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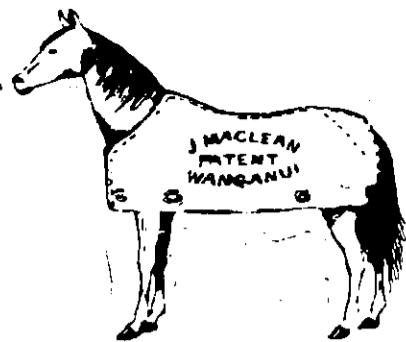
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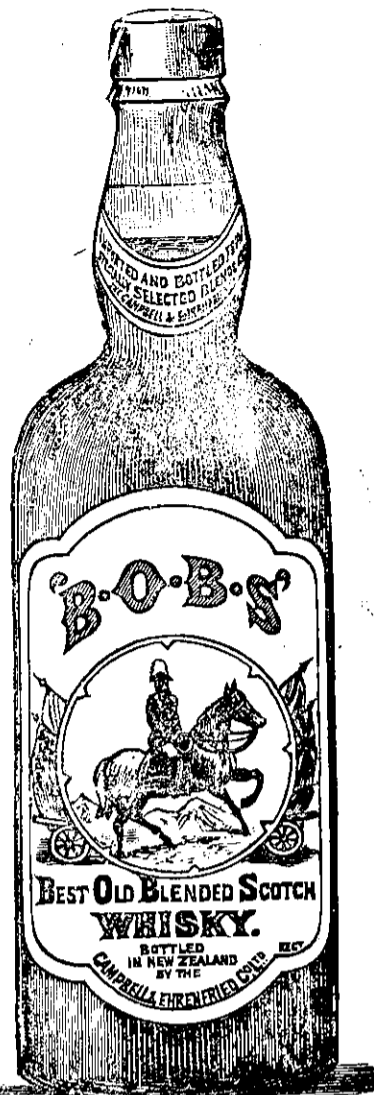
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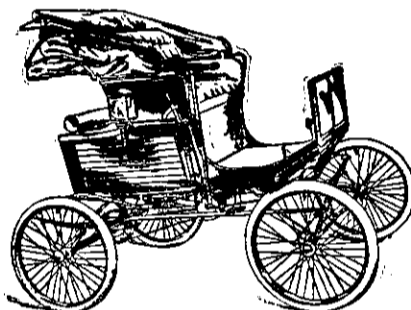
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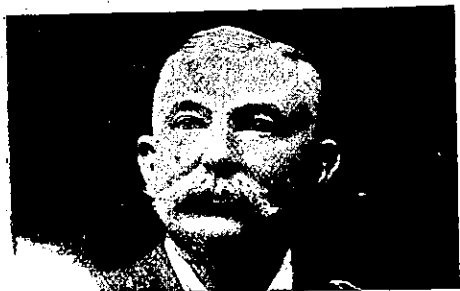
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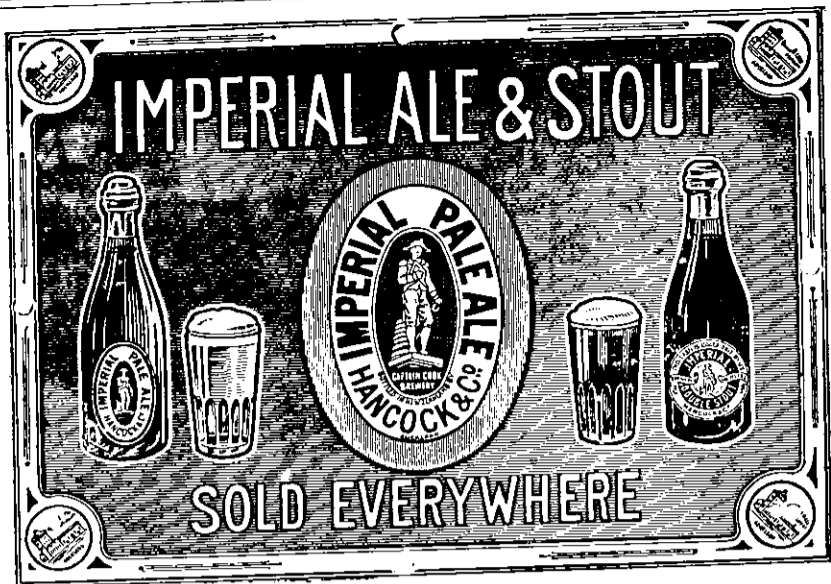
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The racing season of 1903-4 has drawn to a close, and on the whole may fairly be considered to have been as successful as any which have preceded it. A glance through the statistics is not altogether without interest, and this year these will appeal especially to Aucklanders, for at the top of the list of successful stallions are two from the Northern Province, while another racer bred in the same district has won the largest amount in stakes, although owing to a technical quibble the honour of heading the list may be taken away from her. In the list of winning owners Auckland has, however, to put up with eleventh place, the reason of this being, of course, that there are no owners possessed of large strings of horses as is the case in the South.

The Auckland province being so well adapted for raising thoroughbred stock, it is not surprising to find that the most successful sire of the season hails from the North, this being the Wellington Park owned stallion, Seaton Delaval, who is represented by twenty-nine winners, the respective earnings of these amounting to £8,783. Seaton Delaval, who was got by Melton from Rosedale, was imported by the Messrs Nathan

Bros for the Sylvia Park stud, and his continued success gives pointed proof of the judgment of those gentlemen in securing the horse for the colony. Now that he has taken up stud duties among the blue-blooded mares at Wellington Park it is safe to assume that Seaton Delaval's already great reputation will be still further enhanced.

Another Aucklander in Soult occupies second place, and it is by sheer merit the son of St. Simon and Beauharnais has forced his way to the front. At the outset of his stud career Mr Walter's stallion was not given too many chances, but his sterling merit could not be denied, until to-day there is no more popular sire in the colony. Many of his stock are, like himself, somewhat on the small side, but everyone of them knows how to gallop.

From first place Stepniak has dropped to third position, but the Nordenfeldt horse shares with Soult the distribution of having the greatest number of winners to represent him. Hotchkiss has gone back from second to fourth place, while Clanranald has advanced from ninth to fifth position, although even this is a point behind his figure for the preceding season. The name of the defunct St. Leger is of course found occupying a lower position on the list than formerly, but even now he ranks sixth. Perhaps the most noteworthy advance is that made by Regel, who has jumped from thirty-third to seventh place, and is the more remarkable when it is remembered that the son of St. Leger and Tamora, having been buried in the backblocks, has had but few opportunities granted him. If Regel had but been given a tithe of the chances possessed by some of his more fashionable rivals it is quite safe to assume he would be deemed second to none as a sire in the colony. Vanguard is represented by twelve winners, Sou'wester by twenty-two, Gold Reef by fourteen, and Castor and Perkin Warbeck II. by nine, these being the twelve best stallions on the very lengthy list.

Coming to winning horses Gladstone is easily first, having annexed within £20 of the amount won by Achilles, who headed the table in the preceding season. Certain of the winnings of the brilliant daughter of Seaton Delaval will have to be refunded, and this means that Convoy will be given pride of place. Good horse as is the son of Vanguard, one could have wished that his first position had been won by merit alone instead of through an exceedingly doubtful reading of an ambiguously-worded racing rule.

In third place comes Machine Gun, and at the commencement of the season it was expected he would have done better. The son of Hotchkiss and Rubina is generally admitted to be the champion colt of his year, but he was not always ready to do himself justice, and the several handicappers were by no means disposed to take liberties with him. The fourth position held by Silkworm is a highly creditable one, and the colt's earnings give an indication of the money which can be won by a good two-year-old. No horse of his age approached him in the winning list, and the son of Seaton Delaval may surely be considered one of Mr Stead's lucky purchases. The Bill of Portland horse, Treadmill, is in fifth position, which, curiously enough, is the one he occupied last season, his earnings this year being exactly £100 less than was the case before. Wairiki has fallen from second to sixth place, but it must be admitted the big horse has not been overworked. Canteen's New Zealand Cup victory advances him from twenty-first to seventh place, and he is followed by Buluwayo, a prominent position indeed for a pony to occupy, but then the little son of Perkin Warbeck II. may be considered a very Triton among the minnows in the pony division. The Auckland, Romeo, comes tenth, and is followed by Regulation, Red Gauntlet and Starshoot.

For champion honours in the list of winning owners there has been a keen battle between Mr G. G. Stead and Sir George Clifford, and the Squire of Yaldhurst once again heads the pole, but whereas last season he led the President of the Racing Conference by £2,725, this year the latter is within £145 of him. The popular Hawke's Bay sportsman, Mr J. Watt, is a good third, having moved up from sixth place,

Mr J. Monk going back a point, Mr W. V. Young, who was far down the list last season, comes fifth, and after him follow Messrs Reid, Lowry, Friedlander, Ellis Bros., Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs Armtrage and Bradley in that order.

THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.
A VERY interesting little book has been published recently entitled "The History of the Pakuranga Hunt," and from its pages one is able to gather many interesting particulars of the doings of the club whose bi-weekly meets have been attended by so many Aucklanders. It is not far short of forty years ago that beagles were imported to Auckland by Sir George Grey, and it is just thirty-two years back that the Pakuranga Hunt Club was established. The original members consisted of Messrs A. and S. Buckland, T. and S. Morris, R. M. Wynyard, T. Brown, E. McLean, E. P. Donnelly, A. R. Harris, R. Bent, A. Martin, E. Woolfield, R. McLean, W. McLaughlin and Captain Walmsley. Mr Robert McLean was the first Master, and Mr E. Woolfield the first secretary. Although several of these early members have answered *adsum* at the last great roll call, yet others still remain and are prominent members in the world of sport to-day.

Hares were imported as long ago as 1868, and these thrived splendidly, the country evidently suiting them most admirably. The kennels were originally built by subscription at Pigeon Mountain, Pakuranga, Joe Roberts being the first huntsman. In 1873 the hounds were hunted for the first time, but only in a somewhat informal way. The first real meet of an established pack took place next year at Howick, only six and a-half couple of hounds being used. It is interesting to note that at the close of the season the Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup was instituted, being won by Mr Perkin's Rustic from two others.

In 1875 Mr William McLaughlin was elected Master, and he entered into his duties *con amore*, building kennels at his own expense. By the next year the pack had grown to a respectable size, there being twenty couples. In 1881 Joe Roberts resigned his position as huntsman, and was succeeded by Tom Brown, while the kennels were moved to Otahuhu. Five years later, prior to Mr McLaughlin going to England, he resigned his Mastership, when a big banquet was tendered him. He was succeeded by another highly popular man in Mr William Percival, the well-known secretary of the Auckland Racing Club. Under him the pack was considerably improved by the importation of hounds from the famous Pylchley, Warwickshire and Cottesmore Kennels. These were very stoutly bred, and have done much to raise the standard of the pack. After holding office for some years Mr Percival resigned, Mr S. Buckland taking up the duties for a year. When the Earl of Onslow was Governor he accepted the post of honorary Master to the Pakuranga Hounds, and on his big brown hunter, Sir Isaac, was always in the first flight. Captain Saville, his A. D. C., who has since been appointed Master of the West Kent Foxhounds, also hunted regularly, besides giving a cup for the Polo Championship of the Colony. The experience of having a stag hunt was tried in 1892, but was not persevered with.

In 1894 Lieut.-Colonel Dawson was elected Master, while the huntsman, Tom Brown, resigned in favour of the present huntsman, A. Selby, who has now had charge of the hounds for ten years. It is safe to assert that there is no better hand at the game in the Australasian Colonies than Selby, and to see the veteran popping over his fences is an object lesson indeed to many of the younger members. On Lieut.-Colonel Dawson resigning in 1897 Mr McLaughlin again took the position of Master, to be succeeded next year by Mr H. T. Gorrie who after twelve months had elapsed gave place to Mr J. G. Ralph. The present Master, Mr E. Denis O'Rorke, was appointed two seasons ago, and a more popular selection could not have been found. Under his direction many highly enjoyable runs have taken place, and the wish has often been expressed that he will continue to hold office for many seasons to come. As a popular institution the Hunt Club holds a foremost place, and that it will continue to do so seems beyond the realms of doubt.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

Acceptances for the Grand National are due on August 5.

The Avondale Meeting will take place on September 17, 21, and 24.

Vladimir will not be an acceptor for the C.J.C. Winter Cup.

Manawaru and Solution have been scratched for the New Zealand Cup.

Soult's list for the coming season is full. "Nothing succeeds like success."

The annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Racing Club takes place next Monday.

When the mail left England Mr Spencer Gollan's trainer, Hickey, was seriously ill.

Geologist has been showing considerable aptitude in his schooling tasks over the hurdles.

The descendants of the St. Simon stallion Soult are said to have won 128 races in two seasons. They all seem to know how to gallop.

There is a horse called Rednef running in Sydney. This is Defender spelt backwards and betrays the same hopeless lack of originality that is occasionally encountered in this colony.

Marmont is a pronounced favourite for the Melbourne Cup, backers accepting as short a price as 14 to 1 about the veteran.

A New York firm recently accepted an order to supply ten thousand cavalry horses for Japan. This is a fairly "tall" remount contract.

Nonette will be trained for his New Zealand Cup engagement by F. Tilley, at Fordell. Should he stand a preparation he may prove dangerous in the big handicap, for the son of Seaton Delaval is nicely handicapped.

Excellent accounts continue to come to hand of the manner in which Kremlin is shaping over the hurdles. He is said to show the utmost proficiency, and as he undoubtedly possesses pace on the flat should make a name for himself.

The pony Vulpine has arrived in Sydney. The six-year-old daughter of Reynard will have to show a substantial improvement on recent form to do much good over in Australia.

When Ajax won the Grand Prix at Paris last month, the totalisator investments in connection with the race amounted to £203,000. The turnover for the day was £163,140.

The champion pacer Ribbonwood was offered by auction in Melbourne, but at eleven hundred guineas he was passed in. A subsequent report states that he has been sold, but the price was not given.

The football match between the British Team and Auckland's best is already causing immense interest. The secretary of the Auckland Rugby Union notifies in this issue that stand tickets will be on sale on and after August 8, but the sale will cease directly the seating capacity of the stand is filled, so that each purchaser of half-crown tickets will be ensured a seat. Auxiliary stand tickets will be sold on the ground only on the day of the match.

According to the "Referee," writing to his old friend, Mr Phil. Glenister, of Tattersall's Club (Sydney), from Paris, by the last English mail, the ex-Australian "King of the Ring," Joe Thompson, deplores the fact that betting has fallen off by fully 50 per cent. in England during the past five years, which he attributes to the late war, and the manner in which England's trade is being cut into by foreign nations. The totalisator, he adds, has almost completely driven the bookmaker from France; in fact, he had so little interest in the Grand Prix that he left Paris the day before it was run. Pretty Polly, Mr Thompson considers to be the best filly that has appeared on an English course during the last hundred years. She was quoted at 5 to 4 for the St. Leger at the time of writing, and a bet of £6000 to £1000 which the Australian laid against her for some time back looked "real bad goods," with little chance of a way out. Although the old-time leviathan is now in his sixty-seventh year, he says he feels as gay and lively as he was on that bright November day in 1871 when his horse Don Juan won the Melbourne Cup.

The Hawke's Bay horse Paymaster, who was got by The Officer, broke one of his forelegs last week and had to be shot.

Of the Wellington Park stallions Seaton Delaval, Menschikoff, and Blue Jacket will be at the service of the public this season.

The English champion filly's record to date is twelve races won and 25,452 sovs earned in stakes. She has not yet known defeat.

As I stated last week, Mr Stead's team, consisting of Cruciform, Grand Rapids, Martian, and Nightfall, will leave for Sydney on Friday. Mason goes across in charge.

Throwaway was so little fancied for the Ascot Gold Cup, 2½ miles, that he started at 20 to 1 against in a field of four. He led from start to finish, and beat the favourite Zinfandel (5 to 4 on) by a length, with Sceptre a close third. The latter was subsequently made favourite at 11 to 10 on for the Hardwicke Stakes, 1½ mile, but she could only run a poor third to Rock Sand and Santry.

The Northern Bowling Association have asked the Gisborne Club to accommodate the Champion Fours Tournament on their green in January next, 1905. It is intended to hold the Association's Banner contests in January, 1906, at Wellington. There will, therefore, be no big tournament at Wellington in 1905 as was intended.

In this glorious country, where every Jack is as good as his master, or thinks he is, and tries hard to be so, the jockey-boy trouble is the most difficult horse trainers have to contend with (writes "Milroy," in the "Sydney Mail"). A trainer indentures a green boy and goes to some trouble to teach him the rudiments of jockeyship. After the lad has acquired some knowledge of the art the trainer procures a permit for him to ride in races. Once the permit is given by the authorities Jack is nearly as good as his master, and considers himself a full-blown jockey. By slumming his work and making himself generally obnoxious, he can, after a while, so disgust his employer that the latter will gladly get rid of him. Then the boy can go forth to the country districts without let or hindrance, and follow the profession of a jockey. The permit is his passport. In the A.J.C. Rules there is nothing to bar him from doing so, and the average stable boy knows it. When they have served their full apprenticeship nine boys out of ten consider the hard part of their education has ended; they leave the employ of their mentor and join the large army of free-lance jockeys who live "in town" and do no work for six days in the week except ride an occasional gallop. Though it appears arbitrary, it would be a very good thing for the boys and for horse trainers as well if the license to ride were withheld from all lads unless they were employed in a racing stable, and their masters should be held responsible for their good conduct while in their employ. Of course, the Jockey Club could exercise a discretion as far as regards well-behaved married men, but anybody who cares to take the trouble to visit certain haunts in this city, night or day, will always find a goodly number of registered riders disporting themselves in a manner that augurs badly for owners who employ them to ride in races.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon next, at two o'clock. The report which is to be presented congratulates members upon the continued success of the club. During the past season four meetings, comprising thirteen days, have been held, the added money for which amounted to £21,445. The totalisator investments totalled £155,821, as compared with £156,414 last year. The net profit carried to capital account is £1575 7s 2d, which after taking into consideration the amounts written off for sundry repairs, painting, depreciation, etc., must be considered very satisfactory. A profit of £2002 7s 2d was made on the Summer Meeting, and of £545 16s 1d on the Winter Meeting. The other two meetings were run at a small loss, the Spring fixture coming out at £75 18s 3d on the wrong side of the ledger, while the Autumn Meeting failed to pay expenses by £27 12s 1d. The Trainers' and Jockeys' Provident Fund is in a healthy state. Six members, viz., Messrs H. T. Gorrie, Thos. Morrin, A. Ilanna, Murdoch McLean, G. W. S. Patterson, and H. O. Nolan retire in terms of Rules, but all being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. They will be opposed by Messrs E. A. Price, Samuel Bradley, George Dunnet, and Dr. E. W. Sharman. Polling will be carried on between the hours of twelve and three o'clock, and as much interest is being taken in the election the poll should be a heavy one.

Acceptances for the New Zealand Cup are due to-morrow week, August 5.

Plain Bill has rapidly come into favour for the G.N. Steeplechase. The aged son of Flintlock is said to be looking well.

Papatu has not been doing much work since his arrival at Riccarton, one of his forelegs being under suspicion.

The colt by Seaton Delaval from Campania has been christened Master Delaval. The Eton-Phyllis filly will in future be known as Crucifix.

The Racing Conference's condemnation of the five shillings totalisator has effectually put an end to any further introduction of the cheap gambling machine.

The Victorian chaser, Lamond, has been purchased by Mr G. P. Huntley, the well-known comedian, attached to Mr Edwardes' London Gaiety Company. The horse will be sent to England, and probably an Australian trainer and jockey will be sent with him.

The two-dividend system on the totalisator has always had many opponents. These will be wearing an "I told you so!" expression when they learn that after an extensive trial the Queensland Turf Club has abandoned the idea.

Mr Leopold de Rothschild celebrated the victory of St. Amant in the Derby by donating half a ton of coal, a parcel of groceries, and 10s in money to each of the widows of Newmarket, and presented every school child in the neighbourhood with a half-crown.

Entries for the First Manawatu Stakes, of 500 sovs, which is to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Manawatu Racing Club, 1905, close with Mr E. Grant Sim, the acting-secretary, on Friday, August 5. Entries for yearlings and upwards for the Second Manawatu Stakes close at the same time. This effort on the part of the club to institute a well-endowed weight-for-age race is deserving of every encouragement, and it is to be hoped owners will respond very liberally to the invitation.

The fine shooting of the New Zealand rifle team at Bisley hardly came as a surprise to those who knew the men, but their win in the Kolapore Cup has given general satisfaction. The Imperial Challenge Cup competed for was presented by the Rajah of Kolapore in 1871, under conditions which provide for one team (eight men) of volunteers from the mother country, one team from the militia or volunteers of each British colony, dependency, or federation, and one team from members of the Indian Staff Corps home on leave or Indian volunteers. As an inducement to colonials, there is a prize of £80 awarded to the team, exclusive of the mother country, which makes the highest score, and special commemorative silver bowls are given to each member of the winning team. This year's competition is the thirty-fourth that has taken place. The mother country has won the cup 23 times (thrice in succession, 1894-1901), Canada six times, Australia twice, Victoria once (in 1897), Guernsey once (in 1898), and New Zealand once.

The annual meeting of the Thames Jockey Club was held last week. The report stated that the costs of improvements effected on the course during the past year, including the erection of a new grandstand, had amounted to £1245 5s 7d. Further improvements are now being effected, including the railing of the course proper. £1135 had been disbursed in stakes during the past year, and the result had been a net profit of £368 14s 9d. The totalisator receipts showed a falling off of £48 14s as compared with the previous year. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £379 5s 7d, and the liabilities were set down at £1551 1s, whilst the assets were credited at £4038 14s 8d. Both the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following gentlemen were elected as members of the committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs Albert Bruce, Geo. Buckland, J. Connolly, J. Inglis, H. D. Stuart and D. Twohill. It was resolved, "That it be an instruction to the incoming committee to draw up a code of rules for the future governing of the club, and that they be submitted at a special meeting to be held three months hence." At a meeting of the committee Mr Albert Bruce was elected chairman, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Hon. Jas. McGowan; vice-president, Mr Alfred Smith; treasurer, Mr C. J. Winder; handicapper, Mr J. Chadwick; clerk of scales, Mr W. Taylor; clerk of course, Mr J. Connolly; timekeeper, Mr D. Twohill; secretary, Mr W. H. Potts; auditor, Mr H. C. Gillespie; stewards, Messrs Menzies, Winder, Bruce, Inglis, Loughlin, Twohill and Stewart; course committee, Messrs Bruce, Inglis, Winder and Stewart.

The scratching pen has been put through the name of Manawaru for the N.Z. Cup.

Of the thirty-three foals at Wellington Park, sixteen are colts and seventeen are fillies.

Scotty was struck out of the Winter Cup on Friday, a nasty knock to some of the early backers of the St. Leger horse.

Wairiki (£1550), Romeo (£1417), and Avalanche (£745), were the three biggest winners among the Auckland division during the season just closed.

Mr Brophy, the owner of Lavadel and Bacchus, intends making Auckland his home for the next twelve months, as the Fiji climate is rather too enervating.

The case pending between Mr H. Friedlander and the Messrs Nathan, over the alleged sale of a foal at the Sylvia Park auction, has been settled amicably out of Court.

Aucklanders are playing a strong hand this winter in jumping races down South. For instance, in the Wellington Steeplechase the first six horses to pass the post were owned in the Northern City. Will they keep it up at Riccarton?

Auckland Tattersall's Billiard Tournament has just concluded, and was won by Mr F. Maccattie, the runner-up being Mr James Cook, who has now occupied that position three times, besides winning it right out on two occasions. Mr Cook, who is always a long way behind scratch, is very deadly when in form.

John Rae returned this week from the Wellington Meeting, and leaves again next week for Christchurch. He picked the winning double on the Wellington Steeplechase and Hurdle Race at 100 to 2 from one of the Auckland bookmakers.

News comes from Christchurch that all the Auckland horses are doing well, and are expected to give a good account of themselves next month. Aka Aka, coupled with Tahae and Kremlin, are favourites just now at 100 to 4 and 100 to 3, respectively.

Mr Thos. King, our local caterer, who catered for the late Wellington Meeting, gave every satisfaction, and it is very probable that when next season rolls round, he will be found in charge of the Wellington Club's luncheon department.

During the past week, betting on the New Zealand Cup has been practically nil, and the Christchurch Grand National double is also quiet, pending the acceptances, while the very open aspect of the G.N. Hurdle Race is also causing punters to hold off.

