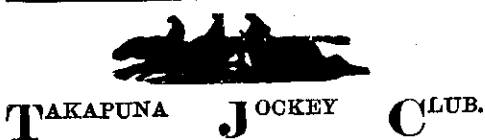
MONDAY, JUNE 6, in morning paper.

Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales' Handicap, Tally-ho Steeplechase, Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap Steeplechase).

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, in morning paper.

Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Handicap Hurdles, Fitzroy Welter, Pakuranga Steeplechase, Farewell Handicap.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



WINTER MEETING.

President, Hon. E. Mitchelson. Vice-President, J. Bolland, Esq., M.H.R. Committee, Messrs E. W. Allison, E. G. R. Ford, J. Mays, G. Lankham, R. S. Reynolds, E. H. Duder, J. A. Lang, A. Allison, W. J. Ralph, Captain W. Coyle, Major W. D. Holgate. Judge, Hon. E. Mitchelson. Starter, Geo. C. Uta. Clerk of the Scales, F. Marks. Clerk of the Course, Fred. Wells. Handicapper, W. Knight. Timekeeper, S. Kohn. Hon. Surgeons, Drs. Lang, Walker, Reid, and Sherman. Hon. Veterinary Surgeons, E. D. Halstead and C. D. Halstead. Treasurer, W. J. Ralph. Secretary, R. Wynyard.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 1904.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

First Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Empire Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake.

First Handicap Hurdles of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake.

Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Royal Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

SECOND DAY,

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1904

Pupuke Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Britannia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake.

Second Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Victoria Handicap of 160 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

Handicap Steeplechase of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Welter Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, 9 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1 sov.; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1 sov.; First Pony Handicap, 1 sov.; Empire Handicap, 1 sov.; First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Royal Handicap, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Britannia Handicap, 1 sov.; Second Pony Handicap, 1 sov.; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.; Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 4 p.m.

First Day's Racing.

Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).

MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 12 noon

Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH, 9 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1 sov.; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1 sov.; First Pony Handicap, 1 sov.; Empire Handicap, 3 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Royal Handicap, 2 sovs; Handicap Steeplechase (second Day), 3 sovs.

MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 9 p.m.

SECOND DAY.

Pupuke Handicap, 1 sov.; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Britannia Handicap, 2 sovs; Second Pony Handicap, 1 sov.; Victoria Handicap, 2 sovs; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

R. WYNARD, Secretary.



WINTER MEETING, 1904.

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

FIRST DAY,

TUESDAY, 24TH MAY, 1904.

1. 12 noon—Flying Stakes Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake.

2. 12.45 p.m.—Grandstand Steeplechase Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake.

3. 1.30 p.m.—Maiden Race of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

4. 2.30 p.m.—Century Hurdle Handicap of 800 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and the third horse 15 sovs from the stake.

5. 3 p.m.—First Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

6. 3.45 p.m.—Connolly Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake.

7. 4.30 p.m.—Purua Hack Flat Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs and the third horse 5 sovs from the stake.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1904.

1. 12 noon—Winter Oats Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake.

2. 12.45 p.m.—Wanganui Steeplechase Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

3. 1.30 p.m.—Balgownie Hack Race Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake.

4. 2.15 p.m.—May Hurdle Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake.

5. 3 p.m.—Second Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

6. 3.30 p.m.—Final Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

7. 4.15 p.m.—Farewell Hack Flat Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

WINTER MEETING,

24TH AND 25TH MAY, 1904.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Flying Handicap, Grandstand Steeplechase, Century Hurdles Handicap, First Hack Hurdles, Connolly Handicap, Purua Hack Flat Handicap, Winter Oats, Wanganui Steeplechase, May Hurdles Handicap, Balgownie Hack Flat, Second Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase Handicap, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov each.

ENTRANCE—Maiden Race, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 6th, 1904 (on or about).

WEIGHTS—For First Day's Races and Wanganui Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 1904, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Flying Handicap, 2 sovs; Wanganui Steeplechase, 4 sovs; Century Hurdle Handicap, 8 sovs; Grandstand Steeplechase, 2 sovs; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs; First Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th, 1904 (at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS—Winter Oats, May Hurdles, Balgownie Hack Flat, Second Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase, and Farewell Hack Flat.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th, 1904, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Winter Oats, 2 sovs; May Hurdle Handicap, Balgownie Hack Flat, Second Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase, and Farewell Hack Flat, 1 sov each.

FUTURE EVENTS.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1906.

The Jackson Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake.

ENTRIES close FRIDAY, 22nd April, 1904, at 9 p.m.

No money required at time of entry.

SPRING MEETING, 1905.

Wanganui Guineas, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters, with 300 sovs added; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake.

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, performance of the horse.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, otherwise a fine of 100 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.

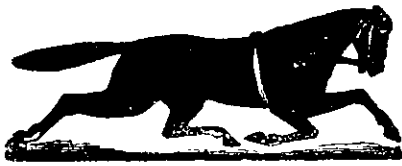
Any person running a horse in colours other than those named at time of entry will be fined 1 sov. Stakes are paid in full.

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.



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB

(Under the Rules of the New Zealand Trotting Conference.)

THIRD DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 16.

Trial Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry.

Campbell Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.45 to the mile.

Park Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Trot. The winner to receive a Bracelet of the value of 15 sovs; the second to receive a Bracelet of the value of 5 sovs.

Innovation Handicap Trot of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2.40 to the mile.

High-Class Handicap Trot of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.38. Placed horses at the meeting may be entered for this race.

Barn Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all Events Close on FRIDAY, March 25, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day Close on April 6 at 9 p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

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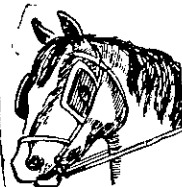
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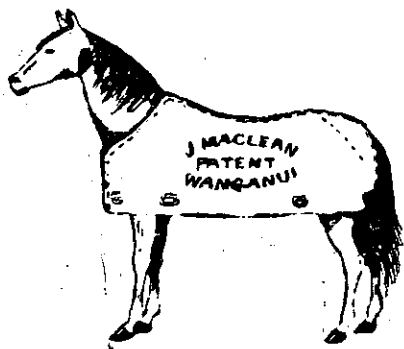
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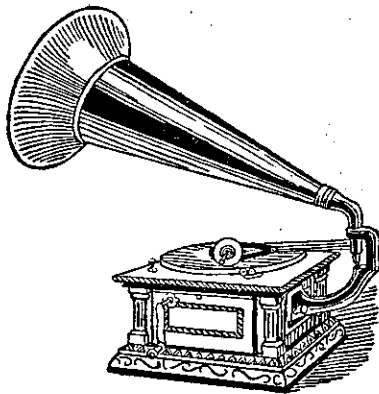
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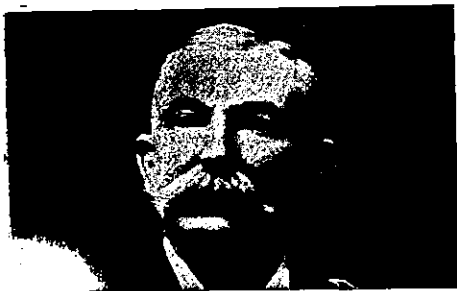
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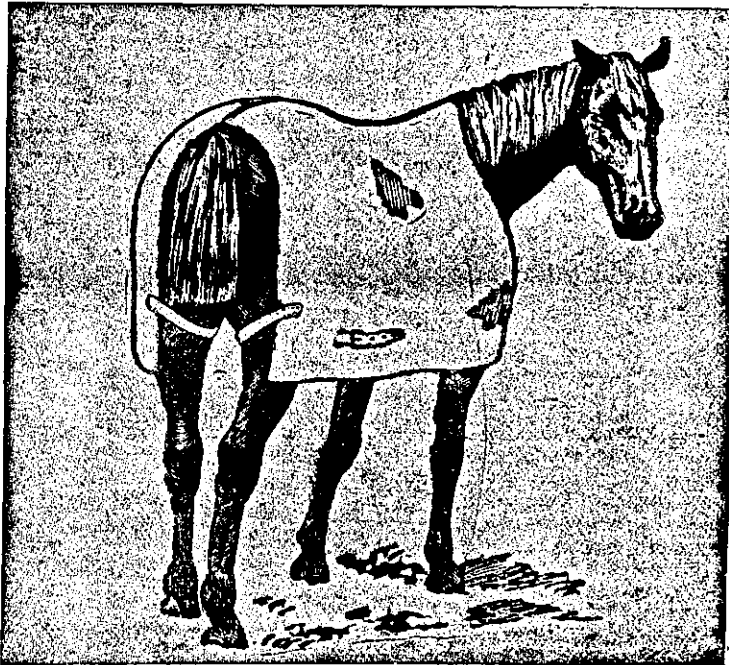
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NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES—1904

April 14 and 15—Masterton R.C. Autumn
April 21 and 23—Wellington R.C. Autumn
April 23 and 27—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 27 and 28—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
May 11 and 12—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
May 21 and 24—Takapuna J.C. Winter
June 3, 8 and 11—Auckland R.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

April 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
April 22—A.R.C. Winter, Special Events
April 22—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 13—A.R.C. General Entries

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April 16—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
April 20—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
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May 6—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 23—A.R.C. Winter, First Day

ACCEPTANCES

April 15—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 19—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
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May 13—A.R.C. Winter, Special Events
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GLADSONE IN AUSTRALIA.

THE result of sending the smart filly Gladson to Australia has once again proved that Australian form is in no way superior to that of this colony. After the filly's somewhat arduous summer campaign at Riccarton, Ellerslie and the Hutt, it seemed rather a formidable contract Mr Reid was taking on in despatching Gladson across the Tasman Sea to try conclusions with the cracks of the Commonwealth, and if she has not come through the ordeal altogether triumphantly, she has conclusively proved that over her pet distance she has few equals and no superiors. Her opening engagement in the Autumn Stakes terminated in a head defeat at the hands of the Caulfield Cup winner, Sweet Nell, a defeat which, according to the general consensus of opinion, was caused by inferior horsemanship on the part of her rider. That there was probably something in the contention Gladson proved in the All-aged Stakes, which the daughter of Seaton Delaval placed to her credit in the most brilliant fashion, winning by three lengths. When it is remembered that the opposing contingent consisted of Emir, who is said to be a second Carbine, Ibex, who beat Cruciform, Air Motor, who has been doing some good deeds of late, and Sir Leonard, the full value of the performance becomes apparent. In the A.J.C. Plate Gladson did not run up to expectation, as she finished a bad last of the three runners who contested the three-mile event. It may be said of this that Mr Reid's filly had never before essayed the task of getting such a distance. It seems pointed proof that Gladson must have greatly impressed the Sydney folk with her ability to gallop when we find she was made a better favourite than Lord Cardigan, whose victories in the Melbourne and Sydney Cups have conclusively proved him to be about the finest stayer in Australia to-day. That both he and Belah, who of late has shown a return to form, should be able to lower Gladson's colours over such a distance as three miles did not come as a great surprise, for indeed it was hardly expected that Mr Reid would elect to start his filly. Still on the whole she has done well, and although, as was the case with Cruciform, the escutcheon is slightly tarnished, the pleasing fact remains that over the distance which she prefers none of the Australian champions proved able to extend the chestnut filly.

On this performance alone Gladson has proved herself worthy to take her place among such famous equines as Carbine, Trenton, Lochiel, Nelson, Cruciform and others who have crossed the Tasman Sea to win yet greater fame in the island continent on the other side.

THE THOMSON HANDICAP.

THE near approach of the Wellington Racing Club's Meeting is shown by the publication of the handicaps, which have been declared promptly to time by Mr Chadwick. The event which will be of perhaps the most interest to Aucklanders is the Thomson Handicap, in which there were forty-seven horses entered for the weight-adjuster to try his skill upon. Having just come through such a lot of racing there was plenty of recent form for a guide, and the result has been apparently a very equitable adjustment. Vladimir heads the list with 9st 4lb, a handicap which will hardly induce his owners to send the Stepniak horse North, for it seems more than his full share. Convoy won the Easter Handicap at Feilding rather easily, but 9st 3lb is almost too much in the company he will have to meet. Red Gauntlet and Lady Lillian, 8st 13lbs, are both well placed, while after Regulation's recent good deeds she could hardly have been given much less. In the A.R.C. Easter Handicap Starshoot conceded Regulation four pounds, and got a two-length beating. Now the mare is asked to concede the Century Stakes winner 3lbs, which should bring them together, but most people would prefer the son of Hotchkiss. Canteen, 8st 4lb, met with a slight mishap at Riccarton, and may not start or he should run well. For Welbeck I have but little fancy, although his Christchurch form suggests he is on the improve. Romeo is asked to meet Regulation on one pound worse terms than when they dead-heated in the St. George's Handicap. Little Buluwayo is decidedly well treated with 8st 1lb, and if the champion pony is sent up for the race he will be one of the most dangerous of the lot. Cannie Chiel, with 8st, is given a chance, but not such a good one as Grand Rapids, and indeed some people are heard exclaiming that Mr Stead's pair are the best-treated horses in the race. Grand Rapids ran second in the C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap with 8st, and now has a pound off, but of course the distance is different. Ghoorka could not have been given more after his poor performances at Ellerslie. Full Cry should run well with 7st 10lb, which is seven pounds less than he received in the C.J.C. Easter Handicap. On her Auckland form Madrigal is by no means harshly treated with 7st 9lb, which is fifteen pounds less than the poundage she carried when she won the Buckland Handicap. There can be no doubt that Mr Lowry can have nothing to complain of in the way the Stepniak mare has been handicapped. Black Reynard has shown himself smart over the distance, and with 7st 8lb is certain to run well, while Quarryman on the same mark ought to be very dangerous. Probably the pick of the whole handicap, however, is Martian, 7st 6lb, and if Mr Stead decides to send the English-bred colt to the Hutt, it would be fairly safe to lay odds which horse would start first favourite. Martian carried 7st 4lb in the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, in which he ran badly, but conclusively proved that it was not his true form by easily winning the Twelfth Challenge Stakes from such good ones as Treadmill, Machine Gun and Stronghold. The merit of this performance is obvious when it is noted that although the going was heavier the time was only three-fifths of a second longer than Vladimir took to win the Easter Handicap. Of the light-weight division the likeliest are Lass o' Gowrie, Blackstone, who seems very lightly treated, and Cyrus. The acceptances are due to-day, and these will serve to throw some light on the intentions of owners. Given a start Martian should win, but after him those with apparently the best winning prospects are Regulation, Starshoot, Buluwayo, Madrigal, Black Reynard and Blackstone.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE PUBLIC.

DURING the recent racing carnival at Riccarton and Ellerslie there occurred two of those very hostile demonstrations against winning horses which go so far to mar the enjoyment of that section of the public who go a-racing for the sports' sake alone. At Auckland it was the Napier mare Madrigal which came in for the unwelcome attention of the public. On the opening day of the meeting Madrigal was very strongly backed by the general body of punters for the Eden Handicap, in which, however, she could get no nearer than a poor fifth. On the second day of the meeting with a drop of seven pounds in weight the mare beat a much stronger field in the Huia Handicap, winning by two lengths. There is no disguising the fact that the reversal of form was most marked, and a very angry demonstration on the part of the public was the not altogether unnatural result. The stewards, taking action on their own initiative, very speedily solved the mystery. It came out at the enquiry that on the opening day the mare ran without plates, and performed so much worse than her connections expected that the experiment of running her in plates was tried, the result being that the daughter of Stepniak won both her subsequent races. The good that such an enquiry did is very obvious, for it completely exonerated the stable; from any suggestion of unfair play and conclusively proved that once again the outside public had allowed their feelings to get the better of their judgment. Mr Lowry has the reputation of being one of the straightest going of owners, and very general regret was expressed on all hands that his well-known blue and gold colours should have to come in for such hostile treatment. The other public outburst was at Riccarton and was directed against Martian after the English-bred colt had won the Twelfth Challenge Stakes. It is not the first time that Mr Stead's colours have been so received, but on this occasion the exhibition of disapproval on the part of Christchurch racegoers was very strong indeed. That the display given by Martian in the Great Easter Handicap and in the Challenge Stakes were of very unequal merit admits of no dispute whatever. In the Great Easter Handicap Martian carried 7st 4lb, and was one of the last all the way. Next day, when the going was much heavier, Martian, with a pound more in the saddle, won the Challenge Stakes in but a fraction of a second slower time than the Great Easter Handicap was won in. No doubt many people will argue that there is absolutely nothing in a time test; but even so it must not be overlooked that, quite apart from the fact that Martian beat such a smasher as Machine Gun, and also a good colt like Treadmill, Stronghold was unplaced behind him at but three pounds difference in weight. Now only the day before Stronghold had cantered home in front of Golden Lily in the Champagne Stakes and Golden Lily herself next day was found equal to carrying top weight of 9st 7lb in the Autumn Nursery to victory. There is no gainsaying the fact that the performance of Martian in the Challenge Stakes was as good as his effort in the Easter Handicap was bad, and the great outburst of hooting was only to be expected. If the stewards had met no doubt some satisfactory explanation would have been forthcoming which would have accounted for the unequal running of the colt, and it was only fair to Mr Stead that such a step should have been taken by the stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club. These gentlemen are appointed to safeguard the interests of both owners and public alike. The latter demonstrated very forcibly that they considered an explanation was needed, and it must not be forgotten that it is virtually their only way of bringing the matter under the direct notice of the stewards. An owner of the status of Mr Stead deserves every consideration at the hands of the C.J.C. stewards, and an opportunity for the required explanation might well have been afforded Martian's owner. The duty of the stewards was clear, and the fact that instead of adopting the correct course, as did the Auckland stewards, they preferred to do nothing will be regretted by the great body of racegoers.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

Final payments for the New Zealand St. Leger Stakes and the North Island Challenge Stakes must be made by Thursday, April 14.

Avondale acceptances close with Mr Hayr, to-morrow, Friday evening.

Nominations for the Great Northern Hurdles, G.N. Steeplechase and Winter Steeplechase, to be run at the Winter Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, are due with Mr W. Percival, on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m.

General entries for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting are due on Friday, May 13, when acceptances for the G.N. Hurdles and G.N. Steeplechase must also be made.

Nominations for the Winter Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club are due with Mr F. Moffatt, the secretary, on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m.

Entries for the Jackson Stakes to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, 1906, close with Mr F. Moffatt, on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m.

Entries for the Wanganui Guineas to be run at the Spring Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, 1905, close with Mr F. Moffatt, on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m.

Mr Walker, of Palmerston North, has leased The Officer from the Hon. J. D. Ormond.

The Thames Jockey Club made a profit of £42 over the last meeting. The club is going in for improvements to the course.

Dick Cavill, the champion swimmer, left for Sydney on Monday. He will represent Australia at the St. Louis Exposition.

The cable states that Mr Spencer Gollan's horse Australian Star won the Welter Handicap at the Alexandra Park Meeting.

The Avondale Jockey Club has, I am informed, appointed Mr E. Hankens to the position of starter.

All Sir George Clifford's horses have been struck out of the handicap races at Wellington.

Regulation, who did so well at the Ellerslie Meeting, was sent south on Tuesday from Onehunga.

The Zealandia took south the filly by Seaton Delavia from Keepsake, which Mr Stead purchased at the break up of the Sylvia Park Stud.

The four-year-old bay horse Wellbeck (Perkin Warbeck II.—Reverie) has been purchased by Mr J. Buntley, of Oamaru, for 350 guineas.

The number of investors in "Tattersall's" consultations appears to be steadily on the increase despite the somewhat childish legislation directed against the institution. Aucklanders have been quite as ready as investors in other parts of Australasia to try their luck, but for a long time past Dame Fortune has refused to smile on the Northerners. A stroke of luck, however, is now reported for a local investor, Mr Hardwick, who is engaged at the Remuera Station, having drawn Sweet Nell in the Sydney Cup, in which Sir Rupert Clarke's filly ran third. The numerous supporters of "Tatt's" in the Northern province will trust that this is but a foretaste of favours to come.

The six-year-old bay mare Baigneuse (St. Andrea—Flatter) broke her leg last week and had to be shot.

A member of the Victorian ring is said to have offered £1200 for Gladsome.

Martian has been generally dropped upon as a good thing for the Thompson Handicap. Our Wellington correspondent prefers Shrapnel, who won last year.

The colts by Phoebus Apollo—chrysolite, Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta, and Hotchkiss—Janet, purchased at the recent stud sales in Auckland by a West Australian sportsman, were shipped on Monday by the Westralia.

Ten of the inmates of the Porirua stable are to be submitted to auction on the day prior to the Wellington Meeting. As will be seen in our advertising columns, these include Ostiak, Rawiri, Sea Lion, Clovelly, Whangamona, Position, Sir Galahad, Elibank, Hamua, and the Stepniak—Ranee Numa colt.

To many people there is but one race meeting in the year really worth attending, and that is the winter fixture of the Auckland Racing Club, for at this gathering there is any amount of long-distance cross-country racing. To many sportsmen who love the game for its own sake, and not for the sake of the betting to be done, a single race for the "leppers" is worth all the rest of the programme put together. The A.R.C. has, as usual, put forward a particularly attractive bill-of-fare for the next reunion. The meeting will take place on Friday, June 3 (Prince of Wales' birthday), June 8 and 11. On each day there will be seven items to be discussed, and the total stakes for the twenty-one events amounts to the more than respectable sum of £4000. On the opening day the chief event will be the Great Northern Hurdle Race, of 500 sovs, this being run on the first day this year, a step I have always advocated very strongly. The other events are the Maiden Steeplechase, of 100 sovs; Maiden Welter, of 100 sovs; Maiden Hurdles, of 100 sovs; Cornwall Handicap, of 300 sovs; Selling Steeplechase, of 100 sovs; and Ladies' Bracelet, of 100 sovs.

On the second day the star item is the Great Northern Steeplechase, of 750 sovs, in which very great interest will centre, while the other events to be run are the Orakei Hurdles, of 100 sovs; Ranciful Welter, of 100 sovs; Remuera Hurdles, of 200 sovs; Prince of Wales' Handicap, of 300 sovs; Tally-ho Steeple, of 150 sovs; and Ladies' Bracelet Steeplechase, of 50 sovs.

The concluding day's sport will be ushered in with the Tamaki Steeplechase, of 100 sovs; the York Welter, of 250 sovs; Winter Steeplechase, of 250 sovs; Campbell Hurdles of 200 sovs; Fitzroy Welter, of 100 sovs; Pakuranga Steeplechase of 50 sovs; and the Farewell Handicap, of 100 sovs. The whole programme, which is advertised in this issue, forms an attractive dish to set before owners, and there is little doubt the response will be as liberal as of yore. Nominations for the G.N. Hurdles and Steeplechase and for the Winter Steeplechase are due on Friday, April 22, general entry night being fixed for May 13.

Full particulars of the programme to be discussed at the Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club will be found in our advertising columns. The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 21, and Tuesday, May 24, seven events being run on each day. These include the Maiden Hurdles, of 70 sovs, 1½ miles; Maiden Plate, of 65 sovs, seven furlongs; First Pony Handicap, of 75 sovs, five furlongs; Empire Handicap, of 200 sovs, 1½ miles; First Hurdles, of 150 sovs, two miles; Maiden Steeplechase, of 100 sovs, 2½ miles; and Royal Handicap, of 100 sovs, five furlongs. On the second day, the items are the Pukepuke Handicap, of 60 sovs, five furlongs; Second Hurdles, of 100 sovs, 1½ miles; Britannia Handicap, of 150 sovs, one mile; Second Pony Handicap, of 75 sovs, six furlongs; Victoria Handicap, of 100 sovs, six furlongs; Steeplechase of 300 sovs, 3½ miles; and Welter Handicap, of 75 sovs, one mile. This is an attractive bill-of-fare, and one well worth the attention of owners, who no doubt will respond very liberally to the invitation. General entries are due on April 22.

The success of the five shilling totalisator at Christchurch has induced the Wellington Racing Club to follow suit at the coming meeting, at least so says report.

The Dumedin quartette Canteen, Vladimir, Petrovna, and Ailsa will be sent North to take part in the Wellington meeting.

African papers chronicle the successes of several New Zealand ponies in the land of gold and diamonds. Layland won the Lilliputian Handicap at Bloemfontein, carrying 8.11, and starting at 4 to 1; The Imp won the Pony Purse with 7.9, and starting at 2 to 1 on, and the Galloway Plate, with 8.5, and starting at 4 to 1 on; and Sea Spray the Second Pony Purse, with 9.7, and starting at 6 to 4 on; Ukase, with 7.9, ran second to Sea Spray. Fancy The Imp in a pony event with 7st 9lb. How Aucklanders would have come at it to be sure.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club close with Mr R. Wynyard, the secretary, on Friday, April 22, at 9 p.m.

The programme of the Winter Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be found in our advertising columns. The fixture will take place on May 24 and 25, when fourteen events will be run off. These include the Flying Stakes Handicap, of 125 sovs, six furlongs; Grandstand Steeplechase, of 150 sovs, 2½ miles; Maiden Race, of 70 sovs, six furlongs; Century Hurdle Handicap, of 300 sovs, two miles; First Hack Hurdles, of 80 sovs, 1½ miles; Connolly Handicap, of 300 sovs, one mile; Purua Hack, of 100 sovs, one mile. On the second day the races to be decided are the Winter Oats, of 150 sovs, one mile; Wanganui Steeplechase, of 400 sovs, three miles; Balgowrie Hack, of 70 sovs, one mile; May Hurdles, of 125 sovs, two miles; Second Hack Hurdles, of 80 sovs, one mile and five furlongs; Final Steeplechase, of 100 sovs, two three miles; Balgowrie Hack, of 70 sovs, one mile. This is a programme which is varied enough to suit the most exacting, and as the races are well endowed, Mr Moffatt should receive liberal nominations from the various racing centres of the colony.

