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FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12.30 o'clock.

President's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value, 80 sovs., or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance, 1 sovs, each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Great Northern Guineas of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st; geldings, 8st 7lb.; and fillies 8st 5lb. each. By subscription of 5 sovs. each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in September, 1904, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile.

Welcome Stakes of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts 8st 5lb; geldings 8st 2lb; fillies, 8st. Entrance 1 sovs., and 2 sovs. each at the post, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Manukau Hurdle Race (Handicap) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance, 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Shorts Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance, 1 sovs., and acceptance, 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb. penalty. Five furlongs.

City Handicaps of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Guineas to carry not less than 7st 7lb. Winner of any handicap after declaration of weights to carry 5lb. penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sovs; and acceptance, 1 sovs., each to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year olds and upwards. Entrance, 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb. penalty. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1904, HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Spring Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three year olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs. each to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Penrose Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance, 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Musket Stakes Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Birthday Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs., and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stake. For three year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Maiden Plate Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs., or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance, 1 sovs. each to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance, 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Epsom Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12.30 o'clock.

Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st 7lbs. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified, during the season of 1904 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has been in the hands of a licensed trainer since 1st September, 1904, or which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25 sovs. (Hunters' races excepted.) Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who are eligible as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses before the date on which handicaps appear. About three miles and a-half.

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

Ascot Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 85 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

Juvenile Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs., and acceptance 1 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Publican's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

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

Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the fun s. Over eight flights of hurdles. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified, during the season of 1904, by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has been in the hands of a licensed trainer since 1st September, 1904, or which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25 sovs (Hunters' races excepted.) Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who are eligible as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses before the date on which handicaps appear. Two miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.

SPRING MEETING, 1904.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Manukau Hurdles Handicap, 1 sovs; City Handicap, 1 sovs; Birthday Handicap, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 (General Entry) by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Manukau Hurdles Handicap, 1 sovs; City Handicap, 2 sovs.

NOMINATIONS—Presidents Handicap, 1 sovs; Welcome Stakes, 1 sovs; Shorts Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Flying Handicap, 1 sovs; Spring Handicap, 1 sovs; Penrose Hurdle Handicap, 1 sovs; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sovs; Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sovs; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Epsom Handicap, 1 sovs; Hunt Club Cup, 1 sovs; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sovs; Ascot Handicap, 1 sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Publican's Handicap, 1 sovs; Welter Handicap, 1 sovs; Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Presidents Handicap, 1 sovs; Shorts Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Flying Handicap, 1 sovs; Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sovs; Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, 1 sovs.

ATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, at the post.

Auckland Guineas (Subs), 5 sovs; Welcome Stakes, 2 sovs.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Spring Handicap, 1 sovs; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sovs; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sovs; Birthday Handicap, 3 sovs; Onehunga Steeplechase, 1 sovs; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Epsom Handicap, 1 sovs.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sovs; Ascot Handicap, 2 sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Publican's Handicap 1 sovs; Welter Handicap, 1 sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or about MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, in morning paper.

Manukau Hurdles, City Handicap.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, by 12 o'clock noon.

Presidents' Handicap, Shorts Handicap, Pony Handicap, Flying Handicap, Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, Hunt Club Cup (Handicap & Steeplechase).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, in morning paper.

Spring Handicap, Penrose Hurdles, Musket Stakes Handicap, Birthday Handicap, Onehunga Steeplechase, Maiden Handicap, Pony Handicap, Epsom Handicap.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, in morning paper.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Ascot Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, Pony Handicap, Publican's Handicap, Welter Handicap.

SUMMER MEETING

FIRST DAY:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Trial Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

Great Northern Foal Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1904, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Auckland Cup Handicap of 1500 sovs; second horse to receive 300 sovs and third horse 100 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any flat race or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs, 6lb; 250 sovs, 7lb extra. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 5 sovs, and a final payment of 9 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles.

Grafton Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of the weights of the collective value of 75 sovs to carry 3lb; of 150 sovs, 7lb; of 300 sovs, 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Christmas Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.

SECOND DAY:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three year olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Ponsonby Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs each, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Summer Cup Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 4 sovs each to go to the funds. Winner any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb. One mile and a-quarter.

Salisbury Welter Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Lowest weight, 8st. One mile.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Visitor's Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7st 9lb; three-year-olds, 8st. Fillies allowed 5lb; geldings, 3lb. Five furlongs.

Waitemata Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY:

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1905.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance, 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

New Year's Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Thirty-First Great Northern Derby of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies 8st 5lb. By subscriptions 7 sovs each payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1904, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, acceptance 3 sovs, and a final payment of 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-half.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

FOURTH DAY:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1905.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Goodwood Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Tenth Royal Stakes of 500 sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds, 8st 12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 8lb; fillies and geldings allowed 9lb. Winners after August 1st, 1904, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lbs; of 500 sovs, 5lbs; of 750 sovs, 7lbs; of 1000 sovs, 10lbs extra. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lbs; two-year-olds, 7lbs. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—Upon payment of 2 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1904. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1904, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs by 12 noon the day before the race. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a-half.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sovs, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Weight-for-age. One mile and a-half.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sovs, and acceptance 1 sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.

SUMMER MEETING, 1904-5.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Auckland Cup, 1 sovs; Railway Handicap, 1 sovs; Summer Cup Handicap, 1 sovs; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 1 sovs; Auckland Steeplechase, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Auckland Cup, 5 sovs; Railway Handicap, 3 sovs; Auckland Steeplechase, 3 sovs.

FORFEIT—Royal Stakes of 1904-5—For three-year-olds and two-year-olds, 2 sovs; 31st Great Northern Derby, 3 sovs; Great Northern Foal Stakes, 2 sovs.

FIRST FORFEIT—Champagne Stakes 1905, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Trial Handicap, 1 sovs; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sovs; Christmas Handicap, 1 sovs; Alexandra Handicap, 1 sovs; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sovs; Criterion Handicap, 1 sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Visitors' Plate, 2 sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sovs; Glasgow Handicap, 1 sovs; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1 sovs; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sovs; County Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Maiden Handicap, 1 sovs; Goodwood Handicap, 1 sovs; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sovs; Grand Stand Handicap, 1 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 1 sovs; Auckland Plate, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Trial Handicap, 1 sovs; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sovs; Christmas Handicap, 1 sovs.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, at the post.

Great Northern Foal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Cup, 9 sovs.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES—Alexandra Handicap, 1 sovs; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sovs; Criterion Handicap, 1 sovs; Summer Cup Handicap, 4 sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCE—Glasgow Handicap, 1 sovs; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1 sovs; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sovs; County Handicap, 1 sovs; Auckland Racing Club's Handicap, 3 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs; Maiden Handicap, 1 sovs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, at the post.

Great Northern Derby, 7 sovs; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 4 sovs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Goodwood Handicap, 1 sovs; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sovs; Grand Stand Handicap, 3 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 3 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sovs.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, at the post.

Royal Stakes

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
AUTUMN MEETING, 1906.
THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES, 1906.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
 Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 8lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1905, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1904. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS, 1907.
 FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
 Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in December, 1906, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in February, 1907, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. The winner of any flat race (not a handicap) of the value of 800 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 500 sovs, 7lb extra; or 1000 sovs collectively, 10lb extra. Maidens allowed 7lb. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1904. No money is required at the time of nomination. One mile and a-half.

SPRING MEETING, 1906.
THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS, 1906.
 FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
 Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 8lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in July, 1906, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in September, 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1904. No money is required at the time of nomination. One mile.

SUMMER MEETING, 1906-7.
THE 83rd GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, 1906-7.
 FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
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So greatly has this regret been felt that Melton has since been re-imported into England, and he had a full subscription of mares for 1901 at £400 service for each. This is owing to the remarkable and uniform success of his first crop of two-year-olds sired since his re-importhation that were running in 1900. Eight of them won no less than £12,657 in stakes, and of these more than one was unlucky in being badly ridden in races they otherwise would have won. Two of these two-year-olds, Taddington and Princess Melton, were sold privately for £25,000, and later in the year the remaining six not thought to be as good, were sold by auction for £12,552, making in all £37,852 for eight two-year-olds after they had won £12,557 in stakes, equalling for sale price and stakes over £50,000 for eight Melton two-year-olds. This is believed to constitute a record in any part of the world. Seaton Delaval has sired the following winners:—Rosella, Miss Delaval, Easting, Blue Paul, Val R-us, Beddington, Jim Kean, Laetitia, Paul Seaton, Belfast, Spark, Mars, Nonette, Little Bear, Idas, Porius, Grey Seaton, Northumberland, Gladisa, Mary Seaton, Sukwren, Gladstone and Leo Delaval. During his first season Seaton Delaval's progeny won in stakes £2,076, and it must be remembered that this sum was won by four representatives. During the 1899-1890 season the progeny of Seaton Delaval have won the good sum of £4,151, placing him seventh on the list of winning sires in New Zealand, which considering that only twelve of his stock were racing comprised of two and three-year-olds, and eleven of which won races is an exceptional performance, and goes to show that he ticks well with almost any mare, and is not confined to only one family. The progeny of Seaton Delaval have won during the 1900-1901 season £5,268 10s, placing him at the top of the list of winning sires for the Auckland District, while this season he occupies the leading position among the living sires of New Zealand.

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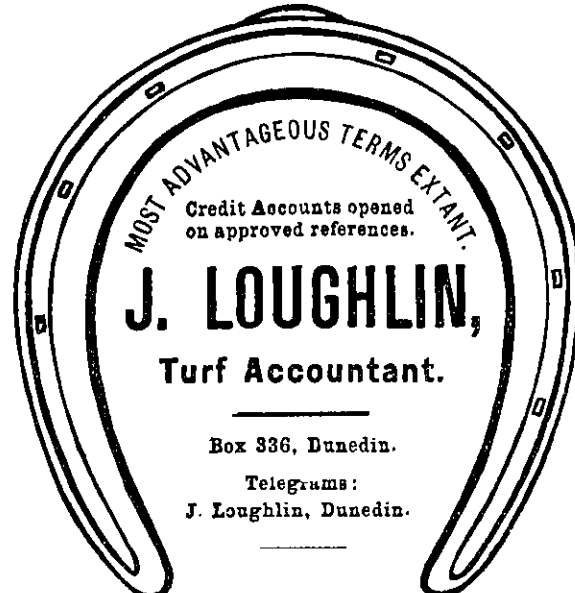
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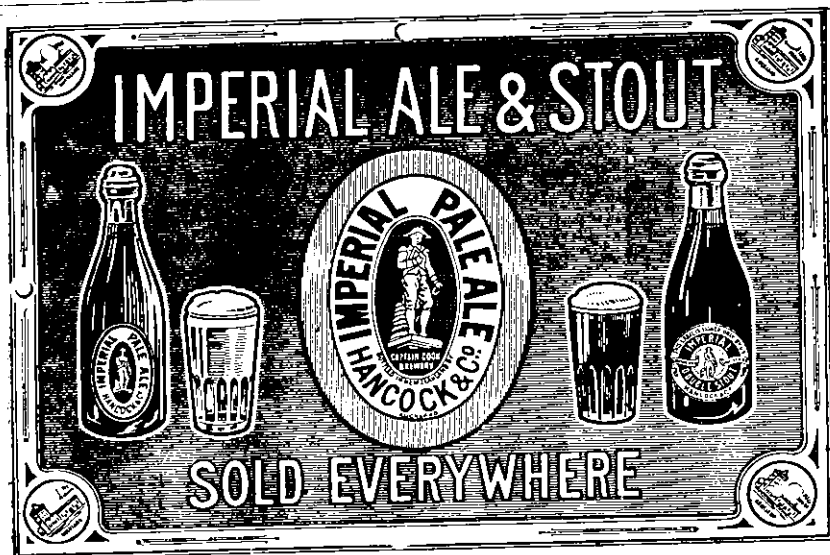
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THE CAULFIELD CUP.

ANOTHER Caulfield Cup has been numbered with the past, and once again has the result shown what a difficult race it is to win. Time after time have hot favourites been bowled over generally by one of the light-weight brigade, and this year's contest has formed no exception to the rule. In Saturday's race the very large field of thirty horses lined up behind the barrier, quite as many as the course will carry. It was in 1885 that

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The fate of the favourite in the Caulfield Cup is somewhat remarkable, for Calma, who started at 4 to 1 in 1882 is the only favourite who has won the race. Favourites to run second were Silvermine, Parthenopæus, Massinissa, and Wakeful. The shortest-priced favourite was Bungebah. He started at 5 to 2 when G'naroo won. Vergy stood at 3 to 1 in 1884. There were only two shorter-priced horses than Chicago, Dewey, and Sweet Nell in the years they won. G'naroo, Hymettus (twice), and Islington were second favourites, and the extreme outsiders who won were Blink Bonny, Lieutenant Bill Waterfall, Cremorne, and Grace Darling. None of these, however, stood at more than 50 to 1; and although Calma is the only successful favourite, the race has often fallen to a heavily-backed horse.

This year Gladsome's good deeds clearly entitled her to consideration, she being very heavily backed, and New Zealanders must have lost a ton of money on the Auckland-bred mare. She ran very prominently to the distance, but then faded out of the race, the big prize going to the lightly-weighted gelding, Murmur, who won very easily by three lengths from Acrasia and the top-weight, Emir, who may be said to have taken the honours of the race. Strictly on recent form, wherever Emir finished Gladsome should have been alongside him, even if she did not beat the son of Wallace, but the history of the race has taught us that it never does to pay too much attention to previous form in the Caulfield event. The winner must have been very heavily backed during the last few days before the race, as he started third favourite, but the sporting scribes for the most part did not esteem his chance, one of the best known tipsters selecting six horses without getting one of the placed division.

IS GAMBLING ON THE INCREASE?

THERE is a present-day tendency to deplore the alleged growth of gambling, and this is a question which the faddist, from the Ecclesiastical big-wig down to the budding Sunday School superintendent, is continually harping upon. It might not be amiss if these well-meaning but somewhat tiresome people were to occasionally take a look into history and see whether their constantly reiterated assertions have any basis on fact, or whether they can be included with the general statements of the temperance partisans who quote statistics with a fluency which is only equalled by their wilful inaccuracy. As regards the origin of gambling, the effort to obtain money, or its equivalent, more easily than by the

sweat of the brow it is impossible to doubt that the ancients were strongly impregnated with the vice, if a well-defined phrase of human nature can be said to be a vice. There is no lack of documentary and pictorial evidence to prove that the Egyptians, "the Persians"—a generic term for all Asiatic nations of the period—and others, whose doings and traditions have been preserved, were gamblers to a man. As for the Romans it is well known that the amount of money won and lost in the Flavian Amphitheatre or in the great Circus was simply prodigious. Most of the games of chance which during the last two hundred years have found favour in the highest circles were imported from France. In London during the last two centuries the nobleman who did not shake the dice-box was looked upon as a scurvy fellow, while during the Georgian era the "swells" drank deep and played for immense stakes. Then baccarat caught on, and being a particularly easy game of which to learn the rudiments, found much favour with all classes. At the commencement of the nineteenth century the "bloods" at the clubs, would, when tired of other pursuits, gamble on drops of rain running down the window panes, upon which heap of sugar the first fly would settle, and upon many other equally idiotic chances.

Probably the largest stake ever entrusted to a pure chance contingency was made by Colonel Mellish, well known in the world of fashion at the beginning of the last century. Never since the world began was there such a reckless manipulator of the dice, and it is recorded that he once staked £40,000 upon a single throw—and lost. Another celebrated gamester of a latter day was Mr George Payne, who in a single night's play once won £30,000 from Lord Albert Denison. Gambling in the Army was freely indulged in during the first half of the nineteenth century, and there were many scandals and resignations of commissions on account of the fatal fascination of the play.

There have been from time to time enormous fortunes won and lost on the turf. O'Kelly, who owned the celebrated racehorse Eclipse, was the most persistent gamester of his time, and on leaving a large fortune to his nephew inserted the quaint proviso that the said nephew should forfeit £500 for every bet he made on the Turf. There have been many reckless plungers since, such as the Marquis of Hastings and others, who gambled fortunes away on the result of a single race.

It is no more possible to stop gambling in some form or other than it would be for us to check the rotation of the earth or to alter the movement of the stars in their courses. It has existed since the world began, and will probably flourish till this old earth ceases to give signs of life. That there is any marked increase in the vice, however, is extremely problematical, and despite the assertions of the puritanical brigade to the contrary there are indications that our speculations of to-day are of considerably less magnitude than was the case in days gone by. Gamble we must in some shape or other, no matter whether it takes the form of betting on horse races, or speculating in stocks, shares, land, house property or what not, but when it is asserted that gambling is greatly on the increase at the present time we can but think there is no proof of the truth of this, but rather does it point the other way.

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Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

The North Otago Jockey Club's Meeting takes place to-day and to-morrow.

Mr James Muir is down from the Wai-kato superintending the erection of some loose boxes on his property lately acquired in Vincent Road, Green Lane.

Although Buluwayo seems to be out of the local betting market in the New Zealand Cup papers from the South vouch for the pony being all right.

To-morrow and Zetland are both coming into favour in the double betting for the Stewards' Handicap at Christchurch.

This week the double Nightfall and Machine Gun has been backed for a few hundreds at 100 to 2½ for the Cup and Stewards.

All the bookmakers doing business on the first day of the A.T.C. had a really good time, as with one exception they all won.

Mr Joe Smith, of Sydney billiard fame, lately in a game of 250 up from a miss in haulk ran right out and continued, making the remarkable break of 283.

The Wellington Racing Club's Spring Meeting commences to-day and concludes on Saturday.

T. Williams' pony and Avalanche have failed to pass the 14.3 galloway standard. Mr C. O'Connor, the official measurer, was in attendance.

Canteen has started in sixty-two races and won thirteen. If caught in a galloping humour he should be a hard one to beat in the Melbourne Cup.

The connections of Murrur are reported to have taken £30,000 out of the ring as the result of the Arsenal gelding's win in the Caulfield Cup. The amount, however, is probably greatly exaggerated.

Gladsome's showing in the Caulfield Cup greatly disappointed the backers of the mare. She was prominent to the distance, but just where she has been accustomed to come out and win she shut up and finished among the "also started" lot.

Mr H. Garrett, the well-known pigeon shot of the Australian States, lately returned from a trip to the Old Country and the Continent. He brought back £500 in prize-money and trophies valued at £200 more, which fact tells its own tale as to his ability at the traps.

The Auckland champion Wairiki has again come into the local market, and the public are now cheerfully taking 100's to 8, while Gladsome has had some slight support at 100's to 4. The early winter favourite, Marmont, is friendless as far as this colony is concerned.

Mr J. Tobias, the well-known local pen-ciller, had his usual budget over prior to the Caulfield Cup and was tipped Demas and Murrur, but the veteran put his money on the former and left Murrur severely alone. It is said his face was a picture when the news was posted.

J. Kean (Mr Roulstone's trainer) has a good sort of a three-year-old in hand by Castor—Lady Blair. The youngster is well grown, and on appearances should turn out a useful sort.

It will be good news to early backers to know that Wairiki has made his re-appearance at Flemington, and that there cannot be much amiss is proved by the fact that some big lines have been taken about him at 12 to 1 against.

If 3000 guineas was really given for Canteen by Sir Rupert Clarke as stated, then the grey was uncommonly well sold, for he would not have realised a third of that amount if submitted for sale in this colony. If he wins the Melbourne Cup the buyer will have the better of the deal, but no doubt Mr Moss remembered the proverb concerning the bird in the hand when he disposed of the son of Castor.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 1 Consultation on the Demonstration Handicap, run at Moorefield, Sydney, October 3, 1904: 50,000 tickets at 5s each, fully subscribed:—1st, Highflyer, Tenth Syndicate, to L. Carpentier, New South Wales, £4000; 2nd, St. Modan, Gorman Syndicate, to A. Cummins, Sydney, New South Wales, £1250; 3rd, Fanshawe, J. Beckett, Tingha, New South Wales, £750. These amounts are net.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 2 Consultation on the Demonstration Handicap, run at Moorefield, Sydney, October 3, 1904. 50,000 tickets at 5s each, closed with 17,000, drawn pro rata, on the basis of a 25,000 sweep:—1st, Highflyer, Mona Syndicate, Malvern, Vic., £1088; 2nd, St. Modan, A. Darling, Invercargill, New Zealand, £408; 3rd, Fanshawe, Kitty Cummins, Bendigo, Vic., £272. These amounts are net.

Mr Evett has issued his allocation of the weights for the City Handicap and the Manukau Hurdles, two of the chief handicaps to be decided at the approaching Spring Meeting of the A.R.C. In the City Handicap Romeo is in pride of place with 8st 10lb, which is every ounce to which he is entitled. Glancing down the list the most attractive appear to be Marshall Soul, Scotty, Newtown, Avalanche, and Paratutu. In the Manukau Hurdles Up-to-Date was awarded 11st 9lb, but Mr Roulstone has expressed his dissatisfaction by promptly scratching him, thus leaving Hippowai at the top of the list. The son of Hippocampus, Princess of Thule, Cavalry, and Trumpery seem to have been given the likeliest chances.

Mr Evett compiles many good handicaps, but now and again he sets a puzzle to followers of form which even the veteran's admirers—and I include myself among the number—find it hard to solve. Take for instance the handicapping of Dunmore in the City Handicap. Despite the fact that the son of Hotchkiss and Dunoon is still a maiden he is put on the same mark as Strathavon, and is asked to give weight away to Dolores, who won at Avondale the other day under 8st 10lb, and has several good races to her credit including the Takapuna and South Auckland Cups. Well-performed ones like Muskerdale, Putty, Celania, and Paratutu all receive weight from the maiden. At Avondale only the other day Swagsman gave Dunmore 5lb and a beating, this being the latter's best performance to date, but for some unaccountable reason Dunmore now has to concede weight to his conqueror, although the latter subsequently won the President's Handicap in a canter. I must give the conundrum best.

Nominations for the various events to be decided at the approaching Spring Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club close with the secretary, Mr Percival, to-morrow, Friday night, at 9 p.m. The events and amounts to be paid are as follows:—Presidents Handicap, 1 sov; Welcome Stakes, 1 sov; Shorts Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Cup, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 1 sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Publican's Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.

Acceptances for the Manukau Hurdles and City Handicap must be made at the A.R.C. office to-morrow evening.

The privileges of A.R.C. meetings to be held at Ellerslie during the present season will be sold by auction on Tuesday next at noon at the Haymarket by Messrs Alfred Puckland and Sons. Mr Percival, secretary of the A.R.C., will furnish all information as to conditions. The privileges include the grandstand and members' bar, lean-to bar, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bars in the Derby Stand, and refreshment stalls.

Owners of ponies wishing to compete at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting must not forget that these will have to be measured. Mr O'Connor will be in attendance at Ellerslie for that object.

Occasionally a trainer is found who gets away from the beaten path and adopts some system of training different from the regulation jogging and work-outs (says an American exchange). Millard Sanders gave Lou Dillon much of her work early in the season under saddle, his boy up, and as a contrast there is a thoroughbred that is a winner, too, that gets his work in harness. His name is Alan-a-Dale and he put in two winning races recently after being got ready in harness.

The surprise of the first day's sport at the Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting was the double win of Mr J. Brady's Little Poul. He is quite a pony, being in fact just 14 hands, and is a five-year-old dark brown gelding by Wilmington.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

SATURDAY.

On Saturday a considerable amount of fast work was accomplished.

Monoform and Dunmore finished under pressure over a mile in that order in 1min 45 2-5sec.

Noteorini was too smart for Woodfield in a six furlong flutter in 1min 19½sec. Gladstone, in company with Andy Regan, slipped over six furlongs in 1min 18 1-5sec, the former leading.

Carl Rosa sprinted three furlongs in 39sec, with T. Taylor up.

Up-to-Date and Hippowai strode over a couple of rounds at a good pace. Both these horses are well.

Woodmount and another galloped down five furlongs at top.

Sonoma and a stable mate sprinted five furlongs.

Rambler and Hinekoa finished in this order in a mile in 1min 43½sec. Rambler acts better on good going.

Dolores did a steady circle and then spurted a few furlongs alone.

Daifodil and another spurted a few furlongs.

It took The Middy 1min 7½sec to beat Coronation in a five furlong flutter.

The Lurcher, who has string halt in one of his hind legs, spurted the last four furlongs of nine in 53 3-5sec.

Lady Bobs skipped over six furlongs in 1min 23½sec.

Avalanche alone got to the end of six furlongs in 1min 18½sec.

Sergius left seven furlongs behind in 1min 36 2-5sec.

Golden Sands scampered over six furlongs in 1min 18sec.

The Needle and Bedfellow took 1min 20sec for a similar task.

Ben Blair was content with half-pace for a circle.

Soulfish did a couple of gentle rounds alone.

Manoeuvre spurted, moving freely.

General Average was too swift for Numa over five furlongs from a standing start, run in 1min 4 1-5sec.

Waipuna, looking bright and well, trotted and cantered.

Idasa galloped down the ten furlongs in 2min 11½sec.

Ngaro, with Frank Burns up, did a couple of rounds.

Lualla did two steady rounds, spurning the last three furlongs.

La Cigale took matters easy for a round on the grass.

Alba Rose, who is now in Geo. Wright's stable, did a couple of circuits at easy pace.

Lovelink beat a stable mate in 1min 7sec for five furlongs.

Romola, looking light, got to the end of five furlongs in 50 2-5sec with a light weight up.

After breakfast a lot of useful work was got through.

TUESDAY.

Most of the work was got through on the grass track, which was exceptionally fast.

Monoform had a length the best of Sonoma over seven furlongs in 1min 28 1-5sec.

Noteorini headed Woodfield in a slow seven furlongs in 1min 38sec.

Gladstone and Andy Regan, neither being ridden out, took 1min 29 4-5sec for the same distance.

Avalanche badly beat Golden Rose for six furlongs.

Dunmore had slightly the best of a mate for a five furlong spin in 1min 2½sec.

Newtown alone got to the end of ten furlongs in 2min 17sec.

Lady Hume did a similar task, taking a little longer.

Dolores, Hinekoa, and The Needle finished in this order over six furlongs.

Muskerdale was too good for his companion in a six furlong spin on the tan in 1min 17 4-5sec.

There was little to choose between Waipuna and Baltimore over six furlongs in 1min 18sec. Stromness assisted.

Volette galloped nine furlongs, sprinting the last six and moving freely.

Rambler took 1min 30½sec to negotiate the seven furlongs, and gave Bedfellow a beating.

The Middy and Hippowai did useful three-quarter work separately.

Woodmount, with a fair weight up, took 1min 22 3-5sec to get to the end of six furlongs.

Kilderkin and Apologue finished together over the four furlong course in 52 2-5sec.

La Cigale was too fleet for Soulfish for five furlongs, run in 1min 4sec.

Vivendel and Mr Marshall's two-year-old finished four furlongs in 50 sec; the latter is improving.

Mosquito took 53sec to skip over four furlongs.

Williams' pony was too fast for Manoeuvre in a taking five furlongs in 1min 3sec.

Albuera did a fast mile in 1min 43sec and then continued on for another two miles before Cotton got control of his mount.

Cuiragno, who got a break on Hohoro, finished in front of the old sprinter in 1min 19sec.

Lovelink, Simple Simon, and another left seven furlongs behind in 1min 31½sec.

Setonia got to the end of ten furlongs in the good time of 2min 10sec.

The Pullack and Dingo also worked before breakfast, while George Wright's team, Idas, Putty, Romola, Numa, and Lualla did useful tasks.

After breakfast Jewellery skipped over six furlongs in 1min 17 1-5sec.

Carl Rosa, the Sault—Dolly filly, and the Seaton Delaval—Idas colt in this order sprinted three furlongs in 37 2-5sec.

Inspiration left a big gap between herself and San Toy in a five furlong flutter in 1min 4sec.

Daifodil and Muthema finished together a long way ahead of Escape in a flutter over seven furlongs in 1min 29 4-5sec.

A head separated Green and Gold from Jean over a fast five furlongs in 1min 2sec.

Sergius was much too speedy for both Fashionable and Coronation, the latter finishing a long way behind; time, 1min 17sec.

Avalanche's two-year-old brother and three other two-year-olds scampered four furlongs in 50 1-5sec.

The high actioned Lavadel left six furlongs behind in 1min 19sec.

The Lurcher alone jumped the schooling batters, shaping none too well.

Waikato, pulling hard, easily beat his stable mate Austerlitz for four furlongs in 51sec.

Sally Horner easily beat a two-year-old over the same distance in the same time.

Hakaria and Maroon and Gold jumped eight hurdles. While the former was proficient, the latter shaped badly.

Geologist did the best circle of the morning, nine furlongs in 1min 53½sec.

Belfast ran a slow mile in 1min 48½sec.

Macmanemin's two-year-olds spurted three furlongs in 36 2-5sec, while J. B. Williamson's took 52 2-5sec for four furlongs.

The grey Matalanta and Mangamahaki did a couple of circuits over the schooling hurdles, the former jumping well.

In the afternoon Up-to-Date, Ngaro, and Peter Simple did a bit of schooling over the steeplechase jumps, but the former seemed to tire at the finish.

RICCARTON.

(By Our Canterbury Correspondent.)

The fine weather experienced during the past few days and the near approach of the New Zealand Cup Meeting has kept trainers busy with their charges. None of the visiting horses have arrived, but a number may be expected shortly.

On Saturday morning trainers were out early and most of the work was done on the trial grass track, which was in very fair going order. Cannie Chiel and Tomorrow were first out, Cutts sending them for a fast gallop over seven furlongs. To-morrow led the way until a furlong from home, when Cannie Chiel came fast and finished half-a-length in front of the filly, who, however, got through her work in taking style in 1min 34sec.