Word comes from Queensland that the once-famous Marvel, who is located at Mr E. G. Blume's stud, is not likely to live long. Marvel will shortly be 20 years of age, and, being exceptionally nervous, does not like to be left alone. The son of Marvellous was beyond question one of the greatest sprinters ever seen in Australia, but he might have been more judiciously handled. He will be chiefly remembered for his two sensational races at Randwick against Carbine. In the mile event the black horse "downed" Carbine, who was a hot favourite, but coming out later in the afternoon, in a two mile race, Marvel, after reeling hard for a mile and a half, ran himself to a standstill, and "Old Jack" won easily amidst a scene of great excitement.

The death of Victor Wild recalls memories of his dual success in the "Jubilee" Stakes, and of the fearful trouble caused to the minor s.p. bookmakers thereby (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). Since the days of Bendigo there has been no greater public favourite than this somewhat gaudily-marked chestnut, whose Turf history is a curious one indeed. His breeder happened to be indebted to the Newmarket trainer, Golding, in the sum of some forty odd pounds, and asked that worthy if he should send him a cheque for the amount or a yearling, adding that the latter could be returned if not approved of. Naturally, Golding closed with this generous offer, and the yearling proved to be a son of Albert Victor and Wild Huntress, to be afterwards known as Victor Wild. Fortunate in thus becoming his owner, Golding was equally unlucky to lose the horse, as when sending him to run in a selling race at Portsmouth Park he gave instructions that in the event of victory the colt was to be bought in. There was, however, such spirited bidding that the deputy was afraid to go on, and thus Mr Worton became the owner of one of the most famous horses of the last century.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

Very little training is going on just now at Ellerslie. Since the date has been fixed for the Avondale Spring Meeting, trainers have been slackening out their charges with a view to the early Spring Meeting.

The two New Zealand Cup candidates, Gladstone and General Average have been doing good medium pace work. The former has not grown a great deal, but has thickened out into a nice cut of a colt; the latter looks big and lusty, but will not be ready for the big Christchurch event. He should, however, be cherry ripe by our A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

Wairiti has not yet shown up at Ellerslie, and no doubt is being trained privately at Mangere.

On Thursday, Spalpeen was given two miles over the hurdles on the course proper near the railings. In the first part he was assisted by The Pullack, while Irish brought him home. He took 4min 13sec to get to the end of the 16 furlongs, and although a bit distressed at the finish, the horse should be very fit in another three weeks.

On Saturday morning, Geologist, St. Cyr and Dingo were given a couple of rounds over the schooling hurdles in the centre of the course. The former jumped better than he usually does, while Dingo was acting as schoolmaster for St. Cyr. The latter thoroughly disgraced himself, baulking and knocking nearly all the battens down.

General Average did two circles on the grass track, which was in very good order after all the rain.

Gladstone did a similar task, moving freely.

Spalpeen cantered once round the grass, and then broke away for a circuit at top, taking 2min 5sec to finish up the nine furlongs.

Air Gun (Hotchkiss—Mantle) and a stable-mate were both ridden out for a round on the grass, with little to choose between the pair at the finish.

The "Weekly Press" says:—"The surprise of the W.R.C. Steeplechase was the forward running of Crespin, whose past displays did not suggest his finishing in front of such horses as Haydn and Papatu." The writer must have forgotten that Crespin easily beat Papatu at the last Takapuna Meeting, and also finished fourth in the Great Northern Steeplechase, in which he had Haydn simply "dead to the world" when the latter fell, as did Papatu.

St. Amant has won five races and lost four, and has earned in stakes £16,503 10s. The value of the Derby was £6450. The richest Derby was Lord Lyon's in 1866, when the stakes amounted to 7350 sovs.

In commenting on the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting, the "Town and Country Journal" says that there is no doubt the best horse at the weights won the Grand National Steeplechase. The way was, to a certain extent, cleared for The General by the falling of a number of starters, including such fancied candidates as Robgill, Glenelg, and Tom, but the mishaps to them were of early occurrence, and could reasonably be put down to want of skill in jumping the Flemington country, while the only horse with a possible chance of beating The General that came to grief in the last mile was Loddon. The General is a natural jumper, possesses plenty of pace, and is a grand stayer. What more is required of a steeple-chaser. He was somewhat sore at starting, and it took him a mile or so to get fairly warmed up, but after that he was always going well, and when Syringa made a sudden move forward at the river side The General was soon on his track. Syringa must have hit a fence pretty hard at the back, for, just as he looked like clearing away, he suddenly lost his place. This would, of course, take a lot of steam out of him, but he is not such a genuine stayer as The General, and would probably have been beaten in any circumstances. The time for the Grand National Steeplechase was slow, compared with the past few years. In estimating the merit of a field, however, time is not always to be relied on. For instance, it is safe to say that The General is a much faster horse than the average steeple-chaser of recent years, yet the time he registered was 33sec slower than the time in which Rosebud—one of the slowest steeple-chasers of recent years—won in 1900; while Bay Eagle, another of the slow brigade, won his National in 1902 in 9½sec faster time than The General recorded.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, July 27.

Since wiring a week ago several horses having engagements at the Grand National Meeting have put in an appearance at Riccarton. Early last week Pipi came down from Wellington and was at once taken to his new quarters at Middle Park. He is looking well after his racing in the North, and this morning gave a fine exhibition of jumping over the steeplechase country.

The Hawke's Bay trio, Creusot, Comfort and Ia, arrived on Wednesday last, Harry Goodwin being in charge.

On Thursday Aka Aka, Tahae, Crespin, Moccasin, Star, Haydn, and Lady Soult put in an appearance, while on Friday Kaitere, Ranana, and Hinekoa came from the North and Petrovna from the South.

Papatu has not done much work since his arrival at Riccarton, one of his legs giving his trainer some cause for anxiety. The son of Crackshot was on the course this morning, but only did trotting exercise with his clothing on.

Huku and The Mohican in company were sent for a spin over the hurdles on Wednesday. The pair jumped really well, and were going at top all the way. The Mohican is showing greatly improved form and is likely to make a good hurdle racer.

On Friday morning Huku collided with the hunter Methven, and came out of the ordeal showing slight signs of lameness.

On Saturday morning Agitator and Phaetonitis were sent for a couple of rounds, taking the big fences en route. Both performed in a satisfactory manner.

On the same day Bayonet, Oyster, and Graduated Tax were sent two rounds over the hurdles. The trio commenced at racing pace, but Oyster was early out-paced. The other pair kept together and jumped well throughout.

Quarryman has been put into work again, having recovered from a severe attack of influenza.

R. J. Mason will leave for Sydney on Friday with Cruciform, Grand Rapids, Martian and Nightfall. All members of the team are looking in rare buckle for the time of year and should be quite ready to race by the time the A.J.C. Spring Meeting comes round. Experts consider Cruciform the most backward member of the team, but others again think the brilliant daughter of St. Leger must be pretty forward otherwise her owner would not tackle the best Australia can produce for two years in succession.

Kremlin and The Guesser are among the latest arrivals from the North. The former is being whispered about as the probable winner of the National Hurdles.

Scotty was scratched for the Winter Cup at 3.20 p.m. on Friday last.

Spalpeen is expected to reach Riccarton early next week. If this turns out to be correct I think the Auckland horse will soon rank as favourite for the big hurdle race.

Solution was scratched for the New Zealand Cup at 9.40 a.m. on Monday.

Defoe was scratched for all engagements at the National Meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Plain Bill is rapidly coming into favour for the National Steeplechase.

Mr Stead will go over to Sydney to see his horses run at the A.J.C. S Meeting.

At Riccarton this morning Moccasin fenced well in a couple of rounds over the hurdles. Lee Enfield galloped seven furlongs fast, moving freely.

Pipi, Phaetonitis, and Merry Boy were sent two circuits over the big fences, and gave the best exhibition of jumping seen at Riccarton this winter. The trio were kept going at a strong pace all the way and finished well together.

Star galloped twice round and was afterwards sent over a couple of hurdles.

Creusot was walked about, and he is suffering from a slight cold.

Aka Aka and Haydn galloped two rounds in company, while Comfort was sent three rounds and Huku four rounds, each at a solid pace. Crespin, Tahae, Ia, Ranana, Kaitere, Hinekoa, and Slow Tom did some cantering, while several hunters were given a turn over the hurdles, and of these Narcissus shaped best.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, July 26.

The last of the visiting horses engaged at the C.J.C. Meeting have left for the South. Kremlin and The Guesser, in charge of their owner, went South on Saturday. Kremlin was schooled over hurdles twice round the Hutt track on Thursday last and jumped well; he is a natural jumper and in

all his schooling essays has got over the hurdles in capital style.

The Guesser also jumps well and is in capital condition. Mr Thomson should hold a strong hand in the G.N. Hurdle Race.

Lissa and Pure Silver, a pair of local candidates, are in nice order and the former should run well, while Pure Silver is reported to be jumping cleverly.

It was reported here last week that Mr Lowry's horses—Comfort, Ia, and Creusot had been taken home to Hastings. Such, however, was not the case, as the trio were taken South last week after having had several days rest at the Hutt. Creusot is reported to be looking better than he did at the Wellington Meeting.

Local owners of horses engaged in the Winter Cup have not fully decided as to what will represent them at the C.J.C. Meeting. Shrapnel Shell and Matuku are in racing condition and may go South. The Porirua stables may send Porirua and Watarere, but Exmoor was stopped in his work through picking a nail and may not be taken to Riccarton.

Betting on the G.N. Steeplechase and Hurdle is confined to doubles. Books are also open on the Hurdles and Winter Cup. The prices for the former are 100 to 2 for best picks, while for Hurdles and Winter Cup 100 to 1 is on offer, and one enterprising metallican is offering 100 to 25 on the treble Steeple, Hurdles and Winter Cup, and is doing considerable business.

Haydn, Kaitere, Aka Aka and Slow Tom are still favourite selections for the Steeplechase, while Waiwera, Kremlin, Roseshoot, Tahae and Huku are most enquired for in Hurdle Race. Kremlin, Annie Chief, Oblivion II. and Vladimir are fancy picks for the Winter Cup.

There is very little doing on the N.Z. Cup. Melodeon still rules favourite. Achilles and Ghoorka are occasionally supported for small sums. The report that the Yaldhurst stable is sending a team to Sydney has interfered with business, as early supporters of Mr Stead's horses prefer to wait further developments before either hedging their wagers or supporting other horses.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, July 21.

Rhyl is enjoying a spell, and it is the intention of Mr G. Pilcher, who has the gelding leased from Mr W. Ellingham, not to step him out again till the spring, which does not appear to be good business for the lessee, who has only about four months of his lease of the gelding to run. As Rhyl has shown such adeptness in the negotiation of big country it seems strange that when he was well that he was not kept going and nominated for some of the chasing events at Riccarton next month.

Mr P. Neagle has leased Anadeja from Mr G. D. Beatson.

Fifteen acceptances were received the other night by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for this year's Guineas. The local owners represented are the Hon. J. D. Ormond (with three, viz., Sir Percivale, Galahad, and The Stake) and Mr E. J. Watt (Submarine). After the payment of the first forfeit thirty-four are left in the Hastings Stakes of 1904. The Hon. J. D. Ormond and Mr E. J. Watt each have a quartette standing against their names, the former sportsman's lot being Martyr King, Sir Tristram, Oblivion, Oenone. Mr Watt's representatives are King Billy, Boomerang, Dalny, and a filly by Merriwee out of Variety. Merry Tiger is Sir William Russell's selection. Mr G. P. Donnelly has left a couple in, both being fillies by Catersby out of Pearl Powder and Pearl Ring. Scotch Reel figures against Mr G. Hunter's name, and a chestnut colt by Seaton Delaval out of St. Amy has been paid up for by Mr F. H. Lowry.

South Star, the half-brother by Sou'wester to the defunct Scallywag, is still acting the drone, the paddock being his address at the present time.

E. O. Neill, the owner of Trent and Wild Cat, has purchased a business at Taihape and shortly leaves for that district.

Ia must be given a chance in whatever she takes in hand at the National Meeting next month, for though Torpedo's daughter at times displays a good deal of erratic behaviour in her efforts, she has on several occasions proved that she possesses pace and stamina, and her track efforts have at times won the touts over in her favour, and I remember about a year ago when she put such a good record on the Park course the morning before the battle that C. Jenkins, who was watching the go, remarked that she was good enough for him to waste to ride her. On the eventful day Ia must have been caught in one of her worst moods, for she ran like a welsher, and the disgust of Jenkins at her poor display can well be imagined.

Creusot must also be given a good prospect in the Grand National Hurdles, pre-

suming that he is the chosen bearer of the navy blue and gold on the day. His essay at Wellington was too bad to be true, the state of the course no doubt interfering with his locomotion, for his connections made no secret of the fact that he always performs best on the top of the ground. Though Roseshoot has been doing all that has been asked of him, and doing the same meritoriously, he may not be cherry ripe for the National fixture, for it is only about three weeks ago since he emerged from the hospital. Should he be delivered at the post keyed up he is sure to take a deal of silencing, for he is game, fast, and clever.

July 27.

Anadeja put in a good performance over the hurdles on Thursday morning on the Napier Park track.

Evening, who has been resting since her essays at the Napier Park Meeting last month, made her reappearance on the Hastings preparing grounds last week. Her short retirement has effected a great improvement in her, for she now looks bright and hearty.

Roseshoot was out last Saturday on the tracks, but did not do anything strong in the way of work. Owing to his having contracted a cold earlier in the week he had not been extended.

Trumpery still continues to give satisfaction in her tasks. Owing to the slippery weather last week she was not schooled over the impediments.

Nadador was also out and appears none the worse for her exertions at Wellington the previous week.

Paymaster (The Officer—Relft) ended his days last Thursday, a kick he received from another horse in the paddock breaking one of his fore legs, and a bullet had to be called into requisition to end his misery.

C. O'Neill arrived at Hastings on Saturday night from South Africa. His many friends will be sorry to learn that he is suffering from consumption of the throat.

D. Wright is quitting the home and stables at Greenmeadows that he has occupied for some time.

Bleka, Mr W. Rathbone's New Zealand Cup horse, is in work on his owner's private track.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, July 17.

H. Jackson, who has been a prominent figure in our sporting world for a number of years past, will probably leave in a few days for Wanganui, where he will take charge of a team of horses belonging to Mr Moore, the well-known breeder. Jackson has always proved himself thorough, both as a rider and trainer, and will leave many well-wishers behind in the event of his journeying North.

J. Lowe, who has been identified with Prosser's stables, and latterly with Mr R. Paterson's stable, has severed his connection with the latter, and is at present here on a visit to his relations. Lowe intends taking a well-earned holiday before settling down to work again, and after the Riccarton Meeting will go to the North Island.

Word comes to hand that D. J. Price has sold Ribbonwood in Australia.

The Dunedin-owner chaser, Pipi, has been improved by his recent outings at Wellington, and is reported to be looking bright and well.

Late news to hand from Melbourne is that Hewitt rode a winner at Aspendale Park. His mount went out an even money chance in a field of 16, and justified the confidence by winning easily.

The stock of the Elderslie Stud stallions, Stepniak and Gipsy Grand, captured £7639 in stakes this season. The bulk of this amount was secured by Stepniak's 32 winners, who won £6397 10s. Stepniak's stock have won £33,771 in stakes during the last seven seasons, and of this amount £341 was won during the first season his stock raced.

There has not been a number of horses trained at Wanganui during the present season. Still they managed to capture £9261 in prize money between them. Of this amount Canteen won £1505, Red Gauntlet £1310, and Vladimir £1225, whilst amongst the races captured were the New Zealand Cup, Winter Cup, and Great Easter Handicap. In addition to this, Canteen and Red Gauntlet put up fresh records for two miles and one mile, respectively, during the season.

Bulawayo is one of the bargains disposed of at the Elderslie Stud Yearling Sale of 1900, when he cost his present owner 30gs. Since then he has won £1587 in prize money, and has also been guilty of paying a dividend of £125 16s.

Petrovna left last week for Riccarton to conclude her preparation for her engagements at the National Meeting.

Vladimir will not be an acceptor for the Winter Cup at the Grand National Meeting.

Otago and Southland owners won over £6300 in prize money during the fast waning season.

TROTTING.

A deputation from the New Zealand Trotting Conference, consisting of Messrs Jas. Colvin, M.H.R., Jas. Rathbone, C. E. Fisher, N. Shannon and J. H. Pollock (acting secretary), waited upon the Colonial Secretary, Sir Joseph Ward, on Saturday last. Mr Colvin, who introduced the deputation, explained that the members of the Conference intended to wait upon the Colonial Secretary on the day following the Conference had he not been called away through a family bereavement. Those present, however, represented the Conference, and were delegated to put before him a resolution of the Conference requesting that five totalisator permits, which have been withheld from trotting clubs since 1896, should be restored.

Mr Pollock, in the absence of the Chairman, explained that prior to an amendment to the Gaming Act, in 1894, 230 totalisator permits were issued, 49 to trotting and 181 to racing clubs. Parliament demanded a reduction by one-third, and trotting permits were thus reduced to 33 and that number was granted to trotting clubs for the season 1895-6. The following year the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. J. Carroll, after being waited upon by a deputation from the trotting Association, granted 30 permits, explaining that he was keeping some trotting and racing permits in reserve for emergencies. The following year when addressing the Conference the Hon. Mr Carroll explained that he had decided to allot trotting clubs 28 and racing clubs 128 permits. Since then, although applications had been made by the trotting authorities no steps had been taken to restore to the trotting clubs the five permits that they consider trotting is rightly entitled to.

Members of the deputation pointed out that trotting fostered a breed of horses that had done a great deal towards improving the class of roadsters and harness horses of the colony. The utility horse was always in request and was useful both prior to and after being raced in trotting events. Figures were also quoted showing that the eight leading trotting clubs in New Zealand had during the past season put through the totalisator the sum of £179,312 10s, being an average of £22,418 for each club. It was also pointed out that a number of "way-back" racing clubs had made little use of their permits as a considerable number had only put through the totalisator about £500 during several seasons past. These permits, it was maintained, could be made better use of by trotting clubs, and had, it was contended, only been lent to these racing clubs.

The Colonial Secretary replied that it was his practice to allot totalisator permits on the recommendations of the racing and trotting governing bodies. The numbers had been as at present since he assumed control. He had already allotted as recommended this season's available permits—156 in all—and no alteration could be effected this year. Both bodies had recommended clubs for extra permits, but until the Legislature empowered him he could do nothing further. He admitted that much had been put before him by the deputation that was new to him and would have his attention. He suggested that the trotting authorities confer with the racing ruling authorities and endeavour to induce them to agree to what the Trotting Conference considered an equitable division of the available permits. He agreed that trotting was a class of racing that should have every consideration, as it tended to induce breeders to produce a useful class of horses. A vote of thanks terminated the interview.

A remarkable "ringing-in" case has been tried in law courts in America recently. The horse concerned is Jerry V., by Hannis, who is said to have appeared under more different names than any other horse in the history of the trotting turf. It is known that he raced and won as Jerry W., Thomas, Penfield, Guy, Bonnie W., George W., The Doctor, and Brandon, and is supposed to have had others also. As often as he was recognised the district knew him no more, and being a great traveller he turned up in another quarter under another name. But the end was reached, as it usually is in such cases, and the horse's career was interrupted at Port Heiron. He was there entered as Brandon, but as it was in that part that the true Brandon was bred and reared, the spurious one was challenged, and his identification demanded as he appeared on the course. He was not allowed to start after the first heat, and the replies to questions being unsatisfactory the owner, Felix Reynolds, by order of the secretary of the American Trotting Association, was arrested under the ringing law of the State of Michigan, and placed in gaol, and the horse Brandon attached for unlawful winnings under the names above referred to. Reynolds remained in gaol for several weeks, finally being released under bail, the case

against him being still pending in the Michigan Courts when our files left (says the "Town and Country Journal"), the horse to be sold for the benefit of the American Trotting Association. The proceedings in the case cost the American Trotting Association a very large amount of money—far more than the value of the horse or the amount of his illegal winnings—but the effect has been to practically stop ringing of horses in the State of Michigan and elsewhere where the merits of the case have become known. The defendant made great efforts to show that he did not own the horse, and could not therefore be held liable for the unlawful performances, and upon being beaten endeavoured to show, first, that there was no evidence that the winnings were unlawful, and, second, that the American Trotting Association had no right to recover unlawful winnings under the provisions of its rules. The Court upheld the Association in every part of its contention: also ruled that its by-laws and rules govern all performances over the tracks of members, and that the Association itself could step in and not only punish under its rules by suspension, expulsion, or fine, but could proceed to arrest and convict parties under the laws of Michigan, and also had the right to attach the horse and hold him for illegal winnings.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, on MONDAY, August 1, 1904, at 2 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:

- To Receive Report and Balance-sheet.
- To Elect Six Members of Committee in terms of rules. (The Poll for election will take place between the hours of 12 noon and 3 o'clock.)

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KENNEL NOTES

THE AUCKLAND KENNEL CLUB'S SHOW.

The Thirteenth Annual Show of the Auckland Kennel Club, which took place at the Federal Hall, on Friday and Saturday last, may be voted an entire success. The number of dogs benched exceeded any previous exhibition, and in some of the classes a very marked improvement was noticeable in quality.

In St. Bernard's, Mr T. Quoi's well-known dog Spencer, won in the open class, other firsts going to Mrs Kean's Belle and Mr Smith's Bonnie. The quality, however, was poor, and this also applies to the greyhounds. Here an old friend, in The Gift, won in the open class. He is a good bodied dog, but his feet are the weak point.

Mr Armitage's importation, Bluebell again took honors in the Deerhounds, and it seems a pity so fine a specimen should always have the barren honour of a walk-over.
Retrievers were very weak, Mr E. W. Laurie taking two first with Triplicate and Vixen.

Substantial improvement was noticeable in the setters, Mr Paul Hunter having two very nice representatives in the English setters, in Belton Shot and Belton Riplet. The latter bitch, which took a first and championship, was just about the best of the exhibits. Irish and Gordon setters, dogs which one would have thought would be very popular, were very weak in number, but of the five dogs benched, four were given firsts.

Among the pointers, Mr Walters won in the open class with Denis, a very nice stamp of dog, Mr Arman's Flo winning among the bitches.

A big falling off in collies was noticeable; both as regards numbers and quality. Mr H. T. Johnson showed a good, rough-coated dog in Sir Thomas, took four firsts and a championship carrying all before him. He was certainly one of the finest dogs in the Show. Miss Currie also had a very shapely representative in Doneriff.

Spaniels were very strongly in evidence. Mr T. V. Burrell's Papanui Dante took two firsts among the Black Coes, and this son of Gainsboro' Pilot was beyond question a nice dog, with hardly a fault. Mr White's Cuban, Lady of the Lake, was the best bitch shown. The liver and white spaniels were a rather poor lot.

Mr Heather's Kaiser Solano was easily the best dog in the Bull Dog classes, winning two firsts and a championship. Mr Askew's Forest Queen won in the open class for bitches. Taken altogether the bulls were only a moderate lot.

No better lot of terriers have been shown in the Colony. Mr Blakey's Sailer Jack won two firsts in the bull terrier class, Mr Girling's Jack of Clubs winning in the open class. Mr McGuire's King of Fernland was the only Airedale benched. Fox terriers showed a great advance in numbers. Hazlemere Lamb won in the smooth-haired class two firsts and a championship, and in this son of Linden Larceny Mr Hutchinson has unquestionably a fine dog. The best bitch possibly was Mr Howell's Grafton Buzz.

Irish terriers were very numerous represented, and of these Mr Richardson's Blackthorne, who won two firsts and a championship, was a fine specimen. The writer preferred, however, Mr Sheppard's Armagh Biddy, an exceptionally nice bitch, whose three firsts were well deserved.

Mr Coupe, who judged, stated that no better collection of Skyes could be found in the Australasian Colonies. Mr Caron's Tweed won among the dogs but chief honors went to Mr J. W. Wink's Mysie II., who captured a first and championship, and is a most beautiful bitch.

The fancy classes were not well represented, and there were no dogs shown of conspicuous merit. Mrs G. W. S. Patterson showed a nice pug in Nuki, who took two firsts, but was beaten in the open class by Mr C. Johnstone's Lulu, a capital little bitch. In the Teams Class, Mr Hunter's English setters had the field to themselves.

The show was very capably managed by Mr Massey and the committee, while Mr Coupe's judging was beyond reproach. It was opened by the Mayor on Friday, and was well attended throughout.

On the subject of trimming dogs Mr R. Vicary has something to say in his report on the Crystal Palace Show:—"It is impossible to close this report (he writes) without reference to the more or less artistic finish in vogue with so large a majority of the terriers exhibited here. The mutterings round the ring evidently pointed to the fact that something must be done by somebody or other. Wire-haired fox terriers shown as poodles! Surely absurd. A great many were so stripped as to be ridiculous, spoilt for show, to my mind. As one who has grown grey in the service, I would advise—Let this hairdressing have some limit placed on it; makes a gentleman of a terrier look a snob, whilst breeders don't know where they are in breeding for coats. In any case, the judge should not be the unfortunate man to bell the cat. A special commission of members of the fox terrier clubs should be elected, and their report submitted to the Kennel Club for their consideration and probable endorsement."