Describing Gladsome's debut at Randwick, "Milroy" writes as follows:—"The Autumn Stakes turned out a race of exceptional interest, as was generally anticipated. The meeting of those three beautiful mares, Air Motor, Gladsome, and Sweet Nell, with Faithful and Raeburn thrown in as faikweights, raised the sporting public to the tip-top of excitement. Gladsome's New Zealand reputation preceded her, and her behaviour on the training tracks here was watched and discussed with wide interest. When the saddling bell rang the beautiful daughter of Seaton Delavia came in for much gaped, as when she left her stall she was fairly mobbed by an admiring crowd. Air Motor and Sweet Nell, too, attracted great attention, while Faithful and Raeburn were generally ignored. But after the race the multitude hurried to overhaul Raeburn, which is proof that he made a good impression. A jockey, named Donovan, was brought all the way from New Zealand to ride Gladsome, and when the word was given he dashed away to win from jump to judge, but Lewis on Sweet Nell was not disposed to let him get a break, and kept the New Zealander close company. The pace was not very severe for the first half-mile, but, nevertheless, Air Motor stopped away in the rear 10 lengths behind the leaders, and did not move up until the pace was clapped on to full pressure. When Bracken started in pursuit he found they could go as fast as his mount could. Sweet Nell went up to Gladsome at half-way, and began to force the Maorilander, but neither of them could get far away from Raeburn. Turning for home Lewis set about Gladsome in full earnest, and at the distance Raeburn made a bold dash, but it was only a flash in the pan, for the two fillies gradually drew away from him, and settled down to an exciting and ding-dong finish, in which Lewis fairly outrode the New Zealand boy, who would have got much better results had he not lost his whip before the final question was put. Though beaten, Gladsome was far from being disgraced. The consensus of opinion was that she would have about got there had she been ridden with more judgment. However, Sweet Nell is a tough proposition for anything to take on. It must not be forgotten that she won the Caulfield Guineas and Cup, two races that will bear favourable comparison for class with any Gladsome has captured."

LATE RACING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The second portion of the programme of the Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting was got through yesterday afternoon at Alexandra Park. The weather was pleasant, and the attendance quite up to the mark for an off-day. The results were as follows:—

NOVEL TROT HANDICAP. One mile.

Lady Love (Scott), 8sec 1
Albertorious (Batter), 17sec 2
Won by 14 yards. Time, 2min 48 3-5-sec. Dividends, £3 14s and 8s.

PONY TROT. One mile and a-quarter.

Isabel (Murfitt), 11sec 1
Rushlight (Duncan), 12sec 2
Won by 40 yards. Time, 3min 19 1-5-sec. Dividends, 19s and 12s.

ALBERT HANDICAP. 6½ furlongs

Manoeuvre (Cotton), 7.0 1
Orange and Blue (O'Connell), 9.2 2
Won by over two lengths. Time, 1min 25 3-5-sec. Dividends, £1 4s and 7s.

HANDICAP TROT. Two miles.

Young Salisbury (Price), 21sec 1
Tornado (Gaskett), 16sec 2
Won by 40 yards. Time, 5min 24sec. Dividends, 17s and £1 5s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Rushlight (Duncan), 18sec 1
Eric (Cotton), 17sec 2
Won by four yards. Time, 4min 8 1-5-sec. Dividends, £1 11s and £1 17s.

SHORTS' HANDICAP. 4½ furlongs.

Inspiration (Cross), 8.0 1
Orange and Blue (O'Connell), 10.0 2
Won by half a length. Time, 57 2-5-sec. Dividends, £2 3s and 6s.

CLASS TROT. One mile.

Harold Abdallah, 8sec 1
Baxter, 4sec 2
Time, 2min 40 1-5-sec.

Mr J. E. Brewer, who is now established as trainer to the Australian owner, Mr Henning, at Heath House, Newmarket, has written out to his brother (G. P. Brewer) that he has a very large string in hand, but all the horses are backward, and he does not expect to do any good with them for some time. His establishment (writes an exchange) is a very large one, there being room for fifty horses, and it takes a lot of money to keep it up. There has been nothing but rain since his arrival in England, and he much prefers Australia, but intends to give his present position at least a year's trial. Mr Henning, he states, is a first-class man to train for.

The Morphettville (S.A.) Stud, which was established thirty years ago by the late Sir Thomas Elder, was disposed of the other week, when thirty-four lots realised 2892 guineas (says the "Reference"). Several of the brood mares brought low prices, but the yearlings sold well, the highest priced one being a bay colt by Light Artillery from Moama (half-sister to La Carabine), who went to Mr J. Paterson at 130gns. The stallion Light Artillery, who was originally purchased for 800gns, was sold for 150gns to Mr S. S. Kidman, who will use him at Cooyga Station. Among the brood mares Moama (Jonathan—Oratava) topped the list at 195 guineas, Mr A. Y. Mudge, of Victoria, being the purchaser. Old Hortense was sold for 55gns, and War God's sister Escopette realised 95gns. Portsea's sister Lady Augusta went to the Hon. J. Lewis at 115gns.

The annual meeting of the Pakurangi Hunt Club was held at the Haymarket on Friday, the Master (Mr E. D. O'Rorke) and a large number of members being present.

The balance-sheet showed a decrease of £35 in the overdraft, which this year stood at £43 10s. Assets were valued at £849, a surplus of £420 over liabilities. The year's expenses were about £640. There was a surplus of £55 on the annual sports, the receipts being £182.

The following officers were elected:—Master, Mr E. D. O'Rorke (re-elected unopposed); hon. treasurer, Mr A. Carminer (re-elected); hon. auditor, Mr F. Waller (re-elected); committee, Last year's committee with the addition of Messrs W. Roulston, Muir, Douglas, J. Rae, W. Hayr, H. Bullock Webster, H. Cotter, and E. Waller.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

Tuesday.

Since the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting trainers have been letting their charges take matters easy, as no doubt the horses, after being strung up for a three day's meeting, required a little gentler work. To-day, however, a fair amount of work was indulged in with a view to the Avondale meeting next Saturday week.

Idasa and Lady Annie did two rounds on the sand at three-quarter pace.

Lady Hume and Ake Ake did two solid rounds on the sand, the first mile in 1min 54sec. The former is recovering from the soreness that she suffered from prior to the Auckland R.C. Autumn.

Scotty ran a mile alone, moving freely, the last six furlongs in 1min 24 1-5sec.

Numa negotiated nine furlongs on the sand, Portland Lass bringing him home. The round took 2min 1 4-5sec.

Idas did two circuits on the sand alone at a fair pace, moving freely, with a light weight up.

Yolette, alone, did a round on the sand, taking 2min 4 3-4sec to accomplish the journey.

Avalanche seemed to move rather scratchily over seven furlongs, but was not trying to make time.

Lady Norval and Mauku ran six furlongs together, the last four taking 55sec. Mauku had slightly the better of the encounter.

Dolores worked alone at a good pace, and seems on the improve again.

The pony Garnet skipped over five furlongs alone, the last three furlongs in 42sec, on the sand.

Amongst the others to do from half to three-quarter pace were Waikato, Kamo, Cavaliero, Newtown, Dunmore, Bathos, Baltimore, Marine, Jewellery, Te Aroha, Mars, Hippowai, The Needle, Rambler and others. There was also some work indulged in after breakfast.

When Tom Cannon rode Lord Rosebery's Pleasance in the Twickenham Selling Plate at Kempton Park (Eng.) in 1886 his conduct, from the stand, looked very peculiar. As they were nearing home he turned in his saddle and poked his whip at Shillingstone, the animal that was galloping by his side. The fact of the matter was that Shillingstone had got hold of Tom Cannon's leg with his teeth. When the brute found that Pleasance was going faster than he cared to go himself, he snatched at the boot of his rival's jockey, and got a good hold. Cannon managed to free his leg, but Shillingstone made a rush at him a second time, and he was obliged to use his whip to keep him off. "I made haste and got out of his way, for I wanted to finish with both legs if he would let me," the master of Danebury remarked when giving the above explanation. And those who have been in a similar predicament will heartily sympathise with him.

It became a question of urgency on the part of foreign countries to buy blood stock, mostly stallions, from England (writes "Augur" in the London "Sporting Life"). France was the pioneer in such policy, as almost before the ravages of Napoleon's wars had been repaired there was a look towards England for horses. Louis Philippe reorganised the State Haras in 1833, and from that time a constant system of purchase has been pursued that has been by no means altered through any of the great political changes of the country. If Louis Philippe and his chief Minister, Thiers, were greatly impressed with the necessity, the Republic, and then the Empire, were equally disposed to follow in the same lines, and certainly the greatest honor is due to those commissioners or inspectors who came to this country to buy what they liked for the foundation and continued improvement of French horse-breeding. They took any amount of trouble, learnt everything that could be taught by the Stud Book, became conversant with all performances, with very small materials compared with present-day advantages, as there was only "Bell's Life" and the "Racing Calendar," and no sporting Press in France. Under such circumstances Le Chevalier de Place came to England in 1846, and bought about the best to be found. He would have none but our stoutest horses. Sprinters had no charms for him, but he tried very hard to get the best long-distance runner of his day, Lanercost, and although price stopped him at first, he got him in the end. Failing Lanercost at first, he bought Gladiator for 2500 sovs, and the cheapest horse perhaps ever sold, as he filled France with good sons and daughters. Fitz-Gladiator, Young Gladiator, Ventre St. Gris, and others made the French Turf, and Miss Gladiator, by Gladiator, produced the mighty Gladiateur.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, April 13.

The sporting public still want to know why the owner of Martian was not requested by the stewards of the Canterbury J.C. to explain the colt's running in the Great Easter Handicap and Challenge Stakes. An owner when racing his horses at Riccarton can, in the future, allow a horse to finish among the last three one day and come out on the following day and win easily. The first time an owner is hauled before the stewards of the Canterbury J.C. to explain his horse's running in any particular race, he has only to refer to Martian's running in the Great Easter Handicap and Challenge Stakes in order to prove that a horse cannot be relied upon to show the same form two days in succession.

A double event tote on the Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race, if announced some time before the races are run, would be immensely popular among the betting public. After the success of the double event tote at the Easter Meeting, the Canterbury J.C. should consider the question of making better provision for its patrons at future race meetings. What is required is more room in the vicinity of the totalisator and a quicker method of handling the tickets. The five shilling totalisator is sure to find its way at all the big race meetings in the future. It has one great drawback, according to the opponents of the totalisator, for it creates too many new bettors. The five shilling totalisator does not interfere with the pound machines in any way, so that being the case, clubs should run it inside and outside, instead of outside only. Quite a large number of people in the inside enclosure would heartily welcome a five shilling machine because they don't speculate more than five or ten shillings on any race.

Huku was a long way from being in form at the Canterbury J.C. Meeting, whilst Scottish Minstrel, after weighing in on the first day, walked off the course lame.

Petrovna is generally stripped in pretty good condition at Riccarton, but last week she looked better than ever, and although not among the place getters in the Great Easter Handicap, she ran a capital race, and came out on the second day and won the Templeton Handicap in fine style.

Kremlin ran two good races in the Great Easter and Templeton Handicaps, getting second in the big race and third in the Templeton.

I have heard it said by well-known jockeys that the Great Easter Handicap is one of the hardest races of the year to win on account of the bumping that goes on almost throughout the race.

The Grafton-Consistence gelding Blackstone, looks like a big, over-grown colt. He is, however, a fine-looking animal, and gives one the impression that he could carry almost any weight. It is unfortunate for his owners that he is affected in his wind, otherwise he would be just the sort of horse to go on winning races in quick succession.

It is currently reported that a firm of bookmakers won a huge stake over the Canterbury J.C. Easter Meeting, and that a man who looks after a number of gee-gees came out with a handsome cut in the spoils.

A welsheer was nearly getting roughly handled by the crowd at Riccarton. The man got badly hit over the Easter Handicap, and when a small army of youthful punters went to collect their divs, the man, who had taken their half-crowns, made a bolt from the course. He got among the trees followed by a swarm of punters crying "welsheer." After a hunt among the trees the welsheer took refuge in a railway carriage where he was captured by two stalwart detectives and safely put inside a cab and taken to Christchurch. A charge of vagrancy is pending.

At the conclusion of the Challenge Stakes, a well-known trainer in his usual cheery style, remarked to a high official in the sporting world: "The gallop did him good." "Gallop he d—d," said the sporting luminary, and the select crowd merely made a faint attempt to keep from chuckling.

Stepniak's progeny kept the Elderslie sire's name prominently before the public at the Canterbury J.C. Meeting, for Vladimir and Kremlin filled first and second places in the Great Easter Handicap, wabia won the Ruseleigh Plate and got second in the Autumn Nursery, Petrovna won the Templeton Handicap.

Both Sir J. Clifford and Mr G. G. Stead will be strong in three-year-olds next season. Between them they look like capturing the Classic events for youngsters of that age.

The weights for the Thompson Handicap need very little criticism, barring one blot. The handicapper has done his work well, but he will be very lucky indeed if he gets a decent field to oppose Martian, who seems to have the race at his mercy after his brilliant running in the Challenge Stakes. Martian should win the Thompson Handicap just as easily as he won the Challenge Stakes. In the event of Martian being reserved for the North Island Challenge Stakes, Grand Rapids, Starshoot and Regulation may fill the places in the Thompson Handicap.

At a sale of horses at Tattersall's, on Wednesday last, the following were among the sales effected:—Welbeck, Mr John Buckley, 350gs; Delarey, Mr Nel-ligon, 170gs; Slow Tom, Mr F. Holmes, 120gs; Pallas, Mr J. McKenzie, 250gs; Prince Boris, Mr W. H. Woodroffe, 90gs; Master Alix, Mr C. H. Gorton, 125gs; Currassow, Mr J. Warren, 19gs.

Canteen and Vladimir will take part at the Wellington Meeting, and are booked to leave this week.

Petrovna and Ailsa will also race at Wellington before returning to Dunedin.

Sir G. Clifford scratched all his horses for the Handicap event on the first day of the Wellington Meeting, being dissatisfied with the handicaps. Cannie Chiel, Treadmill, Brave Heart and Signalman will go to Wellington, Treadmill being the stable's representative in the North Island Challenge Stakes.

Welbeck's new owner will keep the horse in training, and if he goes on all right will give him a run shortly. After leaving the race track, Welbeck will be taken to Oamaru, where he might undertake stud duties.

The sporting writer of the Canterbury "Times," who is not afraid to hit out strongly when there is anything worth hitting at, has a little to say about Martian's running at Riccarton last week. In many ways it is to be regretted that some notice was not taken by the stewards by the reversal of form on the part of Martian. We are quite prepared to believe that Mr Stead was as much surprised as anyone at the poor showing in the Great Easter Handicap, but for which there may have been plenty of reasonable excuses, but at the same time it would have been more satisfactory had some official explanation been made to account for the difference in the form on the two days. As it is, however, the Martian incident is likely to increase in and out running, as it suggests that the stewards of the Canterbury J.C. will not take any notice of reversals of form, no matter how clear they may be. For this reason quite apart from any desire to account for Martian's poor display in the Great Easter Handicap, we regret that no explanation was forthcoming after the Challenge Stakes, and so say all of us.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, April 10.

Hutt-trained horses had a fair innings during the Easter meetings. Frank Higgott sprang a surprise on the public at Feilding with the three-year-old Cyrenian—Silk colt, Cyrus. His owner, Mr G. W. Smart, when on a visit to Auckland, got the colt knocked down to him for seventy guineas, and he subsequently learned that the owner, Mr Friedlander, considered himself well rid of Cyrus, who it appears was inclined to show a lot of temper. Higgott, however, mainly through kindness and patience, reduced the colt to reason and, as he showed on the track that he could both gallop and stay, he was left in the Wanganui Cup, and in that race was well with the leaders a furlong from the winning post. Finding the colt doing well, he was tried prior to the Feilding Cup, and as he answered the question in a fairly satisfactory manner, his owner and connections threw in for a good win over the race. Higgott well deserved his success, as it was his humane treatment more than anything else that brought the colt on. When first placed in his hands the colt was terrified at his own shadow, and on his attendant approaching him, he would rush to the end of his box as if fearful of being abused.

Mr W. Davies had his customary win with Ballarat and Davies' followers quite look for him to secure a race each time his charges fulfil their engagements. Ballarat is a real good bit of stuff, and although well up in weight may manage to score again ere the close of the season. I am sorry to learn that few of the other horses in Davies' large team are likely to trouble the judge for some time. Motor, Field Battery, and several others are in the sale list; the pair mentioned would make capital sires, as from their conformation they would be hard to beat in any show ring. Melwood is rather ponified for a sire, but his owner considers him one of the best he ever owned and will probably give him some of his own mares next season. Of the trio mentioned Field Battery is engaged at Wellington, and if he stands a gallop or two will be a starter at the meeting.

Harry Goodman took a team to the

Wairarapa meeting, but failed to secure a race. Manawaru and Matuka were somewhat overweighted, which may account for their non-success, while Ringlet got a second place, and ran for the last time in Mr Paterson's colours. She pulled up lame, and has left the post for the paddock at Heatherled, and will next season be mated with Conqueror.

A. Pritchard managed to secure a race on the second day of the Wairarapa meeting with Black Squall, whilst Delight, another of his charges ran a couple of seconds. This mare seems to me to be somewhat over-rated by weight-adjusters. She is a free goer and is apparently always ridden out, and for that reason alone should be given a chance to win. Levant, another occupant of Pritchard's stable, was sent to Canterbury for the hurdle events. She was in a prominent position on the first day when she struck heavily and fell, and as she was sore next day she was not started. Her owner had a good sum invested on her when she fell, but as he has had several good wins with Levant during the past few months he can afford to bump against a reverse once in a while.

There is some comment in local racing circles as to the manner in which Ghoorka was handicapped in the St. George's Handicap for the second day of the Auckland races. Ghoorka and Romeo had both finished out of a place in the Easter. The former's weight in the longer event was increased by one pound, whilst Romeo's impost was reduced by four pounds. The latter, as might be anticipated, easily defeated Ghoorka, the result of the race being a dead heat with the Easter Handicap winner, Regulation.

Ten of the occupants of Mr Prosser's Porirua stable will be submitted to auction on the 22nd of the month. The list includes Ostiak, Sea Lion, Rawiri, Position, Whangamoana, Clovelly, and some of the lesser lights. I am advised that the lot are for absolute sale, as Prosser must make room for a number of youngsters that he will shortly have to take in hand. Rawiri, Clovelly, Position, Whangamoana, and Sea Lion are engaged at the Wellington R.C. meeting, and will be raced on the day prior to the sale.

Mr Chadwick's handicaps for the Wellington R.C. Autumn Meeting were promptly declared and are now a subject of discussion in local racing circles. In the Thompson Handicap the favourite selections are last year's winners Shrapnel, Grand Rapids, Starshoot, Bulawayo, Black Reynard, and Martian. The Wellington weight-adjuster has taken a great liberty with Shrapnel in allotting him the same impost as he won the Thompson Handicap with last year. Shrapnel carrying 7.12 won comfortably by five lengths, running the mile in 1min 41 2-5 sec, and he demonstrated the following day that Mr Chadwick had treated him much too leniently in the Thompson Handicap by carrying 8.13 and winning the Hutt Handicap from a good field in 1min 42 1-5sec, thus confirming his first day's form. His owners subsequently raced him out of his distance and also out of condition, but it must not be assumed that he is a stone worse horse now than when he carried 8.13, and won the Hutt Handicap this time last year. We have evidence that he, at any rate, was well a couple of months ago, as at Tararua he won the Stewards' Handicap, seven furlongs, with 8.9, from end to end in 1min 23 2-5sec. Full Cry, to whom he was there conceding 1lb, being a poor third, so his present chance can be estimated when it is noted that he is only allowed 1lb for that beating. Shrapnel's form at Feilding was fairly good, as he was only beaten by Melodeon by a head for third place in the Easter Handicap, one mile and a quarter, run in 2min 9sec. He then carried 8.8, and although the race under notice is two furlongs shorter, he has been reduced in weight by 10lb. Regulation, Cannie Chiel, and Exmoor are all badly treated in comparison with last year's winner, the latter pair especially so. Cannie Chiel was badly beaten last time he ran at the Hutt with 7.12 in the Cup and with 8.10 in the Racing Club Handicap. Later on he was defeated in the Dunedin Cup with 8.3, and in the Wanganui Cup with 7.8. For the Canterbury J.C. Easter a handicap framed on a much higher scale than Mr Chadwick's adjustment, he was only given 8.0. In the event under notice Sir George Clifford's horse is given the same impost, but Canteen is dropped 4lb, Full Cry 7lb, Field Battery 2lb Grand Rapids (runner-up in the Great Autumn) 1lb and Quarryman 6lb. Exmoor was most absurdly treated when the Canterbury J.C. handicapper gave him 8.10 in the Easter, and Mr Chadwick has also dealt harshly with Mr Monk's horse in placing him above Grand Rapids and Shrapnel. It will be noted that whilst he allotted Shrapnel the same impost as he did for the Wellington Cup he has given Exmoor an additional 5lb, Shrapnel having won a good race during the interim. Exmoor on the other hand was soundly beaten over six furlongs at Wanganui by Black Reynard, whilst the latter was only in receipt of

1lb. Black Reynard now receives an additional 1lb, although he put up a couple of capital performances at Feilding last week. Mr Henrys, for reasons which I have failed to fathom, has formed a very exalted opinion of Exmoor's weight-carrying abilities, and Mr Chadwick is evidently inclined to adopt his fellow-handicapper's opinion. I contend that Exmoor's best performances do not warrant his being handicapped more heavily than Black Reynard over a mile course. Indeed, on the Wanganui running it would appear that Black Reynard is his superior at level weights even over six furlongs.

After a careful analysis of the handicaps, I would advise readers to discard all those horses weighted above Starshoot, for the reason that the Hutt track being nearly a circular one the horse that wins over a mile must have a weight that will enable it to take up a prominent position early in the race and hold it. This few heavy-weighted horses have been able to do, and I look to the medium weights to provide the winner. Shrapnel, we know, can adopt the above tactics, and if as well as last year should win just as easily. Canteen although nicely treated, begins too slowly; Romeo has run well of late, but I do not feel inclined to recommend him. I also discard Field Battery, Exmoor, Annie Chiel, Welbeck, Full Cry, Madrigal, and everything lower down than Black Reynard, save Martian. This leaves me Starshoot, Bulawayo, Grand Rapids, Shrapnel, Dexterity, Ghoorka, Black Reynard, and Martian, and without going into detail will take Shrapnel, Stead's elected, and Starshoot to supply the winner, with the remark that Shrapnel has only to be as fit as last year to make no race of it.

The Railway Handicap has been framed on very flattering lines. Machine Gun with 9st 9lb has a nice weight for a horse of his calibre, and if at his best on the day, should have the race at his mercy. I will remember him as a two-year-old carrying 10st 2lb and winning the Canterbury J.C. Autumn Nursery, by four lengths, in 1min 2 4-5sec, for the five furlongs. Subsequently he won with 8st 9lb in a comfortable style the Canterbury J.C. Stewards' Handicap, time, 1min 15 2-5sec; and at the same meeting with 10st 7lb just got home in the Randolph Handicap, running the five furlongs in 1min 2sec. Were I certain Machine Gun were well and a sure starter, I would not trouble to look further for the winner. Vladimir, Starshoot, Ballarat, Petrovna, Black Reynard and Kremlin should, in the absence of Machine Gun, furnish the winner. After the acceptances, I will make a selection for the minor events.

The Wellington R.C. Challenge Stakes promises to result in a match between horses owned by Sir Geo. Clifford and Mr G. Stead. The former has Treadmill, Quarryman, Signalman and Chrysis engaged, whilst Mr Stead is represented by Martian and Golden Lily; Machine Gun is not engaged, and Silkworm is reported lame. The Porirua champion Achilles, is an unlikely starter owing to his not having quite recovered from the ailment that prevented his putting in an appearance at Auckland to take part in the Century Stakes.

The New Zealand St. Leger Stakes should be an easy thing for Mr J. B. Reid's filly Gladsome, if started, while Treadmill, Melodeon and Starshoot are those likely to furnish the winner in Gladsome's absence. Final payments for both the Challenge Stakes and St. Leger fall due on the 14th instant.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, April 13.

Canteen and Vladimir will take part in the Wellington Meeting. The former has recovered from the effects of his unfortunate accident in the Easter, when he picked up a nail and was very lame after the race. On his track form he should have finished in front of Vladimir in the Easter, but the grey had to start from the outside of his field, and consequently had to run over a lot of ground whilst his stable companion got a clear run on the rails.

Bulawayo has proved a profitable bargain for his owners since they paid 30 guineas for him as a yearling, as besides winning other races he has landed two good stakes this year in the Dunedin Cup (value 425sovs to the winner), and the Easter Handicap (value 650sovs to the winner). The same owners also have two half-brothers to the Perkin Warbeck II. gelding.

The wins which have followed the new owners of Vladimir are very pleasing, because the gentlemen who made the purchase are inclined to give their money a chance. Since Vladimir won the Winter Cup they have purchased a couple of yearlings, and if they meet with a reasonable amount of luck their success should encourage others to join the ranks of our too small list of owners.

Mr J. R. McKenzie, who purchased

Pallas at Christchurch last week, is the gentleman who formerly owned the horse before he raced in the colours of Mr Mitchell. The horse is to be given a spell, and all going well, will not sport silk again till next season.

Vladimir cost his present owners somewhere about 550sovs, and has since won two valuable stakes in the Winter Cup and Great Easter Handicap.

The English-bred colt Martian is closely related through his sire Martagan to the Oamaru stallion Obligado. The latter has, up-to-date, had only one representative on the turf in Zeland who has demonstrated that he possesses the gift of going in no small degree. The information which was instrumental in making Martian and Grand Rapids cho. selections for the Easter and Autumn, was not far astray, although neither of the horses won, the former by his win in the Challenge Stakes proved himself to be a cut above the ordinary, and on form should be hard to beat in the Thompson Handicap, while on a dry track Grand Rapids would undoubtedly have run a much better horse in the Autumn.

The Yaldhurst trio, Martian, Grand Rapids, and Machine Gun should be very hard to beat if they are sent to the post for their Wellington engagements.

After the Cuirassier—Adulation yearling was put under the hammer last week and passed in, he was repurchased privately by a central Otago buyer at £100. He was shipped home last week, and with ordinary luck, on his looks and breeding, should not fail to prove a profitable investment.

The latest addition to Otago-owned horses is Welbeck, the son of Perkin Warbeck II. and Reverie, who was purchased by Mr J. Buckley, a very wealthy gentleman, who holds large interests about Oamaru. Mr Buckley has already several brood mares on his station, and he should make an exceedingly welcome addition to our list of horse owners. He is a keen sport and takes a great interest in racing and coursing.

Pampero had a royal chance on paper in the Templeton Handicap, but the luck of the race went against him, as after getting well off his mark and leading for close on three furlongs, he was badly interfered with and nearly put over the rails. To illustrate how much the mishap affects him it need only be stated that after being squeezed back until he came out at the tail of the ruck, he came again on the outsides and finished close behind the placed horses.