Quarryman started off at the seven furlong post, and after running a furlong by himself was joined by Chryseis. The pair came home together, leaving six furlongs behind in 1min 19sec.

Lady Wayward and King's Guest were sent for a spin over five furlongs, taking 1min 5 2-5sec to complete the journey and the pair were together passing the post.

Secret Society, looking particularly bright, galloped a mile in 1min 50 1-5sec, Gypsohal being with the Cup horse from the half-mile post.

Oblivion II., who generally does well on the tracks, left a mile behind in 1min 49sec.

Lolah was too good for Rockleigh in a half-mile sprint, which took 50 3-5sec.

Malakoff and Tupara set out together at the mile post, being joined by Zealous after going a couple of furlongs. Tupara lagged behind from the outset and was beaten off, the other two finishing together. The mile took 1min 49sec.

Handel and Taxpayer left four furlongs behind in 52½sec.

Magnificent gave a very poor display over the schooling hurdles. His trainer, F. Holmes, rode him, but it is evident the son of St. Leger will require a lot of schooling before becoming a proficient hurdle racer.

Zetland from a flying start dashed over half a mile in 49 1-5sec. This colt too is really well.

Calibre galloped a mile and a-quarter in 2min 16sec, which was considered a

fair performance seeing that the Cup horse was running by himself.

Golden Vein took 1min 23sec to get over six furlongs, but he tired towards the finish.

Sandy defeated Muscovite in a spin over six furlongs, which took 1min 22sec. Manjess was too good for Quickfire in a seven furlong gallop run in 1min 33-5sec.

Prince Loris and Cairn sprinted over four furlongs in 53sec, while Gay Spark and Clan Chattan cut out a similar distance in one second faster time.

TUESDAY.

A fog hung over Riccarton this morning, and it was difficult to get the correct times of the early gallopers. Most of the work was done on the outside of the trial grass track, which was in capital order.

To-morrow was first out and put in a strong gallop over seven furlongs.

Cannie Chiel moved very freely in a strongly run mile, while Chrysteis was sent at her best pace over six furlongs.

Quarryman shaped well in a seven furlong gallop.

Djin Djin, with a considerable advantage in weights, was going better than Lady Wayward and Queen's Guest at the end of a strongly run five furlongs.

Miretta ran a similar distance in 1min King Stork put in a working gallop over six furlongs on the tan.

Malakoff traversed a mile and a-half, Graduated Tax assisting him over the first half of the journey. Tupara accompanied him over the last six furlongs, and the last mile of the journey occupied 1min 50-2-5sec. The Cup candidate is showing improved form.

Oblivion II., with Rockleigh to assist over the first four furlongs, covered a mile in 1min 48-1-5sec, tiring perceptibly towards the finish.

Master Alix defeated Lolah over four furlongs, run in 50-1-5sec from a standing start, an attractive performance.

Fairview and Buccleuch dashed over half a mile up the back in 52sec, while Slow Tom went pleasingly in a gallop over ten furlongs.

Zealous and Stepdancer were given sprinting tasks, while The Mohican, The Guesser, and Huku, going leisurely, finished abreast at the end of four furlongs, run in 55sec.

After breakfast Shellfire ran seven furlongs in 1min 34-1-5sec. Phaetonitis put in a working gallop over a mile and a-quarter, while Golden Vein ran seven furlongs strongly.

Merrymaker and the Ben Farley-Sporting Grave filly brushed over half-a-mile the former holding her companion safely up the back in 52 sec from a flying start. Cerise and Blue ran five furlongs in 1min 8sec, while Glenowlet ran away from Clan Chattan in a sprinting task over two furlongs.

Asteria and Eurus brushed over the last half-mile of a steady circuit, the former holding her companion safe at the finish.

Eurus compassed another circuit by himself, and Conal ran four furlongs in 52sec, while Muscovite finished in front of Sandy in a spin over six furlongs, which occupied 1min 18-2-5sec, but the latter would probably have finished closer had his rider been persevering.

Oyster fenced safely in a schooling task over seven flights of hurdles.

Several of the two-year-olds were exercised at the barrier.

On the trial grass track Canticle and Inglenook got away on even terms and raced together for a couple of furlongs, but the latter had a considerable advantage.

Handel, who is considerably more forward in condition, was better than Euclid and Highland Fling in a sprinting task over two furlongs from the barrier.

Czarevna, Makaroff, Finland, and the Melusina filly ran half-a-mile from the barrier, the two former finishing together in front.

OTAHUHU RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

The Otahuhu Racing Club's Meeting, which had to be postponed from Labour Day, will take place on Saturday, when it is to be sincerely hoped the club will have better luck in the matter of weather. Seven events are to be decided, including two trotting events, and as the fields include some of the best-known handicap horses in the district there should be some capital sport. A special train will take visitors out to the Otahuhu course. The following may show to advantage:—

Hurdle Race: Rolfe or St. Rowan.
Maiden Plate: Seaton or Whakahihi.
Pony Race: Gladys Rose or Shrewsbury.

Railway Handicap: Sonoma or Sergius.
Otahuhu Cup: Bacchus or Strathavon.
Dash Trot: Pleasanton or Bert.

Labour Day Trot: Pleasanton or Thorndean.

The acceptances for the various races are published in another column.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, October 19.

The Bill of Portland filly To-morrow, one of the fancied candidates for the Stewards' Stakes at the Cup Meeting, is going along nicely in her preparation. Present indications point towards the filly regaining her two-year-old form, and if she does well the winner of the Stewards will have to be a smasher to beat her. Zetland, another strong tancer for the Stewards' Stakes, is going as well as any of the sprinters at Riccarton. He bowled along in great style over half-a-mile on Saturday morning, his time for the distance being 49sec from a flying start. Zetland is a fairly good beginner and can stay well.

It is being whispered about the town that Nightfall is going to be the Yaldhurst stable's representative in the New Zealand Cup. The Multiform filly has proved by her racing in Australia that she is a flyer, and it would indeed be one of Mr Stead's crowning triumphs to win the biggest race ever held in New Zealand by the aid of a filly of his own breeding at the jubilee meeting of the club he has taken such an active part in for so many years. I have no authority for making the above statement, but the man in the street is not always to be despised, and sometimes his scraps of information about Yaldhurst stable are not very wide of the mark.

Christchurch backers lost money over the Caulfield Cup owing to the non-success of Gladsome, who was heavily backed. One of the smaller layers was hit heavily, he having laid a fair-sized amount against the winner Murmur.

Aynsley's success at Dunedin with Huku, The Guesser, and The Mohican was anticipated, and followers of the stable came in for a good win. With his trio to represent him in the hurdle events at the Cup Meeting Aynsley should win a fair portion of the stakes money. The Mohican may take part in some of the Welter Handicaps in addition to hurdles events.

Lee Enfield is still suffering from the effects of a kick he received at Geraldine, and unless he makes rapid progress he will not be able to take part at the Cup Meeting.

H. A. Knight's team for the Wellington Meeting, Somaroff, Zingari, and Bardo, left last week.

The meeting between Bulawayo, Calibre, and Secret Society, three New Zealand Cup horses, in the North Otago Cup at Oamaru to-morrow, is creating no small amount of interest. Fancy Calibre will win. As Bulawayo has not raced since the autumn it will be very interesting to see how he will shape against two greatly improved horses like Calibre and Secret Society.

It is reported that Martian and Uranus will not start in the New Zealand Cup.

Acceptances for the C.J.C. Stewards' Stakes must be made on Friday.

Further payment for the New Zealand Cup is also due on Friday.

Brighton, by winning two races at Dunedin, has incurred a 5lb penalty for the Stewards' Stakes.

J. J. Lewis in charge of Calibre, Zetland, Pensive, and Manjess, and W. Pine in charge of Secret Society and Gypso-bel, left for Oamaru this morning to fulfil their engagements at the North Otago Jockey Club's Meeting.

Stronghold, Signalman, Tessler, and Catherine Gordon arrived from Wellington this morning.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, October 19.

The Spring Meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club could not be said to have been a success. In the first place cold and wintry weather had a disastrous effect on the first day's attendance and the poorness of the fields on the second day's card failed to attract anybody except racing enthusiasts. The sport witnessed was, however, fairly interesting, but the machine receipts showed a shrinkage of £584 on last year's total.

The principal feature of the meeting was the form exhibited by the horses in the Ellis Bros.' stable which accounted for 6 races on the programme, whilst R. Ellis, a brother to the above-mentioned trainers, won one of the minor events on the second day.

Flower-o'-Clutha easily accounted for the principal event on the first day, but succumbed to Juniper in the principal race on the second day's card when attempting to give him 10lb over 8 furlongs.

Brighton (Euclydon-Maybell) won the Sprint race on the first day with a good deal in hand, and also scored in a Welter on the second day, whilst Red Gauntlet, an inmate of the same stable, won the principal short distance race on the second day.

G. Murray Aynsley was one of the few visitors to the meeting, and won a race with each horse he brought down.

The Mohican, who won the Farewell

land cap, is in good nick at present, and should prove dangerous in the Hurdle events at the N.Z. Cup Meeting.

Amongst the starters on the second day at Wingatui was the crack sprinter Pallas, who, however, was too big in condition to last out a race, although he showed that he still retains his brilliancy.

For some time past there has been a rumour in circulation that Bluestone, who has shown decent form in these parts, was a masquerader, but his owner signed an affidavit without any hesitation when asked to do so by the Dunedin Jockey Club prior to the horse being allowed to start last week.

Red Gauntlet and Vladimir, who claim important engagements at the Cup Meeting, are doing well. The former won under 9st 12lb over five furlongs on the second day, but the opposition was not particularly strong.

Vladimir displayed fractiousness when at the post for both his races, and lost a good deal of ground, but afterwards demonstrated that he can gallop by making up a lot of ground. The brilliant son of Stepiak continues to gallop without displaying any trace of unsoundness, and should prove a stake winner before long.

Outdaform, who is the first colt by Multiform to carry silk, made a successful debut last week at Wingatui. He is a nice colt, shewing a good deal of quality, and a fair amount of size, but a damaged hock may prevent him achieving any great distinction on the turf.

The death of Darebin is announced from America. He was out of the famous mare Lurline, who won the first Dunedin Cup. Darebin, it will be remembered, was a V.R.C. Derby winner, and also scored in the Sydney Cup under 9st 8lb. He sired a good horse in the Australian Peer prior to being sent to America, and in Peerage, the half-brother to Gipsy Grand, we have in Dunedin the only direct descendant of Darebin in New Zealand. Peerage has put in a couple of seasons at the stud, and although he has had very few chances, his first crop of youngsters are said to be very promising.

The sale of Canteen at 3000 guineas has deprived Dunedin of owning a prospective Melbourne Cup winner. Still Southerners will no doubt continue to follow the grey's fortunes with as much interest as heretofore. It is to be hoped that the sale of Canteen does not mean that his owner is going to abandon the game, but rather that the severance was brought about by the opportunity to sell a good article at a tip-top price.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, October 19.

The prospects for a successful meeting at the Hutt Park are not encouraging. The recent stormy weather has wrecked several hundred yards of the Hutt Park Company's railway line, and at a rough estimate a couple of thousand pounds will be required to render it fit for use. Meantime, visitors to the racecourse will be taken by the Government line to the Lower Hutt, and thence by brack or shank's pony to the course, a distance of some two miles. The walk over the pipe bridges was bad enough, but to revert to the ancient system of locomotion between the railway and the course is undoubtedly even more inconvenient, and many persons will probably be conspicuous by their absence from the meeting, especially if the weather does not clear and make the course dry underfoot.

The Leach in the Manawatu Co.'s railway line has seriously inconvenienced horse-owners who assisted at the Otaki Meeting. Their horses will either have to proceed to Palmerston North and be re-shipped to the Lower Hutt via Wairarapa, or, as an alternative, walk from Pakakariki over the hills to Porirua, and there be again entrained; probably a number will adopt the latter mode of reaching their head-quarters.

At the time of writing, none of the visiting horses have put in an appearance. Tuesday and Wednesday will, however, see most of those intending to continue their engagements at the Hutt. The racing will be almost entirely confined to North Island horses, the Southern representatives, with the exception of Someroff and Zanganu have discontinued their engagements. Fortunately Wellington, Wanganui and Hawke's Bay can furnish enough horses to provide some interesting sport, and their owners are good sports too.

The Otaki Maori Race Meeting was held under most depressing circumstances last Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday morning, notwithstanding that it rained and blew as if the world was to be visited by a second deluge, a number of sports were found at the Manawatu Railway Station en route to Otaki, where they found the weather, if possible, more inclement. The Native stewards saw that as the visitors had arrived there was nothing for it but to set the totalisator bell ringing, and they decided to proceed with the meet-

ing. Although the rain never ceased during the day, numbers whose legs were encased in gum boots, etc., seemingly enjoyed the sport, and some capital racing took place. A considerable number of ladies, both dusky and otherwise, took a keen interest in the proceedings, and speculation on the totalisator considering the circumstances was brisk.

Leda's daughter, St. Winnifred, at last managed to lose her maiden status by winning the opening event. Bonheur, the Auckland-bred sister to Nonette, was considered a moral for the Te Hiwi Handicap, but she went under to Languid, who has recently been running very badly.

The principal event, the Demonstration Handicap, was a peculiar race. Sea Lion, Position, Tomairangi and Aureole faced the starter, and the former trio were ridden respectively by C. Jenkins, G. Price and S. Lindsay, probably three of the most capable riders in the colony, while Aureole was ridden by a mere child in years, and under 5 stone in weight. When the barrier was raised the latter's mount reared and lost some ground; the others, however, evidently concluded that it was no start, and they almost pulled their mounts up. The child jockey then got his mount going and rushing through the field placed a gap of some thirty lengths between Aureole and his rivals, Aureole eventually winning by 10 lengths from the fast-finishing Sea Lion.

Mr G. Payne, Sea Lion's owner, is not a large letter, and although he did not expect his horse to run well in the mud, he had ten pounds invested on his horse for the race. The owner of Tomairangi, Mr D. Thompson, was not present owing to indisposition. He, however, was evidently disappointed at his mare's performance as he ordered her home, and she did not start on the second day of the meeting.

The acceptances for the Wellington Meeting are disappointing, as half the horses nominated have dropped out of the principal event, the Wellington Handicap. The Hurdle Handicap has also dwindled down from ten horses to five. Nightfall, who was pounced upon by backers as a good thing and freely supported in doubles, is amongst the missing, and there is the usual howl from those punters who rush in where angels fear to tread. It was an open secret a couple of days prior to the date of acceptance that the daughter of Multiform would not be paid up for, and several horses are said to have made the final payment on the offchance of her being absent.

Following on Nightfall's defection from the Wellington Handicap, she was freely supported for the N.Z. Cup, and some £1400 was taken in Wellington at prices ranging from 100 to 6 to 100 to 7, so that very little money is on offer about her now. Martian and Grand Rapids have also been freely supported, and backers seem to assume that Mr Stead has the winner in his stable this year.

The following should run prominently at the Hutt on Thursday:—Hurdle Handicap, Westguard 1, Miss King 2; Short's Handicap, Solution 1, Matuku 2; Wellington Handicap, Madrial 1, Ghooria 2, Mahutonga 3; Rimutaka Hack Handicap, Ngatarua 1, Flamen 2, Zingari 3; Wainui Handicap, Blazer 1, Kaharoa 2, Lass-o'-Gowrie 3; Nursery Handicap, Boomerang 1, Medallist 2, Marguerite 3; Flying Handicap, Melodeon 1, Auratus 2, Parkshot 3; Spring Hack Handicap, Chivalry 1, Somaroff 2, St. Albert 3.

Sport in Australia.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

Sydney, October 10.

Those who have put their dollars on the Auckland horse Wairiki for the Melbourne Cup have some reason to feel uneasy about him, as he has been an absentee from the training track at Flemington for a whole week. When last seen out at headquarters he did not please the touts as he seemed to be going short, and the latest bulletin from Flemington is "Wairiki is still missing. It is now nearly a week since we saw anything of him and it must be said that things begin to look a bit serious." It should not be forgotten, however, that very much the same thing occurred in Wairiki's training when he was being prepared for the last New Zealand Cup, and yet he ran a great race in that event, finishing second to Canteen. I was a regular attendant at the morning work at Riccarton at that time and spoke to his trainer, Jerry M'Hugh, concerning the horse's absence, and he assured me that the horse in his opinion did not require half the work of other horses as he was such a perfectly clear-minded animal. Notwithstanding that assurance, however, I think M'Hugh must have doubts about the horse's soundness or he would put more work into him to enable him to meet horses that have been wound up to the hour. Wairiki still maintains his posi-

tion in the betting, but that may be owing to the fact that he already carries a considerable amount of public money as well as to the respect which the bookmakers show towards anything with New Zealand credentials, and especially to a horse that has run second in a New Zealand Cup and first in an Auckland Cup.

While Wairiki has been causing anxiety to his followers the performances of the other New Zealand candidate, Canteen, for Melbourne Cup distinction have been filling his backers with increased hope. A day or two ago he is credited with a smashing gallop over eleven furlongs on the sand track at Flemington. He did not begin at a particularly fast pace, the three first furlongs taking 40sec, but later on when he picked up Narelle the grey began to reel off the furlongs at a tremendous bat. He covered the first mile in 1min 46sec, nine furlongs in 1min 58½sec, a mile and a-quarter in 2min 12½sec, and the full trip in 2min 25½sec. This is easily the track record for Flemington. Hova once astonished the touts by covering the same distance in 2min 27½sec, and years before that Mata was credited with a similar performance, but Canteen has now knocked them all out, and what is more it did not appear to cost him any great effort either. This watch-breaking performance is the talk of the hour, and it is not surprising, therefore, to find that he is now increasing in favour and if he maintains his form he will nearly start favourite. It will be a great surprise indeed if New Zealand does not supply the favourite for both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. The New Zealand-bred Gladsome is a hot favourite for the Caulfield event. At the V.R.C. October meeting this brilliant mare sported silk in the October Stakes, a weight-for-age race, and although she carried a 7lb penalty, making her weight 9st 2lb, she romped home in 2min 5½sec for the mile and a-quarter. She started favourite at 3 to 1 on a field of nine, and had behind her, hopelessly beaten, such horses as Combat and Fairy Stakes.

The first two-year-old race of the season, the Maribyrnong Trial Stakes, was decided at the October meeting of the V.R.C., the 175 sovs bringing out a field of eleven. The unexpected happened, as The Infanta, the biggest outsider in the race, going out at 20 to 1, won by half-a-length from the favourite, Royal Star. The winner is a filly by Robadil out of The Heroine.

A three-year-old filly, Harvest Home, by Hova—Harvest Lass, distinguished herself by winning the double, the Paddock Handicap, six furlongs, and the Star Handicap, one mile and a-quarter. With 7st 4lb in the saddle she beat Gladsome's time in the October Stakes, so that it is evident she is not a bad one.

A fatal accident occurred at the Maitland Hospital Benefit Meeting. Previous to the running for the Ladies' Bracelet Roy Jim, ridden by L. Bushell and Jessie Moss, ridden by John Logue, were doing a preliminary in the straight when Roy Jim swerved and colliding with Jessie Moss both horses fell. Both boys were tendered unconscious, and Logue died in a-quarter of an hour. The other boy recovered consciousness, but his elbow was fractured.

Chere Amie has left for Melbourne. He put up an excellent performance at Randwick before leaving, covering a mile and a furlong in 1min 59sec, and easily defeated Fashoda who received a long start. Chere Amie, it will be remembered, started favourite in the Epsom Handicap.

The V.R.C. received a splendid general entry for the Spring. Canteen, Wairiki, and Gladsome have been freely engaged.

Training operations are now in full swing at both Caulfield and Flemington, but the winding-up stage has not been reached and the best gallop reported so far is that of Canteen.

The Melbourne Cup candidate Lord Cardigan has left for Melbourne. He has been doing remarkably well in his work at Randwick, and a morning or two ago he galloped a mile and a-quarter in quite his best style. He went at an even pace all the way, and traversed the distance in 2min 15½sec.

Evans, the crack pony jockey who has had wonderful success, has been disqualified for a year by the Kensington stewards not for any fault of his riding, but because he was the owner of a pony named Freeland, who in the opinion of the stewards was tied up in a race last week. The stewards on the pony courses are more wide awake than those at Randwick, but perhaps they need to be.

Sydney, October 13.

When I strolled into the Rosebery Park Racing Club's office the other day I was pleasantly surprised to find two old Aucklanders. These were Tim O'Connor, who is on a visit here, and Paddy Nolan. Their mission was the entry of the pony Vulpine for the 14.3 Handicap run last Monday. Handicappers view importations from New Zealand with a very considerable amount of respect, and Vulpine was made second to-weight with 8st 7lb. She failed, but she did not appear to be quite ready, and I expect to see her run better later on when she has a

little weight taken off. There is a good field for ponies here as there are three pony meetings every week, at which the sum of £23,910 is distributed among ponies in Sydney alone every year.

The only business done in the Sydney betting market on Wednesday was the backing of Acrasia for the Caulfield Cup for several thousands at 100 to 4 and 5, and she finished up at 100 to 6. Some solid business was transacted on the Caulfield Cup in Melbourne, and Gladsome promises to start the hottest favourite on record for the big mile and a-half handicap. She was supported to the extent of £12,000 at 4 to 1, and the same price was on offer at the close. Demas was well supported at 7 to 1. Murrumbidgee was backed for £4000 and advanced to 100 to 7, at which price Tartan, Wingaroon, and Acrasia were quoted. 100 to 5 was on offer about Emir and 100 to 4 against Ossian. The victory of Sylvan King in the Coogy Handicap brought him into notice for the Melbourne Cup, in which he is weighted at 6st 13lb, and he was quoted at 100 to 8, but no business was done. Consequent on his running in the Eclipse Stakes Canteen receded from 8 to 1 to 12 to 1. Acrasia was backed for the Melbourne Cup at 100 to 4 for £4000. Demas for the Caulfield Cup and Acrasia for the Melbourne Cup was backed for £4000.

The second day of the V.A.T.C. Meeting yesterday was favoured by fine weather. The Nursery Handicap was won by the favourite, the Sydney-bred colt Dantzic, by Haut Brion—Dearest. Achilles' sister Dora Grey ran prominently for a time, but failed to see it out. The Eclipse Stakes brought out most of the prominent horses in the weight-for-age division, and was consequently full of interest. In the field of eleven Canteen was made favourite at 3 to 1. F.A. cut out the running, but Nuncio took command in the straight closely attended by Canteen. The favourite quite failed in the struggle home, Nuncio, who is a three-year-old by Strathmore, winning by three-parts of a length from Koopua, who was a length in front of Canteen, who had the benefit of the services of the crack jockey R. Lewis. The Coogy Handicap brought out a big field, including candidates for both the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. Sylvan King, who had a 10lb allowance, was a strong order at 2 to 1, and he won easily by two lengths from Acrasia, with Mac Donovan third, Antilles fourth, and Chere Amie fifth. The Moonga Handicap was won by Baden Powell. In this event the Medallion horse Regio started favourite, but he failed to run up to his Randwick form and had to be content with second place.

Canteen changed hands on Tuesday last, his new owner being Sir Rupert Clarke, and the New Zealand grey will in future be domiciled with the aristocrats of Scobie's Ballarat stable. The price at which Canteen changed hands is not stated, but it is understood to be more than 3000 guineas. He sported his new owner's colours in the Eclipse Stakes yesterday, but ran so disappointingly that he at once receded in the betting for the Melbourne Cup. I do not think that there was much cause for the retrograde movement for the extra Cup distance will suit such a proved stayer, and moreover he will have a lot of weight off his back.

AFTER THE RACES.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The weather was very bad for the Napier Park meeting, heavy showers falling the first day, while on the second day the rain was very persistent. Despite this, £9470 was put through the totalisator, an increase of £486.

Though some dissatisfaction was expressed regarding some of Mr Hyde's dismissals, they were on the whole not deserved, for there is no getting away from the fact that several of the starting posts are badly angled, and those in the stands and paddock do not get a true aspect of the affairs. I took the trouble upon several occasions to go to the said official, and I can bear evidence that the dismissals I witnessed were of a most equitable nature, though in some instances they did not meet with the approval of those who were not so well placed for observation as I was. Mr P. Martin filled the judge's chair, and his accurate and prompt judgments gave every satisfaction. Mr T. G. Henrys allotted the avoirdupois for the opening day, and Mr J. Chadwick regulated the poundage on Wednesday.

Business opened on Tuesday with the Trial Hack, only a quartette going to the post for the contest, Benair, a younger full-brother to the Auckland-owned Ben Blair, being picked as the right way out of the difficulty. He did not materialise the verdict going to Banzai, a four-year-old mare owned by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, by St. Andrew out of Hippolyte, who beat the favourite by quite six lengths. Her perform-

ance was not at all bad when it is taken into consideration that Banzai has only been a few weeks in work. Barca, a three-year-old son of Primula's, by Cyrenian, was a bad third.

Taniwha made a run-away matter of the Taradale Hurdles, for he was first away and first home, but there is not the slightest doubt that he had a modicum of good luck on his side, as Repulse, who was going well, being up sides with Taniwha as the two made a faulty jump half a mile from the chair. He nearly came on his head, and consequently greatly interfered with his prospects; as it was, he ran a good second, beating Comfort by a head for that position.

Douche repeated her second day's essay at Hastings in the County Hack, but she only just got home, for Admiral Cerveras, who was slow to begin, came with a desperate rush in the last furlong, and Douche had to be shaken up to avert defeat. The Admiral, who was well suited by the yielding nature of the track, was going two strides to her one at the finish, and it seems fair to argue that had he been able to get a move on in the first half-mile that he would have silenced Douche. The winner, who is trained by W. Whitaker, has grown into a rare sort of a mare, who later on will give trouble in a better class than she has been silencing lately.

Half a dozen, in Mahutonga, Submarine, Armistice, Fleka, Madrigal and Sir Percivale ranged up for the Park Stakes, the first mentioned being elected favourite, but he only held this position from Madrigal by £3. Submarine, with £3 less invested on his numbers, filling the third favourite's position, so it will be observed that punters were well divided in their opinions. When the field had settled down to work Sir Percivale was seen out in front with a good lead, Armistice and Submarine being his closest attendants. When heads were turned for home Submarine could be seen in the van, Sir Percivale having dropped out at the home bend. At the distance post Submarine looked a good winner, but Buchanan got to Mahutonga in earnest, and the chestnut replying strenuously to his rider's call, came at Submarine and a desperate go resulted in favour of the Gisborne-owned gelding by a long neck. There is no doubt that Mahutonga's display was a brilliant one, for he had a rough trip, being hemmed in for the best part of the journey, and as matters were getting serious, half a mile from the chair Buchanan wisely let Mahutonga drop back and then pulled to the outside running. The gallant style in which he carried his 9st 3lb to victory stamps him as one of the best seen out here for some time, and there was no more satisfied-looking sports on Tuesday than the Messrs Douglas Brothers, who bred the conqueror at their celebrated Te Mahanga stud farm.

Five got under weigh for the Napier Stakes, Signalman having the most support accorded him, King Billy next choice, The Stake third pick. The start was delayed by the eccentric behaviour of Signalman, who ran back when the tapes were sprung back. King Billy, who got entangled in the starting gear, was the quickest away and soon had a good move on. After going a couple of furlongs he gave his fanciers a shake, for he attempted to run off at the entrance to the track, being evidently impressed with the idea that it was time to go home. Kemp, however, was on the qui vive, and giving him a couple of reminders on the neck soon had the little chap straightened up. Signalman was hard ridden in the straight, but failed to decrease the lead held by King Billy, who crossed the line a good winner by two lengths, Beau Seaton just clear of Signalman. King Billy is a perfect little model, with forcible driving quarters, great-boned legs, and a head full of brains. He is well engaged in the Classic events for this season, and is sure—with luck—to prove a big cheque winner for the Laird of Longlands.

Tyrone was made a warm favourite for the Welter, with Blazer next best backed, but neither had much to do with the disposal of the stake, for the award went to Galahad, one of the cerise bearers who beat another outsider in Jewel Gun, who held the pride of place for six furlongs, when he was challenged by Galahad, who scored all out by a long neck.

Catspaw, the favourite, had but little difficulty in getting away with the Ahuriri Hack, for he shot to the front when the word go was given, and striding along well had but little difficulty in keeping the field at bay. Perdita, who in her maiden effort at Hastings, a piece, Carroll, Johnson, Gray, Kirk, Laury, Williams and Buchanan each steering a victor.

was returned a winner, was second, and Maoriland a fair third. Another favourite in Wet Reef annexed his race in the final event of the day, the Railway Handicap. Gold Reef's son who is a resolute galloper, got going early, and never had to be asked for his best. Assayer put in a fast dash in the

last furlong, and though he headed off the rest could not get near enough to Wet Reef to cause any uneasiness amongst the supporters of that gelding.

SECOND DAY.

Naturally, after the good showing the previous day, Galahad was selected as the elucidation of the Puketapu Hack puzzle, the event which started the second day's card. Pushful, who had the services of Fred Davis, being elected second choice. Benair, who on Tuesday had been ridden by Davis, was entrusted to the guidance of Carroll. The black son of Ben Godfrey rushed to the leading after the tapes went up, and keeping his position to the end scored by a length. Pushful, on whom Davis was exerting himself to his utmost, could never get on terms with Benair, who galloped in a much better style than characterised his efforts on the opening day. Galahad was a very poor third.