On the same subject the "American Stock-keeper" has the following:—"Faking does not as yet bother us so much as the results of the English faking misleads our buyers. A man on this side buys a terrier, an Airdale, or an Irish terrier, for instance, and we could name one of each breed that is famous here, and were of a good, sound colour on the other side when bought and imported, but each is now much lighter. The odds are that many others have come over in the same way. Not only does their dyeing aid in bringing forward shades of colour that were never intended in the original exponents of the breed, thus giving rise to false impressions of what is the right colour, but it is obviously the worst kind of fraud, so that no wonder the sharp buyers will not pay over their money until they receive in writing an assurance that the tyke is not tampered with. This is a pretty commentary on the thirty years' dictatorship of the English Kennel Club."

THE BETTING MARKET

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP	
800 to 4	Merry-go-round
500 to 7½	Blackstone
400 to 12	General Symons
200 to 12	Achilles
GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES	
2100 to 24	Haydn and Tupara
2000 to 5	Merry Boy and Merry Boy
2000 to 4	Plain Bill and Roseshoot, Plain Bill and Waiwera
1900 to 12	Comfort and Roseshoot
1600 to 4	Comfort and Killarney, Comfort and Ostiak
1500 to 5	Princess of Thule and Hautapu
1500 to 1	Victory and Kahawai
1250 to 3	Plain Bill and Trumpery
1200 to 8	Slow Tom and Killarney
1100 to 11	Haydn and Hautapu
1000 to 10	Slow Tom and Zealous
1000 to 5	Moccasin and Cavalry, Comfort and Zealous
900 to 4	Comfort and Creusot
900 to 2	Agitator and Zealous
700 to 12	Slow Tom and Spalpeen
700 to 5	Haydn and Killarney
700 to 4	Moccasin and Lissa
700 to 3	Slow Tom and Medallius, Merry Boy and Roseshoot
700 to 2	Evening and Ranana, Moccasin and Killarney
666 to 13	Slow Tom and Roseshoot
650 to 9	Haydn and Roseshoot
600 to 9	Kiatere and Spalpeen
600 to 6	Kiatere and Tupara
600 to 4	Pipi and Spalpeen
600 to 3	Comfort and Ranana
600 to 2	Eclair and Trumpery, Pipi and Zealous

Mr J. Loughlin, Dunedin, reports the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP	
700 to 35	Ghoorka
1000 to 22½	Full Cry
375 to 2½	Geordie
300 to 2	Okoari
100 to 1	Inglewood Shrapnel Shell, Shrapnel
100 to 2	Halberdier, Zetland Obvion
GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES	
500 to 10	Aka Aka and Cavalry
500 to 5	Papatu and Hautapu
1000 to 1½	Eclair and Medallius
1000 to 1	Victory and Moccasin
WINTER CUP	
200 to 16	Regulation
100 to 10	Kremlin
100 to 12	Mahutonga
100 to 3	Vladimir, Shrapnel Shell
100 to 5	Lady Lillian
100 to 2	Bandmaster
WINTER CUP, STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES.	
800 to 1	Vladimir, Haydn and Guesser
400 to 1	Mahutonga, Aka Aka and Tupara.
200 to 1	Okoari, Slow Tom and Waiwera
200 to 1	Mahutonga, Aka Aka and Tahae
800 to 1	Float, Crespin and Merry Boy

BETTING MARKET.—(Cont.)

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

Table listing betting odds for various races including Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles, and New Zealand Cup.

Mr Alf. Adams reports as follows on the

Table listing betting odds for Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles, and New Zealand Cup.

MESSRS. BARNETT AND GRANT REPORT THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS ON THE GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE.

Large table of betting quotations for various races, listing amounts in square to 1 and G.N. Steeple.

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CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

AUGUST 16, 18, AND 20.

FIRST DAY.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE of 1,000 sovs; three miles and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Grand National Steepchase.

WINTER CUP; one mile.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Winter Cup.

SECOND DAY.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 750 sovs; two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Grand National Hurdle Handicap.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP of 2,000 sovs; two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the New Zealand Cup.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUBS SPRING MEETING.

RUN OCTOBER 22.

CAULFIELD CUP; one mile and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Caulfield Cup.

Table listing various horses and their owners with associated numbers.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

RUN NOVEMBER 1.

MELBOURNE CUP; two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Melbourne Cup.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED.

Advertisement for Catarrh treatment, mentioning 'The United States Health Report' and 'The Co-Ro-NA Medicator'.

THE SEASON'S RACING STATISTICS.

The following is a list of the principal winners for the season 1903-1904, and is taken from "Pentagraph's" figures in the "Referee":—

Table listing principal winners, including names like Seaton Delaval, and their respective owners and earnings.

THE TURF IN GERMANY.

THE NEW BETTING ACT.

Germany has added to the list of countries where betting is considered an essential factor of the welfare of the turf, writes the German correspondent to the "London Sportman."

Had the German Emperor called such gentlemen as Mr Von Oertzen, the senior steward of the Union Club, to his council, he would no doubt have been apprised that the totalisator has done nothing to abolish the layer of odds.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES

FOOTBALL.

(By "Scrutator.")

COMBINED GOLDFIELDS V. AUCKLAND.

Fine weather again favoured the Auckland Rugby Union on Saturday last, and the crowd that journeyed to Alexandra Park to witness the match, Combined Goldfields v. Auckland, was equal to that of the previous week, when Thames played the wearers of the blue and white stripes.

The teams lined up as under:—

Combined Goldfields: Powdrell (full-back); Coote, McPike, Landy (three-quarters); Flynn (five-eighths); Garvey (Capt.) (half); Fraser and Bramble (wings); Sorensen, Capill (hookers); Rukutaiia, Cunningham (lock); McDuff, Arns, Ansell (forwards).

Auckland: Renwick (full-back); Murray, A.; Gerrard, McKenzie, W. (three-quarters); Wood (Capt.), Ward, Kiernan (halves); Gallagher (wing); Tyler, McCluskie (hookers); Nicholson, Lewis (lock); Trevarthen, Seeling, Joyce (forwards).

Mr G. Katterns had charge of the whistle, and Messrs F. H. Olsen and H. Speight acted as line umpires.

The North Shore Band were in attendance, and filled in the waiting time with a few selections.

Auckland won the toss, and Goldfields kicked off with the sun in their faces, a puffy wind, of very little advantage, blowing almost straight across the ground.

Renwick secured a mark and kicked high up the field, and from a forward rush Wood secured the ball and sent in on to McKenzie, who was grassed by Landy. From the throw-in the ball came back to Kiernan, then to Wood and Gerrard, a bad pass from the latter to Murray spoiling a chance for a score. Coote kicked out near half-way. Loose play from the line ended in Wood getting a mark; the kick, although a good one, failed, Goldfields forcing.

From the kick out, Kiernan secured and punted up the field, a scrum ensuing, the ball finding its way out of touch. From a bad throw-in a scrum was formed, and Bramble on the wing coming round too soon was penalised. Wood took the kick, and the forwards following up fast all but scored near the corner.

Loose play followed the kick out, in which Kiernan passed to Wood and he to Ward, the latter mulling, the ball going out at the corner. Kiernan got the ball sent to him from the throw-in and passed to Ward, to Wood, and the latter feinting made a sharp cut in being grassed by Coote in the nick of time. It was seen that Wood was limping badly after this run.

Auckland were penalised for picking out of scrum, but Seeling charged the kick down, and loose play followed. Murray marking, punted up the field, and the ball travelling rather too far, allowed Powdrell to force. From the kick out McKenzie secured the ball and ran out well in Goldfields' 25. Kiernan got the ball smartly from a scrum and sent it out to Ward, who transferred to Wood, the latter dodging in and scoring. Ward's kick failed. Auckland, 3; Goldfields, 0.

Murray and Landy exchanged kicks, and a series of scrums from the line-play ended in the ball going out in the Goldfields' quarter. From the throw-in the best bit of passing and tackling in the match took place. Gallagher sent the ball to Ward, to Wood, McKenzie, Gerrard and Murray, each man being grassed in quick succession, till the ball reached Murray, and the line of backs proving too long for the defence; the latter scored a well-earned try, the whole of the backs having taken part. Ward made a good attempt with the kick, but failed. Auckland, 6; Goldfields, 0.

Loose work, in which Fraser, Bramble, Flynn and Capill shone out, ended in Murray saving by kicking out at half-way. A monotonous stretch of line-play and scrums, in which the backs had few chances of handling the ball, saw Auckland penalised, and from the kick McKenzie punted out into Goldfields'

25. The Goldfields' forwards broke away and came well down the field, spoiling their good work by kicking too hard, the ball going into touch in goal. Play gradually pushed into Goldfields territory, the ball going out near the 25. A scrum was ordered from the throw-in, and Arns smartly spoilt Kiernan's pass, the ball again going out at centre. Exchange of kicks between McPike and Kiernan saw the ball out in Goldfields' 25. Kiernan sent the ball to Ward, to McKenzie, the latter having an easy run in. Ward again failed with the kick. Auckland, 9; Goldfields, 0.

Three marks in quick succession were gained by Gallagher, Renwick and Wood, but no advantage was made of them; Ward having a shot from the mark, secured by Wood, Goldfields forcing. The kick out saw the ball back in Goldfields' quarter, and here their forwards made a determined, sweeping rush, in which McDuff, Capill and Flynn shone out, Gerrard stopping and kicking out at half-way, the bell sounding time.

SECOND SPELL.

Auckland kicked in their opponents 25, and Goldfields broke away with a fine rush, Wood and Murray proving stumbling-blocks for the vanguard. A piece of smart play by Ward was nullified by Gerrard mulling just when a score looked certain.

Arns and Flynn broke away for Goldfields, McKenzie saving by kicking out near half-way. Flynn and Coote here put in a nice bit of play, the latter being lumped out at the corner when a score was certain. Tyler and Nicholson replied with a dribble. McPike stopping. Capill smothered Ward's kick, and nipping up the ball made out, but Ward was not to be done, and replied by putting him out at the half-way.

A scrum followed the throw-in, and Auckland getting the ball, Kiernan sent it to Ward, to Gerrard, and the latter, instead of making use of his running powers, kicked, only to see the ball returned by McPike well in Auckland's 25. A loose rush took the ball back in Goldfields' quarter, Coote just saving by a timely kick. From a pass in Auckland's 25, McKenzie intercepted, and put in a great run all on his own, and although closely pressed by Landy and McPike ran from his own 25 straight down the field near the boundary, and crossed the line about a yard inside the flag, amidst wild excitement from the onlookers. Renwick's kick, although well directed, failed. Auckland, 12; Goldfields, 0.

Loose play, in which McKenzie, Gerrard, Joyce and Gallagher in attack, and McPike, Flynn and Coote in defence, took part, ended in the ball going out at half-way. From the throw-in Nicholson broke away with a dribble, McPike stopping. Gallagher passed to Ward, who spoilt a good chance by fumbling.

Lewis secured from a loose rush and all but scored, being dropped just on the line. Goldfields cleared their line smartly, and Kiernan sent out to Ward, to Gerrard, to Murray, the latter getting over at the corner. Renwick's kick failed. Auckland, 15; Goldfields, 0.

Give and take play followed the kick out, and a string of scrums and line-outs saw the ball again in Kiernan's hands, who passed out badly to Ward. McDuff and Capill taking advantage of the opening, started a forward rush, but unfortunately for them, the leather went out into touch. Exchange of kicks

by Ward and McPike, the ball going out at half-way. Lewis headed a loose rush for Auckland, Landy saving by marking. Goldfields were shortly after allowed a free kick on off-side, the ball finding the half-way flag. Give and take play of a varied nature, in which both sides made efforts to score, saw a fine chance thrown away by the Auckland skipper. Ward passed to Gerrard, to Murray, to Wood, the latter making a very bad pass to McKenzie, who had a straight run in. Sorensen, Cunningham and Ansell replied with a forward rush to Auckland's 25. Loose scramble ended in McKenzie kicking out at half-way.

The bell sounding time, leaving Auckland winners by 15 to 0.

NOTES.

The game was fast from start to finish.

Gallagher played in the front row with Tyler in the first spell, and it was astonishing how quick the ball found its way into the back row and out.

The tackling and defence of the Goldfields was first-class, but they lacked that dash that is necessary in scoring backs.

It is quite likely that Auckland will lose the services of Wood in the big matches, for I am afraid his leg will not stand the strain after the condition shown on Saturday last.

Renwick, at full-back, did not seem at home, and if fit and well, I would rather see him in the three-quarter line.

Kiernan could not be said to be an improvement on Gerrard of the week previous, notwithstanding the fact that the hooking was better.

Although the Goldfields' reps. are a sturdy, hardy lot, I cannot see where Mr Murray can make any selections from them.

McPike is certainly not the player he was a few seasons back.

Garvey had few chances to show himself at half, as the ball seldom came out of the pack.

Arns, Capill, Cunningham and Ansell were most conspicuous of the visitors' forwards.

Seeling had few chances to shine as he did last week, the play being much more confined and cramped.

Our backs might have made many more openings had they kept the ball in the field, instead of kicking out when hard pressed.

THE BRITISH TEAM V. AUSTRALIA.

Some sixteen thousand people attended the Exhibition Ground, at Brisbane (Q.), on Saturday, to witness the second Test Match between the British Team v. Australia. The game proved somewhat a repetition of the previous one, the Australians quite holding their own to half-time, when the team went to pieces and the visitors won easily. In the opening spell neither side had the advantage until the Britishers were penalised. Manning kicked and, following up fast, he smothered the return, and the ball rolled over the line. Burden, falling on it, scored. Redwood failed to add the extra points, and at half-time the score stood: Australia 8, Great Britain 0. After the interval, with the wind behind them, the Britishers forced the play, the game becoming rough, especially towards the finish. During the play several men were hurt, but none seriously. Bush secured from a scrum and scored near the corner. Harding failed to add to the score.

Shortly afterwards Bush secured again, and dropped a beautiful goal from the half-way. Fast play followed, and Morgan marking in front of the posts Bush kicked another goal. McKinnon kicked off, and a nice piece of passing which followed between Llewellyn, Morgan, and O'Brien resulted in the latter scoring. Harding failed in the shot at goal. Shortly afterwards Llewellyn scored, and Bush failed to put on the major points, the final score thus being: Great Britain 17, Australia 3.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

St. John's I. beat Sacred Heart I. by 8 to 3.

St. John's II. beat Sacred Heart II. by 14 to nil.

OLD SCHOOLBOYS' COMPETITION.

Beresford-street (18) beat Grafton (nil). Parnell and Richmond Road drew (no score).

Ponsonby won from Mount Eden by default.

Onehunga (21) beat Newton (nil).

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

Remuera v. Bayfield.—Remuera won by 3 points to nil.

Parnell v. Ponsonby.—Parnell won by 3 points to nil.

Wellesley-street B v. Mangere Bridge.—Wellesley-street won by 6 points to nil.

Wellesley-street A v. Nelson-street.—Wellesley-street won by default.

Marist Brothers v. Beresford-street.—Marist Brothers won by default.

Onehunga v. Newton East.—Onehunga won by 9 points to nil.

Newmarket v. Mount Roskill.—Newmarket won by default.

The draw for the supplementary round in the B Grade competition to commence on Saturday, July 30, is as under:—Bayfield v. Epsom, Remuera v. Ellerslie; Bayfield v. Remuera, Epsom v. Ellerslie; Bayfield v. Ellerslie, Epsom v. Remuera.

Mr Murray has chosen the following teams for next Saturday's trial match, after which the Auckland team to play Wellington on the Saturday following (August 6) will be finally selected:—

A Team.—Fullback, Renwick; three-quarters, Asher, Gerrard, McKenzie; five-eighths, Ward; half-back, Kiernan; wings, Doran and Fraser; forwards, Tyler, Gallagher, Nicholson, Lewis, Seeling, Joyce, Trevarthen.

B Team.—Fullback, Mays; three-quarters, Absolum, Murray and Carlaw; five-eighths, Magee; half-back, King; wings, Wells and W. Tyler; forwards, Irvine, Capill, Autridge, Cunningham, H. Hayward, Francis, McCluskie.

Emergencies: Phillips, Wood, R. McGregor, Lendrum, Scott, Mackrell, Pihama, Herring, MacCormick, Warbrick, Heath.

The Auckland B team played the Northern Wairoa representatives at Aratapu on Saturday afternoon, and suffered defeat by 16 points to 14. Much credit is due to the country team for the win, as the Auckland men comprised a fairly strong division.

Wairarapa defeated Wellington at Carterton on Saturday by 8 points to 5. The ground was very heavy, and the game was to a large extent confined to the forwards.

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Canterbury beat Southland at Lancaster Park, on Saturday, by 8 points to 5 after a very even game. Some 2500 people attended the match, which was played in drizzling rain.

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NEW SOUTH WALES V. NEW ZEALAND.

Some three thousand people were present at the Caledonian Ground, Dunedin, to witness this match, which was played in rather unpleasant weather. The play was of a fairly even nature, the visitors ultimately winning by one goal to nil. New South Wales won the toss, and D. McMillan kicked off against the wind for New Zealand. New South Wales attacked strongly from the start, and gave the New Zealand backs a very warm time defending their goal. White and Clapham being conspicuous by their fine kicking. The visitors, however, were on the attack nearly all the first spell, but the local goal-keeper kept many shots away. Taylor, at centre, and Farquharson on the right, did good work in the half-back line, playing a strong defensive game, and making some attempt to give their forwards opportunities to get away. Upon one or two occasions glimpses of their old form were shown by D. McMillan (centre forward) and Stark (inside left), but upon the whole the New Zealanders' attack was very weak. H. Morrison played a hard game, whilst W. Morrison played creditably. The New South Wales backs, as will be seen, were more than able to stave off New Zealand's attack, McMahon and Timms being especially prominent, gaining rounds of applause by their clever play. The forward rank showed excellent foot work and great combination. Shots sent in by Medcalf, Carey and Moore were well stopped by Smallbone. The first spell ended without any score being registered. The second spell was almost a repetition of the first, New South Wales attacking most of the time. From a throw-in in the New South Wales quarters Medcalf secured the ball, and dribbling strongly down the field passed out to Moore, who had run round to the left from the centre. Moore passed back again to Medcalf, that player sending the ball on to Waddell, who scored the only goal of the match.

Much troubled in mind, the Cynic reclined.
His star was not in ascendant;
He deigned not to scoff for he had a bad cough,
And a tear from his nose was pendant.
"I'll away!" said Tiog, "To Delphi I'll jog,
And consult that oracle sure."
He went, and it said, "For a cold in the head
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CYCLING.

The Dunlop Company forward additional particulars of the Timaru-to-Christchurch Road Race to those published in our last issue. It was beyond question the biggest athletic event that has ever taken place in this colony. The enormous number of one hundred and fifty entries was received, and out of that number one hundred and twelve faced the starter. There would probably have been more but for the fact that the heavy rains on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday somewhat damped the ardour of quite a number sufficiently for them to consider that discretion was the better, as the awful Maronan Road, the swollen Hinds River loomed up large in the eyes of a number of Canterbury riders who are acquainted with the road and its drawbacks. Notwithstanding, the event was a record in quite a number of particulars, as the entry was the largest ever received for any road race throughout Australia or New Zealand. There were also more starters than in any similar event. No less than about thirty-six riders finished inside the previous best time established on the Timaru-Christchurch course, and the winner, C. G. Smith, established a sensational ride by beating J. Arnst's time of last year by one hour five minutes ten seconds. H. P. Arnst, the second to arrive, also established a marvellous performance by covering the distance in a second longer than his opponent, who started off the same mark. McKenzie, of Oamaru, who finished third, also put up a performance which stands out prominently, as his actual riding time was only one minute fifty-two seconds slower than the fastest time.

The event created the greatest amount of interest possible and a very large crowd of spectators saw the men start from Timaru. As each village, town or hamlet was passed through by the competitors, they were cheered on their way by friends and strangers alike, even away out on the dreary Rangitata plains where habitations are scarce, little knots of spectators had gathered on the main road, urging the riders on and giving information as to how far the speedy leaders were ahead. All the riders established very fast time to Geraldine, the twenty-three miles being left behind in 1hr 9min by the scratch men, but the phenomenal riding took place between Geraldine and Ashburton, and up to this point the scratch men had lost a minute on McKenzie's handicap, his actual riding time for the fifty-nine miles being 3hr 6min.

The competitors were supplied with bags of food and hot milk by the Dunlop Company at Rangitata Traffic Bridge, Ashburton and Dunsandel. Wales and McKenzie passed through Ashburton with H. P. Arnst and Smith 3min after the two leading men. At Rakaiia the four

passed through together. At this time Arnst and Smith were riding grandly, and shook off all opposition as they passed through Dunsandel well ahead of the competitors who were with them at Rakaiia. At Rolleston, fourteen miles from the finish, Smith and Arnst were leading McKenzie and Walsh by three minutes. At Templeton the position of the four riders remained unchanged, and right on to the finish this position was held although Arnst was leading a hundred yards from the finish, when being interfered with by a vehicle in the way, Smith grasped the opportunity and jumped to the front very confidently and finished the winner of what has been the most sensational road race ever held in the colony.

Enormous crowds were distributed along the road from Hornby, and the last mile and a-quarter was a seething mass, the number of spectators present being computed to be anything from twenty thousand to thirty thousand, but the latter figure would perhaps be nearer the mark.

The Dunlop Company expected a very large crowd to deal with, but never dreamt that such a concourse of people could be brought together to witness such an event. About two hundred officials were present and did their best to regulate the traffic, which was the heaviest ever seen on the road, but their best intentions were somewhat marred as the number of spectators present was too great, and five hundred officials lacking authority would have been just as powerless. The event as a whole will remain long in the memories of even the youngest, but it is apparent that other measures will have to be adopted in regard to future events, and it is mentioned as more than probable that the finish of this popular event will take place some miles out of town.

The prize-winners and riding times are as follows:—C. G. Smith (Hastings), first and fastest time, 6hr 19min 2sec; H. P. Arnst (Ashburton), second and second fastest time, 6hr 19min 3sec; W. McKenzie (Oamaru), third, 6hr 20min 54sec; W. Walsh (Springston), fourth, 6hr 31 min 36sec; H. Henderson (Palmerston North), fifth, 6hr 36min 40sec; O. Neilson (Dannevirke), sixth, 6hr 36min 47sec; W. T. Snowden (Christchurch), seventh, 6hr 40min; C. F. Baker (Ashburton), fastest over fifteen mins and third fastest time.

The New Zealand representatives to compete in the Goulburn-Sydney Road Race, which takes place on August 6, will be the three fastest riders in the Timaru-Christchurch event, namely, C. G. Smith, H. P. Arnst, and C. F. Baker. By private subscription J. and R. Arnst will also be sent, whilst Barrow, Jones and Henderson, of Palmerston North, also Bradley of Wellington, will also go across, so that New Zealand will be represented by a team of riders. After com-

peting in the Goulburn-Sydney event the representatives will go on to Melbourne to compete in the Warrnambool-Melbourne Race on August 20.

The Victorian cyclist Don Walker has withdrawn from the big competition at the World's Fair at St. Louis owing to the heats being run on Sunday. His companion from Australia, Major Taylor, has always refused to race on Sunday, and it is not at all remarkable that Walker should do the same. The surprising feature is that the race should be held on that date.

AQUATICS.

On Saturday next, the great sculling match between George Towns and Richard Tressider will take place on the Parramatta River. The stakes will be £500 a-side, and the winner will take the coveted title of Champion of the World. Immense interest is being taken in the race on the other side of the Tasman Sea, and from all accounts the picturesque river will be alive with spectators when these two famous oarsmen meet to settle the question of supremacy. Both men have been training hard for some time, and a great race is expected, the supporters of each being very sanguine. Towns, the present champion, is a slightly better favourite than his rival, but the latter is said to be a wonderfully improved man, and it looks as though the issue is very open.

Yachtsmen were just beginning to wonder what had happened to the schooner yacht Privateer, which sailed from Ransgate for Lyttelton on February 1, and was therefore considerably overdue. A cable received during the week states that she had put into Port Phillip to replenish her stores, which might well have become exhausted after so long a passage. The Privateer, which was built on the Clyde just thirty years ago, is a vessel of 108 tons, and has already been described in these columns. She should be in New Zealand waters very shortly.