When the weights appeared for the Easter and Autumn Handicaps, all the money obtainable in the market was taken about Martian and Grand Rapids for the double. The public followed the money, but neither of the horses won, although their form showed that it was a combination worthy of the highest respect, and to avoid such clamours as followed the Challenge Stakes, Mr Stead should call in a plumber and stop the leak in the Yaldhurst stable through which the information came about the merit of the horses, as, minus the tip, the yellow and black colours would now be minus the demonstration which greeted Martian's meritorious win in the Classic event.

Perhaps the bitterest disappointment of Lord Alington's life was the defeat of Allbrook for the Cambridgeshire in 1871, which, by one of the most magnificent efforts ever made by an English jockey, George Fordham won in the last stride upon Sabinus. It was said that Allbrook passed Lord Alington at the site of the old Duke's stand with a clear lead of three or four lengths, and with every indication that his light weight would carry him home in triumph, his lordship galloped off in hot pursuit, waving his hat and exclaiming in exultant and constantly repeated tones: "He carries £30,000 of my money!" Separating victory from defeat, there was interposed, however, that proverbial slip between the cup and the lip by which so many of the best-laid schemes "gang agley" upon the Turf as they do in every other department of human life. Into the bargain the miraculous skill of the greatest jockey the world has seen since Jem Robinson had to be taken into calculation.

The well-known Australian imported stallion Clan Stuart (Prince Charlie—Annie) was destroyed at Beltrees recently consequent on old age (says the "Referee"). Clan Stuart sired a great many successful performers, among the number being Georgic, Pharamond, Tramp, Reviver, Hereford, Shiraz, Madeira, Whirlwind, Claverhouse, Lady Macbeth, Bonnie Blue, Claret, The Clansman, and others.

"You sellum Wood?" the Chinaman asked.
The chemist his desk forsook,
And favoured his interlocutor
With a calmly quizzical look.
"You no savae? Me muchee cold.
Me bossee tellum me,
You catchum Woods' Gleet Pep'min Cu'
Makum ail li! You see?"

AFTER THE RACES.

WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

As usual this suburban racing institution held their yearly re-union on Easter Monday, and had the weather been ordered it would not have been possible to obtain a finer sample. Never before in the history of the club has such a large attendance been recorded, and evidently clients had come well prepared to back their fancies, for when the tote figures were made up for the day's business, it was seen that the club had hung up a record, the amount passing through the automatic dispenser with odds amounting to £6115 or £620 more than was invested at the 1903 gathering. Evidently the new secretary has been pushing business during his occupancy of the office, for last year he beat the previous best by £1002, and last Monday went better, as he headed that record by £620, which shows an increase of £1600 odd in a couple of seasons. The gate receipts were also far in advance of previous years, and roughly speaking this popular racing organisation made a profit of £360 over the venture last Monday. The sport was of a good class, and the good prices obtained in the majority of instances proved conclusively that Mr Henrys has set punters a puzzling problem to locate the conquerors.

That genuine sport, Mr George Hunter, who is always numerically well represented at Waipukurau, had his colours carried to the front in the Two-Year-Old Handicap, Mystics disappointing son, Mystification, scoring somewhat comfortably from Polyanthus, who experienced but little difficulty in silencing the balance of the runners.

Merginal, a son of Mergansers by Apremont, who hails from Mr W. Rathbone's training establishment, was one of the opposing forces, but his eccentric behaviour at the post took all the steam out of him, and he consequently was never forward. He is a rare good out of a colt, but one that requires time, for his appearances are suggestive of growing proclivities, and it is an old saying and a true one, too, that a horse cannot gallop and grow.

Monarque, who made his first appearance at Napier Park last month, and there scored in the Hack Hurdles, made a runaway affair of the Maiden Hack Race the favourite, Anser, never making a forward move. Sprinkle, an aged son of Jet-de-Lau, getting second honours, South Star, Scallywag's half-brother by Sou'wester, filling third berth.

Repulse and Taura divided favouritism for the Easter Handicap, but while the former performed well Taura failed to carry out the good opinions formed of him by his connections, who thought he could not miss. He missed badly and returned to the weighing-in enclosure blowing like a whale. Repulse got downed in the last fifty yards by Ballyneety, who has been resting since the Napier Park gathering, and the determined way in which he stuck to his task shows unmistakably that Sou'wester's pony son has not lost his pace or courage. A. Vincent, who used to have the care of The Shrew, Katoomba, Little Billee and others has now got Ballyneety under his tuition.

The "all cerise" had a better time of it in the Hack Handicap. Provost Marshall, who had been well up all the trip, and pulling to the front in the last bit, had not much trouble to keep the opposition in check, Quilted, who looked nice and mellow, and who should be hard to beat later on, was second, Sleepwell, a half-sister to Waterford, third.

Apparently Taura's gallop in the Easter had done him some good, for in the Waipukurau Handicap he put in a brilliant sprint in the last hundred yards, and getting to Gold Dust, who up to this stage had looked a safe winner, wore him down, and the verdict went in his favour. Ia and Freeland, who both looked hearty and well, had a great set-to for third place, the Judge being unable to split them; at the finish. Coer-de-Lion, the other starter, had avorn-out appearance and finished a bad last, and the way he pulled up suggested that his racing career is about finished.

Blackwing broke up the top-weights by the solid pace she carved out for the first mile in the Ladies' Handicap. After

that distance she subsided, and Talmo could be seen to be going in good style, and well-handled by Mr P. Neagle, settled Creusot by a couple of lengths. Sleepwell the same distance away, third. This is the second consecutive time that Mr Neagle has piloted the conqueror in the Ladies' Race, for last year he steered Apres to Victory.

Assayer got a good lot off when the flag went down in the Flying Handicap, and making every post a winning one, secured the fiat easily from Tyrone, the favourite, who spoiled his prospect by hanging in badly all the way down the straight. Seraphine, who looked too big to do himself proper justice, third. With a few more gallops Seraph's ancient son should improve a great deal, and he may be looked for as a winner before many moons have set.

Notwithstanding that Pa-Tuna carried within a pound of nine stone, she made an easy thing of the Final Hack, for she was always adjacent to the front, and when Kirk asked her to come on a quarter of a mile from the chair, she streaked out in great style, and had the race in her keeping a furlong from home. Rapids put in a good run in the last half furlong, but his efforts were fruitless, and he had to be content with second shop, Ice third. Wild Cat, the first choice, led for about three furlongs, when she wilted away, and finished a long way behind the winner.

Mr A. Hyde dismissed the fields, with the exception of the arguers in the Ladies' Handicap, in which he had the ride on Creusot, and owing to this cause Mr Paul Hunter took office. The latter was very successful in his send-off, and it is a great pity that he is not oftener seen out in the business, for there is no doubt that he has all the essentials required in a starter, and with more practice would be hard to beat. Mr Hyde's work with the flag was also meritorious, and he is rapidly making his way to the front rank at the game.

TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The three days' autumn fixture of the Auckland Trotting Club was commenced on Saturday under exceedingly pleasant weather conditions, the result being that the public, knowing that good sport was to be witnessed, mustered in full force. The management of the meeting, in the capable hands of Mr Mark, left nothing to be desired, and everything passed off without the semblance of a hitch. Mr A. R. Harris acted as judge, and Mr C. O'Connor as starter, both gentlemen carrying out their duties in a highly efficient manner. The sum handled at the totalisator during the afternoon amounted to £2055.

Proceedings commenced with the Maiden Trot, one mile and a half, for which Redleaf was made favourite. The finish was a capital one, the favourite, who was on scratch, making a great effort up the straight, but had to put up with a half length defeat at the hands of Mr McBride's mare, Duchess of Rothschild, who was on the 10sec mark.

There were nine runners in the Pony Trot, for which Isabel was made a slightly better favourite than Kitty. The latter was very leniently handicapped, and nothing else ever got within a hundred yards of Mr Robinson's mare. Eric was second and Isabel third, the first-named surviving a protest for interference.

The Autumn Handicap proved a good betting race, and of the seven runners Sally Horner was made a warm favourite, although Annoyed's many admirers stuck to her stoutly. Whaiwhai and Solitary were responsible for the bulk of the running, but at the distance Sally Horner came through, and won all out by a length from Signal, with Solitary a good third.

Rebel Boy and Baxter shared favouritism in the Stewards' Trot, the former having the call. This very correctly indicated the relative abilities of the pair, for after a good race the roan son of Rebel Child, proved a little too good at the handicap for Mr Barker's gelding, winning by over a dozen yards, with Sir Robert in third place.

For the Middle-class Trot there were eight starters, and when the machine

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closed down Miss Rothschild, Countess, and Redleaf carried more than half the total investments. The limit trotters had matters quite their own way, and neither of the back mark favourites could get near enough to fill a place.

Three Kings and Belladonna were sorted out as the good things in the Cornwall Trot, but the former would not trot, and was pulled up. The race was a good one between Belladonna and Isabel, who was quite an outsider. The daughter of Judge Belden beat Isabel by five yards, with Fibre a fair third.

There were eight starters for the Flying Handicap, and for this Inspiration was made a warm favorite, Matura being next in demand. The favourite was very smart on her feet, and led to the home turn where the Sout mare, Rapid, came through, and won in a canter by nearly four lengths from Inspiration, Whaiwhai filling the other place.

The day's running was completed by the Electric Trot, in which a nice field of thirteen went to the post. Baxter and Donizetti were the public selection, and that they were not far astray was proved by the pair finishing in that order with some two lengths between them, while Taihoa, who trotted well from scratch, was a similar distance further away.

The following are the records:— The weather was fine and the attendance good for the first day of the above meeting. The sum of £2,055 was invested on the totalisator in 10s tickets. The results are as follows:—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP; one mile and a-half. Mrs G. McBride's b m Duchess of Rothschild, 4yrs, by Rothschild-Duchess, 10sec, G McBride .. 1 Mr T. Barker's br g Redleaf, aged, scr, Murfitt .. 2 Mr J. G. Lockwood's g Green Lavender, 4yrs, 22sec, Hill .. 3

PONY TROT HANDICAP; one mile and a-half. Mr G. Robinson's br m Kitty, aged, by La Rue—unknown, 36sec, Moore .. 1 Mr T. Cotton's b g Eric, aged, 13sec, Cotton .. 2 Mr T. Doyle's blk m Isabel, aged, 13sec, Murfitt .. 3

AUTUMN HANDICAP; six furlongs and a-half. Mr W. K. Carter's b m Sally Horner, 6yrs, by Hornpipe Anteros mare, 7.8, Deeley .. 1 Mr C. Smith's ch g Signal, aged, 6.12, Cotton .. 2 Mr J. Risk's ch m Solitary, 6yrs, 7.8, Barr .. 3

STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT; two miles. Mr T. Penny's rn g Rebel Boy, 5yrs, by Rebel Child, 17sec, Hill .. 1 Mr Thos. Barker's b g Baxter, 9sec, Murfitt .. 2 Mr D. Lealie's b g Sir Robert, 13sec, W. Greenwood .. 3

MIDDLE-CLASS TROT HANDICAP; one mile and a-half. Mr T. Exley's br m Countess, aged, by Victor, 22sec .. 1 Mr J. Brady's Little Paul, 4yrs, 19sec .. 2 Mr W. McMaster's b g George, aged, 19sec .. 3

CORNWALL TROT HANDICAP; two miles. Mr W. Humphrey's b m Belladonna, aged, by Judge Beldon—Equity, 33sec, Baker .. 1 Mr T. Doyle's blk m Isabel, aged, 24sec, Murfitt .. 2 Mr J. Lockwood's gr m Fibre, aged, 32sec, Hill .. 3

FLYING HANDICAP; five furlongs. Mr W. Howard's br m Rapid, 6yrs, by Sout—Lady Thornton, 6.7, Cotton .. 1 Mr H. Weal's b m Inspiration, 5yrs, 7.10, Towers .. 2 Mr D. Lealie's br g Whaiwhai, aged, 7.9, Secats .. 3

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP; one mile. Mr T. Barker's b g Baxter, aged, by King Harold, 6sec, Murfitt .. 1 Mr J. Lockwood's b g Donizetti, 6yrs, 18sec, Brady .. 2 Mr W. May's b g Taihoa, aged, 1sec, May .. 3

The Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting will be brought to a conclusion next Saturday, when some good sport should be shown. Lovers of trotting had their appetites whetted by the two day's sport and are consequently certain to rally in force at Alexandra Park if the weather proves as favourable to the club as the opening day.

No. 10 had three consecutive wins at Alexandra Park on Saturday, viz., Countess in the Class Trot, Belladonna in the Cornwall Trot, and Rapid in the Flying Handicap.

Baxter was greatly fancied for the Stewards' Handicap, but Rebel Boy proved his master at any part of the journey, and won easily at the finish. Baxter subsequently came out and annexed the Electric Trot in good style, the runner-up being Donizetti. The ancient grey, Fibre, seemed a bit

out of place in the Pony Trot on Saturday, and finished a long way in the rear.

The distinction gained by Almont and his three-year-old brother Belmont M. at the Sydney Royal Agricultural Show will be pleasing news to their many New Zealand admirers. From the rather vague information to hand it seems that Almont won the first prize for trotting stallions over three years of age, while Belmont M. secured that for the younger class. Privately I hear (writes "Templar") that Belmont M. also beat all comers in the Championship Class, being given precedence over Almont, Owyhee and others. This is a great performance for a three-year-old, for it practically stamps him as the premier stallion in Australia. After being purchased at the late Mr H. Mace's sale by Mr Tye, of Melbourne for 400gns, Belmont M. was subsequently acquired by Mr Mills, another Melbourne sportsman, at the record price of 1000gns. Almont's great doings since going to Australia are well-known, and so highly is he thought of by his present owner, that a genuine offer of 3000 sovs was recently refused for him. Mambrino Abdallah was another New Zealand-bred one competing at the Sydney Show, and apparently he failed to score.

THE TROTTER'S WIND SHIELD.

The advent of the two-minute trotter and the faster pacer was received during the past season with much jubilation by horsemen all over the land. Many an old timer's prediction was fulfilled, and many there were who acknowledged the error of their judgment as to the impossibility of the feat, but a calmer consideration of these sensational records has resulted in discrediting or throwing out the same by harness horse authorities, and the decision thus rendered has started a bitter controversy on all sides among horsemen. Let us throw aside all sentiment in matter and attempt a mathematical solution of the problem as to the benefit rendered a performing horse by the wind or dirt shield pacemaker.

On a perfect still day a horse going around two minutes is breasting a wind of 30 miles an hour created by his motion. Overcome this force which is opposing his speed, either completely or partially, and you will materially accelerate his motion by preventing a distressing waste of energy to the performer. We will now find what the pressure of the air amounts to when no shield is employed. For several centuries machines have been invented to determine the pressure of wind of various velocities. The sails of a vessel under a breeze of 30 mile an hour stands a pressure of over six pounds per square foot. Windmill experiments show four and a-half pounds pressure per square foot for a 30-mile-an-hour wind, while perhaps the most reliable instrument, the anemometer of Dr. Lind, gives five pounds per square foot for a 30-mile wind. This we will abide by as a conservative figure. The United States Weather Bureau uses Smeaton's rule, which gives four and a-half pounds pressure per square foot on a flat surface. Observations in England showed 14 pounds per square foot for a 38-mile wind and 42 pounds pressure for a 70-mile wind, or about twice as great as Smeaton's rule would give.

Now the surface presented by a harness horse when rushing through the atmosphere, is made up by the front part of the horse, his legs, part of the driver, part of the sulky and the forepart of the wheels, all of which, measured on a present time champion, amount to about twelve square feet; however, the surfaces whose section is twelve square feet, are not flat, but rather spherical or cylindrical; hence the pressure on such surfaces is different from that on flat surfaces, or is equal to one-half, according to Troutwine and other experimenters. Thus the two-minute horse on a dead calm day, facing a 30-mile wind created by himself, meets an opposing force of one-half of five pounds per square foot, or two and one half pounds; and the section of the cylindrical surfaces in this case being 12 square feet, we find by multiplying twelve by two and a-half, a pressure of thirty pounds against the unshielded trotter.

Behind the shield, the horse benefits most when close up, but benefits some if within any reasonable distance. The partial vacuum and suction, so called, behind the pacemaker certainly withdraw a large part of the 30 pounds pressure that would otherwise oppose the horse. The dirt shield pacemaker shields the horse behind in the same way that the Reliance in windward position effectually blanketed the Shamrock, though the two were more than twenty lengths apart, and yet some horsemen claim that only when the pace follower is less than one length behind is he assisted to any extent.

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TINAKORI HAKI HANDICAP of 80 sovs; six furlongs.

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RAILWAY HANDICAP of 150 sovs; six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names and weights. Includes Machine Gun, Vladimir, Lady Lillian, Starshoot, Ballarat, Petrovna, Black Reynard, Exmoor, Kremlin, Immersion, Melodeon, Liss o' Gowrie, Brave Heart, Replete, Lolah.

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FIRST DAY.

AVONDALE HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns for horse names and weights. Includes Romeo, Miss Lottie, Dolores, Idas, Puity, Heroism, Jewellery, Numa, Matamataharakeke, Oelania, Rose Shield.

RAILWAY HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names and weights. Includes Hohoro, Romeo, Bother.

Table with columns for horse names and weights. Includes Delania, Miss Lottie, Dolores, Avalanche, Numa, Maro, Solo, Scotty, Newtown, Kamo.

MAIDEN HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names and weights. Includes Liberator, Woodfield, Sergeant, Tahae, Sardonyx, Mauku, Baltimore, Legerton, Colt by Fabulist, Wildflower.

FIRST HAKI HANDICAP; six furlongs.

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HANDICAP HURDLES; two miles.

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JUVENILE HANDICAP; five furlongs.

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PONY HANDICAP; six furlongs.

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tion of gamblers. The fly alighted on No. 13 of the roulette table at a time when the players had suffered a persistent run of bad luck. The superstitious gamblers exchanged covert glances, and searched their pockets for money with which to stake.

If Englishmen are not very careful and alert, they will eventually lose their prestige as the breeders of thoroughbred stock. Other countries are rapidly overhauling them.

DOG SHOWS.

The most remarkable quality obtained from crossing the old English breed of horse with Eastern blood (says "Augur," of the "London Sporting Life"), was unquestionably speed.

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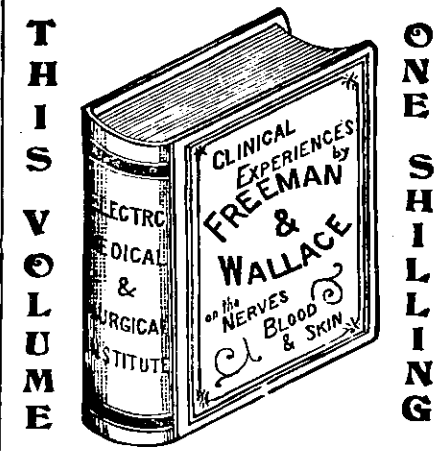
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FOOTBALL.

The annual report of the New South Wales Rugby Union disclosed a prosperous year. The receipts for the New Zealand's team's tour were £1669.

The North Shore District Football Club held their annual meeting in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, on Wednesday. The secretary's report stated that the seniors had played ten matches, winning five. The first junior team had only lost one match, and succeeded in winning the championship for that grade. The balance-sheet showed a small credit balance. Mr E. W. Alison, M.H.R., was elected president. The other officers were:—Vice-presidents, Messrs L. D. Nathan, E. Mass Davis, M. Walsh, D. W. McLean, E. Ford, Captain Moorhouse, Dr. Bennett; club captain, Mr R. Irvine; general committee, Messrs A. Powell, Yeoland, B. Wells, J. Sullivan, and the captain of the juniors; delegates, Messrs J. Sullivan, S. Mays, and W. Ramsay; auditor, Mr J. C. Webster; secretary and treasurer, Mr W. A. Key. A vote of thanks to Mr W. Ramsay, retiring secretary, and the other retiring officers was heartily adopted. A number of new members were elected. A Building Committee, consisting of Messrs Yeoland, Ramsey, Bedell, S. Mays, G. Wynyard, A. Mays, and J. Watt, sen., was elected, and the purchase of an allotment will be proceeded with.

A general meeting of the Suburbs District Football Club was held on Thursday evening. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr D. A. Sutherland (Mayor of Onehunga); delegates to the Rugby Union, Messrs Plugge, Somerfield and Pilkington; management committee, Messrs Waters, Stuckey, Pilkington, MacIntosh Waterman and Sutherland; secretary and treasurer, Mr H. P. Jones; assistant secretary, Mr S. W. Somerfield.

A meeting of the management committee of the New Zealand Rugby Union was held last week to consider important correspondence from the New South Wales Rugby Union in respect to the proposal that the English football team should extend its Australian tour to New Zealand. Mr G. F. C. Campbell (president of the N.Z.R.U.) was in the chair. It was decided that the union could not see its way to send a New Zealand team to Australia (as suggested by the New South Wales Union) to meet the Englishmen there. Negotiations are proceeding between the New South Wales Rugby Union and the New Zealand body in respect of terms for bringing about a visit of the Englishmen to these shores. The original offer of the New Zealand Union was a minimum guarantee of £600, together with 75 per cent. of the net proceeds of not less than five matches to be played in this colony. The guarantee was subsequently increased to £750, but this did not prove acceptable to the New South Wales Rugby Union. The New Zealand Union has now offered to guarantee the expenses of the Englishmen from the date of their departure from Sydney till their return, the New South Wales Rugby Union to receive half of the net profits of the tour in this colony. Certainly these seem to be most liberal. There are some proposals pending, but the management committee is very reticent in regard to the correspondence still passing between the New Zealand and New South Wales Rugby Unions. The latter body is stated to be sticking out for £1,500, which exorbitant sum the N.Z. Union very properly refuse to consider.

The annual meeting of the Ponsonby District Football Club was held in the training hall, Dignan-street, Ponsonby, on Friday evening last. The report and balance-sheet for the past season showed that the assets of the club amounted to £450 (hall and appointments), and the total liabilities to £250. The election of officers, etc., for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—President, Mr T. T. Masefield (re-elected); vice-presidents, as last year, with the addition of Messrs Alf. Jones, A. Burt, jun., W. Smith, F. Watson, McLeay, A. Thomp-

son; secretary, Mr A. Gillespie; hall secretary, Mr C. P. Stichbury; treasurer, Mr G. Bater; assistant secretary, Mr J. Conway; committee, Messrs J. Redman, O. N. Riley, A. Braund, W. Doran, O. A. Jackson; delegates to the Rugby Union, Messrs D. Dunlop, C. Stichbury, and D. Gallaher; auditors, Messrs C. A. Jackson and J. Arneil; club captain, Mr A. Braund.

The Parnell District Club held their annual meeting in the club's training hall on Thursday evening. The report and balance-sheet for the year were read and adopted. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts for the year amounted to £408 11s, leaving a credit balance of £2 4s 9d. The assets amounted to £610 4s 9d, representing the value of the training shed and appointments while the liabilities were £334, leaving a balance of assets over liabilities of £276 2s 3d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr G. S. Kissling; secretary, Mr H. G. Chevis; treasurer, Mr A. Twinnam; committee, Messrs Hancock, Taylor, Saunders, Whitaker, Smith; auditors, Messrs Fraser and Buchanan; delegates to the Auckland Rugby Union, Messrs F. Murray, F. Jervis, and Fraser; senior Selection Committee, Messrs Hancock, Twinnam, and Taylor.

The annual meeting of the Grafton District Football Club was held in the Training Hall, Mary-street, Mount Eden, on Thursday night. The annual report and balance-sheet were adopted. Mr C. Brady was elected a life member, and officers for the ensuing twelve months were elected as under:—President, Mr A. M. Myers; don. secretary and treasurer, Mr E. A. Craig; assistant secretary, Mr T. Marshall; auditor, Mr Geo. Sanders; committee of management, Messrs E. MacCormick, D. Bell, and M. H. McKenzie; delegates to Rugby Union, Messrs G. P. Murray, A. Wooler, and Geo. Martin.

The City District Football Club's annual meeting was held on Thursday evening in the training hall, Baker-street. The twelfth annual report stated that the senior team had performed most brilliantly, winning the championship, which carried with it the valuable cup presented by the D.C.L. Co., while the second and third fifteens had acted as runners up in their respective grades. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £327 5s and the expenditure £319 18s 7d, leaving a balance of cash in hand of £7 6s 3d. The value of assets over liabilities amounted to close on £120. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr A. M. Myers; vice-presidents, last year's with the additions of Messrs McGee, Brown, Sarah, Taylor, and Ross; captain, Mr A. Asher; secretary and treasurer, Mr G. Donaldson; assistant-secretary, Mr V. Goldwater; Management Committee, Messrs Nicholson, Tyler (2), Stevens, Goldwater, V. C. Little, Donaldson, and Asher; delegates to A.R.U., Messrs Sheahan, Donaldson, and Bonella; auditors, Messrs T. B. O'Connor and Stevens.

A cable from England received during the week states that it has been definitely decided the team of footballers from England who will visit Australia this winter, will come across and play a series of matches in this colony. This

will be good news for footballers, as it will have a good effect on the game. Warner's men may have found New Zealand a very easy victim at cricket, but when it comes to the great winter game we are quite convinced that we can hold our own with the best.

...The English Rugby team of footballers for New South Wales will leave London by the R.M.S. Ormuz. It numbers 19, and includes several international players. The first match is set down to be played in Sydney on June 22, and will be against New South Wales.

LINE & TRIGGER.

(By "Gillie.")

The consignment of twelve deer, the gift to the Rotorua Rod and Gum Club from Mr T. C. Chirnside, of Wiriabee, Victoria, arrived at Rotorua in splendid condition.

The season during which native and imported game may be taken will open on May 1 next, and close on July 31, except as to deer and goodwits, for which a separate season is fixed. As this year will be a close season for native pigeon, kakas, and pukekos, the native game to be shot will probably only include wild duck, teal, wild geese, and swan. The blue, or mountain duck, is declared to be protected, also the Paradise duck in most districts.

