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RACING PROGRAMMES.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING. President, Mr L. D. Nathan; Vice-President, Mr H. T. Gorrie; Stewards, Hon E. Mitchellson, Hon. Seymour...

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. Entrances 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. 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, Sst 10lb; geldings, Sst 7lb; fillies, Sst 6lb.

Auckland Cup Handicap of 1500 sovs; second horse to receive 800 sovs and third horse 100 sovs out of the stake.

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

Railway Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

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

Pony Cup Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Christmas Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

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.

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

Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Summer Cup Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

Salisbury Welter Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake.

Visitor's Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake.

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

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.

New Year's Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Thirty-First Great Northern Derby of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake.

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

County Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake.

Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

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.

Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Grandstand Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake.

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.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake.

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 sov; Railway Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Steeplechase, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Auckland Cup, 5 sovs; Railway Handicap, 3 sovs; Auckland Steeplechase, 3 sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov; Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Visitors' Plate, 2 sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov; Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Handicap, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov; Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grand Stand Handicap, 1 sov; Newmarket Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Plate, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, at the post. Great Northern Foal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Cup, 5 sovs.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES—Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Cup Handicap, 4 sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCE—Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Handicap, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club's Handicap, 3 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.

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 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grand Stand Handicap, 3 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 2 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, at the post. Royal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Plate, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS—Great Northern Foal Stakes (for now foals), 1904-7; Royal Stakes (for now foals), 1904-7.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, by 12 noon.

Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, by 12 noon.

Trial Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Pony Handicap, Christmas Handicap. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, by 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles, Criterion Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Waitemata Handicap. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, in morning paper.

Glasgow Handicap, New Year's Handicap, Hurdles, Midsummer Handicap, County Handicap, King Club Handicap, Handicap Pony Race, Maiden Handicap. MONDAY, JANUARY 2, by 9 p.m.

Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grand Stand Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Handicap Pony Race. WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



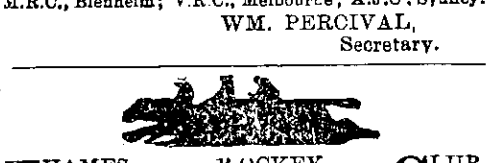
AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING, 1906-7. GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, 1906-7.

OF 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, Sst 10lb; geldings, Sst 7lb; fillies, Sst 5lb.

THE 12th ROYAL STAKES, 1906-7. FOR NOW TWO-YEAR-OLDS, YEARLINGS AND FOALS. OF 500 sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent.

ENTRIES for the foregoing event to be made to the Secretary of the A.R.C. at his office, Durham Street, or to the Secretary of the C.J.C., Canterbury; D.J.C., Dunedin; H.B.J.C., Napier; W.R.C., Wellington; M.R.C., Blenheim; V.R.C., Melbourne; A.J.C., Sydney.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



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

SUMMER MEETING, 1904. MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th. PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY.

Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of 25 sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, two miles.

Goldfields Cup of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 5in and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

First Handicap Steeplechase of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about two miles and a-half.

Stewards' Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb and of Goldfields Cup to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Hack Race of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs.

Hauraki Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty, and of Goldfields Cup or Stewards' Handicap to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, four furlongs.

SECOND DAY. Midsummer Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Thames Handicap Hurdles of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

Second Hack Race of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

Thames Stakes of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Midsummer Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 80s. Distance, one mile.

Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

County Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Midsummer Handicap or Thames Stakes to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

Thames Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about three miles.

Final Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Midsummer Handicap, Thames Stakes, or County Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, four furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS for: Maiden Handicap, 10s; First Handicap Hurdles 1's; Goldfields Cup, 20s; First Pony Handicap, 10s; First Handicap Steeplechase, 20s; Stewards' Handicap, 10s; First Hack Handicap, 10s; Hauraki Handicap, 10s; Midsummer Handicap, 10s; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 15s; Second Hack Handicap, 10s; Thames Stakes, 20s; Second Pony Handicap, 10s; County Handicap, 10s; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 20s; Final Handicap, 10s.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2. WEIGHTS will be declared for: Maiden Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Goldfields Cup, First Pony Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase, Stewards' Handicap, First Hack Handicap, Hauraki Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for: Maiden Handicap, 20s; First Handicap Hurdles, 35s; Goldfields Cup, 2 sovs; First Pony Handicap, 20s; First Handicap Steeplechase, 30s; Stewards' Handicap, 20s; First Hack Handicap, 15s; Hauraki Handicap, 20s.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26. WEIGHTS will be declared at 9 p.m., and ACCEPTANCES will be received at the Club's Office, Brown-street, up to TUESDAY, the 27th, at 11 a.m., for Midsummer Handicap, 20s; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 35s; Second Hack Handicap, 20s; Thames Stakes, 30s; Second Pony Handicap, 20s; County Handicap, 20s; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 30s; Final Handicap, 20s.

REGULATIONS. All Stakes paid in full.

Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated. All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colour of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea.

W. H. POTTS, Secretary.



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB. (Under the Rules of the New Zealand Trotting Conference.)

Approved by the New Zealand Trotting Association. Patrons, Sir G. M. O'Rorke, Hon. Major Harris, — Armstrong, Esq., J. H. Greenslade, Esq., Hon. Thos. Thompson, W. Jennings, Esq., M.H.R., J. H. Witheford, Esq., M.H.R., P. M. Hansen, Esq. President, A. R. Harris, Esq., J.P. Vice-Presidents, J. G. Rutherford, Esq., J.P., Captain S. C. Caulton, Chas. Bailey, Esq., John Rows, Esq. Judge, A. R. Harris, Esq., J.P. Handicapper, Mr F. W. Edwards, Time-keeper, Mr Geo. Reed, Starter, Mr C. O'Connor. Clerk of Scales, Mr H. B. Massey. Treasurer, Mr W. Adams. Auditor, Mr W. H. Churton. Stewards, Messrs Lindsay Cooke, John Morrison, Jas. McLeod, John Todd, J. G. Rutherford, J.P., Arthur Bach, A. Hughes, John McColl, J.P., R. Menzies, F. Wells, E. P. Kinloch, and T. Crawford.

SUMMER MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 27 AND 31, 1904, and JANUARY 7, 1905. PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th, 1904. Maiden Trot Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Limit, 2.55 to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

Pony Cup Handicap of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Auckland Trotting Cup Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have won in 2 min 43 sec or better to the mile. Limit, 5 min 20 sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs, and a final payment of 2 sovs, at the post. Distance, two miles.

Middle-class Handicap Trot of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2 min 42 sec to the mile at time of entry. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2 min 52 sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

Great Northern Trotting Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10

sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have won a race at 2 min 43 sec or better to the mile. Limit 2 min 40 sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

Second Maiden Handicap Trot of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1905.

Trial Trot Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry.

ANY HORSE AFTER WINNING MAY BE RE-HANDICAPPED. STAKES PAID IN FULL. The order of running is subject to alteration.

By entering a horse, the nominator and every person having interest in such horse shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be debarred from questioning any action or conduct of any official of a Trotting or Racing Club in respect of such horse, or of any person connected therewith, otherwise than is provided for by Rule 93, Rules of Trotting.

The names of the trainer and owner must be included in all acceptance forms when acceptances are sent in, in default of which the owner or trainer may be fined £5 or disqualified.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, ACCEPTANCES. Nominations for all events close on Friday, 9th December at 9 p.m.

HANDICAPS.

Handicaps for the Trotting Events on the First Day to appear on 13th December, 1904. Handicaps for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap to appear on the night of 26th December, 1904.

ACCEPTANCES.

Acceptances for the Trotting Events on the First Day Close on December 23rd, 1904, at 9 p.m. Acceptances for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap Close 9 p.m. on 26th December.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

MARK BUSH, MEMBER OF TATIERSALL'S, AUCKLAND.

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CATALOGUE.

BROWN FILLY by Hotchkiss dam St. Evelyn, by imported St. Leger, by Doncaster, winner of English Derby. This filly is particularly well grown, is own sister to San Patricia, who was a brilliant mare, and descended from Formosa; should be well-bred enough to win any race in the world.

BROWN COLT by Hotchkiss, dam Edith Cureton, by imported Castor, out of that great mare Frailty, dam of Trenton, Cuirassier, Gisy, Niagara, Mary, Zalinski, Siege Gun and Lancaster, all great winners. This is a beautiful colt.

CHESTNUT COLT, by Hotchkiss, dam St. Elyn, by imported St. Leger, by Doncaster out of Lady Evelyn, by Perkin Warbeck, imp., out of Pulchra, imp., by Rosierucian out of the great Formosa, by Buccaneer. This Colt is wonderfully developed for his age, and descended from the greatest known racing strains, he cannot fail to be a success as a racehorse.

BROWN COLT by Hotchkiss, son of imported Musket, out of Gannet, by imported Castor out of Albatross, by Malta, son of Kingston, imp., out of The Auk, by The Marquis, imp., winner of Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger. This is a great racing family, having in the blood a wonderful combination of Musketeer, Kingston, Fisherman and Stockwell. This filly is Cuirassa's third foal, two have raced and have won. Her three-quarter sister, Merganser, was the fastest mare in New Zealand.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, out of Problem, by St. Hippo out of Eileasie, by Trenton, who stood at the head of the winning sires' list for two years in Australia, from sister to Lord Granville, by first King from Lady Granville, by imported Chandos from Lady heser, by Stockwell. Problem has already produced three winners. This filly is well-grown, sound and faultless.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo out of Antelope, by imported Apremont out of imported Miss Kate, by Adventurous out of Sporting Life, by Prime Minister. Antelope was a great winner, and at the stud has produced Brown Mantle, a winner both in New Zealand and Australia. Canopus, also a winner, a great stayer Bluejacket, winner of two Auckland Cups of 1000 sovs each, and numerous other races.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by the imported Phœbus Apollo out of St. Amy by imported St. Leger, out of Hazel, by Nordenfeldt out of the celebrated Ouida, by Yattendon.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, by Hippocampus out of Cressia, by imported Leolinus (grandson of Stockwell) out of Rosarina, by imported Traducer out of Yatterina, by Yattendon out of Kohinor, by Vanguard out of Kate, by imported Gratia.

BROWN FILLY, by Menschikoff out of Queen Cole, by King Cole, imp., out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon out of The Flying Doe, by The Premier out of Wilhelmina, by Romeo out of Moes Rosa, by Rous Emigrant, imp. Queen Cole is the dam of Battelaxe, winner of Century Stakes of 1000 sovs, Tupara and Brown Bill, good performers.

BROWN FILLY, by imported San Francisco, brother to St. Frusquin, one of England's premier sires, out of Campania, by Robinson Crusoe out of Campanilla, by Maribyrnong out of Silver Bell (sister to Chester) by Yattendon out of Lady Chester, by Stockwell. Campania has produced those brilliant racers Miss Delaval, Delania and Master Delaval.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Seaton Delaval out of Real Blue, by Hotchkiss out of Sapphire, by imported Drummer out of Amethyst, imp., by Ambrose out of Heroine of Lushknow, by Nutwith out of the great Pochontas. This is a wonderfully well-grown and beautiful filly.

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, dam Lady Emily, by imported Castor out of Lady Wellington, by Musket out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon. Lady Emily is the dam of Nobility, winner of the Egmont Cup of 250 sovs, Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 165 sovs, Wanganui Cup of 750 sovs, and many other important races.

CHESTNUT COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Chrysolite, by imported Castor out of Onyx, dam of that great horse Nordenfeldt (who was sold for Australia for £5,600 guineas), out of Chrysolite, by Stockwell from Juliet, by Touchstone. This is a particularly nice colt; his breeding is of the best.

BROWN COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo dam Eangle, by Musket out of Locket, imp., by Thunderbolt. Eangle was a great performer, and her stock have inherited the racing qualities of the Locket family; her son Casket and daughter, Golden Rose, are great winners.

BROWN COLT, by imported San Francisco, by St. Simon, and brother to the successful English sire St. Frusquin, out of Miss Gladys by Cuirassier, brother to Trenton. Miss Gladys is the dam of the very brilliant mare Gladme, who was the best three-year-old in Australasia. This yearling is deserving of more than passing notice; he has all the size of the great Musket family, and quality of the St. Simons.

BAY COLT, by Menschikoff, dam imported Sunningdale, by Hampton out of Sally Port, by Theobald out of Fortress by Knight of Kara out of Facine, by Melbourne out of Escalade, by Touchstone. This Colt has all the developments of his sire, who was a perfect galloping machine. His half-brothers, Cavalry, Calibre, and Muskerdale, are all winners of big stakes.

BLOODSTOCK SALE.

BROWN COLT, by Menschikoff, dam Lady Cureton, by Goldsbrough out of Minguera, by Yattendon out of The Fly, by imported Fisherman out of imported Marchioness (winner of English Oaks), by Melbourne.

BROWN COLT, by Phœbus Apollo, imp., dam Lady Gertrude, by imported Cadogan out of No Name, by imported Traducer out of Emma, by imported Gil Blas. Lady Gertrude is the dam of a number of winners; Euroclydon, Blizzard and Britomart were her most prominent performers on the New Zealand turf.

CHESTNUT COLT, by imported Cyrenian, son of St. Simon, dam Sparkling Water, by St. Hippo, winner of the New Zealand Cup and many important races, out of Waitemata, by imported Eridspor, son of Isonomy, out of Aorere, by Chester out of Kaipara, by Goldsbrough. This is a compact, well-grown colt, and descends from the celebrated St. Simon and Isonomy strains, with a strong combination of Fisherman and Birdcatcher.

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, son of imported Musket, dam Aleger, by imported St. Leger out of Brown Alice (dam of winners) by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida, dam of Strathmore, Hilda, Artillery, Balista, all brilliant performers. This filly is own sister to Quickfire, a winner, and very promising.

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, dam Crescent, by imported Castor out of that prolific mare Pungawera-wera, by imported Golden Grape out of Atalanta, by imported Towton, own brother to The Peer. This filly is own sister to Starshoot, one of this year's greatest winners.

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, dam First Love, by Nordenfeldt out of Fishgirl, by Yattendon out of Fanny Fisher, by imported Fisherman out of imported Coquette, by Launcelot. This is a well-grown, beautifully-bred filly, and is half-sister to those good winners, Lady Avon and Lady Bobs.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Hilda, by imported Musket out of Ouida, by Yattendon. Ouida is the dam of Artillery, Hilda, Balista, Strathmore and Brown Alice—first-class winners—and Hilda is the dam of Antares, winner of the Auckland Cup of 1,000 sovs, and Grand National Hurdles in Auckland of 500 sovs, won Takapuna Cup of 200 sovs, beating 10 others, also many other races. Fulmen, out of Hilda, won South Kensington Cup of 120 sovs, second in New Zealand Cup, won Otago Cup of 300 sovs, won Birthday Cup (Dunedin), of 200 sovs, ran dead heat (with Ideal) New Zealand Cup of 1,500 sovs, beating nine others.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Lady Wellington, by imported Musket out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon. Lady Wellington is the grand-dam of Nobility, who won Egmont Cup, one mile and a-half, 200 sovs, in 2min. 38sec.; won the Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 165 sovs, won Wanganui Cup of 750 sovs.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Lady Augusta, by imported St. Leger out of Brown Alice (own sister to the renowned Strathmore), by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida (dam of Artillery, Hilda, Balista and Hazel). Lady Augusta is the dam of Kelburn, winner of New Zealand St. Leger of 300 sovs, and Glasgow, another good winner.

BAY FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo out of Brown Alice (dam of Ropa, a first-class performer), by Nordenfeldt, out of the great Ouida, the dam of many winners. Ropa won Avondale Guineas of 200 sovs, and Auckland Guineas of 500 sovs.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, out of Cuirassa, by Cuirassier, brother to Trenton, out of Albatross, by Malta out of The Auk, by The Marquis, imp., winner of Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger. This is a great racing family, having in the blood a wonderful combination of Musketeer, Kingston, Fisherman and Stockwell. This filly is Cuirassa's third foal, two have raced and have won. Her three-quarter sister, Merganser, was the fastest mare in New Zealand.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, out of Problem, by St. Hippo out of Eileasie, by Trenton, who stood at the head of the winning sires' list for two years in Australia, from sister to Lord Granville, by first King from Lady Granville, by imported Chandos from Lady heser, by Stockwell. Problem has already produced three winners. This filly is well-grown, sound and faultless.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo out of Antelope, by imported Apremont out of imported Miss Kate, by Adventurous out of Sporting Life, by Prime Minister. Antelope was a great winner, and at the stud has produced Brown Mantle, a winner both in New Zealand and Australia. Canopus, also a winner, a great stayer Bluejacket, winner of two Auckland Cups of 1000 sovs each, and numerous other races.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by the imported Phœbus Apollo out of St. Amy by imported St. Leger, out of Hazel, by Nordenfeldt out of the celebrated Ouida, by Yattendon.

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BROWN FILLY, by Menschikoff out of Queen Cole, by King Cole, imp., out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon out of The Flying Doe, by The Premier out of Wilhelmina, by Romeo out of Moes Rosa, by Rous Emigrant, imp. Queen Cole is the dam of Battelaxe, winner of Century Stakes of 1000 sovs, Tupara and Brown Bill, good performers.

BROWN FILLY, by imported San Francisco, brother to St. Frusquin, one of England's premier sires, out of Campania, by Robinson Crusoe out of Campanilla, by Maribyrnong out of Silver Bell (sister to Chester) by Yattendon out of Lady Chester, by Stockwell. Campania has produced those brilliant racers Miss Delaval, Delania and Master Delaval.

BROWN FILLY, by imported Seaton Delaval out of Real Blue, by Hotchkiss out of Sapphire, by imported Drummer out of Amethyst, imp., by Ambrose out of Heroine of Lushknow, by Nutwith out of the great Pochontas. This is a wonderfully well-grown and beautiful filly.

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, dam Lady Emily, by imported Castor out of Lady Wellington, by Musket out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon. Lady Emily is the dam of Nobility, winner of the Egmont Cup of 250 sovs, Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 165 sovs, Wanganui Cup of 750 sovs, and many other important races.

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Melton was sold some years back to the Italian Government for £10,000, and English breeders have ever since been regretting that he was allowed to leave the country, as his stock have been uniformly successful. Owing to his being abroad, there were no two-year-olds to represent him in 1894, but in reviewing the racing season of that year, the London "Times" of December 14 last says:—"Melton, with twenty-three winners of over £18,000, should be given precedence over Wisdom, for Best Man, who won eight races, is undoubtedly his son, and as Melton's progeny have won £25,000 in the last two seasons, and have included such animals as Best Man, Avington, Bullington and Indian Queen it is easy to understand the regret felt at his being exported to Italy."

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-importation that were running in 1900. Eight of them won no less than £12,857 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, Toddington 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 £12,852, making in all £37,852 for eight two-year-olds after they had won £12,857 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, Hastings, Blue Paul, Val R. u. s. Beddington, J. m. Kean, Laetitia, Paul Seaton, Belfast, Spark, Mara, Nonette, Little Bess, Idas, Forriua, Grey Seaton, Northumberland, Gladia, Mary Seaton, Silk w. m. Gladstone and Leo Delaval. During his first season Seaton Delaval's progeny won in stakes £2,078, and it must be remembered that this sum was won by four representatives. During the 1899-1900 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 comprising that only twelve of his stock were racing comprised of two and three-year-olds, and eleven of which won races in an exceptional performance, and goes to show that he nicks 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 £5,206 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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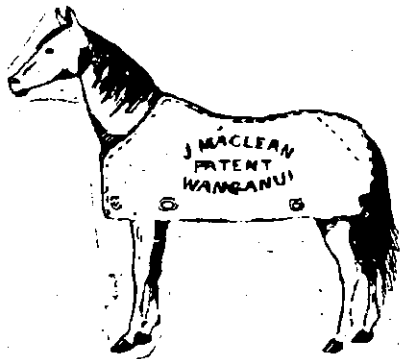
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Acceptances for the Auckland Cup, 5 sovs, Railway Handicap, 3 sovs, and Auckland Steeplechase, 3 sovs, must be made by Friday, December 2, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the various events to be run at the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club are due with Mr Percival on Friday, December 9, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the A.R.C. Summer Meeting are due to appear on Tuesday, December 13.

The following forfeits are due on Friday, December 2, at 9 p.m.:—Royal Stakes of 1904-1905 (for three-year-olds and two-year-olds), 2 sovs; 31st G.N. Derby, 3 sovs; G.N. Foal Stakes, 2 sovs; also the first forfeit of 1 sov for the Champagne Stakes, 1905.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting are due to appear on Friday, December 2.

Acceptances for the first day's events of the Northern Wairoa R.C. Meeting must be made to Mr H. E. Stehr by Monday, December 5, at 9 p.m.

A forfeit of 1 sov for the First Manawatu Stakes is due with Mr E. Grant Sim, acting secretary of the Manawatu Racing Club, on Saturday, December 3.

RACING CALENDAR

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FIXTURES—1904

December 1—North Canterbury Annual
December 7 and 8—Woodville J.C. Summer
December 10 and 16—Christchurch R.C. Summer
December 26 and 27—Thames Jockey Club Summer
December 26 and 27—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer
December 26 and 27—Taranaki J.C. Summer
December 26 and 27—Manawatu R.C. Summer
December 26 and 27—Dunedin J.C. Summer
December 26, 29, January 2 and 8—Auckland R.C. Summer
December 31 and January 2—Greymouth J.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Rangitikei R.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
January 3 and 4—Southland R.C. Summer
January 4 and 5—Westland R.C. Summer
January 21 and 24—Foxton R.C. Annual
February 9 and 11—Canterbury J.C. Summer
February 9 and 10—Gisborne R.C. Summer

NOMINATIONS.

December 9—Auckland R.C. Summer, general entries

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

December 2—Thames J.C. Summer
December 13—A.R.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

December 2—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and special events
December 5—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer
December 9—Thames J.C. Summer
December 16—A.R.C. Summer

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THE PETROVNA APPEAL CASE.

THE appeal of Mr James Jeffs, the owner of Petrovna, against the decision of the Canterbury Jockey Club disallowing his claim to the stakes in the Criterion Handicap run on November 9, 1903, has been heard by the judges, Messrs O. Samuel, E. Mitchelson, and E. W. Alison, and their verdict has been to allow the appeal and reverse the decision of the stewards and committee of the C.J.C. It is difficult to imagine how any other step could have been taken, and the verdict in favour of Mr Jeffs was fully anticipated before it was made public. In fact, it is exceedingly doubtful whether the big Southern club really considered that Mr Jeffs should have lost the stakes, but rather intended their finding in the case to be a reply to a previous verdict given against them by the Conference judges in the Bagpipes case, a verdict, by the way, with which a very great number of racing men entirely disagree, and which in our opinion was as far from being good racing law as it was from equity. It is inconceivable, however, that Mr Jeffs should be made to suffer on this account. True, he did not in his entry state the age of Petrovna, nor did he do so in any of his other entries for the same meeting, but even the stewards of the C.J.C. in the decision appealed against admit that entries have been accepted everywhere without being accompanied by the information required by the rules. Under Rule 48 such an entry is invalid, but Rule 51 seems in a great measure to stultify this, and such being the case we must to a considerable degree be guided by custom. The judges in their finding state that the stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club entirely misconceived the effect of the judgments in the Gladsome and Bagpipes cases when they viewed them as laying down a general principle that the rules must be interpreted literally, regardless of what the general custom has been in the past. The Canterbury Club, however, it must not be forgotten, were originally of the opinion that custom was the best guide, but had to bow to the opinion of the Court of Appeal as did the Wellington Club, and only recorded their verdict against Mr Jeffs by way of protest. The whole secret of the trouble lies in the fact that the rules are in many cases badly framed, and are, moreover, so ambiguous that not two racing men are to be found agreeing as to what they really mean. They should be revised with the least possible delay, for at present they are not only frequently

misleading, but are liable to cause great injustice to owners, such as was the case with Mr Reid, who was mulcted in a heavy penalty, not through any wilful fault of his own, but by reason of the fact that not even the officers of the Conference were able to correctly interpret their own rules. We are in entire accord with the judges in the Petrovna appeal case, because they allowed commonsense to triumph over technicality, and at the same time regret the fact that a similar course was not pursued when dealing with the original protests, the cause of all the trouble.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S JUBILEE.

It is fifty years ago that racing was first started in Canterbury, and to commemorate the event an exceedingly interesting little brochure has been issued by the C.J.C. dealing with old-time racing records, and giving a brief history of the club. It was on the 16th of the present month, 1851, that the first races took place in Canterbury. This was on the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of the settlement, the course being part of Hagley Park. There were four races, the added money amounting to £15, the Sweepstakes of £5 each, with £2 added, being the first event run, and this was won by Mr Gordon's Brandy. Next year things were done in much better style, the course being considerably improved, and about six hundred people attended to see the Christchurch Cup, a sweep of £2, with £6 6s added, run for This was a hurdle race, and fell to Mr Leach's Harkaway.

The first movement towards the inauguration of a body to take charge of racing in Canterbury was made in 1854, and on the 2nd December of that year the Canterbury Jockey Club came into existence—just fifty years ago to-morrow. Mr J. Cracroft Wilson was the first president, Mr E. Jerningham Wakefield secretary, and Mr W. Guise Brittan the treasurer, while the original committee were Messrs J. T. Brown, John (now Sir John) Hall, Haslewood, and Captain Westerra. The first race meeting took place on March 6 and 7, when the added money amounted to £175. The principle event was the Canterbury Cup, of £50, this falling to Mr Lees' Tamerlane, a performance which the black gelding repeated two years later. The race was run in two heats of two miles each, all the four starters carrying 11st. Tamerlane won the first heat, and walked over for the second. The winner was beaten at even weights, however, on the second day of the meeting by Mr Turner's Cruiskeen, and it is interesting to note that the owner presented the prize, the Ladies' Turf of £40, to the Club as a contribution towards the erection of a stand for the convenience of ladies. Horses required stamina in those early days of the Club, for all the events were run over considerable distances, and very often in heats at that, so it would appear there was no use for the weedy animals we see nowadays who are only able to scamper over five furlong courses, and are frequently not even able to stay as far as that.

The first annual meeting of the club took place forty-nine years ago to-day, Mr I. T. Cookson being elected president and Mr T. Cass secretary. The first C.J.C. Plate was offered in 1865, but resulted in a walk over for Mr Lawrence's Canterbury Jack. Gradually the club grew in strength, and in 1859 a three days' fixture was decided on. A year later, thanks to the efforts of Mr J. W. Mallock, the first Derby was run, this being carried off by Mr Harris' St Aubyn filly Ada. Only five years later we find the inauguration of the Champion Race, and the strides made by the Club can be realised when it is stated that the added money was £1000. The rich stake was won by Mr Lance's six-year-old chestnut mare Ladybird, who carried 9st 2lb, and beat nine opponents. This meeting is memorable from the fact that Mr Lance's horses made almost as clean a scoop of the prizes as did Mr Stead's last month. Since the early days the amount given in stakes has doubled every seven years, until last year they amounted to a total of £20,250. Altogether the record of the Canterbury Jockey Club has been one of continuous progress, and everything points to much prosperity in the future for the old established institution.

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Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

There are seven colts and two fillies at Glenora Park this season.

The North Canterbury Meeting will take place to-day, but not much interest appears to be taken in the fixture except locally.

Quarryman, Signalman, and To-morrow are to come to Auckland for the big summer meeting.

Slow Tom is said to be looking very fit, and should be in great form by Christmas time.

Beau Seaton, Catherine Gordon, and Czarina will be among the visitors to the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

So far Cruciform coupled with Savoury and Rubia is the favourite double for the Cup and Railway Handicap.

The Pullack has gone across to Sydney, where it is to be hoped the handicappers will not look upon him as a champion and load him up with weight.

Acceptances for the Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase must be made to Mr Percival by to-morrow evening, at 9 p.m.

There still seems to be a good deal of uncertainty as to which will constitute Mr Stead's team for Auckland. The acceptances to-morrow evening may throw some light on the subject.

Nominations for the Drury Racing Club's annual meeting close with Mr J. Knott, the secretary, at the Drury Hotel, or with Mr F. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, on Friday, December 9, at 9 p.m. A good deal has been done since last season to improve the course, and as the programme is a decidedly good one for a meeting of the sort there should be no lack of entries. The meeting will take place on December 30.

The double event totalisator proved highly popular at Takapuna on Saturday, and it was curious to note how nearly accurate many of the investors were. Thus the popular double was Zuleika and Te Aroha, both these getting second, while the next pick was Geordie and Te Aroha, a first and second. Thirteen selected the winning combination and received £32 17s for each £1.

Messrs Duder Bros' two-year-old Devonport, who made his first appearance in public on Saturday, is a fine looking colt. He was hardly ready, however, and although he got smartly away and was with the leaders for three furlongs he failed to pace it with them when the business end of the contract had to be taken on. The young son of Soult and Anna will do better later on.

The Wellington Park has had another loss in the death of Forme, who in her day won the Hawke's Bay Guineas and other good races. Forme was a brown mare and was bred in 1891 by the New Zealand Stud Company, being got by Nordenfeldt from Formo, by Sterlingworth (imp.) from Pulchra (imp.), by Rosierucian. She will be best remembered perhaps as the dam of the great Cruciform, one of the most brilliant of her sex which has ever graced the colonial turf. Forme's death was due to disease of the heart.

"Give a dog a bad name and you may as well hang him" is a very old adage, and there is a fair amount of truth wrapped up in the saying. When Princess of Thule won at Ellerslie the mare came in for very marked expressions of disapproval from the crowd on the flat for the apparent reversal of form, and on Saturday she was again subjected to a hostile demonstration when returning to scale. There is no doubt whatever that on her Ellerslie form in the Penrose Handicap she should have run much better than she did. Mr Deeble appeared to ride a badly judged race, not an infrequent occurrence with amateur horsemen in Auckland, but I do not see why for this reason he should have been subjected to such an outburst of disapproval for that reason.

On Monday last Mr Andrew Jackson joined the great majority. The late Mr Jackson was on the Auckland "Star" literary staff for a great number of years, writing under the nom de plume of "Hippona." The deceased gentleman was greatly liked and respected by all his friends and the public alike. He had been in poor health for the past two years.

A sensational dividend came off recently at the Durban (S.A.) Meeting in the Flying Handicap, the winner paying £315 18s and £25 15s for a place (one, two, three).