Several boats are being built to the Home Bay Sailing Club's new rule of measurement, which will apply to all boats built after July 1. This is as follows:—Length overall, not to exceed 16 feet; beam, not to exceed 6 feet; depth, not less than 20 inches gunwale to rabbet; planking, not less than 5-16th inch thick; timbers, not less than 3/4 by 3/4, spaced 8 inches on centres; sail area, not to exceed 180 square feet when stretched; no ballast other than crew of four to be carried; boats must be clincher built.

Sir Rupert Clarke's cruising schooner La Carabine, which is on an extended cruise among the islands of the Pacific, arrived at Suva from Samoa on Friday last.

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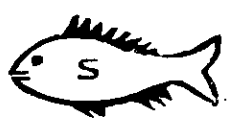


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The Motorist.

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Mr Dachenhouse, of Ponsomb, has purchased Mr Leyland's 9 h.p. Darracq.

Dr. Purchas expects to have his new 12 h.p. Darracq on the road in about a fortnight's time.

The extensive alterations to Messrs Skeates and Bockaert's premises, in Queen Street, are rapidly approaching completion.

Dr. Parkes looks supremely happy in his Cadillac. Oh! why did I ever buy a steam car?

Mr Crozier, of Dexter and Crozier, is now in the South Island on business in connection with Cadillac.

The Hinemoa Cycle Touring Club, in view of the gaining popularity of the motor bicycle, has decided to alter its name to The Hinemoa Motor and Cycle Touring Club. Two members have already ordered motors. Mr Edwin Wade, a 2½ h.p. Wanderer, and Mr E. Le Roy, a 3½ h.p. Excelsior, equipped with a fore-carriage of British manufacture, and imported by Dexter and Crozier. The club heartily invite all motor-cyclists to join, and they would also like to point out that the ladies will be catered for in the same excellent manner as in the past. It is anticipated that the season will open with at least half a dozen motoring members, besides a large addition in the push bicycle ranks. The second Social and Dance of the winter season will be held in the Federal Hall, on the 25th of next month, and all members wishing to invite friends should hand in their names to the Committee.

The opening run has been fixed for 1st October; all cyclists are cordially invited to accompany the club to Cornwall Park, where photos will be taken and an enjoyable afternoon spent.

MOTORING UP SNOWDON.

Snowdon, the famous Welsh mountain, has for the second time been climbed by a motor car. The previous and first occasion was by Harvey Du Cros in a 15 horse-power English-made Ariel car. According to an English paper Mr W. M. Letts, of Jarrett and Co., essayed the same task in a 5 horse-power American Oldsmobile car. He also succeeded, but whereas Du Cros occupied four hours on the five mile journey Letts did it easily in an hour.

At one point of the ascent his dandi car got within two inches of the edge of a 1000 feet drop owing to one of the wheels catching some obstacle on the road, but by a supreme effort Letts pulled the car back into the straight line, and careered gaily to the top.

He could evidently have made a non-stop run of it, but for the existence of three culverts on the track, which had to be planked over. This record is likely to remain unbeaten for a long time. Mr Letts' car weighed 800lb, and carried three gallons of petrol and about four of water. The ascent was made along the track of the Snowdon Mountain Tramroad Company, and was accomplished in 57 minutes, which makes a record. A special train was chartered by the experimenters to follow the car as far as it went.

Starting exactly at 6.57 a.m., the car simply waltzed up the one in eight gradient at the commencement of the ascent, and at 7.11 stopped at Hebron Station in order to be lifted over the points there. A re-start was made at 7.13. At 7.14 another group of points had to be negotiated in the same way, but this time only half a minute was lost, and at 7.14½ the car was again going on her own. Just before the Half-way Station the automobile came across some more points, but this time Mr Letts drove his car over them, without stopping or even slowing down. The car smoothly ascended the long slope ahead, and reached Half-way Station at 7.33, just half-an-hour from the start. At Bwlch Pen Llyn the car was stopped for ten minutes to await the special. Another five minutes was spent for photographing purposes. Then on once more. At 7.55, for the first time, the motor car was stopped for watering purposes. Not that water was really needed, for barely an inch of the three gallons in the tank had been evaporated, but it was thought well to let some of it out and refill with cold. This kept the car stationary for nine minutes, and then, at 8.4, she glided easily and smoothly up the great mile and a-half long one in five steep. At 8.8 another stoppage occurred, owing to the necessity of planking over a wide open culvert which crossed the track. Re-starting at 8.9, the Oldsmobile was again pulled up at 8.9½ in order to clear another open culvert. At 8.12½ a fresh and final start was made, and then, with a swift, gliding, upward sweep, the last 1 in 5 gradient was surmounted, and at 8.24 the Oldsmobile quietly drew up at the deserted Snowdon Summit Station, a considerable distance ahead of the labouring "special" behind her. It was found that the car had not consumed more than half a gallon of petrol. She did the trip throughout on her low gear, at about 800 revolutions per minute, equal to about six miles an hour on level roads.

Charles Jarrott, the well-known racing motorist, who has represented England in the last two Gordon-Bennett Cup Races, has announced his intention of giving up motor racing. The Gordon-Bennett Race recently held in Germany was to be his last public appearance in automobile races on the road.

A new regulation has been brought into force by the London County Council respecting hooded vans. The object of the bye-law is to overcome the danger caused by drivers of hooded vans being unable to see approaching traffic when they have occasion to turn in the roadway. The requirements of the bye-law are that hooded vans shall have windows fitted so that the driver may see all traffic behind him before turning. Cyclists and motorists greatly appreciate the new regulation—in fact it was chiefly framed on their behalf. A similar bye-law should be framed in the colonies, for the hooded van is always a source of danger in thick traffic.

A novel arrangement for quickly adapting an ordinary, pneumatic tyred, light-weight automobile so that it can be run on a railway track as an inspection car has been designed in America. It consists in casting and machining flanged wheel-rims properly concaved inside to fit over the pneumatic tyres. When it is desired to run on the track, the tyres are deflated, and the rims slipped over them. Upon blowing the tyres up again the rims are held firmly in place, and the machine

can be lifted and run upon the rails. A speed of thirty miles an hour is obtainable on steel rails with this little machine, and the rims, which weigh about 25lb apiece, can be carried in a crate and attached or detached in about ten minutes.

In giving judgment in a case at Glasgow last month, where a motorist was sued in respect of the loss of a dog, which was run over and killed by a motor car, the sheriff made some interesting remarks on the subject of how to deal with dogs on the road. In the first place he pointed out that the principle which makes the owner of a moving object liable for damages done to a fixed inanimate object does not apply where one moving object does damage to another moving object. More especially is that principle inapplicable where the injured moving object is such an animal as a dog, which was permitted to gambol all over the roadway. As between drivers themselves, the obligations for avoiding accidents are mutual. Each party has a well recognised duty towards the other, and each is entitled to assume intelligence on the part of the other, and to act in reliance upon the other doing his part. But there is no reciprocal duty in the case of animals. He was, of course, far from saying that it is not the duty of a driver to try to avoid running down animals! But what his duty may be is not a question of circumstances. He did not know that this duty had ever been defined, and the circumstances may so vary that no hard and fast rule can be promulgated. Probably, a rough and ready definition may be—When a driver sees on the road in front of him some large, slow moving animal, such as a cow, he must calculate its probable movements, and try to avoid it by slackening speed or even stopping; but when the animal in front of him is a small and nimble one, such as a dog, whose movements cannot for a moment be relied upon, the driver was justified in holding his course, relying on the nimbleness of the dog to keep clear. In other words, he thought a person who takes a dog, unled, upon a public road accepts the risk of the traffic, and relies upon his dog being able to look after itself.

The extent to which motoring has been taken up by the various diplomats attached to the Foreign Legation at Washington, U.S.A., is a strong token of the universal popularity of the new means of locomotion (says the American paper "Motor"). Practically every country in the world is represented at Washington in the person of its duly accredited officials, and that these many men, from many lands, typifying as they do the customs and traditions of widely differing and even of variously civilised populations, should so unanimously approve the motor car constitutes a striking commentary upon the force of progress, as opposed to ancient institutions. The most surprising feature of automobile use in Washington is the vogue it has attained among the Orientals. That the motor vehicle should find favour with the Ministers from France and Germany is not to be wondered at, for those countries were pioneers in the new development, and motoring was largely popular in Europe almost before it was heard of in America. But that the Ministers from Korea and Japan and the Chinese Ambassador and his secretary should be found literally in the van of civilisation, not only to the point of driving in but even to the extent of driving their own motor cars, is altogether an unprecedented renunciation of Oriental conservatism.

An American paper is responsible for the following remarkable story:—The remarkable sight of five large pigs, in harness, towing a disabled motor car, astonished the natives of Coconut Beach, Florida, the other day. Colonel Juniper Foggins was driving a twenty-horse Fisher car when the engine was seized and the car went out of commission. There was not a horse or motor-carriage within eighteen miles, and the Colonel was in great distress. A farmer in the vicinity suggested the use of the pigs, which in the out-of-the-way places in Florida frequently draw ploughs and small carts. Five large porkers were har-

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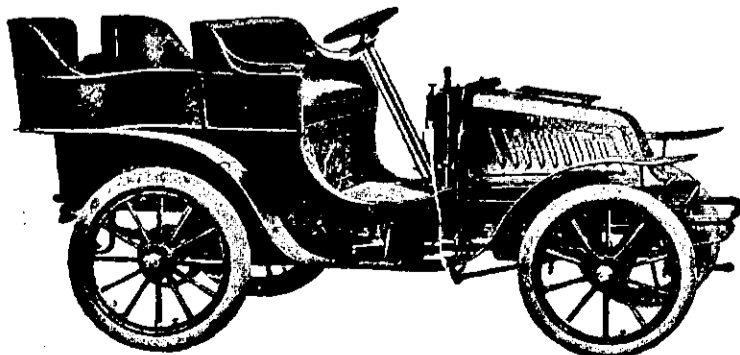


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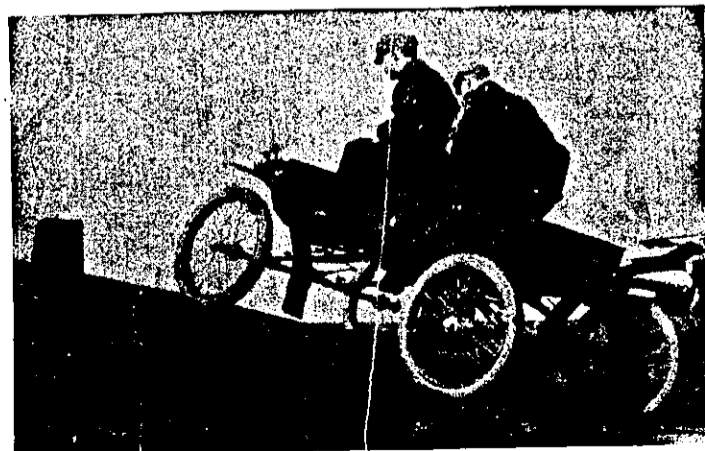
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nessed to the car, and they took it to Jacksonville, eighteen miles distant, in five hours, all hands, including the pigs, enjoying the trip. Colonel Froggins paid 25 dollars for the use of the team, and as the pigs had lost about 10lb in weight each on the trip he had to compensate their owner for deterioration at the rate of 8 cents a pound. The pigs, as soon as they were unharnessed, were sold to a Jacksonville butcher—a piece of rank and glaring ingratitude on the part of all concerned, which the unfortunate creatures seemed to take very much to heart.

It seems now to be acknowledged that the beaded edge or clincher cover is the best for motor cycles or cars, notwithstanding that the wired-on covers are the standard for the ordinary bicycle tyre. The motor covers are much too heavy and stiff to be manipulated as is necessary with those containing the wires. One of the best makes of tyres, and one which is freely patronised by the motorists, is the Wallace Continental, which combines all the qualities necessary in a reliable, easily-detachable and durable motor pneumatic. The firm whose product they are possesses the knowledge required to manufacture them, its long experience of half a century in the rubber trade giving it tangible advantages.

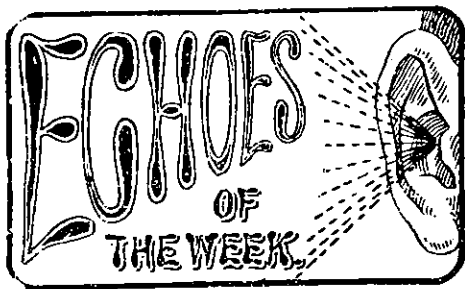
HOCKEY.

University and United played a drawn game at Remuera on Saturday, each side scoring a goal. At half-time no goals had been hit. In the second spell Morpeth got the ball between the posts for United, after Ziman had done the same for the Varsity. This was the final match in the senior competition.

Auckland A beat the B team by five goals to nothing. Auchram (2), Steele (2), and Young were the scorers.

Waihi defeated Thames at Waihi by 5 goals to 2. For the winners Sealey scored two goals, and Torrens, Ulrich, and Roberts one each, while for Thames Horne and Williams each hit a goal.

In the ladies' match on Saturday, between Wapiti and University a good game was shown. Miss Stewart hit a goal for Wapiti, Miss Webb doing the same for University. The match resulted in a draw, no further scoring being done.



(By "Ithuriel.")

What may happen to a man in Melbourne, was a very common expression twenty-five or thirty years ago. What has happened to many men within that period would provide material for a goodly number of sensational novels. This was illustrated in a conversation recently overheard at a race meeting (says "Lynx" in Tasmanian "Nail"). It is only fair to say it was not in Victoria, but in one of the other States. A gentleman was strolling about in the interval between the races, and when he paused in his stroll for a moment he was addressed by a tolerably respectable-looking man standing near him, who began moralizing on the ups and downs of life. Said he: "Twenty-five years ago three of us used to meet almost every night, and toss up for oysters and porter, or, if the funds were low, for a saveloy and a cup of coffee. I was one of the three. Now, I am, well, you see what I am. That man down there," pointing to the riff-raff, "was another of the three, and he is, you see, down in the gutter. And there," pointing to the grandstand, "is the third," indicating with his finger, and mentioning the name of a very high-placed official. And the stranger went away, evidently meditating upon the mutability of mundane affairs, and leaving his listener much impressed with the diverse fortunes that had fallen by chance, or otherwise, to the three companions of twenty-five years ago.

An English Church vicar, his sacred vocation finding him too little to do, has written a book, "One Hundred Questions and Answers on Problems of the Day." Amongst Problems of the Day, it seems (says "Civis"), is this question: "What is the ground on which we often judge correctly on inspection whether a person is married or single?" But do we? In the case of women, perhaps, yes; the vicar, who is clearly a frivolous person, holds that we can and do judge correctly in the case of either sex.

In the instances of both sexes, I am inclined to think before the event there is a disengaged look: "I am still in the strife," there is a restlessness in the eye. After the event the expression of a secret told. "My lot is drawn, my market is made," made for better or made for worse; but the pursuit is over.

This doctrine a writer in the "Westminster Gazette" puts into verse, but limiting it, observe, to the woman.

O lady! with the restless eye,
No wonder that you look so harried,
We know at sight the reason why—
You are not (though you would be)
married.

But wait awhile, and once a wife,
Your mate secured, no longer restless,
Henceforth you'll wander on through life
With brow not pained and eye not
restless.

I myself incline to think that the married woman can usually be recognised as such. She may be young, but there is not the self-consciousness of the girl; a touch of dignity, rather, of seriousness; the least little suggestion of disillusion, and yet without a look of solid content. If she is no longer young, there are other signs, of which the less said the sooner mended. I do not particularise. In the case of a man, from the third decade onward, it would take a sharp physiognomist to sav by the look of him what his status, married or unmarried. Guesswork strictly, and the chances would be equal; if he guessed right, he was just as likely to guess wrong.

A good story is told by a country clergyman of an amusing incident that happened in a neighbouring parish, the clergyman of which is a bit of a wag. It appears this parson had a parishioner whose reputation was not of the best, and the black sheep came one day to the vicarage, and said he had a request to make. He feared, he said, he had not very long to live, and, that being so, he just thought that if there was a funeral service, he would like the parson to say a few words from the text, "An honest man's the noblest work of God." The parson looked at the man a minute. "I'll do it," he replied, "and I won't say a word about being sorry there is such a poor specimen in the coffin."

An officer was quartered, some years ago, at Killarney, where the troops were accommodated, as is by no means

unusual in Ireland, in the workhouse. Being in search of a new sensation, he bethought himself of paying a tailor's bill, writing, of course, from "The Workhouse, Killarney." Pack came the answer by return of post. The tailor was pained to see so good a customer reduced so low; he could not think of accepting the amount due to him, which he begged to return; and if a ten-pound note would be of any service, he should be most happy to send it.

They don't appear to appreciate the work of our New Zealand composers in Australia. I was reading an account of the production of "Tapu" at Sydney the other day, and came across the following:—"It is Mr Adams' own affair that he has attempted to give us within the limits of a certain form of theatrical entertainment the native customs and characteristics of Maoriland. No amount of charity on the part of a critic could present his failure in a favourable light. On the musical side of the exploit Mr Hill has been in some degree successful. It is the musician's misfortune that he selected the comic opera form. It would have been nobler had he ventured and succeeded in an opera of the romantic class. Even with 'Tapu' on the stage Mr Hill owes it to the Music of Maoriland to say (as Moore addressed the harp of his country) in the regret of a lost opportunity—
'Go, sleep with the sunshine of fame on thy slumbers
Till waked by some hand less unworthy than mine.'

The pity is that Messrs Adams and Hill should have touched with irreverent hands the traditions of Maoriland, and that in 'Tapu' we should have mingled with the myths and mysteries of a picturesque race the effeminacies of the modern drawing-room and the cant of twentieth century civilisation. A genuine comic opera, cleverly constructed, with a New Zealand setting and a native 'colouring' would have been accepted. But this mixture of farce and fustian simply means the spoiling of a splendid subject."

We read of love, we read of war,
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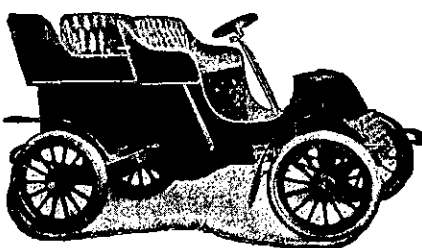
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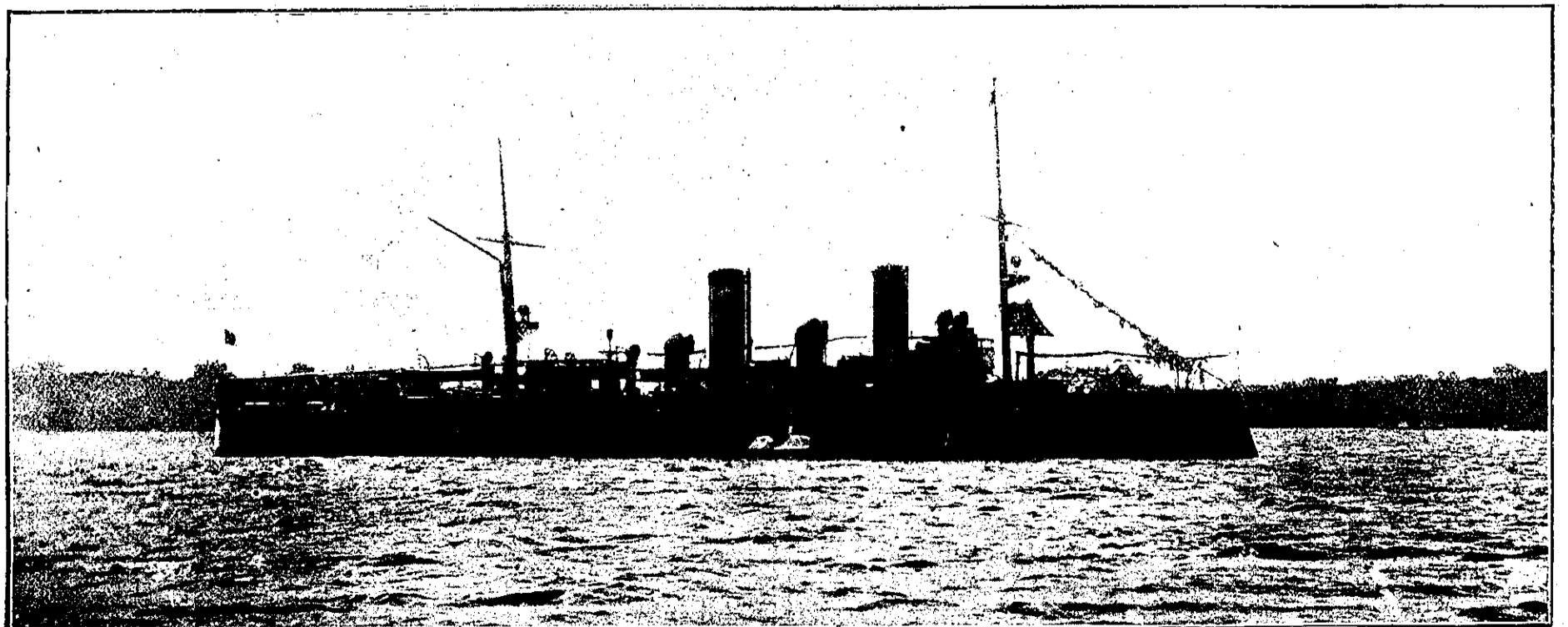
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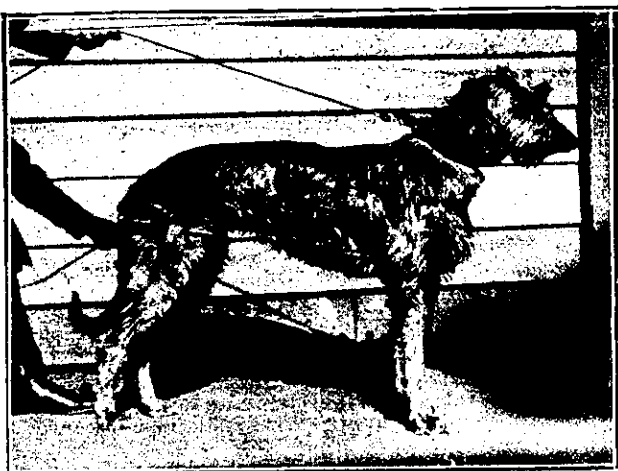


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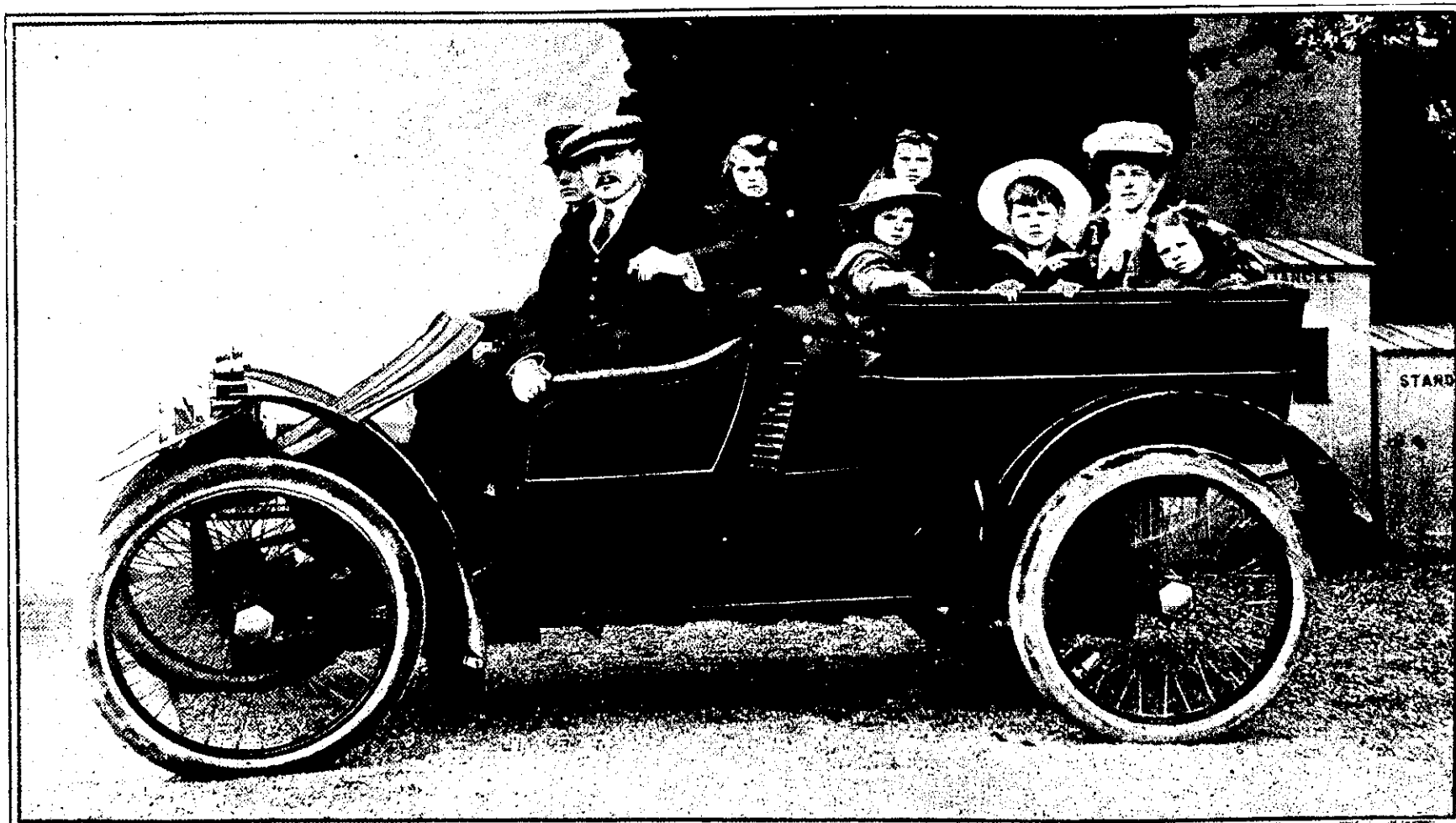
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THE STAGE

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"THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY."