A few years ago (writes Mr R. B. Marston in the "Fishing Gazette") it was said in some quarters that rainbows should not be fished for until late in the summer, as they spawned in May or April. Mr Wadham's experience and that of other breeders goes to prove that it is quite fair to fish for rainbows in May. It is very extraordinary that with all the plantings of rainbow trout in this country we seem to have absolutely no proof that the fish breed and increase in a wild state—they spawn, and that is the end of it. I am afraid that this is too often the case with trout artificially bred and turned into a water for stocking purposes. Of late years German biologists have proved beyond question that in domesticated trout—that is, trout bred and fed in confinement—the eggs gradually become diseased, especially in fish bred right up to the spawning time and with unsuitable food—horseflesh is condemned for one. It would be an interesting experiment if some fish-breeder would sow some redds in a suitable stream with eyed rainbow eggs to see if they will hatch out. A French fish-breeder who called on me the other day told me that the rainbow trout appeared to thrive and breed in a wild state in some of the rivers of the south-west of France. He told me that he bred large quantities of trout fry, and by arrangement with landowners he stocked waters for them, and when the fish are large enough for the market they are netted out and sold, half the proceeds belonging to the owner of the water and the other half to him. In this country it does not pay to rear trout for the market—at any rate, it pays much better to rear them to sell for trout streams and lakes. In another twenty or thirty years I believe the refuse from towns and factories will be so purified that many

waters which have long been only sewers will again become clear and full of fish.

The more we study birds the more they seem to baffle our science. Buzzards have been seen to ascend 1000ft perpendicularly in a minute or so, in a dead calm, without visible motion of their outstretched wings. A Virginian plover starts one evening from Labrador and arrives next morning in Brazil, doing the journey on an empty stomach without stopping on the way. Young birds go by themselves thousands of miles on a journey they have never been before.

The following additional regulation under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," and its amendments is gazetted:—"No person shall cast or throw into any stream in which trout or salmon exist or have been liberated, or shall allow to flow into, or place near the bank or margin of any such stream, any sawdust or sawmill refuse, lime, sheep dip, flaxmill refuse, or any other matter or liquid that is noxious, poisonous, or injurious to fish, provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit the depositing in such stream of debris from any mining claim." The penalty is not less than £2 or more than £50.

CYCLING.

Is hill-climbing injurious? Under this query an English cycling journalist gives the following advice. "Let me say that riding up hills of an ordinary nature is purely a knack. It can only be acquired by practice. For this reason novices should make a point of riding up all the moderate hills they can. If the effort is never made cycling will always be more or less irksome. Unless hills can be ridden fairly well, moreover, half the pleasure of cycling is lost. Some novices never make the effort presumably, and walk up hills which they should ride up with ease, which is absurd. Surely it is worth while undergoing a little fatigue, etc., for a month or so in order to become proficient; at any rate, so most cyclists think, and I agree. Of course, riders who are very young, or weak, or who are suffering from any organic disease, should walk all but the very slightest hills. But even middle-aged people in ordinary health may practise hill-climbing with considerable advantage. The great rule to remember is, keep the ball of the foot upon the pedal and ankle properly, so that the power is applied evenly for about two-thirds of the complete pedal revolution. Steer straight, and do not pull at the handles until you are positively compelled to do so. Opinions differ greatly as regards toe-clips. For myself, I have never found them particularly beneficial, except for very fast riding."

The announcement is made in Sydney that Arthur Smyth, the well-known N.S.W. amateur pace follower, has placed the world's 10 miles amateur paced record to his credit. Smyth's time is 15min 52 2-5sec. This is Australian record, and a very fine ride for a 16-stone weight rider, but it is not world's record. This honour is held by G. A. Olley (Eng.), who last May rode

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10 miles from a standing start on the Crystal Palace Track (London), in 15-min 46 2-5sec. The professional world's record for the same distance is also held by an English rider the credit being to W. T. Hafl, who has covered the distance in 11min 29 2-5sec.

The proprietors of a well-known English cycling journal have started a novel competition which promises to arouse a large amount of excitement amongst cyclists: it is nothing less than a search for a safety bicycle. In each issue of the paper appears two photographs of a stretch of roadway. No description is given whatever of the locality of the views, the rider having recognised the spots and thus trace his way to a certain hotel away in the country, where he must apply to the proprietor for an order on a firm of cycle manufacturers to deliver up a high grade machine. The views as they appear will lead the rider nearer and nearer to the goal until the final clue—no doubt a view of the inn, or rather a part of it is given.

A short time ago there was considerable discussion in the English cycle papers in regard to the effects of free-wheeling upon those who practised it, when it was stated that it induced laziness, and rendered the progress of the rider slower. This was combated strenuously by many, who stated that there was no difference in their speed excepting an improvement, and instead of becoming indolent, the added variety which coasting afforded had given the exercise another pleasurable feature, which is fully appreciated by those who cycle consistently. It was said that a rider on adopting the free-wheel allowed himself to coast down every slope, however gentle, and which certainly reduced the average pace. It may be granted that for the first few weeks the novelty of the free-wheel induced the user to make a display of it on every occasion. This was but natural, and it was probably the sight of new hands coasting on hills which barely allowed the machine to run of its own accord that led many to think the device had a slowing effect, as well as an influence on the user, which deterred him from riding as much as he otherwise would. Times out of number I have noticed (writes "Fortis") that after the first month, or six weeks at the outside the novelty had worn off, and free-wheeling was not indulged in unduly. It was a part and parcel of the machine, and used when occasion demanded it, much in the same way as a brake or bell. Personally, I have found the free-wheel advantageous in every way. There is no question but that the variety it affords is fully appreciated. In hot weather it allows the rider to maintain a more comfortable temperature, yet, again, if the air is chilly, one may continue pedalling, and generate the necessary warmth to combat it. The best effect of the coaster device on cycling is that it has rendered the wheel infinitely safer, since the user of this adjunct must of a necessity have reliable brake power. The introduction of the free-wheel caused an immense amount of attention to be paid to brakes of every description. In this connection I have found the coaster to be helpful. With a knowledge that the machine was under full control, and could be brought to a standstill in a comparatively short distance, I have, and do as a rule, take hills as a much faster pace than before. In long journeys the coaster is distinctly restful; it enables one to tackle the up-grades in a better condition, and, if coupled with a two-speed gear—a free-wheel at high gear and a fixed wheel at low—the rider has a splendid variety which makes for greater pleasure with less exertion.

It seems probable that in the near future one will be able to stand up and cycle. A leading manufacturing firm in Germany has been instructed by the Glade Patent Foot Cycle Company to construct a complete set of foot cycles for the purpose of a trial. A model of the machine shows that it is a small bicycle, about 15in long, on a pair of which the operator stands instead of sitting, the foot being about 3 1/2in or 4in from the ground. The force is produced by the ball and heel of the foot just as in pedestrianism. There is a cycle with tyred wheels for each foot, and a speed of about nine miles an hour can be maintained, it is said, for three hours without much fatigue. The cost of a pair of these foot-cycles will be about £5.

The International Cyclists' Union Conference was held at Paris, when delegates from various European countries were present, as well as from New Zealand, Argentina, and the United States. The accounts of the championship meeting at Copenhagen last year showed a profit of £345, which was divided among the various countries pro rata. It was decided to recognise the English rider A. L. Reid as the world's amateur champion, and it was resolved that this year's gathering be held at the Crystal Palace—in all probability on the first and second Saturdays in September.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

"It was somewhat laughable when Southerly Buster capsized on Saturday to see the crew dropping off her as her big side went up in the air (says the "Town and Country Journal"). Being airtight, of course, all but a small portion of the hull was out of water, and it looked peculiar to see 8ft. or 9ft. of dark hull showing. Once the sails were "lowered" from the mast, it did not take long to right the Buster." The Auckland boat in her Sydney trials has shown phenomenal pace off the the wind, but close-hauled has not done so well.

Mr Alison has sold the well-known oil yacht, Queen of Beauty, to Messrs Williamson and Co., of Waitara.

A cutter for Tonga is being built by Charles Bailey, jun. The same builder sent away six new whaleboats by the Southern Cross for the Melanesian Mission.

"Bob" Logan, of the well-known firm of Logan Bros., has been away for some time at Rotorua for the benefit of his health. The change has proved beneficial, and everybody will be glad to learn that Bob is beginning to look something like himself again. Insomnia has proved the chief stumbling block to complete recovery.

Bailey and Lowe have completed a nice 30ft. oil launch for Picton.

I have to acknowledge from Mr S. M. Barry, hon. secretary of the West End Rowing Club, card of invitation to the club's "At Home," which will take place on April 16, when the trial fours for the Kohn Shield will be rowed off.

The Auckland Rowing Club brought off the seventh series of trial fours on Saturday. The final fell to Blackwell, A Reid, J. Diamond, and J. Forshaw (stroke), who secured the trophies presented by Mr Crombie.

R. Lindsay, F. Innes, V. Dunn, and B. Totton (stroke) were the successful crew in the St. George's Rowing Club trial fours on Saturday. Mr J. H. B. Coates donated the prizes.

Now that the Easter Cruise is a thing of the past, most of the yachts are dismantling preparatory to being hauled up for the winter.

Those yachts which were away for the week-end had a stiff sou'-wester to battle against on the passage home on Sunday. It was a case of close-reeling with most and wet jackets were the order of the day.

Commenting on the coming season in England, a London writer says:—"First-class yacht racing promises to centre in the meeting of the American schooner Ingomar, the new German-owned schooner building at Pointhouse-on-Clyde, and the cutter Kariad. Most likely all three will race in the Dover to Kiel match, in which case the Scottish regattas must greatly suffer. The hope that the New York Club would alter the rules of measurements for Cup challengers so as to allow of the production of a more healthy type of boat, was at best not a strong one, and if Sir Thomas Lipton has to try with a fourth Shamrock, win or lose, it must be another addition to the marine store. Neither of the two Clyde yachting architects are anxious to have a try at Reliance, believing the task of beating her with a boat which has to cross the Atlantic to be somewhat hopeless."

BOWLING.

A number of inter-club games were played on Saturday, the weather proving all that could be desired for the pastime.

Auckland met Carlton in a nine rink match, and won by 15 points, a result largely due to the disparity in the score in the match between Towsey and Rowe's team, the Auckland men winning by 28 points to 10. Minnie's team went under rather badly to A. W. Thompson's at Carlton, otherwise the various matches were very even.

Now that the evenings are drawing in it behoves the match committees to see that the draw takes place at two o'clock sharp. I am informed that although this is a rule on the Auckland green, play did not commence till nearly three o'clock on Saturday. To thus waste the best of the all-too-short afternoon is unfair to the members. I understand that in certain of the Southern Clubs play commences directly there is a sufficient number present to make a team, the names being taken in the order of arrival. This rule has much to commend it, for it does away with the present rather prevalent practice of squaring the draw indulged in by some of the clubs.

Mt. Albert defeated Mt. Eden in a two-rink match on Saturday by 44 to 33 points.

In a six-rink match on Saturday Mt. Eden beat Rocky Nook by 123 to 110.

Ponsonby successfully defended the Edwin Stars on Saturday from an assault by Onchunga. The latter put up a great fight, it being 15 all on the twentieth head. The holders got in two points on the last head, and thus retained possession of the coveted trophies.

CRICKET.

The match between Eden and Ponsonby on Saturday was very close indeed. The former had 137 on the slate, and towards this total Ponsonby had made 60 for the loss of two wickets, so that a victory for them looked fairly certain. The Westerners, however, gave a very feeble display of batting, and eventually the last wickets fell with the score still six runs short of the required total. B. Francis (12) was easily the best batsman for the side. Eden going in again lost four wickets for five runs, but thanks to H. B. Lusk the score was taken to 79 for seven wickets when time was called.

City having 165 runs on the board looked to be in a fairly safe winning position against Parnell. The latter team, however, treated the City bowlers with but scant ceremony, nearly all the team getting into double figures. Eventually the total reached 225 runs towards which E. Sale contributed 52, and N. B. Lusk 39. Parnell thus won by 60 runs.

Eden and Parnell are now leading for the Auckland Cricket Association's Championships, Ponsonby, City and Grafton having one loss more registered against them than the leading pair. No team has stood out from the others this season as was usually the case under the one club system.

These games against odds are rather a weariness of the flesh (writes Captain Warner), and I don't very much whether they do any good locally. In future years it would be a good plan to play nothing but eleven a-side matches in Australia, viz., five test games, and a couple of games against the three principal States, and a visit to Brisbane. That would make twelve matches in Australia. Then a couple of games might be played in Tasmania, and four or five in New Zealand, where cricket is fast going ahead. The return to England might be made via Honolulu, San Francisco, and across the American Continent, and thus save the monotony and heat of a journey through the Canal. Financially, too, the programme I have sketched, would be far more profitable than the present arrangement.

A Sydney "Bulletin" correspondent writes anent the English team now on its way back to its own country:—Gleanings from the fourth Test match regarding English players:—Arnold: The best bowler on a good wicket. Bosanquet: The most lady-like batsman. Eraund: The best all-round man. Foster: The most showy batsman. Hayward: The best batsman. Hirst: The most useful man. Knight: The slowest batsman. Lilley: The worst batsman. Rhodes: The best bowler bowler on a crone wicket. Tydesley: The most over-rated batsman. Warner: The cheekiest captain under the sun.

In a match on Saturday, at Melbourne, between the University and Melbourne Cricket Clubs, the well-known batsman, Armstrong, compiled the huge total of 438 runs. This has only thrice been exceeded, viz., by A. E. J. Collins (628 not out) at Bristol, England; by C. J. Eady (566) at Hobart; and by A. E. Stoddart (485) at Twickenham, England.

The Philadelphia Associated Cricket Clubs have asked the Marylebone C.C. to send over a team for a series of matches in June and July.

A cablegram was received recently announcing the death of Mr W. J. Ford, aged 50. The late Mr W. J. Ford, who played for Middlesex and Cambridge University some years ago, was a mem-

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ber of the famous Ford family of cricketers. He was one of the biggest hitters of the last 30 years, but was little known to the rising generation of Australian cricketers. He was a big man with a big bat, and has hit over the grandstand at Lords and out of the Aigburth (Liverpool) ground. Thom's story of a man who shouted out, "Take him a tree," when Mr Ford once called for a new bat, is historical, but unfortunately deceased wound up his first-class cricket by straining his arm over a monster hit off Foucher into the members' enclosure at Lords. All the members of the family hit hard, and of them Mr F. G. J. Ford visited Australia in 1894-5. Mr W. J. Ford, as he himself said in an article entitled "Big Hitters of Modern Times," in his contributions to cricket literature, said, "There is nothing that the cricket-watching public loves so dearly as some big hitting." Among great hitters he placed C. I. Thornton easily first, G. Zennor a good second, and Lyons and himself third. Jessop he regarded as a Thornton in miniature. That was his opinion some years ago, and he may have changed it. The best hit he ever saw was made by W. H. Fowler, o.c. the old pavilion at Lords. It was "only just high enough to clear the lower part of the roof; the ball hummed over the slates as if it had left the mouth of a gun instead of the blade of the hitter's long-handled bat." The deceased was a sterling player, and will long be remembered by those who have witnessed his fearless hitting, for he was a master of that art.

The Motorist.

Mr Arthur Cleave is now Secretary of the Auckland Automobile Association.

During a recent visit to Rotorua the writer was indebted to Mr Hamilton Grapes for very many kindnesses. Mr Grapes is now well-established at Rotorua, and his car is kept busy from morning till night. He has made some very fast runs to Waimangu and the journey to the Fairy Spring and Bainbridge's Monument is one that should not be missed by visitors to Rotorua. We have since learned that Mr Grapes has joined the Rotorua Motor Syndicate, and is now manager of the Motor Department. We offer our congratulations.

The arrival of Mr Carlyon's 14 h.p. Daimler at Auckland from Napier was the motor event of the week. This is the biggest car in the Colony, but I am afraid the roads are unreliable for a car of this size, and that the upkeep will prove a very heavy item. The party left Rotorua on Monday week at 8.30 a.m., arriving at Hamilton at 4 p.m. the same day. Leaving Hamilton on Wednesday, at 9 a.m., everything went well until reaching the well-known Rangiriri Hills. The rain had done its work, with the result that Mr Carlyon was weather and mud bound for two days. Even with the assistance of four horses it was impossible to proceed. I understand, Mr Carlyon intends going back over the same road, and I trust that he will be favoured with better weather conditions.

Mr R. Graham has resigned his position with the Rotorua Motor Bus Company.

I had an opportunity last week of watching Mr Stewart Milne's handling of the 9 h.p. Darracq, and must confess that I was greatly surprised at the control he seems to have over the car. During a recent run to Clevedon, he had the bad luck to get his tyre punctured twice.

Mr A. L. Cleave, jr., made a good run last week from Rotorua to Auckland in 1hr 45min, actual running time, on his Oldsmobile. The weather and road conditions were anything but favourable, otherwise better time would have been made.

Dr. De Clive Lowe has ordered a 6 h.p. Oldsmobile Touring Run-Around, and expects delivery in a few weeks. Dr. Lowe was instrumental in forming the Auckland Automobile Association, and it would be a graceful act on the part of the members if they were to ask him to accept the presidency of the club at the expiration of Dr. Raynor's term.

Three Darracqs ran out to Clevedon on Monday last. Messrs Bockaert, Skeats and party, Mr Chatteris and party, and Mr Milne and party. The day was an ideal one for motoring, and the run outward was accomplished in about one hour and three-quarters, everyone returning to town well satisfied with the outing. There is no doubt for Mr Chatteris has been accustomed over the class of country one meets round Auckland.

Mr Chatteris, of trotting fame, has become a convert to the motor. I understand that he has sold his well-known trotter Harold Abdallah, as he is quite convinced that nothing on four legs can compare with the speedy motor car either for comfort or if time is an object to be considered. This is a great testimonial for the horseless carriage, for Mr Chatteris has been accustomed to sit behind some very fast trotting sock.

At the Automobile Club of Victoria's recent smoke social held in Melbourne, Mr J. R. Crooke, upon being presented with the Club's colours and badge for his win in the voiturette race at Sandown Park, stated that it is a curious coincidence his winning the first motor car race held in Australia, as his late father won the first Melbourne Cup was then known as the Remington Cup, with "Belzone" in 1849. The original silver cup was handed round for inspection, and created much interest. Mr J. R. Crooke has a great belief in the future of automobilism in this country, and is considering the advisability of laying down a special automobile racing track one mile in circumference and 66 feet wide, down at his fine park at Aspendale.

If all the stories are true with regard to the fleet of motor cars supplied to the Chinese Royal Family, the lot of the mechanics in charge of the same is anything but an enviable one, for should any accident befall the Chinese Emperor or Empress when in their car, the driver will be punished with instant death—off comes his head.

When a boiler of a steam car is not to be used for some time all water should be drawn off. It is also advisable to take a small quantity of sal. soda—about a cup full—dissolve it in warm water, and pump this into the boiler.

Then fill the boiler nearly full of clean water, start a slow fire for about ten minutes; turn out the fire and blow off the boiler until dry. This leaves a coating which prevents further rust, and thus prolongs the life of the boiler. The water system should be carefully drained. This can be done by opening the valve at the bottom of the water column, and the small pet cock, which is usually placed below the pumps in steam cars of the Locomobile type. If the car is equipped with steam water pumps, great care should be taken that they be thoroughly drained, and oil worked into the cylinders and valves. When the car is to be used again it should be fired up and blown off before beginning to use it regularly, as otherwise the deposits of soda will cause foaming in the boiler, incorrect registration in the gauge and priming through the engine.

The English Automobile Club has been making exhaustive experiments as to the cause of dust-raising by the motors. Had it not been for the aid of photography nothing could have been done, as the eye was not quick enough to notice the effects. The tests were made at the Crystal Palace. Over sixty feet of the track there was covered with flour to the depth of half an inch, and over five hundred photographs of the cars were taken. Dust-raising, it was found, was occasioned by air currents thrown out sideways by obstructions under the cars and by the inrush of air behind the car after it had passed. The first was caused by low-placed cross silencers, or tool-boxes, or by a tangle of gear, and by certain sorts of mud-guards. The difference caused by tyres was not very marked. Hard tyres were better than soft, and narrow tyres than broad, but neither had any preponderating influence. Smoothness of the bottom of the cars and an absence of any forward cone were very desirable. The bottom of a car should slope upwards towards the back.

The French firm of Darracq and Co., motor-builders, &c., have in order a monster racing machine, of not less than 160 h.p. The car will be driven by two four-cylinder motors, acting independently, one situated in front, and the other at the rear of the car. The top speed that the engines will drive the machine is calculated to be 100 miles per hour, and it is intended to run the car up to the limit. The "Comet," as the monster will be called, has been ordered by the American representative of the firm of M. La Roche, who will use it for racing purposes.

What is the greatest distance ridden on one bicycle? The "Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette" notes 39,000 miles in a little more than two years. An Oxford M.A. has now written to that journal, however, to say that he has an old Beeston Humber "which has run about 42,000 miles." Needless to say, this mount was carefully looked after, and overhauled once a year.

It is stated that the output of motor-cycles in France will be tremendous this year. One firm alone, it is estimated, will produce 12,000, and in addition 8000 motor engines to order for a big German manufacturer. Two other firms will turn out 2000, and two others 1000. In addition there are scores of small firms turning out about a hundred, so that nearly 20,000 motor-cycles should be placed on the market this year from France alone!

In France touring motor-cyclists are charged a duty of one franc per pound weight on machine, the money being returnable on leaving the country. Tourists on the ordinary machines are permitted to pass free.

Two thousand electrically-operated automobile-chairs, each seating two persons, will be on hire at the World's Fair at St. Louis next year. A uniform speed of three (3) miles an hour will be maintained. A most desirable feature of the machine is a sensitive safety rail, projecting in front. The touch of a person's leg or other slight obstruction pushes this safety rail back, and stops the machine.

LAWN TENNIS.

With a view of creating greater interest in the game of lawn tennis, a proposal is on foot to bring the world's champions, R. F. and H. L. Doherty, to Australia. The Associations in the various States are to be asked to assist in the accomplishing of the object in view. The idea is a splendid one, and the benefit to be derived from the visit of champions of any sport has been exemplified by the revival of interest in cycling through the visit of Major Taylor.

Writing of the recent South Australian Championships, "Wimbledon" writes in the "Australasian" as follows:—"The singles championship went to Parker, the champion of New Zealand, who was in fine form. Parker is somewhat remarkable as a player, as in nearly all his strokes he gets a very big lift, or 'top spin,' on the ball, which causes it to drop into the court when it looks certain that the ball will be out. Nearly all his strokes may be described as round-arm 'hoicks,' and he uses this stroke even in smashing at the net. He is a very safe player, and seems able to get anything back; in singles he does not come up to the net as much as most players of his calibre. Last year Parker hoped to be able to play in the November championships here, but was unable to arrange it; it is much to be hoped that he will be able to come over this year.

Miss A. Nicholson registered a very fine performance in the West End Club's Ladies' Handicap. She pulled off the competition despite the tremendous handicap of over 40½. This win was thoroughly well-deserved.

In the West End Club's Men's Handicap doubler Angus and Gordie (over 15½) defeated Smith and Giltos (receive 15½) in the final by two sets to one.

H. McCoy, of the West End Club, won the final of the Whangarei tournament, beating Cooke, of Eden and Epsom, by two sets to one. The loser was giving away a very heavy handicap, but made an exceedingly good fight of it.

The Dunedin lawn tennis tournament was continued on Saturday. C. G. White for the second time won the men's singles championship, beating R. S. Brown, 6-2, 6-3. In the men's doubles the final between White and Salmond and S. N. and R. S. Brown had to be abandoned owing to failing light at set all and three all. Miss Fairclough won the ladies' singles handicap.

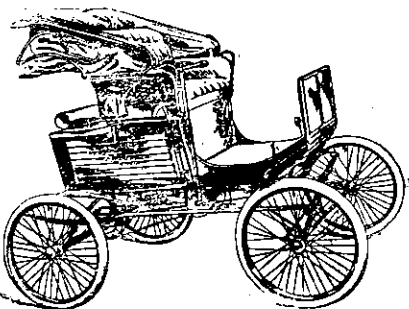
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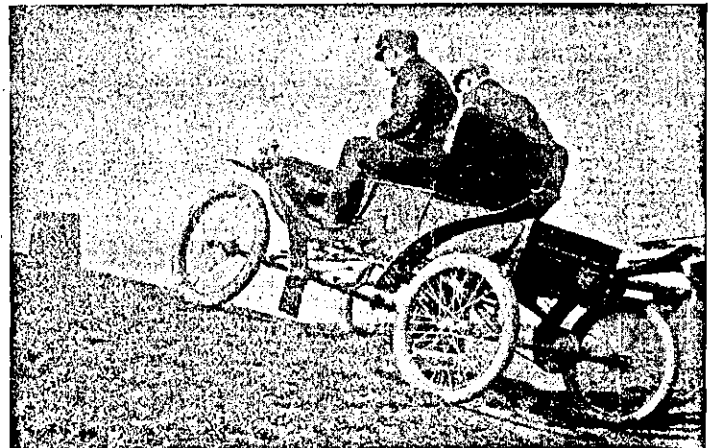


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ATHLETICS.

The London "Sporting Life" has an article headed "England's Athletic Supremacy in Danger," urging the advisability of sending an English team to St. Louis this year for the Olympic Games, and drawing attention to the rapid advance on the Continent and elsewhere made in all branches of sport. "As the leading sporting nation, therefore, it behoves England to actively support the Olympic Games. Otherwise we shall, in the language of the hour, be severely left." In rowing, football, and athletics the Continental races are making marked strides. Two French clubs have entered teams for the English cross-country championships. As the home of sport England naturally attracts such visits, but once her supremacy is gone, the attraction will go too. In athletics that supremacy is certainly not undisputed. America is quite her equal, and England will have to reciprocate visits if she desires athletics from abroad to continue to visit her shores.

Antonio Pierri is determined to have revenge for the defeat of his protegee, Ahmed Madralli, by "the Russian Lion," and, with that object in view has taken over another Turkish wrestler, to tackle Hackenschmidt at the latter's own style—Greco-Roman. The newcomer is one Ali Hassan Nourlah, who stands just on 7ft high, weighs 25st, and, of course, has beaten all the best Continental wrestlers. At all events, Pierri has deposited £100 with the "Sportsman," £50 to make a match up to £500 a-side between Hassan and Hackenschmidt, and £50 for another match for a similar amount between Hackenschmidt and Madralli, the last-named having got over his injury so rapidly that he will be fit to wrestle in a week or two. Another challenger of Hackenschmidt is the American champion Tom Jenkins.