On Saturday last the Messrs Duder Bros' horse Black and Gold put up a very taking performance in the Cheltenham Handicap by winning under 9st 6lb in a most hollow fashion in the good time of 1min 3 3-5sec.

Horsa showed a fine turn of speed in the Cambria Handicap on Saturday, leading the field from start to finish. The son of Hilad and Mouson should get his name again on the winning list before long.

Kilderkin's running on Saturday proved rather a disappointment to his admirers, for although the Cyrenian gelding was rather harshly treated by the handicapper it was expected he would make a good fight of it which, however, did not prove the case.

The handy light-weight, W. Satman, is riding in good form lately. He scored three wins at the Te Aroha Meeting on Discoverer, and also won on Horsa at the Takapuna Meeting on the first day.

Mr J. Teague had a nice out of a mare at the Te Aroha Meeting by Leolantis—Muskapeer. She should be heard of later on probably over the small sticks; she has not been broken in long and ran quite green.

There was a slight falling off in the totalisator receipts on the first day of the Takapuna Meeting, but with the aid of the double tote this was rectified and an increase shown to the extent of £191.

Mr Stead's Savoury is in great demand for the A.R.C. Railway Handicap in the double betting Cup and Railway, and should see a very short price on the day.

Recently in Sydney (N.S.W.) a bookmaker was given the option of paying a fine of £100 or taking it out in six months' hard for betting on the Melbourne Cup on Tattersall's Club steps in Pitt-street.

Honours were evenly divided amongst the jockeys at the Takapuna J.C. Meeting on the first day, none of them getting two wins.

Geordie, who was running badly all last season, has managed to improve very much lately. He has put the St. Andrew's Handicap to his owner's credit, making a fair start for the present season.

Six boxes have been engaged for Mr G. G. Stead's horses at the Harp of Erin Hotel, Ellerslie, and four for Sir Geo. Clifford's team at Gall's well-known stables, Green Lane. The A.R.C. Summer Meeting will be well patronised from afar.

Mr E. John Rae has had an addition to his team from Mr James Muir's estate at Wairangi, this being a three-year-old gelding by Cuirassier from Impulse's sister, and is a well-grown youngster.

It is reported that Mr Sol. Green before turning her out for a spell refused an offer of £3000 for Gladsome.

Wairiki continues to improve at Flemington; but it is expected that it will be four or five weeks before he will be able to leave his present quarters.

They are staunch believers in the totalisator in France. Over the Prix de Conseil Municipal, run lately in France, the mutuals took 36,360 sovs, the turnover on the day being 104,360 sovs.

At the annual meeting of the Waitara Racing Club last week it is said that owing to the "Scotch mist" it was a virtual impossibility to see the horses until they were within a few yards of the winning post. What a chance for the strong arm brigade such a state of affairs would be if it often happened.

There was a capital attendance at the annual meeting of the Rotorua Jockey Club, which was held at the Palace Hotel on Monday. The financial statement for the past year showed that the club started with a credit balance of £8 9s 10d, and the revenue for the twelve months, including this amount, totalled £277 15s 4d. The expenditure for the year was £271 16s 1d. Of this sum, £200 was given away in prize-money at the meeting in February last. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and it was resolved to have a two days' race meeting on February 22 and 23 next. A Programme Committee, consisting of Messrs Barron, Clarke, Jones, Maxwell, Naden, Walker and Boyes, was appointed to draw up a programme and submit the same to the Auckland Racing Club for approval. The membership fee was fixed at £1, and it was decided to put the grandstand in thoroughly good order.

The Woodville Jockey Club's Meeting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next.

Maureen, who won the Waitara Cup last week, is a five-year-old grey mare by St. Canon from Juliet.

Betting on the Auckland Cup is almost at a standstill, as backers are waiting for Mr Stead to declare himself before making a move.

Messrs Simmelhag and Jackson have withdrawn their appeal in the Boris-Gladstone case, a step in which it will be very generally agreed they were well advised.

I do not quite understand why Durable's failure at Takapuna on Saturday should have caused such a disappointment, for on his Ellerslie form he was the worst handicapped horse in the race.

Agrapus won the Waihi Cup on Saturday, from a very fair field, Hector and Whakahihi filling the places. The winner is a four-year-old bay son of Ben Godfrey and Agatha.

With the exception of the Maiden Plate the entries for the Northern Wairoa Meeting are good, and some capital racing should result.

The Sandhurst Cup, on which there was a big consultation, was won by the favourite Sinnang, a four-year-old chestnut by Eiridsford, from Lady Helen. Messrs Miles and Curnow, of Collingwood, New Zealand, held the ticket on the winning horse.

The sports meeting of that old-established institution, the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club, will take place on Saturday next. A very good programme of events has been put on, and the various events should be well worth watching.

There was a bit of a mix-up in the Flying Handicap at Waihi on Saturday. After quite a number of false starts three horses broke away and ran the course, but the go was declared "no start." Then after a very long delay, the field were got away on fair terms, and Whakahihi won from the pony Little Mabel, with Hector, who had won in the other gallop, in third place. Whakahihi also accounted for the opening event, the Maiden Plate.

The following were the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's Consultation on the New Zealand Cup, run at Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand, on the 5th November, 1904. 100,000 tickets at 5s each, closed with 70,000 drawn pro rata:—1st, Grand Rapids, W. Sexton, East Greta, N.S.W., £4200; 2nd, Mahutonga, R. Pullen, East Maitland, N.S.W., £1400; 3rd, Melodeon, Stoney Broke Syndicate, Box 90, G.P.O. Sydney, £700.

Very great regret has been expressed by all classes of sportsmen at the fatal accident which happened to Alfred Butler in the Handicap Hurdle Race at Takapuna. Loch Lomond failed to clear the hurdle at the bottom of the straight, and Butler was shot out of the saddle, falling on his head, and appeared to be also struck by the horse which galloped over him. He never regained consciousness, and died within a few minutes of being brought in to the enclosure. Poor Butler came from Gisborne, and had been employed by the Messrs Duder for some years past, looking after their horses. He was very popular with everyone, and was exceedingly well thought of by his employers, who were much affected by the accident. At the inquest a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

I do not think that much harm would be done if the hurdle opposite the Press Stand at Takapuna were removed before a bad accident happens there. In the Maiden Hurdles, on Saturday, with the whole field racing for the lead at the corner they charged the jump together, and it was quite evident that some of the horses never saw it at all. Jack Brown and Wairaka both came to grief, and for a time it seemed as though matters were going to be serious with Frank Burns, who had the mount on the latter gelding. He was unconscious for a very long while, but fortunately recovered in time to leave the course.

The Tasman gelding, Discoverer, showed that his treble at Te Aroha was no fluke by beating everything in the Melbourne Handicap on Saturday but Air Gun. If Julian had brought the latter a trifle sooner he must have won, instead of making a dead-heat of it, but the son of Hotchkiss and Mantle did not have too good a passage. He was galloping over everything at the finish.

Returned visitors from the Waitara meeting speak highly of St. Claimer (a son of the old sprint champion St. Clements). St. Claimer ran second to Confide in the Clifton Stakes, and should be heard of during the coming season.

The track watchers at Ellerslie are greatly enamoured with Mahutonga's chance in the Auckland Cup, and are convinced that he will be first or second in that event. At present he is doing good steady work on the sand track under the guidance of Jimmy Buchanan.

Mr Knight, the Takapuna Club's Handicapper, was rather harsh on the Ben Godfrey gelding, Ben Blair. For a beating he made Ben Blair meet Te Aroha on 8lb worse terms.

According to the Paris correspondent of a London sporting paper, Pretty Polly's defeat in the Prix du Conseil Municipal recently was due to the rider's slight knowledge of the track, and an error respecting her speed. Her rider and the jockey on Zinfandel were watching each other, thinking Presto II. would come back to them. Presto II. was the ugliest horse in the paddock, and little enthusiasm was displayed over the victory of a horse whose past deeds show him to be a mere plater.

Black and Gold was made a screaming hot favourite for the Stanley Handicap yesterday at Takapuna, but he got a bad run and finished out of place. His defeat meant that the bulk of the doubles were upset, for the Cuirassier horse was extensively coupled with everything in the Spring Handicap on the double machine. He was pulled out again for the Cautley Handicap, but finished last of the four runners.

Avalanche was well backed for the big event, the Spring Handicap, at Takapuna yesterday, and the result justified this, for Deeley got the pony well away, and she was never headed, winning by four lengths. It is quite possible, however, that Zuleika might have troubled her, but the daughter of Seaton Delaval lost ground when Geologist fell, and as it occurred when she was commencing to make her run, the incident marred her chance. Maro, who fell at the same spot, was badly hurt.

The pony Lucrece, who has been expected to materialise for some time past, won the Fony Handicap on Saturday at Takapuna, after a ding-dong go with Sally Horner, and paid the best dividend of the day.

Old Bellman showed on Saturday that he is still some removes from a "has been," for he simply smothered the field in the Hurdle Race, nothing else having a look in with the chestnut son of Bedford. Wellcast was well backed to beat him, but fell, and the only one to chase him seriously was Minau.

If she had been ridden with better judgment it is not at all improbable that Zuleika would have won the St. Andrew's Handicap. Marchant asked the mare to perform an utterly impossible task in the straight, and although she made a wonderful run, the daughter of Seaton Delaval was unable to reach Geordie, although she passed everything else. Why the mare was kept a bad last for nearly a mile, and then asked to make up many lengths in the last little bit was not apparent, but I fancy the tactics cost the mare the race, for if she had been kept within striking distance of the leaders she would have just about won.

Owing to the sad fatality to poor Butler in the previous race, Messrs Duder's racing jacket was not available for Black and Gold in the Cheltenham Handicap, Deeley wearing instead the remarkable "all harlequin" colours of Koss Heaton. The result was that when the Cuirassier horse was engaged in losing the field, but few people were aware of what was in front, the popular opinion being that it was The Midy. Whether he was startled by the gorgeous jacket worn by his rider or not, it is hard to say, but Black and Gold ran clean away from his rivals, romping home four or five lengths ahead of Te Aroha and La Cigale, who were only separated by heads. Truly the pride of the Devonport stable is very fit just now.

Otto Madden now leads W. Lane in the list of winning jockeys in England, but racegoers will be glad to know that the injured jockey is improving, though slowly. Madden had scored at last count 129 times out of a possible 640, as against Lane's 124 out of 568. D. Maher has got over his century by one, but he has only had 370 mounts. Halsey is next, but a long way behind.

ROUND THE STUD FARMS.

WELLINGTON PARK.

THE YEARLINGS DESCRIBED.

(By "The Judge.")

A visit to the famous stud at the foot of Mount Wellington is always enjoyable, for quite apart from the pleasant drive out and the extremely picturesque situation of the stud farm itself there are few who can resist the fascination of seeing a really good horse. At Wellington Park the lover of the equine can enjoy himself to his heart's content, for there are quartered the most blue-blooded of thoroughbreds to be found in the colony. What a great array of famous horses have first seen the light at the Park. Think of Trenton, Cuirassier, Zalinski, Strathmore, Nordenfeldt, Brigadier, Impulse, Niagara, Havoc, Multifarm, Screwgun, Cruciform, Royal Artillery, and Machine Gun. What names to conjure with indeed, yet these and scores upon scores of other winners were bred on the sunny slopes of the old volcano. It was with a view of getting an idea whether the yearlings are likely to uphold the great traditions of the place which caused me to pay it a visit a few days ago. On arrival young Mr Morrin met me and very courteously took me the round of the yearlings, and a very even lot they proved, the fillies particularly so. Taking them in order as they came in for inspection the yearlings may be summed up as follows:—

THE COLTS.

HOTCHKISS—EDITH CURETON.—This daughter of Castor and Frailty is represented by a big all bay colt with black points and a few white hairs on the hind fetlocks. He is a powerful looking customer with whom very few faults can be found. Coming as he does of a great running family, which included such champions as Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Zalinski, and Havoc it would indeed be odd if he does not know how to gallop.

HOTCHKISS—ST. ELYN.—Here we have a bright chestnut colt with two white fetlocks and a white star. He is a most powerfully built young gentleman who carries himself well, as might be expected from one of the Multifarm family, and looks like later on proving a great weight carrier.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—ARMILLA.—Beyond doubt if merely judged on appearances this colt is one of the gems of the collection. In colour a dark bay, with an intelligent head, good middle piece, short well coupled back, powerful quarters, and good set of legs. He should certainly be able to gallop, and is equally certain to command a ready sale.

HOTCHKISS—GANNET.—A brown, a good hard colour, with black points. A trifle on the small side, but with a wear and tear look which betokens galloping ability, a fact which his relationship to the great Merganser family does much to account for.

HOTCHKISS—SIMONIAS.—This imported daughter of the St. Simon sire Simonian is represented by a bay, a fine-looking colt, who shows himself as a perfect aristocrat. Although not quite so well forward as some of the others he is a most promising yearling, having in his veins the Musket and St. Simon blend to perfection.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—VIVANDIERE.—It is impossible to mistake the breeding of this colt for one could tell at a glance he claims Vivandiere as his dam, and additional interest will be taken in him in that he is the last of her numerous progeny. The old mare produced no less than sixteen foals, and I think I am right in saying that only two of them, Aminta and Vivandel, failed to win races. Her younger son is a great big roan colt and is immensely powerful and muscular looking, indeed more like a two-year-old than a yearling. Barring his colour, which for some reason or other is considered unfashionable, the youngster is difficult to find fault with, for he is certainly one of the best looking representatives of the family.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—JANET.—This half-brother to Scotty is a dark bay with no markings. Being a late foal he is a trifle on the small side and is not unlike Scotty himself, although of a different colour. There is something about the youngster which suggests that he ought to possess great galloping ability, and it would not be at all surprising to find that he turns out a particularly smart sprinter.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—BANGLE.—Here is a beautifully-bred youngster showing a full cross of the St. Simon and Musket blood. In colour a brown with a small white star, both hind fetlocks being white, he shows promise of keeping up the family reputation for galloping and is certain to make a racehorse.

HOTCHKISS—LADY MARION.—A bay colt with a white star and off hind fetlock white. This descendant of the

mighty Malua is a particularly nice colt with a capital middle piece, good quarters, and a sound set of understandings. If appearances go for anything he should be able to pace it with the best of them.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—CHRYSOLITE.—Coming as he does from a great racing family which has produced Robinson Crusoe, Sardonyx, Nordenfeldt, and Enfilade, this youngster has high family credentials. He is a chestnut with a white blaze and near white stocking. He is hardly a giant, but is a powerful young customer being very thick all through and strong, and from his conformation suggests weight-carrying possibilities.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—HARPIST.—A chestnut with a white blaze and two white hind fetlocks. He is a big, powerful colt, having the St. Simon and Musket blood very strongly blended.

MENSCHIKOFF—SUNNINGDALE.—This is a particularly nice colt. In colour a bay with a white star and three fetlocks white, he fills the eye whichever way you take him for he is the possessor of splendid shoulders, is very strong across the loins, has great quarters, the ribs well sprung and deep, muscular gaskins and excellent legs. He is closely related to Cavalry, Calibre, and Muskardale, but on appearance should be a better colt than any of them.

MENSCHIKOFF—LADY CURETON.—A dark bay with a white blaze and near white hind fetlock. Considering that his dam was a very big mare it is somewhat surprising to find that this yearling is a little fellow, and in fact looks like making a smart pony, than which there is nothing more profitable to own. He is a showy youngster who has shown to advantage in the paddock, and will do so again on the track.

SAN FRANCISCO—MISS GLADYS.—When this colt is led into the ring he would not be an over-bold man who would wager that the youngster fetches the highest price. He is a brown colt with a good deal of white about his legs and a white blaze which conspicuous markings will make him easily remembered when once seen. He possesses an intelligent-looking head set on a well-shaped neck; his shoulders are strong, deep, and sloping; the withers moderately high, the back short, level and well coupled, ribs deep and well sprung, strong wide loins well ribbed up, powerful quarters nicely let down in breach, muscular gaskins, and best of all a sound set of legs. He is of rather massive build, and taken all in all the colt is difficult to fault. Claiming as he does the same dam as the peerless Gladys, he should possess the ability to pace it with the best and now that his sire has left the colony he should be additionally valuable for that reason alone, so that his price is sure to be a high one.

THE FILLIES.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—LADY WELLINGTON.—This is a late foal and is a trifle on the small side. In colour a bay she has a rather promising look, and it is more than likely she will be smart.

MENSCHIKOFF—CRESSY.—A chestnut filly with a white blaze and white off hind stocking. There are many pleasing features about this youngster, who has in her veins some great running blood. She has a good barrel, powerful quarters, and is of the kind that rather grows upon one. There are winning possibilities concealed about this young lady for certain.

HOTCHKISS—ALEGGER.—A brown with two white hind fetlocks. She is a decidedly taking looking filly with plenty of substance and thighs like a draught mare, but although big-topped she has a splendid set of legs to carry it with. There is a very big dash of Musket in her blood coming in on both sides of the family. Indeed her running blood is very strong indeed, for she comes of a line which has included in its ranks Nordenfeldt, Strathmore, Hilda, and others, so ought to inherit galloping ability.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—ANTELOPE.—A brown filly with black points, this relative of Bluejacket is a shapely customer who has shown a partiality for galloping in the paddock, which it is not improbable she will be able to repeat to advantage when the time comes to play her part later on in public.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—ST. AMY.—A chestnut filly with a white star. Like all the Apollos she has a good barrel, and there are many points about her to admire, but she is at present a little on the small side and some critics may consider her rather plain looking, although experience teaches us that these are often the very sort of cut and come again customers who can be relied upon more than their more showy rivals.

MENSCHIKOFF—QUEEN COLE.—A brown filly with white near hind fetlock, this is one of those who should come early. She is a particularly powerful yearling with great thighs, short, strong back, and most muscular quarters. Queen Cole when mated with Hotchkiss gave us that sterling horse Battleaxe and has had seven sons and daughters by that stallion. It will be interesting to notice what the change to Menschikoff will bring about, but judged by this filly it should be a success.

SEATON DELAVAL—REAL BLUE.—A bay filly of not particularly aristocratic appearance, but one which improves when picked to pieces, when it will be found that she has many good points to recommend her, as indeed should be the case with such a particularly well-bred yearling.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—HILDA.—A bay with no markings and not unlike her dam. She is a very nice filly with good sound legs, strong shoulders, short, level back, powerful loins, muscular quarters, and is one of those which fills the eye because she is so evenly balanced all round. There should be a sharp fusilade of bids for her possession when she is led into the sale ring.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—CUIRASSIER.—A brown with a narrow white blaze, this is a strongly built filly who should inherit racing qualifications, for her dam was got by Cuirassier from Albatross, who gave us among others those great performers Teksum and Merganser.

HOTCHKISS—CRESCENT.—The Castor mare has already given us a clinking good horse in Starshoot, and her representative under review looks like proving another bargain. She is a bay in colour, with black points and a narrow white blaze, and is certain to make a speedy galloper later on or else her looks belie her altogether. There will be no dearth of admirers when she is led into the sale ring, that is very certain.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—LADY AUGUSTA.—A chestnut with a white star, this half-sister to Kelburn has many good points to recommend her, these including good legs and hocks, short and well-coupled back, which means a good loin, and this next to a sound set of legs determines the amount of work a horse will do. This filly is rather of the wear and tear order who should be able to gallop both fast and often.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—BROWN ALICE.—We all know what a good one the Caulfield Cup winner Sweet Nell is, and it is worth noting that this filly is almost a full sister in blood to Sir Rupert Clarke's mare. The yearling is a handsome filly with plenty of indications about her that she will later on be able to hold her own with the best.

SAN FRANCISCO—CAMPANIA.—A somewhat noticeably marked filly, being a brown with a white star and four white fetlocks. Although not a giantess this half-sister to Delania and Miss Delaval is a certain galloper who should come to hand early. In fact when the two-year-old events come on for decision next year it will be a strange thing if this filly is not on hand to show the way down the half-mile to some of the speediest, and it may be taken for granted that it will require a fairly stiff figure to buy her.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—PROBLEM.—A chestnut with a white blaze and four white fetlocks, and an exceedingly nice filly showing plenty of size and substance. She comes of a great running family, which included Abercorn, who in his day proved at least equal if not a better horse than Carbine.

HOTCHKISS—LADY EMILY.—A beautiful filly, bay in colour with black points. She has a well put on head and has great depth with plenty of heart room, good barrel, grand shoulders, powerful quarters and good legs. The youngster showed a very kindly disposition, coming up at once to be petted, and is a filly which one cannot help taking a fancy to.

HOTCHKISS—FIRST LOVE.—This half-sister to Lady Avon is a brown with a small white star, and is one of the kind who is certain to make friends. She looks like being possessed of galloping abilities in no small measure, and viewed from any point of view is a very nice filly indeed.

HOTCHKISS—ST. EVELYN.—A bright bay with black points this filly is beyond question one of the best looking of the whole collection, being very powerfully built all over, but despite her size is most symmetrically put together and is difficult indeed to fault. She will make a racer, of that there can be little doubt.

This really concluded the list as far as the Wellington Park lot are concerned, but there is another colt to go up for sale, this being a chestnut by Cyronian out of Sparkling Water belonging to Mr C. Hesketh, who at the present time is an inmate of the stables. He is not a particularly attractive youngster at present, although there are several good points about him.

Taken altogether the yearlings are a high class lot and in appearance quite up to the usual standard, indeed the fillies are ahead of the last two or three seasons. It will be noticed that Mr Morrin has rather pinned his faith to Phoebus Apollo, who has a good many representatives. The imported stallion was a most beautifully bred horse, being got by the great St. Simon from Polynesia, by Barcaldine from Polly Perkins, by Mearoni, and was in addition a very smart horse on the race track. It is impossible to conceive that he should not get good stock, and on appearances his present lot of yearlings will challenge comparison with the best in the land. Altogether it looks as though when sportsmen gather round the ring-side at Wellington Park on December 30 another highly successful sale will be the result.

AFTER THE RACES.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Nothing could have been better than the weather for the opening day of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Spring Meeting on Saturday, it being, in fact, about the first genuine summer day experienced this season. The course and enclosures never looked better, the latter having quite a wealth of flowers which made it look beautiful. Under the circumstances, despite the counter attraction of the Agricultural Show, the attendance was distinctly good and the racing proved interesting. The meeting was well conducted by Mr Wynard and his staff, there being not much room left for fault-finding. The double event machine proved rather popular, the sum of £502 being invested on it, and the winning double, Geordie and Black and Gold, returned a dividend of £32 17s to the thirteen lucky investors. Altogether the sum of £7657 went through the machine, as against £7466 last year. Unfortunately, the day was not allowed to pass off without some accidents, there being several falls in the jumping events, and from one of these Alfred Butler, who had the mount on Loch Lomond, suffered such injuries that he died in a few minutes.

Of the nine runners in the opening event, the Trial Handicap, one mile, all found supporters, but a strong demand for Lycia placed her at the head of the quotations before the machine was closed down. From a good start, Golden Sands, Sergius and Stromness were best away, but passing the stand Cuiragno just led from Sergius and Simple Simon. Down the back stretch Ryan made a forward move on Lycia, but Sergius turned into the straight apparently so full of running that a victory looked likely. At the distance, however, Lycia threw out a challenge, and running home very truly won by two lengths. Sergius beating Golden Sands by a neck for second place after a ding-dong fight.

There were six runners in the Cambria Handicap, a four furlong dash for the juveniles, and punters preferred the chances of Luresome, Kilderkin, Merry Delaval and Devonport, the first-named being in best demand. Mr O'Connor got them away to a good start, but Luresome was very slow to begin, losing over two lengths. Horsa and Devonport headed the bunch to the turn, when Ryan brought up Luresome into second place. Horsa turned into the straight with a clear two lengths lead, and although the stable mate challenged she could make no impression on the Hilda gelding, who won by two lengths, with Merry Delaval a length behind Luresome.

All the eight on the card started for the St. Andrew's Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, and in a good betting event Zuleika carried the most money. The race was a very interesting one from the rise of the barrier, all getting away to a splendid start. Avalanche immediately assumed the role of pace-maker, the pony leading past the stand from Geordie and Strathavon, with Zuleika three lengths away, last. Going down the back stretch Avalanche was just showing from Geordie, Strathavon, and Lady Hune, while at last Marchant began to wake up on Zuleika, the mare joining her field. The same positions prevailed as they entered the straight, but at the distance Geordie was in front, and he ran home two lengths ahead of Zuleika, who had put in a great run up the straight, passing Avalanche in the last few strides, with Lady Hune fourth, and Annoyed a bad last.

Nine runners carried silk in the Maiden Hurdles, one mile and a-half, the popular picks being Swagsman and Swimmer. After some delay they were sent away to a fair start, Swimmer being last to move. At the first hurdle Jack Brown and Hakaria came down, Sharp escaping with a shaking, but Burns, on Hakaria, got a nasty fall. Malanta then showed out from Swagsman and Reckless, but the latter pair were in front passing the stand for the second time. Wairaka then commenced to improve his position, and at the bend he was in front. At the distance it looked like proving a good race, but Wairaka had a good hit in hand, the Musketeer gelding winning by over two lengths from Reckless, Swagsman being third, Native Rose fourth, and Swimmer fifth.

There were nine starters for the Melrose Handicap, five furlongs, and punters remembering Discoverer's treble win at Te Aroha, came strongly for the Tasman gelding. Jean, Discoverer and Pallimore, who had the inside positions at the start on the bend, were the first to show, but before many strides the favourite was in front, and he led down the back and round the home turn followed by Moutiti and Jean, with the rest straggled out. At the distance the race seemed at the mercy of Discoverer.

but Julian brought Air Gun with a great run on the rails, and the Hotchkiss colt got up in time to make a dead-heat of it, with Jean a fair third. Air Gun was going so much faster than the winner at the finish that many thought he had won, and there was a slight demonstration at the hoisting of the numbers.

There were nine starters for that popular event, the Pony Handicap, six furlongs, and punters were in a dilemma as to which to back, but knowing that Girton Girl is always a trier, they came for her, the Medallion mare going out a pronounced favourite, with Sally Horner and Manoeuvre next in demand. Although Sentinel got rather badly left the others were well away together, Girton Girl and Storyteller immediately going to the front. Down the back stretch the favourite led by over a length from Sally Horner, and so they entered the straight. Whips were out on all at the distance, but here Lucrece and Sally Horner came to the front, and a desperate finish resulted in a head win for Lucrece, with Girton Girl two lengths off, third.

Six runners went out to do battle in the First Hurdles, two miles, and for this Wellcast was made favourite. The race itself merits but little description, for Bellman taking command at the outset led throughout, and won in the commonest of canters by five lengths from Hinau, who was the only one to ever get near the winner. Princess of Thule, who was kept in a bad position throughout, was a moderate third. Loch Lomond fell at the first fence, Butler getting a fearfully bad fall. He was picked up in an unconscious state and carried into the jockeys' room, but expired a few minutes afterwards. Fergus, who had the mount on Wellcast, which fell at the fourth hurdle, escaped without injury.

A dozen runners carried silk in the concluding event, the Cheltenham Handicap, five furlongs, Black and Gold, Te Aroha, and La Cigale carrying most investments. This proved a singularly accurate forecast, for they ran home in the order mentioned. Black and Gold, favoured by the inside berth, jumped off the mark very smartly, and galloping as though his 9st 6lb was a feather-weight fairly spreadeagled the field, winning without the semblance of an effort by four lengths from Te Aroha, who beat La Cigale by less than a neck, with Liberator and Noteorini next in order.

The following are the results:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 55 sovs; one mile.
 Mr F. L. Armitage's br f Lycia, 3yrs, by Soult—Lady Muskett, 7.10, Ryan ... 1
 Mr G. Campbell's b g Sergius, 5yrs, S.10, Bird ... 2
 Mr T. G. Smith's ch m Golden Sands, 4yrs, 7.10, Julian ... 3
 Other starters—Leo Delaval, 8.5; Romola and Cabaret, 8.3; Cuiragno, Simple Simon and Stromness, 7.10.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 47 2-5th sec. Dividends, £2 13s 6d and £3 10s 6d.

CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; four furlongs.
 Hon. H. Mosman's b g Horsa, by Hilad—Monsoon, 7.0, Satman ... 1
 Hon. H. Mosman's b f Lutesome, 7.10, Ryan ... 2
 Mr W. Handley's ch f Merry Delaval, 7.0, Pinker ... 3
 Other starters—Kildarkin, 9.2; Devonport, 7.10; Moira-ma-Chree, late Moira, 6.10.
 Won by over two lengths. Time, 53 2-5th sec. Dividends, £3 4s.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs; one mile and a-quarter.

Mr G. Marshall's br h Geordie, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Cuirassier-Bianca mare, 7.10, Chaafé ... 1
 Mr R. Hannon's b m Zuleika, aged, 8.0, Marchant ... 2
 Mr A. Hannon's br m Avalanche, 5yrs, 7.10, Deeley ... 3
 Other starters—Durable, 8.4; Maro, 7.10; Strathavon, 7.8; Annoyed, 7.6; Lady Hume, 7.5; Sonoma, 7.4.
 Won by two lengths, a length separating second and third horses. Time, 2min 13sec. Dividends, £3 18s and £1 0s 6d.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 60 sovs; one mile and a-half and a hundred yards

Mr M. Gorrie's b g Wairaka, by Muskapeer—Maungatauri, 9.0, Howard ... 1
 Mr Norman Banks' b m Reckless, aged, 9.8, Marchant ... 2
 Mr J. McNeill's b g Swagsman, 5yrs, 7.10, Mitchell ... 3
 Other starters—Swimmer, 10.12; Native Rose, 10.10; Jack Brown, 10.0; Malanta, 9.8; Freemount, 9.6; Hakaria, 9.0.
 Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 3sec. Dividends, £6 3s 6d and £2 9s.

MELROSE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; five furlongs.

Mr J. P. Sinclair's br c Air Gun, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Mantle, 8.0, Julian ... 1
 Mr H. Burch's ch g Discoverer, 5yrs, 7.10, Chaafé ... 2
 Hon. H. Mosman's b m Jean, 4yrs, 8.0, Ryan ... 3
 A dead heat for first place
 Other starters—Elspeth, 8.7; Celerity, 8.0; Moititi, 7.12; Baltimore, St. Cyril and Tahutu, 7.7.
 Won by a length. Time, 1min 6 2-5th sec. Dividends: Discoverer, £2; Air Gun, £8 10s 6d.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 60 sovs; six furlongs.