The fine Comedy Company sent over by Mr Williamson made its belated appearance on Tuesday night, having been delayed en route from Sydney by the proverbial slowness of the steamer Waikare. There was a crowded but critical audience, and "The Marriage of Kitty" had to make its own way independently of all the laudatory things that had been printed in advance. But its success is undoubted. Before the close of the first act it was evident that the spectators had warmed to it, and the reception of the second and third acts was characterised by warmth quickly rising to enthusiasm. And it has to be said at the outset that the success is due more to the players than to the play. "Kitty" (the plot of which has been so often expounded in these columns that it must be perfectly familiar to all my readers) is an exotic, whereas the actors are essentially and characteristically native. It is a curious psychological fact that, whereas the Anglo-Saxon has a keen sense of appreciation for comedy he seems to possess no sufficient faculty for creating it. Most of our modern successes are of French or other Continental origin, such as "The Magistrate" and "A Night Out." "Kitty" is of the similar type, depending for its humour upon situations and an evolution of character quite un-English, and altogether different from those features in our purely national comedy. Admitting all this, there is no doubt that "Kitty" is a magnificent success. The central idea is most ingeniously worked out, and in the hands of such thoroughly capable exponents as Miss Musgrove and Miss Hamer, Messrs Draycott and Forde, the smallest and most insignificant points are made to tell. Miss Rose Musgrove has been known to us heretofore only in comic opera, and so successful was she in that genre that most of us heard with a pang of the transfer of her allegiance to comedy. But she was well advised. She has found her metier in the new medium, and has but to persevere to reach the very top. A more delightful impersonation than her Kitty Silverton it would be difficult to conceive. Miss Hamer's Madame de Simiano is also a charming bit of characterisation; and Miss Le Clercq's French maid is a truly dainty creation. Mr Draycott gave the fullest justification for his high reputation as a comedian in the part of Sir Reginald Belsize, and Mr Athol Forde, who was so popular a member of Musgrove's Shakespeare Company, plays with consummate ease the difficult part of John Travers, the lawyer. Mr Permain made a capital butler. Needless to say, the play is excellently staged. "Kitty" will run during the week, and in next issue I may probably find room for some remarks on the acting more in detail.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Crowded houses from the start have borne unmistakable testimony to the excellence of the amusement provided by the Messrs Fuller, at the Opera House. The programme now running is in all respects equal in merit to that of the first week. The various performers have dipped lightly into their repertoires and have brought out what, combined, make a most delightful budget of mirth and music. Miss Ada Berridge, Miss Addie Wright, and the Trevena Sisters are nightly received with tumultuous plaudits, while the comic men, Messrs Dyson, Davis and Marion, convulse the house with laughter. Mr Henry Brown gives an artistic rendering of "Will-o'-the-Wisp," and all the artistes have to submit to imperative encores. The second part contains some novelties. Miss May Dagmar sings charmingly and goes through a very clever contortion act. Also, Professor Parker appears, and defies all the attempts of experts and amateurs to fasten him up with handcuffs, leg-irons, plough-chains and any other variety of manacle. The "turn" is one of the most surprising ever seen on the variety stage,

and adds the necessary touch of the uncanny to the entertainment. The Professor does not, however, pretend that he is helped by the "spirits." He claims all the credit himself, and he might be excused for the display of a little vanity. The Swifts present a pretty little comedy entitled, "Bill the Burglar." Mr Rodda Perry, the phenomenal alto, sings several solos, and Miss Kitty Lenton contributes her budget of coon songs, both being greeted with uproarious applause. The Carros' juggling act continues to give unqualified pleasure, and the whole concludes with one of Jim Marion's humorous farces.

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CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes: We have been having rain enough to swim in since my last. And the wet days and nights have alternated with frosty ones cold enough to tempt a teetotaler to forget his pledge. But there has been no frost at the Royal, where Dix's Gaiety Co. is just now holding the fort. Large audiences have flocked nightly to the show in spite of the cold, and the wind, and the mud, and the rain. Certainly P.R.D. provides an excellent bill of fare for his patrons.

Wallace Ascot, "tenore robusto," is an accomplished vocalist such as you won't find very often on the variety theatre boards. And in Kellman the management have got hold of a really clever magician, whose "turn" is all too short to please his audience. Dora Taylor dances like a sylph, and to see her daintily skipping upstairs on the necks of wine bottles is a revelation. Hilda Lane is billed as "the Australian Nightingale," and certainly she warbles

divinely. The two "C.'s" are an amusing pair of knockabouts, and the Powers (Bros.) thrill their audiences with their head-to-head balancing in mid-air. Geo. Dickie is one of the best ventriloquists we have had in this city for a long time, and the "Vitagraph" produces a series of animated pictures of exceptional merit. There is a most commendable absence of all vulgarity about the show, and no girl need be afraid of taking her mother to it. Well done, P.R.D.! The season lasts for several weeks longer, and I expect Mr Dix will pay us periodical visits for the future. If he brings along companies as good as the present one, he should have no reason to complain of the financial success of his ventures.

Poor Will Watkins is getting better, I am glad to hear. He has been dangerously ill, and it will be sometime yet. I am afraid ere he returns to the boards. He is now out of bed, but still an inmate of the Hospital.

The Fullers' Show continues to be splendidly supported, and the Opera House is nightly packed with people. My old friend John, of "silvery tenor" fame, has, as you will be aware, returned to Auckland to put in the winter in your more genial climate. I should imagine he is not sorry to have got away from Christchurch, although Christchurch is sorry enough that he has gone. However, I trust it is a case of "au revoir, but not good-bye." Tod Callaway is an immense favourite with Opera House frequenters. Re-called six and seven times nightly. He is a real artiste. To-night the Nawns, from the Palace Theatre, Sydney, make their first appearance under the Fuller management. They are rather out of the common run of entertainers, I understand, and expensive people. I have no doubt Fuller and Sons will reap the reward due to them for their enterprise in securing these clever performers.

I take the following from the Rockhampton (Q.) "Record" of the 9th inst.:—Mr Alfred Dampier, who is just now playing a short season in Rockhampton and Mount Morgan, is the possessor of one or two relics of much historic interest. One is a snuff-box, which, according to an inscription, was cut out of the wood of what was known as Shakespeare's mulberry tree, a tree said to have been planted by Shakespeare himself. The inscription inside the lid reads:—"This box was made of Shakespeare's mulberry tree, and was given to me by Mr Eden, of Alverstone, near Stratford, Avon, August 10, 1888." In Mr Dampier's youthful days he was one day playing "Oliver" in a presentation of "As You Like It" by the boys of the Grammar School of Stratford-on-Avon. At the close of the performance an old gentleman asked him if he intended going on the stage. Getting an affirmative reply, he handed young Dampier the snuff-box, with the injunction to "keep and value it"—an injunction which it goes without saying has been kept to the letter. Another interesting trinket in Mr Dampier's possession is a large medallion struck in honour of John Philip Kemble, the great tragedian, in 1798.

According to the Melbourne "Sporting and Dramatic News," "Tapu," the name of Alfred Hill's Maori Opera, is pronounced "Tarpoo." Evidently it has got a touch of the tarpot. Is the Australian typography incapable of expressing the long "a" without dragging on an "r." "Father," according to the authority quoted above, must be pronounced "Farther" in Melbourne.

The Woods-Williamson Company closed their season on Saturday. Mr Joe MacMahon, who has been business manager, left the Company here, and his loss is likely to be severely felt.

The "School for Scandal" is to be turned into comic opera in America. The adapter is John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist.

The Flying Jordans are timed to return to Australia the latter end of the year with several astounding novelties and acts. The tour will be directed by Edwin Geach.

English opera does not pay in London, although it manages to draw fair houses in the provincial cities. The Moody-Manners Company recently played a season at Drury Lane, and the proprietor, Mr Moody, announced from the stage that he was averaging a loss of £100 each performance. Continuing, Mr Moody stated that he had written to the Prime Minister, Mr Balfour, asking for his patronage. The Minister's secretary replied that Mr Balfour had no time to spare on English opera, but (said Mr Moody) "Mr Balfour found time to visit Joachim's concert next day." A sure go—music or matches—made in Germany.

H. J. Byron's three-act comedy, "Our Boys," has been received with satisfactory financial results in London; and the grand old play was received with acclamation by crowded audiences. On the occasion of its last revival in Australia, at the Lyceum Theatre, Sydney, it failed to draw, notwithstanding that Helen Dauvray, Grace Noble, Polly Emery, William Elton, King Hedley, Scot Inglis, and other capable artists were in the cast.

Mr J. C. Bain writes to the "Referee," from Hobart, on July 11: "I re-open Launceston on Monday, after a successful tour with my No. 2 Company on the Coast. In the meantime I sub-let my theatre in Launceston to Pollard, who has done well. Business here is just the same. I have been here sixty-seven weeks."

Mr Kyrle Bellew, who has been in America for some time, is to spend his vacation in England, which is his home.

Mr Charles Manners, the well-known English manager, states that he is quite prepared to pay £4000 in the endeavour to establish National opera. When that sum is gone, however, he intends to stop.

Theatrical interest in the June number of the "Lady's Home Magazine" is represented in the "Behind the Scenes" article, which is written in bright and chatty style. In this is recorded a good story, told by Miss Decima Moore in connection with her association with the Savoy. One night Sir Arthur Sullivan was anxious to hear how "The Gondoliers" sounded from the front of the house, so he slipped quietly into the back of the dress circle and made one of the audience. Presently, becoming absorbed in the performance, he began, unconsciously, to hum some of the melodies, when an irate gentleman sitting near him struck in fiercely: "Pardon me, sir; I've come here to hear Sir Arthur Sullivan's music—not yours!"

Referring to the alleged introduction of radium as an illuminant, or rather as a costume decoration, at Fischer's Theatre, San Francisco, the "Argonaut" says: "The appearance of the radium dance is, of course, always awaited with extreme interest by the audience, in spite of some good-natured scepticism concerning the presence of radium in the luminous coating of the costumes. The whole idea is evidently an old one revived; a shrewd catch at public credulity, being made by utilising the popular interest in radium. If radium there were, to create the faint misty glow that comes from the costumes, it would take several billion dollars' worth to accomplish the effect, but good old phosphorus masquerades very well under a name that suggests any number of mysteriously powerful properties. The dance, in itself, is merely the stereotyped thing, showing a number of young women, clad in pyjama-like costumes, going through more or less graceful postures. But the dim, ghostly light that reveals them comes unmistakably from their garments, which, as seen through an opera-glass, are criss-crossed all over with lines of luminous paint."

Messrs J. J. Miller and Co., of Melbourne, have just received a cable from their Liverpool agents to the effect that Miss Ella Abomah, the Amazonian giantess, said to be the tallest lady in the world, being over 8 feet in height, is a passenger from that port by the White Star steamer Afric, which left there July 7 last. This lady purposes making a twelve months' tour of the colonies, commencing in Melbourne about August 20 next.

PADEREWSKI IN MELBOURNE.

AN ARTISTIC TRIUMPH.

Herr Ignace Jan Paderewski made his first appearance in Australia at the Town Hall on July 7 (says "The Critic," of the "Australasian"). The hall, which had been comfortably warmed by the use of a number of kerosene-heaters, presented a brilliant appearance, and was well filled, though not absolutely crowded. His Excellency the State Governor and Lady Talbot were present, and all sections of the community were well represented. The musicians were specially in evidence, as might have been expected. A few minutes after eight the great pianist stepped upon the platform, and was received with applause, both loud and long. His appearance is pretty well known from his photographs. His figure is slight, his light-brown hair worn after the fashion which it has become usual to associate with virtuosity, and which one or two local musicians are trying hard to acclimatise; his features are clean-cut and classic, and his eye bespeaks the artist. As soon as the cheering subsided, he took his seat at his Erard, upon the low chair which he always uses, and without which, it is said, he will not attempt to play, and started the great prelude and figure in A minor by John Sebastian Bach, father and prince of all who handle pipe and organ.

His style of playing is singularly free from affectations of any kind; there is no wild gesticulation, no gymnastic demonstration in the fortissimos, no rapt bending of the head to hear the softer passages, with which Pachmann used to amuse people; everything was natural, easy, self-effacing. In effect, he did not say by his attitudes, "Here is a great musician! Listen to me!" but rather, "Here is great music which I will interpret to you, as Heaven shall help me: listen to that!" Well, the Bach fugue was perfectly done; the different voices came out clear and distinct; the mathematical structure of the movement stood revealed; but all infused with a tender emotion which many performers fail to recognise in Bach, and, therefore, utterly misrepresent him with renderings which are "faultily faultless, icily regular, splendidly null." Next came Beethoven, worthily represented by the Waldstein sonata, of which a noble interpretation was given. It is of the same period as the "Erioca" symphony, and has more than one point in common with that colossal work; note especially the splendid codas, so novel and daringly defiant of orthodox tradition, which conclude the first movements of each; the adagio of the sonata, too, is pitched in much the same emotional key as the funeral march in the Symphony; and the alternatives of mood in the two finales are not dissimilar. Schubert, best beloved of composers, whose romantic beauty ever appeals to the warm heart of youth, was next heard in his so-called Impromptu in B flat, which is really a set of dainty variations on a theme as simple as it is effective. It was delightfully rendered,

with an almost magical perfection of touch and tone. Two of the same composer's songs followed, in Liszt's arrangement—"Hark, Hark, the Lark," bright with the hues of sunrise, and vocal with the carollings of the birds; and "The Erl-King," dark with the midnight gloom of the pine wood, and echoing with the shrieks of demons. Both were wonderful feats of expression; "The Erl-King" was given with an indescribable effect; it was a darkness that might be felt, and out of it came the three voices—each distinct, individual, and tremulous with passion. The last few notes were succeeded by an interval of awe-struck silence; and then the applause burst out, and could not be stilled until the great magician who had raised the storm quelled it with a quiet, meditative reading of Schumann's "Nacht Stuck."

The second part of the recital began with six numbers, representing various phases of Chopin's kaleidoscopic fancy, and each with its own peculiar charm:—The Nocturne in G major, luscious, almost enervating ("Let us flee from this Capua," says Niecks); the little "Butterfly" etude (repeated in answer to a burst of applause), the Seventeenth Prelude, a kind of song without words with a touch of Mendelssohn about it; the Mazurka in B flat minor, not quite so effective as the rest; a valse, courtly and aristocratic; and the great Polonaise op-53, in which the enthusiastic patriotism of the composer finds intense and infectious expression. The wonderful central passage, with the great crashing chords that open it, and the succeeding section over the groups of semi-quavers in the bass, was simply fascinating. The assembly of the Polish troops, the rattle of the artillery, the swords flashing in the sun, the irresistible charge upon the forces of tyranny and oppression, were almost visible—"To the mind's Horatio!" Two of the pianist's own compositions came next—the well-known minuet and a less-familiar caprice, brilliant and immensely difficult, which nobody will be likely to attempt after hearing the composer's own account of it. Finally, at least in the intention of those who framed the programme, came Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsodie, played with an enthusiasm and abandon that literally lifted the audience off their feet.

The scene that followed is without parallel in the musical history of Melbourne. It was nearly half-past ten; Herr Paderewski returned again and again and bowed his acknowledgments; but the cheering only redoubled in force, until, at last, he sat down once more at the piano and played the Sixth Rhapsodie with equal fervour and effect. Once more the people rose and shouted; programmes and handkerchiefs were wildly waved in the air; and one saw with astonishment ladies and gentlemen of the strictest propriety and reserve casting all restraint to the winds, and cheering like a crowd of schoolboys. The ladies' gloves will certainly reap a rich harvest before the season is over. The hero of this demonstration is pretty well used to this sort of



The late CHEVALIER WIEGAND, formerly Sydney City Organist.

thing; but he was manifestly moved, and finally played Chopin's valse in C sharp, and with this his admirers had to be content and reluctantly left the hall. Altogether, it was the most successful and wonderful concert ever given in Melbourne. The audience were simply bewitched and fascinated. It was not the technical skill of the performer nor even the abstract beauty of the music; but rather the intense magnetism of a strong personality which, through the music, gripped every man and woman there, and played upon their feelings as it would. Herr Paderewski is more than an artist; he is a man.

To the keen disappointment of many an unfortunate mishap compelled Herr Paderewski to cancel his concert for last Saturday. The great pianist had the ill-luck to injure one of his fingers, but he is now able to resume playing.

"THE BUSHRANGERS."

"The Era," referring to the production of "The Bushrangers," by Bernard Espinasse and Harry Leader, at the Grand, says:—

"A drama of Australian life, founded on incidents in the career of the notorious bushranger, Ned Kelly, and written by authors who have both resided in Australia, seemed to promise an interesting performance, and, as had been announced, the first representation of Harry Leader and Bernard Espinasse's play, entitled 'The Bushrangers,' at the Islington Grand on Monday, was given under the immediate patronage and presence of the State-Agents-General of Australasia: the boxes, draped in Commonwealth flags, being occupied by colonial notabilities and their families. Unfortunately, although Mr Harry Leader is said, among other things, to have lived in the Kelly country, and although Mr Bernard Espinasse, besides having acted as Australian correspondent of this paper for some years, has had a good deal of experience as a playwright, they have between them not succeeded in turning out anything more notable than a rough, crude, and fairly effective melodrama, full of revolver work, and as fraught with that command that must be obeyed, 'Hands up!' as the Boer War itself."

A COUPLE OF LIVE ONES.

According to the New York "Dramatic Mirror," "Nat" Goodwin is generously gratified at the success of his wife, beautiful Maxine Elliott's first season as a star, a season which has been much less propitious for himself. Of Mr Goodwin's company is Neil O'Brien, whose wife, Eva Davenport, carries off first female honors in "The Yankee Cousin." As advices came from the metropolis, the husbands on the road compared newspaper accounts. This was their chief solace the last seven weeks of the tour, which was made up of one-night stands.

One morning the two met in the stifling hall of an up the State hotel. Each held a handful of clippings laudatory of his absent spouse and her metropolitan scorings. According to custom, they solemnly exchanged them

"Nat" Goodwin reflectively rubbed his chin. He smiled the only Goodwin smile and observed: "We picked a couple of live ones, didn't we?"

Mr J. C. Williamson has another concert company on the tapis with Miss Elizabeth Parkina, the renowned soprano, as lead. She will be supported by Miss Margaret Thomas, the Welsh contralto, Mr Whitworth Milton, the well-known English tenor, and Mr Arnold Fildes, a clever Hungarian cellist. The company will leave England on January 7, 1905, and will remain for three months in Australia.

Mr George Becks, who was one of Miss Nance O'Neill's company, died at St. Louis, U.S.A., on May 17. He was 69 years of age. By his will he left his collection of more than three thousand theatrical volumes to the New York Public Library. The books contain practically a complete history of the stage business in standard dramas from the days of Garrick.

In this issue will be found a portrait of the late Chevalier Wiegand, who was City Organist at Sydney for nine years, and will be well-remembered by New Zealand visitors to New South Wales. "Le Matin" speaks of him as one of the most brilliant exponents of the French school of organ playing of the present generation. He was born in Belgium in 1849, and died at Oswego, U.S.A., as the result of a surgical operation.

The most popular song of the century so far has been "Viens poupoule," which rivals "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay" in its universality. Originally a French ditty, for the last year it has haunted the whole of Europe. At latest dates it was one of the items of the "Empire" programme. It is said to have done more for the "entente cordiale" than all the efforts of politicians.

Sir Henry Irving will shortly finally retire from the British stage. In announcing the fact recently in Manchester, he said: "It is forty-four years since I first came among you—forty-eight years since I first set foot upon the stage. Fifty years of active work as a player is enough, and when I have completed the tally of those years I shall shortly make my last bow to the public." What other man still actively before the world, one wonders, has filled a greater space in work and play for fifty years than Sir Henry Irving? It was in 1856 that he made his debut at Sunderland, far enough away from the little Somersetshire village in which he was born. Dismal, too, was that debut. The occasion was the inaugural night of the local Lyceum, and as the curtain rose upon "Richelieu," Irving, who played the Duke of Orleans, had to pronounce the opening words, "Here's to our venture!" His heart was in his mouth; his voice failed. He had stage fright in its worst form. He soon recovered, however, and entered upon a career that has had no comparison in the history of the stage.



MISS TITTELL BRUNE, the distinguished American actress, who has lately arrived in Melbourne under engagement to Mr J. C. Williamson.

"A GENTLEMAN OF FRANCE" AT THE AVENUE.

Mr Murray Carson is the best-meaning friend that lady dramatists have found for a long while. Within the past few months he has produced three plays written by members of the fair sex; but if his object has been to prove that the prejudice against female authors in the theatre is unfounded, he has signally failed to achieve his purpose. His third venture, "A Gentleman of France," which he presented at the Avenue last month, is in many ways the least satisfactory experiment of the series. It is said that the American public received this unsophisticated drama with something more than polite favour; that they still refer to the "fight on the staircase" in tones of admiring awe. It may be so. We have had plays from America before now which have made the judicious grieve and the frivolous scoff, but few pieces of trans-Atlantic origin have been quite so banal and inconsequent as this dramatisation by Miss Harriet Ford. With the best intentions in the world to let down lightly an aspiring playwright and a popular and indefatigable actor-manager, I must confess that I can find not a word to say in favour of this production. My sympathies were wholly with the first-night audience—subsequent audiences went with some foreknowledge of what they had to expect!—and with Mr Stanley Weyman, whose novel had served as the source of the play.

In book form "A Gentleman of France" had much to recommend it. The story was well written and cleverly told, and the stirring incidents were developed in an atmosphere which gave them plausibility, and imparted a sense of reality to the actions of the characters. Denuded of this artistic ether of romance, the characters become mere puppets, the back-grounds merely paste-board, and the intrigue a matter of little or no importance. True there is a fat part in the play, but fat, after all, is only a negative quality. Length of lines does not constitute a good acting character, and long before the final curtain was reached I confess I had become very weary of Gaston de Marsac, with his flourish of honourable rags and his eternal platitudes about his sword, his lady love, and his loyalty. It is true that he stuck consistently to his battered cloak and doublet right through the play; but that, I fear, was something of an affectation, since his servant wore quite a respectable costume. Not for an instant are we permitted to believe that our hero stands in the slightest danger. Whatever the odds against him may be we have the tantalising certainty in our minds that he will prove top-dog—the element of mischance never enters into our calculations. The betting is unaffected by the stable reports: the most alarmist rumours fail to

send out the price of the favourite; the race is as good as won before it is begun in real earnest. This may be very satisfactory to a class of playgoers who object to have their feelings harrowed by doubts for their hero's safety, but it isn't the sort of conditions that makes for good drama, even of the "made in America" variety.

Gaston de Marsac is the gentleman referred to by the title of the play. He is a soldier of fortune who has failed to find service with Henry of Navarre, and his luck is out. He is bewailing the hardness of his lot in commonplace jeremiads, when he is asked if he will undertake a mission to rescue a lady who has been confined, for political purposes, by her uncle in his castle at Chize, and convey her to Blois. Will he do it? Will a duck swim? What ho! And so on! The rescue itself is meant to be finely impressive. First of all Marsac's chief assistant turns traitor, and has to be stabbed. Then his servant slips down the ladder, and the young lady's stout maid follows his example, squealing all the while with a gusto and peculiarity of vocal inflection that moved the audience to huge merriment. The

young lady herself stops half-way down the ladder to question her rescuer's credentials, and when the hubbub is at its height the dead traitor suddenly revives and has to be killed all over again. Even then Marsac has to pick the lady up in his arms and carry her off by main force—Tom Sawyer's nigger was not more difficult to rescue. After taking all this trouble on her behalf, and putting her in a place of safety, the thankless young lady goes off with the murdered scoundrel at his first whisper against Marsac's character and intentions. She repents her haste immediately afterwards, and drops a shoulder knot containing a letter to her preserve, who, just as he thought he had satisfactorily accomplished his task, has to repeat the adventure single-handed.