A quartette, Cavalry, Taniwha, Romany Girl and Westguard weighed out for the Korokipo Hurdles, the full-brother to Calibre being the best supported. His followers never had an anxious moment of it, for after going a half a mile in the rear, he soon got up with the leader, Taniwha, and keeping him well in check captured by half a dozen lengths, and even then was not under pressure. Romany Girl, who had not been seen out on the tracks for some time before the meeting, got third berth, and a poor position at that, Westguard, who could not gallop in the mud, a bad last.

Seven young'uns ranged up for the Nursery Handicap. Probable, who made such a good fight of it at Hastings with Boomerang and Medallist, having the most support accorded to him. He was very fractious at the post, and must have tried the patience of Mr Hyde by his rowdy behaviour. Eventually the field were despatched on fairly level terms, Martyr King being the first to show out, and he saluted the man in the box by a couple of lengths, Wai-punchu third. The victor is a neatly, well-turned young gentleman, who bears a good deal of resemblance to his dam Martyrdom.

Fleka, who would have had no chance in the soft track, was withdrawn from the Racing Club Handicap. Submarine's connections gave the Torpedo colt a real good chance as he had galloped so well in the slush at Rangitikei, and they were not had judges either, for the big fellow pulled to the front in the straight run to the mark, and though Davis, on Madrigal, put in some artistic work, he could not head off the blue and white bearer, who was a length to the good at the finish, Hinetaura a fair third. During the past month Submarine has started upon six occasions, his record being 3 wins, 1 second, a third, and once unplaced. A big raking chap of the courageous order, there is sure to be further successes in store for him.

Replete was looked upon as a good article for the Caledonian Welter, Paria being the next best supported. The former, who had got away from the boy on her way to the course, shot out when the tapes went up, and the further she went the further was she ahead, Wilson easing her down at the finish, when she conquered from Hardwork in the easiest style by half a length, Tattle a moderate third.

Again was the all-cerise to the fore, for Perdita made no race of the Telephone Hack, Horatio, who has not been long in work, second, Polyanthus, who had no share in the going, third.

Mystification, the outsider of the arena, who proceeded to argue out the Grandstand Handicap, put in a brilliant run in the straight, where he settled the pretensions of Forest Ranger, and revelling in the mud, won by a length and a half, Rose Madder a good third. In this race the only mishap of the meeting occurred. Mr W. Rathbone's mare, Governess, twisted herself at the start, and a few strides further on slipped and fell nearly on the track. She broke one of her shoulder bones and had to be destroyed.

Business was brought to a final with the Scurry Hack, which fell to Pretty Maid, a cast-off of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's. The conqueror is a four-year-old mare by The Officer—Norsemaid, and consequently a half-sister to Ice. She is the property of a well-known Hastings resident, who I do not fancy has before been represented in the turf arena. The favourite, Melba, was second, and Barca third.

Last season the Hon. J. D. Ormond was particularly fortunate at this meeting, as he won eight races, and upon the present occasion four of the cerise carriers were awarded winning honours. The victorious horsemen at the fixture were headed by Kemp with three successful mounts, Wilson, Gallagher and Horne following with a couple of scores

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LATE TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUBS SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The Spring Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club was continued on Wednesday afternoon, at Alexandra Park. The weather was dull but pleasant, and there was a very fair attendance of the public. The sport was an improvement on the opening day, some of the finishes being very close. The results were as follows :-

NOVEL TROT HANDICAP; one mile. Pleasanton (Greenwood), 7sec 1 Agnes B. (Brady), 7sec 2 Green Lavender (Leckie), 9sec..... 3 Won by three yards. Time, 3min 5 3-5 sec. Dividends, £1 11s and 18s.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP TROT; 1 1/2 miles. Ladylove (Scott), 15sec 1 La Rosier (Watts), 9sec 2 Miss Huon (Lowe), 18sec 3 Won by twelve yards. Time, 3min 56 3-5sec. Dividends, £2 and £1.

REMUERA HANDICAP; 6 1/2 furlongs. Whawhai (Satman), 7.4 1 Solitary (Pinker), 7.4 2 Sentinel (D. Cotton), 7.0 3 Won by a neck. Time, 1min 26 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 11s and 17s.

LADIES' BRACELET TROT; 1 1/2 miles. Belladonna (Baker), 1sec 1 Agnes B. (Brady), 21sec 2 Rushlight (Wyllie), scratch 3 Won by six lengths. Time, 4min 9 3-5sec. A protest was entered, but was dismissed.

HIGH-CLASS HANDICAP TROT; one mile. Baxter (Scott), 4sec 1 Ballot (Duncan), scratch 2 Waitakauri (Hird), 4sec 3 Won by forty yards. Time, 2min 37 1-5 sec. Dividend, £1 7s.

THE INNOVATION HANDICAP TROT; 1 mile. La Rosier (Watts), scratch 1 Donnizetti (Scott), 4sec 2 Albertorious (Baker), 9sec 3 Won by nine yards. Time, 2min 41sec. Dividends, £1 4s and 12s. A protest against the winner was dismissed.

JUNCTION HANDICAP; five furlongs. Solitary (Pinker), 8.0 * Whawhai (Satman), 7.7 * Delia Rose (Julian), 9.10 3 A close finish. Time, 1min 7sec. Dividends, Solitary, £1 3s, Whawhai, £1 10s.

INSULATION TROT HANDICAP; one mile. The Moress (Baker), 15sec 1 Colenso (Herbert), 8sec 2 Eric (Wood), 14sec 3 Won by 5 yards. Time, 2min 43sec. Dividends, £1 9s and £2 6s.

Plans are being got out for a new totalisator house at Alexandra Park. Instead of the somewhat antiquated octagonal structure at present in use, one more on the lines of the Ellerclie house will be erected. It will prove a boon to both the public and the totalisator staff alike.

The grandstand at Alexandra Park has been thoroughly cleaned and renovated, and has been painted throughout. It looks all the better for the attention.

At Cambria Park the following foalings are recorded:—Lady Agnes (Neckersgat-Peradventure), filly to Eton; Sprite (Dreadnought—Elflock) colt; Rattler (Nelson—Moonga), colt; Hestia Grandmaster—Wildfire) colt; all to Cyrenian.

At Wellington Park Field Rose (Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington) has produced a filly to Menschikoff, St. Amy (St. Leger—Hazel) a filly, and Castorlace (Castor—Necklace) a filly; both to the same sire.

Messrs R. and R. Duder's Vera (Regel—Muriel) has foaled a filly to Cuirassier, and the same owners' Queen Anne (St. Leger—Anna) a colt to Soult.

Mr Friedlander has met with a stroke of ill-luck, having lost the colt foal by Seaton Delaval from Jadestone.

Mr J. Roulston's Pretoria has produced a colt to Soult.

Mr McLeod's Winsome (Cuirassier—Winnie) has foaled a colt to Soult.

Mr T. Hood's Inamorata (Torpedo—Lady's Maid) has produced a filly to Soult.

At the Doncaster (Eng.) yearling sales last month a colt by Carbine from Pindi realised 1400 guineas, Mr Lionel Robinson being the purchaser.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

Table with columns for odds and names: 1000 to 15 Little Turk, 3:0 to 9 Uranus, 200 to 24 Martian, 200 to 20 Mahutonga, 200 to 10 Heroism, 200 to 12 Calibre, 100 to 10 Achilles

New Zealand Cup and Stewards Handicap 1000 to 10 Mahutonga and Golden Lily, 1000 to 4 Convoy and Crichton, 1000 to 2 Black Reynard and Crichton, Oblivion and To-morrow

Table with columns for odds and names: 800 to 5 Mahutonga and To-morrow, 700 to 7 Martian and Nightfall, 700 to 4 Mahutonga and Solution, 600 to 3 Mahutonga and Starshoot, Nightfall and Solution, 600 to 2 Oblivion and Zetland, Secret Society and Solution

MELBOURNE AND NEW ZEALAND CUPS 300 to 2 Cato and Melodeon, 250 to 2 Ambrose and Martian, 200 to 4 Canteen and Martian, 200 to 2 Wairiki and Calibre, Canteen and Ghooorka, Cato and Calibre, Canteen and Achilles

Mr Arthur Law, of Wellington, reports the following business on the

Table with columns for odds and names: 600 to 18 Uranus, 100 to 5 Romeo, 700 to 36 Calibre, 200 to 12 Grand Rapids, 200 to 16 Mahutonga, 150 to 10 Bulawayo, 300 to 36 Martian, 900 to 44 Convoy, 150 to 1 Sir Percivale, 11:0 to 87 Nightfall, 400 to 16 Heroism, 300 to 30 Achilles

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TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 12.

The weather was very unfavourable for the second day's racing. The attendance was very little short of that on the first day. The sum of £4,769 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £9,470 for the two days, being an increase of £496 on last year. The following are the results:—

PUKETAPU HACK HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Mr M. Johnson's blk g Benair, 4yrs, by Ben Godfrey—Lady Blair, 7.9, Carroll ... 1 Mr J. B. Adeane's Pusiful, 7.13, Davis ... 2 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Galahad, 8.5, Gallagher ... 3 Other starters—Patuna, 8.2; Sleepwell, 7.5; Kohatu, 6.7.

Won by a length. Time, 1min 32 2-5th sec. Dividends, £6 16s and £1 4s.

KOROKIPO HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Mr A. Champion's b g Cavalry, aged, by Light Artillery—Sunningdale, 10.13, Johnston ... 1 Mr Wi Duncan's Taniwha, 9.10, Lawry ... 2 Mr C. Morse's Romany Girl, 9.2, Neale ... 3 Other starters—Westguard, 9.9.

Won easily by a length. Time, 3min 29 3-5th sec. Dividend, £2 4s.

NURSERY HANDICAP; four furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Martyr King, 2yrs, by Sir Lancelot—Martyrdom, 7.5, Horne ... 1 Mr A. Armstrong's Probable, 8.5, Buchanan ... 2 Messrs W. J. and A. F. Douglas's Waipunehu, 7.2, Kemp ... 3 Other starters—Moral, 8.1; Merry Tiger and Eurumea, 7.2; Pearlina, 6.11.

Won by a length. Time, 52 2-5th sec. Dividends, £3 10s and 12s.

RACING CLUB HANDICAP; one mile and a distance. Mr E. J. Watt's Submarine, 3yrs, by Torpedo—Blue-water, 7.8, Kemp ... 1 Mr T. H. Lowry's Madrigal, 8.5, Davis ... 2 Mr G. E. G. Richardson's Hinetaura, 7.13, Buchanan ... 3 Other starters—Armistice, 8.6; Sir Percivale, 6.7.

Won by a length. Time, 2min 3sec. Dividend, £3 5s

CALEDONIAN WELTER HANDICAP; six furlongs. Mr C. Deady's br m Replete, 5yrs, by Lethe—Kokiri, 9.2, Wilson ... 1 Mr A. Jackson's Hardwork, 8.12, Young ... 2 Mr G. Hunter's Tattle, 8.5, Buchanan ... 3 Other starters—Baudmaster, 9.2; Paria, 8.13; Jewel Gun, 8.6; La Bijouterie, 8.0.

Won by half a length. Time, 1min 22 1-5th sec. Dividends, £3 3s and £2 4s.

TELEPHONE HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's br m Perdita, 3yrs, by The Officer—Montreal, 8.5, Gallagher ... 1 Mr E. White's Horatio, 7.11, Kirk ... 2 Mr J. E. McIvor's Polythusa, 7.7, Buchanan ... 3 Other starters—Merry Kate, 8.5; Maoriland, 8.3.

Won easily by six lengths. Time, 1min 21 1-5th sec. Dividend, £2 9s.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Mr G. Hunter's ch m Mystification, 3yrs, by Apremont—Mystic, 6.9, Gray ... 1 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Forest Ranger, 6.11, Jaeger ... 2 Mr T. H. Lowry's Rose Madder, 7.9 ... 3 Other starters—Blazer, 9.13; Tukapa, 7.12; Assayer, 7.5.

Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 36sec. Dividends, £5 9s and £1 8s.

SCURRY HACK RACE; five furlongs. Mr G. Tong's br m Pretty Maid, 4yrs, by The Officer—Norsemaid, 8.7, Kirk ... 1 Mr G. E. G. Richardson's Melba, S.V. Cotton ... 2 Mr T. Crosse's Baron, 8.7, Wilson ... 3 Other starters—Forest Vale, Mataika and Goldsmith, 8.7.

Won by half a length. Time, 1min 8 1-5th sec. Dividends, £6 and 13s.

MESSRS. BARNETT AND GRANT report the following Ruling Prices on the New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap:—

Table with columns for Amount in Square to 1, N.Z. CUP, STEWARDS, and various horse names with their ruling prices.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—OCTOBER 12.

The weather was showery for the first day's racing of the above club's spring meeting.

SPRING HURDLES HANDICAP; one mile and a-half. H. McLean's The Gnesser, 10.12 ... 1

HAOK HANDICAP; five furlongs. Ellis Bros' Ouidaform, 8.5, McClusky ... 1

MOSGIEL HANDICAP; one mile. R. McDonald's Flower o' Clutha, 9.2, L. King ... 1

TRIAL STAKES; seven furlongs. Quagga, 9.13, Blythe ... 1

ELECTRIC HANDICAP; six furlongs. Brighton, 7.8 ... 1

BARNSIDE WELTER HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Wee Macgregor, 9.0 ... 1

OCTOBER WELTER HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Juniper, 10.3 ... 1

SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 13.

There was a moderate attendance for the second day's racing.

WAIKARE HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Huku, 11.9 ... 1

TELEGRAPH WELTER HANDICAP; six furlongs. Brighton, 10.9 ... 1

BURNSIDE WELTER HACK HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Wee Macgregor, 9.6 ... 1

RANFURLY HANDICAP; one mile. Juniper, 8.0 ... 1

SHORTS' HANDICAP; five furlongs. Red Gauntlet, 10.2 ... 1

KAIKOORIA HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Rubette, 6.7 ... 1

THE TURF IN ENGLAND.

At the Newmarket Meeting the following was the result of the principal event:—

His Majesty's b c Chatsworth, by Persimmon—Meadow Chat ... 1

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

At the V.A.T.C. meeting at Caulfield the following were the results of the principal events:—

MONA NURSERY HANDICAP of 300 sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs. Mr W. Penn's br c Dantzie, by Haut Brion—Dearest, 8.2 ... 1

ECLEPSE STAKES of 300 sovs; one mile and three furlongs. Mr J. Wilson's b or br c Nuncio, 5yrs, by Strathmore—Lonely, 7.1, including 10lb allowance, Connell ... 1

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THIRD DAY.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion on Saturday in the presence of a great concourse of people.

Mr J. Wren's ch g Murmur, 5yrs, by Arsenal—Millstream, 6.12, Fisher ... 1

Betting: 4 to 1 against Gladstone, 6 to 1 Demas, 8 to 1 Tartan and Murmur, 10 to 1 Wingham, 14 to 1 Acrasia and Emir, 20 to 1 Ossian, 33 to 100 to 1 the others.

ACCEPTANCES.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—OCTOBER 20.

12 noon. OCTOBER HURDLE HANDICAP; one mile and three-quarters. Killarney ... 10 lb

12 40 p.m. SHORTS' HANDICAP; five furlongs. Starshoot ... 8 lb

1 40 p.m. WELLINGTON HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter. Convooy ... 9 lb

2 20 p.m. BIRUTAKA HACK HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Joe Chamberlain ... 9 lb

3 p.m. NURSERY HANDICAP; four furlongs. Regulation ... 9 lb

3 40 p.m. WAIKAI HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Medallist ... 8 lb

4 20 p.m. FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs. Exmoor ... 9 lb

5 p.m. SPRING HACK HANDICAP; five furlongs. Chivalry ... 8 lb

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP of 2,000 sovs; two miles. Achilles ... 10 lb

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

RUN NOVEMBER 1.

MELBOURNE CUP; two miles. Lord Cardigan ... 8 lb

Table of race results and odds for various horses including Murmur, Thapsoody, and others.

OTAHUHU RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

DASH TROT; one mile.

Table of race results for Dash Trot featuring Thorndean, Isabel, and Donizetti.

HURDLE RACE; one mile and a-half.

Table of race results for Hurdle Race featuring St. Rowan, Flower of Gold, and Rolfe.

MAIDEN PLATE; seven furlongs.

Table of race results for Maiden Plate featuring Air Gun, Whakahihi, and Cuiragno.

PONY RACE; five furlongs.

Table of race results for Pony Race featuring Delia Rose, Gladys Rose, and Fashionable.

RAILWAY HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table of race results for Railway Handicap featuring Strathavon, Ben Blair, and Sonoma.

LABOUR DAY TROT; one mile and a-half.

Table of race results for Labour Day Trot featuring Thorndean, Isabel, and Miss Huon.

OTAHUHU CUP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table of race results for Otahuhu Cup featuring Strathavon, Bacchus, and Yolotte.

HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—NOVEMBER 5.

Table of race results for Auckland City Handicap and other events including Romeo, Loch Erne, and Shrapnel.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 500 sovs; six furlongs.

Table of race results for Stewards' Handicap featuring Achilles, Machine Gun, and Martian.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—OCTOBER 27.

Table of race results for Poverty Bay Turf Club's Spring Meeting featuring Cavalry, Lady Raven, and Morpeth.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

November 5, 9, 12. Birthday Handicap, of 400 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Gladstone, Hinetaura, Simena, Newtown, Lady Hune, Hinekoa, The Needle, Rambler, Shrapnel, King Paul, Putty, Idas, General Average, Marshal Soult, Strathavon, Akarana, Dolores, Durable, Dunmore, Monoform, Scotty, Miss Lottie, Loch Erne, Lovelink, Zulieka, Idasa, Romeo.

SUMMER MEETING.

Dec. 26 and 29, 1904, and Jan. 2 and 3, 1905.

Auckland Cup Handicap, of 1500 sovs. Two miles.—Gladstone, Simena, Newtown, Lady Hune, Rambler, Cruciform, Martian, Grand Rapids, Uranus, Nightfall, Golden Knight, King Paul, Heroism, Miss Lotty, Putty, Idas, General Average, Swagsman, Secret Society, Strathavon, Akarana, Mahutonga, Buluwayo, Ailsa, Sir Percivale, Madrigal, Starshoot, Float, Melodean, Solution, Achilles, Ghoorka, Wairiki, Delania, Monoform, Scotty, Muskerdale, Kaharoa, Loch Ernie, Lovelink, Romeo.

Summer Cup Handicap, of 500 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Gladstone, Newtown, Lady Hune, Martian, Savoury, Nightfall, King Paul, Geordie, Heroism, Grand Rapids, Uranus, Golden Knight, Miss Lottie, Waipuna, Putty, Idas, General Average, Marshal Soult, Swagsman, Secret Society, Strathavon, Akarana, Mahutonga, Quarryman, To-morrow, Chryseis Signalman, Ailsa, Crichton, Cavatina, Sir Percivale, The Stake, Banzai, Madrigal, Starshoot, Float, Melodean, Submarine, Durable, Paratutu, Solution, Exmoor, Ghoorka, Sonoma, Green and Gold, Lycia, Delania, Dunmore, Monoform, Scotty, Muskerdale, Kaharoa, Loch Ernie, Lovelink, Idasa, Romeo, Golden Rose.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap, of 750 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Gladstone, Newtown, Lady Hune, Cruciform, Martian, Grand Rapids, Nightfall, King Paul, Geordie, Heroism, Miss Lottie, Putty, Idas, General Average, Marshal Soult, Secret Society, Strathavon, Akarana, Mahutonga, Quarryman, To-morrow, Chryseis, Buluwayo, Ailsa, Crichton, Cavatina, Sir Percivale, The Stake, Madrigal, Starshoot, Float, Melodean, Slotion, Achilles, Ghoorka, Wairiki, Delania, Dunmore, Monoform, Scotty, Muskerdale, Submarine, Loch Ernie, Lovelink, Idasa, Romeo.

Railway Handicap, of 400 sovs. Six furlongs.—Gladstone, Ponderghie, Newtown, Beau Seaton, Machine Gun, Rubia, Savoury, Golden Lily, Lady Lyonors, Waikato, Minna, Geordie, La Cigale, Hohoro, Mechanic, Seabird, Numa, General Average, Avalanche, Marshal Soult, The Middv, Golden Rose, Strathavon, Black and Gold, Kremlin, Austerlitz, Quarryman, Golden Vein, To-morrow, Stronghold, Ailsa, Crichton, Cavatina, The Stake, Banazai, Starshoot, Solution, Boris, Exmoor, Sonoma, Green and Gold, Lycia, Monoform, Muskerdale, Daffodil, Lovelink, Lolah Lady Annie, Romeo.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap, of 350 sovs. About three miles and a-half.—Andy Regan, Loch Lomond, Ngara, Catherine Gordon, Flower of Gold, Dingoo, Malanta, Resolution, Pharos, Princess of Thule, Phaetonitis, Comfort, Kanaka, Hylas, St. Rowan, Rolf, Up-to-date, Ronga, Tuni, Irish, Hinatu, Slow Tom, Cannongate, Saturn, Bellman.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Trial Handicap.—Hinetauriki, Tutungarehu, Gatenby, The Pearler, Probiada, Linklock, Pua, Faro. First County Stakes.—Vivacity, Morpeth, Paria, Melton, Hall, Local Option, Sarilla, The Broker, Sergeant-Major, Big Ian, Craftsman, Gattenby, Guilletta, Casina, Te Kahui. First Welter.—Romany Girl, Morpeth, Vivacity, Te Uku, Bruiser, The Proker, Linklock, Faro. Maiden Scurry.—Momotoa, Kawepo, Sergeant-Major, Melton Hall, Wheturere, Whistle Jacket, Mona, The Heather, Probiada, Poriro, Heywood. First Hack Flat.—Romany Girl, Maori-land, Hauri, Morpeth, Reay, Te Uku, Kawepo, The Pearler, Pua.

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TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUBS SPRING MEETING.

OPENING DAY.

The Spring Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club was commenced on Saturday in gloriously fine weather, which had the effect of inducing a large number of people to visit Alexandra Park. The sport on the whole was good, although there were one or two one-sided races. The management in Mr Mark's hands left nothing to be desired. Messrs A. R. Harris and J. Hill shared the duties of the judge, while the starting was in the capable hands of Mr O'Connor. During the afternoon speculation was hardly so brisk as might have been expected, the sum of £1795 going through the totalisator.

Proceedings opened with the Maiden Trot, 1 1/2 miles, for which Bell Car was in much the most demand. The race would have been a good thing for the favourite, but Pleasanton unfortunately collided with the sulky, and the result was a smash. Lowe, who was driving Bell Car, being thrown out. This left Pleasanton in command, and he won easily by thirty yards from Cleve, with Albert A. a bad third.

Gladys Rose was served up pretty warm for the Onehunga Handicap, 6 1/2 furlongs, with that good old slave Annoyed next in demand. The latter got left at the post, and Whaiwhai made most of the running to the distance, when Gladys Rose came with a rush and a great finish saw the Mousquetaire mare win by a head from Whaiwhai, with Lucrece three lengths off, third.

Duchess of Rothschild was a slightly better favourite than Redleaf for the Spring Trot, 2 miles, and she led for the greater part of the journey. Entering the straight, "the Irishman," as Redleaf was called owing to Scott wearing a green jacket, drew level. McBride's mare here broke, and Redleaf coming home in good style won by ten yards from the Duchess, with Rebel Boy, who only really settled down to trot in the last lap, third.

Little Paul, a small and ragged-looking son of Wilmington, effected a great surprise in the Middle-Class Trot, for which Empress, Duchess of Rothschild and Albertorious were well supported. The black pony led all the way, nothing else getting near him, Brady driving him home a forty yards winner from Albertorious, who was almost beaten on the post by Duchess of Rothschild. The winner returned the nice dividend of £11 for each 10s. ticket invested on his chance.

Punters dropped on Waitekauri as a fairly good thing for the Stewards' Trot, 1 1/2 miles, but the winner turned up in Empress, who led throughout, running past the judge's box quite twenty yards in front of the favourite, who came in great style up the straight passing Colenso.

Little Paul showed his previous win was no fluke by taking the Pony Trot in good style.

A good field of nine ponies turned out for the October Handicap, 5 furlongs, and for this Gladys Rose, on the strength of her previous win, came in for a lot of support, while a good deal of coin was forthcoming for Orange and Blue and Whaiwhai. Immediately after the start, Solitary took up the running, and she soon had placed a big gap between herself and the field. Once into the straight Whaiwhai set out in pursuit, but he could never get nearer than two lengths to the uncertain daughter of Recluse, while Gladys Rose was a poor third.

Proceedings terminated with the Electric Trot, for which Bonizetti found more favour than Bell Car. Pleasanton was responsible for the early part of the running, but at the bend for home the outsider, Colenso, drew level, and after a ding dong finish managed to just secure a verdict by the narrow margin of a yard, with The Mooress a poor third.

Particulars of the various events are as follows :-

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Mrs B. Greenwood's br h Pleasanton, aged, by Elector-Belle Robins, 10sec, Greenwood ... 1 Mr C. Henry's b g Cleve, 5yrs, by Cleveland, 12sec, Higgins ... 2 Mr T. Williams' b c Albert A., 3yrs, by Albert Victor-Alice, 12sec, Duncan ... 3 Other starters-Bell Car, Red Wilkes, and Manganui, 4sec; Huon Clair and Miss Duomoire, 10sec. Won by ten lengths. Time, 4min 41sec. Dividends, £1 6s and £1 8s.

ONEHUNGA HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half. Mr J. Montgomery's b m Miss Gladys, aged, by Mousquetaire-Miss Dragon, 7st 12lb, 6sec's ... 1 Mr D. Leslie's b g Whawhai, aged, 6st 11lb, Satman ... 2 Mr B. Cunningham' br m Lucrece, 3yrs 7st 10lb, Barr ... 3 Other starters-Annoyed, 10st 10lb; Lady French, 7st 12lb; Sentinel, 7st 6lb. Won by a long head. Time, 1min 26 4/5th sec. Dividends, £1 8s and £1 8s.

SPRING HANDICAP TROT. Two miles. Mr W. A. Scott's b g Redleaf, aged, by Redwind-Citig, 15sec, Scott ... 1 Mrs G. W. McBride's b m Duchess of Rothschild, 5yrs, 18sec, McBride ... 2 Mr S. Simmonds' rn g Rebel Roy, 6yrs, 5sec, Hird ... 3 Other starters-Taihoa, scr; Thordean, 7sec; Belladonna, 9sec; Miss Isnon, 19sec. Won by over two lengths. Time, 6min 24sec. Dividends, £1 11s and 7s.

MIDDLE-CLASS TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Mr J. Brady's br g Little Paul, 5yrs, by Wilmington-unknown, 9sec, Brady ... 1 Mr Wi Kamu's b h Albertorious, 4yrs, 9sec, Baker ... 2 Mrs G. W. McBride's b m Duchess of Rothschild, 5yrs, scr, McBride ... 3 Other starters-Empress, 2sec; Kiteontea, Nat Gould and Lady Florence, 4sec; George, Beit and Little Ben, 9sec; Pleasanton, 15sec. Won by ten lengths. Time, 4min 13 1/5th sec. Dividends, £11 and 10s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT. One mile and a-half. Mr C. Chilcott's b m Empress, aged, by Imperious-Violet, 19sec, Murfitt ... 1 Mr S. Hird's b g Waitekauri, aged, 8sec, Hird ... 2 Mr G. Herbert's b g Cleve, ag-d, 19sec, owner ... 3 Other starters-Ballot, scr; Harold Abdallah, 6sec; Typewriter, 8sec; La Rosier, 12sec; K.D., 13sec. Won by four lengths. Time, 4min 6 2/5th sec. Dividends, £1 13s and 1s.

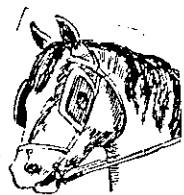
PONY HANDICAP TROT. One mile. Mr J. Brady's br g Little Paul, 5yrs, by Wilmington-unknown, 5sec, including 5sec penalty, Brady ... 1 Mr T. Wylie's b g Bushlight, aged, scr, Duncan ... 2 Mrs T. Wood's b g Eric, aged, 7sec, Wood ... 3 Other starters-Isabel, scr; Miss Munroe, 9sec. Won by a length. Time, 2min 44 2/5th sec. Dividend £3 8s.

OCTOBER HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr J. Risk's ch m Solitary, aged, by Recluse-Queenie, 7st Pinker ... 1 Mr D. Leslie's br g Whawhai, aged, 6.11, Satman ... 2 Mr J. Montgomery's b m Gladys Rose, aged, 8st 5lb, including 7lb penalty, Scats ... 3 Other starters-Orange and Blue, 9st 4lb; Manganui, 8st 7lb; Fashionable, 8st; Sentinel, 7st 9lb; Shrewsbury, 6st 11lb; Mosquito, 6st 7lb. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 1min 6 2/5th sec. Dividends, £3 13s and 16s.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mr G. Hertel's b g Colenso, aged, by Yarraman 8sec, owner ... 1 Mr W. A. Scott's b g Donizetti, aged, 10sec, owner ... 2 Mr Wi Kamu's br m The Mooress, 6yrs, 11sec, Baker ... 3 Other starters-Juliette, 4sec; Miss Munroe, 12sec; Bell Car, George, K.O., and St John, 13sec; Pleasanton, 17sec. Won by a neck. Time, 2min 41sec. Dividends, £7 17s and 11s.