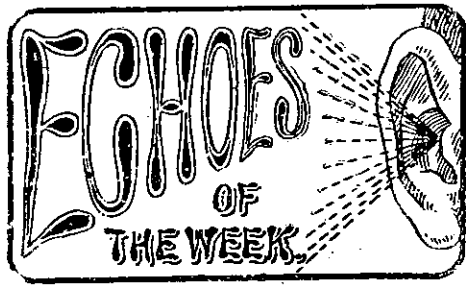
The stately Eucalyptus bends its head, And sighs and moans as if all joys had fled.

The sleepy Bear cries:—"Why such sad lament?"

I'd like to know what's ruffled your content."

"Alas!" the sad old tree says in reply, "Once full of joy, and pride, and power was I.

But now my oil's discarded, and I find Woods' Peppermint Cure is used by all mankind."



(By "Ithuriel.")

The recent hotel robberies and the attack on the Coroner point to the existence in Auckland of a band of very expert and determined criminals. The burglary of the Imperial Hotel was a singularly daring piece of work, and it would seem that there is not much use in taking precautions against such accomplished thieves. Yet the most obvious commentary upon the case is that nobody in an hotel—not even the manager—should go to sleep without locking the bedroom door. The perpetrators of the robbery must have made themselves thoroughly acquainted with the ins and outs of the house and the habits of Mr Tom Pearce, and it is conceivable that the locking of the manager's door would not have foiled them. A more complicated method of securing the safe will have to be resorted to.

In the case of the Royal Hotel, the daring displayed was simply superb, and leaves one with the conviction that if it had not been possible to carry away the cash register the artificers would have carted away the bar. Lots of cures for evils of this kind will be suggested, but I imagine prevention is much better. The police can always find time to watch the hotels in order to catch the landlord; perhaps it would be well if they devoted a little of their attention to the people that prey on the landlord.

Says "Civis" in the "Witness":—The Rev. P. B. Fraser's seven-column discourse on the Union question, as communicated to last week's "Outlook," I have read. Why, I don't quite know,

except that I desire to acquire merit, and trust that this also may count. On the advantages of Christian Dis-union, Mr Fraser, for all his fervour, leaves me cold. But I am interested in his parables and illustrations. There is a "Lion" of equivocal sex—"our Presbyterian Lion," which is to be "more than ever worthy of her noble ancestry." There is much talk of wine and wineskins: "We shall not throw away our theological wineskins, lest we, with unskilled hands, spill the precious wine." This is pretty strong for a leading Prohibitionist; but worse remains behind: If you have got new wine, why, of course, by all means hasten to put it into new wineskins. Do not put it into the skins of Westminster: for all you have got of Westminster and the "evangelical succession" are the skins—and the fine Westminster aroma! But the wine itself is gone. We hold no brief for the skins of Westminster, but we do relish the Westminster wine. If I were a Prohibitionist—which I'm not, thanks be!—I should consider that Mr Fraser owed me an explanation. "We do relish the Westminster wine!" "We"—who's "we"? A Prohibitionist might request Mr Fraser to mind his pronouns. From my own point of view, which is quite that of an outsider, I think the metaphor of wine and the relishing of wine decidedly risky, and that the evident disposition to linger over it and dally with it is not what we have a right to expect in such a quarter.

Things must be pretty warm occasionally at Greytown, in the Wairarapa. The following appeared in a recent issue of a local paper:—"We find it necessary to make an explanation to the hotel-keepers of Greytown. We are informed that some busy-body has been kind enough to charge the editor of the 'Standard' with spying on the local hotels, 'creeping round the 'pubs.' after closing hours for the purpose of informing the police if any breaches of the law takes place,' etc. Perhaps the individual who mouthed this lie to the publicans did so for the purpose of getting a cheap drink. The editor does not prostitute his manliness in such a crawling manner, but if called upon at any time to publicly criticise the action of any 'pub.' for flagrant breaches of the law, will act 'square and above board' and hit hard. We hope, however, that there will not be any occasion to come into conflict with the local publicans. A word to the wise should be sufficient." Who are the wise in Greytown?

The following is a boy's essay on hens:—"Hens is curious animals; they don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swallow their whittles hole, and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillers and feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with marbles and shirt buttons and sich, and sometimes, when they are dead, with chunks of paper. A hen is very much smaller than a good many other animals, but they dig up more plants than ennythink that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum puddings. Hens have got wings, and can fly when they are fritened. I once cut off a hen's head with a chopper, and it fritened her to death. That's all I know about hens."

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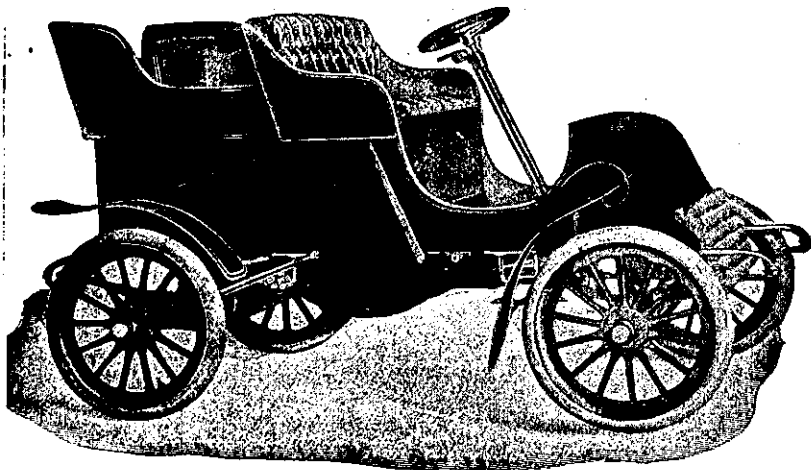
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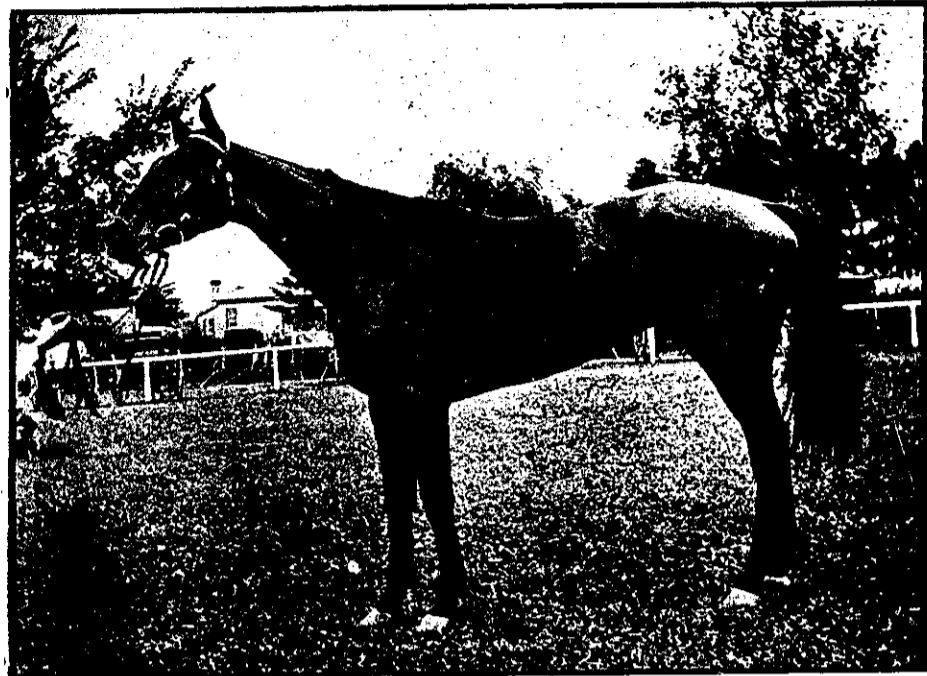
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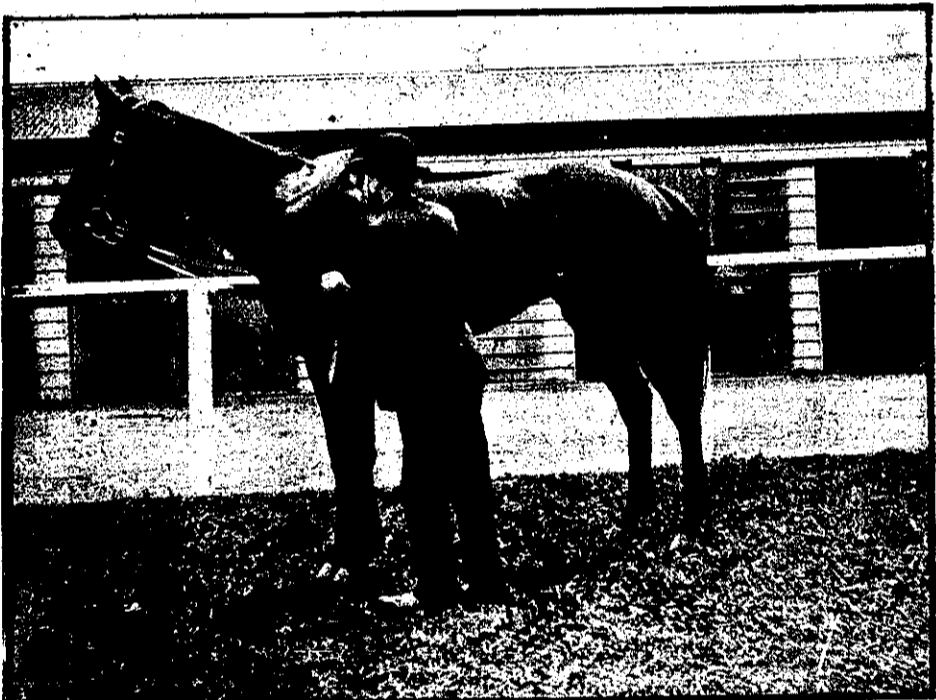
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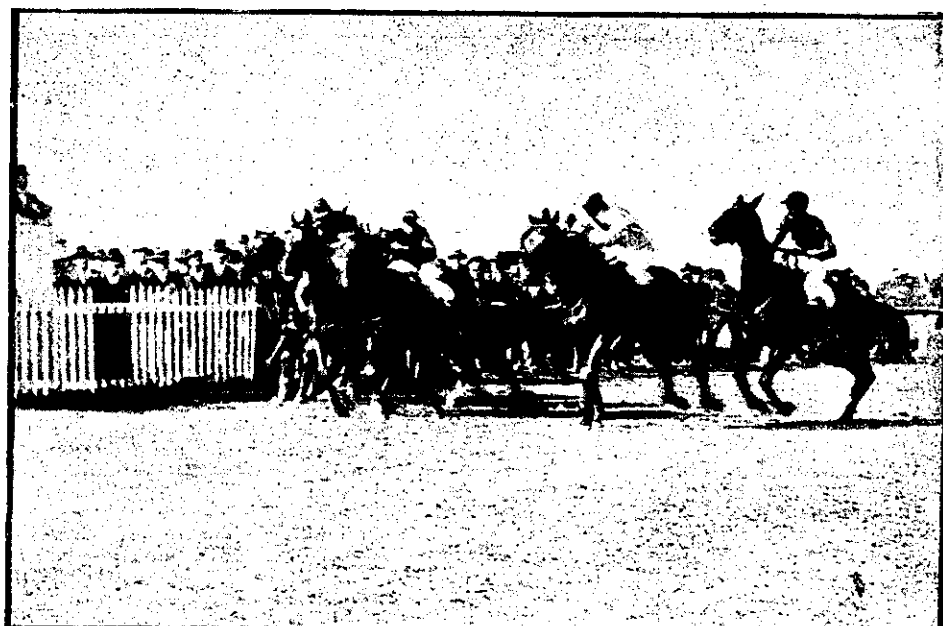


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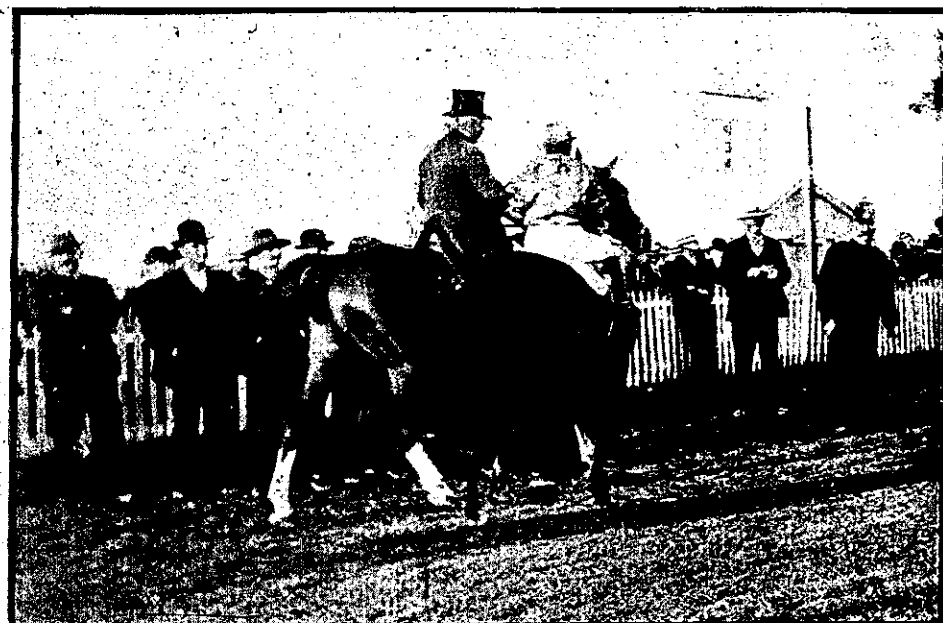
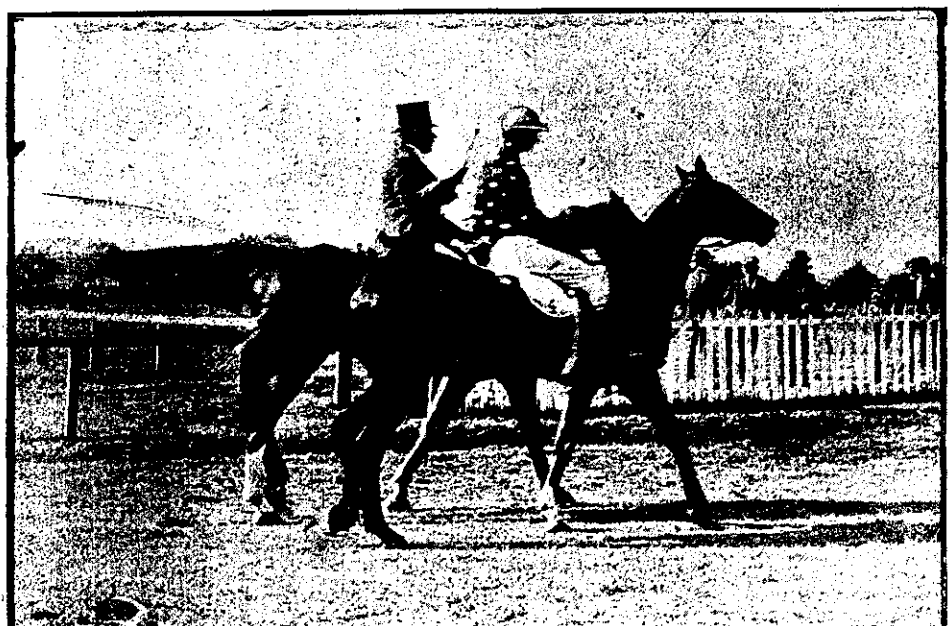
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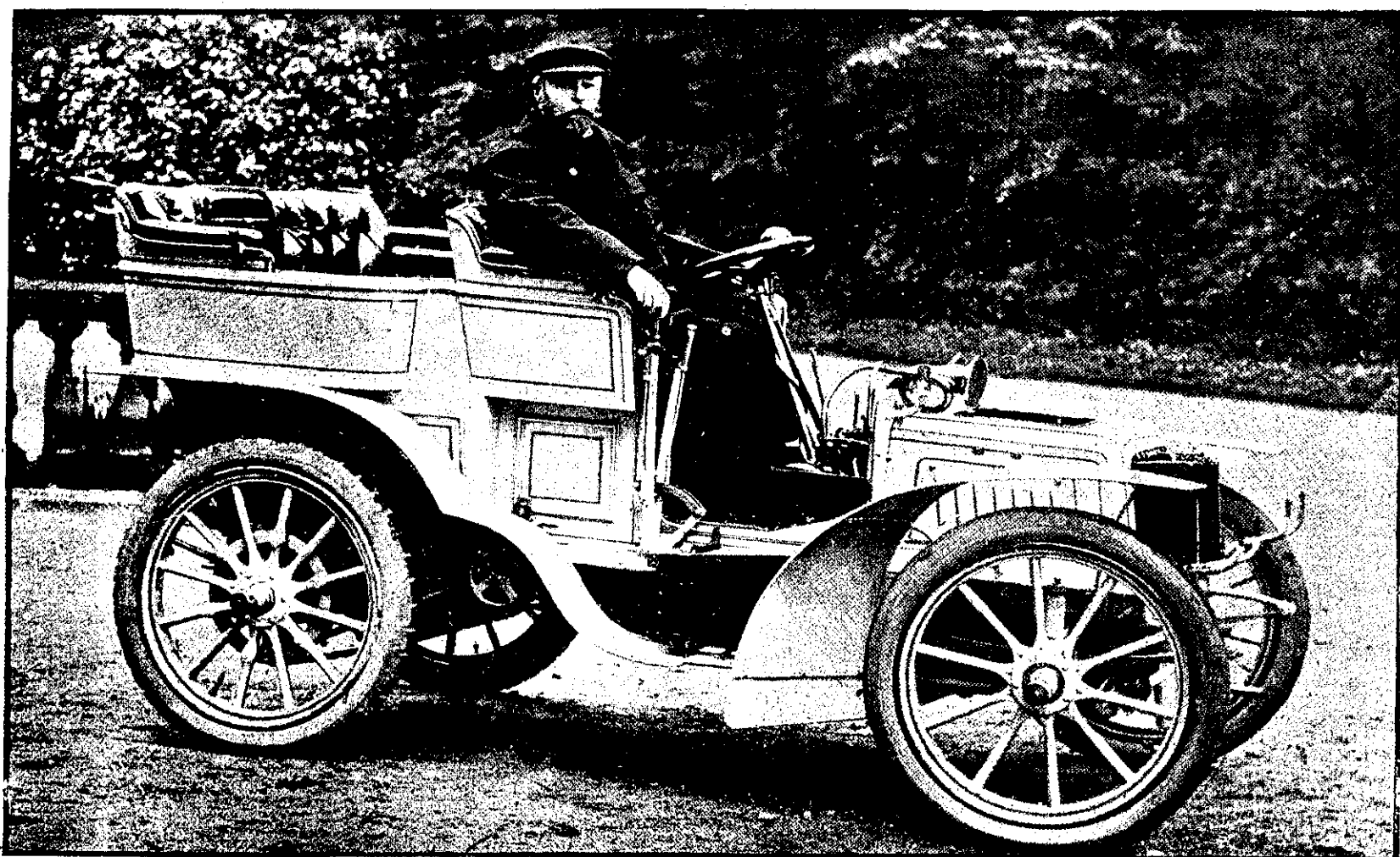
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THE DAMPIER COMPANY.

Mr Dampier is making somewhat rapid changes. On Saturday he submitted one of the finest plays in his extensive repertoire, "Monte Cristo," and the large audience was quick to recognise its high merit. The drama closely follows the lines of Dumas, and the leading incidents of the monumental romance are brought out with astonishing faithfulness. It is a series of vivid pictures, in which the history of Edmond Dantes is flashed, so to say, across the mind. Of course Dantes dominates the scene and dwarfs every other character, even that of Mercedes, the woman who loves him with such unflinching faith and devotion. His light-hearted youth, his long-drawn misery in the dungeon of the Chateau d'If, and his cynical manhood passed in compassing the punishment of the fiends who blasted his life, offer the richest field for dramatic interpretation known to the actor, and Mr Dampier finds in the part a most congenial and grateful task. His presentation of the character is nothing short of brilliant, and as the play unfolds itself one begins to understand the reason why the veteran actor acquired and has held his great reputation on the stage. Miss Lily Dampier shares the honours with her father, and plays with consummate grace and tact a part that might easily be made dull and uninteresting in less skilful hands. Mr Rolfe and the other members of the Company make efficient support, and the play is excellently mounted.

Last night the Count withdrew in favour of the Detective in "From Clue to Capture," which shall be noticed in due course. On Saturday, Mr Dampier will produce for the first time the drama of New Zealand life written by him in collaboration with Mr Charles Owen. It has been tried in one or two country centres, and is spoken of in terms of the highest admiration. The public will look forward to it with deep interest for several reasons, and I confidently expect to see a crowded house on the first night.

The "New East Lynne" goes on on Friday, to please the ladies.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE ANDERSON COMPANY.

"In the Shadow of Night," as produced by Mr Anderson's Company, certainly gets near the high-water mark of melodrama. The Company is specially adapted for such work, and they are aided to the fullest extent by the scene painter and stage mechanist, the result being that the audience are endowed with similar taste to those produced by a well-cooked and well-served dinner. The elements of the plot are so skilfully manipulated as to acquire almost an air of originality, while the comedy is of a refreshingly novel kind. The soubrette and the low comedian are virtually a hero and heroine, and in place of developing, as is usual, a subplot are essential factors in the main theme. The result, so far from producing any incongruity, imparts a lightness to the whole, and keeps the spectators perpetually in that bliss which trembles between tears on the one hand and laughter on the other, without the need for detaching their attention from the thread of the story. There is a stern father, a wronged son, suspected by all but his sweetheart and other good folk, a scheming nephew, and a poacher who is always ready to cut your throat for half-a-crown, an impossible parson, and a most unlikely sort of boy tramp; there are robberies and murders and escapes from the police, rescues from drowning and burning houses, and a host of other things that rarely, if ever, happen in one family, but somehow or other Miss Guildford, Mr Dalgliesh, Mr Cross, Mr Reis, Miss Hilda Fraser, and the rest work upon our sympathies to that extent that we believe all they tell us, and go home after the play haunted by the unpleasant suspicion that but for the faithful guardianship of our maid servant and her military lover, the street arab and the dog in the backyard, our ungrateful cousin would speedily put an end to us with his brother-in-law's shotgun. Any-

how, we don't feel in the least sorry that we sat the play out, nor wonder that the house is filled every night. On Saturday night there will be a change, when "Honour Thy Father" will take the place of the present bill.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes just too late for insertion last week:—Town full of Easter holiday visitors just now, and the shows all a-blowing and a-growing. The Sanford Co., who have been holding the fort at the Royal for some time, shift camp to the Canterbury Hall to-night (Saturday), when they put on a new thriller, veiled "Tempest Tossed." Judging by the pictorial posters, this ought to prove rather exciting. But we prefer our melodrama neat in this flat town. I think the management have no reason to grumble; the "Players" have been drawing thumping houses all the time.

Wirth's great circus, bigger, brighter, and better than ever, opened their season last Wednesday night, when so great was the crush at the pay-boxes that the sale of tickets had to be stopped at 7.30, and crowds had to be turned away. A

the City Council as "parson-ridden." John talks of seeking election to the Council with a view to broadening the views and enlightening the minds of that august assembly. The fact that "the Blind Musical Students" were allowed to give a concert on Good Friday Night at the Royal has not inclined John to regard his failure to secure permission to hold a similar entertainment at the Opera House with any more complacency.

Mr George Abbott, of your city, provides the special Easter attraction at the Royal, where he opens to-night (Saturday) with his company in "In Town," rendered familiar here by the Pollards. This is to be followed by a number of attractive pieces of the same class. I fancy Mr Abbott (well-remembered here) will score a great artistic and financial success. He's full of "go."

Writing on Saturday last, my correspondent says:—Mr Geo. Abbott's Musical Comedy Co., whose season closes this evening (Saturday) has, I believe, done well here, but as the management did not favour me with the usual complimentary, I cannot speak from personal knowledge as to the success of the show.



MRS FRANK REIS.

splendid advt. this for the Wirths. Mr Phil. Wirth treated his immense audience to a wonderful exhibition of horse-training. "Moncrief," "Maximus," and "Minimum," are equine marvels. As a trainer Mr Wirth is unsurpassed. Herr Pagel's extraordinary feats of strength astonished everybody. "The strongest man in the world," said Mr Wirth in introducing him, and certainly if there are any stronger men than Pagel knocking round I fancy they'd be hard to find. The Howard Bros.' performance is as marvellous as ever, and people are no nearer discovering "how it's done" than they were before. This is one of the best "turns" on the programme. The circus menagerie is the finest travelling. It includes five tigers, five lions, three or four elephants, a leopard, a hyaena, a number of monkeys, and a lot of other assorted animals. The bill-of-fare is a very long one, but the items follow on so smartly that no time is cut to waste, and the audience never gets a chance to grow weary.

John Fuller has been much exercised in mind over his failure to secure a permit from the local powers that be to run a sacred concert on Good Friday Night at the Opera House, and has indited a scathing letter to the papers denouncing

here. But one-horse entertainments won't gee in the Cathedral City, and that's a fact.

John Fuller is thinking of standing for the Mayoralty—or a seat on the City Council!

I have received a characteristic letter from Mr M. B. Curtis, written at Vancouver. He is evidently in the best of spirits, and reports having done excellent business with Madame Slapoffski. He hopes soon to return here with what he terms a bang-up Cracker Jack Show, which seems to be the American equivalent of "A1 at Lloyds."

Mr R. B. Young, a well-known Auckland, who has been appointed touring manager for the Fitzmaurice Gill Company, writes, under date Wellington, 8th inst., stating that there has been a real "run on the Bank of England." The Company play the Wellington country centres up to the 6th of May, after which they go to Christchurch, 9th to the 17th, thence to Dunedin, 21st to 28th. From Dunedin the Company sails for Tasmania.

Mr George Musgrove's "Belle of New York" company entered upon their seventh year of tour at the Borough, Stratford (Eng.), last month. To celebrate the occasion the piece was re-dressed and supplied with new scenery and several interpolated numbers. Mr Frank Lawton, of whistling fame, re-appears in his original part of Blinky Bill.

Mr Arthur Bouchier told the following story in his speech at the London O.P. Club dinner recently:—"Apropos of taking our pleasures sadly, I remember the late Bret Harte telling an amusing story at the expense of the British playgoer. He was invited to a theatre party, and was taken to a theatre whereat a dismal failure was eking out those dreadful days and nights which prelude the production of its successor. They all suffered. They went back to supper, and their hostess said, 'I dare say you are all wondering why I took you to so dull a play. Can you guess?' Someone suggested that the lady admired the manager's acting. No, she couldn't bear him on the stage or off! Another suggestion was that their host was financially interested in the management. 'Not while I can help it!' said the hostess. They gave it up. 'Well,' she said, 'my husband is very particular about his horses, and that theatre is one where carriages can quickly be called up!'"