He discovers the house to which she has been conveyed, and a single reconnaissance of the hall is sufficient for him to judge behind which massive oak door she is imprisoned. For in the middle of the stage a broad flight of stairs leads up to a gallery with a doorway bang in the centre. With plenty of limelight, and a trusty blade in his hand, any hero of

romance could take his stand at the top of those stairs and bowl over as many supers as the resources of the stage could muster against him. About seven are engaged for the purpose at the Avenue, and the scene is soon hazy with the dust which the attackers not only bite in their falls, but kick up in their death struggles. Down and down again they go before Marsac's invincible sword, until the stage is littered with fallen foemen. But see, a last and more tactful minion has reached the gallery by another staircase, and is rushing upon him from the rear, weapon in hand. Another moment and—but no! Look yet again. The beautiful cause of all the rumpus has burrowed a way through the old oak door. In a flash she realises her rescuer's peril. She whips up the fragile gilt chair which a foreseeing stage-manager has had placed to her hand, and lays the villain out, head downwards, with his nose on the steps. No wonder the gallery cheered and the stage hands sneezed as the dust assailed their nostrils. No wonder the young lady beamed and the breast of Marsac heaved with pride and unaccustomed exertion. No wonder the gallant rescuer and the



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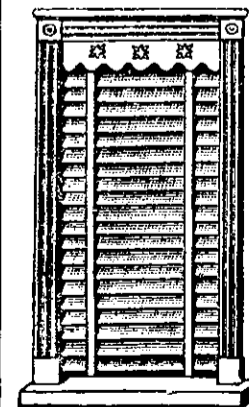
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lovely maiden were duly betrothed in the last act and the patient playgoer murmured, more in sorrow than in anger, "Well, of all the —!"

Mr Murray Carson was Caston de Marsac, Miss Ssme Beringer was the persecuted young lady, and some two dozen other people appeared in less prominent parts.

"THE EDGE OF THE STORM," AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S.

Somehow we have come to associate Mr Forbes Robertson with classic parts, and to find him figuring as the hero of a melodrama will mean disappointment for many. That magnificent voice of his seems thrown away in colloquial conversation—we long to hear him declaiming blank verse and voicing noble sentiments, spreading himself over a heroic passion or hymning devotion in tones and accents which no woman could listen to with indifference. And yet even in melodrama Mr Robertson is a fine actor, and he accomplishes more in the part of Jim Poulette than the average playgoer appreciates at first glance. Here is a hero whom the authoress has done her best to make ridiculous and conventional by plastering him with qualities of heart and head that only a love-sick nursery governess could accept at the dramatist's valuation. He is worshipped by the natives, adored by his bride, respected by everybody in the Indian settlement, and is in danger of developing a swelled head. Almost any other actor would have made this paragon of all the virtues an insufferable prig; but Mr Robertson presents him with so convincing a combination of dignity and modesty that we never regard the redoubtable Jim as other than the best fellow that ever wore khaki clothes and side whiskers. If you prefer the actor with moustaches take my tip and get to the theatre in time for the prologue—it is your only chance. In the play itself he dispenses with this adornment.

"The Edge of the Storm" is the middle and both ends of a melodrama. It begins with a murder and concludes with a general melee. Three attempts to take human life by means of poison, a pistol, and the knife, constitute the intermediate trimmings of the plot. The play opens in Hungary at the time of the great national rising in 1848. The insurgent have captured, or think they have, the great enemy of their rights and liberties, Prince Metternich, and when they discover that the supposed tyrant is a mad-cap Englishman, who has thus assisted Metternich to escape, they secure him to a pillar and promise him an unpleasant death in the morning. But Leta, the daughter of Istvan, the Magyar leader, has compassion on the dauntless Jim Poulett. She looses his cords, gives him her Hungarian knife as a souvenir, and bids him escape. Unhappily, the first thing he does is to knife Leta's old father, who attempts to detain him. He doesn't know that his assailant is Leta's father; he doesn't wait to see if he is badly wounded, or only scratched; and there is no one to tell him that when Ferez and Wilma, the nephew and niece of Istvan, appear they swear a deadly oath to be revenged on the traitorous Britisher.

Leta nearly succumbs to the shock, and when she recovers from a long mental illness her mind is a blank as regards the



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murder she was instrumental in causing. But her cousins are inspired by a bitter hate and a craving for vengeance. How they ascertained that the object of their evil designs is engaged in sugar trading at Comarlapatian, in India, is not very clear, but they have received information to that effect, and they journey to India's coral strand to put their purpose into execution. Jim Poulett receives them most hospitably, and for ten days they remain as guests beneath his roof. Despite their assumed names and French accents he recognises them and soon understands their object in visiting him, but so long as Ferez alone attempts to murder him he doesn't consider it would be handsome on his part to resent his guests' attitude. When, however, the woman Wilma takes to doctoring his coffee and nearly poisons Leta by accident, he considers it about time to order them out of his house. Leta stays on to become his wife, and as her bloodthirsty relatives consider that the marriage will assist the good cause by putting the Englishman in their power, they do not interfere with this arrangement.

But they do not reckon with Leta's adoring love for her husband, and when Ferez returns secretly two months later to reawaken her memory as to the facts concerning her father's death, and point out to her her duty under her oath of vendetta, she recoils from the task with horror. She will not only not take her husband's life, but when Ferez would shoot him down she covers him with her protecting body, and receives the bullet with which Ferez thought to even up the family feud. Happily, the wound is not serious, and most fortunately the firing of the revolver is the prearranged signal for the French to come to the assistance of the English in the anticipated event of a native rising. Ferez's attack on Jim synchronised with the racial outbreak, and the French arrive only just in the nick of time to save the English settlers from extermination. Ferez dies in helping to repel the attack, and before the fracas is over Leta is recovered sufficiently to join in the general rejoicings.

It is not a great play, it is not even a notable melodrama, but it contains a lot of good stuff and stirring incident, and Mr Forbes Robertson and his charming wife, Miss Gertrude Elliott, work splendidly together to make the production a success. Mr G. S. Titheradge, as the Magyar leader, Mr Frank Mills as the revengeful Ferez, and Miss Tita Brand as his determined accomplice, also rendered valuable assistance, and Mr Ian Robertson, Mr Edward O'Neill, Mr Herbert Dansey, and Miss Henrietta Watson did good work in subservient parts. The audience, who testified in the heartiest manner their pleasure in welcoming Mr Robertson and

Miss Elliott back to the metropolitan stage, took most kindly to the play, and at the close an enthusiastic and unanimous verdict was passed in favour of the production.

"Life," of New York, makes the following announcement:—"Life" has been sued for libel by Messrs Marc Klaw and Abraham Erlanger, of the Theatrical Syndicate. They claim that "Life" has damaged them a hundred thousand dollars' worth. Whether "Life" has damaged, or could damage, these worthy gentlemen to that extent, will in due time be determined by a jury of their superiors. Meanwhile, "Life" will continue to criticise their shows without prejudice."

Several American stars have been trying recently to describe their sensations on a metropolitan "fiest night."

"It is like being run over by a locomotive," said Maxine Elliott.

"It is like being torn limb from limb," Virginia Harned says.

"I never eat anything but soup that day," says Wilton Lackaye sententiously.

"It's no use."

For lovers of the drama who prefer something deeper than the trivial, frothy plays now so popular, the New Century Theatre in London arranges for afternoon performances of good classical plays. The "Hippolytus" of Euripides, translated by Dr. Gilbert Murray, was the latest piece produced by the New Century at the Lyric. Dr. Murray's work is said to be eminently poetical, and the characters were generally well played. Public interest, however, was only moderate. "Hippolytus" was presented as a "live" tragedy, not in an academic or educational manner, and that the great themes of human subjection to destiny and the impotence of men in the grip of the immortals have not lost their thrilling interest was made manifest by the intense emotion displayed by the audience. Presented (says the "Athenaeum") with no remarkable accessories and no noteworthy cast, this Greek play impassions and enthralled.

The "Town and Country Journal" thus refers to "Cousin Kate," one of the comedies to be played by the Williamson Company:—"The new piece is very brightly written, and the plot is of the simplest. Heath Desmond, an artist, and Amy Spencer, a sedate and simple-minded country damsel, have a lovers' quarrel, which is patched up by the good offices of Cousin Kate. She, however, is quite unaware that the handsome stranger she has met and fallen in love with in the train is the man whose cause she has been pleading, and it is only the inter-

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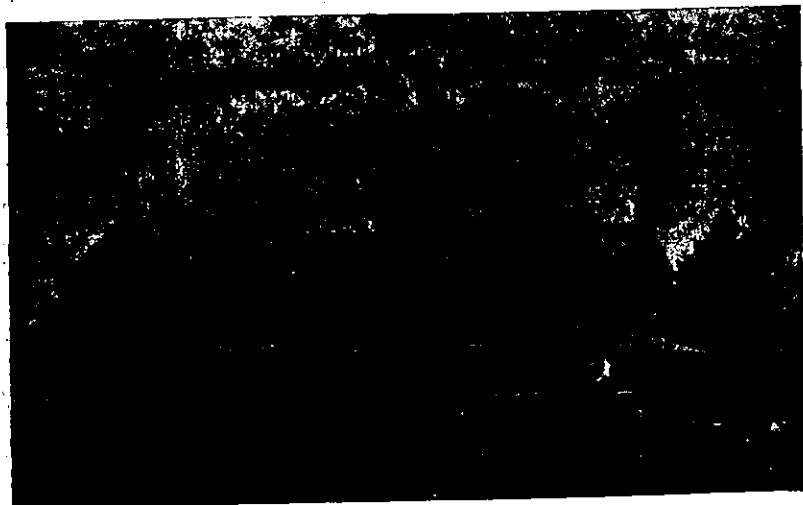
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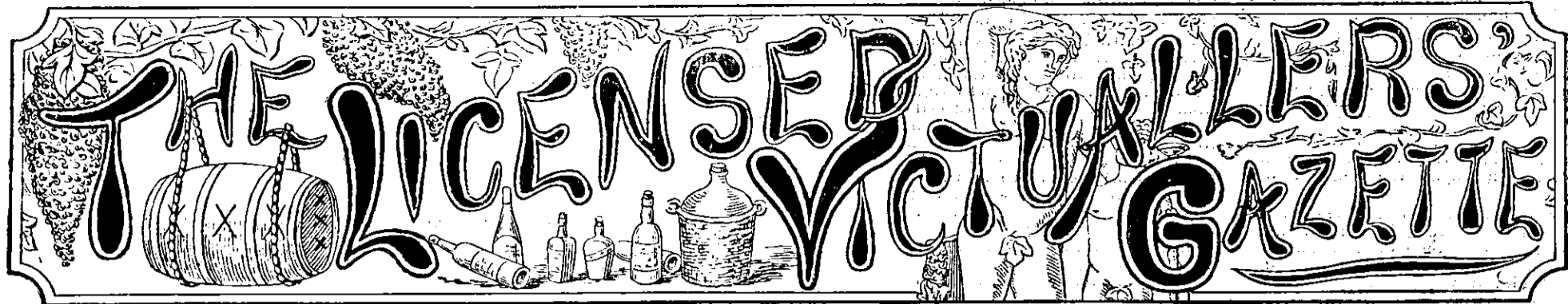
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THE COMING BILL.

SOME indications of what shape the new Licensing Bill will assume may be gathered from the report of the deputation to the Premier last week, which appears in another column. Evidently the Government are not going to make all the concessions demanded by the Prohibitionists, as outlined in the forecast of Mr Pirani, also printed in this issue. But neither do they, on the other hand, intend to meet all the demands of the Trade. There is, on the one side, to be no retrospective legislation to meet the cases of Newtown and Bruce, or, on the other, any provision for compensation for losses sustained by the owners and lessees of hotels through the operation of local option or the whims of licensing committees. Mr Seddon, however, means to stick to his famous clause 9, and there is some consolation in that. Mr Fowlds, speaking to a press reporter a few days ago, expressed the opinion that the House would not carry this clause if reintroduced, but there are good reasons for concluding that he is wrong. If the Government make a point of it, the provision must pass. We confess that the moral principle in the clause does not appeal to us very strongly. The absolute prohibition of the consumption of liquor would merely result in an enormous increase in the number of law breakers. But it is the logical sequel of no-license. If liquor is a bad thing, a thing quite unfit to be bought and sold, it is an article that certainly should not be inbibed, and the teetotal person who aims at stopping the "traffic" with no intention of putting an end to, or even diminishing the consumption, is a hypocrite of the most contemptible kind. He seeks to obtain credit in the sight of gods and men for destroying an evil, while he knows that he is only fostering that evil. If there is one thing more than another that is patent in Ashburton just now, it is the fact that the consumption of drink is greater than it was before the stupid fanatical party shut up the public houses. The prohibitionists do not deny this, and if they were to do so they would be contradicting their oft-repeated argument that it was of no use to maintain no-license in the King Country unless the Government took the most stringent measures to prevent liquor finding its way into that territory. Though we do not believe that clause 9 would have any more effect than the simple suppression of licenses, the position is not changed by that. The duty of a prohibitionist who is a real and not a sham member of the Teetotal Church is to destroy the Devil who lives in the Bottle, and he should never cease from his pious labours until he has compelled the Government to exhaust the military resources of the country in his behalf. If he is afraid of clause 9 because he thinks (and rightly so) that it will lead the mass of the people to exercise their common sense and do justice to their fellows, then he is in the position of the party who cut off his nose to spite his face. In any case he is a fraud and a delusion and a snare of the first water. For the sake of this contemptible being the Government and Parliament of this colony have been engaged in turning some of its fairest portions into veritable Tom Tiddler's grounds of sin and corruption. How long is Mr Facing-Both-Ways to be allowed to boss the show?

In our issue of the 14th inst. appeared a paragraph, quoted from an exchange, to the effect that Foster's Hotel, Wanganui, was likely to change hands shortly. Mr W. H. G. Foster writes to say that there is no truth in the rumour, to which we regret having given currency.

Trade Topics

Visitors to the Cathedral City will do well to look up the Carlton Hotel, situated at the corner of North Belt and Papanui Road. The Carlton, which is one of the oldest institutions of Christchurch, has recently been entirely rebuilt in brick and stone, and now offers accommodation of the most modern and luxurious kind. Mr Davy, the proprietor, has overlooked nothing in his determination to make patrons of the house thoroughly comfortable. The Carlton is close to the centre of business, at the same time pleasantly and healthily situated. Attached to the hotel is a commodious stable, with a groom in charge.

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The Masonic Hotel, at Waitara, maintains, under the care of the present licensee, Mr Smyth, the high reputation it has always held. Recently the building has undergone a complete and thorough overhauling, and at the present time there are few country houses that can compare with it.

There has just passed the Norwegian Storting a licensing law which is probably unique in Europe, if not in the world, and which would exactly suit the "Public-House Trusts." It is based upon the Gothenburg system, is henceforward made applicable to all Norway, and enacts that henceforward individuals cannot hold licences, which will only be granted to limited companies. These will only be allowed to share a modest percentage of the profits, of which the major portion will be devoted to works of public utility. Manufacture and sale of low-class spirits are prohibited. The law only passed the Storting by a narrow majority, and its practical enforcement will be difficult, if not impossible.

There has just passed away in Scotland a retired member of the Trade whose death is keenly regretted. For many years the late Mr Alexander McGregor, who commenced his business life in his uncle's distillery, was one of the best-known hotel proprietors in the highlands. As far back as the seventies he became proprietor of the Invercauld Arms Hotel at Ballater and Braemar, which, owing to their proximity to the late Queen Victoria's highland home at Balmoral, were patronised largely by the nobility; in fact, few men in Scotland came into closer contact with members of Her Majesty's Court. His pleasant and frank demeanour won him many friends, and his success in life must have exceeded his most ardent expectations. He leaves two married daughters and two sons, the eldest of whom is the popular proprietor of the Great Western Hotel at Oban. Mr McGregor had reached the advanced age of seventy-six.

PROHIBITION IN ASHBURTON.

A South Canterbury journal has been permitted to make extracts from a letter written to a friend by the branch manager of a bank in Ashburton. The writer says:—"There is no getting away from the fact that very little drunkenness is visible in the streets of Ashburton now, but it does not follow that drinking has decreased in Ashburton under no-license, and I have been informed, upon reliable authority, that more drink is now imported than what previously was stocked. Agents have told me that in farmhouses where drink was never seen before, it is now always kept, and I know in several private houses where it was only occasionally kept formerly are

now never without it. It is far preferable, in my opinion, to have six licensed houses in the town under police supervision than about twenty or thirty unlicensed houses, where drink is obtainable, and in many instances of most inferior quality. I am informed, as regards the club, that under its rules the membership is limited to about six hundred, and there are fewer members now than formerly but the membership is close upon the minimum number. The reason is that the club is most particular what new members are elected, but if its membership was thrown open promiscuously, I dare say one thousand members could be obtained in a few weeks. Anyone who shows the slightest sign of drink is straightway blocked and service refused, and if it is repeated probably suspension from a week to a year takes place. If it were otherwise our charter would not be worth the paper it is written on, and would be cancelled at once. The prohibitionists are watching the club like a cat does a mouse, and if they had the slightest chance would report to the Colonial Secretary with a view to cancelling our charter. Any new arrival in the district has no difficulty in becoming a member so long as he is respectable and can conduct himself properly. As regards the building trade, a builder informed me last week that it is very slack to what it was twelve months ago, which may or may not be the result of no-license. It is very difficult to draw an accurate conclusion as to the cause, but building has, like other trades, ups and downs. Trade has not improved, and travellers inform me that they in many instances have to remain here longer than formerly to send away anything like a decent order to their houses. There are retail tradesmen in this town who voted no-license that would now vote the other way had they the chance at the present time, their business having so fallen off. In a few individual cases I can understand a slight improvement in business, but, taking it all through, there is a noticeable falling off, and I am afraid we are only just commencing to feel it."

THE LIQUOR QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.

PROPOSALS OF THE TRADE.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

A deputation of members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association waited on the Premier on Thursday, at Wellington, in reference to licensing matters. The proposals put before the Premier were as follows:—

- (1) Colonial poll to be taken every nine years, to be decided by a majority of three-fifths of the electors on the roll.
- (2) Payment of compensation.
- (3) Elimination of the reduction vote.
- (4) Failing national option, increasing the length of time between the local option polls.
- (5) Making eleven o'clock the statutory hour for closing.

(6) Bringing clubs and refreshment-rooms under the Licensing Act.

(7) Appointment of a Bench of magistrates for the present elective committees.

(8) Making it penal for persons to have alcohol in their possession in prohibition districts.

The Premier, in reply, said there was no authority for the alleged forecast of the Licensing Bill published throughout the colony. The intentions of the Government could be gauged from the Bill introduced last session. The law should now be altered so that the will of the people would not be defeated through the voiding of polls on a mere technicality. Some provision should be made for dealing with local option polls as was done in the case of disputed Parliamentary elections. By the working of the law in regard to reduction an injustice had resulted. The Bill introduced last session provided to correct this. The lack of discretionary power being given to magistrates in dealing with endorsements had led to a great amount of perjury. He was convinced of the necessity of giving discretionary power in this direction. In reference to Clause 9, the no-license no-liquor provision of last year's Bill, Mr Seddon said it had been called a joke, but he was never more serious than when he submitted it to Parliament. He believed if the question was put to every elector when voting, "License or no-license" and whether liquor was to come into his district, an interesting decision would be given. Where no-license was carried in any district, no club charter should be allowed to continue. In regard to compensation he did not think Parliament would for a moment entertain the question of making such payments. His view regarding committees was that the magisterial bench or a judicial bench was much better than one composed of avowed partisans. On the subject of national and local option polls his views remained unaltered. He held that if the Legislative Council had passed the last Bill sent up from the House most of the trouble of the past few years would have been avoided. He hoped the measure would be acceptable to all parties in the House and for the good of the people.

The special correspondent of the "Herald" wired on Thursday:—"The event of the week in politics has been the deputation that waited on the Premier regarding the Licensing Bill. It was representative of the liquor trade of New Zealand, from Auckland to the Bluff, and it filled the Sydney Street Hall, so that there must have been fully 400 persons in attendance. Even the cordial manufacturers were represented. Mr Seddon, who was detained in the House, kept the deputation waiting for half-an-hour, but nevertheless, when he made his appearance, he was greeted with a hearty round of applause.

Mr Louison, M.L.C., of Christchurch, was the first speaker, and, at considerable length, he went into the grievances of those engaged in the liquor trade. He made a point in regard to the reduction of licenses as the result of the local option polls. This, he contended, was one of the most unfair provisions of the Act,

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and however necessary it might have been years ago, when it was agreed to, it was entirely unnecessary now.

Here Mr Seddon interjected: "Do you want to know the real reason of that clause, because, if you do, I will give it to you. I think there were about twenty-seven prohibitionists in Parliament." (Laughter.)

"I sincerely hope, sir," retorted Mr Louisson, "that they are all alive and well now," whereupon the laughter was renewed.

During the course of his remarks Mr Louisson made a strong indictment in regard to the condition of affairs now obtaining at Ashburton. At the present time, he said, it was possible to get as much drink there as one wished. There was more liquor being sold there than ever there was under license. He said he was speaking from absolute knowledge. There were labourers' cottages, where the men went out to do their daily work, and the wife bought a bottle of whisky for 5s, and retailed it for about 14s. (Hear, Hear, and applause.) It was not the ordinary sly grog-selling, for the place was honeycombed with sly-grog shops, and you could get as much drink as you liked there. After prohibition had been in force for some time the newspapers had sent down reporters to ascertain the state of affairs, and the sergeant in charge (a most efficient officer) had stated that, in his opinion, there was little or no sly grog-selling. Yet, within three months, they had 25 prosecutions in one day, and from 12 to 15 convictions. "Now, sir," added the speaker, "that is a nice state of society in a democratic country like this," referring to the fact that though 5000 of the voters in Ashburton could not legally buy drink, there were 600 others who could get all they wanted at the club. "Now, if we are going to have prohibition," added Mr Louisson, "let us have it." (Applause.) This state of things is a scandal to the country and to Parliament. (Renewed applause.) In every district where no-license is carried the same thing will exist, until there is an alteration in the law.

Mr G. L. Denniston, as representing the wholesale wine and spirit merchants of Dunedin, dealt with the question of compensation, and as to the advisability of substituting magistrates for the present licensing committees. The latter suggestion was received with loud applause.

Mr Bastings, of Invercargill, in a vehement oratorical effort, denounced the prohibitionists as "These new fanatics, who are endeavouring to oust us out of our houses and homes," a statement that was greeted with cheering. Under the present persecutions, he said, they were not treated as free men. He objected to

respectable men, who had made the country, being hounded down by the police. (Cheering.) He described a dinner given to Mr Justice Chapman in Invercargill. It was found impossible to get a permit to extend the hour beyond ten o'clock. The result was that at that hour the lights had to be turned out. In a rousing peroration, he said they were, to a great extent, themselves to blame for the position they were now in, and he urged his hearers to bestir themselves, and not to allow these people (the prohibitionists) to rob them of their rights and their property. Mr Bastings resumed his seat amidst loud and continued cheering and the waving of hats.

Mr Paul, of New Plymouth, also spoke. In concluding, he urged Mr Seddon to endeavour to see his way to grant them some remedy. "For Gods knows," he added, "we want it." (Loud applause.)

Mr Seddon, who was greeted with another round of applause, in replying, spoke for an hour. He made it clear that there would be an alteration in the law in regard to voided polls through technicalities, such as had occurred at Newtown. He also agreed that great unfairness and injustice had occurred through the carrying of reduction of licenses. In this matter the Government had not yet come to any definite conclusion. In reference to clause 9, he never was more serious in his life than when he submitted to Parliament clause 9 of the Bill of last session. (Cheers.) He pointed out that clause 33 of Mr McNab's Bill of 1893, and section 7 of Mr Taylor's Bill of the same year, both contained a similar provision. Indeed, in comparison with Mr McNab's clause, his clause was milder itself. (Cheers.) Moreover, the prohibitionists had urged him, as late as last year, to provide for total prohibition in the King Country. They should apply the same principle to all districts where no-license was carried. In regard to Mr Louisson's statements about Ashburton the question arose, Were the police doing their duty, and should the law be set at defiance? If what had been stated was true the police officer in charge there must have been obvious to what was going on around him. Either that, or he had been misrepresented as to what he had stated. It would be his duty to refer the matter to the Minister for Justice. They should see that their laws were observed. Referring to the club there, he said they ought to place these clubs under the same laws as public-houses. (Loud cheering.) When no-license was carried in any district, he said there should be no clubs. He would go even further, and say that all licenses should be subject to the will of the people. (Loud applause.) He made it clear that there would also be provision in the Bill for

compensation. He agreed with Mr Bastings that the trade had brought a great deal of their troubles upon themselves. They did very little, but the other side were always influencing public opinion and the electors. He asked what were they doing. (A voice: "Looking on.") He pointed out that they had a free press, and a free platform, and it was their business, not his, to protect their interests. Before concluding, he made it clear that there would also be provision in this year's Bill to severely punish servants who sold drink to children or persons the worse for liquor in violation of the orders given them. This announcement was received with loud applause. In reference to his health, he said he had come to the conclusion that he would not trouble the country with a Licensing Bill. However, there was a good prospect now of his going on with it. The Bill would be brought down in a few days, and he hoped to get it through.