Mr B. Cunningham's br f Lucrece, 3yrs, by Soult—Postmistress, 7.5, Seats ... 1
 Mr H. Bernard's b m Sally Horner, aged, 7.5, Deeley ... 2
 Mr B. Armitage's ch m Girton Girl, 8.11, Pinker ... 3
 Other starters—Manoeuvre, 8.0; Whawhai, 7.12; Miss Cuirassier, 7.10; Storyteller, 7.6; Sentinel and Solitary, 7.5.
 Won by a head. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividends, £11 9s and £1 9s.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs; two miles.

Mr R. Hannon's ch g Bellman, aged, by Tetford—The Orphan, 11.0, Marchant ... 1
 Mr J. B. Williamson's br g Hinau, 9.0, Phillips ... 2
 Mr M. Deeble's br m Princess of Thule, aged, 11.12, owner ... 3
 Other starters—Wellcast, 9.6; Lingard, 9.4; Loch Lomond, 9.0.
 Won by fully a dozen lengths. Time, 3min 50sec. Dividends, £3 10s 6d and £2 18s 6d.

CHELTEHAM HANDICAP of 100 sovs; five furlongs.

Messrs R. and R. Duder's br h Black and Gold, 5yrs, by Cuirassier—Bune, 9.6, Deeley ... 1
 Mr W. Davies' b m Te Aroha, 4yrs, 8.0, Cress ... 2
 Messrs Vyner and Moberley's br f La Cigale, 3yrs, 7.12, Gray ... 3
 Other starters—Alba Rose, 8.6; Ben Blair and The Middy, 8.2; Liberator, 8.0; Swagsman, 7.6; Noteorini, 7.5; Anchorite, 7.4; Soulfish, 6.10; Lillymae, 6.7.
 Won by upwards of four lengths. Time, 1min 3 3-5th sec. Dividends, £4 4s and £1 15s.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY

Christchurch, November 29.

Moccasin has been entered for the hurdle races at the Greymouth and Reefton Meetings.

The Greymouth Cup, one mile and a half, is worth 300 sovs, and yet only nine horses are engaged, and what a poor lot they are for a good stake. The club deserve a much better entry. The entries are—Sandy, Ability, Magnificent, Freeland, Apprentice, Roseplot, Antigone, Sensation, and Artillery Maid.

The Cup at the Reefton Meeting is only worth 100 sovs, and the entries are—Freeland, Sandy, Ability, Abaydos, Apprentice, White Ribbon, Antigone, Roseplot, and Magnificent.

Three members of Mr Friedlander's team will journey to Auckland; they are Catherine Gordon, Beau Seaton, Czarevna, and F. Holmes will have charge of them.

Count Gorton, who has been declared unfit to stand any more racing, has been sent home to his owner's place at Tinwald.

Quarryman, Signalman, and Tomorrow are being worked right-handed in view of the Auckland Meeting. Cutts has the trio looking well.

Hewitt will go specially up to Feilding to ride Cannie Chiel, Golden Vein, and Tessera in their engagements.

The favourite doubles in Christchurch for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap are Cruciform coupled with Savoury and Rubia. These combinations have been supported at a hundred to eight. This seems a short price, but I know several backers who supported the Siege Gun and Orloff double last year at one hundred to ten.

All the Christchurch pencilers are complaining about the time backers are taking to pay up over the N.Z. Cup Meeting.

Slow Tom is keeping all right in his work, and ought to be quite ready to play his part in the Steeplechase at Auckland.

Two more two-year-olds have been put into active work at Mr Stead's establishment. The youngsters are: Isoul (the Multiform—Bellicent filly), and Porcelain, a colt by Multiform—Saucer. The dam of the latter was imported from England by Mr Stead.

The North Canterbury J.C. Races will take place on Thursday. The following are likely to run well:—North Canterbury Handicap, Antigone; Hack Race, Saranges; Rangiora Welter, Lee-Enfield; Flying Handicap, Pensive; Novel Race, Nor-wester.

The West Coast Meetings will receive substantial support from Canterbury owners. Quite a number of Riccarton horses are going over after the Christchurch Meeting on December 16.

WELLINGTON

Wellington, Nov. 29.

A number of backers quite unconnected with the Porirua Stable have had an anxious time since the totalisator investments on the race for the Great Northern Guineas was locked up, and they speak in unmeasured terms of individuals who take advantage of flimsy breaches of racing rules and thus delay the distribution of totalisator investments. Old-time racing men took it as a matter of course: that if the winner of a race carried his weight and finished first, his owner was entitled to the stakes, and racing officials paid over the stakes without more ado. Up-to-date racing legislation seems more than most racing men can understand. Technical points are considered all very well in Law Courts, but the sporting public are adverse to any hair-splitting in the decision of racing events of public interest; and for this reason the decision of the A.R.C. in the "Boris" case, and also the Appeal Judge's verdict in the Petrovna case, are considered by many both equitable and sportsmanlike verdicts.

The Wellington Racing Club offer £3210 in stakes for their Summer Meeting. The Wellington Cup is endowed with 600 sovs, the Racing Club Handicap 400 sovs, and the Telegraph Handicap 200 sovs. Mr Whyte, the secretary, will receive nominations on December 5th, and on the same date second forfeits have to be declared for the Wellington, Wellesley and North Island Challenge Stakes. The above Club's Spring Meeting left a net profit of £505, which, considering the adverse circumstances, must be considered very satisfactory.

The Auckland Cup Handicap is still being discussed, and until the Yaldhurst stable decide whether they will be

represented at the A.R.C. Meeting, betting is at a standstill. A few doubles were booked about Cruciform, coupled with Rubia and Savoury for the Railway Handicap, but the takers were probably acting on mere guesswork. Some fair judges consider Kremlin will have to be taken into consideration; his form at Feilding should give an inkling as to his chance in the Auckland Railway Handicap.

Most of the horses trained on the Hutt tracks are doing well, and will be seen out at Woodville, Manawatu, and Wairarapa during next month. Ballarat, Ropa, Wind, Zavier, St. Winifred, Pure Silver, Coxswain, Whangamoana, Jeanne d'Albret, Kudu, Firelight, Black Squall, Matuku, Solution, Lissa, Languid, Shrapnel Shell, Benefactor, Hukaka, Amelia, and Gipsy Jack are well forward.

Field Battery has been taken up again, but is of course very backward.

Cumulus is slightly sore, Promotion and Truce, the two-year-old Grafton filly, have gone amiss, and been thrown out of work.

Goodman's Medallion filly Tupirio was very light after his trip to Riccarton, and is being given a run in the paddock for a week or two.

Togos, who displayed signs of soreness a month ago, is again on the tracks. Cyrus and Sychem are making good recovery, and their trainers hope to have them in active commission soon.

The Hutt trainers cannot boast of anything high-class, but their charges include a lot of useful animals which, if properly placed, should pay their way this season.

OTAGO

Dunedin, November 29.

The Tahunga Park Trotting Club commenced their Spring Meeting on Saturday last in fine weather. Some fairly interesting sport was witnessed during the day, and the totalisator receipts were £355 in excess of last year, whilst the sum of £63 was received in book-makers' fees. The principal saddle race was won by Moutere, a brother to George L., in 5min 12 3-5sec, and Verity, a daughter of Vanclave, won the principal harness race in 5min. The well-bred Embrace, by Almont—Cling, by Vanclave, had an easy win in the Dash Handicap on Saturday.

The Southland trainer, James Lawson, is now handling and educating a filly by Casket from Parvula, and a colt by The Officer from Sabra, bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond.

It is rumored that Cruciform is likely to be the Yaldhurst Stable's Auckland Cup rep.

The Canterbury horse, King Dick, has been purchased by Mr T. Kett, and is now at work on the Southland R.C.'s tracks.

It is understood that General Election, who won the Ladies' Bracelet on Saturday, was recently purchased by his present owner for £65. The Electioneer horse acted queerly in the race, and with a little more experience should soon reduce his present mark of 5min 51 3-5sec.

The awarding of the stakes attached to the Criterion Handicap to Petrovna has given universal satisfaction.

On Friday night last the well-known wrestler, H. Pearce, undertook to throw M. Powley three times in an hour in "Catch-as-catch-can" style for a wager of £25 aside. Pearce only succeeded in downing his man once, and was too Aldermanic in condition to do anything great in the ring. There was a very large audience present, and the victory of the local man was naturally very popular.

There was a packed house at the Alhamra Theatre on Monday night, when three very interesting boxing contests took place. The bouts were eight two-minute rounds, with one minute spell, and the first was between J. Griffen and W. Farouharson. The last-named showed to advantage in the early part of the contest, but Griffen put in some telling work in the fifth round and won the battle. The second took place between J. A. Griffen (Amateur Champion of Australasia), and J. Leckie. The former displayed great work in the ring, and after being awarded the bout declared Leckie was the best man he had ever met. The last bout took place between A. Parker (Feather-weight Champion of N.Z.) and C. Griffen. The pair were very evenly matched. Parker assumed the aggressive and displayed more science than his opponent, but in actual fighting honours were even. At the conclusion of the eight rounds between these men the referee requested them to box another round, and at its conclusion awarded the contest to Parker. The three battles furnished the greatest exhibition of boxing that has ever been seen in Dunedin in one night, and although the contests were supposed to be brought off under the Ama-

teur Rules they were in reality decided a la Marquis of Queensberry. It is rumored that J. Griffen intends abandoning amateurism and contemplates joining the ranks of professionals, and with that object in view leaves shortly for Australia.

HAWKE'S BAY

Napier, November 30.

Mr T. H. Lowry, who is in quest of good health, left for Rotorua last week.

Sleepwell is the latest addition to the ranks of the hurdler brigade in this district, and the meritorious display of Captain Watt's daughter under the pilotage of D. Watt over the battens suggests that when properly seasoned at the business her owner, Mr C. O'Donoghue, will have a more than useful lot to carry his racing livery.

The following production to the blood-stock of Hawke's Bay has taken place during the past week:—At Karamu: Norsemaid (Nordenfeldt—Maid of Athol), a colt; Elploco (Nordenfeldt—Elfin), a colt; Spot (Albany—Yelica), a colt; Panjo (Dreadnought—Lyre), a filly; Nixie (Daniel O'Rourke—Waterbaby), a filly; Miss Evelyn (Rubezahl—Lady Evelyn), a filly; all to Birkenhead. This batch completes the expected arrivals.

At the Hon. J. O. Ormond's stud farm, at Greenmeadows, Wairuaireka (Painter—Mystery Girl) has a colt to Robin Adair.

Admiral Cerveras is now being put through his studies by his owner, Mr McNamara.

Gold Seal, who succumbed to the ordeal of preparation a couple of months ago, and who was blistered and turned out in consequence, was brought in the other day with the object of having another blister applied to his suspicious understanding.

Patupairche, the younger half-sister by Strephon to Roscius, Morag, Barbarossa, Victrix and Slightear, whom Mr P. Neagle had out several times in the hunting field last season, is being pottered about by J. Mann.

Messrs Cohen, Maratt and Co. were successful in their tender for the privilege of working the totalisator at the annual meeting of the Lower Valley Jockey Club. The club race on December 26 and 27.

Robert Macarthy, who got away with the first award in the thoroughbred stallion class at the Courtney Agricultural and Pastoral Show, was bred in these parts, as he first saw the glimpse of day at Mangatarata Station.

Anadeja contracted a cold this week, and on that account her owner, Mr P. Neagle, deemed it advisable not to make the trip to Feilding.

The Stepniak—Rainbow colt and the filly out of Merisette by Stepniak, two of the lots that fell to the bid of Mr A. L. D. Fraser at the sale of the Elderslie young 'uns, were purchased on behalf of the owner of Mahutonga. Both are at present located at Gooseman's establishment.

Roseshoot's younger full brother still continues to do hacking work about the roads, and provided he does not fall a victim to the ills that horseflesh is heir to in the meantime he will make his first appearance at the annual reunion of the Woodthorpe Club next February.

Mr A. Pettit, of Onga Onga, intends to claim the name of Concussion for the two-year-old daughter of Torpedo and Waitiri.

Goldsmith is being treated to a holiday. The other members of J. Cameron's string Waipua (Torpedo—Ua) and Mataika (The Possible—Miss Dargon) both look in blooming condition.

The other day I noticed Great Britain being ridden about the streets and the ancient one moves in a sprightly style, and his general outlook suggests that he will again be found up to the mark. His owner, Mr McMasters, informed me that he had lately given Patriarch's son a few spins over the obstacles and that his long cessation from toil has not diminished his pace.

During Carson's absence at Feilding with The Broker, The Pearler is being allotted work by J. Cameron. Both horses have had to get their cognomens changed, and for the future The Broker will be known as Parekareka and The Pearler as Waimata.

Owing to an injury received at the Carterton Meeting, Cavill has been relegated to the paddock.

White Squall has joined H. Hickey's string.

It is rumored at Hastings that H. Goodman, who is in charge of Mr R. Paterson's horses at the Hutt, is on the look out for quarters at Hastings.

J. Griffiths has taken Aletta out of work.

Tibi, a three-year-old daughter of ParLOUR Maid by Torpedo, who is studying under the able guidance of T. Jones, is an inmate of one of Cameron's boxes. A good moulded filly with fine legs, she should shortly show out in a more attractive light than characterised her performance at Waipawa on the King's Birthday.

Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

Sydney, November 23.

The principal attraction for racing men on Saturday was the November Meeting of the Australian Jockey Club. It is a peculiar fact, but nevertheless true, that many of the events at the meetings of the parent club are not better patronised than those of the proprietary clubs, although the A.J.C. give away fully twice as much money. The sweepstakes attached to each event, I have no doubt, tends to diminish the fields, but when the owner pays up the sweep it is in a measure a guarantee that his nobby is on the job, and as a rule we get straighter running than on the proprietary courses. The programme submitted on Saturday was an attractive one, the sum of 775 sovs, in addition to the sweeps, being divided between the six events, but the meeting was not well patronised, although the weather was beautiful, and it is estimated that the attendance did not exceed 4000. For some time bookmakers have had considerably the best of the deal, but matters took a turn in favour of the punters on Saturday, four first favourites and one warm second favourite getting home. The ex-New Zealander, P. Nolan, had the pleasure of leading in the winner of the Hurdle Race, Mechlin, by Albemarle out of Real Lace. Mechlin carried top-weight, 10st 7lb, and won easily from four others. The stable of the Waverly Alderman, E. Keys, has been in winning form of late, and supplied the winner of the Stockbridge Handicap with Victory, but the win was not quite expected, as Victory went out at 10 to 1. He showed pace as he carried his 7st 12lb to the end of six furlongs in 1min 14sec. The Lochiel horse, Philibeg, who has hitherto been a disappointment, was made a strong fancy in the Trial Handicap and won cleverly, but he had not much to beat. A big crowd of maiden two-year-olds went out for the Tyro Stakes. They were a green lot, and Sweetness, by Lochiel—Silver Hair, who won, did not observe a very straight course, but she was straightened up in time to win by half a length from Relish, with Bonnie Elsie in the other place. There were only two horses solidly backed for the event of the afternoon, the Salisbury Handicap, one mile and three furlongs. These were Raeburn and Fanshawe, and the finish was between them, the first-named winning a great race by a neck. Marie Correlli brought the day's proceedings to a close by winning the Welter Handicap.

At a meeting of the V.A.T.C. at Caulfield on Saturday, Cynic stumbled on the flat in the Hurdle Race, and broke his leg, rendering his destruction necessary. Wyesby fell in the Steeplechase and broke his neck.

The Stansmore Two-year-old Handicap at Caulfield, on Saturday, was won by Decollette, by Haut Brion out of the New Zealand-bred mare Necklet, who, if I remember rightly, was brought over from Auckland by Mr John Marshall.

Regio, by Medallion—Welcome Queenie, has been showing improved form of late, and on Saturday, at Caulfield, won the Rosstown Plate from a pretty fair field. The Auckland-bred Grey Seaton, was a starter in this event, but he was not placed.

A sad accident happened at Kensington last Wednesday. In the Hurdle Race the pony, Montpellier, fell at one of the jumps and was killed. His rider, M'Nally, was fearfully injured about the head and died in a few minutes. It is remarkable that some time ago a man was decapitated on the Goulburn railway, and the remains were identified as those of McNally, who, however, subsequently turned up all right, but only to meet almost as violent a death as that which he was at first supposed to have met with. McNally, at one time, rode for the late W. Kelso's stable, and I think he must have been in New Zealand at one time, as the advertisement announcing his untimely end add: "New Zealand papers please copy."

Accounts have been made up in connection with the late Melbourne Cup Meeting, and it has been found that the profits exceed £7000.

Wairiki is still at Flemington, but the veterinary surgeon attending him has expressed the definite opinion that he will be saved for use at the stud. It will be some time, however, before he can be removed from Flemington. Meanwhile, Mr S. Bradley remains in Melbourne. In conversation with a press representative the other day, he is represented to have said that he had received several offers for Wairiki, but people would have to talk to him in thousands, not hundreds, before he would think of parting with him. After the price paid for Can con. the

opinion was expressed here that Mr S. Grimiths, in getting Grand Rapids for 500 sovs, had made a bargain; but the astute Victorian, who had at first bought Grand Rapids for South Africa, soon disposed of the horse at a material advance on what he gave for him, the buyer being Mr Wren, who won the Caulfield Cup with Murrumbidgee. Grand Rapids will, therefore, in future be raced in Victoria.

"Diavolo, King of the Loop," made his first appearance at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, when he gave two performances, one in the afternoon and one at night. His daring feat of looping the loop is certainly exciting, but it is all over in a few seconds, and the patrons of the ground have to find other entertainment. The bill is generally made up of cycling events, but the public do not take to cycling with so much enthusiasm as they used to do. Diavolo, besides his feat of looping the loop, gives a clever display of trick riding.

After the Sydney Wheel Race most of our leading bike riders departed for Melbourne, where some good prizes are hung up just now. G. R. Morgan is maintaining the good form he showed in Sydney, and on Saturday at the East Melbourne Club's Meeting he won the Half-mile Scratch Race and the St. Kilda Plate Scratch Race, three miles. He had some good ones to beat in each event, including Lon Walker and Ivor Lawson, the great American rider, who recently passed through Auckland. Lawson finished sixth in the three mile event, but he has not had time to get into form.


The Sydney amateur cyclists paid a visit to Brisbane on Saturday, but the banana-landers proved too good for them.

As the season advances interest in cricket seems to increase, and there is no doubt the formation of the next Australian Eleven has a great deal to do with that interest, and who should be, and who should not be included in the team is discussed by everyone, from the grave politician down to the noisy street arab. The match between South Australia and Victoria has ended in a decisive victory for the latter, and New South Wales critics have begun to crow that the South Australians without Clem Hill would not be a match for the Second Eleven of this Colony. The next big contest will be between Victoria and New South Wales. On Saturday, L. O. S. Poidevin made his first big score since his return from England. Playing for Redfern against Waverly, he put up 152, not out, without giving a chance. I cannot see how he can be overlooked, either for the N.S.W. Eleven or the Australian Eleven. There was some tall scoring in the match in which Poidevin made his runs, Redfern losing four wickets only for 405 runs, to which H. Coddard contributed 118, and F. Midlane 116.

The black fellow, Marsh, who has been consistently overlooked by the selectors of our cricket teams, just as consistently puts up good performances when he can get the opportunity. Playing for Sydney against the strong batting team of North Sydney on Saturday, he obtained seven wickets for 105 runs, out of a grand total of 292. Among the North Shore players were such batsmen as Iredale, Hopkins, Duff, and Hickson. The performances of the Sydney fast bowler, Cotter, paled before that of the black fellow, as playing for Glebe against Burwood his one wicket cost him 57 runs. Yet the selectors pick him and leave the black fellow out.

There was some tall scoring in Melbourne on Saturday. In their second innings against Carlton the M.C.C. scored 211 without loss. Of that number W. W. Armstrong made 136, and Vaughan 104.

The championships in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Victorian Lawn Tennis Association resulted as follows:—Singles: Brookes beat Murphy, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0; Double Championship: Brookes and Fraser beat Barnard and Spence, 6-1, 6-1, 11-9; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Double Championship: Pockley (N.S.W.) and Miss Addison beat C. Heath and Miss M'Laurin, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Pockley was the only representative of New South Wales left in the finals.



MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

Offers for the **FIRST MANAWATU STAKES**, to be run in April, 1905, are payable as follows:—

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E. GRANT SIM,
Acting-Secretary.

LATE RACING.

TAKAPONA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The Spring Meeting of the Takapona Jockey Club was brought to a termination yesterday afternoon, in very pleasant weather, the early morning's rain serving to lay the dust and cool the air. The attendance was surprisingly good, this being in a measure accounted for by the bank holiday. The racing was interesting, there being, however, one or two rather runaway victories. Gwenniad's unexpected win in the Stanley Handicap upset most of the double event speculators, who had gone very strongly for Black and Gold for the first leg. There were, however, ten supporters of Gwenniad and Avalanche, these receiving £16 11s each. In the Spring Handicap, the big event of the day, Maro and Geologist fell, Satman, who had the mount on the latter, getting his shoulder hurt. The majority of the riders wore black arm-bands out of respect for Alfred Butler, who was killed on the opening day.

The results were as follows:—

SECOND HURDLE RACE; one and three-quarter miles.
Loch Lomond (Murray), 9.0 1
Bellman (Johnson), 12.0 2
Irish (Phillips), 9.6 3
Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 27sec. Dividends, £10 13s and 13s 6d.

STANLEY HANDICAP; four furlongs.
Gwenniad (Gray), 7.7 1
Liberator (Marchant), 8.4 2
Anchorite (Pinker), 7.8 3
Won very easily by three lengths. Time, 52 3-5sec. Dividends, £6 11s and £1 7s. A protest was lodged against the second horse for interference, but was dismissed.

SPRING HANDICAP; one mile.
Avalanche (Deeley), 8.0 1
Zuleika (Marchant), 8.5 2
Te Aroha (Gray), 7.4 3
Won with the utmost ease by four lengths, three lengths between second and third. Geologist and Maro fell at the bend, Satman, who had the mount on the former getting a bad fall. Time, 1min 45 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 2s and £1 9s.

VAUXHALL HANDICAP; seven furlongs.
Sir Gilead (Julian), 8.13 1
Jean (Sceats), 7.8 2
Lycia (Ryan), 8.7 3
A splendid finish, Sir Gilead winning by a head, with Lycia a neck away, third. Time, 1min 33sec. Dividends, £3 15s 6d and £1 8s.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP; five furlongs.
Solitary (Pinker), 7.8 1
Sally Horner (Deeley), 7.12 2
Whawhai (Gray), 7.12 3
Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1min 5 2-5sec. Dividends, £9 11s 6d and £1 11s 6d.

CAUTLEY HANDICAP; six furlongs.
Liberator (Pinker), 7.8 1
The Middy (Sceats), 8.6 2
La Cigale (Gray), 7.10 3
Liberator led all the way and won by four lengths. Time, 1min 17 4-5sec. Dividend, £4 19s.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE; three miles.
Princess of Thule (Mr Deeble), 11.10 1
Wairaka (Howard), 9.7 2
Reckless (O'Connell), 9.7 3
A good race throughout, Princess of Thule winning rather comfortably by six lengths. Time, 6min 36sec. Dividends, £2 13s and £1 1s 6d.

WELTER HANDICAP; one mile.
Zuleika (Marchant), 9.10 1
King Paul (Chaafe), 7.12 2
Yolette (Pinker), 7.10 3
Won rather easily by nearly three lengths. Time, 1min 46 4-5sec.

DRURY RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD AT
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FRIDAY, 30TH DECEMBER.

Nominations close with the Secretary at the Drury Hotel, or with Mr H. B. Massey, 9, High-street, Auckland, on Friday, 9th December, at 9 p.m.

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J. KNOTT,
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HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 26.

AUCKLAND CUP OF 1,500 SOVS.; TWO MILES.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Achilles, Cruciform, Martian, Grand Rapids, Mahutonga, Nightfall, Melodeon, Golden Knight, Romeo, Loch Erne, Scotty, Buluwayo, Uranus, Ghoorka, Starshoot, Gladstone, Kahara, Secret Society, Delania, Miss Lottie.

RAILWAY HANDICAP OF 400 SOVS.; SIX FURLONGS.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Machine Gun, Hohoro, Quarryman, Marshal Sout, Starshoot, Rubia, Exmoor, Romeo, Kramlin, Savory, B ris, Black and Gold, Stronghold, Golden Lily, Golden Rose, Gladstone, Golden Vein, Lady Lynors, Alisa, Lady Annie, Waikato, Numa, Newtown, Avalanche.

FOURTH DAY—JANUARY 3.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE OF 350 SOVS.; ABOUT THREE MILES AND A-HALF.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Slow Tom, Cannongate, Up-to-Date, Phaenotitis, Princess of Thule, Dingo, Catherine Gordon, Bellman, Saturn, Pharos, Kanaka, Hylas.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 26.

NORTHERN WAIROA CUP; ONE MILE AND A-HALF.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Corporal, The Doctor, Aurega, Kingsman.

FLYING HANDICAP; SIX FURLONGS.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include The Doctor, Sly Miss, Squincher, Sophia.

GUMDIGGERS' PURSE; ONE MILE.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Corporal, The Doctor, Aurega, Kingsman.

HANDICAP HURDLES; ONE MILE AND A-HALF.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Reliance, late Swift-foot, Peter Simple, Maori.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP; ONE MILE AND A-QUARTER.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Evert, Brigand.

HACK MAIDEN HANDICAP; ONE MILE AND A-QUARTER.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Vera II, Doubtful, Kola Nip, Havelock.

HACK HANDICAP; ONE MILE.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st lb, Name, st lb. Races include Squincher, Vera II, Evert, Doubtful, Ben.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

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

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

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26 AND 27.

Maiden Plate.—Minna, Rob Roy, Whakahihi, Soll, Vanquish, Hopkiss, Cabaret, Bully, Lady Clair, Discoverer, Lunetta.

First Handicap Hurdles.—St. Rowan, Rolf, Vanquish, Resolution, Lion, Kuraniu, Princess of Thule, Glasgow, Lingard, Albuquerque, Jack Brown, Solo, Welleast, Freemount, Wairaki.

Goldfields Cup.—Highlander, Zuleika, Seatonia, Annoyed, Putty, Maro, Soulfish, Sonoma, Calle Iris.

First Pony Race.—Timata, Little Mabel, Lady Isabella, Rob Roy, Chlorine, Prince Arthur, Opotiki, Solitary, Lady Lottie, Waitati.

First Handicap Steeplechase.—Diamond Drill, Hylas, Resolution, Manganahaki, Kuraniu, Princess of Thule, Dingo, Wairaki.

Stewards' Handicap.—Rookby, Rob Roy, Gwenniad, Hopkiss, Anchorite, Agrapus, St. Harp, Cabaret, Certainty, Bonomiana, Ben Blair, Golden Sands, Jack Brown, Geologist, Maro, Soulfish, Calle Iris, Desdemona.

First Hack Race.—Timata, Ludo, Whakahihi, Soll, Minerva, Lady Isabella, Hopkiss, Brooklet, Chlorine, Cabaret, Lion, Silvermore, Bully, Opotiki, Correction.

Hauraki Handicap.—Minna, Rob Roy, Telephone, Gwenniad, Hector, Anchorite, Flying Shell, Klondyke, Lady Clair, Hautapu, Bonomiana, Ben Blair, Discoverer, Alba Rose, Desdemona.

Midsummer Handicap.—Rookby, Rob Roy, Ludo, Hopkiss, Anchorite, Agrapus, Cabaret, Bully, Hautapu, Bonomiana, Ben Blair, Annoyed, Geologist, Sergius, Maro, Soulfish, Calle Iris.

Thames Handicap Hurdles.—St. Rowan, Rolf, Vanquish, Resolution, Lion, Kuraniu, Princess of Thule, Lingard, Albuquerque, Jack Brown, Solo, Welleast, Freemount, Wairaki.

Second Hack Race.—Timata, Ludo, Whakahihi, Soll, Minna, Hopkiss, Brooklet, Chlorine, Lion, Silvermore, Bully, Opotiki, Correction.

Thames Stakes.—Agrapus, Highlander, St. Harp, Cabaret, Certainty, Zuleika, Hautapu, Ben Blair, Seatonia, Jack Brown, Putty, Maro, Soulfish, Sonoma, Calle Iris.

Second Pony Race.—Timata, Little Mabel, Lady Isabella, Rob Roy, Chlorine, Prince Arthur, Opotiki, Solitary, Lady Lottie, Waitati.

County Handicap.—Rookby, Minna, Rob Roy, Gwenniad, Whakahihi, Hector, Hopkiss, Anchorite, Agrapus, St. Harp, Bully, Lady Clair, Bonomiana, Golden Sands, Discoverer, Geologist, Sergius, Alba Rose, Desdemona, Lunetta.

Handicap Steeplechase.—Diamond Drill, Hylas, Revolution, Manganahaki, Kuraniu, Princess of Thule, Dingo, Wairaki.

Final Handicap.—Minna, Rob Roy, Telephone, Gwenniad, Hector, Lady Isabella, Anchorite, Flying Shell, Klondyke, Lady Clair, Hautapu, Bonomiana, Ben Blair, Golden Sands, Discoverer, Alba Rose, Desdemona.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

Handicap Hurdles.—Merrysome, Sophia, Peter Simple, Maori, Reliance II, Seabrook.

Kaipara Handicap.—Rainbow, Corporal, Newhaven, The Barge, Kolamiji, The Doctor, Kingsman, Aurega.

Flying Hack Handicap.—Brigand, Vera II, Kolamiji, Evert, Reglight, Squincher, Maori, Doubtful, Israelite, Sophia.

Stewards' Handicap.—Rainbow, Corporal, Evert, Reliance II, Aurega, Sly Miss, Seabrook.

Hack Welter Handicap.—Merrysome, Vera II, The Barge, Squincher, Maori, Doubtful.

Shorts Handicap.—Rainbow, Kola Nip, Sophia, Squincher, Sly Miss.