Mr William Winter, the dean of dramatic critics in America, is decidedly pessimistic. In his opinion "the American plays of the hour are mostly furnished by writers who manifest the brain of the rabbit combined with the dignity of the wet hen. It seems only necessary to open a hole in the wall and call it a theatre, and a multitude rushes in to sweat and snigger. There has not been a time in fifty years when the theatre was at so low a level as it has reached to-day—when the impulse is vanity, the motive is greed, the method is sordid engrossment, the aim is exclusively 'business,' and the result is a barren traffic and an arid waste. The present state of things will endure until the number of theatres is greatly reduced, the hydra of monopoly strangled and destroyed, a horde of incompetent performers driven into other pursuits for which they are fitted, the played-out veterans tucked up in their little beds, and the arena made clear for the men and women who can really act."

Miss Nellie Stewart will return to Australia the first week in June.

Mr Bunth, of Bunth and Rudd, who appeared here with the World's Entertainers, died at Moscow recently.

Miss Hilda Spong has returned from America to London to be leading lady for Edward Terry.

Miss Violet Elliott, who will be remembered by N.Z. patrons, is still playing in "The Duchess of Dantzic," in London, and is, like so many Australians, studying singing, under Madame Minna Fischer, "who thinks very highly of her voice."

My old friend Harold Ashton is here at time of writing, busily preparing for the opening of the Williamson Co. at the Royal next Friday. Everybody is glad to see Harold, who probably has more friends in these Colonies than any other showman on the track. The Williamson season is safe to boom, and we are all longing to make the acquaintance of "The Country Girl."

Reported that an ancient Royal, newly painted and "done up" without, is to be re-decorated within and the seats upholstered. Good enough! It's time; but how about the new theatre? Echo answers, "How?"

Wirth's Circus must be coining money. Full houses (or rather tents), all the time. It certainly is a fine show of its kind. About the best travelling these colonies. Mr Phil Wirth has an excellent opinion of Christchurch as a showtown. "I have never," he declares, "run an unprofitable season in Christchurch. In fact, it is my mascot town." The pessimistic Petherick, the travelling waxworks man, will doubtless smile incredulously when he reads this. Well, I'll back Wirth. So long as a show is any good, it's safe to draw

THE WILLIAMSON COMIC OPERA COMPANY.

During the present New Zealand tour of Mr J.C. Williamson's Royal Comic Opera Company, two new pieces are to be produced, namely, "A Country Girl" and "My Lady Molly," both of which have been produced in England, America, and Australia with great success. Referring to the production of "My Lady Molly," at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, the "Leader" says:—Mr Sydney Jones, in his latest work, has not disappointed the expectations of those who looked for a great deal from the author of "The Geisha" and "San Toy." There is higher musical quality in "My Lady Molly," though the popular taste for light and catchy airs has not been neglected. The story of the play, both in scene and incident, is reminiscent of "Lorothy," but there is enough of originality to give it a distinction of its own, and the attractiveness is increased rather than diminished by the recalling of pleasant recollections. Miss Florence Young takes the part of the heroine, and gives a dashing representation of a very charming character. She has many opportunities of distinction musically and histrionically, and she may be complimented on making good use of them. As the wilful woman who will have her own way in spite of the tempestuous fathers and adverse matrimonial designs, she has to don male habiliments, and strut and swagger in this disguise with all the assurance of a young blood of the period. There are many humorous complications, including a duel scene, something after the style of the "Adventures of Lady Ursula," and the love-making with Alice has to be played in the manner of real comedy. In the music her voice is heard to good advantage, and both in solo and duet singing is a pleasure to be appreciated. Miss Carrie Moore, in the part of Alice, the young lady whom "My Lady Molly" makes vigorous lobe in the false assumption of the genuine suitor, has a scope for the display of vivacity and charm. She exhibits characteristic archness, especially in the manner in which she plays the scenes after penetrating the disguise. Her most taking song, "I Mean to be a Good Girl Now," is sure to tickle the ears of the public. Miss Celia Ghiloui, who as Lady Molly's maid and companion has also to appear in male attire, is effectively placed, and she sings most acceptably, especially in her solo, "There's a Word That Maidens Often Speak." Miss Maud Chetwynd and Miss Marietta Nash, in minor parts, are not without the chance of momentary prominence. Mr Harold Thorley has the place of principal among the male characters, and as Harry Romney, the lover whom Lady Molly impersonates with a desire to secure him to herself, is a notable figure. He bears himself right gallantly, and his robust voice is heard with excellent effect. His solo, "To You, Sir Miles," is one of the best numbers in the opera, and another, "At My Lady's Feet," is almost equally good. Mr Reginald Roberts, as the favoured lover of Alice, has some chances of which he avails himself, and his song, "Here's a Little Maid I Know," is well liked. Mr George Lauri has a part of which a great deal can be made. Mickey O'Connell, a free appropriation of Lever's Mickey Free, is really the pivot of the play, and the low comedy required to do it justice differs from the amusing buffonery on which Mr Lauri has generally relied for his effects. It cannot be said that he al-

together realises the conception, but he makes great fun, particularly in the scenes with the French governess. Mr Bathurst as Sir Miles Coverdale and Mr Arthur Hunter as the landlord of the inn do useful service. The choral and orchestral work, both of great importance, are admirably done, and the mounting of the opera is as brilliant as could be desired.

ABBOTT'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

Mr George Abbott's Musical Comedy Co., which appears at the Auckland Opera House on the 23rd inst., opened at Christchurch at Easter, and proved a great success. The "Press" thus notices the opening performance:—No better piece for holiday time could have been selected by the Abbott Musical Comedy Company in which to make their debut here than the bright sparkling comedy, "In Town." Both on Saturday and last night the Theatre was filled to overflowing, and the audiences were exceedingly enthusiastic. Mr Graham as Captain Coddington was the life of the piece, and he gave a very clever and artistic impersonation of that unscrupulous but amusing character. Mr Graham was excellent in the balcony duet with Miss Lita, and his manipulation of the imaginary mandolin was capitally done. But it was in the pantomime scenes, illustrating the song, "Some Do It This Way," that Mr Graham excelled. All of the illustrations were good, but that of the lady performing her toilet was wonderful in its fidelity of imitation. In the French chanson a cafe chantant, in the last act, and the dance, Mr Graham was capital. The part of Lord Clanside was splendidly taken by Miss Celia Mavis. Ordinarily actresses taking boys' parts do so awkwardly, but Miss Mavis looked and acted her part most thoroughly. She was good in the introduced coon song, though it is a kind of melody one would hardly expect to hear from Lord Clanside, and in the other, "I'll Keep My Eye on You," Miss Mavis made quite a hit. One of the cleverest parts played in the piece was that of Shrimp, the call boy, by Miss Aggie Thorne. It was a very excellent performance throughout, especially the scenes with Miss Hetheron and the Duchess, where Shrimp gets his love letter read, and Miss Thorne also sang "Keep Your Eye on the Call Boy" well. The part of the Duchess of Muffshire does not afford much scope for either acting or singing, but Miss Dent made the most of it, and sang in the duet, "The Golden Mein," very well indeed. Miss Maud Lita was good as Kitty Hetheron, and sang the music in a way that elicited loud applause. Miss Wilson as Gwendoline, and Miss Louie Perfect, as Marie Bellavilla, filled the parts capitally. Miss Alice Mitchell, as Flo Fanshawe, danced a pas seul with much grace and effect. The other ladies were good, especially the trio in the Quakeress' dance. Mr Grainier played the Duke well, and Mr Whitfield made a good deal out of the part of Mr Hopkins. The piece was excellently put on the stage, and the lighting has been wonderfully improved. Herr Slapoffski conducted the orchestra. The piece will be played to-night, and to-morrow evening it will be followed by "The Safety Girl."

WELLINGTON NOTES.

My Wellington correspondent writes:—The Fitzmaurice Gill company have been playing to good business. That thrilling



MR FRANK REIS, Stage Manager Anderson Company.

drama, "The Bank of England," was remarkably well staged, and ably acted, and the same he said of "A Sister's Sacrifice," which followed the production of the former piece. This is a stirring story of woman's love and devotion; part of action being laid in the Far East give scope for fine scenery and effects, and every advantage is taken of the opportunity.

Mr P. P. Dix is keeping things in full swing at the Exchange Hall. Tod Callaway appears to be as popular as ever, and the Biograph pictures, thoroughly up-to-date, never fail to please.

The Messrs Fuller have every reason to be satisfied with the support accorded their enterprise. Every entertainment is well patronised, and the new performers who have come along are already warm favourites. Fred Bluet, Dick Davis, and the Stagpole Trio make things merry and pleasant while on the stage.

Herr Friedenthal has been delighting lovers of high-class music with his recitals. This talented pianist, with his exquisite taste and technique, is always sure of a warm welcome in New Zealand.

Our theatre-goers are evidently lovers of drama, as is evidenced by the well-filled houses recent visiting combinations have had. Dampier's did good business and then the Holloway company followed suit. Now we have the Fitzmaurice Gill company with the same class of entertainment, and still the money rolls in.

Harold Hubert, Carrie Davie, and Carrie Hubert, late members of MacMahon and Geo. Leitch's companies, left by the Sierra for San Francisco on Friday, to join Fortham's company in New York.

"Made Abroad" will again, says the "Academy," soon be the complaint at the principal London theatres; and the "Athenaeum" draws attention to the fact that in one week "of the four important novelties with which we are called upon to deal, three consist of translations from the French, while the fourth is an importation from America."

Sir Henry Irving, who was once collaborator in an edition of Shakespeare, has been taken to task by a Toronto critic for his reading of the part of Shylock. This critic cannot conceive "the Jew that Shakespeare drew" as endowed with so much intellectual keenness by the author and yet foiled by so farcical and childish an agreement. Shylock has been taken too literally. The truth is, according to the Canadian critic, that Shylock lends the money in order to extract a crafty and magnanimous habits are beneath a good business man's contempt, gets the money, and Shylock gets his revenge by making Antonio a present of the interest through

the means of a sham agreement. He cannot possibly discharge his debt. The Jew's purpose was to humiliate the Christian before the whole community of the most cosmopolitan city in the world. We submit this revised version of Shylock's character to the consideration of the Auckland Shakespeare Society.

Speaking of "Ma Mie Rosette," which the Williamson Royal Comies will probably produce here during their forthcoming season, the dramatic critic of the Melbourne "Argus" says:—"The oftener one witnesses this popular operette, the more obvious becomes the discrepancy between the graceful and original music and the poverty of invention in the libretto. The resemblance in the second act with the plot of 'La Favorita' must have struck every listener familiar with the two works. But the story of 'Ma Mie Rosette' is still more indebted to two operettes well known in France, 'Victorine' and 'La Nuit Porte Conseil.' The dream 'motif' is borrowed from the latter. The weakness of the book is probably the chief reason of the work's lack of success in the composer's native country. By the way, the programme was silent respecting the authorship of the play. The libretto is by Jules Prevel and the Armand Liorat, whilst the music is by Paul Lacomme d'Estaleux, a prolific composer, who is known in England solely by this work. His compositions, which are all in the operette category, are characterised by an originality, brightness, and daintiness that are very attractive. 'Ma Mie Rosette,' which was first entitled 'The Youth of Henry IV.,' is an excellent example. The original and best Rosette was Mdle. Juliette Nesville, a Belgian artist, who first created the French maid's part in London, and whose understudy, Miss Palotta was for some years, until Miss Nesville lost her reason, when the pretty Viennese actress assumed her roles."

The war-cry of the members of the Dampier Dramatic Co. when on tour, and used by them with startling effect on taking their departure by coach or train from the Goldfields and Hot Lakes centres, is "Ohinemuri, Waimakariri, Oamaru, Timaru, Waipukurau!" It sounds well when you say it quick.

Mrs Roosevelt recently occupied the Presidential box at the New National Theatre, Washington, witnessing Miss Maxine Elliott's performance of Clyde Fitch's comedy "Her Own Way." Both actress and play scored a great success, and Mrs Roosevelt between the acts invited Miss Maxine Elliott to the White House to supper after the performance.

Mr Hugh J. Ward, who is playing the Scarecrow in "Humpty-Dumpty" at Drury-lane, has been engaged by Mr Arthur Collins for next season's pantomime.



MR ALFRED DAMPIER, JUN.

"MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS," AT SYDNEY.

Mr Albert Gran, assisted by Miss Lynda Raymond and Mr Harry Grattan and the pupils of his Conservatoire, staged his four-act historical drama, "Mary Queen of Scots," on Saturday fortnight. Mr Albert Gran has taken the years 1566-67 of Mary's ill-fated life for the groundwork of his play, which terminates with the murder of Darnley. Opening with a state ball in the Picture Gallery—that scene of so many episodes of ancient courtly gaiety—in Holyrood Palace, we are introduced to Mary and Bothwell and the court dancing a minuet. Mary's favouritism to Rizzio arouses the ire of her husband, Lord Darnley, who in Act II. assists Ruthven and other conspirators to kill the Italian. Act III. show us first John Knox' house in the Netherbow, and secondly the historic interview between Mary and Knox. Act IV. takes place at the lonely house at Kirk of Field, and shows Darnley's murder and the subsequent explosion, an effect, by the way, which was ludicrously managed on Saturday. This is the barest outline of a piece that has some really excellent scenes and powerful situations. As a whole, indeed, Mr Albert Gran's drama adds literary beauty and force to dramatic capability in a manner sufficiently rare to make it a matter for genuine regret if such work should be wasted on account of the weakness of the support connected with his debut to the public. For with the exception of the principals the interpretation, even for amateurs, was by no means strong. As a matter of fact, amateurs in costume plays are at a great disadvantage. It is not given to everyone to wear the doublet and hose with convincing gallantry. Mr Gran infused all the necessary historical feeling into the weak and vacillating Darnley, and acted superbly in the closing scene and in the incidents around Rizzio's murder. Miss Lynda Raymond looked to the life the beautiful but unfortunate Mary Stuart, and acted with all her customary grace and fervour. The difficult scene in Act II., when Mary appeals to the soldiery for help was well carried out. Her regal costumes evoked great admiration.—"Newsletter."



MR R. YOUNG, agent of the Fitzmaurice Gill Company.

that a too-conscious sense of honour is incompatible for practical dealing with some of the grave issues of life. And here, in the case of Basil Kent, a man of culture and high intellect, we feel wholly persuaded that his quixotic attitude towards the girl he has shamed—the illiterate Jenny Bush—is noble and high-minded in theory, but fatal in practice. In this sordid human story Mr Maugham has not spared his hand to remorselessly reveal the squalid facts resulting inevitably from the ill-assorted union of an able man of letters and an ill-bred, mean-minded barmaid.

The plot, strong and convincing, shows us Basil Kent, a barrister of distinction, who, having betrayed Jenny Bush, a barmaid of a Fleet Street tavern, has decided that in spite of his growing affection for a widow lady, Mrs Murray, his only honourable course under the circumstances is to sacrifice his feelings and marry the girl he has ruined. His friend, John Halliwell, happily and suitably

married, endeavours to persuade him of the impracticable foolhardiness of such a proceeding, but Basil Kent carries out his intentions.

The second act reveals his grievous error and justifies Halliwell's gloomy prognostications. For the vulgar jealousy, the captious little-mindedness of the woman he has wedded, and the constant intrusion of his wife's brother, a typical cad, drives Basil Kent from the home which after twelve months becomes intolerable to him, and during which time his affection for Mrs Murray and hers for him has deepened into a mutual confession of their love. Jenny's suspicions are at length definitely aroused, and when, on matters reaching the climax, her husband leaves the house she follows him to Mrs Murray's abode, where, confronting them both, she pleads with Basil to return to her, but unavailingly, for, irrevocably realising his impossible position as Jenny's husband and companion, he tells her that a separation is the only course left them. Jenny, stunned at this

revelation of her husband's indifference, and unable to foresee any happiness in life under the circumstances, throws herself into the river as the only method of ending her misery. The story concludes with Act III., and it is a pity that the fourth act has not been eliminated, since it is entirely superfluous, failing, as it does, to throw any fresh light upon the problem, and leaving one in uncertainty whether Hilda Murray finally makes up her mind to marry Basil or her poet lover, Brackley.

Mr Justin Huntly McCarthy is dramatizing Longfellow's "Hiawatha."

King Hedley, the well-known American actor, is in Sydney at present.

Williamson's English Comedy Company opened at Adelaide on Easter Saturday night.

Pete Hughes was tendered another benefit by the profession at Melbourne Her Majesty's.

James Welch, the English comedian, is touring South Africa under the management of Sass and Nelson. His chief piece is "The New Clown."

Pollard's Opera Company include as principals Arthur Crang, Olive Lenton, Nellie Wilson, J. Ralston, Wm. Percy, Harry Quealy, Charles Albert, and Jessie Ramsay.

Tom Pollard will anxiously await the financial results of the tour of the Royal Comies in New Zealand. If not too good, the festive Tom may yet be seen on his native heath as opera manager, and J.C.W. will, as of yore, lease his operas to him.

Will Percy, of Pollard's Opera Company, has been taken into the management, and has for the present abandoned his proposed visit to London.

Mr George S. Titheradge is again in harness. The popular actor was appearing in "The Question," an original three-act play, at the Court Theatre, London, when the mail left.

Mr Nawn, who was with Rickards some two years ago, has organised a company which includes some of the gems of the American vaudeville stage, for an Australian tour, opening at the Sydney Palace on May 14 next. Rial, who was at the head of "The World's Entertainers," is manager, and writes that the combination will eclipse all other importations.

Mrs Walter Sanford writes from Christchurch under date April 4:—"Dear Comus: I thought you might be interested in hearing of our success in Christchurch.

"A MAN OF HONOUR," AT THE AVENUE.

An enthusiastic welcome was accorded the revival of "A Man of Honour" at the Avenue Theatre, London, recently. The Stage Society were responsible for its first trial production at a matinee performance some twelve months ago at the Imperial, when it created a decidedly favourable impression. In this domestic tragedy Mr Somerset Maugham's philosophy has a tendency to lead us to believe

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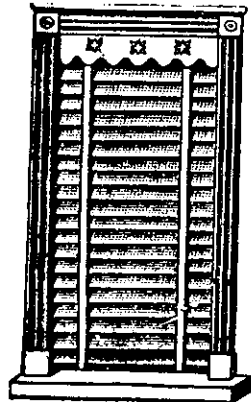
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We are closing four weeks of phenomenal business, and the people of Christchurch have re-affirmed the verdict of the Auckland critics by welcoming the company and plays with enthusiastic curtain calls every evening. Strange to say, the play after "The Power of Gold" that made the biggest impression was "The Struggle of Life," the play dealing with life in New York City. In Auckland the play was not so understandable as the rest, but here the public liked it immensely. Our business has surprised ourselves, as everyone warned us against Christchurch. As to the newspaper critics, they placed us in the same category as Wilson Barrett, Nellie Stewart, Cuyler Hastings, Willoughby and Geach's "Stranger in a Strange Land," and all the other companies that have visited this place within the last two years—that is to say, they didn't approve of us; but the people here have long since learned to depend on their own judgment, and we see the fact exemplified very strongly, that criticism, to be effective, must be approached in a dignified and consistent spirit. We play two weeks on the way to Dunedin, filling an engagement in that town of four weeks, with Wellington to follow, and then the Lyceum Theatre, Sydney, for five months.

Even Sir Charles Wyndham, popular actor as he is, is finding that English audiences are growing tired of problem and other unpleasant plays. His latest production at the New Theatre, London, is entitled "My Lady of Rosedale," and though exceedingly well-played it has not caught on. It is an adaptation from the French, and the story is utterly un-English. In French it was plausible; in English it is impossible and unpleasant. Moreover, there is practically no story. Sylvia Fitzalan is separated from her husband, who is in debt. She wants to sell her estate, Rosedale, and the purchaser, Mr Wigram, buys it because he is in love with the unhappy chatelaine, whom he has met at Monte Carlo. She seeks a divorce from the undesirable husband, who at once tries to make it up when he finds her possessed of a substantial income, and then takes the child of the marriage, to whom she is devoted. It devolves upon Mr Wigram to try and bring Fitzalan round to the divorce point of view, and he finally succeeds, but not until eight thousand a year conveniently falls to the miserable husband's share by the death of a relative at the psychological moment. Of course, it is wholly impossible that Englishmen would behave like Wigram and Fitzalan, and an English audience will not in the least believe that any people in this thin story are anything but French, nor, indeed, will they be entertained by this study in divorce procedure.

Anthony Hope (in collaboration with Harrison Rhodes) has contributed as his last dramatic venture "Captain Dieppe," which appears to have scored a success at the Duke of York's Theatre. The plot is briefly outlined in the last English files. At Monte Carlo the Countess of Fieramonti has played heavily, lost more than she can pay, borrowed of a shady individual, one Paul de Roustache, to whom she also has written compromising letters. The Count not only knows of the friendly terms existing between his wife and Roustache, but he is furiously jealous, and when the play opens the pair are not only not on speaking terms, but they do not see each other, though sharing the same house, which, furthermore, the Countess is forbidden to leave. But Roustache is pressing for money, and the Countess is at her wits' ends. Her witty, reckless and daring young cousin, Lucia, comes to the rescue. She dresses the Countess in her clothes, and the pair give out that Lucia has gone to Genoa, whereas, of course, it is Emilia, who goes to borrow the money wherewith to pay off Roustache. Then the characters branch off in a different direction. For Emilia, Countess of Fieramonti's intrigue and trouble we no longer care, it is in Lucia and the elegant, gallant soldier of fortune, Captain Dieppe, that interest henceforth centres. The latter has come to Fieramonti as the ambassador of a band of Legitimists, plotting to restore somebody to some throne. The Count is in sympathy with the design, and the mendacious, courtly Captain Dieppe is welcomed. Lucia, masquerading as the Countess, of course, falls in love with him, and he with her, and between them there are delightful comedy scenes of misunderstanding and banter, while a decidedly lurid melodramatic touch is imparted by the search after Dieppe by the French detectives, who are, of course, baffled by the resourceful gallant. This, briefly, is the skeleton of the new play, which a dozen adjectives would not rightly describe. To begin with, it is difficult to say what manner of play it is. It is called by its authors a "light comedy," but is it not also a farce and a romantic drama? By whatever names it may be called, however, it is essentially clever, amusing and fresh, and what can the public desire? Of course, it is

wholly impossible, but its intrigue is vastly diverting; it is crisply written, it is airy, picturesque and never dull.

Thus "Peter Quince," in Melbourne "Punch":—Pete Hughes is one of the best know figures in the theatrical profession in Australia, although it is many years since the public have seen him in war paint in the full glare of the footlights. "A-many years ago," when Mr John F. Sheridan brought "Fun on the Bristol" to Melbourne, and made the Widow O'Brien a character of enduring fame, one of the company playing a small but not unimportant part was the dapper little gentleman, who was already growing bald at the top, and was even then known to his fellow-workers as "Pete." He was the merriest and most light-hearted of men, and then, as now, the description of Yorick, the King's jester, was applicable to him—

"A fellow of infinite jest.
Take him for all in all,
I shall not look upon his like
again."

But if Pete's head was bald, it was remarkably level, and if in his stray moments he was a fellow of infinite jest, he had great capacity for serious managerial business. The keen and shrewd J. C. Williamson was not slow to perceive this, and Pete Hughes abandoned the footlights for the unseen hard work of management. He became one of Mr Williamson's most valued and trusted lieutenants, taking charge of his companies, and piloting them through the other colonies and New Zealand.

Mr David Belasco, the author of "The Darling of the Gods," who announces his intention to build a theatre in London devoted exclusively to his productions, comes of a London Portuguese-Jewish family, and is forty-five years of age. His first play was a melodrama called "Jim Black; or, the Regulator's Revenge." The action demanded the services of a mob in one scene, "and," says Mr Belasco, "I got a lot of San Francisco hoodlums to appear. They were so much in earnest and batted up the members of the cast so horribly that we had to drop the curtain." He is a smart stage director, and was the dramatic instructor of the well-known American actress, Mrs Leslie Carter.

The uncopyrighted song, "Hiawatha," which Miss Carrie Moore introduced into a London musical farce, is undergoing a series of quick changes. It was originally a piece of music which the composer thought so little of that he neglected to copyright it in England, where it was "dumped" by enterprising publishers. In Australia it was next converted from a solo into a double sextet, sung to a sort of complicated cakewalk. Now in London it has been expanded into an "illustrated love-song" at a leading music-hall. The scene is an Indian encampment on the shores of a beautiful lake. It is dawn, heralded by the song and chorus of chiefs and squaws. Then enters the love-lorn Minnehaha, and presently Hiawatha, to plead his passion in a lyric set to the strains of the haunting American melody.

Jo-Jo, the Russian dog-faced man, who excited considerable curiosity in Australia some years ago, died recently at Salonika, from pneumonia. He was a native of Kostroma, and was discovered by Barnum, who boomed him as "the wonder of the world." Jo-Jo was merely a youth with an abnormal growth of hair on his face; and from what would have been the despair of an ordinary British boy the Russian freak was able to amass a fortune.

Some of the American papers do not appear to have a very high idea of popular taste in London. Speaking of a recent West End production, an American paper states that "as it was not a success, New Yorkers may look for it with a good deal of confidence next season." In such circumstances no author need be without hope, for in the hisses of a first-night audience in London he may read the promise of a triumph beyond the seas. A London contemporary points out that at the very moment when the American scribe was penning his little gibe, no fewer than seven London successes possessed the boards in New York.