Door old chest it heaves and rattles, Tender throat and tonsils red; Pull my swag from 'neath the bunk, mates, Broach the bottle, Ted. Yes, siree, the squatters use it, Shearers, rousers, rich and poor; Pitch the whiskey into blazes, Give me Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

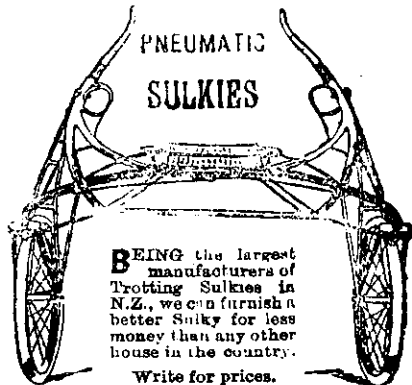
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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AQUATICS.

BOWLING.

(By "The Recler.")

Beautiful weather favoured the opening of the rowing season on Saturday. The wind was rather fresh, but being off the shore, gave plenty of smooth water for the function. All the club's were well represented in the procession, which formed quite a pleasing spectacle. A procession is, however, a very tame affair, and I cannot help thinking that a little more originality could easily be introduced into the proceedings. The spectators would appreciate the change, at all events.

Another Auckland yacht is to go to Nelson. This is the well-known cruising power launch Naomi II., which flew the pennant of Rear-Commodore J. Alexander, of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron. Mr Alexander was always willing to place his smart little vessel at the disposal of the various sailing committees, and her departure from the Waitemata will be regretted by many. Captain McNab is the new owner.

Quite a number of new yachts will be seen out this season. The largest is, of course, Mr Horton's Ariki, but there are several others, the popular type being about the 25-footer. Over at North Shore there will be at least four new yachts, while the Ponsonby Club has several additions to the fleet.

The annual race for the sculling championship of Victoria was held on the Lower Yarra course, two and a-half miles, on Saturday week. The only starters were P. C. Ivens, 10.12, who won the three previous years, and H. Brasch, 11.0, both of the Mercantile Club. Brasch led at the start, but Ivens took command at the half-mile, and stayed there till the end, winning by a length in 19min 10sec against a strong tide.

The annual race for the Seawanhaka International Trophy was sailed in the early part of August last on Lake St. Louis, North America. The challenger, the White Bear, came from the White Bear Club of St. Paul, Minnesota, United States, and the defender was the Noorna, of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, of Montreal, Canada. Once again the Americans were unable to wrest the famous trophy away from the Canadians, but the contests were closer than usual.

The Ponsonby Regatta, which has been fixed for December 17, will have nine sailing races, five rowing events, and numerous side shows on the programme.

St. George's "At Home" will take place on November 5. This is usually one of the most enjoyable outings of the season, but the club would have done well to have avoided the opening day of the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting, as this will keep many people away.

At last a man seems to have been unearthed capable of emulating Captain Webb's feat of swimming the English Channel (say the "Australasian" London correspondent), this being J. W. Burgess, a Yorkshireman by birth, who has, however, resided in France for many years. He is a very fast swimmer, and this week made a gallant attempt to swim from Dover to Calais, being in the water just under nine hours, and being taken out when only five miles from the French coast, owing to a gale having sprung up. He was very little fatigued, and if the weather had kept fine would almost certainly have accomplished the feat. Burgess will make another attempt next year.

The latest phase of the America Cup subject is that both Mr C. L. Watson and Mr William Fife are reported to distinctly decline designing a new yacht for Sir Thomas Lipton. Possibly the disparaging remarks with respect to British yacht-designers made by Sir Thomas when smarting under his last defeat have something to do with the matter.

I notice the Northern Bowling Association intends going into the question of cutting down expenses in connection with the annual tournament, which this year will take place at Gisborne. It is a step which has been frequently urged in these columns, but no notice was taken of the suggestions, the result being that more than one club has severed connection with the Association. Why not cut down the liquor bill for a start?

Mr James Kirker has been elected President of the Northern Bowling Association.

The Rocky Nook Club was very unfortunate with their opening. On the date originally fixed for this it was too wet and on Labour Day the weather conditions were even worse. President Bouskill however declared the green open, and after the usual mutual admiration speeches had been worked off the company dispersed. The green is in good order for the season.

Next Saturday will be a busy day with bowlers as Carlton, Mount Eden, and Onehunga will all have their opening ceremonies.

Inter-club matches are to be much more freely indulged in this season. This will be good news to the many who do not care for club competitions, which have been greatly overdone and which are invariably dragged out until the end of the season.

Play was in full swing at the Rocky Nook green on Saturday, a large number of visitors, mostly from the Auckland Club, being present.

The Carlton winter green has been closed for the summer. During the winter a great many exciting games have taken place on it, and many bowlers declare that the winter game, when only the enthusiasts play, is much superior to the ordinary club game in the summer.

The Ponsonby Bowling Club had beautiful weather for the opening on Saturday last, and quite five hundred people visited the ground, which was gaily decorated for the occasion. The Newton Band played several selections of music during the afternoon, while tea was dispensed to the visitors in very hospitable fashion. After Mr Peacock had declared the green open the customary Presidents and Vice-presidents' matches were indulged in, the latter winning by 19 points on the aggregate for the twelve rinks. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent by bowlers and their friends.

CRICKET.

The Cup matches will be commenced on Saturday next, when it is to be hoped that fine weather will favour the knights of the willow.

The Eden Club's "At Home" on Labour Day was spoilt by the wretched weather. Nothing daunted the big club is coming up to scratch again with another on November 9.

It is rumoured that a strong junior team from New South Wales may visit the colony this season. If so some good matches should result.

The Eden District Club opened the season on Saturday when the First Eleven beat the Next Thirteen by 101 to 44. I. Mills top-scoring for the winners with 43. W. Mills took six wickets for 17. Two other matches were played, Grinrod's eleven beating a fifteen captained by Ryan by 100 to 62, and Buckland's twelve being defeated by Bennett's thirteen by 82 to 46.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS A CURE FOR KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLES.

At Christchurch the Lancaster Park eleven carried their total to 196 (Barrett 76), and the thirteen made 126 in their second attempt, the eleven winning by 10 wickets. Callaway took five wickets for 19 runs. Midland A carried the score against the B team to 207 (H. Lawrence 51, Whitta 25, J. Lawrence 29). The B team made only 94 runs in their second attempt, thus losing by an innings and 40 runs. Playing United Sydenham made 70 in their first innings to United's 153. United declared their second innings closed with 44 runs for six wickets, but could only get eight of the Sydenham players out for 88 (Bennett 40). United won on the first innings by 83 runs.

Duff, Trumper, Noble, Kelly, Hopkins, Carter, Hill, and Howell, all of whom were members of the last Australian team which toured England, are showing good form (says the "Town and Country Journal"). From present appearances there will not be many new men in the next Australian team. Of course, there will be three for certain. Jones will not be selected again, while Trumble and Darling have said they will not undertake the trip again.

Once more has C. Bannerman been engaged to coach the boys at Christ's College, Christchurch. It is understood that the college authorities were eager to secure the services of C. T. B. Turner, a famous bowler, but some hitch occurred. Graham, the dashing Victorian batsman, has been again engaged by the Otago Association as coach.

The London "Sportsman" reports an extraordinary bowling performance. In the semi-final round of the Cambridge Junior Cup Competition, Harold Barker, for St. Giles Guild, took nine wickets for no runs. He took five wickets with successive balls. The scores were: Hornsea, 10 and 18 (for seven wickets); St. Giles Guild, 175 (Barker not out 41).

A curious incident occurred in connection with G. L. Jessop's dismissal in a recent county match at Bourmouth. He had off-driven and hooked Cranfield for 4's, and in attempting to repeat the latter hit gave an easy chance to Wrathall at short-leg. To the relief of the holiday crowd, who were anxious to see some big hitting, the fieldsman dropped the ball. But their satisfaction was short-lived, as in making the stroke Jessop had trodden on his wicket!

According to the "Referee," the famous South Australian batsman Clem Hill is to be married in January. He and his bride propose to spend the honeymoon in New Zealand and to go via America to England. They have bought a beautiful property near Adelaide (the price of which ran into thousands).

There should be plenty of spectators at the Domain on Saturday next to see the commencement of the District Championships. Mr Yates has been working hard to rectify the damage done to the ground on Labour Day, and if only the weather holds fine the wickets should roll out very well.

ATHLETICS.

The Grammar School Sports will take place on November 1. Entries for the Old Boys' Race close next Monday.

The Auckland Athletic and Cycling Club's Sports Meeting has been fixed for December 3.

The N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association's Annual Meeting will take place in Christchurch on November 25.

Some curiosity has been evinced locally regarding a recent cable that Mr Richard Irving intended to bring A. Cameron and G. Johnston, champion hammer-throwers and weight-putters for a tour of Australasia. Such a trip would be certain to mean financial disaster.

The Sydney amateur hurdler, C. P. Stewart, of the Warringah Harriers, is evidently very smart. At the championship meeting of the East Sydney Club the other day he won the final of the 120Yds Hurdles in very easy fashion in 18 3-5sec from the owe 15yds mark, and this despite the fact that he was quite untrained. Stewart was picked to represent New South Wales in Melbourne last February, but was unable to cross the Murray.

The 440Yds Championship of New South Wales was decided on October 8, and was won by G. A. Widmer, of the Sydney Harriers, beating the University runner, V. S. Fritter, by two feet in 53 1-10sec.

At the last meeting of the management committee of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club it was decided that the club's sports carnival should be held on Saturday, December 3, and the following programme was drawn up:—100Yds Handicap (for youths under 19 years), 100Yds Handicap, 220Yds Handicap, 440Yds Handicap, Half-mile Handicap, One-mile Walk, Putting the 16lb Weight, High Jump Handicap, 120Yds Hurdles Handicap, Half-mile Bicycle Handicap, Two-mile Bicycle Handicap (ladies' bracelet), Steeplechase Handicap (about two miles). Entries for all events close on Saturday, November 19.

Withing the past twelve months the veteran long-distance walker, William Buckler, has made three attempts to beat the late W. Gale's record performance of 1500 miles in 1000 consecutive hours; the first two essays—at Wigan and Blackpool respectively—proved unsuccessful, but victory has crowned his last effort, which was carried out at the athletic-grounds, Ashton-under-Lyne. In order to lower Gale's figures decisively, Buckler—who is a native of Newport, Monmouthshire, and 55 years of age—set himself to cover one mile and a half and 200 yards in every hour, and this trying schedule he carried out to the yard, completing his 1613th mile well before the expiry of the 1000th hour.

Neither of the Australian representatives did any good at the Olympic games at St. Louis, in fact, one of them, Macpherson, did not even start. C. H. Gardiner, the other runner, writing from St. Louis to the "Australian" says:—"I have done no good; am in very bad form; the climate and food here have been too much for me. Started in the 120Yds Hurdles Handicap got 4yds from scratch; got second in heat; in the final, won in 15 4-5sec, I went back to 3yds, but could not get up speed. They all hurdle in the Kraenzlein style, which seems faster than our way; but fast men do not seem to go in for it, takes loose-limbed men. Hahn won 60 and 200 metres easily in 7sec and 21 3-5sec, and Hillman the 400 and 200 metres hurdles (low) in 24 3-5sec and 53sec. I started in the 100 Metres Handicap and Broad Jump Handicap. Got 3yds in the former, and ran second in heat, but nowhere in final. In the jump I could do no better than 19ft 4in; but had been working pretty hard for hurdles, which had stiffened me. Marathon race was a disappointment, and a good many think a fake. Several good runners came, but the favourite, Sherring, of Canada, who looked very fit in training, did not appear, and the second favourite only ran about 10 miles, and came back looking very fresh. The winner was kept going on strychnine and eggs, with a couple of motors in attendance. A couple of Zulu mail carriers, who were with the English in the Boer War, ran and came seventh and eleventh. If they had been properly prepared I think they would have won. The winner, T. J. Hicks, took 3 1/2 hours, but the course (nearly 25 miles) had a terrible lot of hills. Hahn is very small, but well built and splendidly trained. Runs like a machine, and has 7ft 6in stride. The longer the stride the better the sprinter here. Duffy's is 8ft 3in.

"In the Championship I had not much chance, but was knocked out by there being a fairly strong head wind. Did not qualify in heat, won by F. W. Schule (winner of final) in 16 1-5sec, with third man in final second. I hurdled fairly well, but did not get much pace into it; did about the same old 16 2-5sec.

"The 100 was a pretty race. Hahn got away and led all through, but Cartmell (with whom I have been training) was a yard behind the other two at 50, and came through with a grand run. If he had been in the same form on Wednesday am pretty sure he would have won the 200."

James Wray, the walker, has received another letter from C. F. Falkner of Sydney, with reference to their proposed match. Falkner wants to know the date of the match and the exact amount and as both peds. are quite in earnest over the matter there is no doubt of the contest ultimately taking place. The only difficulty is the date, as Falkner wants to walk before the end of November, while Wray is unable to compete until the middle of December.

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CYCLING.

Riding at the new track at Brisbane on Friday, Berry, the amateur cycling champion, established new records as follows:—Quarter-mile, 20 9-10sec; half-mile, 43 4-5sec; one mile, 1min 29 2-5sec.

The Domain track was in an awful condition for the Labour Day Sports. W. Lees seemed most at home in the mud, winning the half and one mile handicaps.

Cyclists who do much touring will find that a very good tip in riding against the wind is to always give the element "best," and to refrain from battling against it. Giving the wind "best" simply means to drop your pace until it is well within your power. It is very surprising how, if this is done, long distances against the wind can be covered. The man who starts out against a strong head wind, and rides at ten or twelve miles an hour, battling hard against the opposition, is pretty well sure, unless he is a crack rider, to run himself out in a short time, whereas if that same rider were to have proceeded at from six to eight miles an hour, he would find that hour after hour he could continue riding with comparative ease, and at the end be little the worse for the effort. Therefore, against a head-wind ride well within yourself, and you will get over the ground without inconvenience.

A fad of riders, not merely those of the race track, but also the rank and file on the roads, is the width of the handle-bar. Five or six years ago they could scarcely be obtained narrow enough, or sufficiently deep in the drop, but since then, gradually, of course, the width has been increasing, while, on the road particularly, the up-turned bar is very common, and of nearly double the length of the shortest of those of the nineties. Adjustable bars—those by which the handle or grip may be lowered or raised, according to taste—are also becoming common.

Large chain wheels, once so much affected because they were thought to give additional leverage, have now given way to those of normal sizes, and we very rarely see a hub-ring larger than 10-tooth, except by an ultra-faddist. The one thing which large gear wheels did do was to add weight, not only of the wheels themselves, but of the chain, which had to be materially lengthened to suit. As has been proved, there is no gain in leverage; the only advantage was said to have been in the reduction of the bend of the chain as around a smaller wheel, of, say, seven teeth. The sizes now commonly used are sevens and eights, nines, and tens on the road, eights predominating.

The principal features of interest in recent Continental cycle racing have been the victory of the American long-distance rider, Bobbie Walthour, over the French crack, Breey, in a match at three distances, and a win by the old-timer, Henri Contenet, over Bonhours, Bangy, and other good men, in a 100 kilometre race without wind-shields, Contenet's time being 2hr 1min.

Charles Sargent, the inventor of the chain principle as applied to bicycles, died recently in Paris, at the age of 82. Despite his numerous inventions and improvements in the steering gear of bicycles and motors which are now being utilised the world over, and which should have brought him fortune, Sargent, who had for some time been paralysed, ended his life in extreme poverty. The last few months were passed by him in a sort of coma, and only when one talked to him on the subject of bicycles or motors would he suddenly arouse himself. He would then produce his papers showing the patents of his inventions. These comprised the tandem bicycle, the folding invalid chair, the mechanical merry-go-round and many other appliances.

The following ten riders, including Georget, the winner, have been disqualified from participating in the share of the prize-money in the 1904 Bordeaux-Paris Road Race, viz.:—Petit-Breton, Cesar Garin, Muller, Lefebvre, Maisonneuve, Carrere, Gerbi, Beauvilliez, Pepin, and Vigneron. Several of them were disqualified for riding in automobiles when they should have been on their bicycles. The outsiders have, therefore, come in for the big prize-money, the final classification being Augereau, first, in 23hr 12min 24sec; Dargassies, second, in 29hr 40min 10sec; Fleury, third, in 35hr 32min 39sec; and Charreau, fourth, in 43hr 45min. Georget has been disqualified for life, Cesar Garin and Lefevre up to the end of 1905, and Muller and Maisonneuve up to the end of 1906.

Owing to the deaths of Leander and Dangla, a meeting was held in Paris shortly before latest files to hand closed concerning the abolition of wind shields. It was decided to cut out the wind shields. Consequently there will be no attempts after the hour record, which is held by the Englishman Hall, at any rate for some time.

The patents in connection with the Dunlop pneumatic tyre which expire this year are two in number, the one dealing with covers, which allows of them being fitted and detached, the same having an inextensible edge, and the other dealing with covers which are kept on the rims by means of thickened edges—the latter type being known as the "Clincher" tyre. Both these patents are held by the parent company in England, to which country only the patents apply, and with their expiry it is thought that the tyre trade will be freed to a certain extent from a burden which it has carried—that is, looking at it through other spectacles than those of the big tyre company.

An influential trade paper, commenting on the matter, says that the Dunlop Company, instead of being masters of the situation, as they undoubtedly have been while protected by the Welsh and Bartlett patents, will now become common suitors at the court of the retail trade; they will have to sell their goods in competition with those of their contemporaries. The result will be, the paper continues, that many firms able to make as good tyres or better than those now sold by the Dunlop Company will be free to put the results of their enterprise and skill on the market free. Then will there be a battle of tyres, and that giving the best results will win—provided that a combine, now said to be forming, does not create a monopoly to keep up the prices of tyres irrespective of quality.

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Mr W. J. Boylan has disposed of his steam car to Dr. Caro.

Dr. Grant's new 6½-h.p. De Dion was out for a trial trip on Sunday, and a most enjoyable spin was the result.

Mr Arthur Cleave has purchased an 8-h.p. Darracq, and will use this until the arrival of his 15-h.p. four-cylinder Darracq. A specially light body of cedar is being built by the Cousins and Atkin Carriage Factory, and the lightness combined with the power should tend to make this the fastest car in New Zealand. At the Boxhill motor meeting the 15-h.p. Darracqs won every event in which they competed, making the fastest times in their class. The following world's records are held by the Darracq:—Flying kilometre, light cars, 76 miles per hour; world's record, voiturettes, 68½ miles per hour; standing start, light cars, 56 miles per hour; mile world's record, voiturettes, 44 miles per hour.

This is the day of the big non-stop runs and some wonderfully fine performances have been accomplished. A decidedly good one was the 400 miles trip from London to Edinburgh which a 12-h.p. De Dion Bouton car put up some time back, Messrs J. W. Stocks and H. K. Hales being the passengers on that occasion. The time of 24½ hours would have been easily beaten, but for the automobilists losing their way in the darkness in the wilds of Yorkshire and they had also to contend against a heavy snowstorm, some of the snow drifts being several feet deep. At the same time a 6-h.p. De Dion made the run between the two capitals in 28 hours, a very solid performance for so light powered a car in the face of great difficulties.

On the outskirts of London omnibus proprietors are giving seekers for fresh air a 20-mile ride for sixpence through the prettiest of the river resorts, while in Wales it is being used by the various councils to link outlying villages with the towns.

India is to have a series of motor reliability trials next Christmas over the road from Delhi to Bombay, a distance of about 880 miles. The native princes, it is said, are taking the greatest interest in them.

S. F. Edge (England), one of the best-known motorists throughout the world and the leading man in this direction in England, has decided to retire from motor racing. This regrettable step has been taken owing to the unpleasantness caused by the selection of Great Britain's team for the Gordon-Bennett Race, held last July, and by the recent disqualification of Mr Edge's motor boat, after winning the British International Boat Race. It is not generally known that Mr Edge is a native of Sydney.

One thousand miles on a motor car under 30 hours seems a tall order, but it was recently accomplished in America by a 24-h.p. car. This ride was carried out

on a hard earthen trotting track a mile in circumference. The first mile was driven in 1min 31 4-5sec, and from this out the car kept up a fast speed, until 100 miles had been covered in 2hr 48min 8 3-5sec. A change of driver was effected after 125 miles had been driven. No trouble was experienced with the car until the 375th mile had been reached, when the adjusting platinum screw on the coil required a half turn of readjustment. When darkness set in the inside of the track was lined with red lamps 25 feet apart, as a guide to the driver, who had no difficulty in driving through the hours of darkness at an average speed of 35 miles an hour. Five hundred miles were covered in 15hrs 28min 29 2-5sec. Shortly after this the fast speed and dragging round the turns began to have an ill effect on the tyres. Between the 520th and 774th miles several new covers had to be fitted, due to the midday heat and the sharp track turns. "The full distance was covered in 29hr 53min 37 3-5 sec, an average speed of 34 miles an hour for the full running time. Four gallons of lubricating oil were consumed on the run, and 65 gallons of petrol.

Few more conclusive proofs could be required of the practical utility and of the increasing employment of motors of various kinds in heavy traffic than is afforded by the manner in which they are being adopted by the leading railway companies in the Old Country. A few of the various forms of self-propelled vehicles now in the service of the Midland Railway Company represent one of their latest motor coaches for running on the rails, as well as steam lorries and petrol-driven vans, that are at present in regular use in Bristol and in London respectively. Just to give an idea of the value of these vehicles is to explain that a 9-h.p. is designed for carrying a load of 2 to 2½ tons. The lorry is one that is built up to the standard of 5 tons. It is capable of hauling an additional load of 3 tons on its trailer, which is one of the Midland Company's lorries converted. The motor coach, which is the first that has been built at the Midland Railway Company's works at Derby, commenced work lately on the line. It is divided into four sections—the engine-room, the passenger compartment, the luggage-van and the vestibule—and is so designed that it can be driven from either end. It is most comfortably fitted for the accommodation of some 55 passengers, so that this class of vehicle is not only likely to prove a valuable adjunct to railway stock for branch lines, but is sure to become extremely popular with the travelling public. The total length of the car is 60 feet, its weight in running order is 36 tons, and it is capable of maintaining an average speed of about 30 miles per hour.

The following amusing advice is given to "automobile guests" by Melbourne "Punch":—The type of automobilist who "has no automobile at the present moment" is getting more and more in evidence. The "driving with friends" is very much in favour. It has, first of all, the advantage of obviating certain expenses such as the purchase of a 12 h.p. motor-car, its maintenance and the wages of a mechanic. These economies realised in this direction permit of greater expenditures for other articles, such as dust-proof cloaks, goggles and gloves. It is the proper form for a guest to show an inclination to appreciate the operation of the motor and the speed of the car. Such statements

as "We are going at forty-five miles an hour" should always be met with "at the least." It is very bad taste when this remark is made to draw a chronometer from your pocket. It is well known that chronometers are very incorrect as a means of determining speed. If the owner of the car, with a poorly-played air of indifference, asks, "Do you think that I drive well?" reply "Yes; but you have but one fault—you are too reckless," etc., even if he is in the habit of applying the brakes as soon as he sees a chicken in the road at a distance. If your friend's car is overtaken by another, say "It is most idiotic to race on the highway." In my opinion it is always best to deny any knowledge of repairing, especially tyre repairing. There are certain other rules, which it is hardly worth while to mention, as the guest will follow them by instinct. These relate to accounts of the trip and the times of start and finish. If you started from Melbourne at a quarter to three, and arrived at Bendigo at half-past seven o'clock it is self-evident that the fraction should be neglected, and that Melbourne was left at three and Bendigo reached at seven. Also the loss of time due to mishaps should vary according to the circumstances. The same mishap which would take only a quarter of an hour if the skill of the mechanic was under discussion should be responsible for forty-five

minutes if the object is to prove a good average speed. By following these rules and others which his instinct will dictate, the guest will be able to prolong his career as such, and may defer purchasing a car until the manufacturers bring out the "perfected machine" for which he has been looking several years already.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR.

Any means of reducing the depreciation in value of a motor car is worthy of the consideration of the motorist. For instance, in attempting to sell a used car the owner soon finds that appearance has a distinct value, measurable in £ s. d., and for this reason, and, again, the great personal satisfaction derived from the ownership of a well-kept car, it is desirable to preserve, as far as possible, the high finish of the varnish and of the polished metal parts. To do this the car must be washed carefully, as careless and improper washing may do as much to ruin the appearance of a car as neglect.

We suggest, before rubbing any dust or mud off the varnish, that it should be gone over thoroughly with a stream of water from a hose without nozzle. If too much pressure is applied there is danger of bespattering certain parts of the mechanism which should be kept dry, and also of scratching the varnish by driving small particles of sand over it too quickly. When it is impossible to remove any more dirt in this way, a sponge may be used, which should be kept constantly soaked with water by directing the stream upon it as it is moved over the paint.

If there is a considerable accumulation of mud, as for instance, after operating the car over dirty roads on a rainy day, the sponge should be carefully rinsed after each few strokes, so that there can be no danger of grit clinging to it. Be careful that every particle of dirt should be removed before the chamois is applied to wipe off the water which remains clinging to the varnish. The chamois should be carefully rinsed and wrung dry before it is applied, and should also be rinsed before the water which it absorbs in wiping the car is wrung out, in order to prevent accumulation of grit. It is not considered good practice to use any sort of soap or hot water, as both tend to dull the finish of the varnish.

In the case of some automobiles, oil is likely to reach certain parts of the body or running gear. This should be treated with gasoline (if the water will not carry it away) before the sponge is used. Great care should be taken that no oil or grease is touched by the sponge or chamois, as in that event it may be transferred to some other part of the car, thus still further injuring the general appearance. Furthermore, it is not possible to wipe the surfaces dry.

For certain cars, parts of which cannot be reached with a sponge, a long narrow back-brush, with soft hair filling, is often found to be a handy tool for removing accumulation of dirt. The brush should be used in the same manner as the sponge. It is a very bad practice to rub over the varnish with kerosene or any other oil to make it shine, as in a short time the finish will be ruined, both because of the action of the oil on the varnish and because of the extra accumulation of dust upon the varnished parts, which is held by the oil, and is not easily removed in washing.

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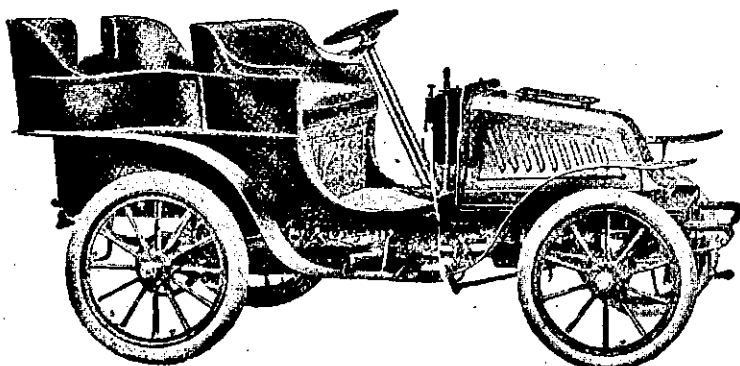


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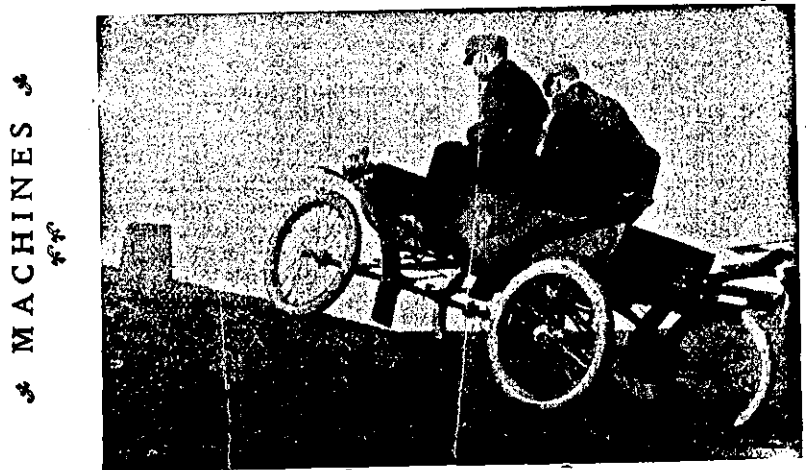
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WRESTLING.

Carkeek, the American wrestler, who, however, really hailed from Cornwall, left for the States by the outgoing mail steamer on Friday.

Harry Pearce, the well-known wrestler, arrived from the south on Monday. In the course of a chat he stated that though feeling very well bodily, his hands were in a very bad state, three fingers being almost useless.

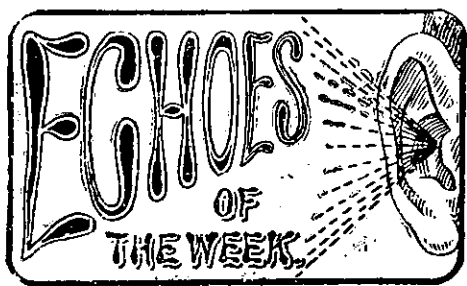
THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALASIA.—H. PEARCE V. ARTHUR SKINNER.

The match between these two well-known athletes for the Championship of Australasia, which had been looked forward to by lovers of wrestling for some time, was brought off at His Majesty's Theatre, on Tuesday evening. In making the match Pearce gave Skinner his choice of the particular styles of wrestling, and the three chosen by the Auckland were Cumberland, Catch-as-catch-can, and Cornish, the best of three falls in each style to decide the championship. Pearce turned the scale at 13st 6lbs, while Skinner's weight was 11st 3lbs. Professor Potter controlled the meeting, while Mr J. Fagan acted as referee.