Railway Plate.—Rainbow, Corporal, Newhaven, The Barge, The Doctor, Evert, Kingsman, Reliance II, Aurega.

NEW ZEALAND RACING CONFERENCE.

PETROVNA APPEAL CASE.

The judges (Messrs O. Samuel, E. Mitchelson and E. W. Alison) appointed to hear the appeal case, Jeffs v. Canterbury Jockey Club, met on Thursday at Auckland to draw up their finding. The appeal was upheld. The judgment is as follows:—

In the matter of the appeal of James Jeffs against the decision of the Canterbury Jockey Club, disallowing his claim to the stakes in the Criterion Handicap, run on November 9, 1903.

JUDGMENT

In the Criterion Handicap there were four horses placed, viz.:—1, Mr Stead's Bagpipes; 2, Mr Jeffs' Petrovna; 3, Sir G. Clifford's Golden Vein; and 4, Mr Donnelly's Westguard.

An objection was lodged by Mr Jeffs against Mr Stead's claim to the stakes, on the ground that Bagpipes was ridden by a person who was not a licensed jockey. This objection was sustained by the judges of the Conference (reversing the decision of the Canterbury Jockey Club), who ordered that Mr Stead should refund the stakes to the club, and that the latter should pay them over to the person who would have been entitled to them if Bagpipes had not started in the race.

While the Bagpipes case was pending, on July 1, 1904, nearly nine months after the race was run, Mr Hugo Friedlander, owner of an unplaced horse, lodged an objection against Mr Jeffs receiving the stakes, on the ground that the entry of Petrovna, made on or about October 23, 1903, was invalid, owing to her age not having been given therein in accordance with Rule 48.

Mr Friedlander does not, and cannot, claim the stakes, as his horse was unplaced, but he is within his legal rights in objecting, as he was "the owner of some other horse in the race" (Rule 113). There is, however, this peculiarity—that, if Mr Friedlander's objection succeeds, Sir G. Clifford and Mr G. P. Donnelly, neither of whom has lodged any objection or made any claim to the stakes, will be the only persons to be off.

Part VI. of the Rules of Racing is the Part which relates to entries for horses, and prescribes the formalities to be observed—for the most part before the horses are handicapped. These rules are directory, and their object is mainly, to provide for the furnishing to the committee of the club and its officials of the requisite information to enable them at a preliminary stage to decide whether the horse entered is eligible to run in the race, and, if so, to apportion the weight.

Mr Jeffs in his entry did not state the age of Petrovna—nor did he do so in any of his other six entries for the same meeting. The judges requested the Canterbury Jockey Club to exhibit at the hearing of the appeal all entries received for the meeting, but the club, although properly reminded by the secretary of the Conference of the propriety of complying with the request, has not produced to the judges any other entries than those of Mr Jeffs himself. It may well be that the whole, or at any rate, the greater part, of the entries received, and acted upon by the club without demur, were in equally as defective a condition as that of Mr Jeff's.

The stewards of the club, in the decision appealed against, admit that entries have been everywhere accepted without being accompanied by the information required by the rules, and the judges are also convinced that it has been the custom of all clubs to receive and act upon entries in similar form to that adopted by Mr Jeffs.

It is true that Rule 48 is emphatic in its wording, and, if it stood alone, might well be held to invalidate an entry not giving the age of a horse, not only as respects the action to be taken by the club and its officials after receiving it, but also even subsequently to the race, if the horse were permitted to run. But Rule 48 must be read with Rules 50 and 51, and all must if possible be given effect to. Moreover, the question whether a rule is mandatory or directory is not to be gathered solely from its wording, but from a consideration also of its objects and the other provisions made in relation to the same subject.

Rule 50 repeats in other words Rule 48 as to the necessity of stating the age of the horse in the entry, but Rule 51 in effect declares that it shall not be necessary to do this except "in every entry of the horse until an entry of it by description, with the proposed name, has been published." The same rule includes the following sentence—which might perhaps have been placed in a separate rule, in which case the mistake of thinking that Rule 48 was excluded from its effect could not well have been made—"In any entry after such publication it will be sufficient to enter the horse by such name without description."

"Published" and "publication" are not defined by the rules, and therefore have their usual meaning; besides, no entries, as entries, are ever published in the Official Calendar (properly so called). Prior to the Criterion Handicap being run Petrovna was very frequently entered for and won races, and the entries were as frequently published. She was foaled in 1898, and on September 21, 1900, her breeder wrote to the secretary of the Conference, pursuant to the Rules of Racing, claiming the name of "Petrovna," and furnishing the requisite particulars, which were duly notified in

the Official Calendar of October 6, 1900. This notification showed the name, age, pedigree, colour and sex. The various performances of Petrovna appear in the N.Z. Turf Register for the years 1901-2, 1902-3, and 1903-4, and show that she was entered and ran frequently, and several times won races during these years. The entries were from time to time published in the local newspapers and race cards, and the results, including her performances, were published in the Official Calendar recording the results of each meeting. She ran in and won several races, indeed, at meetings held by the Canterbury Jockey Club itself. The following are particulars collated from the N.Z. Turf Register and Official Calendar:—

"3. Petrovna b f by Stepniak—Irene," 1901-1902 1st Maiden Plate, 1st Jockey Club Handicap, Kurov J.C., October, 1901; 1st, Hack Handicap, 1st, Maiden Plate, Dunedin J.C. October, 1901; unplaced, Riccarton Welter Handicap, 1st, Cressy Welter Handicap, Canterbury J.C., November, 1901; 1st, Hack Handicap, 2nd, Grandstand Handicap, Dunedin J.C., November, 1901; 2nd, President's Handicap, North Otago J.C., December, 1901; 2nd, Flying Handicap, Waimate R.C., March, 1902.

"4. Petrovna, b f, by Stepniak—Irene," 1902 3 Unplaced, Flying Handicap and Waitaki Handicap, North Otago J.C., October, 1902; unplaced, Riccarton Welter Handicap, 2nd, Randolph Handicap, Canterbury J.C., November, 1902; 1st, Federal Handicap and Grandstand Handicap, Dunedin J.C., December, 1902; 1st, Electric Handicap, Telegraph Handicap, and January Handicap, Wellington R.C. January, 1903; unplaced, Publicans' Handicap, 1st, Domain Handicap, Dunedin J.C., February, 1903; 3rd, Great Easter Handicap, unplaced, Templeton Handicap, Canterbury J.C., April, 1903; 3rd, Railway Handicap, Wellington R.C. April, 1903; unplaced, Tradesmen's Handicap and Waironga Handicap, Dunedin J.C., June, 1903.

"5. Petrovna, ch m by Stepniak—Irene," 1903-4. 1st, Shorts Handicap, Dunedin J.C., October 17, 1903; unplaced, Stewards' Handicap, Canterbury J.C., November, 7, 1903.

The stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club entirely misconceive the effect of the judgments in the Gladstone and Bagpipes cases when they view them as laying down "a general principle that the rule must be interpreted literally, regardless of what the general custom has been in the past." In these cases Mr Reid and Mr Stead were deprived of the stakes because their horses were not ridden by a licensed jockey, and there certainly never has been in this colony any "general custom" of ignoring the essential condition in every race that each horse shall be ridden by a licensed jockey. In the written argument, dated November 18, 1904, submitted to the judges by Messrs Geo. G. Stead and Beauchamp Lane, as "the sub-committee appointed to reply on behalf of the Canterbury Jockey Club," similar inaccuracy is noticeable. The grounds of the decisions in the Gladstone and Bagpipes cases are erroneously stated to be that the horses were ridden by an unlicensed apprentice, instead of, as was the case, by a person not licensed to ride as a jockey: and it is urged that the erroneous opinion expressed without any authority by the secretary of the Conference (who is also secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club), that a registered apprentice was qualified to ride without a jockey's license, acted upon by some horse owners in the South Island, amounted to a general custom. Messrs Stead and Lane draw the attention of the judges to the fact that the secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club published a letter "in the Official Calendar or Referee of July 1, 1903, in which he specifically drew the attention of owners and trainers to Rules 45 and 48," and quote the following as an extract, "that when some owner has, after winning a race, paid the penalty of disqualification for invalid entry, etc., etc." But they omit to add that the letter in question refers only to the "practice of telegraphing entries without disclosing the owner," and that of failing to confirm telegrams by letters. The Canterbury Jockey Club in common with all other clubs, continued to receive, and racehorse owners to lodge, entries such as now are objected to until some time subsequent to the November, 1903, meeting—if, indeed, the practice does not still continue.

Great weight must be always given in determining such a question to the fact that a custom—reasonable in its nature and occasioning no ill consequences in its result—has obtained universally (or almost universally) in a country for many years. This has been only recently expressly recognised in a case decided in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal of this colony. The custom of accepting an entry as sufficient if it contains all information requisite for the purposes for which entries are required is one of this nature; and, even if the judges were not of opinion that Rule 51 applies to and controls Rule 48, they would be itate to reverse the universal practice of recognising such an entry as that in question as sufficient for all purposes, when the entry of the horse has been published previously, and there is no possibility of any mistake being made by the officials of the club, or of any misunderstanding arising.

The judges allow the appeal and reverse the decision of the stewards and the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club. They decide that Mr Jeff's Petrovna was the winner. Sir G. Clifford's Golden Vein second, Mr Donnelly's Westguard third, in the Criterion Handicap, and direct the Canterbury Jockey Club to pay over the stakes accordingly. It is to be regretted that the rules are imperfect in not conferring on judges of the Conference power to mulct any Metropolitan Club which is a party to an appeal in the costs of the appeal.

All the deposits paid by Mr Jeffs must be refunded to him.

OLIVER SAMUEL,
E. MITCHELSON,
E. W. ALISON,
Judges.

Auckland, November 24, 1904.



TO TRAVEL THIS SEASON.

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TROTTING.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The Summer Meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club will be commenced on Saturday next, the venue, as usual, being Alexandra Park. As the acceptances constitute something approaching a record for the club some good sport is promised, and no doubt lovers of the harness horse will muster in force to take part in their favourite pastime. This being so, all that is wanted is a day equal to last Saturday to achieve a success, at least, Mr Yonge is doing his best to make it so. A number of extra teams will be run out to the Park for the convenience of visitors, so that there will be no trouble in reaching the convincing ground. As usual, six trotting events and two pony races will constitute the programme, and the acceptances for the various races are as follows:—

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

	sec		sec
Red Wilkes	2	Cleve	4
Eureka	2	Albert B.	4
Daydawn	2	Miss Danmore	4
Bib	2	Huan Clair	4
Ayrshire Laddie	2	Mangonui	9
Carbolic	4	Sea ole	9
Green Lavender	4	Miss Vola	9
Tataramiki	4		

SUBURBAN TROT HANDICAP. Two miles.

	sec		sec
Duke J.	scr	Duchess of Rothschild	16
Rebel Boy	4	Black Diamond	17
Thorndean	7	Miss Huon	20
Belladonna	13	Kiteonetea	20

SPRING PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs and a-half.

	st lb		st lb
Orange and Blue	8 10	Lucrece	7 9
Manoeuvre	8 2	Solitary	7 8
Whawhai	7 12	Little Mabel	6 7
Gladys Rose	7 12	Lucy Godfrey	6 7
Storyteller	7 12		

MANAGERE TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

	sec		sec
Rebel Boy	scr	Carbolic	28
Little Paul	10	Cleve	28
Little Ben	21	Miss Wilmington	28
George	21	Green Lavender	25
St. John	21		

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

	sec		sec
Lady Florence	18	Bell Jar...	21
Fibre	20	Carbolic	29
Miss Munroe	20	Seacula	36
Snip	20	Mangonui	36

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP. One mile.

	sec		sec
Waitekauri	5	Bell Car	23
Colenso	9	K.O.	23
Rushlight	10	Bert	20
Isabel	10	St. John	20
Black Diamond	12	Carbolic	20
Eric	18	Miss Wilmington	20

TRAWAY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

	st lb		st lb
Orange and Blue	8 12	Inspiration	7 11
Manoeuvre	8 3	Lucrece	7 10
Mataura	8 0	Solitary	7 9
Whawhai	7 13	Kyra	7 4
Gladys Rose	7 13	Little Mabel	6 9
Storyteller	7 13	Legerite, late San Toy	6 9

ONEBUNGIA TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

	sec		sec
Waitekauri	scr	Rushlight	9
Sir Eborac	scr	Empress	10
Typewriter	4	Duchess of Rothschild	11
Thorndean	5	Miss Huon	14

SECOND DAY.

The following nominations have been received:—

Innovation Trot.—Eureka, Carbolic, Miss Vola, Miss Wilmington, Mangonui, Miss Munroe, Agnes B. Daydawn, Kidney Pai, Bob, George, Victress, K.O., Duchess of Rothschild, Bell Car, Red Wilkes, Le Rosier, Ayrshire Laddie, Cleve, Albertorious, Juliette, Redleaf.

Class Trot Handicap.—Thorndean, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Typewriter, Colenso, Happy, Autocrat, Rushlight, Ballot, Isabel, Miss Huon, Kiteonetea, Donizetti, Belladonna, Lady Love.

Epsom Pony Handicap.—Orange and Blue, Storyteller, Eureka, Manoeuvre, Fashionable, Lucy Godfrey, Sally Horner, Lucrece, Wheturere, Whawhai, Solitary, Gladys Rose, Little Mabel.

Otahuhu Spring Trot.—Thorndean, Rebel Boy, Sir Robert, Autocrat, Empress, Duchess of Rothschild, Miss Huon, Duke C, Fashionable, Belladonna, K.D.

Pannure Trot Handicap.—Miss Wilmington, Little Paul, Snip, Eric, Rushlight, George, Empress, Harold Abdallah, Little Ben, Le Rosier, Albertorious, Black Diamond.

Flying Stakes Handicap.—Orange and Blue, Storyteller, Eureka, Manoeuvre, Legerite (late San Toy), Inspiration, Kyra, Lucrece, Wheturere, Whawhai, Mataura, Solitary, Gladys Rose, Little Mabel, Mosquito, Marisa, Girton Girl.

Telephone Trot Handicap.—Thorndean, Miss Wilmington, Rebel Boy, St. John, Colenso, Eric, Happy Bert, Ballot, Isabel, K.O., Duchess of Rothschild, Bell Car, Mosquarrie, Donizetti, The Mooress, Juliette, Bryn, Fibre.

The fact must not be overlooked that nominations for the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club close with Mr C. F. Mark on Friday, December 9, at 9 p.m. Such a capital programme has been put forward by the big club, that when the entries come to be totalled up the number should be very large. Full particulars as to the different events will be found in our advertising columns.

On a heavy track at the Wisconsin State Fair Dan Patch recently paced a mile in 2min 33sec.

The 5000-dollar stake for 2.13 pacers at the recent Minnesota State Fair (A.) was won by Ecstatic in record time for the race, the three straight heats being won in 2min 63sec, 2min 54sec, and 2min 7sec. The week before, the 5000-dollar trot was won by Galesbury, by Angiola, each heat being done in better than 2min 10sec, the fastest being 2min 83sec. Angiola cost her present owner 3000dol, and has already won this season 3500dol.

Writing of the famous pacer Dan Patch, who has a record of 1min 56sec for the mile, the "Breeder and Sportsman" says that it is nothing unusual for Dan Patch to draw 50,000 people to one of his wonderful performances and many of them travel for hundreds of miles. The American people are great admirers of genuine greatness and Dan Patch appeals to them, not only on account of being the fastest horse that ever lived, but also on account of his lovable disposition. He has a special liking for ladies and children and the horse never lived who had so many ardent admirers as the World Famous Dan. We have seen a photograph of him hitched to a sleigh and being driven by Harold Savage, the owner's eight-year-old son, and the sleigh was crowded with small boys and girls. This is simply one illustration of his true greatness and shows an intelligence almost human. It is a sight to be remembered for a life time to see Dan Patch pace one of his fast miles in a race with two thoroughbred running horses hitched to speed carts. As he comes flying under the wire in this close and exciting contest, the blood of the most phlegmatic person will be sent tingling throughout the entire system and men and women are often seen crying for joy.

Young breeders when selecting their stallions and broodmares should bear in mind the fact that the produce is quite as lively, if not so, to follow the family in general characteristics as the individuals. For instance, a stallion which is himself large but the majority of whose ancestors were small is more likely to get a large proportion of animals that will be lacking in size at maturity than a small sized stallion the majority of whose ancestors were large animals. The same is true of defects in conformation, temperament, gait, soundness, etc.—"Am. Horse Breeder."

The average trainer and driver is a slave to the boots, bits, body and leg washes and patent contraptions in general for the alleged benefit of horses that are placed on the market every season by shrewd folk who realise that not more than one trainer in a score has a practical knowledge of the business he is engaged in (writes an American authority on the subject). That is why so few trainers of harness horses make any permanent success. Almost any man who stays in the game will occasionally run across a first-class horse, and by virtue of the inherent merits of that animal he will ride in front for a season or two, after which he retires to his original seclusion in "the bushes." The wonder is that the average horse survives the messes that are forced down his throat in the shape of so-called stimulants, speedmakers and tonics, and that his hair and hide come safely through the course of leg and body washes, liniments and salves imposed upon them by the average trainer. When to this is added toe weights, side weights, spreaders, check reins, gaiting poles and about forty other devices to annoy animals that are deserving of good treatment, it is no wonder that only about one out of every 100 horses that are "trained" ever amounts to anything in the racing line.

CARING FOR TROTTERS.

The public know little of the unceasing care and constant, untiring effort to keep the great trotters in condition to race. Charles De Ryder, one of America's greatest reinsmen, has given an idea of it to a "Breeder and Horseman" scribe. He said:

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"Just before the races are called he is taken out and given three trials. For instance, I drove Aristo around once in 2:45, again in 2:25, and again in 2:20 before the race.

"After the race had been trotted and won he was brought in and given a warm bath of salt water—a pint of salt to a pail of water at about 115 degrees. He was washed down thoroughly and partially dried. Then he got a rub with alcohol and witch hazel, mixed in equal parts.

"After that he was wrapped in blankets and cooled out. If a horse is suffering much distress, if he is breathing very hard and is weak from the strain, I make the covering light, otherwise I have the blankets thick and heavy. He is walked up and down by his man for about twenty minutes, during which time he has drunk water a little now and then, and he is then rubbed down until thoroughly dry with rubbing cloths. These are made of English salt sacks; they are pure linen. He then gets another rub-down with alcohol and witch hazel, and his legs are bound up in cotton moistened with a solution of sugar of lead and sulphate of zinc. This keeps his legs cool and keeps down any swelling.

"All this has occupied about two hours, and if he is well cooled off and his temperature down, he is given a rub with Smith's caloric vita oil, a preparation which keeps the body warm and arouses circulation.

"Then he is blanketed and turned in for the night and given his meal, consisting of hot bran wash, cooked with equal parts of flaxseed and oats. I usually season it up with a small handful of salt, so that he will like it. A pail of water and a fork of hay is left in the stall with him, so that he may eat and drink when he feels like it.

"His man sleeps in the stall with him to see that he wants nothing. Every horse has his man. I brought down twelve horses and twelve men. Each man is responsible to me for his horse. Nothing must happen to him

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reeler.")

The weather conditions on Saturday and Sunday were just the very thing for the week-end cruise, and a great many yachts were away from their moorings in consequence.

The big yawl Volunteer is in commission again, and looks in splendid order. She flies the pennant of Vice-Commodore A. Alison, of the R.N.Z.Y.S.

On Saturday week the Logan-built cutter Petrel won the Heather Cup in Sydney for the second time in succession, and the handsome trophy now becomes the property of Mr Dempster.

I notice that the Sydney yachtsman, Mr Chinnery, well known in Auckland, has been converted to the motor-launch. Certainly Port Jackson is an ideal place for these little vessels.

The programme of the championship rowing regatta to be held this year under the auspices of the Wellington Rowing Association, is as follows:—Champion sculls, prize £5 and 10-guinea trophy, also the right to hold the Pearce trophy for a year; champion double sculls, prizes £15 and £5; champion fours, prizes £40 and £10, or if an Australian crew competes the prizes will be increased to £60 and £15. The regatta will take place about the end of February, and crews have been invited from Australia.

There was plenty of life at some of the leading yards on the western side of Queen Street on Saturday morning. Charles Bailey, jun., launched the new ferry steamer Alcatraz, for the Northcote ferry service. She is a fine looking vessel, the principal dimensions being: Length, between perpendiculars, 125ft; beam, 27ft; depth, moulded, 11ft. She is built on a puriri and kauri frame, ironbark beams and hullheads, and keelson and engine beds, with kauri planking and decking, and is sheathed with copper. She has very roomy accommodation for about 900 passengers. The machinery is compound surface condensing of 300 horse-power, the engines having been made in England.

Another addition to the harbour fleet is the Pitoitoi, built to the order of Messrs Bradney and Binns, by Failey and Sons. She is a tunnel launch, 70ft o.a., 16ft beam, and 3ft 6in in draught.

The new launch built by Failey and Lowe for the Rotonga service is a very shapely-looking vessel, having considerable passenger accommodation, and should do well on the Lake during the season.

For the 100-kilometre motor-boat race on the Seine at Maisons-Laffite, France, on October 16, five boats lined up. On the pistol being fired they dashed off, the water was lashed into fury before they could get clear of one another, and the fragile craft tossed dangerously. The Trefle a Quatre was bumped violently against the Mercedes L., and before the latter could recover itself it was swamped and went down stern first. The steersman managed to jump clear and swim ashore, but the chateaur was carried down with the boat and drowned. The other competitors continued their course, and the race was eventually won by Raver III. (Panhard 110 horse-power) in the record time of 2hr 30min 59 1-5sec, or nearly thirty miles an hour.

An offer has been recently made of a Challenge Cup, of the value of 25,000 francs, by a French enthusiast. This Cup is offered for motor boats employing oil as fuel, of such a character as to be suitable for colonial service. These boats must be of a minimum length of 39 feet, and must attain a minimum speed of ten knots an hour. Each boat, whether decked or otherwise, entered for this Cup must be so constructed as to be usable first for touring purposes, secondly for the transport of troops or of goods. The Cup is to be run for at Trouville annually in one stage of ten hours. The classing will be governed by (1) number of kiloms. run; (2) the fuel consumption during the run. The winner of the Cup will receive a money prize of 1000 francs, and the second boat classed 500 francs. Again, Mons. Charley, the well-known French Mercedes agent, does not think it at all probable that a petrol-driven motor boat could travel from New York to Havre "on its own." He therefore proposes to offer a sum of

50,000 francs to the first person who is able on such a craft to cover the distance between these two ports. The prize is worth trying for, and we should therefore not be at all surprised to see the offer taken up. In the meantime, from America Mr S. B. Powman already has gone one better by offering M. Charley 20,000 dollars if "he" will cross the Atlantic in such a boat, a challenge which M. Charley has accepted, provided the stake is first deposited in a bank.

BOWLING.

(By the "Skip.")

Favoured with a genuine summer afternoon all the greens were fairly alive with players on Saturday, and a great many games were got through.

I cannot help thinking that a mistake was made having the inter-club match between Auckland and Rocky Nook Clubs on Show Day. Quite a number of those who would otherwise have taken part were away either on business or pleasure at Alexandra Park, and the result was that the match was not so successful as it would otherwise have been. The visitors to the Auckland green appeared to enjoy themselves, which after all was the main thing.

I hear that the greens of the Gisborne Bowling Club are in splendid order this year. This is good news, for the Championships are to be played on them.

A great many players have joined the various clubs this season, but perhaps the record in this respect is held by Rocky Nook with over forty new members. Remuera and Ponsonby run the Nookers pretty close, however.

It is often a matter of quiet amusement of many bowlers the manner in which the veterans always take unto themselves the position of skips. With these it seems to be a matter of religion almost that the comparatively newly joined member is always given No. 2 position and the old timer blandly replies to any protest that the position is a really important one, although incidentally the veteran never takes it himself. At least one of our Auckland clubs is notorious for this sort of thing and the older members of this club would do well to read the account of the great Blackpool tournament in this column. It will come as a shock to them to find that all the supposed invincible veterans were defeated by a youth of twenty years of age. The moral is obvious. "Give the younger members a show sometimes."

Dr. W. G. Grace is introducing winter bowling at the Crystal Palace. This is an entire and novel innovation so far as England is concerned, though it has been played with much effect in the trials recently given it in Edinburgh. The ordinary-sized bowl is used upon a floor, for the length of about 60 feet, covered with cocoanut matting, 18 feet wide, for each rink. Mr James Prestell, a past president of the Scottish Bowling Association, who mainly brought out this game, maintains that these artificial rinks play as keen as a good sharp green, and that both in the Mother Country and the colonies winter bowling should become widely popular.

The great bowling tournament held annually on the Talbot green, at Blackpool, has been brought to a conclusion after more than three weeks' continuous play. There were 576 entries, which is 31 lower than last year's figure, but still above the average of the thirty-one years during which this highly-popular competition has been carried on. The players are handicapped, with a limit of four points striven in 21 up, and prizes were given this year amounting to £285, of which the winner took £50, with a silver trophy added. Betting on the event is

very heavy, not only straight-out, but on every individual game. The original favourite at the start, John Leach (Oldham), was among the last three left in, but was easily defeated—by 21 to 15—in the semi-final round by young C. Barrington (Howe Bridge), who, in the final bout, won by exactly the same number of points from another veteran in E. Yates (Blackpool), who, ten or twelve years ago, was the recognised champion of the game. Barrington is only twenty years of age, and is thus quite a novice.

CYCLING.

Cyclists are often heard to complain of what they call bad spanners, and although there are undoubtedly many bad implements of this kind on the market, it is noticeable that the condemnation expressed is not always against these, but it is often against the very best kind of spanner it is possible to procure. In this latter case it is generally the clumsy and unfair manner in which the spanner has been used which renders it inefficient. Sometimes a spanner has been used as a hammer; at other times it has not been screwed properly home up to the sides of the nut, so there has been a considerable amount of "play" and a consequent weakening of the jaws. In other instances, instead of the spanner being applied as it should be used flat ways, so that the twisting strain upon the jaws is very great indeed, and apt to loosen them. After being thus unfairly applied a number of times it is only reasonable that the very best spanner will give out. Properly used a good spanner will last almost indefinitely.

One of the drawbacks to the ordinary oil lamp, which form after all is the most satisfactory, is that of smoking, but this can easily be prevented if the cyclist when lighting the lamp does not turn the wick too high. The cyclist is inclined to adjust the wick so as to give a full light before he starts off riding, but directly he rides away the motion of the machine through the air creates a forced draught, so that a higher light still is given. It is, therefore, a good tip in lighting a lamp to adjust the wick so that a light just a little less than what is required is given out. Directly the machine is started the draught of air brightens the flame and the proper light is given, and that without any smoking at all. The tip is a small one, but it is worth bearing in mind and acting upon. The value of this forced draught of air in a lamp is often very apparent. A lamp standing still, sometimes gives a very poor light, but directly the machine is ridden the brightness increases owing to the moving air inside the lamp. Remember, however, to always clean the lamp after it has been in use.

It is said that Ellegaard, the European racing crack now in Sydney under engagement to the Summer Nights Amusement Company, Limited, receives £800 and a first-class return ticket for himself and wife for his racing season in these States. As all the prizes that Ellegaard wins go into his own pocket his Australian trip should be a lucrative one.

There are 1,310,223 registered cyclists in France. This enormous number of wheelmen is solely attributable to the perfect French roads.

According to the "Australasian," the day after he won the world's championship, Lawson received telegrams from promoters in cities in France, Germany, Holland, and Belgium, imploring a visit, either to race or give an exhibition ride. In addition, he received all sorts of offers from circus and theatre managers, and has had many offers to race in Europe next year. He will most likely go to the Continent again next season. Speaking further, he said that if he had realised what the winning of the world's championship meant to a rider he would have gone to Europe four or five years ago and remained there, and tried for the honour every year. After his win the firm whose bicycle he used gave him £100, and the tyre concern presented him with fifteen pairs of special sprint-racing tyres. Lawson is reported to have stated that he and Macfarland are still partners, and as far as he was concerned, would continue to be so long as he raced on a bicycle. He further said that he has proved that he can win races without Macfarland's aid, although he acknowledges that his compatriot taught him many good things.

It is said that there is every possibility that the disqualification of three years imposed upon Floyd MacFarland, the American handicap rider, by the New South Wales League last year, will be removed at an early date.

At Dresden on October 9, Champion (America), Tommy Hall (England), Robl (Germany), and Simar (France), met in a 100 kilometre paced race. Champion won easily and Robl was second.

Walthour, the world's champion long-distance rider, rode his last race for the present European season at the Buffalo Velodrome on October 9, and he defeated Tom Linton and Eugene Bruni, after allowing them a couple of laps start, in a 30 kilometre race.

Diavolo (Mr Barber) performed his famous feat of looping the loop at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday afternoon and evening, and again on Monday evening (says the "Sydney Mail"). Starting from a platform at a height of 50ft Diavolo seated on his machine rides down a narrow staging 100ft in length, and enters the loop at a great speed, spins around the inside of the circle, looking somewhat like a fly on a ceiling, and is shot out on the opposite side. The whole journey occupied 53sec on Saturday evening, and the momentum carried the bicycle and its rider nearly half-way across the inner circle of the cricket ground after the exit of the loop. Diavolo was greeted with rounds of applause as he rode around the track after his daring and successful feat. Earlier in the evening he also earned frequent manifestations of appreciation by his clever exhibition of trick cycling. He is without doubt a master craftsman in this respect, and some portions of his exhibition were decidedly new. He concluded his tricks, which were performed on a raised platform, under brilliant limelight, by waltzing round on the back wheel of a bicycle which he had previously dismembered and pieced together again.

A young French professional named Friol is one of the latest riders to come to the front in Europe, and his recent victories and style of riding stamps him as a man who will eventually be second to none on the race path. When he won the professional sprint championship of France many considered his victory to be a good piece of luck for the young fellow, but he has since proved that this win was no fluke, but the result of his speed capabilities. In a match between Friol and Henry Mayer recently held on the Parc des Princes Track, Paris, Friol asserted his superiority in an unmistakable manner, winning the first race by half-a-wheel, and the second by a wheel.

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The Motorist.

(By "Petrol.")