Mr Seddon having been thanked for his courtesy, the deputation dispersed, evidently very favourably impressed with the Premier's reply, one man remarking, "It's a very different tone from last year, isn't it?"

general election; Clause 11, relating to increasing license where population has suddenly increased; Clause 14, which proposed to add Mayors and County Chairmen to Committees; Clause 18, giving Magistrates discretionary power in the matter of endorsement of licenses, and 33, limiting the power of Committees to enforce improvements on hotels to more than £3000. The omissions, our contemporary affirms, are sops to the Temperance Party, but ones not likely to be gratefully accepted by them in view of the retention of the objectionable Clause 9, which declares that it shall be unlawful in a no-license district for any person to be in possession of any liquor other than wine for religious purposes, or liquor for medicinal scientific or manufacturing purposes. When the second reading comes on the Bill will not be made a party question, but will be practically thrown upon the floor of the House, and the Premier will mentally exclaim, "Up dogs, and at it!"

PROHIBITION AND LIBERTY.

(Melbourne "Brewers' Journal.")

It is hardly likely that the Prohibition battle will be fought during the lives of the present Australian Parliaments, either Federal or State. There are many subjects which will occupy political attention exclusively for some years, as it is now apparent to every thinker that in Australia we have come to the "parting of the ways." It is, therefore, an imperative duty on the various associations connected with the trade that they should educate the people who, as voters, hold their existence in the hollow of their hands. They have time enough to do so, but we cannot congratulate them on the use they have made of their opportunities hitherto. It is not the time for ad misericordiam appeals, which will not be listened to because they will inevitably be regarded as coming from a self-interested source, and, therefore, as of suspicious bona-fides.

And yet it is plain that the battle the trade must fight will be for freedom as much as that which Pym, Hampden, and Vane, and their great contemporaries, fought against the Stuarts three hundred years ago. The tyranny of a many-headed democracy is no less iniquitous than that of a one-headed autocrat, although it may be more plausibly defended. A man claims the right of having the direction of his own life, and denies the justice of any man or men changing the conditions of existence for him. This is just what the teetotal faddists want to do. In their superlative wisdom they want to rectify the conditions of existence imposed on mankind

THE NEW LICENSING BILL, ACCORDING TO PIRANI.

Considerable interest naturally centres in the probable character of the Licensing Bill which has been promised this session, and also as to when it is likely to be brought down by the Premier. It has not yet been circulated, and the Premier is reticent as to its provisions, but for all that the Petone "Chronicle," Mr Pirani's organ, says it is in a position to state what the measure will embrace and what will be omitted from the clauses of the Bill of last session. Apart from the machinery provisions of the Bill, it will comprise the following clauses:—9—No license, no liquor. 16—Limitation of number of bars, three being the maximum for a house of upwards of thirty rooms. 17—Abolition of bottle licenses. 22—Prevention of removal of lapsed licenses. 23—Penalising licensees for supplying liquor to youths under eighteen years of age. 24—Making it an offence against any person who sends a child for liquor. 25—Persons found on licensed premises after closing hours to be punished. 27—Penalty for permitting gambling on licensed premises. 28—Prohibiting the use of injurious materials in liquor. 30—Making it unlawful for landlord to receive any consideration for his consent to a transfer of license. 31—Clubs liable to inspection. 34—Prevention of tied houses. The omissions from the Bill of last year will include Clause 16, which provided for the taking of a poll at every alternate

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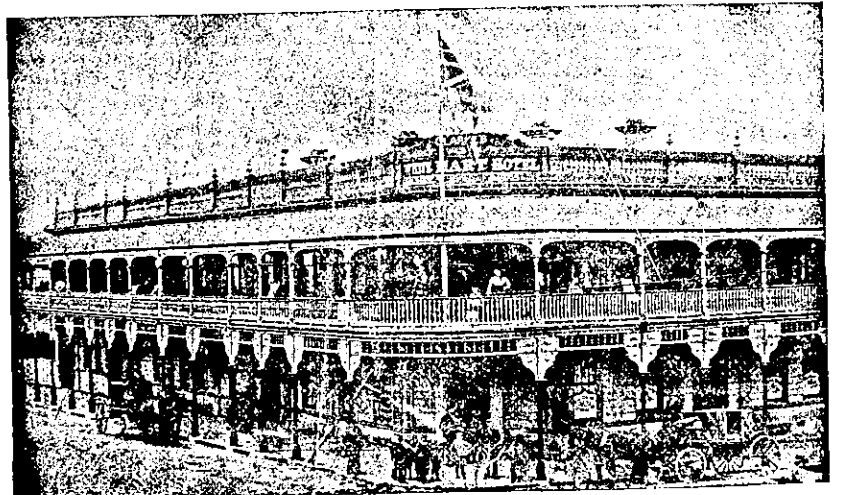
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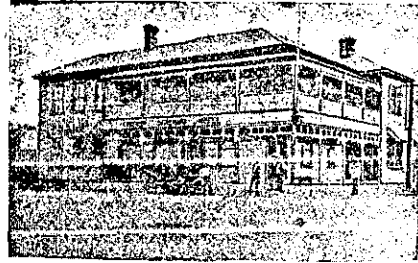
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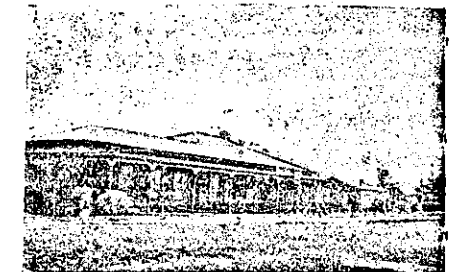
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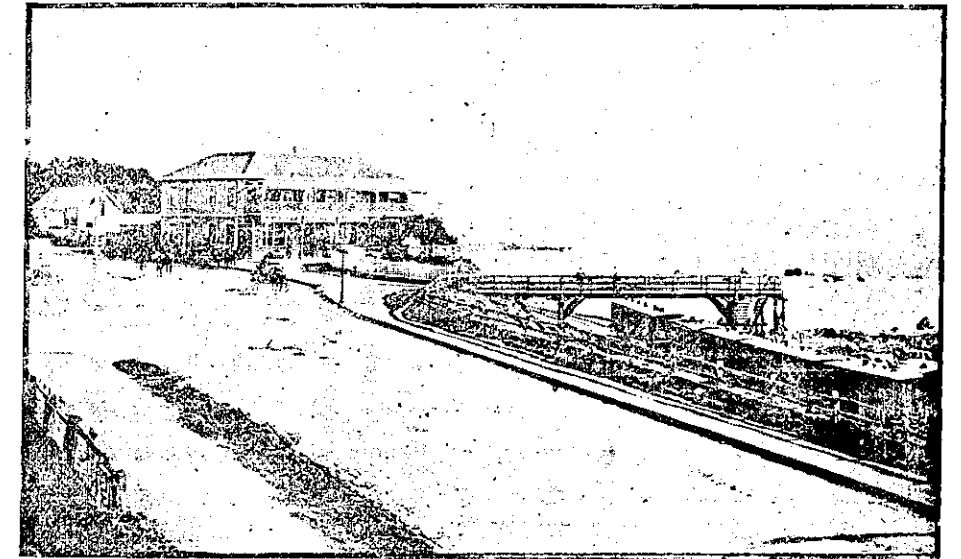
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CASTE AMONG DRUNKS.

(Napier "Telegraph.")

The colony has been making experiments in regard to what are styled "Inebriate Homes." These appear to be places where habitual drunkards of a "select" type are accorded all the comforts of home, as the boarding-house prospectus sometimes puts it, largely at the cost of the people of New Zealand. An idea of the situation may be gained from a statement in the Premier's Budget address. It is that while these homes for high-class drunkards have cost the colony £14,720 19s 1d, the receipts in the shape of moneys collected to pay for the accommodation provided amount to no more than £1549 7s 11d. That is to say, the experiments with high-class drunkards have cost the people of the colony so far over thirteen thousand pounds. The result is failure so pronounced, so grotesquely nil from the point of view of "drunk" reformation, that even those whose hobby was the establishment of such homes have been compelled to acknowledge it. The Premier puts it this way:—"Our first experiment has not, I regret to say, been a success." He is quite right. It is a pity he was not a little more emphatic. The experiment has been a failure in lock, stock, and barrel, in web and in woof, from centre to circumference—a failure so ghastly in its unredeemed bareness that it would be impossible even to laugh at it were it not for one truly comical aspect of the situation. It is that which provides us with caste among drunkards. There are some drunkards so refined, it appears, that although they make beasts of themselves if permitted to be at large, and although they are not ashamed to be supported in a State temperance hotel at chiefly the cost of other people, they are highly indignant if called upon to share this accommodation with unrefined drunkards. One would have thought that when a man or woman had reached such a pitch of degradation through drink that he or she had to be kept in custody, the he or she of the case would be a "patient" only, on a level with all other patients requiring similar treatment.

It is not to be assumed that we refuse to recognise grades in drunkards. That would be stupid. A man who till he be-

came a dipsomaniac possessed gentlemanly instincts, and who possibly if kept from indulgence in liquor might still manifest them, could with reason object to have forced upon him the company of a blackguard suffering from a similar disease. Yet even this has to be accepted with limitations. In our gaols there is only one caste. It is that of the prisoner. In State-supported homes for inebriates there should be only an inebriate caste. Those who are, as drunkards, so refined as to be squeamish about the fellow patients they associate with, should pay for their accommodation in institutions open only to that class of inebriates. As an alternative they can keep sober, and so be able to choose their own company. As it is, the experiment so far of providing refined drunkards with excellent accommodation in the shape of board and lodging, with servants to wait upon them, and doctors to take their temperatures periodically, stands as under:—

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—The State pays the larger sum, the refined drunkards the smaller. The question becomes of the more importance when we remember that Magistrates have been placed in difficult positions when having before them unfortunate persons considered proper subjects for treatment in an institution for the cure of inebriety. The Magistrate so placed hesitates about committing because he has heard of those refined drunkards who are maintained partly at the expense of the State, and of their objections to unrefined drunkards eating and sleeping in the same establishment with them. One Magistrate, who deserves the thanks of all decent people for the proper stand he took, decided to ignore the objections of the refined drunkards. He sent an unrefined drunkard up for treatment. Hence the Premier has to take notice of the situation, and he does so by saying that he cannot think of allowing two classes of patients in the one home. But he does not mean by this what we think he ought to mean. He is not stating the view that if the State establishes and maintains a reformatory for the cure of drunkards, to be a drunkard requiring cure should be the one reason for admission to such an institution. Quite the contrary. He wants to see habitual drunkards of the select type—the "drunk"

aristocracy, so to speak—he would have homes which this class could voluntarily enter or to which they could be sent on the application of their friends. There is something to be said for this, but only on condition that the refined drunkards who want better curative treatment than is granted to unrefined drunkards should pay the full cost of the special treatment given.

THE ENGLISH LICENSING BILL.

(London "L.V. Gazette," June 10.)

The first round of the fight over the Licensing Bill in Committee has resulted in favour of the Government. The Opposition, who have all along displayed a viciousness that was explained, if not entirely excused, by the knowledge of the hopelessness of their cause, now betray bad temper. And yet the rejection of the time-limit proposal was wholly due to their bad generalship and zealous impetuosity. The teetotal members, led by Mr Kuropatkin Ellis Griffiths and Mr Alexieff Whittaker commenced their grand assault at the wrong end of the campaign. Instead of getting all the inconsiderable trifles of detail adjusted, and then uniting their forces upon the crucial and seriously debatable point in the Bill they charged recklessly, aggressively, hysterically upon the main position at the very outset, with, we trust, irremediable injurious results to their cause.

Mr Ellis Griffith's first motion to insert at the beginning of clause 1 the words, "During the period of seven years after the passing of this Act," provoked the ruling of the chairman that the time-limit question thrust thus early into the discussion applied to, and governed, every clause in the Bill. Compensation is only one subject of the measure. There are others, including the constitution and procedure of the licensing tribunals, and each and all of these proposals must come into line with the compensation clause in the matter of a time-limit. The Opposition were under the impression that their restrictive amendments could be applied to each clause separately and independently of every other paragraph, and they learned with amazed dismay that the question of putting a fixed period upon the operations of one of the Government's clauses dominated the whole Bill. Consequently the

question once raised had to be dealt with summarily, and decided beyond appeal. It could not be reintroduced into the discussion at any subsequent stage—unless the House allowed the original amendment to be withdrawn.

There were, as a matter of assured fact, a number of Unionist members who were in favour of a time-limit if the operation of it was restricted to the raising and payment of compensation; but they would not consent to the reconstruction of the proposed adjustment of the magisterial authority at the expiry of any fixed period. The support of these members would be lost unless the two issues of compensation and licensing control were treated separately, and the Opposition, recognising the untenable position into which they had blundered, asked for permission to withdraw their fatal amendment. The supporters of the Bill, emphatically and with perfect ill-declined to accede to this request. Their object was to get the Bill through Committee as it came into it, without a time-limit clause, and the opportune mismanagement of the Opposition had rendered it possible to achieve this end much more easily than they had dared to hope or expect. They naturally declined to weakly abandon the advantage they had gained, and the Opposition only made themselves appear illogical and ridiculous by denouncing their decision as mean, underhand, tricky, disreputable, &c., &c., &c.

Another mortifying result of this unlooked-for reverse is that by thus throwing away the right to waste the time of the House by repeating ad nauseum their arguments in favour of a time-limit in connection with every clause of the Bill, their potentiality for obstruction is seriously affected. Mr Balfour quietly accepted the benefit of the blunder. He was convinced that any time-limit would be incompatible with the general scope of the Bill, and he had gained his point with the saving of much valuable time and nervous energy. The reasons adduced by the Prime Minister are reasons that had been frequently and fully expounded in these columns. If a time-limit were to be fixed it would be in the interests of all license-holders to have their houses closed and receive their mead of compensation before the time arrived when they might be deprived of their licenses without the payment of a solatium in any



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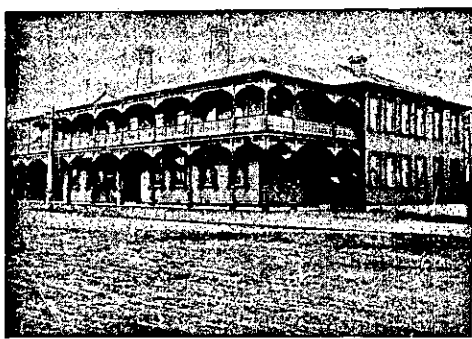
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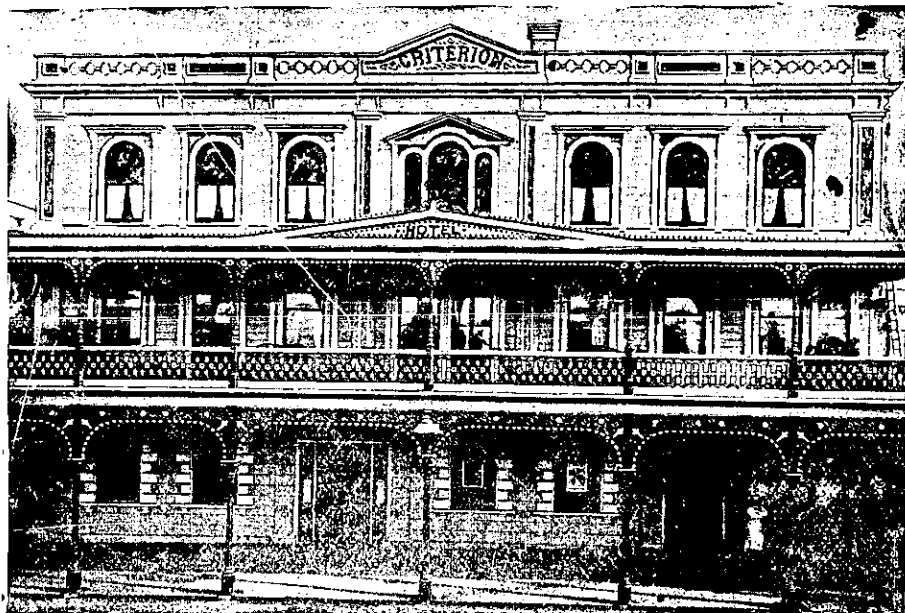


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form. It would mean that every publican would have to put into kitty, and the lucky ones would be the people who participated in the fund thus raised.

The main contention urged by Mr Balfour, and which we have always held to be irrefutable, is expressed in his pertinent question: What is the lapse of time that will take away the equitable right to compensation which in view of the great majority of the House the present licensed holders now possess? So long as they provide their own funds for compensation purposes the equitable rights are, to our mind, beyond dispute. As it was pointed out, if the local authorities do their duty under the powers which the passing of this Bill will give them, the number of public-houses within the next fifteen or twenty years will not be in excess of the requirements of any district. Here, of course, we recognise the reason of the Opposition to obtain a reversion of their old powers at the expiry of a set number of years. In the ordinary, and proposed, course of things, when the superfluous houses have been eliminated the survivors will be unmolested except for infringement of the legal regulations governing their conduct. When there is no excuse but blind prejudice for further deprivations is the very time when, more than any other, the enemies of the Trade wish to have a free hand.

Despite the strategic reverse which the Opposition have suffered, the Radical Press declares that the true friends of temperance reforms can still put up a tough fight, and they must not allow this initial defeat to discourage them. And they proceed to demolish Mr Balfour's arguments to their own entire satisfaction. "If there is a moral right to compensation at all," the Premier declared, "there is surely as good a right at the end of any time specified." But the truth is," says the "Daily News" with illuminating artlessness, "there is no right to compensation at all, either legal or moral." To which we can only ask in reply, Why does the Opposition desire to give to publicans for a period of years a privilege that they have no legal or moral right to? Like Mark Antony, we pause a reply, and, like the Roman statesman, we shall probably be a no-limit time in getting it!

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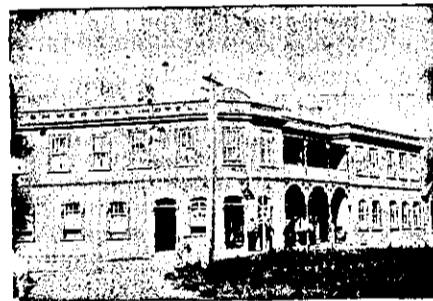


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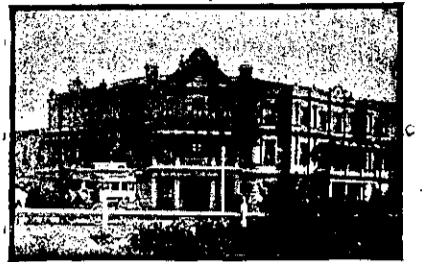
G. CLARK desires to intimate that he has taken over the above Long-Established House, which has been rebuilt on the latest and most approved plans, so as to combine with the attractions of a First-Class Hotel all the advantages of a private home. His aim will be to maintain the Historic Popularity of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

QUEEN'S HOTEL

(Corner of Symond Street and Khyber Pass.)

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

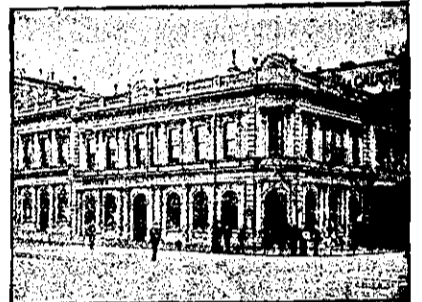
VICTOR CORNAGA,
QUEEN'S HOTEL,
Symond Street and Khyber Pass.



ESPLANADE HOTEL,
DEVONPORT.

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

Special Terms can be arranged with the Proprietor, E. H. WHITE, for FAMILIES or PERMANENT BOARDERS. BILLIARDS, BOATING, FISHING, etc.



UNITED SERVICE HOTEL.
CORNER QUEEN AND WELLESLEY-STREETS

MRS S. COOMBS PROPRIETRESS.

Mrs Coombs, late of the British Hotel, having taken over the above well-known and popular Hotel, trusts she may receive a fair share of public patronage.

BEST BRANDS OF LIQUORS KEPT.



CENTRAL HOTEL, DARGAVILLE.

Wines and Spirits of Choicest Brands.
Excellent Sample Room for Commercial Travellers.
Private Sitting Rooms and Billiard Room.
Also Well-Lighted Hall to accommodate 800.
Horses and Traps for Hire.

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SETTLERS' HOTEL, WHANGAREI

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

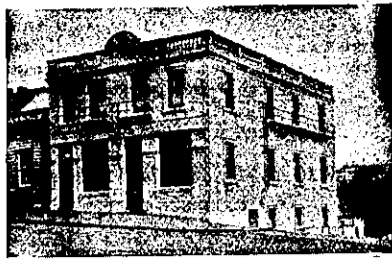
D. McLEOD Proprietor.



STAR HOTEL, OTAHUHU

W. ABBOTT Proprietor.
The Best Wines, Spirits, Beers, and Cigars. Comfort of a Home, and a Good Table kept. Reasonable, and Civilly the Rule of the House. Moderate Stables. Good Paddock. Billiard

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.



FITZROY HOTEL
(CORNER OF SYMOND-STREET AND WAKEFIELD-STREET.)

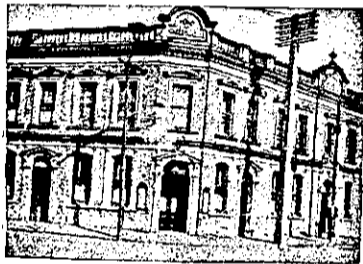
J. WELBORN ... Proprietor
(Late of the Central and Star Hotels).
Secombe's XXXX Sparkling Ales and Stouts on draught also bottled Ales and Stout (Lion Brand).
Wines and Spirits (of all brands) of the highest quality.
Comfortable Smoke-room.
Family orders receive prompt attention.
Telephone No. 1468.



CRITERION HOTEL
PAEROA.

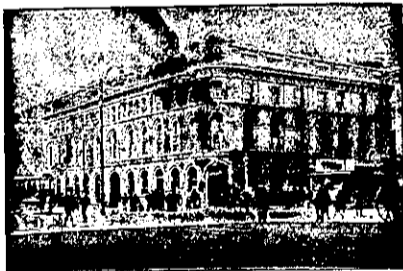
JOHN EDWARDS ... Proprietor.

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



CARLTON CLUB HOTEL,
NEWMARKET.

This well-built and admirable Hotel, situated corner Khyber Pass and Manukau Road, is fitted up with all the latest conveniences. First-class Billiard Table. Hancock's Imperial Bottle and XXX always on Draught. Wines and Spirits of all Brands of the Highest Quality. Family Orders receive prompt attention.
EDWARD BLAIR ... Proprietor.



THAMES HOTEL,
CORNER OF
QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS,
AUCKLAND.

Commercial and Family Hotel. First class Accommodation. Day and Night Porter. Terms Moderate. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Telephone No. 860.
H. LUKS ... Proprietor.

QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL,
VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

J. T. GRAY

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

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

MARINE HOTEL, HOWICK.

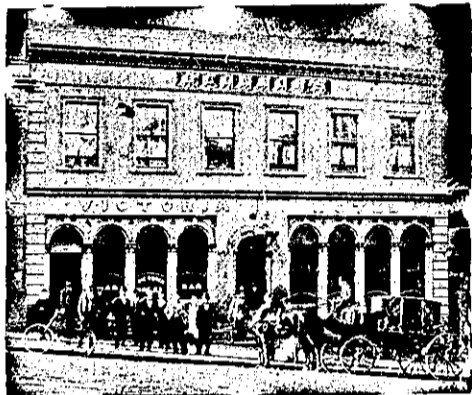
JAMES A. HAWKINS desires to intimate that he has taken over the above House, which has been repainted and decorated throughout. Visitors will find every home comfort, while the position of the house and grounds is unequalled in the Colony. Terms have been fixed on a most moderate scale, and no effort will be spared to make visitors' stay most enjoyable. Sea Bathing, Fishing, etc. Only one hour's journey from Auckland.
First-class accommodation for Visitors.
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands Only.
Trains twice daily from Auckland.
Excellent Stabling.
HAWKINS ... Proprietor.