The Cumberland style was first chosen, Skinner giving his opponent a fall directly after the start. Pearce, whose damaged fingers told very much against him, broke his hold a few seconds after the start in the second bout, and thereby had the fall given against him.

Next came the Catch-as-catch-can, and the result was a very even display of wrestling, both men showing thorough proficiency at the game. After forty minutes' solid work Pearce gave Skinner a fall, but Skinner turned the tables after a thirty-two minutes' struggle using a half-Nelson. This necessitated another go, and Pearce took it after thirteen and a-half minutes, with a half-Nelson and heave.

The Cornish style was the last to be tried, and another long struggle was the result, Skinner's jacket being completely torn off. Just on midnight the referee announced that the proceedings must terminate, neither man having secured a fall. Skinner and Pearce will finish the contest in the Domain in the Cornish style, and the winner will take the championship.



(By "Ithuriel.")

Up to the door of a Queen-street drapery establishment rode a man from the country last week (his name was Casey), and blushing to the roots of his hair, said to the damsel behind the counter:

"Shure, Miss, 'tis a sur-r-cingle that I'm wantin' for the ould woman."

"Oh, a singlet, you mean?"—ventured the maiden.

"No"—said Casey—"it's not that."

After a while, however, he gave her to understand that it was a pair of corsets he wanted; and this drew from the lady the inquiry: "What size, please?"

Whereupon Casey hauled out an old fishing-line, with which he had measured Mrs Casey's circumference before leaving home; but the "limit" mark was not there.

So addressing the girl excitedly, Casey said:

"Just hould on awhile I go outside and run this round the ould mare. They're both about the same size."

Have you ever heard the following riddle:—

A turtle, a lamb, a duck, and a skunk went to a circus. Three could pay their way in, and one couldn't.

Which could, and why, and which couldn't, and why?

The answer is:—The turtle had a "green back," the lamb had "four quarters," the duck had "a bill"; so they could get in.

The skunk couldn't, because he'd only "a cent," and that was a bad one.

When hon. members of the House that has just put the Licensing Bill through its third reading affirm for the most part that they "don't understand it," I see no reason to doubt their word (says "Civis"). Far be it from me to contradict them. Hon. members cannot take a lower view of their understanding than I

do. Mr Seddon flatters himself that clause 9 struck out has been virtually carried in clauses 10 and 11. Does Mr Seddon understand the bill? If there is here and there an hon. member who really does understand it, Mr Fraser, who laments that it is being sent up to the Council in a state that is a disgrace to the House, will be one; and Mr Wilford will be another. For Mr Wilford gloats in the conviction that the bill will provide lawyers with sufficient work for the rest of their lives and that in nearly every clause a Privy Council decision will be wanted to settle its meaning. I think it likely that Mr W. Fraser and Mr Wilford do really understand the bill. As for the rest, or the rank and file of their legislative intelligence, for which we reward them at the rate of £300 a year, may be judged from a remark by Mr T. Taylor—one of the smartest men in the House—on the reappearing of that uncomfortable phenomenon "the unemployed." The session had been barren, he said; "the Government had not passed a single clause to benefit the workers." (Class legislation, you see—that is the ideal, and the providing for the unemployed by Act of Parliament. Mr Taylor, I very much fear, represents the average political intelligence of the House.)

When does a man cease to be a lad or a boy? This has an Irish sound, but it embodies a profound problem. A visitor from Australia was passing along one of the streets the other Sunday in going to church, and stopped to speak to an old man who was sunning himself in front of his cottage. The old man, who is 90 years of age, told the gentleman in question, who is middle-aged, "You are only a lad yet"; and later on, referring to himself, said, "I am 90, but I am only a lad," and referred to someone he knew who was over 100 years of age. The old man was a sure philosopher. There is no surer and quicker process of growing old than to think we are old. So long as we can think and speak of ourselves as lads, old age need have no terrors for us.

Remarks the "Pall Mall Gazette":—"Two Lancashire policemen seem to have been told off for a burst of seaside duty calculated to fire the bosoms of their colleagues up and down the country with a not unwarrantable envy. These members of what Sir John French would call the Blue Force were deputed to play the ordinary visitor at a couple of boarding-houses at Morecambe, and

keep an eye on the liquidation of affairs between landlord and guest. Two bottles of burgundy at dinner seemed a modest start, but there must have been a staggering onslaught on the cruet to account for the casualties later on. Regiments of bottled ale were 'drawn' and annihilated, and skirmishing parties of whiskies and syphons were surrounded and demolished on the spot. Liaoyang was a mothers' meeting by comparison; and they say the court was full of 'dead men.' When the powers came to decide the question of indemnity, heavy stress was laid on the absence of any license, and the unrecognised belligerents had to forfeit a total sum of £42 and costs. We presume the constables, as a reward for their prowess, are to receive medals with an appropriate number of bars."

America has ever been the home of big hotels, and no matter how others may try to surpass them there is always some enterprising American capitalist who is prepared to "go one better." The St. Regis Hotel in Fifth Avenue, New York, which was opened last month, will evidently take some beating. It has been built by a millionaire—Mr John Jacob Astor—for millionaires, and there are "royal suites," which they can occupy for a modest £20,000 a year. At least, so says the New York correspondent of the "Express." The halls and corridors of the building, the cost of which is a million and a half sterling, are lined with rare marbles, the walls of the rooms are hung with costly silks and tapestries, the floors are covered with rich carpets woven in special designs, while the fittings of the bath-rooms are of solid silver. No wonder that the charges made should correspond with the luxurious appointments. They are sufficiently high to make the St. Regis, perhaps, the most exclusive, as it certainly must be from all accounts the most magnificent, hotel in the world. The only question is whether there are enough wealthy people always "on the move" to keep it going.

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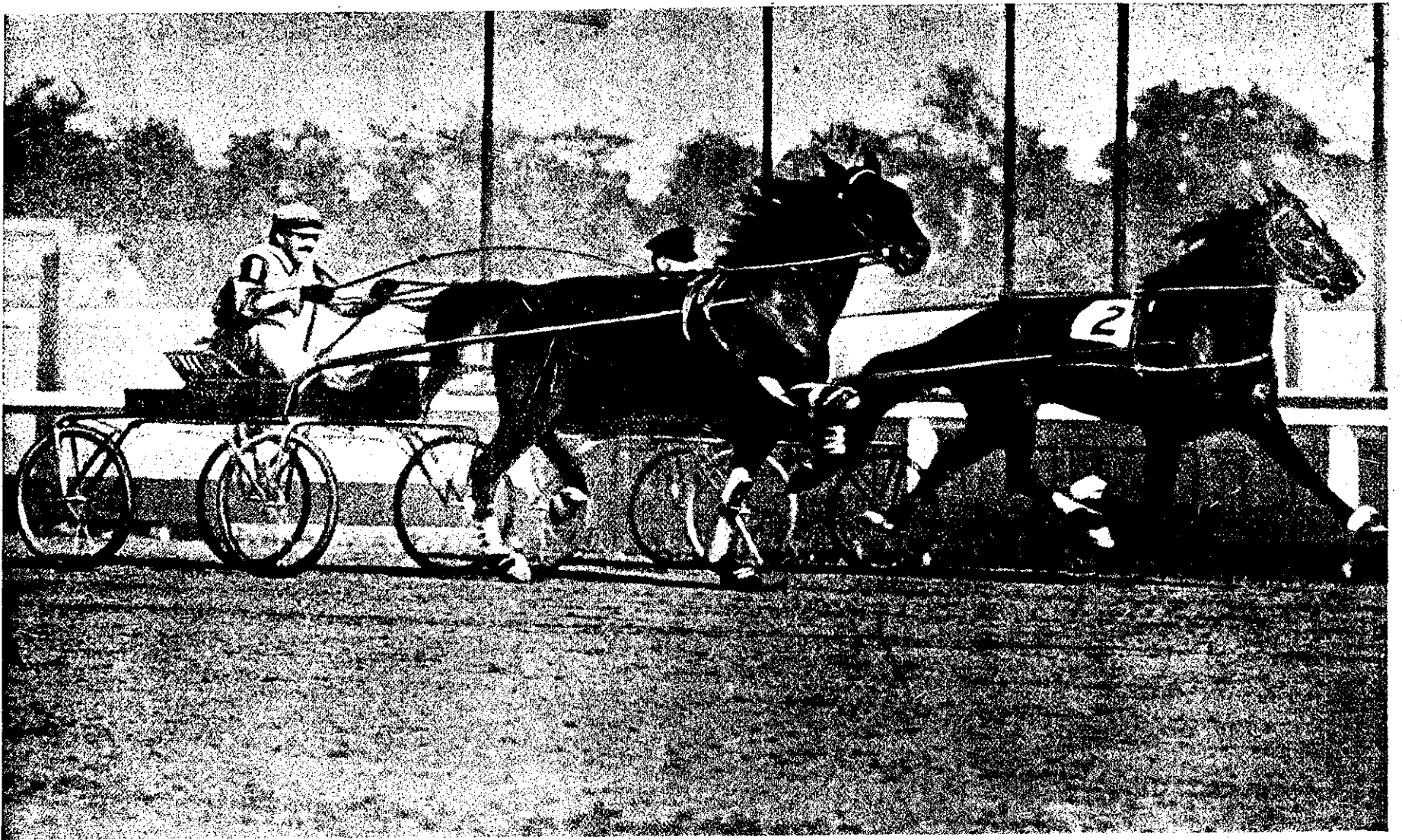
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THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Mr Harry Rickards' Vaudeville and Specialty Company, which is acknowledged to be the strongest combination that Mr Harry Rickards has ever sent through the four chief centres of New Zealand, will commence a tour at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Saturday, October 22, for a season in the Northern Capital of eight nights only. The principal attraction will be the first appearance in New Zealand of Madame Marzella, with her wonderfully trained collection of birds, comprising eagles, ravens, cockatoos, pigeons, macaws, etc., etc. Madame Marzella has caused a great sensation in the principal cities of Europe and America, where press and public alike were enthusiastic in their praise. The acts performed by the birds have never been excelled by human acrobats. Madame Marzella has just arrived in Auckland direct from San Francisco per R.M.S. "Sonoma," under a brief engagement to Mr Harry Rickards. Mr Will Van Allen—"The Musical Tramp"—comes to New Zealand with the highest credentials. As a performer on every conceivable instrument Mr Van Allen is acknowledged to have no superior. Miss May Moore Duprez—very justly described as "The Jolly Dutch Girl"—has made one of the most popular successes as a comedienne and dancer that ever came to Australia. Mr J. W. Winton and his friend "McGinty," of ventriloquial fame, will make a welcome re-appearance in the Colony. Since last touring New Zealand, Mr Winton has visited the old country, where the latest and most up-to-date novelties have been secured, and will now be seen in New Zealand for the first time. Miss Maud Beatty, the popular New Zealand Operatic and Burlesque Artist, will visit New Zealand after an absence of three years. During her stay in London Miss Maud Beatty was specially engaged for last year's pantomime at Drury Lane Theatre. One of the most interesting items on the programme will be the very latest series of Animated Pictures, showing "Canadian Salmon Fishing," "A Trip up the River Thames," "Darling Daylight Burglary and Police Capture," etc., etc. These were secured from the Palace Theatre, London, during Mr Rickards' last visit to the old country. Among the old favourites will be found Miss Maud Fanning, in the brilliant dramatic scene, "I may be Crazy," rendered famous in England by Mr Eugene Stratton, by whose permission it is now produced in Australasia by Mr Rickards. Mr Jim Bell, Miss Ada Delroy, Miss Maggie Fraser, Mr Arthur Elliott, Mr Edward Ford, The Smith Sisters, Mr George Bentley, and a number of other artists will unquestionably constitute one of the most powerful vaudeville organisations that ever travelled New Zealand. The following towns only will be visited:—Opera House, Wellington, November 5 to 15; Canterbury Hall, Christchurch, November 17 to 24; His Majesty's Theatre, Dunedin, November 26 to December 3. Special scenery, wardrobe, and lime-light effects will be carried.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' EMPIRE COMPANY.

No vaudeville show that ever did business in Auckland could give a more varied and better programme than that which the enlightened enterprise of the Messrs Fuller has secured for the Opera House during the current week. There are several attractions of really first-class rank. In the lead, unquestionably are the "Musical Johnsons." It is no mere figure of speech that the management used when these talented artists were billed as the Paderewskis of the Xylophone. The performance is thoroughly artistic, and no allowance whatever is demanded by the circumstances of the case. The Johnsons have chosen the xylophone, but if they had selected the organ, or the piano, or the violin, or the tin whistle, there is not the least reason for supposing that they would not develop the most delightful melody. The xylophone is a wooden instrument, but its tones would rather suggest that it had been fashioned out

of all the sweetest metallic substances that ever came out of Paradise. If the other region had anything to do with the result, it could have been merely to the extent of providing the heat for tempering. The instruments are good to look upon, and the artistes are even better, especially the lady member of the family. The selections include the most popular bits from "The Runaway Girl," "The Prince of Pilsen," and a most admirable rendering of the overture to "William Tell" (Rossini). The trio are worthy of hearing. The Nawns, most efficiently seconded by Mr Joe Cowan, have been appearing in a quaintly humorous sketch, "Shipmates," the climax of which is most deliciously worked up. Mr Denis Carney provides several capital items, and Messrs Lynne and Waisie sing and dance with quite remarkable spryness. The remainder of the programme is quite up to the level of the past, and the entertainment is one that can be honestly recommended.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Still nothing stirring in the show line, saving and excepting, of course, Fuller's ever-popular entertainment at the Opera House, which is always with us, and always liberally patronised. Tilly Dunbar has proved a great draw since my last, and has made "a palpable hit" in "Goodness Knows How Ashamed I Was," and other delectable ditties. Fred Rivenhall has not half worn out his welcome, and has to respond to the in-



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satiable demands of the pit for "One more, Fred," every night. His regulation three songs frequently extend to six or seven before he is allowed to go. Zamoni is another favourite, and altogether the bill-of-fare provided night after night by the popular firm of showmen who run the Opera House is invariably excellent.

I must say I rather sympathise with Parker, "the Handcuff King," who was hooted by a small section of the Opera House audience because he failed to free himself from a heavy Chubb lock, and at last resorted to sawing to get rid of the encumbrance. Of course, the mistake he made was in taking on a contract altogether outside his ordinary ones. Parker's specialty is escaping from "prison" locks, and in that particular line he probably has never had an equal since the days of Jack Sheppard. But "Chubb" locks are not used in gaols, and the particular article of that make fitted on to his wrists at the Opera House was a ponderous affair of elaborate mechanism formidable enough to dismay the most experienced "cracksmen." The standing reward offered by the Chubb people for escaping from one of these locks is £500, I believe.

The Knight-Jeffries Company is announced to open at the Royal on the 20th inst. in "Monsieur Beaucaire," and will follow it up with a series of revivals of well-known pieces. Harold Ashton is touring manager.

A week later my correspondent writes.—This eccentric climate, which is "everything by turns, and nothing long," gave us a fresh sample of variability on Labour Day, which proved pouring wet—a regular drencher—and as cold as charity. Consequently, there was not much holiday-making. But in the evening (still pouring wet) Fuller's show attracted an immense house. Ohmy and his performing bow-wows, Zamoni, Tilly Dunbar, and other favourites have been keeping the ball rolling merrily at the Opera House during the week, and to-night (Saturday) Frank Harwood, descriptive vocalist, makes his first appearance (by special arrangement with Harry Rickards).

A benefit was to have been tendered to poor Will Watkins, and the arrangements were all made for it when his death knocked the scheme on the head.

Our old friend Harold Ashton is here at the time of writing arranging for the opening of yet another of J. C. Williamson's Companies at the Royal. The season starts on Tuesday, and the initial attraction will be "Monsieur Beaucaire."

Report speaks very highly of this production. But whatever Harold Ashton brings along is invariably good. He is never identified with a failure.

Madame Slapofski has reached New York, and, by latest advice, was appearing on the Keith vaudeville circuit.

The Howard Brothers, the thought readers, here with Wirths' Circus, who have taken out a company "on their own," opened their tour in Adelaide at the Town Hall last Wednesday week.

Chas. Lawrence, formerly with the Fitzmaurice Gill Company, has been engaged by J. C. Williamson for his production of "L'Aiglon."

Speaking of interesting appearances in London, the "Stage" says:—"It will be noted that Miss Jennie Lee plays Mrs James Blackwood in 'The Chetwynd Affair' at the Royalty. It is some time since Miss Lee has been seen in the West End. The long triumph of her Jo was not without its disadvantages. Before that memorable picture of boy-pathos, Miss Lee had won a name as a comic actress. Afterwards, to use a much-abused word, she became identified with the part of Dickens' waif. For the sake of an old favourite of the public as much as a new author, it is to be hoped that R. Kennedy Cox's play at the Royalty will turn out a success, with good acting parts."

Interviewed by a representative of the "New York Herald" on matters theatrical, Mr Frohman had something to say in defence of the much-criticised "star" system:—"When you give the public a star, in addition to giving them a play, good or bad, as the case may be, you give them something a little extra. The play they have paid to see and expect, but the star is a sort of premium to the play. I believe that the public are very much interested in individualism. This applies not only to the American public, but to the English public as well. The theatregoer is always anxious to be in close touch with the actor, and it is only through the starring system that the manager can gratify that desire."

Mr Edward Gwenn and Miss Minnie Terry made their last appearance in Australia at Her Majesty's, Sydney, on Friday night.

Says the San Francisco "Argonaut":—"The home that Nance O'Neill has acquired at Tyngsboro, a few miles south of Lowell, Mass., consists of more than two hundred acres of land, with a mansion containing twenty-five rooms. This estate is on the most beautiful portion of the Merrimac River, and to the west of it is a good-sized lake. The house is square, with broad verandahs, and a wide hallway extends the entire length of it. The library is described as a charming lounging-room, with broad cushioned window seats. Miss O'Neill has as her companion at this country home Miss Rica Allen, a member of her company. She has also a large array of pets, including several horses, three parrots, five bull-terriers, and an Angora cat."

The music-hall sketch controversy (according to a London paper) dates back longer than most people imagine. Indeed, in the good old days the laws affecting the performance of sketches, or burlettas, as they were then called, were uncommonly severe. Mr Dutton Cook tells, in one of his chatty papers, for instance, that although singing was permitted in burlettas, no speaking whatever was allowed without the special permission of the Lord Chamberlain. A clown named Delpini broke this regulation one evening whilst playing at the Royalty Theatre, with painful results. During the performance of a playlet he ventured to shout "Roast Beef," and for this heinous offence he was forthwith clapped into prison as a rogue and a vagabond. We have certainly improved a bit since those cheery days.

What does Mr Kyrle Bellew mean exactly by what he told an American interviewer? He is reported to have said that "there is a certain undesirable element controlling certain playhouses in London which is harmful to dramatic interests, and this octopus of the profession American managers in London are attacking." Mr Bellew added that "he did not refer to actor-managers, nor to managers of high character who were known to all, but to another class."

Madame Sarah Bernhardt is sixty years of age this month.

Miss Nora Kerin, who is playing Miranda in Beerbohm Tree's revival of "The Tempest," at His Majesty's Theatre, London, has just signed a contract for a two years' extension of her engagement with the famous actor-manager.

The Australasian tour of the Stephenson American Comedy Company (Stine and Evans) concludes with the present Sydney season.

Charles R. Sweet, the musical burglar, is back in London—this time at the Empire Theatre.

O. P. Heggie, of the just disbanded Hawtreay Comedy Company, goes to South Australia on a long holiday.

Spencer Barry, the stage manager with the Royal Comic Opera Company, returns to England in December.

Last Saturday week Pollard's Opera Company (adult) opened a season at Brisbane. "The Toreador" was the opening attraction.

Rumour hath it that Kyrle Bellew will return to Australia next year.

Mr J. C. Williamson will not organise his No. 2 Opera Company until early next year.

FROM SOLDIER TO ACTOR.

"My full name? James Lindsay, occupation, actor, with Mr Geo. Musgrove's Comedy Company, once a Seaforth Highlander, was educated at Rugby and Sandhurst and never intended for the stage. In fact, I can tell you that I never saw the inner side of a stage door, or was behind a curtain until I entered the profession."

"My first start was at the Lyceum for a season with Sir Henry Irving, he wasn't Sir Henry then. After that I went to George Alexander, and was with him for nearly five years. I created a part in 'The Ballet Girl' and was then engaged by Frohmann for the same character in New York, on a two years' contract."

"During that time I supported Maud Adams, John Drew, Henry Muller and other stars, and was with John Drew for my first stock season in Frisco. During this period we played three weeks of one night stands, I wasn't in bed scarcely one night a week, usually slept in the train. Then as I had some business in England Mr Frohmann allowed me to return there, and I played under Mr Alexander's management with Mrs Maesmore Morris, who was very successful as the Princess in 'The Prisoner of Zenda,' 'Rupert of Henshau,' and other pieces. Then I went on tour and was very successful in 'The Message from Mars.'"

"Now comes an interesting part of my career, for at the close of this en-



MR JAMES LINDSAY.

gagement, I was booked by no less a personage than the Marquis of Anglesey."

We remarked that the doings of erratic nobleman had reached even far off Australia.

"Yes, I've no doubt," Mr Lindsay replies, "when I tell you what occurred during my connection with him you will understand what a 'crank' he was. I was to play in 'The Marriage of Kitty,' and also do secretarial work, and I remained with him for fully a year. He treated me very handsomely indeed, but he flung money away recklessly. Just imagine, we did a short tour round Wales, and he carried with him his company, orchestra, and house party, with the latter's servants, two chaffeurs, two valets, coachman, groom, two motor cars, four horses, brougham, victoria, dog cart, and four dogs—not for the dog cart. We also had a furniture van that would be loaded up after a performance and transplanted per rail to the next town. It cost a pretty penny, why from Llandudno to Shrewsbury cost £1 15s per mile. After that I went on a shooting holiday to Scotland. I wanted it, I can assure you. Soon after Christmas last year I appeared in 'His Excellency the Governor,' a very clever play and afterwards, well, my first trip to Australia. You might add that I was the original John Ridd in 'Lorna Doone.'"

Mr Lindsay smiles, yawns and observes laconically, "That about accounts for my ten or twelve years on the stage." In appearance the speaker is tall and of military build, combined with an easy style that makes him a jolly companion, and, we should imagine, a sterling friend.—(Melbourne "Dramatic and Sporting News.")

Tamagno, the great Italian tenor, is a candidate for the representation of Turin in the Italian Parliament. His opponent is a labour candidate. One of the Italian papers suggests that if he would sing the political programme he would be sure to get in.

It is rumoured that Mme. Albani is contemplating a second visit to Australia, and that it is not unlikely that Ysaye, the wonderful violinist, will come here after his next San Francisco season. The warm reception which has been given to Paderewski will doubtless have its effect in Europe, and will induce other great virtuosi to cross the ocean to us.

Mr Reginald Roberts leaves for America shortly under engagement to Henry W. Savage, of New York, where he will open in grand opera.

It is stated that some of the members of Hawtrey's Company recently in Sydney, will shortly visit West Australia as a reorganised Comedy Company.

Miss Nellie Stewart and Company will tour New Zealand early next year.

Mr John F. Sheridan's tour of South Africa is dated to finish on December 17 at Durban.

It is said that Miss May Moore Duprez, coming here with Rickards, is only nineteen years of age.

Miss Nellie Fergusson has been engaged by Mr J. C. Williamson to play "seconds" to Miss Tittell Brune.

Chas. Warner's repertoire for Australia will be "Drink," "Captain Swift," "Dora," and "The Barrister."

Miss Maud Beatty will be principal boy in William Anderson's Christmas pantomime at Melbourne Royal.

Mr Geo. Stephenson's Musical Comedy Company will commence a New Zealand tour at Wellington Opera House on October 20.

Mr Albert Gran, formerly of Mr Musgrove's Company, will appear as the Emperor in the Sydney production of "L'Aiglon."

Harry Atkinson, who has been so successful at Melbourne Opera House, and whose right name is Fitts, is a brother to Ernest of that ilk, the well-known baritone.

Mr William Anderson's pantomime at the new Melbourne Royal will be "Sinbad the Sailor," staged on the lines of old-time English pantos. There will be lots of clever children, gymnasts, demons, sprites, transformation scene and harlequinade, while the mechanical devices will be many and surprising.

In addition to the £100, which Miss Nellie Stewart donated to the Melbourne Children's Hospital, the Blind Asylum also has benefited by her action in influencing the management of the Princess's Theatre to forward all the cane furniture there for renovation. This comprised an enormous number of chairs as well as other articles.

John F. Sheridan is doing good business in South Africa. "Widow O'Brien," otherwise known as "Fun on the Bristol," was such a success in Johannesburg that the season had to be extended.

A valuable curiosity in the shape of a complete suite of Louis Seize furniture will be seen in the third act of "Pretty Peggy," which will be played here by Nellie Stewart. This was bought in London for £1000, the owner refusing an offer of £750.

The Knight-Jeffries Company opened the New Zealand tour at Christchurch on the 19th inst. Auckland follows, and the Christmas season will be played at Wellington, after which Dunedin will be visited, commencing on January 16, 1905.

Mrs Elizabeth Young, relict of Mr Henry Young, and the mother of Miss Florence Young, died suddenly at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr George Tallis, Melbourne, on September 27.

Mlle. Dolores had a brilliant success in her recent appearance in London, and has already booked several engagements for the coming winter in England. She is contemplating a tour on the Continent during the latter part of the year.

Herr Benno Scherck has recently been in London arranging to take an operatic company out to South Africa, in connection with the Moody-Manners enterprise. Miss Lillian Coomber and Miss Florence Ballara (known as Miss Towl), a pupil of Mme. Wiedermann's) are two of his stars, and Gerardy is also to go with them. Possibly the company may come on to Australia.

Mr J. Lemmon, who is managing Mr Paderewski's Australian tour, has written to his representative in Sydney that the great pianist, while in New Zealand, received a cable message offering him exceptionally large fees for 50 or 60 recitals in the United States. This offer Mr Paderewski has accepted, and will leave Sydney by the steamer Sonoma on October 28. In consequence he will be unable to visit Western Australia, and must abandon his proposed trip to India, Egypt, and Constantinople.



Photo by Best, Strand Studio. MISS LENA FISHER, of the Steele-Payne Bellringers.

Mr Fred. H. Graham and Miss Nellie Dent will open with the Fulers at the Opera House, Auckland, on October 31, for a three weeks' season prior to Mr Graham departing from these shores to stage manage Mr J. C. Williamson's pantomime in Melbourne.

"Lorgnette," in the Wellington "Mail," writes:—There was an overflowing audience at His Majesty's Theatre last Saturday, when the Messrs Fuller presented to their patrons a new programme by new performers. Happy Dorothy Drew made her first appearance and scored a distinct success, she having to give three selections in all. Mr Harry Hart made a welcome reappearance, his sweet tenor voice having lost none of its charm and seems to have gathered strength without losing tone since he was last here. Mr Harry Sadler was the new end-man, and his jokes and mouth-organ playing at once established him as a prime favourite in the collective bosom of H.M. pit. The Musical Johnstons again caused a sensation by their inimitable manipulation of the xylophones. Their playing of "Zampa" alone stamped them as geniuses in their own particular line. They leave for Auckland on Saturday, so those who have not done so are advised to visit His Majesty's during the current week. Among others who contributed were Misses Lily Reinford, Ivy Nicholl, Eileen Capel, Ethel Maisie, and Mabel Lynne, and Mr Jim Marion and Mr Fred Rivenhall. The Trevena Sisters are promised for next Saturday, also some Melba records on the latest gramophone.

I am indebted to the management of Mr George Musgrove's Dramatic Company for the following clipping from the Melbourne "Age" of the 1st inst.:—At the present time the Princess's Theatre, vacated by Mr George Stephenson's Company on Wednesday last, is closed for the purpose of effecting sundry alterations and renovations. Its reopening on Saturday next, the 8th inst., will add yet another to the many memorable nights that playhouse has seen, in that the date will mark the return of Miss Nellie Stewart to the Australian boards. For her reappearance she has chosen "Pretty Peggy," which, with that passion for specialisation affected by playwrights, is classed as a costume comedy drama. It deals with an incident in the life of Peg Wollington, antecedent to the Masks and Faces period, and affords abundant opportunities both of skilful acting and dainty dressing. Miss Stewart will be supported by a company which includes Mr Harcourt Beatty, Mrs Maesmore Morris, Misses Nannie Bennett, Willard, Singleton and Davenport, and Messrs Malcolm Dunn, P. Clinton, H. Parker and J. Lindsay. The box plan for the first performance of "Pretty Peggy," to be given at the Princess's Theatre on October 8, by Miss Nellie Stewart, with the support of Mr George Musgrove's new English Dramatic Company, was opened at Allan's at 9 a.m. yesterday. The rush for seats was phenomenal, and has only been equalled by the applications at the first of Madame Melba's concerts; by ten

o'clock the whole of the reserved seats were sold. His Excellency the Governor, Lady Talbot and suite will be present at the opening performance.

Owing to the death of her mother, Miss Florence Young had to temporarily relinquish her part as Patience. It was taken at very short notice by her understudy, Miss Vivia Deloitte, who acquitted herself extremely well, both at the matinee and the evening performance. Miss Deloitte is a native of Sydney, and was a good deal commended for the work she did with the company in that city. She has a good knowledge of music, and a sweet soprano voice.