Messrs Ryan and Co. exhibited two Oldsmobiles at the Agricultural Show. The 10-h.p. touring car looked a picture.

Mr Leyland was out on Sunday with his new 15-h.p. Darracq. The run up Razorback was taken on the medium gear.

Messrs Cousins and Atkin are having a busy week landing the Takapuna Chelmsford steam buses.

Mr Spry shipped his car to Rotorua on Saturday.

I understand that Mrs Grierson, of Wairakei, has given an order for a 12-h.p. Darracq for the use of the guests at the popular sanatorium.

Dr. Caro had the misfortune to have his new steam car badly burned last week.

The monthly meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association takes place this (Thursday) evening, at 8 p.m.

The A.A.A. run on Saturday will be through Otahuhu to Onehunga, taking afternoon tea at the Kiosk. Cars meet at the foot of Queen-street at 2.30 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor Lord Plunket and Lady Plunket were driven through the Domain and thence on to Cornwall Park in Mr D. Crozier's Cadillac last week. The outing proved very enjoyable. His Excellency is a keen motorist, and indulged freely in the pastime in the Old Country. During the run he expressed his satisfaction at the way the car performed, and also was greatly charmed with the picturesqueness of the route.

Mr D. Crozier is again on a business visit to the South Island, and reports Cadillac business to be brisk. He has secured orders in Christchurch and Dunedin.

Mr Ford, of Liverpool, has just completed a wonderful performance with a 15-h.p. Darracq in making the longest driving performance ever accomplished in the world on a self-propelled vehicle. The engine was kept running continuously for eight and a half days, and the actual distance driven was 2390 miles. During the time the driver was resting the engine was under observation, and was kept continuously running. This test is a further proof of the reliability and usefulness of the Darracq cars.

Preliminary arrangements are now being made in France for the holding of the 1905 Gordon-Bennett Cup Race. The course has not yet been definitely decided on, but a race circuit at Aix-les-Bains is spoken of as being 87 miles around, including one straight stretch of twenty miles. In the event of the big motor race being held in this popular health resort, the district proposed guaranteeing a large sum of money towards the cost of organising the race and preparing the course.

An English motorist has added forty miles to the mileage of the non-stop run, having covered a distance of 3,390 miles in 204 hours, during which his engine was running continuously. This is still stronger evidence that absolute reliability is nearer attainment, and that the efforts of the manufacturers to bring about this result are being rewarded.

A useful illustration of the military value of the combined motor car and Maxim gun was provided during the manoeuvres of Swag camp in Hampshire (England) by the 2nd London Rifles Volunteers. They took the field with an automobile, on which they had mounted a Maxim, and, travelling at twenty miles an hour along the roads, they were able effectively to bring the gun into action at a number of different points in the sham-fight. On one occasion the gun was set up on the top of a bank, with its attendant automobile waiting near at hand in the rear, when determined efforts were made to capture the gun. It was, however, quickly transferred to the motor car, rushed along the road to a sufficient distance to prevent capture, unloaded again and effectually turned on the approaching foe, delivering a fire which, in actual warfare, would have put them out of action. Captain Scott was the first to illustrate at the Portsmouth manoeuvres the value of a Maxim gun mounted on a motor car. In that case, however, the gun was fixedly attached to the vehicle. It is interesting to learn that an ordinary Maxim gun, without special attachment, can be shipped on board an ordinary automobile, and the two converted into an effective military unit.

A conclusion which will be universally drawn from this year's English reliability small car trials is that more discretion, rather than less, should be allowed to the judges. We refer (says Melbourne "Punch") to certain hardships due to the automatic effect of the non-stop regulations. Hardships of this kind (such as affected the Cadillac, one of the De Dions and one of the Swifts) need not arise at all if the judges were allowed full powers to decide what sort of breakdowns or stoppages should render ineligible, and which should be merely taken note of and not allowed to disqualify the car altogether. Illustration will make it clear. Thus one car (the Cadillac) was troubled with a hot bearing. It was only a matter of grit in it, and after it was put right the car continued to run unofficially in the neighbourhood without the slightest hitch. The arbitrary effect of the purely automatic action of the rules was also forcibly illustrated in the case of the De Lion team. Both cars composing it ran without stoppage till the last day of the trials, when, owing to ill-luck, with the carburettor on one of them, which was not rectified within the statutory twenty minutes, rendered the car ineligible for a non-stop award, and this in turn made it impossible to give a non-stop award to the team, which, but for the precise nature of the misfortune, otherwise exactly equalled the brilliant running of the Wolseley team. The De Dion carburettor stuck "up" while the Wolseley stuck down. Had the driver been longer or more familiar with the De Dion car, what was wrong would probably have been ascertained within the twenty minutes, and then the De Dion team would have equalled the Wolseley team in the non-stop awards. An even more insignificant derangement upset the non-stop record of one of the Swift cars. This consisted merely in a loose contact inside the induction coil, which is a sort of thing a car-maker can hardly be looked upon as responsible for, and which, when discovered, can be remedied almost immediately. This, however, was enough to stop the Swift non-stop record, but it is satisfactory to see that the judges have awarded it a silver medal.

The Dunlop Tyre Company is pushing on arrangements for their big Motor Reliability ride from Sydney to Melbourne, in February next. Judging by the inquiries and applications for particulars of the contest, the event promises to draw a big entry. Printed rules and conditions of the contest, maps, etc., will be available for distribution at an early date.

No little misconception exists as to how the power for driving a motor is obtained, and being explained, many cannot realise that there is no boiler, and that there is nothing containing pressure except the cylinder. Perhaps the simplest explanation of the present internal combustion engine is the cannon. A charge is placed in the gun, is ignited, and the projectile is forced out. The same thing takes place constantly in the cylinder of a motor, only, instead of gunpowder, a mixture of air and oil is introduced and ignited by an electric spark, while the projectile gives place to the piston. The piston is not thrust out on every occasion, every other time it draws in a charge (the proportions of the air and oil being regulated by the driver), to be exploded on its next return. Therefore, there can be no such thing as an explosion through unduly high pressure.

The amount of capital invested in the motor industry in the States this year reaches five millions sterling, which is about double that of last year. It is anticipated that, owing to the interest being taken in business vehicles—motor-omnibuses, waggons, and agricultural implements—1905 will see even a greater increase.

Motor cyclists should keep their accumulator cells well packed, so that they will not jump about in the battery-box; if allowed to do so there is a chance of their short-circuiting. Although the sparking may not be affected at once, the life of the battery will be considerably shortened.

M. Merland, a Parisian dealer in automobile accessories, and formerly a racing cyclist, possesses a little terrier passionately fond of motoring (says an English exchange). She is frequently to be seen in her master's motor, wearing a diminutive pair of motor goggles, and with a little pipe stuck in her mouth, seated in the foremost part of the car. "Finette" passes the whole day seated in the car waiting for M. Merland to take her for a ride; and when he is compelled by the cares of business to remain at home she becomes tired of waiting, and jumps into the first car she sees, where she is always welcome. She wears a collar bearing the following inscription:—"Finette has a passion for riding in motors. Please bring her back to her master, M. Merland, Rue Oberkampf." A few days ago M. Merland was somewhat surprised to receive a postcard from Switzerland, saying that "Finette" was very well, and would shortly return to Paris; and a few days later the little dog walked into her master's shop, somewhat tired from her long trip, but with her love for motors in no way diminished.

Every motorist has heard before of Magistrate Cornell, of New York. He is generally known as the shooting magistrate, because he is reported to have recommended the shooting of motorists, and has been petitioned by motorists in armour in consequence. He has now given a ruling which ought to go down to posterity, to the effect that in future, if drivers of cars infringe the law, the owners of the cars will be sent to prison without the option. This is the sort of fanatic who acts in an idiotic manner simply to obtain notoriety, oblivious of the fact that he is making himself a public laughing stock.

In a case in England against a motor-driver a policeman said that by the time he got out his whistle the car had gone over a bridge 330 yards away. It took him three seconds to get out his whistle, and at this rate the car was travelling at the rate of over 200 miles an hour.

An automobile, containing nine persons, six of whom were women, while speeding on an elevated roadway in the upper part of New York, jumped on to the railway running beneath. It was night, and a fast train due at the moment struck the car as it reached the track. Four of the passengers were killed, and three seriously injured.

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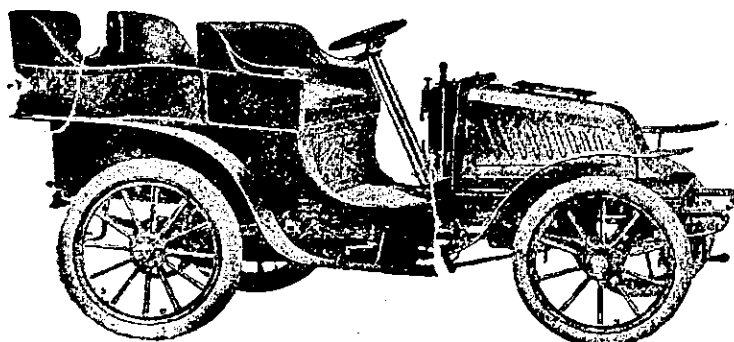


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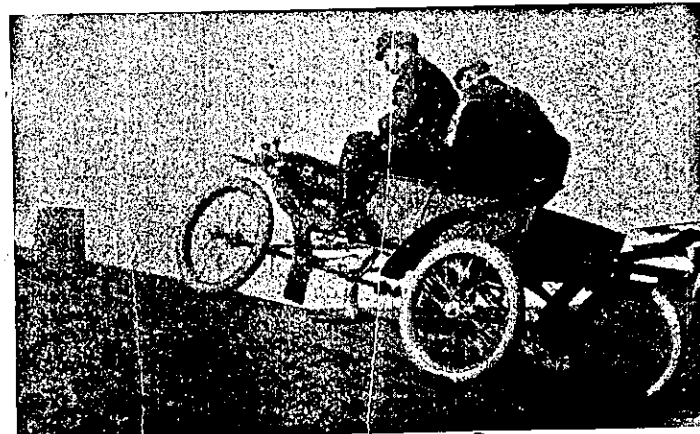
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CRICKET.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

A continuation was made on Saturday of the Auckland Cricket Association's Championships, the weather being for once brilliantly fine and batsmen's wickets were the order of the day.

Parnell played Eden and winning the toss started in great style, but when a huge score threatened the tail collapsed and all were out for 174. R. B. Lusk made 66 before being run out, Mason (23) and C. Oliff (22) doing best of the others. Eden have one wicket down for 30, so if the match is played out under even conditions it should prove interesting.

City, on a splendid wicket, made a sorry exhibition of batting when opposed to Ponsonby. Hemus who was run out after he had made 20 being alone at home with the bowling, and the innings only realised 83. Ponsonby have 111 on the slate for six wickets, Johnson being 43 (not out) and Forster 24 (not out), so they appear to have the game in hand.

North Shore were seen to more advantage than has been the case for a long time, for they put together 250 against the Grafton bowling McNeill (26), Quintall (25), and Prime (26) were the highest scorers. Unless the wicket is damaged Grafton, who has three wickets down for 77, should win the match, however.

Laver has been mentioned in connection with the position of manager of the next Australian team for England, and it would seem, from a Melbourne report, that he is likely to secure the post.

A Sydney writer suggests the following method by which cricket balls could be preserved:—Leather balls before being used should be varnished and allowed to dry. After each match wash the ball, coat it with common red ink and varnish again. The person who supplies this plan states that he has followed it for four years, and he mentions that the club to which he belongs has played sixteen matches this season, and has only used two balls. One has been in service for thirteen of the games, and the other in three. Both are in perfect order.

I notice (says "Civis") that the Dunedin Council of Churches is hankering once more after the flesh-pots of Egypt—that is to say, after American jokes, music-hall chanties, meetings morning, noon, and night, with denunciations hot and hot of all pleasant sins—racing, dancing, fiddling, drinking. In a word, the Council of Churches desiderates Torrey-Alexander, and, inasmuch as Torrey-Alexander cannot be had, is settling its mind on Gipsy Smith. Now who is Gipsy Smith? I don't in the least know; probably outside the Council of Churches nobody knows; but that is a detail and unimportant. It must be conceded at once that a revivalist calling himself Gipsy Smith has an immense pull to start with. Other names were mentioned, prosaic names like Stokes and Noakes; but, if my vote counts, I vote for the Gipsy. Like Falstaff, a Gipsy Smith ought to be not only witty in himself, but the cause that wit is in other men. And wit, strange to say, is of a revivalist's most essential stock-in-trade. We may nowadays read, if so minded, "The Wit and Humour of Mr Spurgeon."

"Put plenty into your sermons, gentlemen," he once observed, "After hearing some discourses, I have been reminded of the request of the farmer's boy, 'Missus, I wish you would let that chicken run through this broth once more.' Again, 'Long prayers injure prayer meetings. Fancy a man praying for twenty minutes, and then asking God to forgive his shortcomings!' Mind you avoid inappropriate texts. One brother preached on the loss of a ship with all hands on board, from 'So he bringeth them to their desired haven'; and another, returning from his marriage holiday, 'The troubles of my heart are enlarged. Oh! bring me out of my distresses.'"

The Rev. Mr Saunders, I regret to notice, was ostentatiously cool towards the proposed importing of Gipsy Smith. It may be remembered, also, that the Rev. Dr. Gibb, with whom the Rev. Mr Saunders does not on all subjects see eye to eye, similarly fell away from his allegiance to Torrey-Alexander. Possibly these backslidings only show the need more urgent.

A pair of Sydney visitors to the great city of the "Cup" (says "Boondi") had a rather novel and decidedly costly experience. They were staying in fashionable lodgings, and the husband seldom got home during the Cup week before midnight, his excuse generally being that "Srooport Clarke kept him to look at his horses, and get his opinion on their Cup chances." One night this gay deceiver was shedding his clothes, when a white bone card-counter rolled out on the floor. "Oh, what's that pretty thing, Tom?" asked the wife, as she hastened to pick it up. And the husband, with that fluent and often happily conceived gift of lying which pulls so many husbands out of tight places, promptly said: "Oh, that's one of those new dyspeptic tabloids; splendid cure for indigestion and all that sort o' thing; pass it over, petty?" "No fear," said petty, sharply, "it's just the very thing I want," and before her affrighted lord could stop her she had swallowed the counter at a gulp. Later on awful internal complications ensued, and in twenty-four hours the wretched husband had spent in doctors and chemists' bills just nine times as much as there was in the "jackpot" he had cleared the night he brought home that unlucky bit of bone.

That recalls to the same raconteur the story told of the man who was taken very ill after attending a wedding breakfast and very foolishly eating heartily of the viands, although the bride had confessed to cooking most of them herself. The doctor came, and it didn't take him long to size up the truth, and advise the trembling wife to give her sick spouse a black draught as soon as possible. That night the good wife called on the doctor again to say her good man was getting no better very fast, and complained greatly of stomach pains. "Did you give him the draught I ordered?" asked the doctor. "Well—no," replied the lady; "You see, doctor, we don't play many games at our place, and I could not find a draught about the house anywhere, so I gave him a domino instead—a real good one, too—a double sixer!" And yet (adds "Boondi") we are told the country's salvation depends upon the extension of the franchise to every woman in the land.

The editor of the "Scientific American" has again had the query put to him—"Suppose a train going at the rate of a mile a minute has a gun upon it which fires a ball at the same rate of flight, first in the direction in which the train is going, then in the opposite direction, what would be the result in each case?" and gives the following reply:—"The principle is simple. The gun will do the same to the ball as if the train did not exist. The train will do the same to the ball as if the gun did not exist. Newton's law is 'a given force will produce the same effect, whether it acts alone or with other forces.' If the ball were discharged in the same direction as that of the train, the ball would go forward with two motions, that of the train and that of the gun. It would thus go ahead of the train a mile a minute. If shot in the opposite direction, the train would carry the ball forward and the gun carry it backward at the same time, a mile a minute. The ball would, therefore, drop directly from the mouth of the gun to the ground."

News from Lord Howe Island. A wandering geologist from New Caledonia touched at the petty eyot and forgot some nickel specimens he'd brought from the French settlement. They were found—specimens always are. So a gentle boom-wave went through the knowing Sydney mining men, and the wee island was mysteriously alluded to as a mountain of metal that would soon show New Caledonia what nickel deposits meant. The samples were assayed in Sydney, and declared equal to the best that N.C. could show—which was no wonder, for they were the pick of many. Mr Farnell, the resident or visiting magistrate, had the duties of mining warden hemmed on to his growing responsibilities. Scout parties of prospectors were employed to spy out the land and locate the lodes. These duties were removed from Mr F's shoulders last week when it was discovered that the specimens were a mere accident of travel, and that a 1000-mile tunnel to the N.E. offered the sole chance of success, so far as nickel was concerned. The lesson will be understood by those who in days gone by sold (sacrificed) their all so's to be among the first on a new rush engineered by publicans and butchers on the strength of a few specimens brought from afar.

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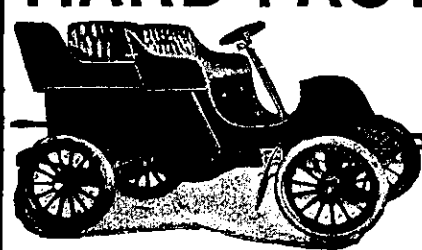
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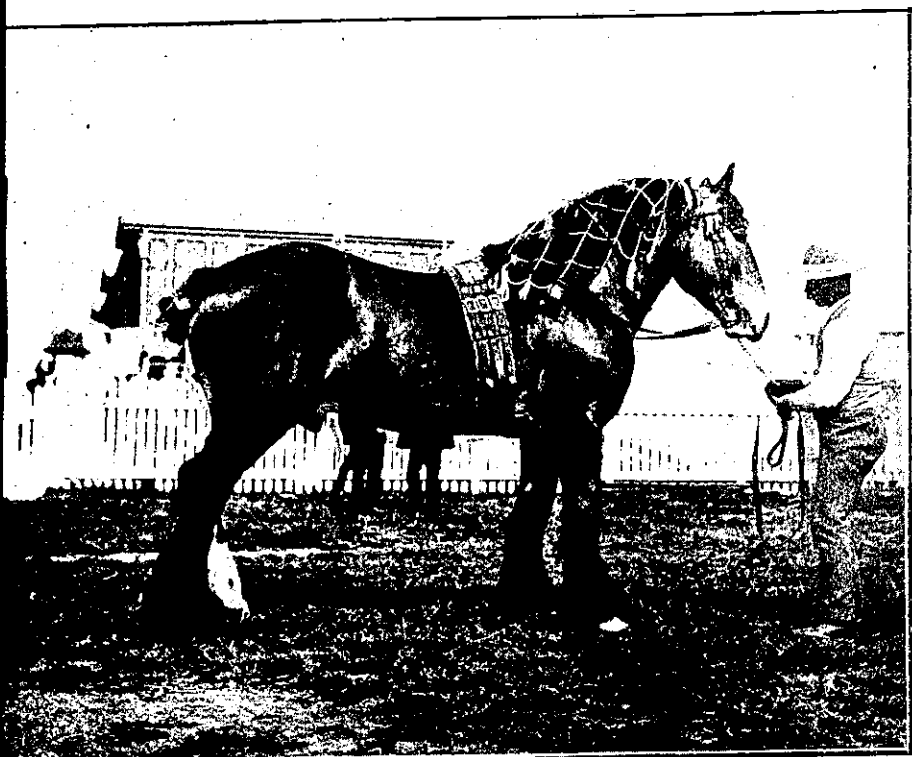
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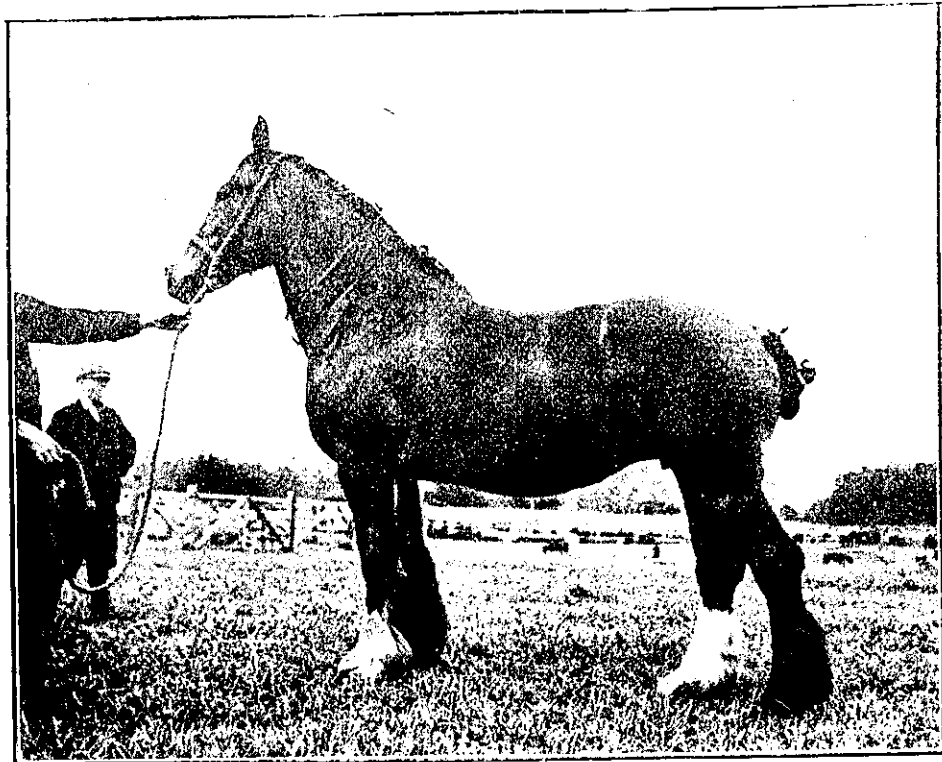



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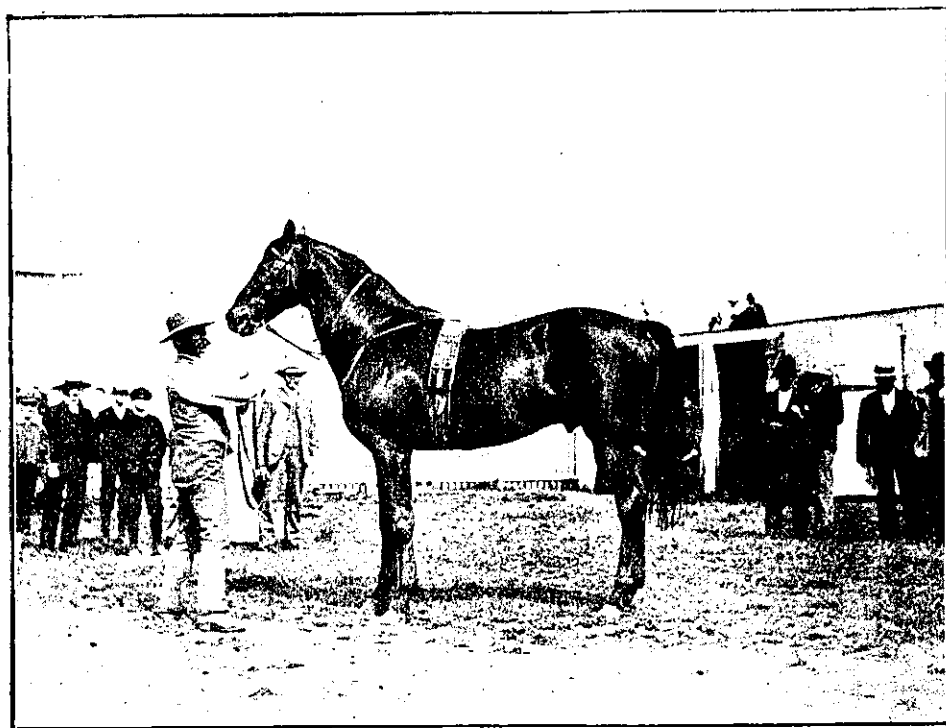
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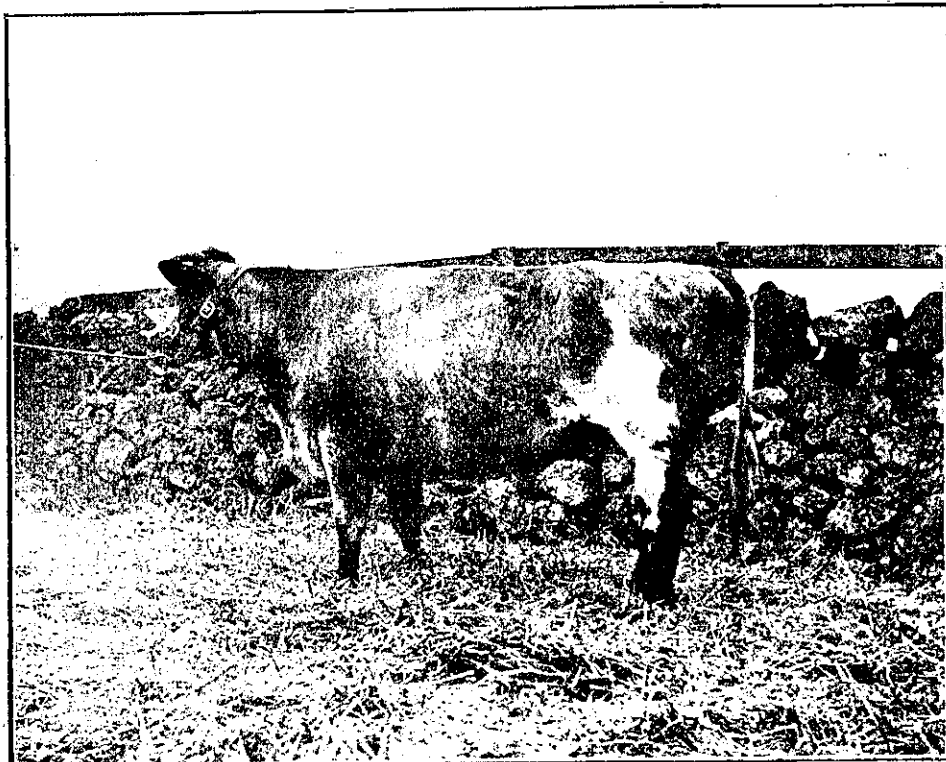
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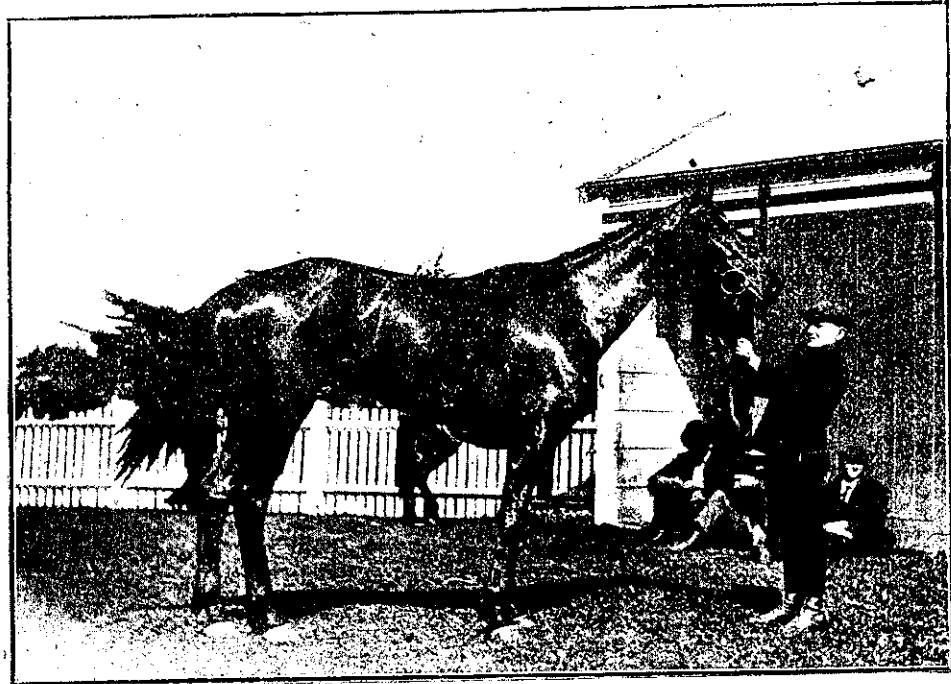


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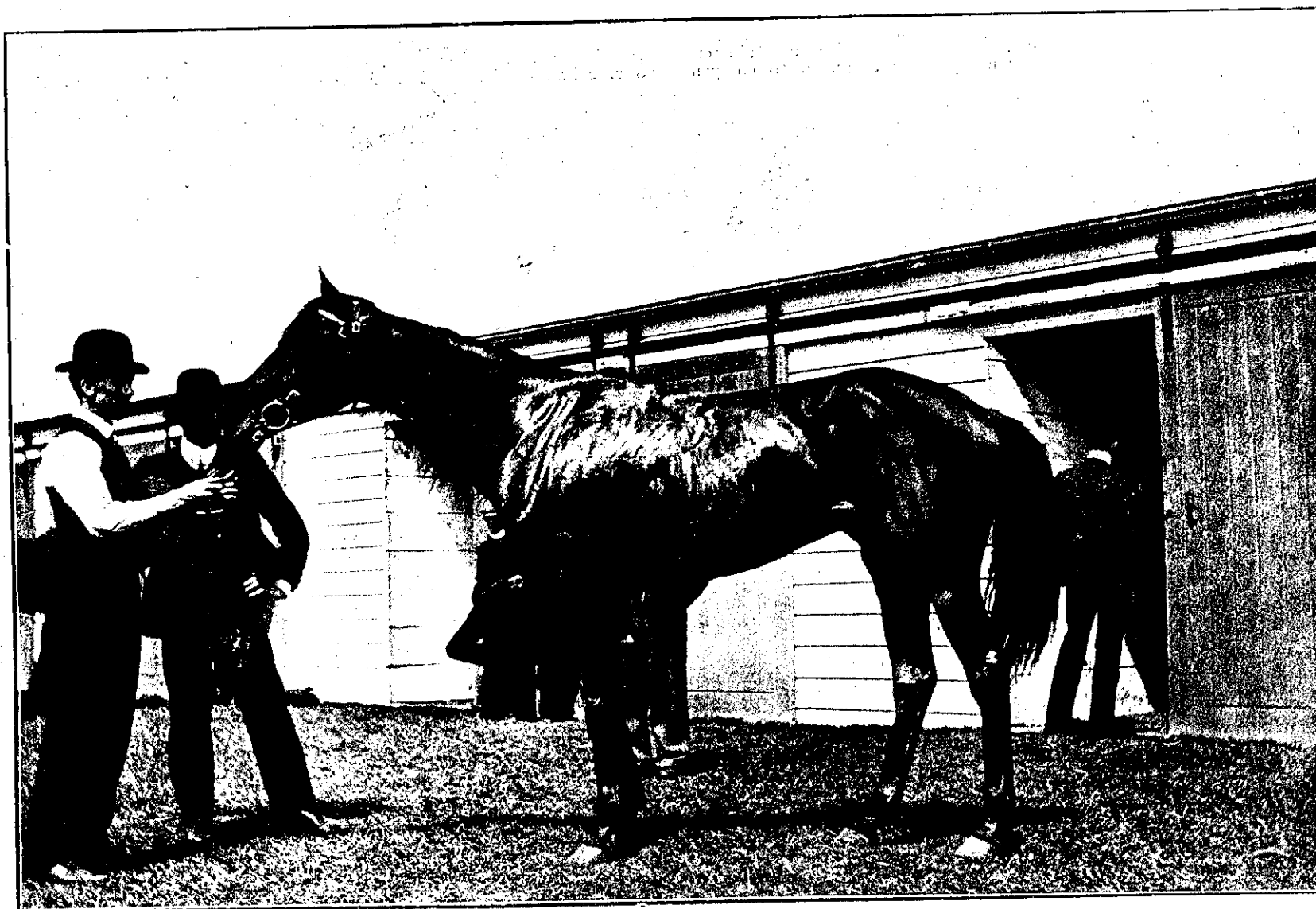
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SOME WELL-KNOWN RACEGOERS.

THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

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After a week of remarkable popularity, that fine romantic drama "Monsieur Beaucaire" gave way on Saturday night to "The Eternal City," much to the regret of the lovers of the genuine in dramatic art. But in making the change Mr J. C. Williamson is justified of his children, the general public, for the house that greeted the first presentation of Mr Hall Caine's play was probably a record. It is not conceivable that the management could have put any more people in the theatre without incurring the displeasure of the traffic inspector. And the applause with which the new production was greeted proved unmistakably that the colonial public likes to have its palate tickled with the hottest and strongest melodramatic fare. Mr Hall Caine may be as greatly lacking in taste as he is in genius, but at any rate he knows how to work up some rattling good sensations. In this branch of his business there is observable a distinct advance as compared with his earlier work, "The Christian." Otherwise the two books are much the same. There is the same alleged hero, largely fanatic, partly coward, with more than a suspicion of boulderism; there is the same heroine, the woman meant by nature to be something better than she is, with a past that will not bear the strictest scrutiny, and who casts off the love of a man who, wicked as he may be, is yet superior to the alleged hero for whose sake she gives up everything. Also, there are in addition to the aforesaid wicked, but superior person, half-a-dozen or more subsidiary characters who fill up what (in the present case at least, thanks to Mr Williamson) are very gorgeous carpenter's scenes. That is all there really is to the play on paper. At His Majesty's Theatre, however, something has been added that makes us almost forget that Mr Hall Caine had any hand in it. It is superbly acted and magnificently staged, and regarded merely as a spectacle it is worth going to see. But it is much more than that. Miss Jeffries makes Donna Roma a supremely interesting personality, and her art is so consummate that there are times when we forget that we are listening to a play, forget that we are in a theatre. I do not know that it is possible to express with more force than this the impression she makes upon one at least of her audience. Mr Knight, similarly, executes surprising feats with the character of David Rossi. David never could win my sympathy in the book, but on the stage, and in the person of Mr Knight, he gets it in large measure. But, after all, what is it compared with a moment of Beaucaire? Mr Harry Plimmer shows what he could do with a character like Bruno, if only he got a chance. Mr Wontner and Mr E. P. Carey are perhaps the best placed, the former as Baron Bonelli and the latter as the Pope, and both achieve a distinct triumph. Mr Stirling, too, extracts all there is from the part of Minghelli, the spy. For the rest, the Elena of Miss Marie D'Alton is sweetly sympathetic, while Miss Kitty Howard is clever as the boy Joseph. There are no others that call for special mention, just as there are none that ask for reproof. The staging, as I have already said, is beautiful, to the point of prodigality, and the whole mounting is such as we are entitled to look for at the hands of Mr Williamson. The music, specially written by Signor Mascagni, the great Italian composer, is strikingly adapted to the play, and the orchestra and chorus do their work in the most finished style. The "Eternal City" is certain to draw crowded houses during the remaining two nights of the season.

"A ROYAL DIVORCE."

On Saturday next Mr J. C. Williamson's Company will stage the well-known and remarkably popular romantic drama, "A Royal Divorce," which will keep the boards until the following Friday.

The tide of prosperity continues to flow at this popular place of amusement, and the enterprise of the Messrs Fuller makes the entertainment in the best sense one of "variety." Those accomplished comedians, Mr Fred Graham and Miss Nellie Dent, made their last appearance on Saturday, and the "star" turn is now taken by Miss Nellie Kilburn, a clever serio, who has achieved a reputation in the London music halls and on the Rickards circuit. She instantly captured the favour of her audience and made a great hit with her songs, "Something on his Mind," "Honey Boy," and "They Say I'm Mad." Her costumes are novel and "fetching," and altogether she keeps up the brightness of the show. Mr Harry Sadler, who appeared for the first time on Saturday, is also a joyous person with the ability to make others laugh, and when other items on the programme are taken into account it may be claimed that the Fuller entertainment has been specially arranged to compen-

Beatty, who plays a "slavery" quite in the old well-remembered Pollardian manner. We shall be very glad to see this clever company again whenever the management sees fit to give us another treat.

As for the Rickards Company they scored a big success, too, and this despite the heavy handicap of having to appear in the Canterbury Hall, where where about 75 per cent. of the upstairs audience cannot hear a word of what is said upon the stage. Really New Zealand playgoers ought to be under a great obligation to Mr Rickards for sending such a company of all-round excellence to play through the colony. Van Allen, "the Musical Tramp," Mde. Marzella, and her marvellous troupe of feathered "artists," Miss Duprez, "the Jolly Dutch Girl," Miss Maud Beatty, Winton, the ventriloquist, and others, are each and all first-rate performers, and good enough for any music-hall in the world. By the way, Miss Beatty goes to America on the conclusion of her engagement with Mr Rickards, I understand. She sings popular ballads delightfully. As for Van

Dent), were passengers to Sydney by the A.O.O.A. on Monday, en route for Melbourne, where Mr Graham goes to fulfil an engagement with Mr J. C. Williamson. Mr and Mrs Graham may be sure of a warm welcome whenever they return to New Zealand.

An interesting experiment is about to be tried in Paris by Albert Carre, director of the Opera Comique, by arrangement with the proprietors and directors of various theatres, among them those of Mont Parmesse, the Grenelle, and the Gobelins.

It is M. Carre's purpose to take the company of the Comique to these theatres for series of performances at certain periods of the Winter season for the entertainment of the denizens of the poorer quarters of Paris. The prices of tickets are to be placed so low that with good patronage it is expected simply to pay running expenses. And by this means regular productions of the better class may be enjoyed by persons who otherwise could not possibly afford to witness them.

This is one of many tokens of the public spirit as to amusements that is evinced by managers in Paris, as well as by officials, artists and all who have to do with the theatres of that capital.

Mr Geo. Stephenson denies the statement published in several papers to the effect that he has purchased two new pieces for production in Australia. Mr Stephenson says he has done nothing in this direction pending his negotiations for the advent of an English star about Easter time, when, if matters are satisfactorily arranged, the star in question will bring her own company and pieces.

According to the "Mail," Mr Bland Holt's new piece at the Sydney Royal, "Going the Pace," proved to be in many respects nearer farce-comedy than the customary tragic melodrama. It is by Arthur Shirley and Ben Landeck, two well-known purveyors of melodrama, and perhaps "melodrama" would be an appropriate title, for it is impossible to take even the most melodramatic incidents seriously in it. Yet, what it lacks in coherence is made up in variety, and in the charming setting in the rustic scenes of an English hunting county. In one of these we are shown "the meet." The huntsmen come galloping in over a long rustic bridge, which appears to end in a road extending far back to the distance. In this scene the hero brings the villain in across his horse, and hands him to the police, but he has nevertheless himself to suffer two years imprisonment for the deed which his captive had committed. The ruffian is one Parici (otherwise Mr Albert Norman), a circus rider, who has betrayed Lucy Swanson (Miss Pollock). Old man Swanson accuses the hero, Dick Mervyn (Mr Baker), of the seduction, and when Swanson is set upon by Parici and his companions it is Mervyn whom he charges with the assault. Meantime Mervyn had married another of his daughters (prettily impersonated by Miss Ross). There is not much connection in the story, and it ends in a great "variety" scene in the circus ring where Parici is brought to book. This is most elaborately carried out. Mr Holt himself has an unusually full part as a groom, who is sanctimonious or reckless by turns, just as the spirit of his father (a preacher) or his mother (a circus rider) comes uppermost. It is all most elaborately staged. Mrs Holt, as a shy Quakeress, and Mr Chas. Brown, as a circus proprietor, have a good deal to do with the comedy scenes, and Miss Ireland is a dashing equestrienne. Mr Brunton's scenery is excellent.

Says the New York "Dramatic Mirror": "Marshall P. Wilder, who will sail for Australia on October 13, beginning a tour of the world, has arranged to write a weekly letter to the "Sunday Magazine" while he is away. James Barton Adams, of Denver, has written a poem to Mr Wilder, called "Good-bye, Marshall," in which he voices deep and sincere regret at the departure of the little humorist for foreign shores.

La Loie Fuller will shortly appear in a new role—that of authoress. She has written a short book dealing with radium, and a large volume on America and the Americans. Negotiations are now pending for the publication of the latter in England in the near future.



MISS MAUD JEFFRIES, as Donna Roma, in "The Eternal City."

sate the public for the July weather we have been getting in November—December. There are plenty of other good things vouched for by the names of Miss Ivy Nichols, Miss Adelaide Sampson, the Trevena Sisters, Aubrey Douglas, Frank King, and Little Eileen Capel. On Monday next Miss Barbara Renton, soprano vocalist, will make her bow to Auckland and the ever-popular Stagpools will reappear for the purpose of putting an extra touch of hilarity to the community in preparation for the Merry Season.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—The Stephenson Musical Comedy Co. has departed from the T.R., and the Canterbury Hall no longer knows the Harry Rickards Co. The first-named combination made a good impression and lots of money as the result of a fairly long season. Their last production, "The Dandy Doctor," was, like an alluvial goldfield, good in patches. But Lauri has small chance to shine in this piece, and the same remark applies to other stars. Nevertheless the "Doctor" is bright enough—thanks, largely to May

Allen and Winton, we have never had their equals in their respective lines in New Zealand. I trust the financial results of the tour through Maoriland may be sufficiently good to induce Mr Rickards to send other companies over. But is he never coming over again himself? He would get the very warmest of welcomes if he did.

Shows may come and shows may go, but Fullers' Entertainers are always here and always doing good business. The Stagpools, Bertotos, Edith Burk, Harry Brown, Sam Wilson, Dick Davis, and Florrie Leigh are all about to leave us, but on Monday the Nawns make a welcome re-appearance in an entirely new sketch, "The Shipmates," and the McAuley Sisters and May Rose make a first appearance here. The McAuley Sisters have just completed a triumphal season in Dunedin, I hear. Report says they are wonderfully clever. Well, we shall see what we shall see.

Dix's Gaiety Company open here on Boxing Night at the Theatre Royal.

Mr Fred Graham, the comedian, and his accomplished wife (Miss Nellie

GROSSI.

The Geelong newspapers speak in no uncertain voice as to the cleverness of Grossi, the "Marvel," a modern magician, who will open a season at the Athenaeum Hall on the 24th inst. According to reports, Grossi ranks among the Hertz and Dantes, and, in some respects, is superior to all the makers of illusions yet seen in Australia. Many of his tricks consist of sleight of hand and card manipulation, but he



GROSSI, the "Marvel," a clever prestidigitator, now appearing at Melbourne Athenaeum.

also introduces the box mystery, thought reading, and an application of the latter to material acts. This consists of people in the audience writing down, on a piece of paper, some act they desire the performer to do, and then placing the written papers in their pockets. This done, the writers accompany the professor to any part of the hall, which may have been written down with the other's request, and there the Professor goes through the whole performance as asked for on the paper, without suggestion of any kind, other than the thought reading of the writer by Grossi.—Melbourne "S. and D. News."

The Little Darts (Eddie and Decima McLean) have been booked by Mr Bain for a Tasmanian season.

"The Raven," a dramatisation of incidents in Edgar Allan Poe's life, has been produced in Pennsylvania. The play was well received. It was staged by Henrietta Crosman.

According to an exchange, the friends of Edna May, the actress, say that she is impatiently awaiting a divorce from her husband, Fred Titus, and that she intends to marry A. E. W. Mason, a British author and playwright, before the end of this year. Mason wrote "The Four Feathers" and other first-rate books.

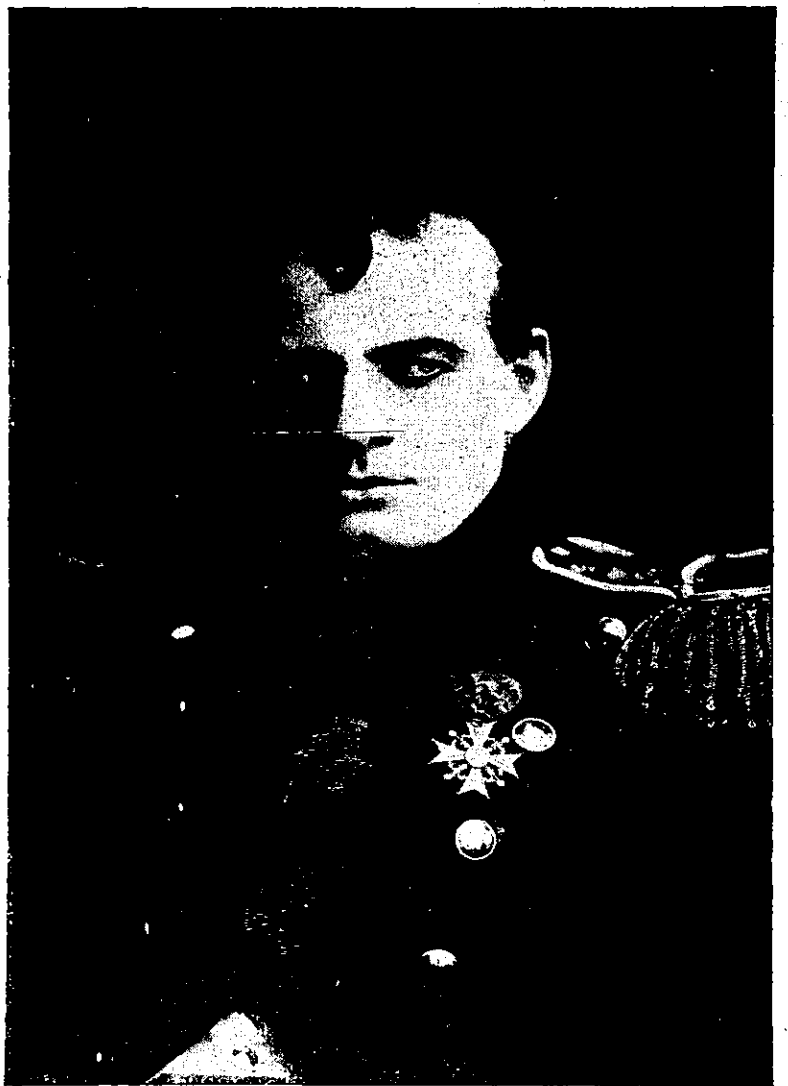
"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has just been produced at Thale, on the summit of a mountain. The theatre was surrounded on all sides by steep rocks; the seats for the audience were hewn out of the rock, and accommodated one thousand persons, while the stage, also cut out of the rock, was eighty feet long by fifty-four feet wide.

Mr Courtice Pounds, who was in the Firm's Comic Opera Company a few years ago, thinks that musical comedy is gradually dying. "It may not be in certain towns," he said to a representative of the Nottingham "Football Post," "but taking the country as a whole, it is doomed. Mr George Edwardes, I believe, started musical comedy, and for a time its novelty charmed. But you may be sure if he is making a change, and going in for a little more serious work, he has accurately diagnosed the public taste. The success of 'The Duchess of Fantsie' and 'Veronique' proves that. There you have pieces with the tales properly told and well carried out musically. Mr Edwardes said he should spend £10,000 on the production of the 'Duchess.' He spent £12,000 and came out trumps."

Perth was pretty well supplied with shows when the mail left. Mr Williamson's English Comedy Company was at the Royal, Mr Watkin Mills at the Queen's Hall, and Mr Leonard Davis' Variety Company at the Palace Gardens, Cremorne.

Mr W. J. Wilson writes to the "Referee" with reference to the late Mr J. B. Steele, who died at Liverpool Asylum a few days ago:—"Mr Steele came to Australia with his wife (Adelaide Bowring, a good actress, with a most charming voice), under engagement to Mr George Coppin, during the year 1866, to support Mr G. V. Brooke on that great actor's second visit to the Antipodes. They came in a sailing ship, and knew nothing of the fate of that never-to-be-forgotten London, and those who left in her, until they reached Port Phillip. In September, 1868, they played with me at the Princess Theatre, Dunedin, when passing through that city—three nights. They had been there previously, and were great favourites. Mrs Steele went to England, where she died about four or more years ago. He went back to New Zealand, and, in partnership with J. F. Keogh and Miss Marian Willis, as leading lady, made a lot of money. He was a fine specimen of a man, magnificent figure and physique, and was called by many 'Handsome Jack.' He was a gentleman and a scholar, and was born in Dublin about the year 1834. Steele and Keogh had the Queen's Theatre in York-street, and were beginning to pull back some of the losses they had previously been suffering. Sheridan (not Johnny) was the star, playing 'King Lear,' when the authorities came down upon them, giving but a few hours' notice to close the theatre, as it had just dawned upon them the theatre was unsafe. Sheridan died shortly after at the York Hotel, King and York streets. The last appearance of Steele upon the stage that I can remember was when he played a small part to Charles Warner's Macbeth at the Theatre Royal. I saw the announcement of his death in the evening paper of Friday, but it did not mention when and where he was to be buried. I suppose he is at rest this time. I have a letter that he wrote me a few months ago commencing 'I am dead, so the papers say. This is the second time they have published my obsequies.' Perhaps that is the reason the Press has been rather diligent this time, as, anxious to know more, when looking through the paper on Saturday morning, there was no mention whatever or no allusion in any way. Let us hope that he is better off than many who are left behind to follow at God's will."

Mr R. A. Roberts produced for copyright purposes at the Empire Theatre, Edinburgh, a farce entitled "My Double," which is described as a story of quaint deception. Mr Roberts, who wrote and invented it, plays no less than nine characters. They include: William Wagstaffe, a solicitor, and his double; Judkins, his clerk; Miss Flossie Mildew, his only client; Major Wagstaffe, his father; Montague Montmorency, an actor; Pat Doolan, a carrier; Josef Valero, an Italian chef; and Mrs Cooper, a housekeeper.



MR. JULIUS KNIGHT, as Napoleon, in "A Royal Divorce."

Mr Lionel Brough has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his debut on the stage, and is now appearing in the role of Trinculo in Beerbohm Tree's revival of "The Tempest," in London.

The opinion of the manager of professional pugilists, published by one of the New York daily papers, as to the influence exerted on the prize-fighter by the stage, is (says the "Referee") one of the most singular declarations yet made as to the sway of the theatre. In fact, it is unique. "Few persons realise," says this authority, "what a baneful influence the stage has upon the career of a fighter. The stage has been, and always will be, the undoing of boxers, champions, or otherwise." And then the oracle describes how the stage demoralises pugilists, the essence of his contention being that the fighter, permitted to pose to his heart's delight in the glare of the stage lights, and subjected to the "temptations" that beset so many other weak persons in the theatre, loses his form and vitality, and is easily thrust into the limbo of the effete thereafter if he re-enters the ring.

Speaking at a house dinner of the Playgoers' Club in London recently, Mr Israel Zangwill, the newly-elected president of the club, made some remarks on the subject of the drama. Referring to the musical play, the speaker said it reached its zenith in the admirable wit of W. S. Gilbert and the sparkling music of Arthur Sullivan. Since then we had degenerated in our theatres to a series of hotch-potch productions, which were nothing but a succession of music-hall turns. The theatre had abandoned the drama, and when the music-hall wanted to produce drama it was prosecuted by the theatre. In the music-hall there was drama with tobacco and without the censorship. In the theatre there was drama without tobacco and with the censorship. Therefore, drama must be expurgated or fumigated.

Mr Charles Frohman writes from New York to the London "Era": "I believe the movement for an International memorial to Shakespeare will meet with a hearty and ready response from the entire civilised world. The debt of gratitude owed by the cultured and educated everywhere to the great English dramatist is openly confessed. There is not only no desire to shirk it, but I am convinced that an opportunity of the sort your suggestion offers, which will permit an acknowledgment, even in the humblest degree, of the obligation due will be quickly and generously embraced, and a tribute secured that will surpass anything of like character the world has ever known. What form this tribute should finally assume—whether a statue, a magnificent tomb, or a splendid memorial edifice—can be determined by a committee representative of the different branches of recognised art. There will be no trouble about obtaining the money to make it worthy of the man and his achievements, and I have no doubt that a committee chosen as suggested would be careful to devise a monument that would be fully expressive of the breadth and depth of the multitude of subscribers' meaning. The only place for this tribute, of course, is Stratford-on-Avon, where the thrills that now come to human hearts at sight of the present personal and local reminders of the poet might be given a grander and deeper sweep by the adjacence of an imposing monument in which the reverence of all humanity would be splendidly and convincingly expressed."

For staging "The Belle of the Orient," a stage play, without a license from the Lord Chamberlain, the proprietors of the London Oxford were fined £120. Mr Kennedy said that the penalty in each case of the kind has depended on its own merits. In this instance the proceedings were against a wealthy corporation, and the fine would be fixed at £5 for each day concerned, amounting to an aggregate of £120. Notice of appeal was given.



MR. WONTNER, of the Knight-Jeffries Company.

RECENT PRODUCTIONS.

"Beauty and the Barge" is a booming at the New Theatre, London, and the same satisfactory condition of things obtains at the Vaudeville. "The Prayer of the Sword," which is now played in four acts, is meeting with considerable favour, and Mr George Alexander's production, "The Garden of Lies," which was not too demonstratively received by the critics, is playing to excellent business at the St. James's. Mr Sydney Grundy's dramatisation of Mr Justus Miles Forman's novel does not make a perfect play, but it contains in the situations and the acting the stuff to attract, and the audiences applaud the production with enthusiasm at every performance. At the Duke of York's "Merely Mary Ann" has caught on in no uncertain fashion, and matinees of Mr Zangwill's comedy are now given on both Thursdays and Saturdays. "Winnie Brooke, Widow," on the other hand, early exhausted its drawing powers at the Criterion.

THE HAYMARKET MANAGEMENT.

The Frederick Harrison-Cyril Maude partnership, at the Haymarket Theatre, will go down to posterity as one of the most successful combinations in theatrical history. For the nine years they have worked in double harness they have not been able to do wrong—or at least to suffer for it. They have produced some pieces which I don't hesitate to say would have stood a very poor chance at any other West End theatre; but at the Haymarket they enjoyed the luck of the management, and prospered accordingly. And now the end of the partnership is in sight, and in July next Messrs Harrison and Maude will go their several ways. Or, rather, the former, as lessee of the Haymarket, will remain in possession, and Mr and Mrs Maude will set up in business for themselves elsewhere—probably in a new theatre. The joint-management has during nine years achieved its success by dint of excellent judgment of plays, casts, and audiences, and sheer hard work. They have earned their luck, and they will, doubtless, continue to retain it by virtue of the same methods. One may perhaps be allowed to express a sentimental regret that they should have agreed to separate, although it will be, one foresees, for the good of the playgoing public, whereas we have hitherto had one Haymarket management we shall hereafter have two. And we certainly cannot have too many.

THE COURT THEATRE.

The one-time prosperous and some-time unfortunate little theatres in Sloane Square, which appears to have found a new fairy godfather in Mr J. H. Leigh, has now been redecorated and greatly improved, and with Mr J. E. Vedrenne as business manager and Mr Granville

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Barker as producer-in-chief the Court Theatre should gain prominence as the house of earnest endeavour. On October 18 the house re-opened with a series of special matinees every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On October 29 was given a revival of Christopher Marlowe's "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus," which will afterwards be taken on tour. For the Christmas season a play by Messrs Laurence Housman and Granville Barker, entitled "Prunella; or, Love in a Dutch Garden," will be produced, with music by Mr Joseph Moorat.

Miss Carrie Moore has been engaged to play the title role in "Aladdin" at the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool.

Miss Ada Reeve has concluded her London season, and taken "Winnie Brooke, Widow," into the provinces again.

On the last night of September "The Prince of Pilsen" closed down at the London Shaftesbury Theatre.

The Musical Johnstones have gone to West Australia for a season at Crearorne Gardens, now under the management of Len Davis, of the late Hawtrey Comedy Company.

The new musical conductor, Alexander McCunn, who has been in South Africa for some time, shortly comes to Australia under engagement to J. C. Williamson.

The Anderson Dramatic Company is still doing good business in Adelaide. The last attraction was "For the Woman He Loves." Miss Fitzmaurice Gill is now the leading lady.

The Sheridan season in South Africa, which closes shortly, has been fairly successful. In some cities money has been made, in others business has not been good. The weakness of the company (says Melbourne "Punch") is put forward as the cause of the uneven business.

The Sydney Royal is at present undergoing alterations and renovations, which, when concluded, will cost £4000.

Tom Fitzgerald, whilst on his travels in the East, has secured a new turn in the shape of five performing elephants, which will join the Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus here.

Norman Partridge, lead with the Musgrove Shakespearian Company, is appearing in the English provinces in a playlet entitled "Betty Pounder, the Landdress," arranged by Robert Courtneidge for the starring of his sister-in-law, Miss Ada Blanche.

The Moody-Manners Opera Company is coining money in South Africa. The advance booking in all the big towns ensured the success of a season which, at first looked upon as an experiment, has turned out a triumphant success. Our old friends, Miss Lilian Coomber, Salvi and Max Eugene, have all made popular successes.

Some recent facts about Mr A. W. Pinero disclose that he is not a theatre-goer, and rarely sees a play, except at rehearsals. He never deliberately thinks up a plot; he finds his characters first and lets them work out their own story in their own way. In a common-place book, called "Every Day," he jots down sketches of types, characters, incidents, situations which he picks up from newspapers, in trains, omnibuses, etc.

The late Mr J. Hollingshead possessed a useful faculty for scenting out public opinion on new plays. One way was by going to the gallery and hearing the opinions around him. It was in this fashion he discovered the weak spot in W. S. Gilbert's first play, "An Old Score," which was the abuse hurled by an indignant son on a rascally father. This drew adverse comments from gallery critics, and the author, by Hollingshead's advice, subsequently altered the scene.

George Brandes has an interesting appreciation of Renan as a dramatist in an American review. In discussing the philosophical literary dramas of Renan, Brandes describes him as "an idealist without imprudence," and "a Romanticist who spent his life in fighting Romanticism."

The following par from the "Australasian" will be read with great interest by New Zealand playgoers, particularly the concluding sentence:—A new firm of theatrical managers intends to cater for the Australian public next year. The partners are Mr Robert Brough and Mr Herbert Flemming. They propose to organise a comedy company on the lines of the Brough-Boucicault Companies. It is understood that the first engagement made was that of Mr G. S. Titheradge.

The friends of Miss Hilda Spong in Australia will be glad (says the New York correspondent of the "Argus") to hear of the very successful appearance here of this charming actress in Henry Arthur Jones's new comedy, "Joseph Entangled." The verdict of the press is indicated by the following opinion of a leading critic:—"The chief acting honours must be accredited, without hesitation, to Miss Hilda Spong, who has had no part to suit her so well since the days of 'Lady Huntworth's Experiment.' Her Lady Verona was a most dainty specimen of a woman of fashion, brilliant in decoration, refined and delicate in manner, arch, vivacious, piquant, mischievous, and essentially feminine in quick alternations of high spirit and tearful collapse. From beginning to end this was a delightful impersonation." Miss Spong is a great favourite in New York, to which she recently returned after an extended tour of our western cities.

The old order changeth, giving place to new. Still another theatre has been drawn into the vortex of the variety world. Mr Jack De Freece has been giving at the Metropole two performances

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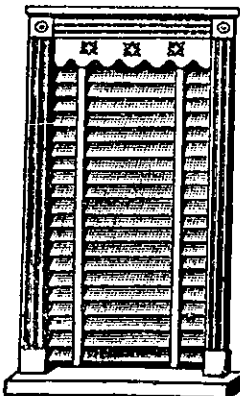
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nightly of a programme which evidently finds great favour with the inhabitants of Camberwell. On the occasion of our visit (says a London correspondent) the premier attraction was Mr O'Brien McCullough and his Company in a sketch entitled "The Winner," written by himself. The scenes, of which there are four, are laid in and around Epsom, the finest of which is undoubtedly the one entitled "The Racing Stables," which is a replica of Lord Rosebery's at The Durdans, Epsom. The characters are all in the hands of capable exponents, who render Mr McCullough every assistance in the playing of the sketch. Space will not permit of our giving details of the plot, which concerns the tampering with a horse, but, of necessity, virtue is in the end triumphant. The Gotham Quartette, as usual, provide a turn second to none in their own particular line. The San Remo Girls give a display of dancing above the average. Clifton and Gibson's patter is smart and up-to-date, whilst Miss Army Lauriston and her five Gibson Girls are a perfect galaxy of beauty. Miss Maude Nichols, Mr Dave O'Toole, together with Mr Harry Martell seemed quite at home with their audience. Saxo Instrumentalists, Mr Harry Calvo, double-voiced vocalist, and Percy Victor's dog minstrels complete the programme, which is carried through with the assistance of an efficient orchestra.