IMPERIAL HOTEL,
FORT STREET, AUCKLAND.

A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and Telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone Exchange. Sample Rooms. Private Bar. Thos. Cook & Son's Coupons accepted.

MRS PEARCE ... Proprietress.



VICTORIA HOTEL,
VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Visitors. Splendid Billiard Table and Appointments.
T. B. O'CONNOR ... Proprietor.

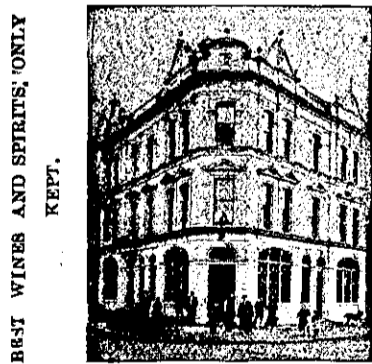


PRINCE OF WALES' HOTEL,
HOBSON-STREET, AUCKLAND.

S. F. HEDLUND

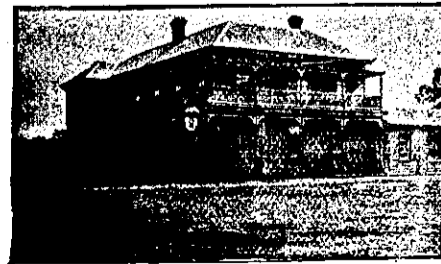
Every Home Comfort for Visitors. Charges Moderate. BILLIARDS! BILLIARDS!
Campbell and Ehrenfried's XXXX Ale on Draught. The Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

EVERY COMFORT FOR BOARDERS & TOURISTS



MARKET HOTEL,
AUCKLAND.

J. T. McHUGH ... Proprietor



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PAEROA.

J. H. MOOR ... Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers and Tourists. Cheapest rates in the district, 4s 6d per day, and Cuisine cannot be surpassed. Wines and Spirits of the best brands only kept in stock. Coaches pass the door for all surrounding districts.



WINDSOR CASTLE HOTEL,
Manukau Road, Parnell.

T. LOUGHMAN

Has taken over this First-class Hotel. Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept.

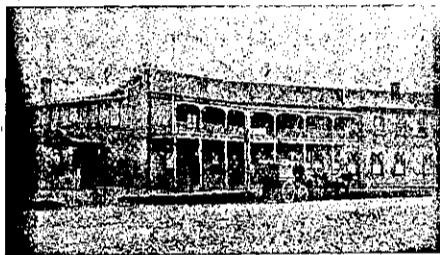
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BRITISH HOTEL,
CORNER OF
QUEEN ST. AND DURHAM ST.

THOS. BUXTON ... Proprietor.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES OF THE BEST BRANDS.

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



WAIHI HOTEL,
WAIHI.

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

H. E. MEYER ... Licensee.

RISING SUN HOTEL,
KARANGAHAPE ROAD,

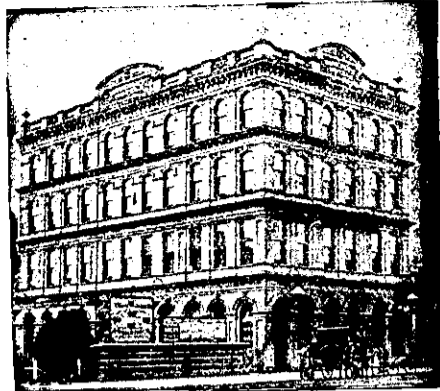
J. C. DUNN, long and favourably known at Onehunga in connection with hotel-keeping, wishes to announce that he has taken over the Rising Sun Hotel, Karangahape Road, where he hopes to see all his old and new friends, who may pass his way.
Superior Accommodation for Boarders.

Maungaturoto Hotel,
MAUNGATUROTO.

TOM FOLEY, PROPRIETOR.

Having taken possession of this Hotel, I shall be pleased to see all my old friends and customers. First-class Accommodation for travellers. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands.

TOM FOLEY,
PROPRIETOR.



WAVERLEY HOTEL,
QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

Near Railway Station, Tram Terminus, The Wharf, and 'Bus Stands. First-class Table d'Hote. Conveyance meets Steamers and Trains. Tariff: 7s. per day; 22 2s. per week. Telephone 370. This Hotel has a beautiful view of the Harbour.
MAURICE O'CONNOR ... Proprietor.



TALISMAN HOTEL, KATIKATI.

C. F. WIGLEY (late Steward on the s.s. Taniwha).

PROPRIETOR.

Good Shooting, Fishing and Boating, Thermal Springs, Hot Natural and Swimming Baths within twenty minutes' drive of the Hotel, and an Ostrich Farm within two minutes' walk of the Hotel. Excellent Cuisine. This interesting Pleasure Resort is about two hours' drive from Waihi, and three and a-half from Tauranga. Livery and Bait Stables in conjunction with the Hotel.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL,
VULCAN LANE,

AUCKLAND.

THE SPORTING RENDEZVOUS.

J. W. RUSSELL ... Proprietor.

MANAKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF
QUEEN-STREET ONEHUNGA.

This Hotel is directly situated on the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for travellers either leaving or arriving from Wellington and the South via New Plymouth.

Good Accommodation and Table. Only the best brands of liquor kept. Stabling Boating and Fishing Parties arranged.
R. T. MICHAELS ... Proprietor.

NEWMARKET HOTEL,
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Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

Secombe's Sparkling Ale on Draught.



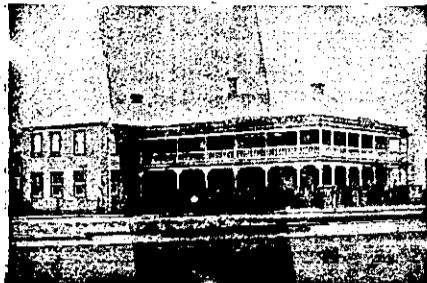
Harp of Erin Hotel
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GEORGE WRIGHT, Proprietor.

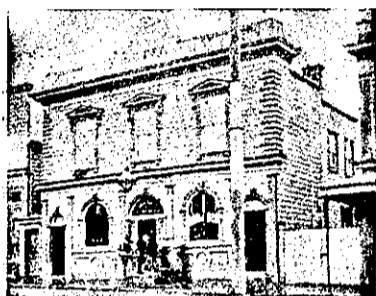
The Proprietor begs to intimate that the new house, which has been erected according to the most modern designs, and is replete with all the latest improvements, is now open for the accommodation of the Public. The stock of Liquors, etc. has been selected with care, and will be found to be of the very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

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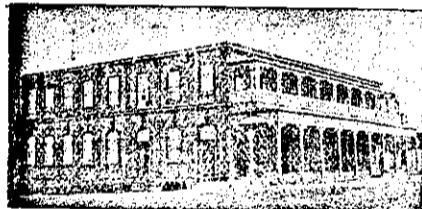
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 KARANGAHAPE ROAD, NEWTON.
 Opposite Ponsonby Reservoir.
 FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES
 AND SPIRITS.
 JAMES McLEOD Proprietor



WAI PA HOTEL
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 (Close to the Railway Station).
 Best Brands of Wines and Spirits only kept.
 FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
 Hot and Cold Baths. Good Billiard Table. Coach
 services for Waingaro Hot Springs twice a week.
 G. GUTHRIE Proprietor.



ALEXANDRA HOTEL
 MANUKAU ROAD, PARNELL.
 This well-built and admirably situated
 Hotel is fitted up with all the latest con-
 veniences
 First-class Billiard Table and Large
 Saloon.
 Best Brands of Wine and Spirits only
 kept.
 J. R. D. BAKER Proprietor.



GRAND HOTEL
 TE AROHA.
 Directly opposite the Sanatorium and com-
 manding the most Charming Prospect of the
 Domain.
 This New and Commodious Hotel is replete
 with every convenience requisite to the comfort
 of the travelling public.
 First-class Cuisine, Hot, Cold, and Shower
 Baths.
 Coaches attend all trains.
 Letters and telegrams promptly attended to.
 J. W. SHAW Proprietor.
 Late of Commercial Hotel Paeroa, and British
 Hotel, Auckland.

ROYAL HOTEL
 VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.
 PERCY ISAAC PROPRIETOR
 (Late Purser U.S.S. Co.).

TARIFF, from 8/6 per day.

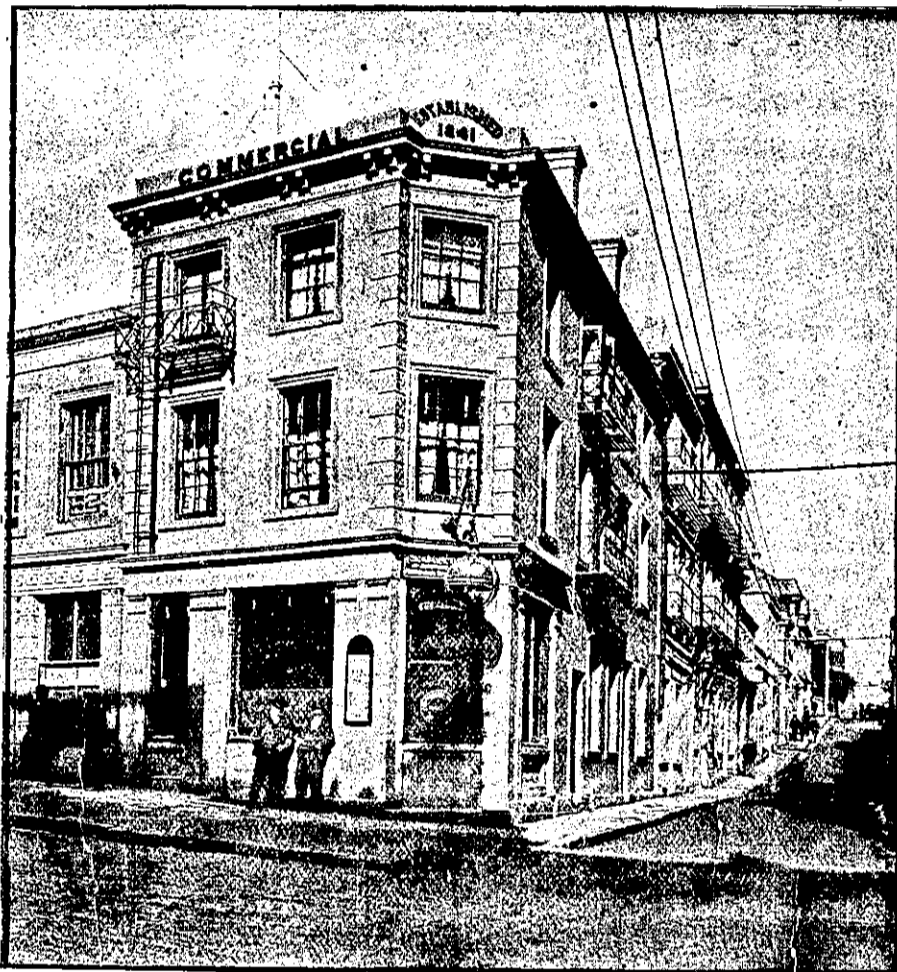
RAILWAY HOTEL,
 Mercer,
E. HALLETT,
 PROPRIETOR.

This Hotel is now replete with every comfort and con-
 veniences for the travelling public, it is close to the
 Railway Station, and all trains stay at Mercer twenty
 minutes.

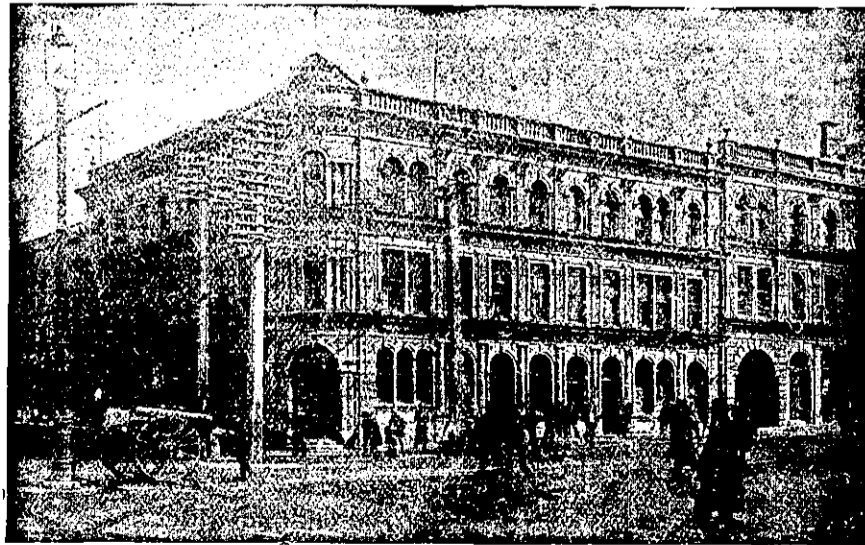
E. HALLETT, Proprietor Mercer
 Refreshment Rooms.



TELEPHONE 490. P.O. BOX 335.
CENTRAL HOTEL
 VICTORIA STREET EAST, AUCKLAND.
 J. W. SPEERS Manager.
 (Late of the Grand Hotel, Rotorua).



Kidd's Commercial Hotel
 S. J. ATKINS, Proprietor.
 SHORTLAND & HIGH STREETS.



WAI TEMATA HOTEL
 CORNER QUEEN & CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.
 Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.
 VISITORS WILL FIND EVERY COMFORT & CONVENIENCE.
JOHN ENDEAN, Proprietor.
 TELEPHONE NO. 589.



HOBSON HOTEL
 CORNER OF
 HOBSON AND VICTORIA STS.
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 Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.
 M. FOLEY Proprietor

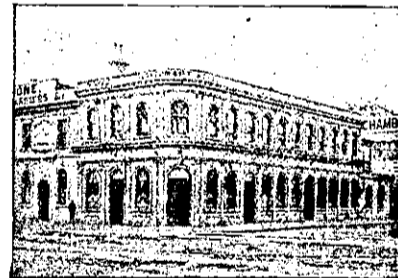


ROYAL & GEORGE HOTEL
 NEWMARKET.
 CHRIS. LEEK Proprietor

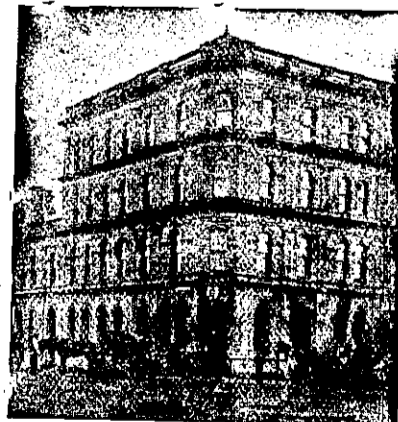
Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends
 that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been
 thoroughly renovated, and will afford excellent accom-
 modation for boarders and country visitors.
 Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes.
 Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
 Terms Moderate.



WHANGAREI HOTEL
 WHANGAREI.
 This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished
 in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation
 to the travelling public.
 Sample Room. Hot and Cold Baths.
 Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place.
 Stabling Second to None.
 Best Wines, Ales and Spirits Kept in Stock.
 SAMUEL McMAHON Proprietor



BRITOMART HOTEL
 CUSTOM STREET.
 BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES KEPT.
 WALTER DYER Proprietor



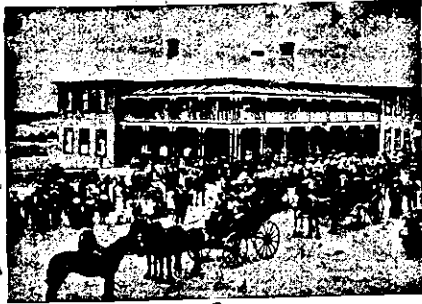
ALBION HOTEL
 CORNER OF
 HOBSON AND WELLESLEY STREETS.
 FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
 BILLIARD ROOM.
 J. MOLLOY Proprietor
 Telephone 438.

PAPAKURA HOTEL
 PAPAKURA.
 Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Your old
 friend Thos. McEwin has taken over the above Hotel
 and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accom-
 modation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.
 THOS. McEWIN Proprietor

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.



JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM. Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Mervin Racecourse and Alexandra Park Football Ground. WINES, SPIRITS & BEERS—BEST ONLY. Give me a Call— J. COTTEBALL, Proprietor



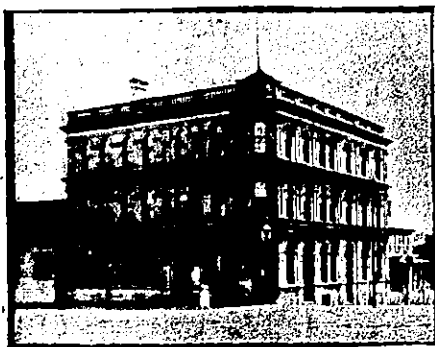
PALACE HOTEL, THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA, FRANK PILLING, Proprietor. OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS. COMMERCIAL SAMPLE ROOM. TELEGRAMS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLOURS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS. TARIFF 36s per Week, or 6s per Day. THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



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

THE TRAMWAY HOTEL, DRIVING CREEK COROMANDEL. Good Accommodation. Best Liquors. THOMAS ENWRIGHT (late of Thames and Auckland), PROPRIETOR.

GALCONDA HOTEL, COROMANDEL. J. LYNCH, PROPRIETOR. First class Accommodation for Visitors. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Every Comfort and Convenience.

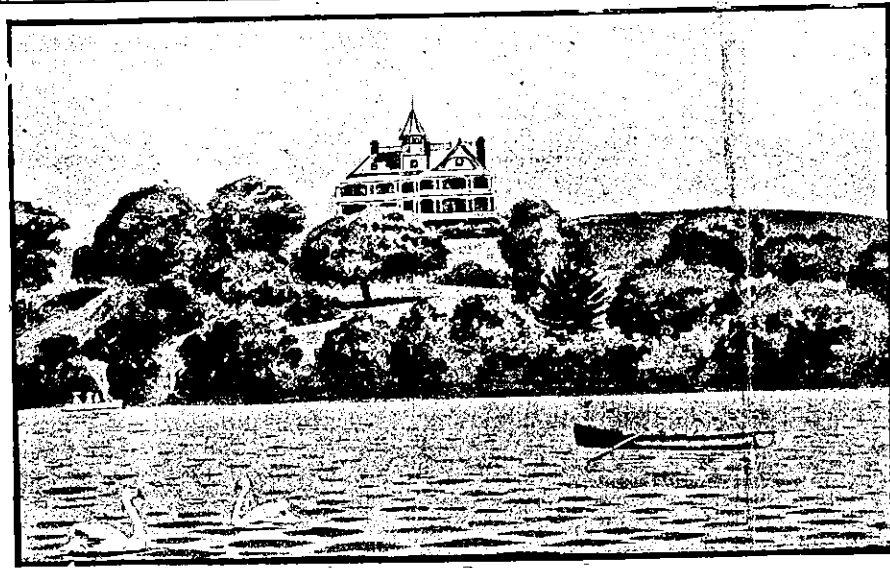


CITY HOTEL (CORNER OF VICTORIA AND HOBSON-STREETS, AUCKLAND) WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry) Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.



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

This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families. First-class Billiard Table. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only. TELEPHONE 1188. TERMS MODERATE.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

S. W. BUCK. SUFFOLK HOTEL, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

Having taken possession of the above Hotel, I shall be glad to see all my Old Friends and Customers. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only Billiards. S. W. BUCK, PROPRIETOR.

O WHAROA HOTEL, Main-street, Waikato. RALPH MONTGOMERY, Proprietor. RALPH MONTGOMERY (late Manager of the above Hotel) has taken it over on his own, and trusts to see all his old patrons. Extensive additions are now being made, and when complete the Hotel will be second to none in the district. Don't forget to call on RALPH MONTGOMERY.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGHAKE, ACROSS THE BRIDGE. MR P. CROSBY, PROPRIETOR. This is the best hotel in the district, is lighted up by electricity, and has the reputation of only keeping first-class ales and spirits. The table is excellent. Hot and Cold Baths always ready. Attached to the hotel is the well-known Lyceum Hall, which is also lighted up with electricity.

AURORA HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

MR SAMUEL SARAH Has taken over the management of this Hotel. Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept. S. SARAH, Proprietor.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE. POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON. Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes. McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer. E. WILSON, Proprietor.

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

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

POST OFFICE HOTEL, Main St. (opp. Post Office), Pahiataua. T. HENLEY (late of the Working Men's Club, Palmerston North) has taken over the above well-known Hostelry, which will now be up-to-date in all its appointments. Telephone connection. All Wines, Spirits and Ales guaranteed. Stabling accommodation. Terms moderate.

RAILWAY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT. (Three Minutes from Railway Station, and close to the Bellvue Gardens). Good Fishing and Shooting to be had within easy distance. TARIFF REASONABLE. BILLIARDS. Speight's Beer, and Choice Wines and Spirits. EXCELLENT STABLES AND PADDOCKS. J. CLULOW, Proprietor



THE CLUB HOTEL, CARTERTON. Has been taken possession of by MR AND MRS R. BUCKERIDGE, Late of Martinborough. Who have obtained the Freehold of this Hostelry. Being a Free House, none but the Best Ales and Spirits are kept. Speight's, Joe's, Strachan's, Staple's, and Manning's Beer always on tap. Meals and Beds a Speciality. An Up-to-date Billiard-room and Alcock's Billiard Table. The Travelling Public are requested to observe its close proximity to the Railway Station. THE CLUB HOTEL, Belvedere Road, Carterton.

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

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

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

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

CRITERION HOTEL, BULLS, BANGITIKEL. C. GIBSON, Proprietor. The Criterion Hotel, which has been long and favourably known, offers special inducements to the travelling public. The Cuisine being under the supervision of Mrs Gibson, those patronising the house can rest assured they sit down to a good table. The only house in Bulls selling SPEIGHT'S Sparkling Ales. The best of Wines and Spirits.

MASTERTON REFRESHMENT ROOMS. Trains remain at Station to enable Passengers to obtain Refreshments. Fresh Tea made for every train. Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches, Cakes, Confectionery. Best Brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, Cigars and Cigarettes. H. McMANAWAY, Proprietor.

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

WELLINGTON—Continued.



EMPIRE HOTEL, MASTERTON.

J. CRESS ... Proprietor. This popular house of call is under entirely new management...

EMPIRE HOTEL, FIELDING.

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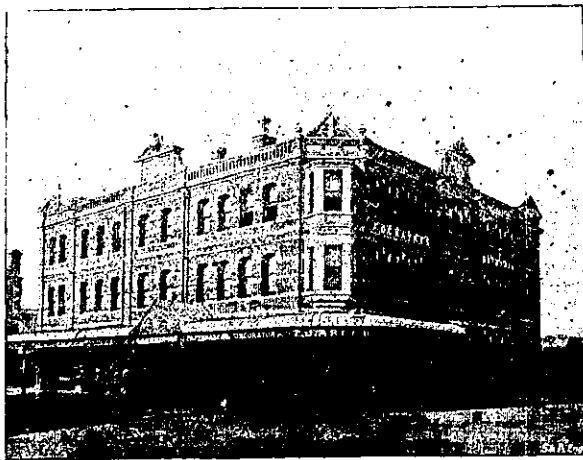
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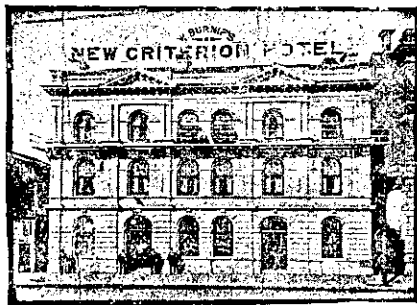
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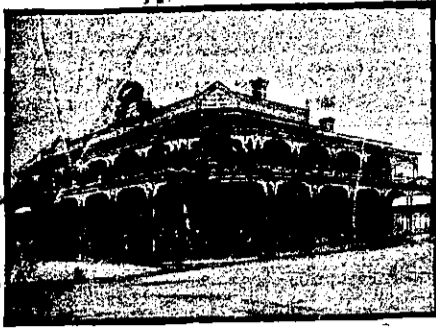
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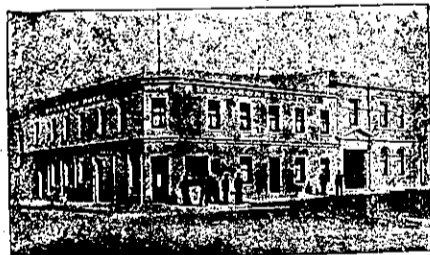
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