Here is a pathetic romance from a London paper: "It is possible that music-halldom may see the Baroness de Rhaden, who, in addition to being a beautiful woman, is stone blind. The Baroness comes of a good family, but her father got into financial difficulties and committed suicide. Being a good rider, and possessing plenty of pluck, she applied for and secured an engagement in a circus. There she met the Baron de Rhaden, fell in love with him, and they were married. The Baron died, and one morning the young widow woke up to find the sight of her eyes totally gone. She didn't despair, however. She told nobody, and went to the circus as usual firmly resolved to go through her performance, and hoping that there would be an accident and that she would be killed. Not a soul among the audience guessed that the beautiful woman who rode so gracefully round the ring was sightless. As it happened, her horse shied, she was thrown, and suffered such injuries that her life was despaired of. However, she recovered, and she is now going to appear at a music-hall in Paris."

This week in Melbourne (writes "The Referee" representative in that city) a large quantity of pictorial and other printed matter just out from England to the order of the late Mel. B. Spurr, is being gathered together to be burned. The parcel cost about £250. The departed society entertainer will not want them again, and the pictures are of no use to anybody.

While practising with swords on the Princess's stage recently, Mr Harcourt Beatty had the misfortune to pink Mr Malcolm Dunn in the hand necessitating the latter attending a doctor.

The Lynch Family Bellringers are drawing big houses in New South Wales.

Dudley Clinton, of the new Musgrove Comedy Company, is a musician of repute, and has composed several pieces for the pianoforte. One of his efforts, a "quick march," entitled "In Victoria's Name," will be played during the run of "Pretty Peggy." At the Princess's Theatre is to be seen one of the last letters written on behalf of the late Queen Victoria—a letter accepting the dedication of Mr Clinton's composition, and a copy of it.

"THE CHEVALEER" AT THE GARRICK.

Mr Arthur Bouchier let in the autumn theatrical season in August when he reopened the Garrick Theatre with the production of Mr Henry Arthur Jones's new comedy, entitled, "The Chevalier." In many respects the Garrick is one of the best managed play-houses in London. The architect has ensured the comfort of the public by giving them ample space between the capacious seats—and what that means only the professional playgoer or inveterate amateur can fully appreciate—the nippy little pages in the front of the house never oblige one to ask for a light for one's cigarette, and the critics are provided with programmes into which several blank pages are bound and to which pencils are attached. It gives one a feeling of physical revulsion to have to inscribe unfavourable comments on those programmes, and on Saturday evening I could only find the courage to write, "Why, oh, why, in this otherwise exemplarily-conducted house, does the old fee system still obtain? Why should a guest be charged a nimble sixpence to ensure the safety of his overcoat?" I did not dare to hazard a solution of the problem I propounded.

London may be empty in August, as tradition insists, but the Garrick on Saturday was packed with a capacity audience which included a number of well-known people, and the reception accorded to "The Chevalier" was, on the whole, very cordial. The galleryites indulged in some gratuitous booing on the fall of the curtain, but the "ayes" were distinctly in the majority, and the good-natured smile that Mr Bouchier directed towards his "bob-a-nob" patrons indicated that he was not attaching any undue importance to their verdict. The production, without betraying any serious pretensions to be regarded as an "epoch-making job"—to adopt the picturesque phraseology of the Chevalier Mounteagle—is a clever and amusing piece of work, and it should serve to entertain Mr Bouchier's admirers for some time to come. There is a drunken scene to commence with which is too long for art and too defective in its realism to serve any useful or profitable purpose, and there are minor details which betray injudiciousness in the author's selection of material, but the principal weakness of the play is observed in the comparative frailty of the structure to support such a stupendous central character as that of the Chevalier Mounteagle.

The Chevalier—his title was self-conferred in recognition of many valuable services rendered—is a showman in appearance, habits, and ambitions. His face is a study in smiles and radiant self-consciousness, topped by flowing, oily locks, and bounded on the south by a gor-

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geous fair waistcoat adorned with a massive watch-chain of many saucer-like pendants. His walk is a separate ecstasy; his tones are dulcet and rotund as those of a well-manipulated concertina; his language is weird, ornate, and wonderful. He believes implicitly in himself, his personal magnetism, his profession, and his star. His luck is colossal. When, in the first act, Lady Anne Kellond leaves her husband's roof as a protest against his project of giving a huge centenary fete in Kellond Park, in honour of an heroic ancestor who earned the deathless sobriquet of "Inkerman" Kellond, she has the misfortune to encounter the Chevalier Mounteagle in the parlour of the Woolpack Hotel at Grandbury. The Chevalier learns that he is the wife of the "gallant and aristocratic Bart." who has advertised for a master-showman to organise the centenary. Immediately he proffers his claim upon her good nature to obtain for him the office, and the lady hastily consents. Moreover, she accepts his escort and a seat in his carriage, and returns home as the sworn supporter of his pretensions.

This change of front on Lady Anne's part would seem extraordinary to the audience if they had not learned that her ladyship has committed an accidental indiscretion which she imagines the showman has become acquainted with. As a matter of fact, the incident is so entirely innocent that no woman outside a play would endeavour to hide it from her husband, but Lady Anne is a victim to the exigencies of the dramatic moment, and she suffers herself to be ogled, and dictated to, and terrorised by the Chevalier rather than give a matter-of-fact explanation of a simple, if ridiculous, occurrence. But the Chevalier does not know this—he attributes the lady's amiability to his personal charms, and he exploits it solely in the interests of the fete he is to organise. When he presently discovers that it is fear rather than favour that actuates

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the lady's action with regard to him, he is slightly bewildered but in no wise cast down. He doesn't even trouble his head as to what the particular piece of information he is supposed to be possessed of really amounts to. It is sufficient for him to know that a bland smile, a knowing look or a "I-could-and-I-would" familiarity of tone brings Lady Anne into line instantly, and he does not hesitate to employ them. In short, he plays upon a wife's uneasy conscience, and she seconds all his proposals as to the dimensions and cost of the fete with ready obedience.

And her support is most valuable, since Sir John Kellond has changed his mind about the fete-giving altogether, and he scorns the Chevalier's proposals as to expenses. For awhile the showman expostulates and cajoles to no purpose, until by a happy chance he adumbrates upon the inexpediency of washing one's dirty linen in public. Whereupon the gallant Bart. winces, weakens, and gives in, and the Chevalier has carte-blanche to spend what he likes and make the festival a sumptuous success. He realises that Sir John's conscience can be stimulated by a reference to dirty linen. He doesn't know that the baronet was once locked up, by accident, for a night in a sanitary laundry, in company with a couple of sanitary laundry-maids, and has sedulously kept the incident from his wife. The Chevalier neither knows nor cares, but whenever Sir John discloses a tendency to draw the purse-strings he drops a remark about dirty linen, and the tendency is curbed.

The showman has not learned that Mrs Fulkes-Meesom, who is engaged to a straight-laced, plain-speaking parson, once put in a week at Edinburgh with a certain Captain in the Army, but he has seen her blanch during a conversation with Lady Anne when the word Edinburgh was mentioned, and directly he finds that she is intriguing to disclose Lady Anne's secret and wreck the fete, he

gives her to understand that he is thoroughly cognisant of the Edinburgh episode. So Mrs Fulkes-Meesom capitulates right away, and when the curtain falls the festival bids fair to be one of the most expensive, gorgeous, and nerve-racking shows on record.

I have given an idea of the kind of man the showman is, and it is only necessary to add that Mr Arthur Bouchier plays it with a breadth and variety of humorous invention and abounding high spirits. He takes the burden of the play upon his capable shoulders, and his march through the evening is a triumphant procession. The intrigue proper is slight and unengrossing, the other characters are colourless and old, and the dramatic movement is almost imperceptible, but the Chevalier of Mr Bouchier rises superior to all these defects. It was certainly the actor's triumph, and whatever success the play achieves will be due to his consummate art.—("L.V. Gazette.")

"THE CHETWYND AFFAIR" AT THE ROYALTY.

It would, perhaps, be injudicious to attempt to allocate the responsibility for the conflicting dramatic purpose which was observable in Monday night's production at the Royalty Theatre (says a London critic), but the external evidence offered by the play would seem to entitle the author, Mr Reginald Kennedy-Cox, to the benefit of the doubt. A piece which is originally announced as a comedy, is re-described as a play after it goes into rehearsal, and appears on the night with a flagrantly melodramatic denouement, must either be the work of a dramatist of strangely variable moods, or of one who is the victim of extraneous influences.

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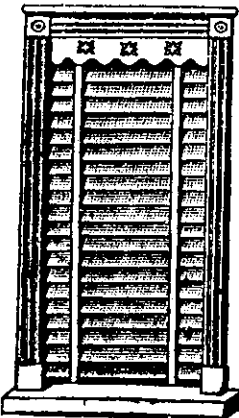
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personality any sufficient excuse for Edward Hamilton's reciprocation of her affection, promptly decides that he has succumbed to Mrs Chetwynd's more pronounced charms. The persistency with which she throws the couple together, and the obstinacy she displays in eluding Edward's attentions, mystifies Mrs Chetwynd, who has, as a matter of fact, exchanged tender confidences and compromising letters with Edward's brother Edgar.

Edgar Hamilton, having taken holy orders, is not desirous of redeeming his written promises, and while Mrs Chetwynd is neither vindictive nor a black-mailer, she is determined to secure a husband or a round sum of money—she calls it compensation—in exchange for the said letters. She puts the alternative proposition to Edward, and he pledges himself, in Irene's hearing, to obtain the money within a stipulated time at any cost. The next moment he seizes the opportunity to propose to Irene, and his suit is declined with indignant thanks.

Thus far the spirit of comedy has been fairly faithfully observed, but the necessity for providing acting opportunities has apparently, at this stage, perverted the author's intentions, and in a moment we are switched on a siding of drawing-room melodrama. Mrs Chetwynd has an angry interview with her betrayer, and stabs him with an ornamental stiletto. She seeks sanctuary in Irene's house, and throws herself on Irene's womanly sympathy, but decides, almost as an after-thought, to expedite the conclusion in conventional fashion, and commits suicide (off). So the dream of Irene Merrick is subordinated to the practical realism of Mrs Chetwynd and the comedy of Mr Kennedy-Cox disappears before the melodramatic passion of Miss Granville.

This complication of dramatic interests may have been forced upon the young author by the people responsible for the production. But even if the melodramatic ending would be fatal to any comedy, it must be sorrowfully confessed that the comedy of Mr Cox deserved no better fate. The piece is deficient in wit, in ideas, in observation of life or dramatic construction—in short, in everything that goes toward the making of a good play. The thread of the plot requires a lot of finding in the maze of mere words in which it is enveloped, and when it is ultimately rescued it is not worth while finding. Such a puerile piece could not be saved even by the best company engaged in its interpretation, and the cast that tackled the task at the Royalty is not distinguished. But like the Johnny at the piano in the Western American township they were doubtless doing their best.

DIDEROT'S "PARADOXE."

We hear the Paradoxe of Diderot often alluded to, but not everyone has a clear idea of the meaning of the French author's theory. Its thesis may be stated, as a writer in the "Westminster Review" once remarked, in a few of Diderot's own sentences. "Sensibility is only in a slight degree the quality of a great genius. He will love justice; but he will exercise that virtue with no perception of its sweetness (douceur). It is not his heart; it is his head which does all." "It is extreme sensibility which makes mediocre actors; it is mediocre sensibility which makes the multitude of bad actors; and it is the absolute lack of sensibility which qualifies (prepare) sublime actors."

That is the gist of the "Paradoxe," and it certainly justifies the title. Indeed, it may be at once conceded that the paradox is loosely framed; it being impossible to accept any one of the three propositions precisely as it is put. It is only fair, however, to show how Diderot supports them; and the exposition will go far to bring out the fundamental rightness of his views. He knew many actors apart from his acquaintance with the profession through his plays (he gives a Frenchly frank account of how and why he once wished to go on the stage himself), and he studied their art with all the eager interest he felt in the industrial processes he described for the Encyclopedie. Accordingly he is able to support his doctrine with anecdotes as well as arguments. As thus:—A certain actor and his wife had to play Eraste and Lucile together in Moliere's "Le Depit Amoureux" at a time when they had a fierce quarrel on hand; and in the third scene of the fourth act they played with such brilliancy as to win loud applause; all the while they were keeping up, sotto voce, a series of bitter recriminations, the

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wife murmuring angry comments on the words addressed to her by Eraste in his quality of Lucile's lover; and the husband revenged himself by physical means immediately on their exit. At another time this French actress kept up an under-breath talk with another actor, her lover, each speaking low while the other declaimed. On another occasion the French actress pacified, in a series of asides, another lover who, having been deceived, placed himself at the side of the stage with the intention of putting her out of countenance; and this in a scene in which her pathos moved the audience to tears. Diderot vouches for the truth of his stories, and asks triumphantly whether these players felt what they played. Again he tells how he saw Garrick, whose acquaintance he made, pass his head through a doorway, and, in the space of four or five seconds, cause his countenance successively to express extravagant joy, moderate joy, tranquility, surprise, astonishment, sadness, despondency, fear, horror, and despair, and then go back through the same phases. Could any mind, he asks, have passed through the sensations thus suggested in such a space of time? He has yet other stories, of how an actor, while representing the extremest emotion, could deftly put out of the way something which had fallen; and how, on the first production of "Ines De Castro," Duolos, by an indignant protest, silenced the parterre when it laughed at the appearance of the children, and then went on successfully with her part. "What, then?" asks the paradoxer. "Is it that one can thus pass and re-pass from one profound sentiment to another; from grief to indignation, and from indignation to grief? I cannot conceive that; but what I do conceive is that the indignation of Duolos was real, and the grief simulated."

When put thus, the principle contended for looks fairly plausible. The word "simulated" is apt to be unthinkingly accepted; and in that case Diderot's position is made good.

The discussion here tends to divide, some simply holding that the actor must have felt the situation to begin with, in order to be able to represent it; others steadily maintaining that to exhibit grief effectively the actor must needs have a sympathetic grief in his heart. The first issue had better be disposed of before the second is tried.

It is obvious that a great deal depends on what is meant by sensibility. The word, says Diderot, signifies "that disposition, accompanied with (compagne de) weakness of the organs, and followed by (suite de) mobility of the diaphragm, vivacity of the imagination, and delicacy of the nerves: which inclines to be compassionate, to tremble, to admire, to fear, to fret, to weep, to faint, to succour, to fly, to cry, to lose presence of mind, to exaggerate, to despise, to disdain, to have no precise idea of the true, the good, and the beautiful, to be

unjust, to be crazy"—a definition more copious than satisfactory. On the understanding, however, that sensibility is only asserted to incline the subject more or less to such manifestations of feeling, the term may provisionally stand. At once the question arises whether the actor must not have the capacity for a great many of these very forms of emotion. Must he or she not possess a "mobility of the diaphragm" for purposes of sobbing; a vivacious imagination; an organisation of considerable sensitiveness; the power of pity; the ability to tremble and conceive fear, to feel admiration, to weep, to be extravagant, to be scornful? Diderot's great array of terms does not save him. Apart from the act of playing, the great actors, as a matter of fact, may be confidently expected to possess in some measure most of the capacities mentioned. Garrick, of whom Diderot says it was worth while to go to England merely to see him act, must, one would think, have had considerable "sensibility" of temperament. Is then the proposition as to the great actor being devoid of sensibility to be read as merely meaning that his emotional capacities shall not be exercised while he is playing? Rather Diderot seems to have held that an actor's power of feeling is to sensibility proper somewhat as to the appreciation of fine poetry is to the faculty of composing it. "It is," he says, "that to be emotional is one thing, and to feel is another." (C'est qu'etre sensible est une chose, sentir est une autre) "The one is an affair of the soul (ame), the other an affair of the judgment. There is nothing to be said of this but that it is a rather crude sample of eighteenth century literary psychology. The solution seems to be that the notion of feeling as distinct from sensibility is Diderot's account of the quality of a temperament in which the emotions are usually exhibited in moderation, being either naturally feeble or controlled by the judgment; and that his formula of the "absolute lack of sensibility" in a great actor simply covers the conception of a display of violent emotion based on no corresponding sensation—as in the case of Garrick's rapid series of facial expressions.

There is (says a London exchange) practically no limit nowadays set upon the noise enthusiastic playgoers may make when a play or a player pleases them, but it was not always thus. In a description of the old "Vic," immortalised by the famous "Mrs Brown" as "the Queen's own Theatre," written close upon forty years ago, it is stated that among officials attached to that playhouse was a gentleman in a blue coat and silver buttons and a glazed hat whose duty it was "to rap violently with a cane on the back of an orchestra stall whenever the occupants indulged in more than the permitted amount of noise." The office would be a somewhat trying one in these times.

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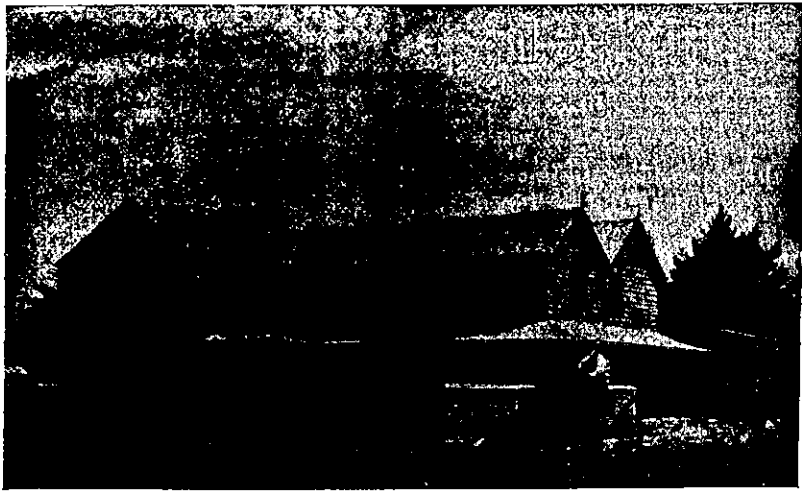
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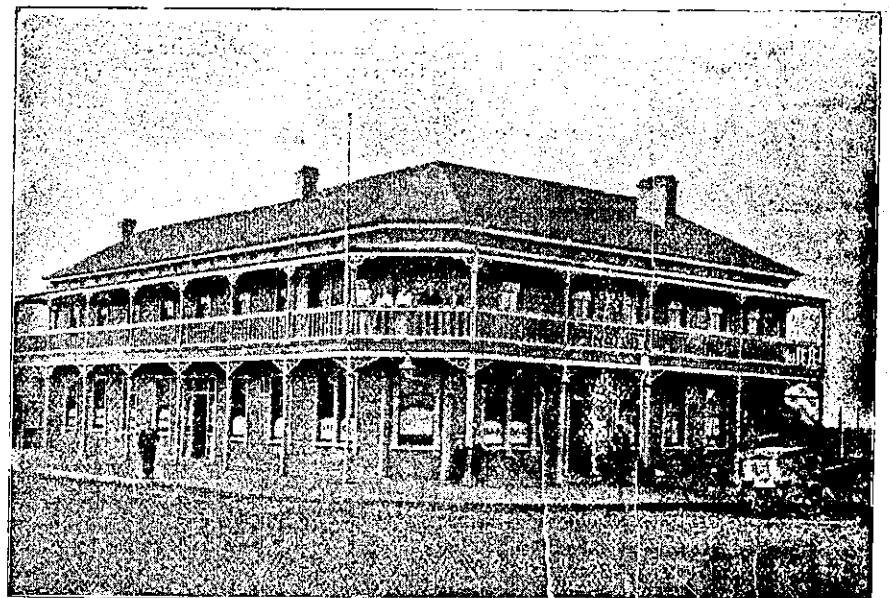
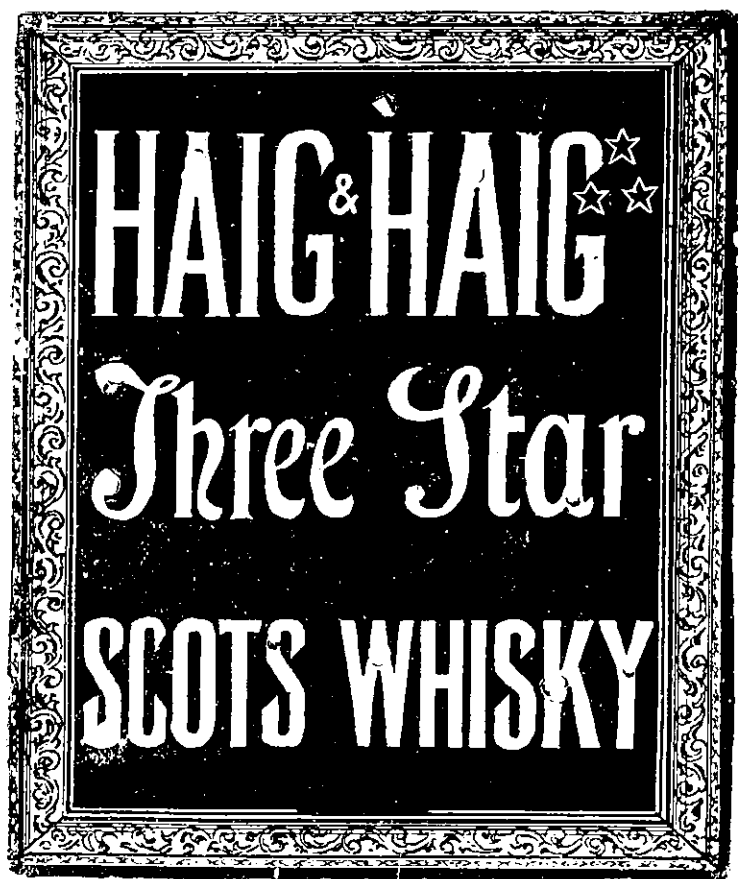
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THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

AN APPRECIATIVE BISHOP.

BISHOP NELIGAN has his failings, some of them very obvious. Like the rest of us, also, he has limitations. He has quite failed to grasp the philosophy of the totalisator, making a mistake that one would hardly think possible in the case of a ten-year-old schoolboy. He believed, for instance, that the amount recorded by the newspapers as having been "put through the machine" represents actual cash "squandered" on racing during the day. He has also fallen into the delusion, common enough amongst well-meaning church folk, that all the evils of the drink traffic could be cured if we nationalised or municipalised the trade.

But, while holding these views, Dr. Neligan is not, like the majority of his cloth, and especially the Dissenting element, unfair and unjust towards the whole race of licensed victuallers. The Trade has so long been accustomed to be stigmatised as vile and unclean by the modern apostles of the gospel of Love and Charity, that it is quite refreshing to find a Bishop with a good word on his lips. Among the very first sentences in the Diocesan Charge delivered to the Synod on Friday last, Dr. Neligan makes the following statement:—"Experience has proved to me that there is a section of the community to whom we Clergy, who have to do much travelling in Country and Home Mission Districts, are constantly indebted for much generous and kindly hospitality. I allude to the hotel proprietors in the country. Many of them have done us many acts of real and true kindness in our travels, and we are grateful to these gentlemen for their personal kindness to us."

This is something to set against the mouthings of the Isitts and the Readys and their friend, William Richardson. It ought in fairness to be added that Bishop Neligan is not the first Anglican Clergyman to speak well of the hotel-keepers. His deeply-lamented predecessor, Bishop Cowie, has often made use of language similar to that used by Dr. Neligan, and the Roman Catholic Clergy have never made the mistake of confounding the membership of a reputable and necessary Trade with the black sheep in its ranks, or with the essential curse of drunkenness.

But the phrases already quoted do not contain the whole of the generous things that the Anglican Bishop has to say about the Trade. Hear him on the subject of "temperance":—"I sometimes think that temperance reformers lose sight of some very valuable allies—hotel-keepers. My 'journeyings off' gave me fair opportunity for estimating the character of many of the hotels in the country. My judgment is quite definite on this point: some of the sanest temperance reformers and best friends of real temperance are to be found in the ranks of the men who own or manage some of the hotels."

We are tempted to leave the subject at that, but we cannot forbear expressing astonishment that, after listening to the enlightened sentiments of the Bishop the Synod should have agreed to receive a deputation from the insane bigots who call themselves "prohibitionists." The report of that portion of the Synod proceedings of Monday dealing with the matter will be found in another column. Our readers will contrast the sensible attitude taken up by Mr J. H. Upton with the tame submission of the parsons, headed by Canon McMurray. The Canon was once spoken of as a possible bishop of the Auckland Diocese!

Trade Topics

At Monday's sitting of the Auckland Anglican Synod Mr W. J. Speight moved, in accordance with notice given—"That a deputation from the Auckland Prohibition and Temperance League be received on Tuesday at four p.m., the speakers to be limited to two in number."

Canon Haselden seconded.

Mr Upton opposed the motion. He said the prohibitionists had left temperance and gone to an extreme when they proposed that 95 per cent. of the people should be prohibited by law from partaking of a reasonable and proper article just because 5 per cent. of the people misused it. The party had subordinated the whole political policy of the country for the attainment of their own ends. Mr Upton believed their motives were good, but considered their methods wrong. The remedy he advocated was to establish asylums in which to confine drunkards, just as tigers or other dangerous animals had to be securely shut up. If a man was unable to control himself then he had to be controlled.

Messrs Gresham and Kinder opposed the motion, while Canons MacMurray and Beatty and Mr Lupton supported it.

The motion was carried.

At a meeting of the Auckland Temperance Crusaders, on Monday night, the following resolutions were adopted:—(1) "That Mr Bush be commended for the exemplary penalty which he imposed upon the recent sly grog-sellers at Karangahake, though regretting that the alternative was not commensurate with the fine imposed." (2) "That a letter be sent to Bishop Neligan, asking him to bring before the Synod the advisableness of urging the Board of Education to make temperance hygiene a pass subject in the public schools of the province of Auckland." What next, one wonders! The fanatical party already, by a strange perversion of justice, are allowed to elect the licensing committees. Probably the next demand they will make is for the necessary power to make appointments to the magistracy.

In reading the following, from the columns of the London organ of the Trade, one could almost fancy that the Act referred was the Licensing Bill of New Zealand:—

"There was some good-humoured banter over the new Licensing Act between Sir Joseph Renals and Mr A. H. Bodkin at the City of London Court, when a number of applications for the transfer of licences and for rebuilding were made. Mr W. A. Hayward, who runs the White Horse in Friday Street, would like to pull the old house down and erect a new one. Plans having been submitted, Sir Joseph Renals said the Bench had viewed the place, and they did not think they could pass the plans. The licensee, he said, could either bring up amended plans at the next Special Sessions, or the justices would consider the plans at present submitted to them at their general licensing meeting in February next, when they could be considered under the new Act, whereupon the following colloquy ensued:—

Mr Bodkin: Oh, Sir Joseph, don't tell us that there is to be another Act of Parliament for us to construe. Most of us do not understand those at present in force; at all events, this is the case speaking for myself.

Sir Joseph: Well, Mr Bodkin, if you don't understand the Acts who does?

Mr Bodkin: I can assure you, Sir Joseph, I don't; and when we get another I don't know where we shall be.

Sir Joseph: Well, it seems to me that nobody does understand the law on licensing. (Laughter.) And Sir Joseph—who, it will be remembered, has been Lord Mayor of London,

the chief magistrate of the City—is about right, judging from the manner in which the Licensing Acts have been administered of late years in various parts of the country. For one thing, there will be plenty of work for the lawyers when the Act of 1904 comes into operation."

"Faith, they call it lemonade in Ballineen." This was what the successful defence of a publican, who was charged at Ballineen, co. Cork, with selling a bottle of Allsopp's ale to a boy under fourteen years of age, amounted to. Allsopp's ale was regarded as a temperance drink in Ballineen, and on the same footing as lemonade or soda water, he asserted. One of the sitting magistrates confirmed this delightful view. People who had taken the pledge drank Allsopp's ale, he said, believing it to be a non-intoxicant. So charmed were the justices with the logic of the argument that they promptly dismissed the charge.—("Daily Express.")

The British temperance party (remarks an exchange) has obtained a prominent place in the ballot for Private Bills, and has decided to devote it to a Bill dealing with the club question. The "club" evil is a crying one in such large towns as Dublin, where it is responsible for half the odium and discredit thrown on the Trade. The police have recently made an attempt to suppress several of these Dublin clubs, but the evil still largely remains, and can only be effectively dealt with by new legislation. Both the licensed trade and the temperance party are likely to co-operate on this occasion in putting an end to a state of things that was proving not only injurious, but intolerable to honest legitimate traders. The temperance advocates were by no means disposed to give the best place to this Bill, but they were obliged to do so or face some criticism, if not exposure, at the hands of the public.

Whilst we have a large measure of sympathy with those who legitimately advocate the tenets of temperance, we have the greatest contempt for individuals who speak of alcohol and all who deal in it as beyond the pale of respectability. As an instance of the latter, we note that at the Wesleyan Conference, held at Sheffield, on the 17th ult., Mr G. A. Bennetts said that, before they passed from questions of character, it had been a great pain to many of them to hear of a statement that there were five Wesleyan Methodist Ministers who held shares in brewery companies. He was glad to say that he did not know who they were, but he wished to enter his strong protest against any of their brethren having an interest in that traffic. We understand that this statement was heartily received by the Conference. This speaks volumes for the narrow-mindedness of those present, and extremely little for their principles.—("Ridley's.")

Harold, who is the little son of a little minister, was talking with his mother regarding his future career, and after some little reflection he said: "Well, mamma, I'm going to be either a minister or a Christian when I grow up."

CAPE LETTER.

(Own Correspondent, "L.V. Gazette").

August 9th, 1904.