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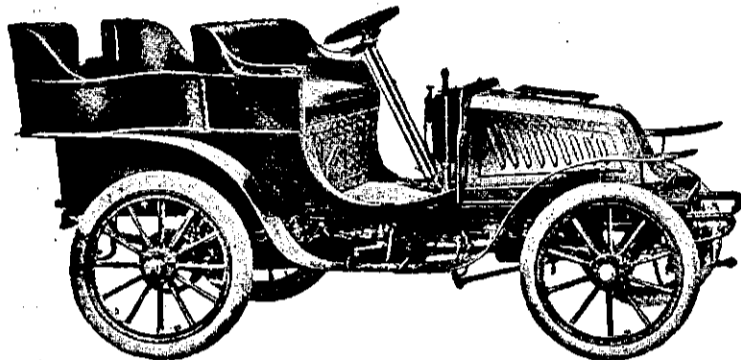
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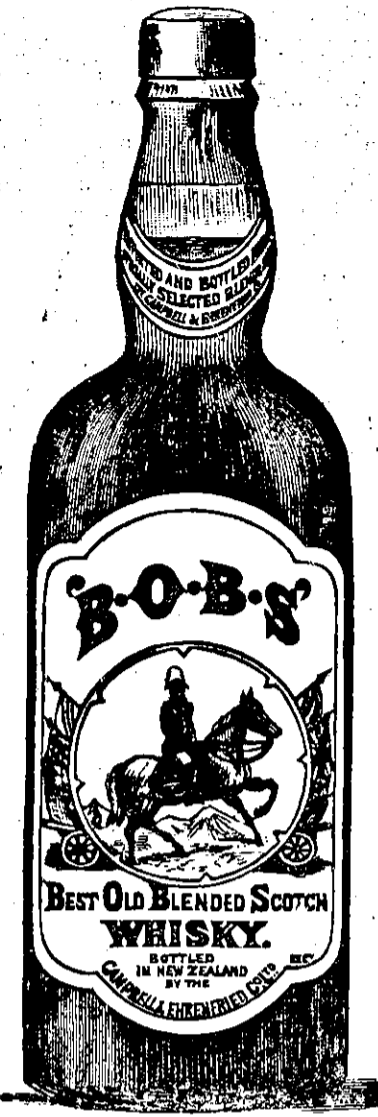
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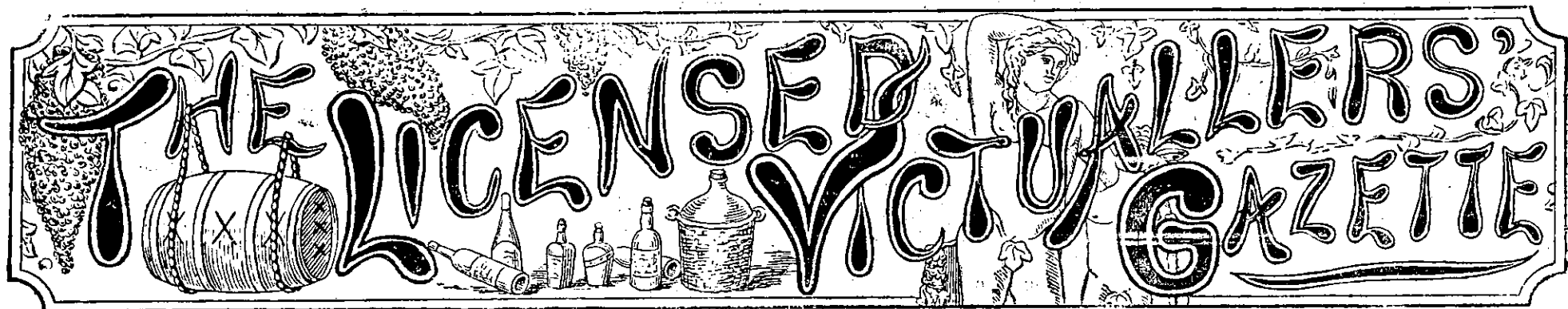
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CRAFTY CANARDS.

It has been reported with the craftiest cunning, and in the most plausible language, that the Premier is riding for a fall in order to dish the Prohibitionists. Mr Seddon has stated in recent speeches in the South that the Government intend to stand or fall by the leasehold form of land tenure, and this, in face of the growing feeling throughout the country in favour of the freehold, is held to mean that the Government will be defeated next session, and that the Premier will be entitled to, and will ask for a dissolution. This will involve a general election, and in the ordinary course of events postpone the local option poll for two years. The present licensing law provides for a poll once in three years, on the same day as the general parliamentary election, and there is no provision for a poll if such parliamentary election is not held. Of course it is quite conceivable that circumstances might arise that would have the effect which the Prohibitionists declare is concealed in the Premier's pronouncements respecting the land question. But it is asking too much that we should believe Mr Seddon to be ready to sacrifice power even for the sake of the brewers and the Trade generally. He may possibly risk office in his determination to stick to principles laid down when the Liberals assumed the reins a dozen years ago, but we do not think he anticipates defeat. The Government have a solid majority in the House on want-of-confidence motions. The alteration in public opinion on the land tenure cannot take such a pronounced form as to be strong enough to convert Seddonites into anti-Seddonites before the end of this year. Political defeats are of course arranged for, and the fanatical party will suggest that the Ministerial majority is a thing that would suffer a transformation if Mr Seddon willed it. That is quite possible, but defeat in the House would very probably result in defeat at the polls. The dissolution would release many members who are in reality opposed to the Government on the leasehold question from the obligations that now bind them to the Cabinet, and the Premier knows this perfectly well. The real object of those who are spreading the report concerning the alleged impending dissolution is to rouse the indignation of their weak-minded followers against the Trade which, it is declared, has purchased the conscience of the Premier. The campaign of cold water, with its lies and slanders, is commencing once more. Two or three persons of the pump type are already on the teetotal circuit, and it will take some ingenuity to catch them up. The Trade should lose no time in the endeavour to do so.

THE CHAPMAN BANQUET.

OUR readers will remember that the Invercargill Licensing Committee refused to grant an extension of license on the occasion of a banquet to His Honor Mr Justice Chapman. The circumstance was alluded to in scathing terms by the local press at the time. "Civis," in the "Witness," sees the humorous side. This is what he contributes:—

What we have a right to expect and what we commonly get are two different things. This comes out with striking clearness in an incident reported to me from Invercargill.

Dear "Civis,"—Southland is not a locality which lends itself to jocularity, least of all its bad weather. Yet occasionally things happen that might almost be described as humorous. For example: In honour of Mr Justice Chap-

man the Devil's Own at Invercargill organised a Bar dinner, which was attended by a judge of the Supreme Court, two Stipendiary Magistrates, the Crown Prosecutor, and 30 or 40 members of the Bar. The guest of the evening finished, or nearly finished, speaking, at 10 p.m., when to them entered Host Horace Bastings, who informed the assemblage that he was "taking no risks"; 10 p.m. was the closing time prescribed by the Licensing Committee, and they must go. Go they did, but only after serious remonstrance, which delayed the closing of the house for fully three minutes after the clock had struck. Then H.B., wrapped in his virtue, presumably went to bed, while the judge, tucking his robes under his arm, slipped out at a side door with the rest of the party, and then—

"And then—;" and then what? I don't understand this jibbering. Fill out your aposiopesis like a man! You are not going to tell me that after slipping out at the side door they slipped in again by the door at the back? What, His Honour the Judge, two Stipendiaries, a Crown Prosecutor, and the whole of the Local Bar? Of course I don't believe it; it is morally impossible that I should believe it; nobody would believe it. And for the matter of that, nobody has asserted it. Assertion there is none; at the most something is insinuated. That relieves the matter. An assertion I should have felt compelled to rule out; but we will call it a humorous insinuation and let it stand at that.

Trade Topics

We regret very much to report that the health of Mr James Rolleston, the popular proprietor of the Central Hotel, is anything but satisfactory. He has been obliged to go to a private hospital, and latest accounts are disquieting. Mr Rolleston has not been well for some considerable time, and the cares of his large business have pressed somewhat heavily upon him. It was his intention to have taken an extended holiday in Australia, and arrangements were made to that end, but it is quite out of the question at present. We sincerely hope that the next few days will witness a change for the better, and that the genial host of the Central may soon be about again.

Mr J. Fischer, late of the Provincial Hotel, Napier, has purchased Mr Arthur Bach's interest in the Albert Hotel, and takes possession forthwith. Mr and Mrs Bach's faces will be missed by a host of country visitors who have made the Albert their home while in town, and all who know them will wish them good luck wherever their new sphere may be.

Mr Edward Blair, late of Panmure, has taken the Carlton Clu Hotel, Newmarket. As Mr Blair has had an extensive experience, we feel sure the house will be conducted in a manner to please both old and new friends. We may mention that Mr Blair was one of the first of our pioneer Association football players, which will no doubt endear him to the followers of the game.

Amateur inn-keeping in Lincolnshire has not proved the success that the Public-House Prust Association anticipated. The Boat Inn, at Clifton, according to the report presented at the annual meeting of the Association just held at Lincoln, has involved a considerable loss, and the Council has decided to surrender the license, having come to the conclusion that there is no need for the house. The Sheffield Arms, at Purton Stather, which was also taken over on Lady Day last year promises, it is said, to develop into a very satisfactory Trust house. Still, the net result of the year's business is—liabilities £1,848, and assets £1,801, leaving a loss to be carried forward of some £47. During the year 300

new shares have been allotted, and a call of 5s per share has been made. So far, for the Dean of Lincoln and his fellow councillors, this business has proved one of philanthropy minus, instead of plus, 5 per cent.

Mr John Kilmister, who died at Wellington on February 25, in his ninety-seventh year, was doubtless the oldest maltster in Australasia and New Zealand. The deceased nonagenarian was the son of Gloucestershire cooper, and on his father removing to bath (Somerset), young Jack was brought up in his father's trade in Beech's Brewery. After finishing his apprenticeship, he went over to Dunn's Brewery, which was also in Bath, and there, besides coopering, he learnt the general business of brewing. It was while at Dunn's Brewery that a son of his employer set forth the attractions of faraway New Zealand so effectively that Kilmister—who by this time had a wife and family of four children—decided to join Dunn, jun., in the voyage to Maoriland. They arrived in Wellington Harbour in March, 1841. By the way, Mr Dunn, a few years later was drowned in that same harbour in a boating accident. Mr Kilmister became the first maltster in the first brewery established in Wellington, that of Messrs Northwood and Drake, somewhere about the year 1843. That brewery, which did not pan out a success, was erected upon the site where now stands the Wellington Club. Never more did Mr Kilmister venture into the brewing trade. After pioneering road work and bossing Maoris, he ultimately settled down upon the hills at the back of Wellington as a dairyman, and at the milk business made a competence sufficient to enable him to retire thirty-six years before his death. There were a series of remarkable coincidences in the life and death of him who may be termed New Zealand's first brewer. His wife and he played together as boy and girl, became sweethearts, married, and lived just over seventy-four years together. It was an ever-present desire with them that they should not be separated in death, and it actually happened that in the last week of their lives he was laid aside on Monday and she went to bed the following day. Mrs Kilmister died at 2 a.m. on the following Thursday, and her husband, who lay in the next room unconscious, and was not aware of her death, passed away seven hours later. So was remarkably fulfilled their desire that they might die and be buried on the same day. "A.B. Journal."

The Vicar of Woodborn, in Northumberland, propounds in his parish magazine for the current month a "cure" for drunkenness which has the double merit of being at once cheap and original. Temperance activity in his church is not very apparent, nor does the worthy vicar consider concerts, speeches, and hymns—really effective methods of combating the national curse. "A better plan, surely, than all those weak devices is for a man who has a drunken neighbour to trash him, as being a scandal to the neighbourhood. If some straightforward way like this were adopted, we should soon hear of fewer drunkards. We are suffering from softness."

DUNEDIN NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.)

The whirligig of time corrects where correction is wanted, and brings about its attendant results. The Otago Licensed Victuallers' Ass. of Dunedin, which has been in existence for a number of years, has, by mutual consent, breathed its last. Why, and for what reason? asks the man in the street. The reason must have been very apparent to those who have watched its working, and as an object lesson, though distasteful, it is best to hear the truth, as Lord Ranfurly once said, "It is no use of a Governor

always trying to say popular things; it is better to administer the dose when it will suit the patient." The Trade have been, and are, jealous of one another, and to their cost they have found out that they are helplessly unfit to guide themselves as an associated body, and have brought themselves into the peculiar position of having every licensee's hand against his neighbour—

"Beware, my lord, of jealousy, It is the green-eyed monster, which doth mock The hand it feeds on."

They have nursed the monster so long that they have procured untold injuries to themselves which have been their schoolmasters. The members of the Dunedin L.V. Ass. have, however, learnt one lesson, that though the watering and the pruning will be anything but agreeable to them in future, they must submit if they wish to gain prizes. The old association has, it is to be hoped, worked out its destiny, which has been the foundation of a new and re-formed association under the name and title of "The Licensed Victuallers' Association of Otago and Southland. It consists of a president and a committee of fifteen members.

At a representative meeting of property owners, brewers, wine and spirit merchants, cordial manufacturers, bottle license holders and licensees Mr G. L. Denniston was unanimously elected its first President.

It is hoped that the Trade will be forced to turn its attention to fair-trading, and also to the carrying-out of the Licensing Act to the letter as regards Sunday and after-hour trading.

It must in future, as far as Otago and Southland are concerned, be the imperative duty of all those who were represented at that meeting and consented to enrol themselves as its members, to see that the Trade carry on their businesses on proper commercial lines. It will therefore be well that the Trade should with all the abovementioned interests centred in them, rise to the occasion, and on their future conduct during the coming season base their claims in no uncertain sound for the security of tenure and protection of property.

The Hon. the Premier, on behalf of his Government, is ever laying flattering unction to his soul, and never spares an opportunity to tell the people that he has a claim on them, because his Government is always just in all its dealings. If then as head of his Government he is jealous, how much more so have the Trade and those interested a right to demand that justice shall be meted out to them who, though a section, are still part and parcel of the people.

COOKERY FOR LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

THE PREPARATION OF SOUPS.

(By "Cuisinier," in "L.V. Gazette.")

In the course of my peripatetic wanderings I have sometimes seen in the windows of a public-house a placard bearing the legend, "A good Basin of Soup served at the Bar, with bread, 3d." On a cold winter's morning nothing can be more grateful to the stomach or more nourishing to the body, and as a welcome "stay" between breakfast and luncheon nothing can be better. The placard aforesaid has often tempted me to enter the portals of a house previously unknown to me, and I have always found in such cases a most civil and attentive landlord or landlady, whose courtesy and desire to please were powerful inducements to repeat the visit.

In England we do not pay sufficient attention to the preparation of soups and broths. If our working-class women were better instructed on this subject we should hear a good deal less about the distress in the East End. It is quite possible to make a gallon and a half of nourishing barley broth, or pea-soup—

sufficient for a family for two days—for sixpence. Too often bones, bacon rinds and trimmings, dripping, the water in which the vegetables and even beef have been boiled, and other items, are thrown to the dog or poured down the sink, instead of helping to make a good pot of soup. So long as the cult of the oven and the frying-pan prevails things will not improve; but I am not without hope that the lessons inculcated at an increasing number of public elementary schools will soon begin to tell, and that the wife of the English working-man will, in time, follow the good example which has been so long set her by her sisters in Scotland and France.

But the customers of the licensed victualler require a soup of a better class than that I have alluded to, particularly if his house is in a good neighbourhood or thoroughfare. This can be done satisfactorily and profitably with very little trouble.

The basis of most soups is what is generally called "stock." To make this, take shin, leg, shoulder, or top-rib of beef in the proportion of 1lb of beef to one quart of water. Take out the bones and chop them into small pieces, add any scraps of fresh meat or bacon there may be, salt slightly, and set the whole in cold water to boil. Skim carefully, and just before it attains boiling point add a pint of cold water, removing the scum as it rises. Let it simmer gently at the side of the fire, and add (for ten gallons soup) four carrots, two turnips, one parsnip, four leeks, a head of celery, two onions—into one of which stick two cloves—and a little pepper and salt. See that the soup boils very gently. It is a great mistake to cook the meat all to shreds. From three to four hours is quite sufficient to give the necessary body and nutriment to the soup, while the meat is left in such a condition as to permit of its being afterwards employed in stews, hashes, and many excellent dishes. When the meat is cooked take it out of the saucepan at once. The vegetables should also be taken out at the same time, and, as they are far better than those boiled in water, they can be used to great advantage. The beef and vegetables having been removed, the stock must be allowed to stand for a few minutes to permit any deposit to settle. After the scum is removed it must be passed through a cloth into a basin, and placed in the open air or in a cool larder until it is quite cold. It should be boiled up daily while it lasts, and should never be kept overnight in the pot in which it is boiled. When required at short notice an excellent stock can be prepared with Bovril as a basis in the place of beef.

I will now proceed to give the recipes

of some popular soups that can be easily prepared from this stock.

Julienne Soup.

Take two quarts of stock, two carrots, two turnips, an onion, half a head of celery, and any other vegetable in season. Cut the vegetables into strips of 1½ in long and let them all be of the same thickness. Fry the carrots in 2oz butter, but do not let them get brown; add the boiling stock and the other vegetables, and let all simmer gently for at least an hour. Skim and serve. This soup has a better appearance if each vegetable is boiled separately and then added to a good clear stock.

Mulligatawny Soup.

Slice a large onion and fry it a golden brown in 1oz butter, add three tablespoonfuls mulligatawny paste (Edmunds), stir in half pint stock gradually; add a tablespoonful of red currant jelly, the juice of half a lemon, and dessertspoonful of chutney. Mix well, add a quart of stock, and leave it to simmer half an hour. Melt 4oz butter in a stew-pan, add 2oz flour, keep stirring all the time; gradually add the soup, stir till it boils, add salt if necessary. Skim carefully, strain through a sieve, and serve with boiled rice in a separate dish.

Giblet Soup.

Take two sets of giblets, scald them well, put them in a saucepan with two quarts of stock. Add a small carrot and two onions, sliced, and a stick of celery, along with a bunch of parsley and herbs, peppercorns and salt. Simmer gently for three hours, skim well, strain into a basin, and when cold remove the fat. Pound the livers in a mortar, mix with 1oz butter and a little flour, fry it a few minutes, put it in the saucepan, and gradually mix in the soup. After it has boiled up add a glass of sherry and the juice of half a lemon. Season to taste.

Macaroni Soup.

Take 3oz macaroni, drop it into boiling water, and let it boil for twenty minutes. Drain, and cut into inch lengths. Have ready two quarts of clear stock, boiling hot, into which throw the macaroni, and simmer for about ten minutes. Serve with grated cheese in a dish; Parmesan is the best, but any hard cheese may be utilised for this purpose.

Many soups do not require the aid of the stock-pot in their preparation, such as tomato soup, pea soup, Scotch broth, and ox tail soup, of which I will now give the recipes.

Tomato Soup.

Take a tin of tomatoes, or eight fresh tomatoes, a sliced onion, and a small bunch of parsley, and put in a saucepan

with two quarts of water, and pepper and salt to taste. Simmer for three-quarters of an hour, rub through a sieve, add two tablespoonfuls of cornflour smoothly blended with half pint of milk, and boil for another seven minutes, stirring constantly. It should be of the consistency of cream.

Pea Soup.

This is one of the most nourishing and universally popular of soups. Soak a quart of split peas all night in cold water. Put them in a saucepan with three quarts of water, a ham-bone well cracked, two onions, a head of celery, two grated carrots, and pepper and salt to taste. Let it boil till the peas are quite tender; pass through a wire sieve. Boil it up again, and if too thick add a little milk. Serve with dried mint and sippets of toast.

Scotch Broth.

Take the scrag-end of a neck of mutton and put it into four quarts of cold water, with ½lb of Scotch barley and a little salt. Let it come to the boil, and simmer gently for an hour. Put in two carrots (one cut into small dice and one whole), one turnip, and one onion sliced; let it boil another hour. Then take out the mutton and put in two pints of green peas. Let it simmer another hour. Serve in a tureen. The mutton may be served separately with some of the vegetables round it. Should green peas not be available, dried ones will serve the purpose, but they must previously have been soaked overnight, and must be put in with the barley.

Ox Tail Soup.

Melt 2oz butter in a stewpan, cut 4oz ham and two onions into dice, and fry them in the butter for seven or eight minutes, then add an ox tail, disjointed, and three pints of water. Heat to boiling point and skim carefully. Add two carrots cut into dice, a sprig of parsley and one of thyme, twelve peppercorns, and half teaspoonful salt, and let all simmer gently for four hours. Take out the tail, remove all the meat from it, and cut it in dice. Strain the soup into a fresh saucepan, add a teaspoonful of arrowroot and wineglassful of sherry mixed smoothly together, and stir over the fire for a few minutes until it slightly thickens; then put in the pieces of ox tail, let them heat slowly in the soup by the side of the fire, and serve the soup very hot. A few drops of brownning will give the desired brown colour. In this and in other cases a little Bovril added to the soup is a great improvement.

HOW DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES DRINK.

Drinking habits and drinking resorts of men of different nations differ almost as

essentially as their dress and amusements. For style and cost there is no bar equal to the American, because money is spent more lavishly there than elsewhere. If you want a drink, and have no time to waste, there is nothing to compare with the first-class American bar. Neither London nor Paris can compare with it. But persons with whom time is no object prefer institutions of the foreign class. In London people in the swell set rarely drink outside their clubs.

The barmaid is a British article. She was introduced in New York more than once, but she never prospered, because she couldn't learn how to prepare cocktails, cobblers, or flips, and altogether she was too slow. But London couldn't exist without her.

At the Criterion or St. James' Piccadilly, or the Gaiety in the Strand, there are half-a-dozen or more golden-haired goddesses before whom you can plank down your "tuppence" and ask for a glass of "bittah beeah," or "arf and 'arf," according to your inclination, and if you want to go one better you can call for a "bwandy and sodah." There is no handing out the bottle, no help-yourself and make-yourself-at-home kind of business in any place in London.

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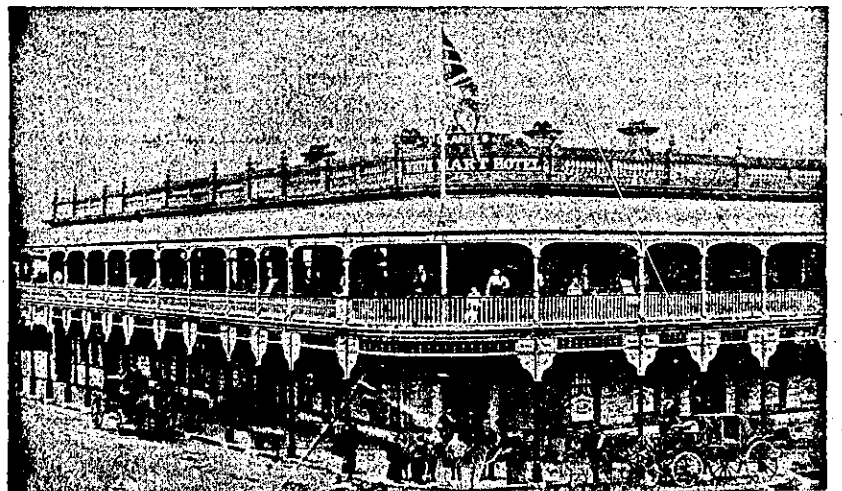
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FIGHTING THE ENEMY IN VICTORIA.

("A.B. Journal.")

A largely-attended meeting under the auspices of the Liquor Trades' Defence Union of Victoria was held in the Athenaeum Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on the evening of March 7. Among the audience were a number of ladies. The chairman of the union (Mr A. McCracken) presided.

The Chairman said that the meeting had been called so that the views of the liquor party should be considered at the same time as the views of the prohibition party. It was necessary to get those who used alcoholic liquor in moderation to protect their interests. The prohibition party had recently interviewed the Premier, and it transpired there that what was wanted was an alteration of the law as fought for by the temperance party in New Zealand. What their fellow-citizens in the temperance cause wanted was to entirely prevent the use of alcohol except for medicinal purposes. One of the means to be adopted before this was brought about was to prevent the employment of barmaids. That did not concern him directly as a manufacturer of liquor, but he knew that a number of women engaged in the liquor trade were as well and as honestly employed as women in other walks of life. Their occupations were as healthy, and their lives were as happy, as those of girls engaged in any other business. The temperance people were also determined to put down Sunday trading. On that subject it would be found that, no matter what the views of those engaged in the Trade were with regard to the right of people to have a drink on Sunday, as well as any other day, they would, while the law existed as it was at present, co-operate in any movement to have it carried out in its entirety. Another aim of the party was to close all hotels on election days. He could not understand that movement. One would imagine that the electors of the country had nothing to do on election day but attend the polling booth and then get drunk. Such a suggestion was a reflection on the voters as a whole.

The Hon. Nicholas Fitzgerald, M.L.C., said that it was difficult on a subject so old to say anything new. An American statistician once calculated that if the breath that was expended on the subject of liquor traffic could be applied to a

windmill it would give power enough to work all the wine presses of Europe. (Laughter.) It was an important subject, however, when, because of the sins of a few, an effort was made to inflict an injustice on the many. It was of importance to the political and social order, and justified the action which the league was now taking. He did not like the word liquor. He would prefer to see the association called a league to defend the ever met the last people whom he should ever met the last people whom he should entrust with practical work were men who were now leaders of the prohibition party. If the public recognised that there was any risk of an indignity being put on the people as that they could not take drink without being brought to the level of a drunkard, the hall would not be large enough to hold those who would attend to protest against it. He recognised and deplored the evil of drunkenness, but why should all they who were engaged in the Trade be referred to as if those ruined homes and starving children were directly attributable to them? Among the hotel-keepers were found men as law-abiding as those of any trade. (Applause.) He was not afraid of the result of the deputation to the Premier. A more level-headed, humane, and broadly intelligent man than the present Premier he did not know, and he believed that Mr Bent would ask some practical questions before he would agree with the speakers at that deputation. Nothing more contrary to fact could be asserted than that which was said to Mr Bent by the deputation. The speakers said the barmaids were, by their very attractiveness, a means of leading men to over-indulgence in liquor. A more cruel charge could not have been made. As a fact, these ladies were a means of preventing men taking too much drink, and were a check upon the use of profane language, in which men would perhaps indulge if they were not restrained by the presence of women. He could credit these speakers with all the virtues except knowledge. If they looked to the days of old they would find that a law which did not supported by public opinion could not last. If these enthusiastic people tried to create a new heaven on earth, as bright as the heaven in which they all believed, they would be mistaken. Some years ago he visited the prohibition State of Maine, and he never got as much liquor as he did in Maine. (Laughter.) He got it in

five boot stores, and some ordinary stores, the only difference between that and New York being that the price was doubled to cover the risk. (Laughter.) In addition, the temperance drinks were highly charged with alcoholic strength of the worst kind, which would, if taken in excess, result not merely in intoxication, but madness. If any proof were given of the success of the movement in New Zealand, he could understand the attempt to introduce the system here; but it was passed in New Zealand simply in a moment of infatuation by an organised minority. They were able to influence candidates by their organisation. Why should not men and women on the other side organise? If there were black sheep among the liquor traders, let the temperance friends come and help the association to weed them out. (Applause.) Why should the law allow a rich man to obtain liquor at the club, and prevent the working man from indulging in intoxicants in moderation? Mr Bent was likely to tell the deputation that the financial condition of the country would not allow him to do as they wished. That was the first good reason out of 99 that might be given. The taxpayers did not want their burdens increased, and, whether this question was looked at from the business side or the philanthropic side, Mr Bent would have the best of it. But politics was an uncertain game, and if those who were interested did not look to their interests, they might find themselves in the cold, and Parliament might legislate in such a way as would result in the destruction of the liquor industry. Those gentlemen who deplored the sins of others very often fell into sin themselves. How was it that those who were so zealous for the welfare of others should inflict such hardships on the people of the country? Here in Melbourne there were public libraries and galleries, and the same men who were clamouring for prohibition prevented the working man from visiting the public libraries and museums on Sunday. (Applause.) Men could go away and get drunk, but they could not visit these institutions, which were provided by their money. If he could utter any word of advice to men placed on such a high pedestal, he would tell them not to be led away by zeal for legislation, but to turn their attention to the social welfare of the people. That was recognised as the solution of the intemperance problem in Great Britain.