A comic operetta, in three acts, composed by the world-known composer, Haydn, and called "The Knight Roland," has been discovered in the Palm Garden Library at Frankfurt.

Mr Chas. Stine, of the Stine-Evans American Musical Comedy Company, stated, before leaving Australia, that he would return about July, 1905, with an entirely new company.

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"His Majesty's Servant," Mr Lewis Waller's new production at the Imperial Theatre, London, is in four acts and five scenes, the first of which represents Bos-cobel Wood, with the Royal Oak. The scene has been painted from sketches taken in the neighbourhood. The second act takes place in an old book shop in London. In the third act the famous gilt room in Holland House will be shown. This scene is an exact reproduction of the original, and Mr Hann, the artist, and Mr Waller were most courteously allowed every facility from Lord and Lady Hehester in order to obtain a faithful representation of the historic apartment, which is now exactly in the same condition as it was during the reign of Charles I. The last act takes place in the grounds of Holland House in winter-time, painted by Mr McCreery. Mr Waller plays the part of Mohun, one of the King's players.

On October 12, in London, Mr Laurence Brough recovered a sum equal to two weeks' salary, from Miss Singleton, who gave up her part prior to the close of her engagement. Plaintiff stated that defendant informed him by letter that she could not appear any longer, as she was going abroad; that it was not a matter of money, as the new engagement would not be any more profitable than the one she was giving up. As a matter of fact, he (plaintiff) had discovered that the defendant was fulfilling an engagement in Australia at a higher salary, and he sued for the amount, in accordance with the usages in the profession.

"A Wife Without a Smile," A. W. Pinero's new piece, was produced at Wyndham last month. The principal characters in the piece have been allotted to Mr Dion Boucicault, Miss Marie Illington, Miss Lettice Fairfax, and Miss Dorothy Grimston.


The other day the announcement was made of the death of James Rhodes, the oldest showman in the world. A correspondent of the Melbourne "Sporting and Dramatic News" writes of a visit to his "fit up" in days gone by. He says:—"I visited the theatre just outside Leeds (Eng.); the performance wasn't due to commence for an hour, as I saw by the announcement outside. It was written in chalk, on a blackboard, and read, 'To-morrow night, at 6, "Sons of the Sea; or, The Ship on Fire." At 8, "The Dumb Man of Manchester" and Farce.' Presently a concertina and a drum struck up a tune outside, and one

by one people wandered in, paying two-pence for a stall, and a penny for a seat behind. Rhodes, with an eye to business, delayed the performance until he was satisfied with the takings. Eventually the concertina orchestra came inside, the curtain went up, the soul-stirring drama, "Sons of the Sea," commenced. It was intensely dramatic, or, rather, it ought to have been, but when the heroine gets her teeth stuck together with a piece of taffy she is sucking, and has to remove it with her fingers before she can say her lines, and one of the characters lying stabbed to the heart on the stage, continues to smoke a short, clay pipe, then the romance, somehow, departs. Yet, rough and ready as the show was, the audience appeared to revel in it."

Some extraordinary scenes were enacted in the grounds of the famous Palace of Versailles a few weeks ago. A firm of biograph film manufacturers managed to secure permission to operate there, and, with over a hundred supernumeraries, some of the ancient Louis XV. carriages, and the palace as a background, a scene representing Louis XV. and his courtiers watching a ballet was cinematographed. Next, the party proceeded to the famous Colonnade Grove, where, in the beautiful marble bath, with its fountain, a number of women in the scantiest costumes were photographed in the film as a group representing Prosperpine being carried off by Pluto, the women representing the water nymphs. The party then invaded the spot known as Apollo's bath, where a duel, supposed to have taken place between women in the presence of the King, was photographed. The proceedings lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and are said to have created great commotion at Versailles. After this people may easily be excused for doubting whether many of the bioscope pictures shown are genuine or "fakes." One is inclined to put most of them in the latter category.

Miss Grace Palotta is playing in the "West Orpheum Circuit Company," a well-known American variety enterprise. Her "turn" is called "Grace Palotta and her Millinery Girls," and the principal is supported by four pretty girls. Mme. Slapoffski is also appearing on the American music hall—otherwise "vaudeville"—stage.

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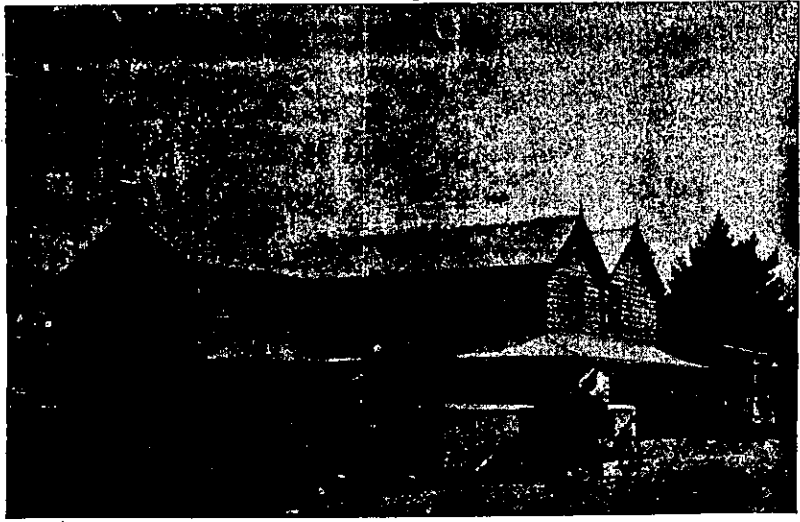
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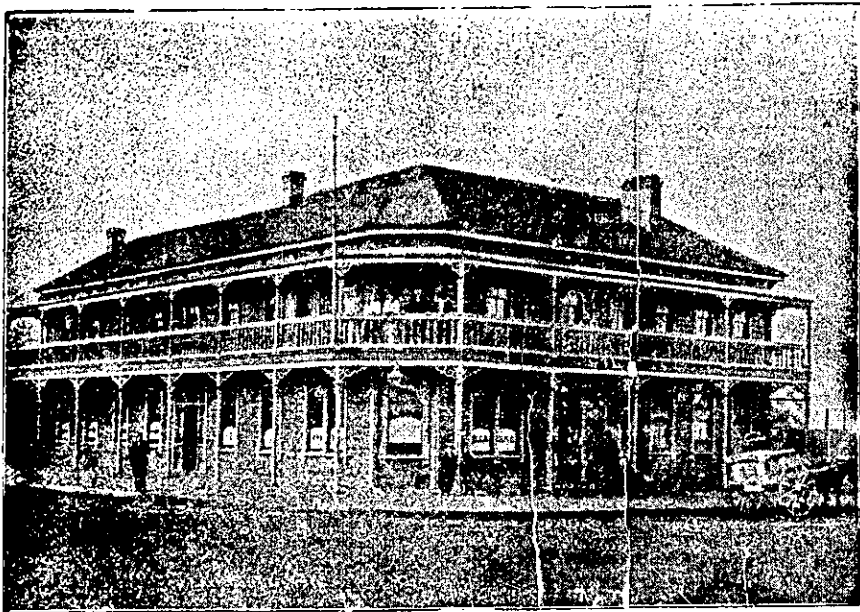
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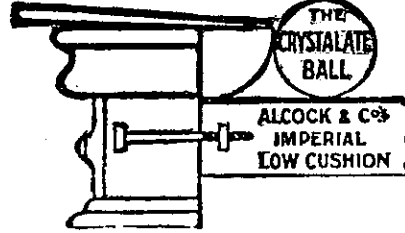
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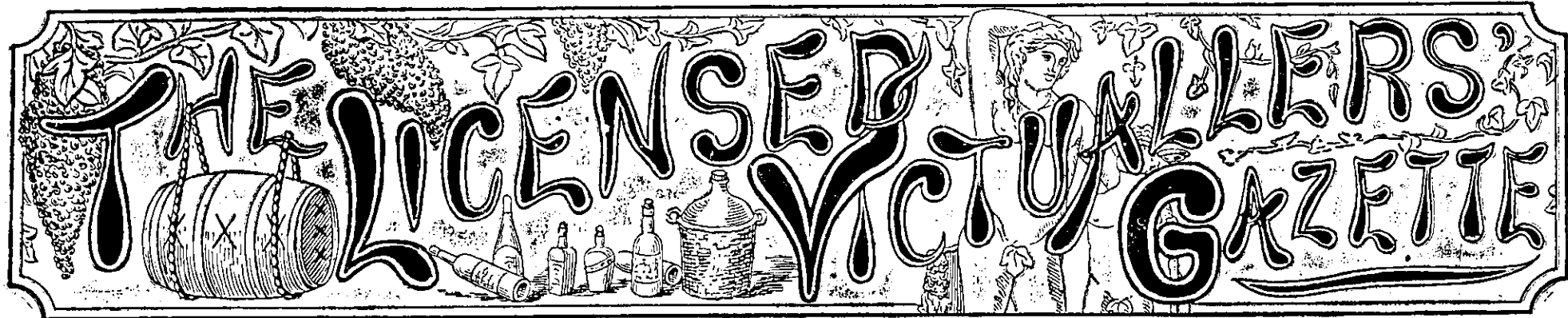
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POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE SHOPS ACT.

THE discussion on the deplorable Shops and Offices Act has served to show how hopelessly delivered over to the policy of drift are the political parties in this colony. The first burst of indignation in Auckland was directed against the City and Suburban members, and two of them were sufficiently unsophisticated to come forward with explanations. What they did before the meeting was over was to apologise on their hunkers for having neglected their duty. The rest, with one exception, kept out of the reach of the public voice, and so avoided adding the crime of foolishness to their political offences. The exception is Mr Frank Lawry, who took the manly course of accepting all the blame that might rightly attach to him. He showed at the same time that he had done all he reasonably could to oppose the measure, and his explanation will, we feel sure, serve to strengthen his position in the esteem of his constituents.

The other Metropolitan members, and especially Messrs Baume and Fowlds, will be blamed, and blamed severely, but after all they are not the real culprits. They were elected as supporters of the Government who are responsible for the Act, and who passed it avowedly in the interests of Labour. The real culprits are the members of the Opposition, who, in this province at any rate, profess to be the implacable opponents of trades-union methods, and are openly engaged in organising the farmers to fight against these methods. Clearly, then, it was their duty to offer all the obstruction in their power to what they could not but believe was a distinct interference with the rights of the ordinary citizen. Yet they did nothing of the kind. Mr Massey's excuse, when the point was submitted to him a few days ago, was that he thought the towns wanted early-closing, and he voted for it accordingly. This is not the sort of thing we expect from a man who at any moment, so to speak, may be called upon to form a Government.

What the law-abiding liberty-loving colonist looks for at the hands of Mr Massey and his supporters is substantial help in the endeavour to thwart the fanatics who are for ever nibbling at the privileges comprehended by our national charters. The Opposition has for the last ten years professed to lay itself out to check the natural tendency of the Liberal and Labour Government towards fancy and faddy legislation, but the sum total of the good accomplished could be recorded on one's thumbnail. Members of the Opposition indeed have given material help to the illiberal Liberals in the passing of some of the most unnecessary and unjust measures. We need only mention here the Female Franchise, the various Licensing Amendments and this last precious Act for the successful persecution of the small tradesmen. Clearly the time has come for the creation of a party to look after the broader interests of the people.

DEATH OF MRS KIDD.

The death of Mrs Alfred Kidd, which took place this week, will be deeply regretted by all who were privileged to know her intimately. For a quarter of a century the deceased lady and her husband, Mr A. Kidd, M.H.R., conducted the Commercial Hotel, Auckland, and built up a reputation that must have been an inspiration to many other worthy members of the trade. Mrs Kidd had been ailing for some time, and it was chiefly owing to her failing health that Mr Kidd retired from the Commercial Hotel about eighteen months ago. She leaves, besides her husband, a family of three sons and one daughter, who will have the widest sympathy in their bereavement. The funeral on Tuesday was very largely attended.

Trade Topics

Speaking at a social gathering of the Prohibition League, at Christchurch, Mr T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., indulged in some anticipations as to the result of the next licensing poll. He said Ashburton and Mataura had accumulated evidence in favour of no-license, and they were certain to sweep a number of adjacent electorates into the movement. He quoted the remarks made by the Rev. H. Purchas at the Anglican Synod, in favour of the effect of prohibition at Mount Somers, in the Ashburton district. Mr Purchas, who was never led away by excitement, and whose remarks carried much weight, had stated that Mount Somers had been turned from a drunken, noisy town to a place where perfect order prevailed. Men who had been confirmed drunkards had become sober, and boys no longer fell into drunken habits. Mr Taylor asserted his willingness to prophesy that at the next licensing poll Ashburton would sweep in with it both Courtenay and Selwyn. The prospects of the next licensing election were infinitely brighter than two years ago. Temperance workers could look forward to the most remarkable licensing poll the colony had ever known.

At Invercargill, on Friday last, William Milne, licensee of the Benmore Hotel, was fined £10 for selling a bottle of whisky on Sunday for a purpose other than consumption on the premises. Mr Riddell, S.M., under the discretionary power of the new Act, did not endorse the license, the purchaser of the whisky having represented that it was for a sick woman.

Mr D. Mahoney, the well-known hotel broker of Timaru, announces that he has for disposal the freehold of the Club Hotel, Timaru, or lease of the same for five years, and the five years' lease of the Queen's Hotel, Timaru. Also, he has for sale a fine property of 50 acres orchard, with fine residence, overlooking the Timaru Harbour, and all in the best of condition.

During the war the name of the old hostelry, White Hart, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, was changed to The Making Hero. A sum of money was collected by the landlord and his friends, and forwarded to General Baden-Powell for distribution among the sufferers by the siege of Mafeking. On a recent afternoon, General Baden-Powell, now Inspector-General of Cavalry, was passing through the town on his way to Droxford, and as he passed The Making Hero he regarded the place with some interest. Later he returned to the inn and made himself known to Mr Hewett, the landlord, who was, of course, delighted with the call, and, being a member of the Hampshire Carbineers, received him with the military salute.

Mr William Hodkisson, of the Lothian Arms, Brixton, writes to the London Trade organ. He says: "I observe that some 'kind Christian gentleman' at the Church Congress has complimented the Trade by saying 'that the people who got their money by the sale of drink were the largest contributors to the various charities,' and to put a full stop to such wickedness he advises the boycott of brewers' donations to deserving objects. It may be very well for a bishop's son enjoying an income of a few thousands per year to talk thus, but what will the widows, the out-of-works, and sick say about it? Do this kind of fellow and his friends who applaud him intend to make up the loss? In common honesty they ought to. One would have thought that at the start of this hard winter those clerical gentlemen, all with snug incomes, and never out of employment, would have had the good feeling to hesitate before doing anything to help to freeze the fount of charity, and that their attitude in regard to subscriptions towards the alleviation of suffering would have been to invite and welcome co-operation. I should say too much cannot possibly be got for that object. I can imagine the distressed exclaiming 'Heaven protect us from our friends!'"

Sir Thomas Dewar the other day, at Perth, indulged in some amusing reminiscences. One of them is worth preserving: "He would not reflect upon the past much, because centuries were not common in his case in first eleven matches, and some of the old friends around him would say he was not a 'ball of fire' at football, but he knew he would surprise them when he said that he had left his mark in the Free Kirk! He well remembered the day when it was thought that he had entered the Free West in Tay Street for a fixture. There was no talk or inducement about eleven millions then, but he had stuck to that church as few had done since. It was the opening day, and he attended in all the glory of a new velvet suit. As it was the seat he occupied had not been furnished with a cushion, although it had been with varnish. The varnish was not quite dry, and what with that and the warmth of his enthusiasm such a close friendship sprang up that they refused to be parted. There it was that he made an impression, and it required united physical force to effect a separation. Let them observe how tenaciously he stuck to the Free Church; in short, together they might be called a real 'united free church,' and he did not require a judge of the House of Lords to bind him."

INFERIOR COLONIAL WINES.

Professor Blunno, the N.S.W. Viticultural Expert, in a lecture on wine making recently delivered at Albury, N.S.W., under the auspices of the Wine Growers' Association, referred to the excess of volatile acidity frequently encountered. He said:—"I have found some samples containing as much as 3 and 4 per 1000 of volatile acidity, calculated as acetic acid, which is more than double the quantity tolerated in the leading winegrowing countries of Europe. This condition of things prevails in a good many cases, not only in this State, but also in regard to several wines imported from the other States within the Commonwealth. Unhappily, under the present Wine Adulteration Act my department can only deal with adulterated and not with deteriorated wines. I appealed to the Board of Health, but that authority declined to take action, as it thought that the case could not be dealt with under section 78 of the Health Act. The only

way I can see out of the difficulty is to have an amendment such as I suggested at the time the bill was being drafted, in order to enable the Department of Agriculture to condemn all wines containing a proportion of volatile acidity beyond the limit of toleration. The market would then be cleared of all rubbish, and the industry would be fostered. At present the industry is suffering from the competition of bad wines, although these may be genuine and not adulterated. The Act, such as it is now, applies to sophisticated but not to bad wines."

THE BONA-FIDE TRAVELLER.

Mr T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., informed the Christchurch Prohibition League last week that a barrister second only to Mr A. S. Adams, on the colony's licensing law had given the opinion that the bona-fide traveller had ceased to exist. The league should insist upon a test case being taken into the Courts to set the matter at rest.

At the Wellington Police Court on Monday, Dr. McArthur, S.M., uttered a word of warning in regard to the bona-fide traveller. He warned licensees that there is now no such thing as a bona-fide traveller in his estimation. He had looked most carefully into the Act, and the conclusion he had arrived at was that the bona-fide traveller did not exist. If he were the licensee of an hotel he would certainly leave them severely alone. If a man was walking through New Zealand he could only demand meals and lodging. If he took a lodging he might get a drink, but unless he did so he was not entitled to a drink. He could not say even with his meals.

THE NEW VICTORIAN LICENSING BILL.

As we look upon this bill (says the "Brewers' Journal") as being the hope that, all undue haste excepted, it will be put through all its stages in both Houses by the very earliest possible date, and so relieve the Government from an unpleasant predicament, and release the outgoing North Melbourne victuallers from the extremely anxious tension they at present endure.

It is awkward that the necessity for more tinkering of the Licensing Act, 1890, has arisen, and that another patch is necessary to the lumbering, almost unworkable, machine that governs the liquor business of the State. From promises made we were led to believe that some comprehensive measure would be introduced in this Parliament which would bring with it something like finality, and put an end to the eternal agitation of the teetotal party, always a disturbing element in our political arena.

Of the new bill itself, it may be divided into three parts—viz., re-adjustment and increase of license fees, re-allocation of the proportion of license fees to be paid to municipalities and clubs. To the trade itself the most interesting and important division is the one we have put first, and under the very pressing circumstances alone, an increase in the amount of license fees is necessary. The method of regarding the houses and the amounts of licenses to be paid will, no doubt, be duly threshed out in Parliament; but we would earnestly impress upon the retail trade the fact that if compensation is to continue on the liquor statutes, a quid pro quo is requisite. Even now, when the bill is in its earliest stages, we find all sorts of conflicting interests asserting themselves, and not one "busi-

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mess-like suggestion" made in substitution of their alleged wrongs. We are thoroughly well assured that no amount of rhodomontade and silly resolutions, drawn up in haste and absolute innocence, will avail the licensed victualler at the present juncture. The position must be faced in a business-like manner, or the "man in the street," usually open and fair-minded, will be against us as regards the whole question of compensation and many other matters of large interest to be discussed in the near future. The Act lately passed in England, while acknowledging the principle of compensation, provides a means of obtaining the wherewithal, and that is to come from the Trade itself; and the English hotel-keeper accepted the position wisely, and we think that the new Victorian Bill, always providing the least injury occurs to the least number of licensees, affords a fair escape from the latest licensing muddle.

While leaving aside detailed suggestions of amendments pending the progress of debate, we cannot but think that the scale upon which the increased licenses are to be based should not be started too low down the list of present assessments, as it is possible that a large number of "decent country inns," to quote Sir A. Peacock, may be affected. Whatever may be the complexion of the Bill when it emerges from the legislative mill, and we opine it must get through, we earnestly conjure the members of the retail trade to watch its progress with an intelligent interest worthy of themselves, to from time to time make through their representatives suggestions for mutual advantage, and by all means make them business-like and practical.

The re-allocation of the proportion to be paid to municipalities out of the License Fund is, we think, but a reasonable and just proportion, and the opposition thereto will, we think, simply come from those municipalities whose own acts, or rather those of their citizens, have assisted to the present trouble.

It is really amusing to hear Cr. Davidson, a virulent teetotal member of the North Melbourne Town Council, crying out for the full "pound of flesh" for all time, notwithstanding that by his and his confrere's acts the license fees receivable in North Melbourne will be depleted to the extent of some £925. But "twas ever thus;" these people have no patriotism or feeling of citizenship; their god is their god! If a practical means were available for making the agitating teetotaler pay for all the disturbance he

created by his vagaries, we would urge its adoption, but, failing this, the proposal in the Bill is a just one, and we hope to see it pass.

With regard to that portion of the Bill affecting clubs, the whole question appears to be a very difficult one, but we premise that all registered clubs that have permits to vend liquor should pay a fee for the privilege. The Bill, so far as it goes, only affects such clubs. The details as to amount of fees we confidently leave to the Legislature, and we have then left the method and extent of inspection, and here arises a confessed difficulty. There are "clubs" and "clubs." Some, no doubt, require the strictest of supervision; others, we think, it would be unfair to oppress with the periodical visits of inspectors; there is actually, in some cases, no occasion for it. Where to draw the line we do not suggest, but some distinction is, no doubt, necessary. Whatever may be the result of Parliament's consideration, we protest at present against such a resolution as that adopted at a "large and representative" meeting of the Trade early in the month—viz., "That all clubs should be placed under the same supervision as hotels." This is too much! The Trade cannot afford to make enemies, and by passing such silly resolutions it will bring about the annihilation of all clubdom, good, bad, and indifferent—and it must be remembered "clubdom" means some 50,000 votes in the State!

There is one portion of the Act which, to our mind, has an unpleasant savour. The proposal to divert the fines, etc., under the Licensing Act from the "Compensation Fund" to the "Police Superannuation Fund" bears with it a suggestion which, we hope, was not in the minds of the framers of the Bill, for that suggestion, should it be intended, means a dire insult to a body of men noted for their average fairness in the administration of our almost unworkable law. Why the Licensing Fund in the time of its necessity should be depleted to the extent proposed we utterly fail to realise, and we hope the objectionable clause will be withdrawn.

Altogether, we think that Sir G. Gillott's Bill, as a stop gap in an emergency, should, with necessary amendments, be acceptable to the Trade and the community generally. A time is coming when a greater fight, a fight for very life, will be before the licensed victualler, and it behoves him to be careful in his actions, careful in the selection of his leaders, and, above all things,

careful in his demeanour to the powers that be, for rushing for reform in a "bull-at-a-gate" fashion can only result in abrasions and disaster.

COOKERY FOR LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

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

—Waste in the Kitchen—

It is said that the late Mr Jeremiah Colman was wont to remark that he made his fortune not out of the mustard that people used, but out of what they left on their plates; by which he meant that, had people put on their plates only the amount they required, his sales and consequent profits would have been very much less than they actually were. The moral is that little items of waste should be carefully looked after, and all "leakages" should be discovered and at once stopped.

There are two kinds of kitchen economy. One, which does not deserve the name, consists in buying inferior meat in the cheapest markets, in employing an incompetent cook at low wages, and in spending as little as possible upon table linen, glass and cutlery. The other, and the truest, economy, is that which gives the best of everything, but which sees that nothing is wasted.

A cheap cook is always a wasteful, extravagant one, simply because she knows no better. It is true economy to pay good wages to a thoroughly competent cuisiniere, for she will waste nothing, and will turn to good account things which an ignorant cook would throw aside as worthless. Not that I would leave everything without control in the hands of the cook. On the contrary, I believe in the master, or, better still, his wife, exercising supervision over the kitchen. The proverb says that "The eye of a mistress is worth two pairs of hands," and the mistress who understands what ought to be, taking careful, but kindly, note of every lapse therefrom, will be able to discover waste in the beginning. A visitor who was being shown over a nobleman's magnificent mansion by the housekeeper, after he had viewed the priceless treasures and palatial rooms, turned to his guide, and said, "And now, madam, will you show me the closet where the family skeleton is?" If I were asked to indicate where the skeleton exists in a catering establishment, I would at once point to the dustbin. Air and light must be let in upon the spot, and the skeleton banished. Let it be laid down as a hard

and fast rule, as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, that no animal or vegetable refuse of any kind, no vegetable trimmings, no odds and ends, no scraps of meat or fat, no bacon rinds, no potato parings, no egg shells, no bones, no orange peel, no tea leaves, no crusts of bread, nor any of the hundred and one articles of litter which are too often found in this useful, but much abused receptacle, must be thrown there; but that dry refuse only, the ash dust left after the cinders have been sifted, shall be permitted in the dustbin, while all other refuse which cannot be used shall be burnt in the kitchen range.

Almost all the articles which find their way improperly into a dustbin are associated with waste, and a large proportion of the so-called "refuse," which finds its way there is not really refuse at all, but is good material thrown away. Scores of pounds annually might be saved in many establishments if the scraps and trimmings, the odds and ends, which are now thrown away, were used and made the most of. I have shown how many of such things may be utilised, so that I need not repeat myself here, but a word or two regarding some other items may, perhaps, be useful.

The value of ham and bacon in flavouring stock for soup is well known, but it is, perhaps, not so generally known that the rind of bacon is particularly rich in the peculiar flavouring required. If it is scalded and scraped, to make it thoroughly clean, it can be used for this purpose, and thus the purchase of ham or bacon for this purpose can be saved. Bacon dripping, also, is frequently wasted in English kitchens. It is, however, most valuable for basting poultry, and it is not to be despised as a medium for making pastry for meat pies.

A sure sign of wasteful kitchen management is that potatoes and apples are thickly pared. The part of a potato which lies nearest the skin is the most nourishing and the least watery, and, therefore, those who pare it thickly cut away the best of the root. When the habit is once acquired it is just as easy to pare a potato or an apple thinly as thickly, and the saving thus effected is considerable. The parings should not be thrown into the dustbin, but should be burnt. But where poultry are kept, the parings, when boiled, form an excellent article of food for them. The most economical method of dealing with potatoes is to cook them in their jackets and peel them afterwards.

Amongst the other things frequently found in dustbins are orange peel, fat, bread, tea leaves, egg shells, and trim-

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gings. Not one of these has any right to be there. Orange peel, if dried gently in the oven, makes excellent fuel for lighting fires, and saves wood. Tea leaves ought to be washed and drained, and sprinkled on the carpets that are to be swept, for the purpose of laying the dust and reviving the colours. Egg shells are useful for clarifying soups and jellies; if not wanted for this purpose they should be burnt. Fat, bread, and trimmings are not refuse; they are valuable articles of food, and ought to be used to the uttermost.

The presence of cinders in the dustbin is a sure sign that waste is going on. Cinders ought never to be thrown into the dustbin, for they make an excellent fire—bright, clear, and particularly suited for broiling.

Sometimes the complaint is made by an inexperienced or ignorant cook that she cannot dispose of all the refuse by burning, because it makes a bad smell. This objection would be got rid of if the refuse were to be burnt in small quantities at a time, as it is produced. It should be put on the fire when the latter is low, but not dull, and then covered with cinders and a little damp coal dust, when it will burn away without giving forth any bad odour. With a little management everything that cannot be used may be burnt, and, as a result, instead of bad smells being produced, they will be avoided, because things that would otherwise decompose and ferment in the dustbin will be destroyed and rendered innocuous.

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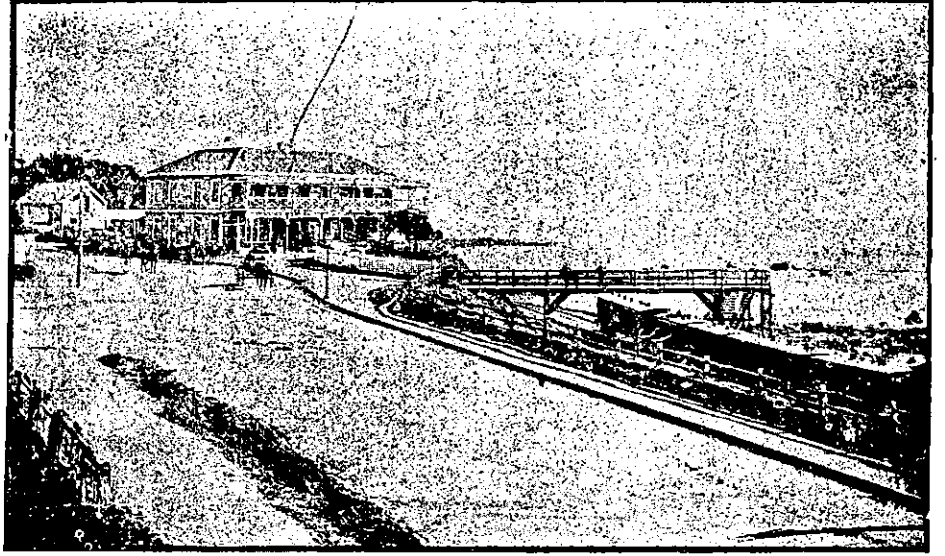
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CAPE LETTER.

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

Capetown, September 21.

The half-yearly meeting of the Cape Division Licensing Court was held on the 7th, the date of my last letter, the business of the Court being got through rather more expeditiously than usual, there being less in the way of handles, and excuses, for the teetotal party to seize hold upon. At the outset of the proceedings an attempt was made to put the aboriginal question, the conundrum of "whens a nigger not a nigger?" upon a better footing by the presentation of a petition, influentially signed by the general manager of the Harbour Board, and other large employers of native labour. The application was, moreover, supported by the licensed victuallers themselves, who are often greater sufferers when legislation is indefinite than when it is really harsh, but clearly laid down. His Worship, the President of the Court, informed the petitioners that their request, which was to the effect that permits, instead of being granted by employers, should only be issued by magistrates, and doctors when liquor was required for medicinal purposes, could not be taken into consideration by the Court, except in cases where new licenses were under discussion; that is to say, if any new licenses were granted at all. As it happened, the business of the Court consisted largely in transfers of licenses. The proceedings of the Wynberg Licensing Court were as unexciting and as rapidly got through as those of the court in town. The club referred to in my last letter did not get its license renewed, as the police report was adverse. For that reason the presiding magistrate expressed refusal, whilst, at the same time he snubbed the "Local Vigilance" zealots, whose evidence was declined. The number of transfers applied for and granted was not large, and new applications were withdrawn. In other parts of the colony, where Licensing Courts were held, the business was readily got through, and was of a comparatively humdrum nature.