Since last writing, the Western Province Licensed Victuallers' Association have held their usual half-yearly meeting, and several important questions were discussed. The proceedings opened with a protest from the meeting, through the chairman, against the trapping system. Representations had already been made to the Attorney General, but no reply had been received up to date. As, however, infringements of the law are not likely to be brought to notice except through trapping, our Trade is not worse placed here than at home, and after all said and done, the conviction of offenders is only a pro-

tection for their honest brethren. A protest, far more reasonable, was made in the report itself against the closing of licensed houses on polling days, more especially as polling usually took place on days when the mail-boat was expected to arrive, and thereby not only did the Trade suffer loss, but the visitors to the port were considerably inconvenienced by the inability to procure refreshments when they came on shore to stretch their legs and see the sights. The Trade was congratulated on a legal decision in reference to cases of liquor. The decision that an unbroken case should contain only one kind of liquor is a perfectly reasonable one, and legitimate traders are protected by it from the competition of those who, under the cover of a wholesale licence, supply such an order as any retail licence-holder is required to do. The Trade may further congratulate itself on the new conditions under which licences for clubs are to be issued, rendering the formation of bogus clubs more difficult. From March, 1905, it will be necessary for a club to procure a licence from the Licensing Court, and the increased fee will be £40 per annum. As regards the Excise, their conference with the Treasurer had proved satisfactory. The bond of £500 that had been fixed upon in the first instance would be modified by the extent and amount of business done by the merchant. The number of members belonging to the Western Province Licensed Victuallers' Association, by the way, now numbers about two hundred, its increase lately having been thirty-six. With a growing membership, and a satisfactory balance-sheet, the Association is steadily consolidating the interests and power, as well as upholding the respectability of the Trade.

Much has been said in this column from time to time on the club question, real and bogus. The club where liquor is sold and the club only formed for the sale of liquor are entirely different things. A notorious case has just come before a police court in the Cape Peninsula, the so-called club being situated in a neighbourhood efficiently provided with duly licensed houses, and not being tyrannized over by a fanatical teetotal party; moreover, it was situated at Wynberg, where there is an important military camp, not an outcome of the late war, but long existent previous to that lamentable affair. The frequenters of this club appear to have been mostly soldiers, and the principal trade was done on Sundays, when duly licensed houses had to be closed. The police, or many of them at least, had been out on the list of honorary members, but do not seem to have availed themselves of the privilege, or the prosecution would hardly have taken place. In fact, the case was a pretty bad one, for one constable had been put on the list of paying members, although he had never paid a cent, and happened to be one of the witnesses for the prosecution. The case takes up three columns of the daily paper, but to make a long story short, the proprietor, or so-called proprietor—really a salaried man registered as such—was fined £50, with an alternative of three months' hard labour. His principal witness, the previous proprietor, has now been charged with perjury and remanded for trial.

It is refreshing, after the matters hitherto discussed in this letter, to turn to the healthier matters of education, both mental and physical. Mr Debois is still continuing his lectures to wine farmers on such matters as vine planting, fermentation and maturation of wine, etc. A lengthy report of them would be out of place in your columns, even if you had room for it; and, besides, there are special books published accessible to those most interested in such matters. But you will not be disposed to dispute that the Cape wine farmer is in special need of instruction of a technical nature, and this he is getting by having thrown open to him the lectures primarily intended for the agricultural students at Stellenbosch. The lectures are being appreciated, and as they are also fully reported in the public press they will doubtless be of considerable service.

NEW ZEALAND CORDIAL ADULTERATIONS (?)

The Melbourne "Brewers' Journal" has the following:—

"So soon as the brewers and those others who are connected with the liquor trades obtain a respite from the petty annoyance and pin-pricks of that self-constituted body, known as prohibitionists, who are endeavouring, by Act of Parliament, to make a man a criminal who quaffs a glass of beer when he requires one, either as a thirst-quencher or as an invigorator, the cordial-makers are to have their morals subjected to scrutiny and reproof. By morals we refer only to their trade morals, which are, according to some reports, very bad indeed. Their bottles do not contain liquids of the quality stated on their labels, and the liquid contains a preservative, which constitutes an adulteration. Their cordials are not up to the standard of excellence they ought to be according to the 'Purity Bungler's' dictum, consequently they must be brought up to that standard by an Act of Parliament. (By the same token, an Act should become law compelling consumers to ask for and pay for the best qualities of foods and drinks, because the people, in a large majority of cases, do not want the best, but the cheapest.) The generality of cordials, as a rule, are not 'put up' to suit all tastes, but to suit all pockets; the public is as great a bargain hunter in foodstuffs as in dress-stuffs. It is stated that it was in the handling of materials by the middleman that fraud began, and recent history went to show that the growth of the science of chemistry had led to fights between the analyst and the fraudulent manufacturer of foods and drinks. The Sale of Foods and Drugs Bill (which includes cordials) is being introduced to New Zealand Parliament by Sir Joseph Ward. This gentleman is Minister in charge of the Health Department, and is, personally, a right good fellow, and a man not easily led by faddists' misrepresentations. In this bill there is provision for the appointment of analysts, who may from time to time purchase samples of manufactures sold in the colony. Purchasers may also have their purchases analysed by the Government experts. Clause 9 of the bill provides for the punishment of any person 'who adds, or orders, or causes any other person to add, any ingredient or material to (a) any article of food, so as to render the same injurious to health, or

(b) any drug, etc. . . . and in either case with the intent that the article or drug may be sold in that state." Clause 10 provides that every person who sells any article of food (a) to which any ingredient or material has been added, which, though not injurious to health, increases the weight or bulk of such article, or conceals its inferior quality, or (b) from which any part has been abstracted so as to injuriously affect its quality, substance, or nature, is liable to a fine not exceeding £10, unless he supplies to the person receiving the same a notice, by a label distinctly and legibly written on, or with, the article, to the effect that the article contains such added ingredient or material, or has been altered by such abstraction."

The use of false or misleading labels is to be met with substantial penalties, and a standard of purity is to be set out for all foodstuffs and drinkstuffs.

We will resign no place to others in our advocacy of wholesome drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic; we are as anxious ourselves to have them as we are to have pure food, but we are not so intolerant and unreasonable as the "Purity Bunglers" section of this law-racked country.

We have always, and with our usual consistency, advocated the use of a reasonable quantity of some antiseptic, sufficient only for the preservation of such liquids that may deteriorate through the presence of active ferment germs; in this position we are backed by the opinions of some of the most illustrious names in the medical world.

THE ENGLISH LICENSING ACT.

Referring to the final passing of the English Bill, the London "L.V. Gazette" writes:—

"The aim and scope of the measure, its limitations, its demerits, and its weaknesses have from time to time been described at length in these columns. We have considered its provisions from the standpoint of the public, the publican, and the brewer; and our most consoling conclusion on the subject may be summed up in the French proverb, 'Quand on n'a pas ce que l'on veut, il faut se contenter de ce que l'on vous offre!' The 'Brewers' Endowment Bill,' as it has been most absurdly and incorrectly styled, is something far removed from what we had good reason to expect; but it is the best that was offered, and we must, for the present, be contented with it. The

brewer has the least reason to congratulate himself upon its passing. In some respects the more modest class of publican has, for once, been treated with preferential consideration, while the prospective members of the Trade who acquire licences under the new Act find themselves in a position which invites respectful sympathy.

"As the compilers of our Licensing Act supplement have pointed out, the so-called compensation measure is framed with the express object of restraining the public from providing any compensation for loss and injury inflicted upon private individuals in the interests of the public good. Such benefit as the community is expected to reap from the reduction of licences will be conferred by the bounty of the Trade; although, inasmuch as the word bounty is supposed to signify a spontaneous and cheerful act of liberality, it can scarcely be employed in this connection. The Trade may be likened, for the purpose of illustrating the practical working of the Act, to a community eeking out a precarious livelihood in a valley township. Adown one side of the valley, but at a safe distance from the labouring community, flows a mountain torrent. Supposing that the Government of the country permitted the reform party of that land to divert the course of the torrent so that it dashed through the hitherto normally secure village to the danger of the homes and lives of the people dwelling therein! That would represent the position of the Trade before the passing of this Act. Supposing, further, that in response to the appeal of the threatened community the Government said, 'We are really very sorry for you, but we cannot interfere with the amusement of these cold-water engineers, but we will throw you a rope, so that when your dwelling is carried away you can draw your club money and scramble on to the side of the valley as best you may'; and you will get a fairly accurate idea of what Mr Balfour has done in the way of protecting the Trade from its enemies.

"Since the Farnham outrages occurred, the Trade, to vary the simile, has been like a man swimming against a strong stream with his hands tied. Unless the Government had exerted themselves on his behalf his doom was sealed, and as they could not be a consenting party to such a flagrant piece of mediaeval brutality they decided to unbind his hands and allow him to shift for himself. In plain truth, this is what

the practical utility of the Act amounts to. It gives the publican nothing but the privilege of shifting for himself and ensuring his future against the wanton deprivation of property and livelihood which the Government professes to be powerless to avert. And for this small mercy we have not a little cause to be thankful. We anticipated, in the first place, a measure which would be a substantial protection against our enemies; we were surprised to find that the Government had determined to do no more than grant us the privilege of protecting ourselves at our own expense; and we are still smarting under the grievance of finding that they were quite ready, at the bidding of a fanatical section of the public, to saddle the privilege with many petty restrictions and embarrassments. In very truth, the Trade may consider itself fortunate in deriving any substantial benefit from the combination of circumstances which were leagued against them.

"Briefly and broadly speaking, the Licensing Act, 1904, has brought the ante-1869 beerhouses into line with the other licensed houses; it has bridled, if it has not curtailed, the destroying proclivities of the reduction justices; and it has revised the entire principle which has hitherto governed the granting of new licences. It has given the applicant whose licence is menaced the right to be heard on his own behalf, and it has stipulated for the fullest possible share of compensation money on behalf of the humbler class of licensed victuallers. But, as will be seen by a perusal of our supplement, it leaves the right of appeal burdened with the costs of the application, and in every material particular it leaves the way open for lawyers, valuers, arbitrators, and others to grow fat at the expense of the publican who is game to fight for his own hand. The Act, in short, will give a measure of security without enhancing the value of existing licences, except, perhaps, at the expense of the new; and for these latter a new and peculiar class of licensed victuallers—new to the extent of freshness, and peculiar to the limits of childlike trust—will have to be invented."

We wish that the teetotal party comprised a greater number of men with such sturdy commonsense as that displayed by Mr Andrew Johnston, who is chairman of the Essex County Council and leader of the temperance party in his county. It may be remembered that Mr Johnston was a member of the Royal

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Commission on Licensing, and signed the majority report. That he has lost none of his independence on the question is proved by his reply to an invitation to attend a meeting in opposition to the Licensing Bill. In the course of his letter he says:—"Not myself an enthusiast for reduction, I recognise that everybody wants it, and suppose that everybody is right. Starting from that, and knowing from long practical experience that there never will be any reduction worth mentioning without some scheme of compensation, I do not bother my head about the question of the abstract right or no right to it on behalf of 'the trade.' I welcome the proposal of making the licenses that survive pay for those that are suppressed. Nor have I any belief in the cry of a 'time limit.' What is to happen at the end of the time? We should be exactly where we are now—face to face with a set of licensing authorities more or less desirous of reduction, but absolutely refusing to undertake the invidious task of selection, of taking property, privilege, or whatever you choose to call it, from one set of men and transferring their trade to another set of men. In practice there is very little difference between suppression by the justices with an appeal to quarter sessions and recommendation of suppression by justices to be determined by quarter sessions—except this difference, viz., that nothing comes (broadly speaking) of the first and that a good deal will come of the second. If Ministers, instead of taking away the discretion of the justices, had put side by side with it the system embodied in the Bill, they would have attained their object while averting nine-tenths of the opposition which they have evoked. It may be too late now for such a concession to do much good, but it could not possibly do much harm, and in my opinion ought to be tried." In presence of the unbridled misrepresentation and calumny with which the prohibitionists are fighting against the Licensing Bill, it is pleasant to come across such a sane expression of opinion as the foregoing. It would be better for the temperance cause and would diminish the intensely bitter feeling which now prevails, if Mr Johnston's admirable example were more generally followed.—("Wine Trade Review.")

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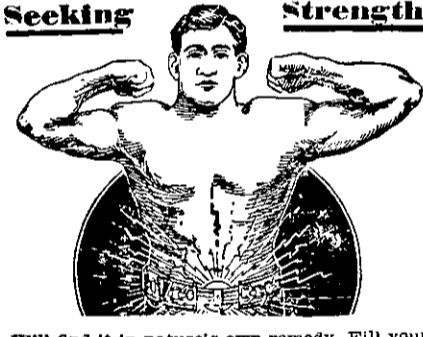
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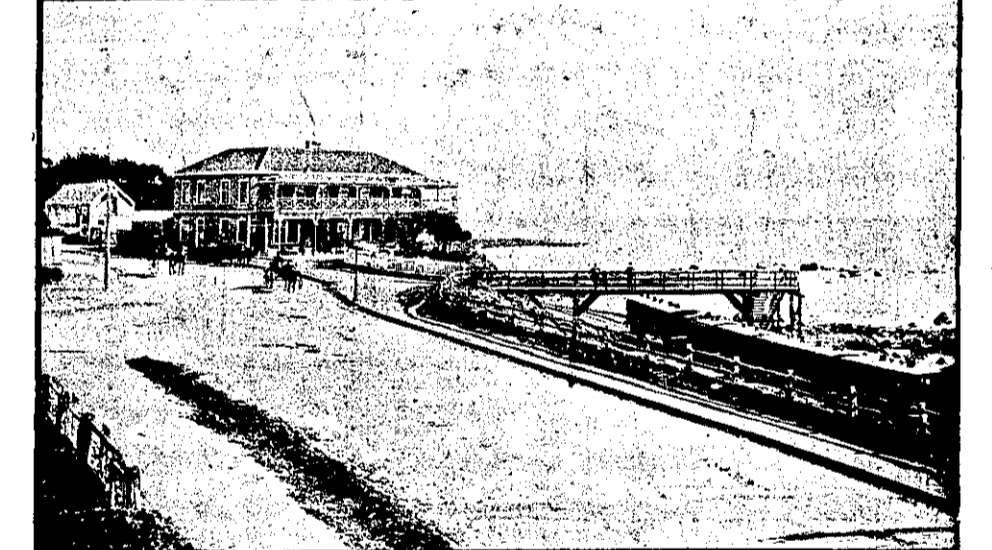
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SAKE.

The Italian poet Metastasio set by the ears the critics of the Eighteenth Century with his daring but suggestive epigram, *La meraviglia dell'ignoranza e figlia e madre del saper*. "Wonder is the daughter of Ignorance and the mother of Knowledge." To make Knowledge the grand-daughter of Ignorance implies such rapid progress that it might inspire a sure and certain hope in the future redemption of the pupils of the Board School. The wonder excited by the energy and power of Japan is largely due to the little that was known of the characteristics of that nation. All other Eastern races have long ago ceased to advance. They rest contented with the works done by their ancestors before Europe emerged from barbarism. Modern Persians, Hindoos, Mongolians, etc., pass their days in meditative indolence; the old fire of action having burnt itself out as it has in an extinct volcano. It was generally thought that the Japanese were not much different in this respect from other nations of the Far East. When it became known that they had adopted European customs and used modern machinery in their manufacturing industries they were merely credited with the possession of greater powers of imitation than their neighbours; but few believed that they had creative faculty. Their great success in the fine arts was looked upon as an evidence of this, for perfection in Art requires unlimited time, and languishes when subjected to haste, which is the concomitant of modern progress. The Japanese people, with their old picturesque dress and quaint appearance formed an appropriate theme for an opera bouffe, or the background for a hammock novel; but no one thought that out of the despised East a nation had arisen with every quality possessed by the most advanced civilisation, and capable of triumphantly resisting the encroachments of a first-class Power.

At this unfortunate time, when depression like an incubus has settled on our Trade, when a measure of bare justice can hardly get on the Statute Book, because of the peevish wrangling of fanatics and place-hunters; when everyone is weary of the "damnable iteration" What is Brandy? we ("Ridley's") hope our readers will not object to our devoting a

little space to the national beverage of Japan. At a debating society the subject under discussion was whether the inhabitants of a country were more influenced by its physical features or by its diet. One speaker maintained that the principal factor in moulding character was the class of drink in daily use, instancing that the characteristics of a people in any wine-growing country conformed with the style of the wine it produced. Wide generalisations are seldom water-tight, but the converse of this theory may, in a general way, be admitted. It is not easy to imagine a man of refined taste habitually indulging in coarse liquor, nor should we consider a rude uncultured man qualified to judge of the delicate qualities of a choice wine. The formation of character, either in the individual or in the community, is too complex to be defined by a simple formula. When, however, a national beverage is an independent invention, and has been scientifically brought to perfection; when it has been in use from the earliest times, maintaining its position for ages unaffected by foreign imports; when it is consumed by all classes, from the highest to the lowest, such a beverage arouses curiosity far outside the sphere of its distribution. All these conditions are fulfilled by Sake.

The missionaries and other early travellers to Japan state that wine was largely consumed by all classes in the islands of that Empire; whereas it is well known that the grape vine is not cultivated in any part of those regions. The grapes that grow wild there are so hard and tart that even a schoolboy would hesitate to eat them. When salted they make an excellent pickle or salad, which is so highly appreciated that tired soldiers on the march forget their fatigue when promised this refreshment on arrival at their destination. The liquor called wine by the old writers is sake, a product of fermented rice. The Japanese mode of extracting an excellent alcoholic beverage from this useful grain has been investigated by men of science, and the process has now been successfully introduced into European commerce. Beginning in November, the operation passes through four stages, which terminate in February. The main points are as follows:—The spores of a mould-fungus, called *aspergillus oryzae*, are sown on to steamed

perature of about 75 degrees Fahrenheit. rice and allowed to germinate at a temperature of about 75 degrees Fahrenheit. In two or three days the rice grains are surrounded and penetrated by the webby mycellum of the fungus. When this stage is reached, the preparation is called koji.

In the second stage, the steamed rice is mixed up with water and koji, until it has the constituency of thick pea-soup. After some days the whole mass begins to liquefy and to become saccharified. The peculiarity of the species of fungus used is that it excretes abundantly what chemists term diastase, a substance containing nitrogen, which breaks up the starch in the rice and transforms it into a solution of sugar. In this form it is called moto.

Steamed rice, water, koji and moto are again mixed up and then the whole poured into a fermenting vat, where the fermentation takes place. After about two weeks the fermented liquor is pressed out. When first made it has little or no colour, but this it acquires after some time in cask.

When prepared in the manner described sake is as pure as wine and quite as beneficial. The cost of the ingredients is very small, nor is an expensive plant at all necessary. One volume of the spores of *aspergillus oryzae* is sufficient to convert into koji 40,000 volumes of rice. Care and time are the two principal elements in the process; but as the demand is large and continuous, both these elements are sometimes economised to the prejudice of the product. Private households prepare sake for their own consumption, but cheap or commercial sake, which possesses none of the excellent qualities of the general beverages, frequently finds its way into hotels or public-houses. This accounts for the difference of opinion about the liquor which prevails amongst visitors to the East.

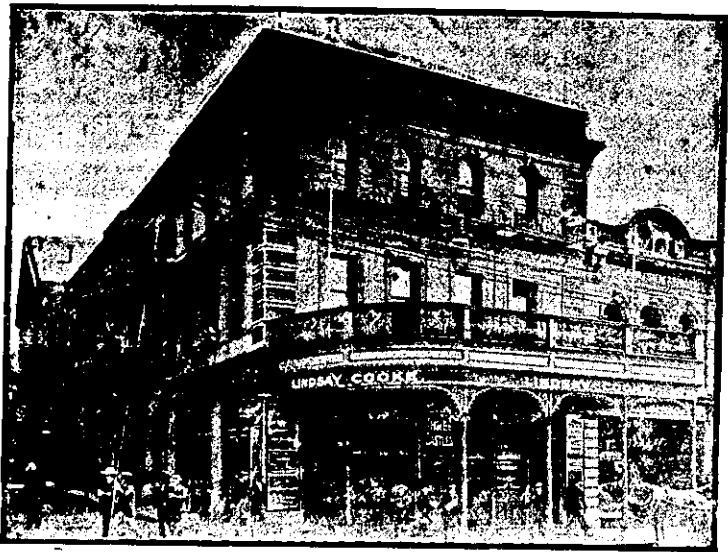
Like wines and spirits in Europe, Sake plays a considerable part in all social gatherings. It is invariably taken hot, like tea, in little wooden cups, often beautifully lacquered, which are filled direct from the kettle. It is said to produce a dangerous form of colic when drunk cold. As it contains only from 11 to 17 per cent of alcohol, it is only slightly intoxicating, being sometimes taken in considerable quantities without injurious effect. Mr Giles, late Vice-Con-

sul for Shanghai, gives an account of a drinking bout among the inhabitants of Takasaki in the province of Joshu, which occurred in 1886. Those who could not drink more than one sho (about two imperial quarts) were considered to have "very poor unhappy brains" and were not permitted to enter the ranks of the competitors. Several drank from two to three sho, but the one who bore away the prize, which was a roll of silk, succeeded in putting away five sho in the space of thirty minutes. Ten imperial quarts in half an hour is a drinking feat, exceeding those attributed to Heidelberg Students.

In Osaka, about 200 miles to the West of the Capital of Tokyo, this liquor is manufactured in great perfection. It is said that in this city the process was originally elaborated and that the name Sake is the genitive form of Osaka with the omission of the initial letter. The famous Venetian traveller, Marco Polo, was the first to make known to Europe this remarkable Empire. In his account of the Eastern Countries he calls it Zipangou, which is merely a phonetic transcription of *Ye peun Kono*, or Empire of the Rising Sun, by which it is known in China. The Japanese call their country *Dai Nippon* (Great Japan), but the ancient designation has been adopted as the emblem of the national flag. Opened to European commerce by the Portuguese in the Fifteenth Century, the trade was transferred to the Dutch A.D. 1600, who held it as a close monopoly, which was, however, gradually broken into by the British, whose influence has grown year by year.

TRADE MATTERS IN FRANCE.

The report just issued by the French Ministry of Finance concerning the alcohol produced during 1903 is not without interest. The quantity produced during the past year, by both professional distillers and Government-controlled small stills, was 44,025,146 gallons, or 5,499,868 gallons more than in 1882, but some 2,500,000 below the general figure for the past ten years. This enormous quantity of liquor was manufactured by 5364 professional distillers and 108,515 small still holders. Nearly half the total quantity of alcohol—20,375,498 gallons—



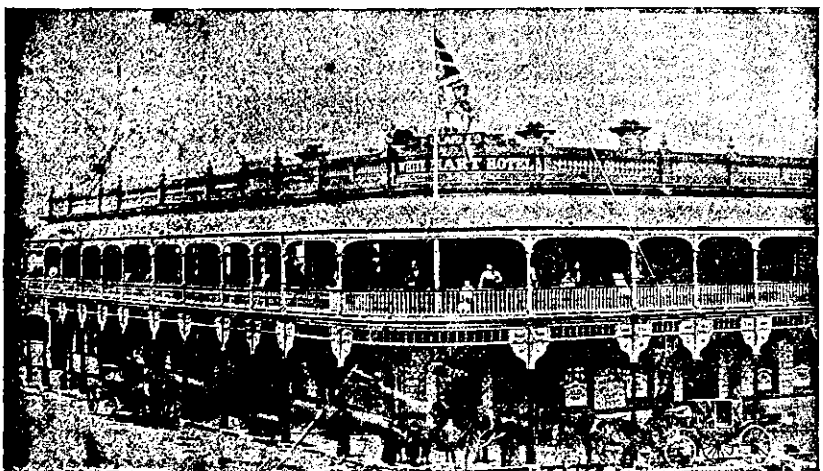
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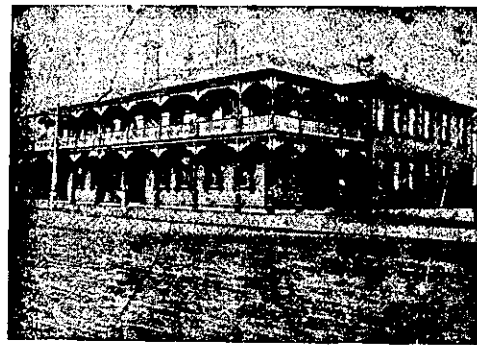
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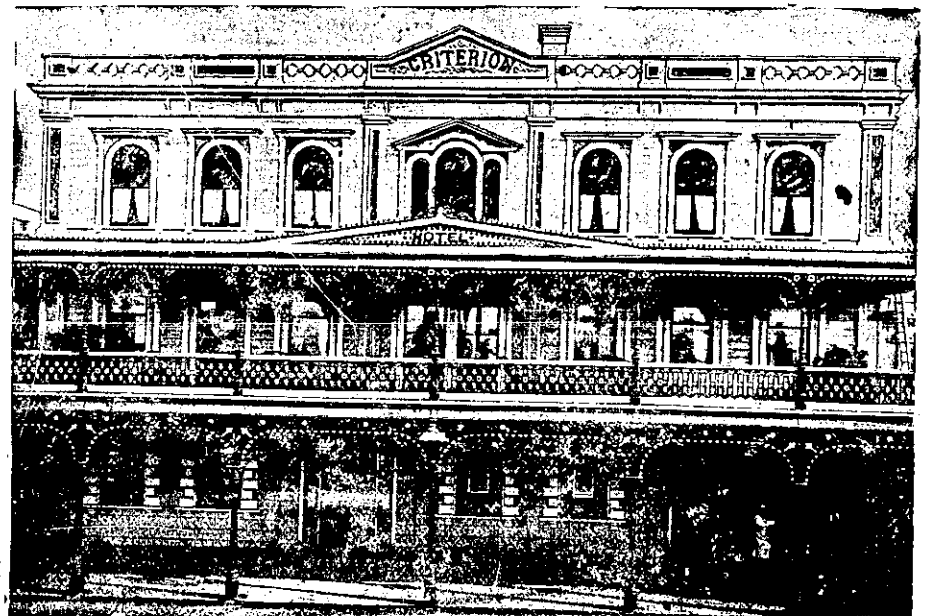


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was derived from beetroot, and another 14,761,318 gallons were obtained from molasses, and 7,764,416 gallons were distilled from farinaceous substances. In 1850 France manufactured two pints and a-half per inhabitant, whereas to-day the quantity is over three quarts. The Normandy Department of the Seine Inferieure produces the most alcohol, and that of the Landes the least. During the year France exported 1,801,580 gallons of alcohol to England, 151,238 to German, and 2,835,162 gallons to other countries. Of the remaining quantity, 30,115,866 were used for drinkable spirits and perfumery, and the remainder for manufactures.

When the Carthusian Fathers were expelled from France speculation was rife whether they would be able to continue the manufacture of their famous liqueur, and one of the results of their expulsion was a general rise in the price of the spirit. The monks have settled at Tarragona, in Spain, and there recommenced the manufacture of chartreuse, and proceeded to export it to France.

The official liquidator of the Congregation sought, however, to prevent the importation, on the ground that by the Government's Act in expelling the Order the trade mark became vested in him. He had, therefore, the cases of the liqueur manufactured in Spain seized at the frontier, and commenced legal proceedings. A telegram from Grenoble says that the case has now been decided against the official receiver, and that the monks are further authorised to export their liqueur to France. The last seizure made on behalf of the receiver was at Cerbere, on the Spanish frontier, when twenty-five cases were stopped.

"St. James' Gazette" of August 16 says:—"The impossible views of temperance reform taken by so many honest reformers are a sad check on the wheel of progress. An example of their rigid attitude towards an excellent movement has recently been afforded in New York. When at the beginning of August Bishop Potter took a principal part in the dedication of a public-house, equipped and opened by a group of practical temperance advocates, a storm of protest poured upon him. The old objection against compromising with the devil of spilituous drink was raised with all the old excitement. Fuller particulars of the enterprise enable us to judge of the wisdom or otherwise of Bishop Potter's action. The argument he used at the much-criticised dedication is practically the same as that which Earl Grey and several level-headed clergymen and laymen have made familiar on this side of the Atlantic. 'Are you going,' he asked, 'to make saloons so exclusively bad that a man cannot go into without compromising his character?' And he went on to say that the men who were absent must take so great a movement into account if they were to save the Republic. 'They cannot save it by theories or by electing some man to office. They must do it by giving their attention first to the American home.' It is useless to commend these words to those older English fanatics who cling to salvation by theory, but the younger generation of reformers may learn from it the value of salvation by practice."



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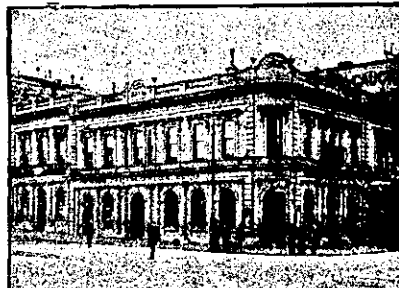
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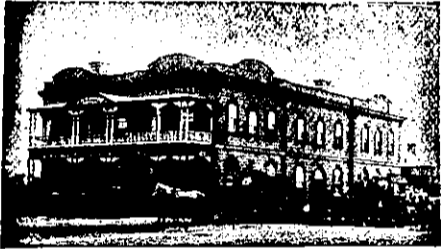
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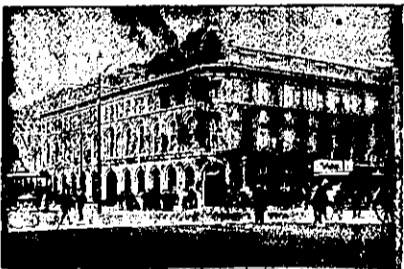
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Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Commodious and well lighted Sample Rooms. Reading, Smoking, and Billiard Rooms. The Cuisine under superintendance of a thoroughly competent chef. Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc. of the Best Quality Only. Coaches meet trains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



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. 369.
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QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

A. BACH

Begs to notify that he has taken over the above favourite hostelry.