With such success had it carried on in recent years that the drink bill of England had been reduced by £2,000,000 in 1902, as compared with 1901. He urged the people of this State to join this association, and protect their own interests. (Applause.)

Mr James Moloney supported the previous speakers.

Mr R. H. Lemon, secretary of the association, admitted that there were many earnest men among the prohibition party, but there were others who conducted their campaign in a manner which was by no means creditable. The prohibition movement in New Zealand had not been a success. In Balclutha drink could be not by anyone who wanted it. A gentleman engaged in the insurance business had told him that a prohibition town was regarded as a bad risk from a fire insurance standpoint. Some little time ago the Premier of New Zealand brought in a Bill to really apply prohibition practices to prohibited areas. Mr Seddon desired that it should be illegal to keep liquor on private premises in these districts, because he rightly contended that every man who had liquor in his house under such circumstances was a potential sly-grog seller. But the temperance party, instead of supporting the Bill, cuposed it. The president of the Victorian Alliance (Mr Hunt) described it as an insidious and crafty attempt to kill the license movement. Prohibition had been equally unsuccessful in the United States. The arrests for drunkenness in England were six per thousand in 1898. In the prohibition State of Maine the arrests in the principal towns were as follows:—Portland, 42 per 1000; Lewiston, 29; Bangor, 43; Biddeford, 18; Augusta, 29; Bath, 31; Rockland, 35; Gardner, 69. It was a libel on Australians to say that they were a drunken people. No matter what position he was in he would always resent the attitude of those who for purposes of their own endeavoured to throw discredit on the people of the country in this respect. The electors were likely to be split up into sections at the next general election, but the Liquor Trade Defence Association in the fight which it would conduct claimed that it stood up for equal rights for all. (Applause.)

Mr M. Honan (Ballarat) proposed, and Mr A. Y. Oastler seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried with applause.



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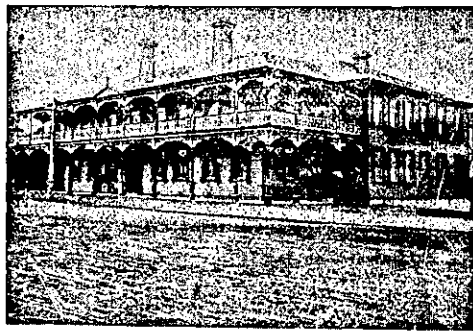
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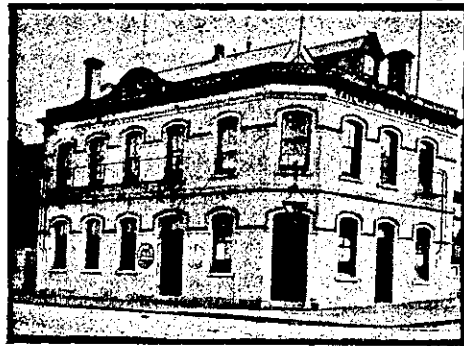
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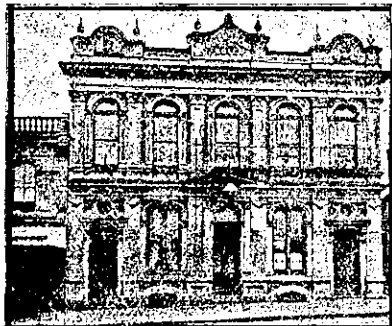
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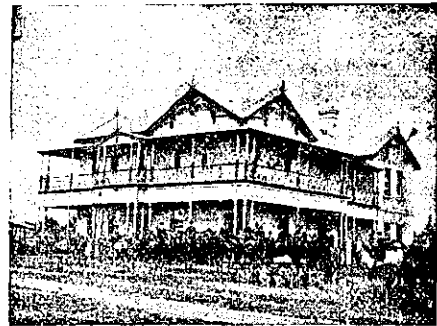
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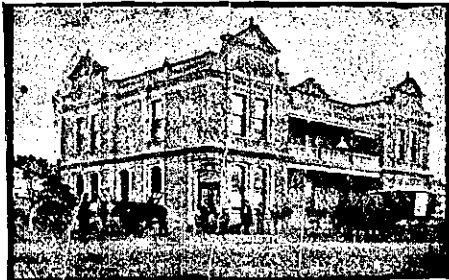
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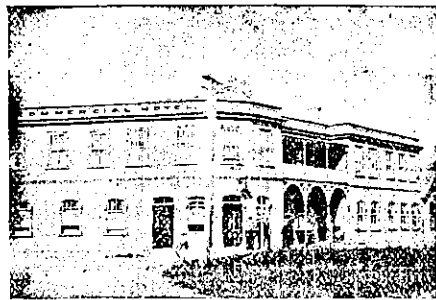


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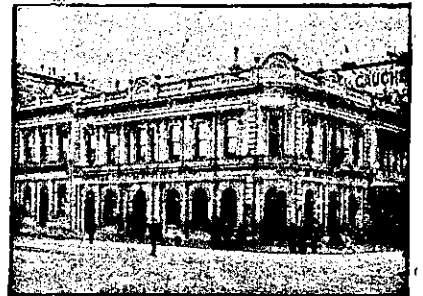
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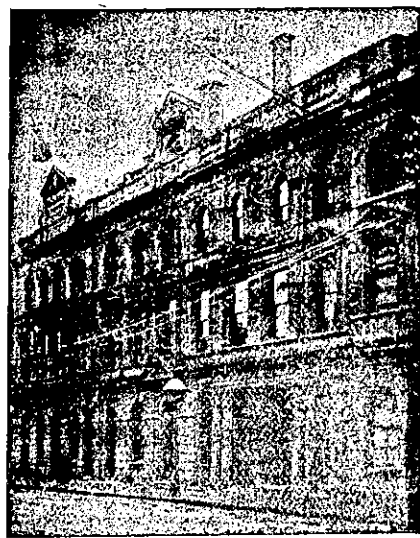
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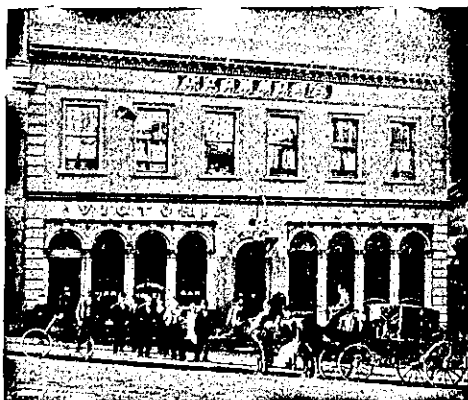
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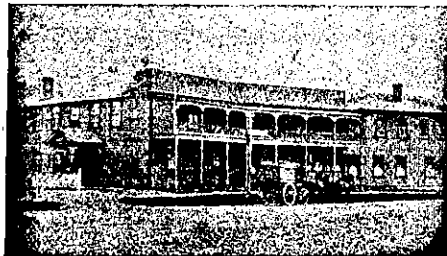
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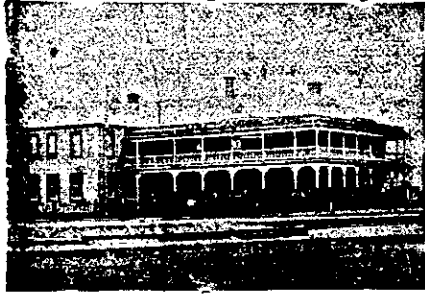
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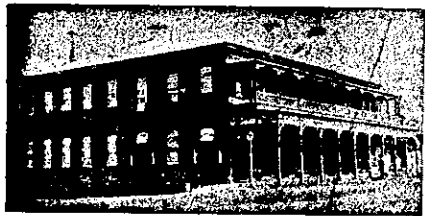
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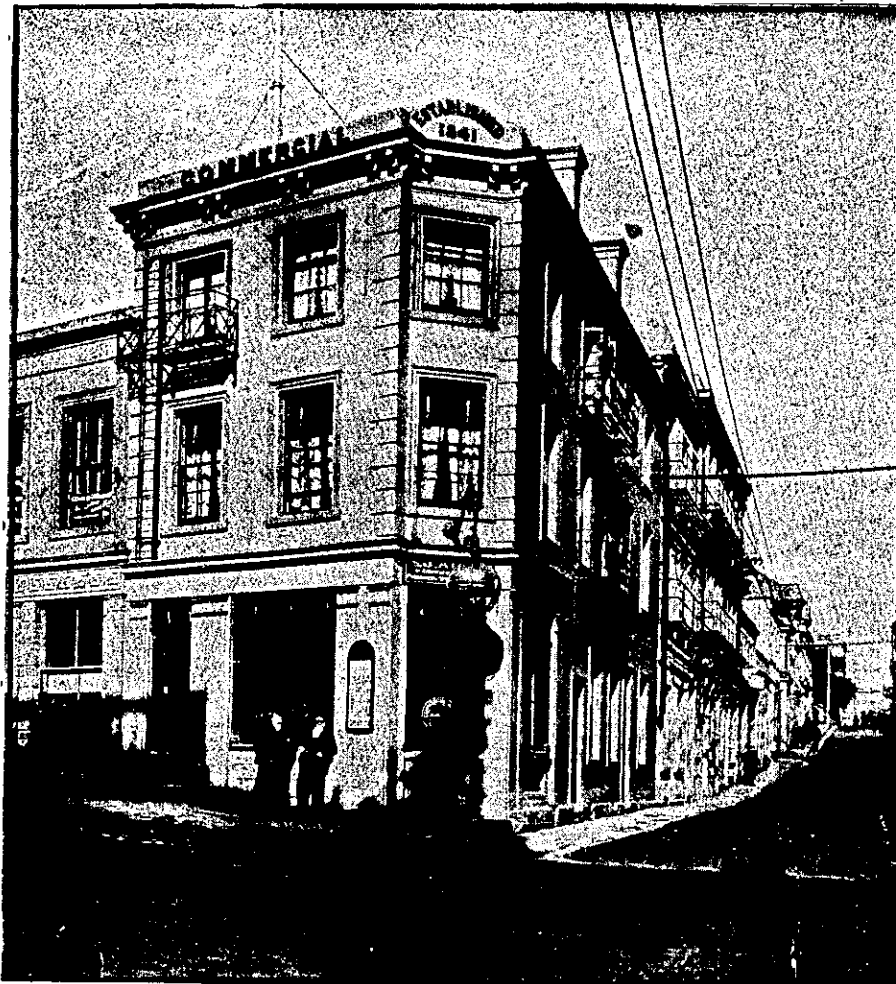


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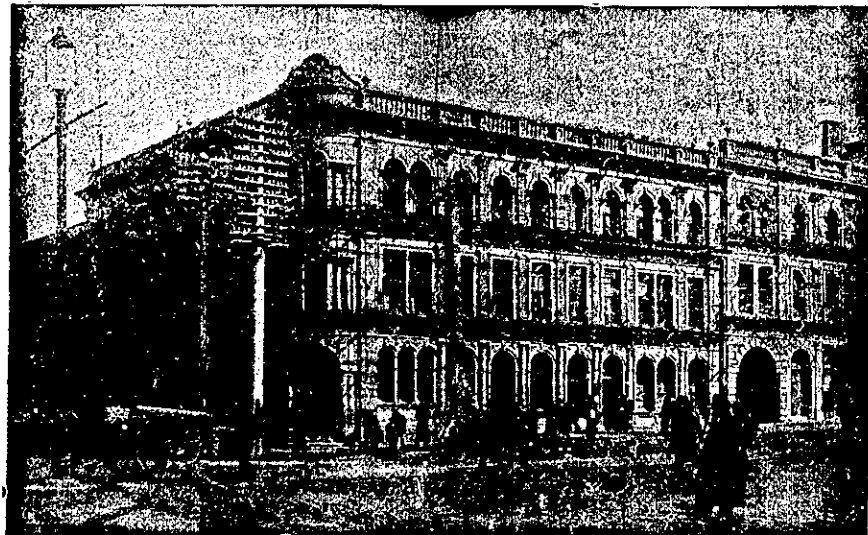
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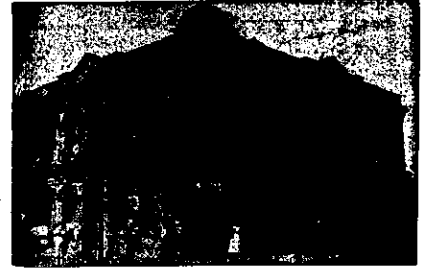
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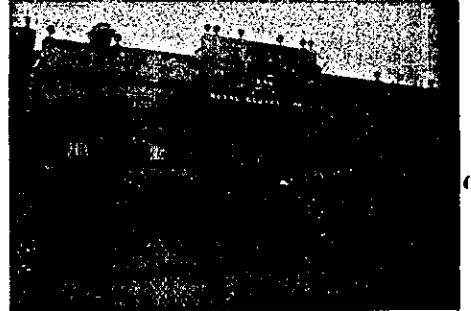
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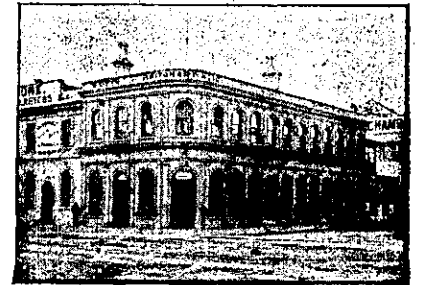


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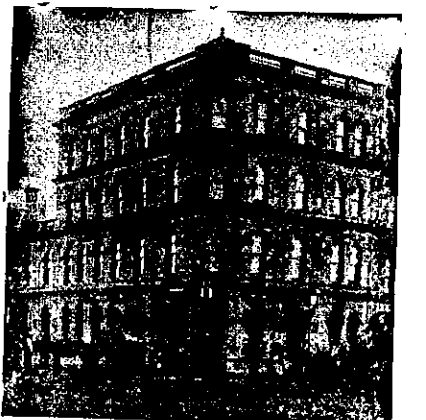
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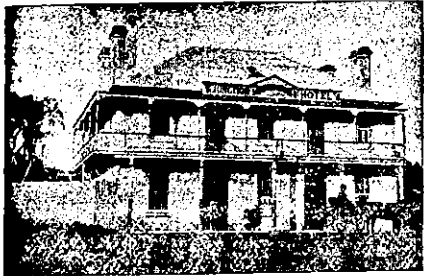
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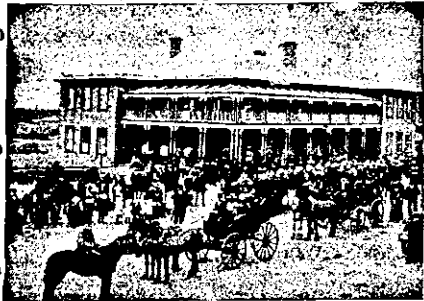
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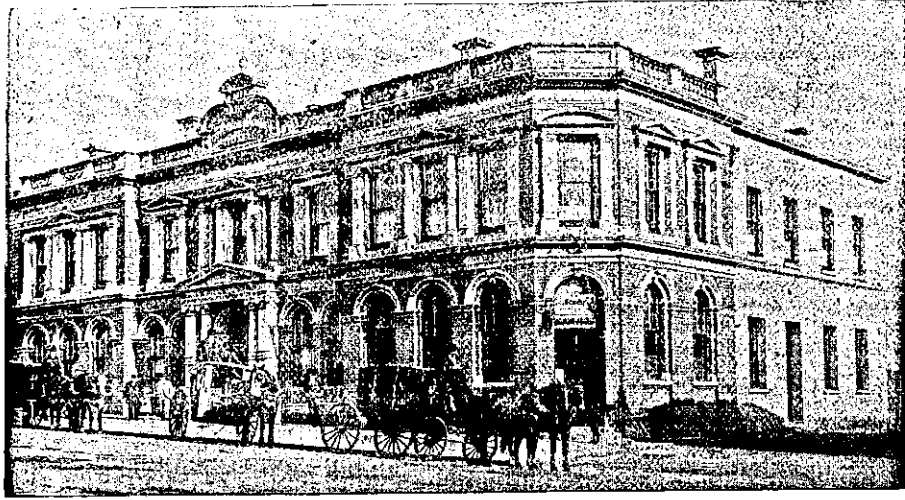


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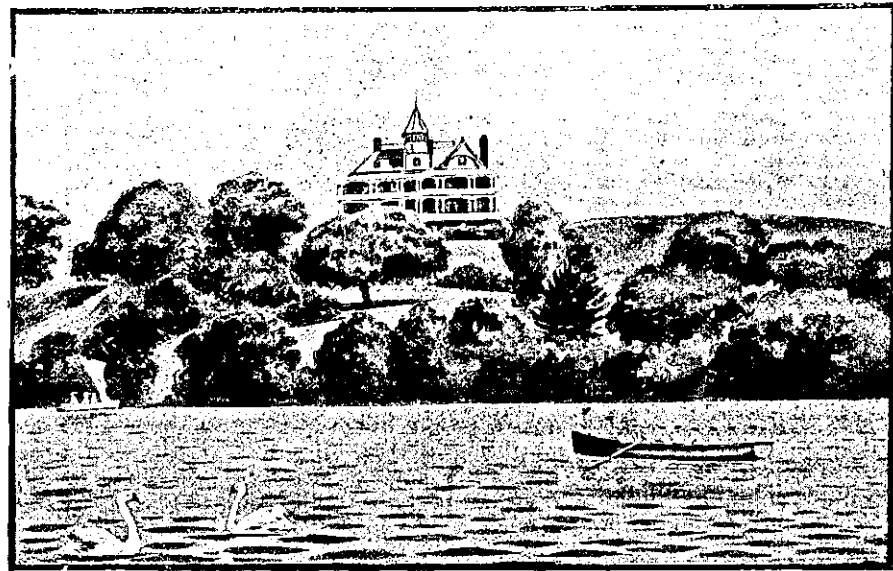
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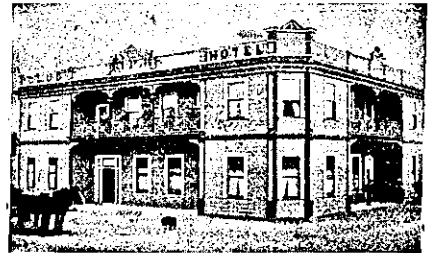
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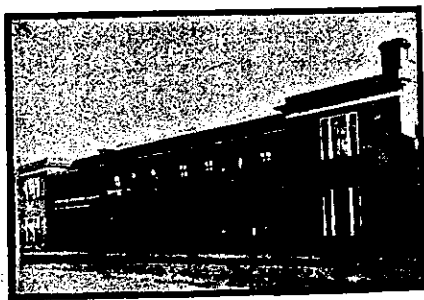
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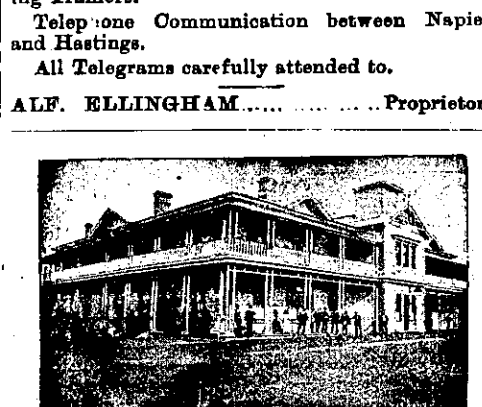
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First-class Accommodation for Tourists' Families and Commercial Men.

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WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only.

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BEST OF ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY MODERATE RATE.

HOT AND COLD BATHS. EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT.

ALL LIQUORS AT SPEIGHT'S XXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

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THE "TROCADERO" PRIVATE HOTEL

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Every Convenience Provided for the Comfort of the Travelling Public.

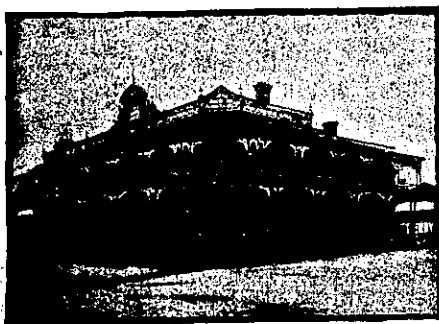
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Complete Fire Escapes. Ladies' Sitting Room. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.

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Rebuilt and refurnished, this well-known
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The Liquors stocked are the choicest to
bought in the Market.

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L. HINTZE, Proprietor (late of Masonic Hotel,
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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
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MRS. KEANE ... PROPRIETRESS
MRS KEANE begs to inform her many friends
and the residents generally of Patea and district,
that she has assumed the proprietorship, and that
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,
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UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT.
THE TROCADERO has been renovated and re-
furnished throughout, and has every up-to-date conve-
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All Wines and Spirits stocked of the best
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Twenty-year-old Guaranteed Liqueur
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This commodious and well-furnished family and com-
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wharves. It has a lovely promenade-roof which com-
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charge of an experienced chef. Alf. Mitchell's name is
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Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars.
Night Porter kept.
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The Best of Beds and First-class Accommodation.

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room.

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WILLIAM TOBIN (late of the Timaru Hotel)
Has Leased the above Hotel, and will be glad to Receive
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The Best Brands of Spirits and Ale in Stock.
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Accommodation and attendance second to none in the
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Companies.
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This Hotel has been renovated throughout, and now
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Local and XXXX Beer at 1/6 on Tap.
Walker's Special Whisky on Draught.
Sample Rooms in connection with premises.

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CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS,
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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
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TERMS MODERATE.
NOTED HOUSE FOR THE BEST WINES & SPIRITS



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(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
shower baths. The very best of Wines, Ales,
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W. H. SKITCH having purchased the above
commodious Hotel, which has recently been
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Hot and Cold Showers.
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Best of Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff.
Cuisine a Speciality.

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M. MATHIESON, formerly of the Masonic
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commodious premises, where it will be his pleasure to
make every provision for the wants and comforts of all
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of the most comfortable hostels in Nelson Province.
Terms moderate. The best of liquors only kept. Good
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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-
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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
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THE Building is entirely New and of Brick, with all
Modern Appliances and Conveniences. The
Sanitary Arrangements and Ventilation have been
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detail.

VISITORS to Picton will find that no effort will be
spared to afford them comfort, whilst the Tariff is Most
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LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVE PROMPT
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First-class Billiard Table. Hot and Cold Baths.
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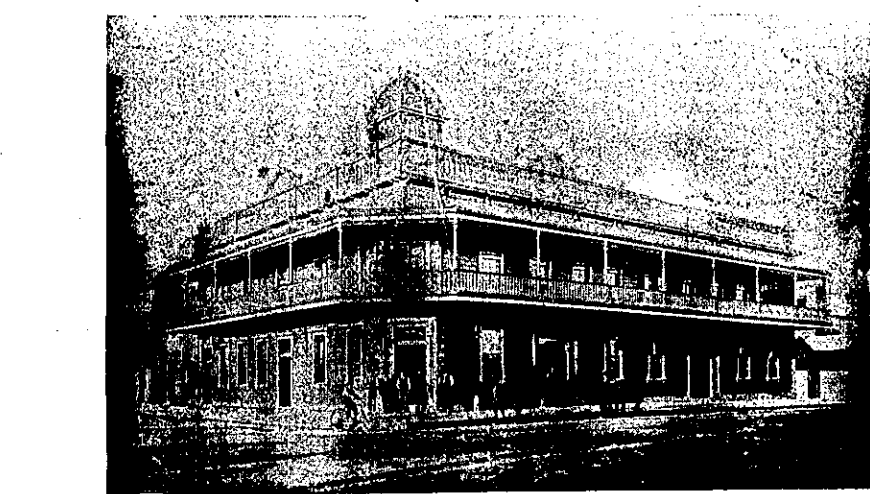


TERMINUS HOTEL, PICTON.

HARRY BRADY, PROPRIETOR.

Close to Railway Station, Post Office and Wharf.
Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to.

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THE GISBORNE HOTEL Corner of CHILDER'S ROAD
and LOWE STREET,
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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 100
feet by 8 feet, surrounds the building, affording an excellent view of the Harbour and Ship-
ping, and offering easy access in the event of fire. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. From its
quiet situation is specially adapted for Tourists and Families.

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Is Central, Popular, and Convenient; does a
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OCCIDENTAL HOTEL
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Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the
best accommodation at a moderate tariff.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procur-
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of Mrs Woolhouse.

TARIFF—5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.

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ROXBOROUGH'S RAILWAY HOTEL
BROADWAY REEFTON

The Accommodation throughout is all that can be
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Hot, Cold, and Crescent Shower Baths.

Tariff Strictly Moderate.

Visiting Cyclists can rely upon receiving every attention.
J. ROXBOROUGH, Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL,
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This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and re-
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Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM.

R. DUMPHY Proprietor

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EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT

H. McMASTER ... PROPRIETOR
(Late Chief Steward White Star Line and N.Z.
Shipping Company).
Recently Refurnished and Renovated throughout. This
Hotel will be found to offer every Modern convenience to
Commercial Travellers and Visitors. Night Porter
kept. Cuisine a Speciality. Two Alcock's Billiard
Tables. Six Sample Rooms, Good Stabling.

GRAND HOTEL,
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