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

NEWTON HOTEL,

Karangahape Road, NEWTON, AUCKLAND.

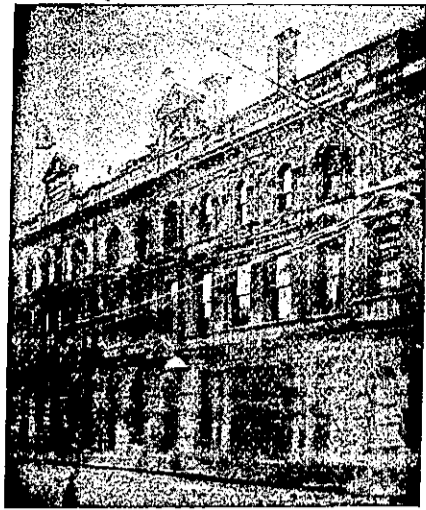
HARRY DYER - Proprietor.

Mr. H. Dyer has pleasure in announcing to his friends and the general public that he is now in possession of this well-known house. Wines and Spirits, as usual, of the Best Brands.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM.

Good Accommodation for Boarders. Bathroom and every convenience.

HARRY DYER - 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.

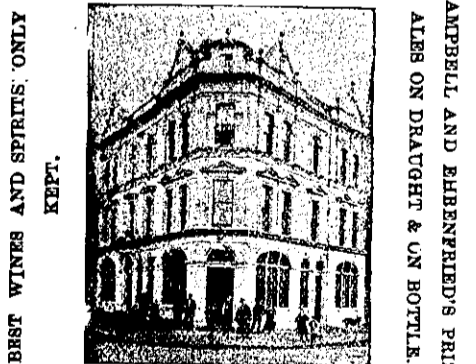
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Visitors. Splendid Billiard Table and Appointments.
T. B. O'CONNOR Proprietor.



PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL, HOBSON-STREET, AUCKLAND.

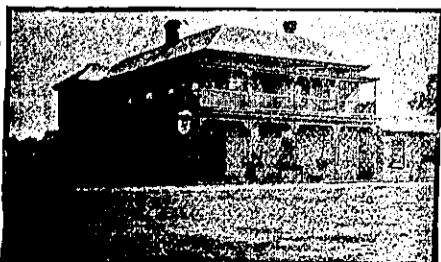
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Every Home Comfort for Visitors. Charges Moderate. BILLIARDS! BILLIARDS!
Campbell and Ehrenfried's XXXX Ale on Draught. The Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

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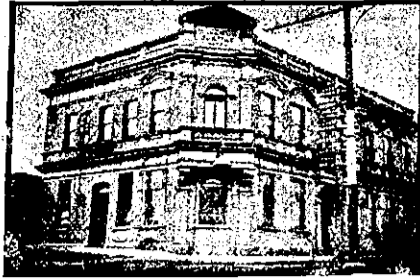
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J. T. McHUGH..... Proprietor



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PAEROA.

J. H. MOORE 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

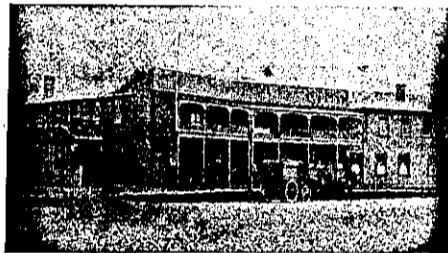
Has taken over this First-class Hotel. Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept.

T. LOUGHMAN Proprietor.

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 traveling public generally. The accommodation is unsurpassed, and the charges moderate. Sample Rooms for Travellers' Halls 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. Tel. 1717.

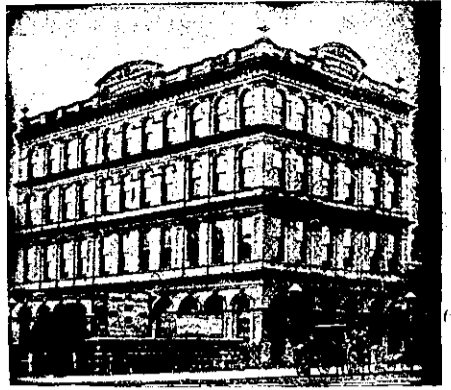
Maungaturoto Hotel,

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'Hotel. Conveyance meets Steamers and Trains. Tariff: 7s. per day; £2 2s. per week. Telephone 370. This Hotel has a beautiful view of the Harbour.
MAURICE O'CONNOR Proprietor.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

THE SPORTING BENDSBOURNE

J. W. RUSSELL Proprietor.



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.

EPSOM HOTEL, EPSOM (Opposite Alexandra Park).

H. A. LLOYD (late of Kamo).....Proprietor.
Secombe's Sparkling XXXX Ales on draught. Wines and Spirits (of all brands) of the highest quality. Telephone 1143.

NEWMARKET HOTEL, NEWMARKET.

J. GILLANDER Proprietor.

Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Secombe's Sparkling Ale on Draught.



Harp of Erin Hotel, ELLERSLIE.

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.

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.—Continued

STAR HOTEL

KARANGAHAPE ROAD, NEWTON.

Opposite Ponsonby Reservoir.

FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES AND SPIRITS.

JAMES McLEOD Proprietor



CLARENDON HOTEL

CORNER OF WAKEFIELD AND BUTLAND STREETS, AUCKLAND.

First-class Luncheon from 12 to 2. Good Accommodation for Travellers and Boarders. Billiard Table. Hot and Cold Baths. Hancock's XXXX Ales. "Case mille failthe."

PAT. QUINLAN Proprietor.



ALEXANDRA HOTEL

MANUKAU ROAD, PARNELL.

This well-built and admirably situated Hotel is fitted up with all the latest conveniences.

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 commanding 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.

J. MORRISON Proprietor.

TARIFF, from 8/6 per day.

The Farthest North

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THE HOHOURA HOTEL

HOHOURA,

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Every Accommodation can be had here.

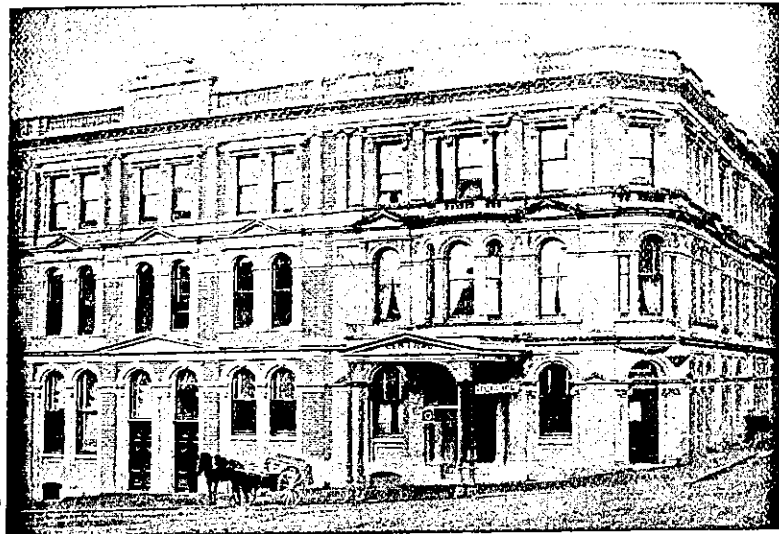
CHARGES MODERATE.

LIQUORS OF THE BEST.

Don't Forget—

Joseph Evans, Junr.

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P.O. BOX 808.

CENTRAL HOTEL

VICTORIA STREET EAST, AUCKLAND.

J. W. SPEERS

Manager.

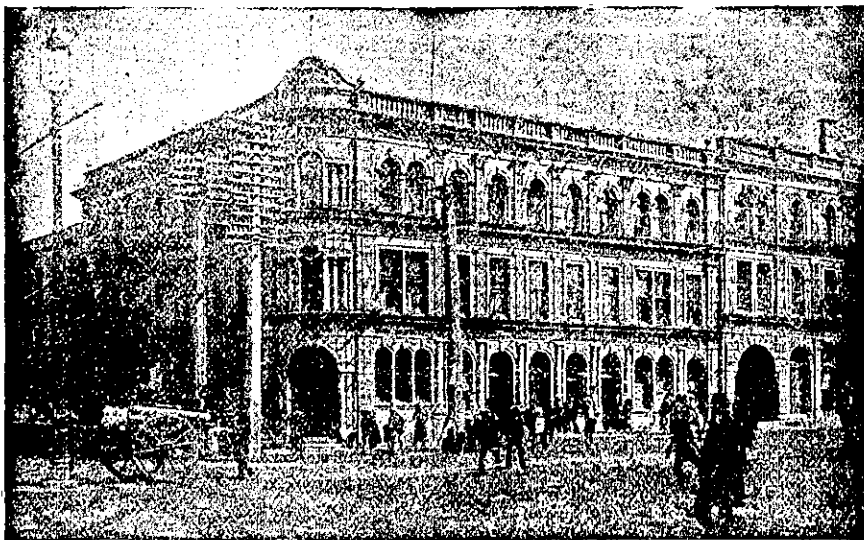
(Late of the Grand Hotel, Rotorua).



Kidd's Commercial Hotel

S. J. ATKINS, Proprietor.

SHORTLAND & HIGH STREETS.



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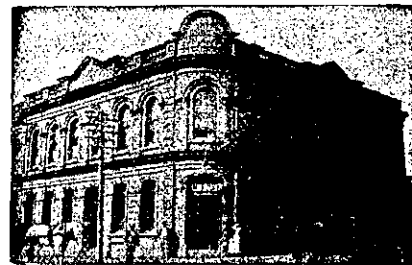
CORNER QUEEN & CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.

VISITORS WILL FIND EVERY COMFORT & CONVENIENCE.

JOHN ENDEAN, Proprietor.

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CORNER OF HOBSON AND VICTORIA STS. AUCKLAND.

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 accommodation 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.

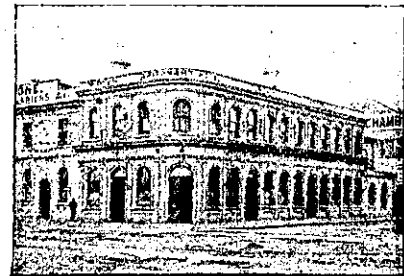
Sample Room. Hot and Cold Baths.

Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place.

Stabling Second to None.

Best Wines, Ales and Sprites Kept in Stock.

SAMUEL McMAHON Proprietor



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BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES KEPT.

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CORNER OF HOBSON AND WELLESLEY STREETS.

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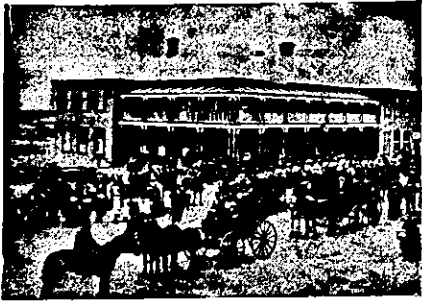
Notes to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Young old friend Thos. McEwin has taken over the above Hotel and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accommodation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.

THOS. McEWIN Proprietor

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.



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



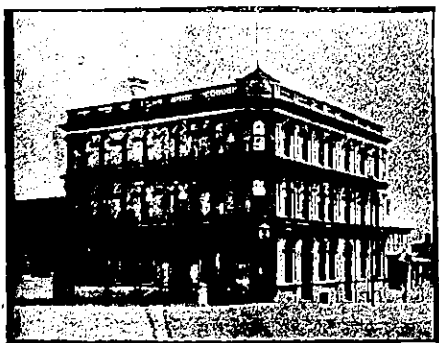
PALACE HOTEL, THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA. FRANK PILLING Proprietor. OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS. COMMERCIAL SAMPLE ROOM. TELEGRAMS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLOURS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS. TARIFF 85c per Week, or 6c per Day. THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



KAMO HOTEL, KAMO. MRS E. PARKER Proprietress. Good Accommodation. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Secombe'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 1153. TERMS MODERATE.



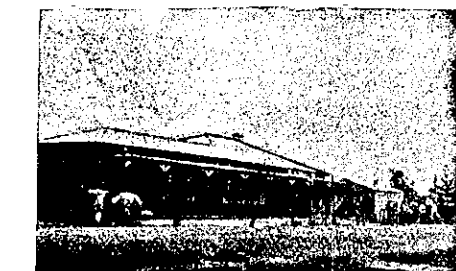
LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA. JASPER MONTGOMERY desires to intimate that he has taken over the above House, which has been re-painted and decorated throughout. Visitors will find every home comfort, whilst the position of the house and grounds is unequalled in the Colony. Terms have been fixed on a most moderate 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, Waitino. 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. OROSBY 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.



THE REDAN HOTEL, KAITIAKI, MANGONUI. M. GOONAN, Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hostelry, begs to inform the travelling public that Every Accommodation is now afforded. Stables, Paddocks, and Plenty of Feed for Horse and Owner. The Best of Wines, Spirits and Beers.



O HAEAWAI HOTEL, OHAEWAI, BAY OF ISLANDS. GEORGE CLARK PAYNE, Proprietor (Late of the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell) Began to state that having got the "Corner" into thorough working trim, no effort will be spared to Cater for Visitors of all Classes. Suffice to say that Cleanliness, Civility, a Good Table, and Moderate Rates shall be a Strict Rule as heretofore. Best Wines and Spirits Only Kept. Ehrenfried's XXXX Beer on Draught. The Best of Beers. First-class Stabling, Paddock and Billiards.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

FEILDING HOTEL, KIMBOLTON ROAD, FEILDING. 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), Pahiatua. 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 STABLING AND PADDOCKING. 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, Joel'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 Paddocking. 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

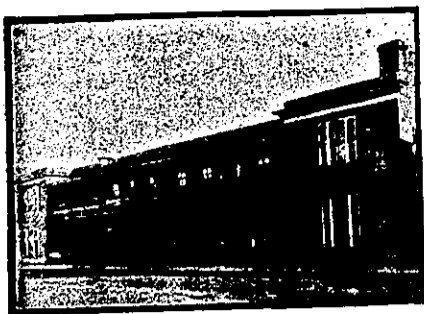
CENTRAL HOTEL, LOWER HUTT. M. J. HODGINS Proprietor. This Hotel is now under entirely new management, and has been thoroughly renovated throughout, affording the best accommodation for the travelling public. Being in close proximity to the Hunt Racecourse, the Hotel offers every facility to visiting 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, BANJITIKI. 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. S. J. GIBBONS Proprietor

WELLINGTON—Continued.



EMPIRE HOTEL, MASTERTON.

J. CRESS ... Proprietor.

This popular house of call is under entirely new management, and is one of the most centrally situated hotels in Masterton.

Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public.

TERMS, 4S 6D PER DAY. TELEPHONE 64.

EMPIRE HOTEL, FEILDING.

MR J. WAREHAM, late of the Club Hotel, Stratford, has taken over the above Hotel, and has had the same thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout.



POST OFFICE HOTEL, FOXTON.

This Hotel, having just been Rebuilt and Refurnished throughout, now affords the Best of Accommodation for Travellers, etc.

The Best of Wines and Spirits kept in Stock. Speight and Co.'s XXX Ale drawn straight from the wood always on tap.

W. F. GRAY.....PROPRIETOR.

ALBERT HOTEL, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR GEO. A. ALLEN Has pleasure in intimating that he has taken over the proprietorship of this well-known Commercial and Family Hotel, and trusts that his long experience in first-class hotel-keeping will add to the comfort of visitors.

LEVIN HOTEL

(To which is attached the Horowhenua County Club and the Levin Aerated Water Factory.)

D. HANNAN ... Proprietor.

The Proprietor wishes to inform the travelling public that the above well and favourably-known Hotel has recently been enlarged and renovated, making it now one of the Best Hotels in the North Island, where patrons may rely on receiving every attention and the comforts of a home.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

THIS Hotel has just been completed and furnished throughout in the best style, making it a hostelry second to none in the colony.

J. J. KELLY Proprietor.

CENTRAL HOTEL, WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf). A. M. GOW (late of Dunedin).....Proprietor

DEVINE'S EMPIRE HOTEL, MAIN STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH.

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading Brands of Whiskies, Wines, and Brandy.

IMPERIAL HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

This hotel, just rebuilt and furnished in modern style, offers excellent accommodation, and the liquors are unsurpassed.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes. McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer.

GRAND NATIONAL HOTEL, PETONE, WELLINGTON.

MR JOHN PYKE (late of the Cambridge and Imperial Hotels, Wellington) begs to notify his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular hostelry.

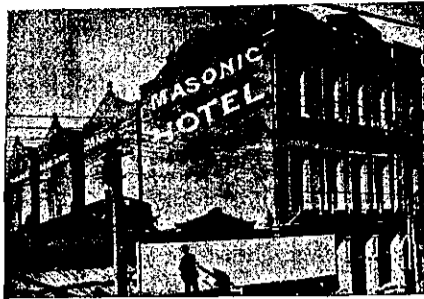
MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

The appointed house for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, Wellington, also Cook's Tourist Travellers.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

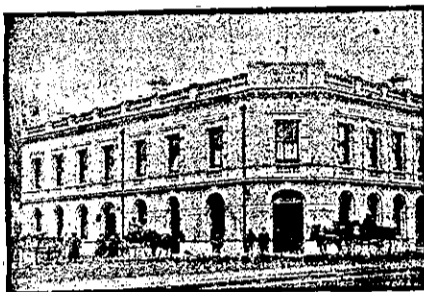


NEW MASONIC HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON

The Masonic is built with all the latest and safest fire escapes, iron balconies and stairs leading from every bedroom.

MRS T. WHITE.....Proprietress.

CHRISTCHURCH.



THE CARLTON HOTEL, NORTH BELT AND PAPANUI ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH.

F. DAVY Proprietor. This old-established Hotel, containing 26 rooms, being recently re-built in brick and stone, offers special advantages to Tourists, Travellers, and others.



NEW CRITERION HOTEL, GLOUCESTER-STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

Being now Thoroughly Complete, this is one of the best-appointed Houses in the City. Every room, including bedrooms, electrically lighted and newly furnished.

STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL

(Opposite Christchurch Railway Station.) LICENSER .. F. W. MILLWARD. Visitors to this spacious hotel receive every possible attention and modern comfort.

SPEIGHT'S PRIZE ALES ON DRAUGHT.

Special Arrangements made with Permanent Boarders and Theatrical Parties, etc.

CHRISTCHURCH—Continued.

RICHARDSON'S BRITISH HOTEL, LYTELTON.

The Leading Hotel of Lyttelton. Excellent Accommodation. Liberal Table. Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.

F. F. KEPPLER (late of Devanchelle's Bay) PROPRIETOR.

MASONIC HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH.

VISITORS to above Hotel will find a comfortable HOME, with Moderate Tariff. EDWARD POWER, (Late Dunedin) Proprietor.

CHRISTCHURCH-DUNEDIN EXPRESS DINING-CARS.

T. FAIRHURST ... Caterer. Grills and Light Refreshments at all times on the Journey.

THE GLADSTONE HOTEL (Off Papanui Road), CHRISTCHURCH.

AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE. Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and in Great Variety.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.



CALDONIAN HOTEL, HASTINGS-STREET, NAPIER.

A. C. BARNES.....Proprietor

E. J. WARREN.

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

PROVINCIAL HOTEL, CLIVE SQUARE, NAPIER.

J. W. McDUFF.....PROPRIETOR The above Hotel has been entirely rebuilt in brick, and furnished and fitted up in the latest and most up-to-date manner.

CAFE DE PARIS, DANNEVIRKE, NEARLY OPPOSITE TELEGRAPH OFFICE (LATE POST OFFICE BOARDING HOUSE).

MR E. Q. TATTERSALL desires to announce that he has taken over the above well-known premises (which have recently been enlarged and refurnished throughout).

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

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

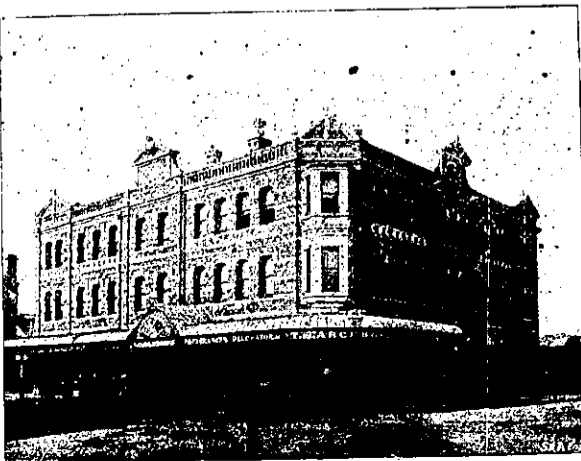
COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS, CHRISTCHURCH.

Visitors to Christchurch should secure accommodation at the Leviathan. It offers all the advantages of an up-to-date home, and is furnished throughout in such a manner as to provide the Best Accommodation for Boarders, Visitors, and Travellers.

Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

TARIFF: From 4/6 PER DIEM. 30/- PER WEEK. Comfort, Cleanliness, and Civility Guaranteed.



THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant

CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks.

The above is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel.

TERMS: Per Day, 4/6; Per Week, 22/.

ARROWSMITH, PROPRIETOR.

HAWKE'S BAY—Continued.

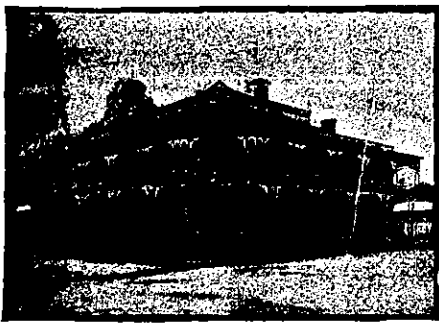
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE EARL OF RANFURLY
TAVISTOCK HOTEL WAIPUKURAU.
Tourists, Commercials and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date.

WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOM:

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

TARANAKI PROVINCE

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA
MRS A. MAGUIRE PROPRIETRESS.
Good Stabling, Billiards, Bath Room.
Wines, Beers and Spirits Unsurpassed.



RED HOUSE HOTEL
DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

EDWIN WHITTLE PROPRIETOR.
Rebuilt and refurnished, this well-known hostelry now contains every comfort for guests.
The Liquors stocked are the Choicest to be bought in the Market.

CENTRAL HOTEL, EGMONT STREET, PATEA.

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

MASONIC HOTEL, Bedford Street, Patea.

MRS. KEANE PROPRIETRESS.
MRS KEANE begs to inform her many friends and the residents generally of Patea and district, that she has assumed the proprietorship, and that it will be her aim to uphold the past high reputation of the Hotel.

MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA.

This hotel combines all the conveniences of a first-class House, together with a moderate tariff.
Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Brands.

TARANAKI HOTEL, BROUGHAM-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

N. J. JULIAN (late Railway Hotel, Inglewood), Proprietor.
All Wines and Spirits stocked of the Best Quality.
Twenty-year-old, Guaranteed Liqueur Whisky a Specialty.

WANGANUI.

CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

This old-established House has recently been taken over by Mrs C. K. Quin, who is thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of the district and of the travelling public generally.

CHAVANNES' VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

THE TOURIST'S HOTEL.
Choicest Wines, Spirits and Ci. ars.
Night Porter kept.
Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

WANGANUI—Continued.

NEW RIVER VIEW BOARDING-HOUSE, TAUPO QUAY, WANGANUI
W. ROIGARD PROPRIETOR.
BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
Terms: 4/6 per diem; £1 per week.
Good table and every attention, not two minutes from Railway Station, Railway Wharf, Up-River Wharf and Post Office, next to Bridge.

ALBION HOTEL (RIDGWAY-STREET), WANGANUI.

Excellent accommodation for the travelling public at a moderate rate.
Only the best brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept.
Letters and Telegrams receive Prompt Attention.
A. R. MALTBY PROPRIETOR

TIMARU.

CRITERION HOTEL.

WILLIAM TOBIN (late of the Timaru Hotel) Has Leased the above hotel, and will be glad to receive Friends and Visitors to Timaru.
First-class Accommodation. Well-appointed Billiard Rooms, Hot and Cold Water Baths.
The Best Brands of Spirits and Ale in Stock.
Terms Reasonable.
Theatricals Privately Catered For.
WM. TOBIN PROPRIETOR.

CLUB HOTEL, TIMARU.

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

GREYMOOUTH.

WAVERLEY HOTEL, GREYMOOUTH.

This hotel is centrally situated, and offers the comfort of a home.
Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Ales.
MRS E. GILMER PROPRIETRESS.

OTAGO PROVINCE.

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

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



BRANSON'S HOTEL, ST. ANDREW'S STREET, DUNEDIN, OTAGO.

OHAS' B. M. BRANSON PROPRIETOR.

CALEDONIAN HOTEL, WALKER-STREET, DUNEDIN.

W. H. SKITCH having purchased the above commodious Hotel, which has recently been renovated, is now prepared to make provision for Country Travellers.
Hot and Cold Showers,
Terms—4/6 per Day; 20/- per Week.

CHICK'S PRIVATE HOTEL, MOUNT-STREET, PORT CHALMERS.

Best of Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff.
Cuisine a Speciality.

VISITORS to Oamaru will find Up-to-Date Accommodation and the best of Liquors at the

IMPERIAL.

MRS PARKER, Proprietress.

OTAGO—Continued.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, MACLAGGAN STREET, DUNEDIN.
JOHN COLLINS PROPRIETOR.
(Late of A1 Hotel, Felichet Bay.)
The most centrally situated Hotel in the City.
First-class accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Boarders. Suites of rooms for families.
Charges moderate. A Special Feature: 1/- Lunch from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, cold, and shower baths. The very best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.

METROPOLE PRIVATE HOTEL, 226, PRINCES STREET, DUNEDIN.

(Three Minutes from Post Office).
L. J. MEYER (Late Coffee Palace) Manager.
Ideal Home for Families, Tourists, Visitors, and Commercials.
Tariff from 4/6 per day. Permanent Boarders special arrangements. Electric Tram Passes Door. Express Meets Train and Steamers.
Telephone 1804.

SOUTHLAND PROVINCE.

DESCHLER'S COMMERCIAL, FAMILY AND PRIVATE HOTEL, ESK-STREET, INVERCARGILL.

Lately re-built and newly furnished throughout.
Within two minutes' walk of Railway Station Post and Telegraph Offices. Sample Rooms, P.O. Box 40. Telephone 300.

KETT'S HIBERNIAN HOTEL, DEE-STREET, INVERCARGILL.

Excellent accommodation for the travelling public.
Best brands of Wines and Spirits, Speight's Beer on tap.
Ample Stabling and Loose Boxes.
THOS. KETT PROPRIETOR.

RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE R.S.) INVERCARGILL.

This Hotel is justly noted for its Superior Table, and its proximity to the Station makes it most convenient for Travellers in Invercargill.
Splendidly furnished throughout, and equipped in every respect. Terms moderate. Telephone 273.

THE NEW CLUB HOTEL, BLUFF.

C. SUTHERLAND PROPRIETOR.
Lighted throughout with Electric Light.
A New Town Hall has lately been erected by the above Proprietor.

NELSON.

COACH AND HORSES HOTEL.

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

MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.
This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourist and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr H. Baggett.
The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and all the Rooms are being refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

BLLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLLENHEIM
Is Central, Popular, and Convenient; does Commercial Business; has Splendid Appointments; Hot and Cold Baths; one of Alcock's Match Tables; and is the House selected by the N.Z.C.T. Club.
MODERATE TARIFF.
J. PENNEY PROPRIETOR.

HOKITIKA.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA.

Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the best accommodation at a moderate tariff.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procurable. Cuisine excellent, under the personal supervision of Mrs Woolhouse.
TARIFF—5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.
Mrs N. M. WOOLHOUSE, PROPRIETRESS.

REEFTON.

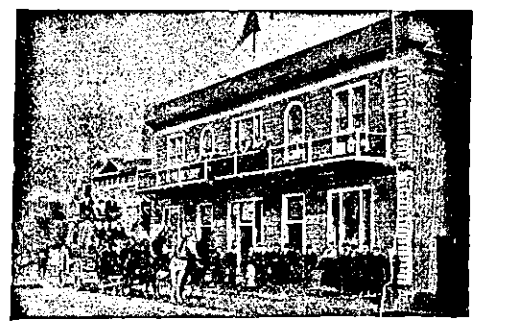
ROXBOROUGH'S RAILWAY HOTEL, REEFTON.

A Really First-class Hotel. The Comfort and Convenience of Visitors is studied in every way. The Table is maintained at a Standard of Excellence, therefore Guests can be certain of obtaining the Best Menu in Reefton.
Splendid Sample Room. Hot, Cold, and Crescent Showers Available. The Best of Wines, Spirits, and Ales procurable. Telephone No. 28.
J. ROXBOROUGH PROPRIETOR.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff.
Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.
TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM.
R. DUMPHY PROPRIETOR

WESTPORT.



EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT

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

GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT.

DAVID LEECH PROPRIETOR.

GISBORNE.



THE GISBORNE HOTEL, Corner of CHILDER'S ROAD and LOWE STREET, GISBORNE.

The above Hotel, re-built on most modern lines, is centrally and conveniently situated, being within two minutes' walk of the Post Office, Railway Station and Wharf. A balcony of 160 feet by 8 feet, surrounds the building, affording an excellent view of the Harbour and Shipping, and offering easy egress in the event of fire. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. From its quiet situation is specially adapted for Tourists and Families.
J. H. MARTIN PROPRIETOR.