As you are to have an Exhibition in London shortly, under the auspices of the Royal Horticultural Society, our fruit-growers in the Western Province made application to the Government for as-

sistance, which had to be refused. The date fixed for the Exhibition is too early for anything like a representative exhibit to be got together—an exhibit which the Government could point to as a national sample, as it were. Private enterprise may, as the Minister for Agriculture hoped, enable the colony to be in some way represented, but, of course, you in England must in no wise regard any few exhibits there may be as anything more than a very small sample.

Our so-called Customs Union would appear to be rather a farce, judging by what is said by a correspondent signing himself "Briton," in the "Cape Times": "I saw it stated the other day that, while Cape Colony and the Orange River Colony are charging the 15s per gallon on all imported spirituous preparations, as laid down by the Customs Union Tariff, the Transvaal and Natal are not doing so. This seems to be so ridiculous a statement that I doubted it. I at once made inquiries, and find that it is quite correct. It is very curious to study the position Natal and the Transvaal have taken up. Both of them are heavily in debt, and yet they deliberately throw aside a means of considerably increasing their income, and also a means which ought to be of benefit to the country. The Transvaal Government paid an enormous sum of money to close down the Hatherly distillery. The place is still there, and also the plant to produce spirit suitable for manufacturing purposes, French polish, varnish, etc., whereas the whole affair lies idle, simply wasting money. Again, the Transvaal allows methylated spirit to be imported at a purely nominal duty, but distinctly stipulates that it must be purely British manufacture. I would not mind wagering that ninety per cent. of the spirit used for methylating never saw Britain in the process of manufacture. Nearly all the spirit is German potato spirit." Further, he states, that Natal imports spirits while it allows its sugar refuse to lie in waste. Presumably this and other anomalies will be righted in time, but in the meanwhile the worry to the importer and the opportunity for the evildoer are glaring.

You have, of course, received per cable the news of the outrage to the resting-place of Prince Victor, so that I need appeal to no particulars. I must, however, confidently express my opinion that race hatred, at least, has had nothing to do

with it, and I have almost as much confidence in expressing an opinion that, whoever attempted the body-snatching, it is hardly likely to be the Boer. However ignorant the Boer may be, and however degenerate the lowest members of the race, he is eminently a religious man, and the sacredness of the remains of the departed is safe in his hands. It is equally difficult to imagine Britishers perpetrating such a deed, and the offenders, if caught, will be probably found to be what our American cousins would call "no nation cusses," such as are apt to congregate in mining communities. Of course, the object would be blackmail, certainly not race hatred. It is (I am speaking from memory) scarcely a quarter of a century ago when a notorious case occurred in the British Isles. The tomb that was violated was that of a Scotch nobleman of high standing, whose eldest son, the succeeding holder of the title, was eminent for his attainments in astronomical science.

In considering the above, one cannot, nevertheless, forget that crime breaks out sometimes in the most unexpected quarters. At King William's Town, in the Eastern Province of this colony, a church was broken into lately, the collection boxes for offerings for the poor were broken open, and the building set on fire. The fire was more probably the result of an accident than deliberate incendiarism, but "robbing a church," above all, the poor boxes therein, is a proverbial expression for utter, low-down meanness. Strange to say, the two young fellows arrested for the crime were members of the church, which, being Roman Catholic, necessarily makes their crime in the eyes of their co-religionists a most sacrilegious one. One of the prisoners, by the way, has already pleaded guilty and requested to receive short service.

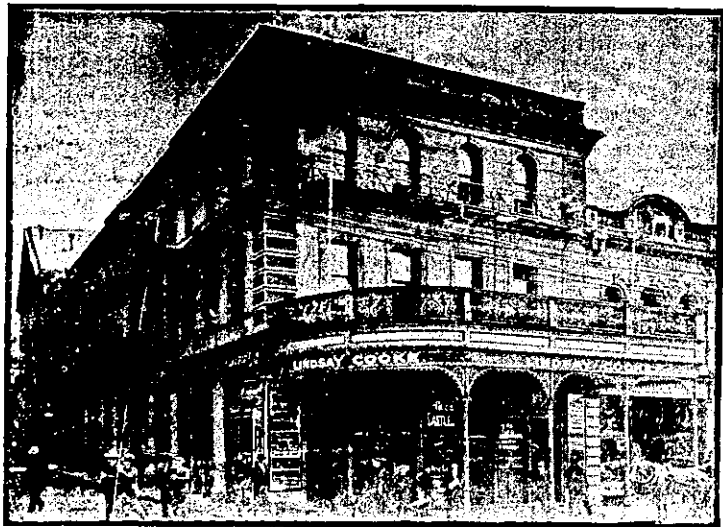
Princess Christian has not been our only distinguished visitor. As you already know, Lord Roberts has visited us, and he, too, has melancholy reminiscences of a private nature connected with this country. As to his public relations with it, they have their lights and shades, which are historical. His disappointment and disgust when he arrived here many years ago and broke his sword when he heard the news of the granting of the Transvaal independence had its transformation scene in the surrender of recent times.

THE ENGLISH LICENSING ACT.

FROM SEVERAL POINTS OF VIEW.

The subject of the new Licensing Act (says the London "L.V. Gazette") is still the principal topic of interest in all quarters where the questions of social improvement and the reform of moral conditions are under discussion, and the value of the measure as an operative instrument is a matter of much conflicting opinion. For the moment we may leave the purely personal aspect of its bearing upon the Trade on one side, although a passing reference may be admitted to the fact that the highly eulogistic manner in which it has been extolled by some trade organisations has not found an entirely unanimous echo of accordance. The several defects which the Act contains has always restrained us from greeting its advent with the warm approval it has met with in some official circles, and these shortcomings are now engaging the serious attention of various and diverse authorities.

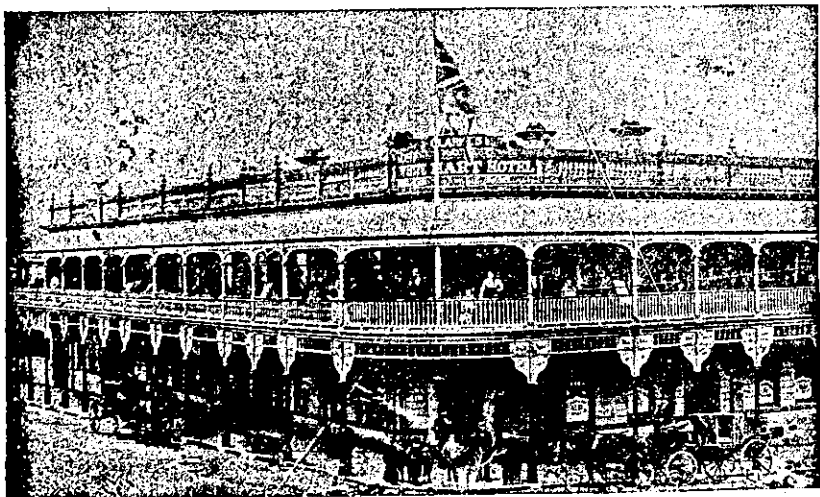
During the past week Mr Balfour's measure has been deliberated by the Central Board, the Law Society, the Birmingham justices, the Bishop of Worcester, and the Bishop of Llandaff. Dr. Gore, while deploring the evil of drunkenness, was feign to admit that its effects were less hurtful to the nation than the ravages of lust, and he further declared that the improvement that he anticipated as the results of reducing the number of public-houses was unimportant as compared with the benefits that would follow the successful solution of the housing difficulty. But His Lordship further contended that the reduction in the number of public-houses would do less for the cause of temperance than his alternative proposal for the reduction in the number of hours that those houses should remain open, and in the face of the facts which have come from Glasgow



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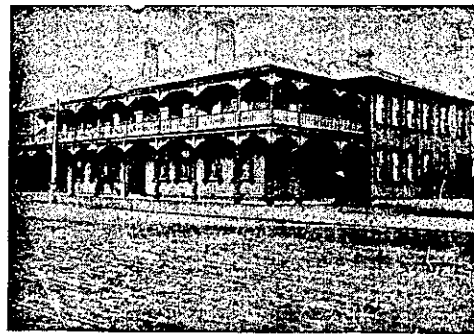
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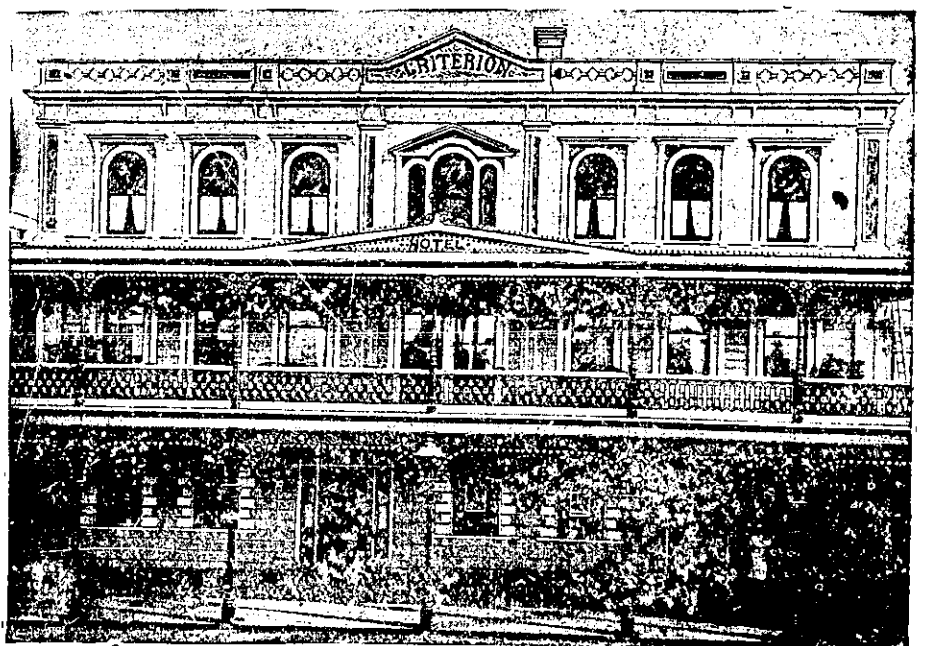


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and Edinburgh, where shorter hours are in force, he expressed his belief that the temperance question in the future would fasten itself upon earlier closing of public-houses or shorter hours, rather than upon the question of public control. We think, with all respect, that the Bishop of Worcester has delivered his views without having sufficiently informed himself upon the question, and we are convinced that in advocating serious attention to housing, coupled with better enforcement of the laws we actually had, His Lordship is getting far nearer to the root of the evil which it is his hope and ambition to correct.

The Bishop of Llandaff, speaking at the Diocesan Conference at Cardiff, defended himself against the hostile criticism with which his action in voting against the introduction of a time-limit clause into the Licensing Bill had been received by some members of the temperance reform party. The Bishop had been accused, in consequence of lukewarmness or indifference, and in refuting these aspersions he boldly confessed that his attitude with regard to the Bill was inspired, not by party politics or a fanatical desire to impede progress, but simply by the conviction that it was a good measure, calculated to effect a steady substantial reduction in the number of public-houses. He realised, as Mr Balfour and other Ministers pointed out at the time, that the working of a time measure clause would have been attended with serious difficulty—indeed, as the Premier demonstrated, it would have entirely changed and nullified the intentions of the Bill—and rather than see the proposal wrecked and the cause of temperance reform set back for an indefinite period, he disregarded the outcries of the fanatics and turned his back on the illogical zealots who demanded the introduction of a time-limit clause.

Mr H. G. Sambridge, speaking at the meeting of the Birmingham justices on Wednesday, expressed a hope that magistrates would avail themselves in a satisfactory manner of the facilities which the Act gave them for providing a steady and proper elimination of licenses. We cordially echo the wish, if we feel some doubts as to the probability of rejoicing in its fulfilment. The Birmingham Licensing Committee is showing unusual activity in preparing for their licensing campaign, and has undertaken to visit and report upon 150 houses, and the fact that what is technically known as "quarter sessions," before whom the question of renewals will have to be argued, consists of the justices who have the appointment of the reporting committee, promises to afford exceptional opportunities for an unsatisfactory working of the reduction clauses of the Act.

Mr Edward Johnson, the chairman of the Central Board, took a generally favourable view of the probable operation of the Act, but although he congratulated the Trade upon the fact that at last the authorities had distinctly recognised the property in a license and placed holders in a position they were never in before, the necessity for the Trade to maintain in its most effect manner its protective organisations was as urgent as ever. The Act does not ensure licensed victuallers that primrose way which we consider to be the simple right of all honest, law-abiding, and self-respecting tradesmen, and Mr Thomas Cousins, J.P., who read a paper upon "The Act and Intemperance" before the annual meeting of the Law Society at Portsmouth, doubted whether it would prove very efficient in accomplishing temperance reform. In theory, the diminution of drunkenness follows the reduction of facilities for drinking; but, speaking from long experience as a clerk to licensing justices, he was somewhat sceptical upon the point. In concluding his summary of the sections and scope of the Act, he remarked that this important statute, however honestly intended, bristled with practical difficulties, offered a wide scope for litigation, and was, unfortunately, couched in obscure phraseology.

THE VINTAGE OF 1904.

The following reports have been received by Messrs Hodges and Butler from their correspondents in the various wine districts respecting this year's vintage:—
Port.—The show of grapes is the best that has been seen for many years, but the dry summer and great heat in August have caused many of the grapes to shrivel, especially in those vineyards most exposed to the sun. It is hoped, however, that some good wine will be made, although of the quality it is too early to speak. Some light rains fell just before the commencement of the vintage, which were of the greatest benefit to the grapes.

Sherry.—The fine, dry weather, uninterrupted by any sudden changes, which has prevailed here during the summer months has greatly favoured the grape crop. The alcoholic strength of the musts is, on the whole, quite up to the usual standard, while the large quantity of saccharine they contain gives promise that they will develop into sound, full-bodied wines.

Burgundy.—The vintage operations are taking place in splendid weather, and the wines of this year will be of superior quality. There will be several rainy days a few weeks ago, which did a deal of good, and the summer being very hot the grapes have ripened well.

Champagne.—The vintage has proceeded under favourable conditions, retarded only by a few days of rain. The summer has been dry and hot, and although the months of August and September were not so favourable to the vines, yet the wines of this year will be of a very good quality, and above the average in quantity.

Claret.—The weather throughout the claret districts has been very fine and warm, with now and then a little rain, sufficient to prove beneficial to the vines without its being too abundant. The grapes have attained perfect maturity, and there is no trace whatever of disease. It is fully expected that some very fine wines will be made.

Hock and Moselle.—There is every prospect of a very fine vintage indeed. The character of the weather has been generally favourable, and it is hoped that the 1904 wines will rank amongst the years which have made Hock and Moselle famous all through the world.

Cognac Brandy.—The prospects of the 1904 vintage are most promising. The gathering of the grapes is completed in most of the Charente districts. Most of the growers declare the quantity will be fully up to 1900, and in many cases larger. The quality is expected to be very fine, and, owing to the extremely warm weather all through the summer season, the wines will certainly show a high alcoholic strength, which is an important matter in the returns of distillation.

HOTELS—AUCKLAND PROVINCE.



P A R K H O T E L,
WELLESLEY-STREET, AUCKLAND.
MR J. ROBINSON
(late of Tapu and Pahekohe)
Nearest Hotel to Free Library and Volunteer Drill Hall.
Best of Everything in Stock.
Country Visitors specially catered for.
Very Reasonable Tariff.

A L P H A H O T E L, K I H I K I H I.
N. R. HOLDEN ... PROPRIETOR.
Good Accommodation for Travellers.
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands
Billiard-room fitted with First-Class Table

M A C K A Y T O W N H O T E L.
Situate on the Road between Paeroa and Karangahake.
MR W. WOODWARD, late of the Pacific Hotel, Thames, desires to inform the public of Thames and Ohinemuri Districts that he has taken over the proprietorship of the above well-known and popular hostelry. The Dining-room will be under the control of Mrs Woodward, which is a sufficient guarantee of its efficiency. Don't forget to give "Rock" a call when passing.

A U R O R A H O T E L
VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.
MR SAMUEL SARAH
Has taken over the management of this Hotel.

Every Convenience for Boarders.
First-class Billiard Room
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept
S. SARAH, Proprietor.

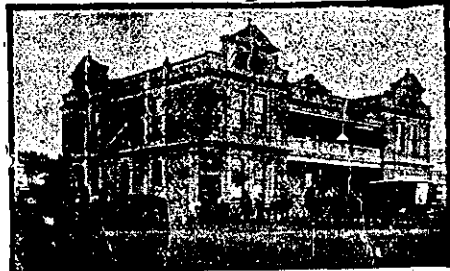
R O Y A L M A I L H O T E L,
COROMANDEL.
THOMAS CARROLL ... PROPRIETOR.
First-class Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers.
Wines, Spirits, and Ales of the Best.
Hot and Cold Baths.
Every Comfort and Convenience.

S T A B A N D G A R T E R H O T E L,
COROMANDEL.
MRS F. MONTFORT ... PROPRIETRESS.
Sample Rooms Free to Commercial Travellers.
Night Porter in attendance.
All Communications promptly attended to
Hot and Cold Baths.



K A R A N G A H A K E H O T E L
MAIN-STREET, KARANGAHAKE.

MR A. MONTGOMERY has much pleasure in informing the General Public that he has now bought the Freehold of the above well-known Hotel. The Hotel has been fitted up with Acetylene Gas, and is lit from top to basement. Speight's Dureidin and Campbell-Ehrenfried's ales on tap. The hotel being in the centre of the township, is a favourite resort of the travelling public. Only wines and liquors of exceptional quality stocked. The Dining-room is spacious, and capable of accommodating 90 people. Associated with the Hotel is Central Hall, Karangahake, which is the largest in the town, and is light up by Acetylene Gas.



P A N M U R E H O T E L
PANMURE.

J. MCKEANE

Having taken possession of the above old-established Hotel, invites a continuance of that support so liberally accorded his predecessor.

Wines and Spirits of the Best.



C O M M E R C I A L H O T E L, W H A N G A R E I.
JAMES JACKSON
Having taken over the above Hotel, has increased the accommodation and renovated the Premises throughout. Customers can rely on Every Comfort and Attention. THE BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.
Ample Sample Rooms for Commercial Travellers.
Good Billiard Table.
Stable Accommodation Superior to anything North of Auckland.



T H I S T L E H O T E L,
QUEEN-STREET, AUCKLAND.

MR A. ROBERTSON has now taken over the Management of the above Hotel, which has been thoroughly renovated throughout.
A few doors above the City Hall.
A. ROBERTSON ... Proprietor



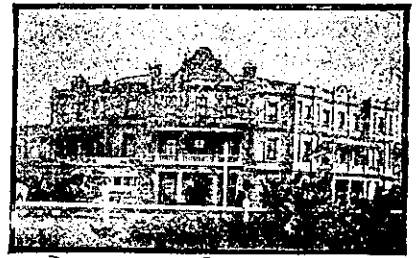
C R I T E R I O N H O T E L, O T A H U H U.
G. CLARK desires to intimate that he has taken over the above Long-Established House, which has been rebuilt on the latest and most approved plans, so as to combine with the attractions of a First-Class Hotel all the advantages of a private home. His aim will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

H U N T L Y H O T E L, H u n t l y
L. B. HARRIS, Proprietor.
This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station.
First-class Accommodation and excellent tables.

Q U E E N ' S H O T E L
(Corner of Symond Street and Khyber Pass.)

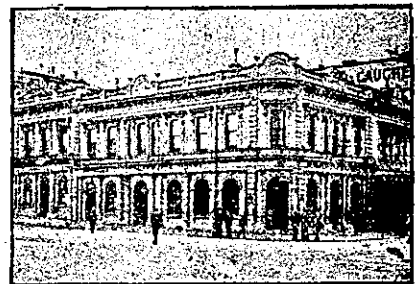
Mr VICTOR CORNAGA begs to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular Hotel. The Hotel is being renovated and re-furnished throughout, and will be found replete with all modern and up-to-date conveniences.

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



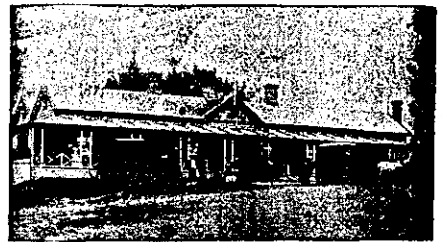
E S P L A N A D E H O T E L,
DEVONPORT.

THIS FINE MODERN HOTEL IS NOW OPEN.
Erected and Furnished in the Latest Style. And situated on an ideal site, commanding a full view of the harbour, the Proprietor trusts to receive patronage of those who require UP-TO-DATE ACCOMMODATION, HEALTHY SITUATION, EASY ACCESS TO TOWN, AND MODERATE TARIFF.
Special Terms can be arranged with the Proprietor, E. H. WHITE, for FAMILIES or PERMANENT BOARDERS. BILLIARDS, BOATING, FISHING, etc.



U N I T E D S E R V I C E H O T E L.
CORNER QUEEN AND WELLESLEY-STREETS

MRS S. COOMBS ... PROPRIETRESS.
Mrs Coombs, late of the British Hotel, having taken over the above well-known and popular Hotel, trusts she may receive a fair share of public patronage.
BEST BRANDS OF LIQUORS KEPT.



T A L I S M A N H O T E L, K A T I K A T I
C. F. WIGLEY (late Steward on the s.s. Taniwha).
PROPRIETOR.

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



S E T T L E R S ' H O T E L, W H A N G A R E I

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



S T A R H O T E L, O T A H U H U
W. ABBOTT ... PROPRIETOR

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

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.



ST. HELIER'S BAY HOTEL. A BEAUTIFUL SEASIDE RESORT. H. C. HAY Proprietor. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Cordials. Hancock's Sparkling Ales and Lager Beer. Boating, bathing, fishing, stabling. Four buses and three steamers daily.

Naval & Family Hotel.

Corner of Pitt-st. & Karangahape-rd. AUCKLAND. D. NORDEN,

FOR MANY YEARS PROPRIETOR OF THE PRINCE ARTHUR HOTEL, Desires to intimate to his many friends and the public that he has taken over the above popular house, where he will be pleased to afford every comfort and convenience to patrons.

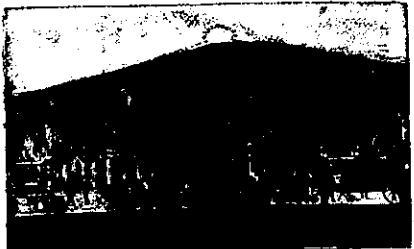
The House, which has been renovated throughout, is situated on one of the most elevated sites in the city, commanding a splendid view, and is within five minutes' journey from Wharf and Railway Station.

TARIFF: FIVE SHILLINGS PER DAY. TRAMS AND BUSES PASS THE DOOR.



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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. E. LUKS Proprietor.

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.

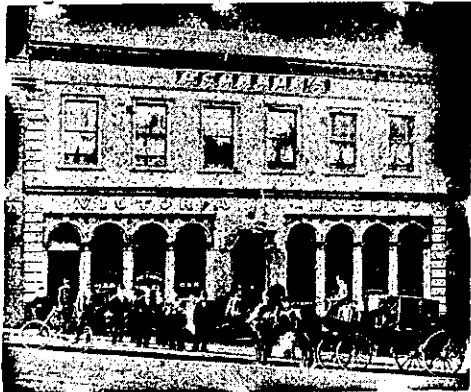
NEWTON HOTEL, Karangahape Road, NEWTON, AUCKLAND. HARRY DYER Proprietor.

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. Theo. Cook & Son's Coupons accepted. MRS PEARCE Proprietress.



VICTORIA HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

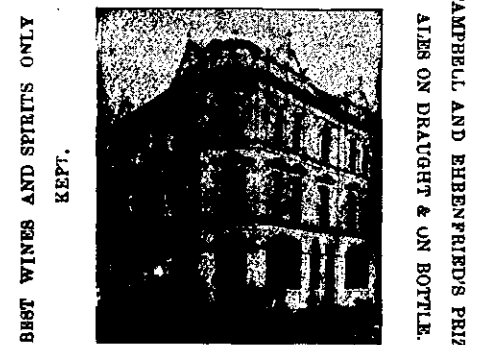
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Visitors. Splendid Billiard Table and Appointments. T. B. O'CONNOR Proprietor.



PRINCE OF WALES' HOTEL, HOBSON STREET, AUCKLAND.

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

EVERY COMFORT FOR BOARDERS & TOURISTS



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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.

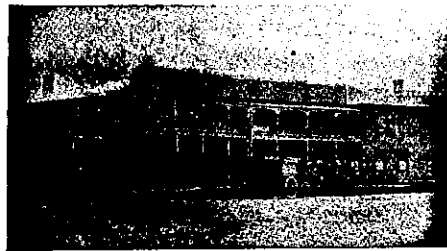
T. LOUGHMAN. Has taken over this First-class Hotel. Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept.

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 travelling public generally. The accommodation is unsurpassed, and the charges moderate. Sample Rooms for Travellers. Hall for Concerts, Socials, etc. Terms on application. Telegrams: "MEYER, WAIHI." Box: 24.

H. E. MEYER Licensee.

RISING SUN HOTEL, KARANGAHAPE ROAD,

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

Superior Accommodation for Boarders. 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'Hote. 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.

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THE SPORTING BENEVOLENT

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. Seccombe'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.

Seccombe'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

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Opposite Papanui Reservoir.

FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES
AND SPIRITS.

JAMES McLEOD Proprietor



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CORNER OF
WAKEFIELD AND BUTLAND STREETS,
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First-class Luncheon from 12 to 2.
Good Accommodation for Travellers and Boarders.
Billiard Table. Hot and Cold Baths.
Mancock's XXXX A. S. "Caed mille failthe."
PAT. QUINLAN Proprietor.



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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 com-
manding the most Charming Prospect of the
Domain.

This New and Commodious Hotel is replete
with every convenience requisite to the comfort
of the travelling public.

First-class Cuisine, Hot, Cold, and Shower
Baths.

Coaches attend all trains.
Letters and telegrams promptly attended to.

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Late of Commercial Hotel Paeroa, and British
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ROYAL HOTEL
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TARIFF, from 8/6 per day.

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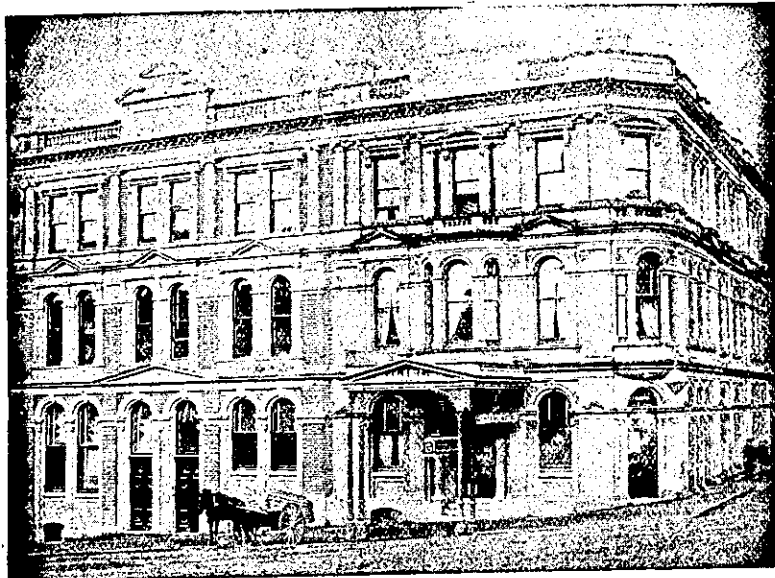
THE HOHOURA HOTEL
HOHOURA,
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Every Accommodation can be had here.

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LIQUORS OF THE BEST.

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Joseph Evans, Junr.
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CENTRAL HOTEL

VICTORIA STREET EAST, AUCKLAND.

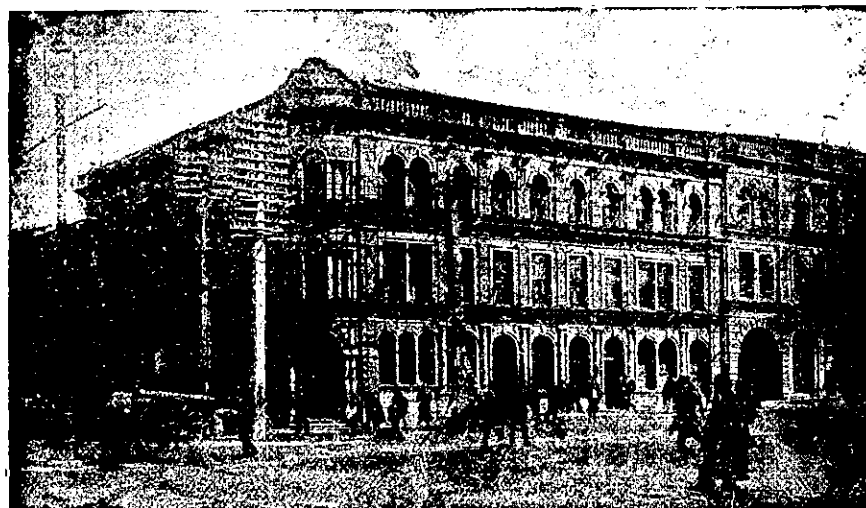
J. W. SPEERS Manager.
(Late of the Grand Hotel, Rotorua).



Kidd's Commercial Hotel

S. J. ATKINS, Proprietor.

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WAITEMATA HOTEL

CORNER QUEEN & CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.

VISITORS WILL FIND EVERY COMFORT & CONVENIENCE.

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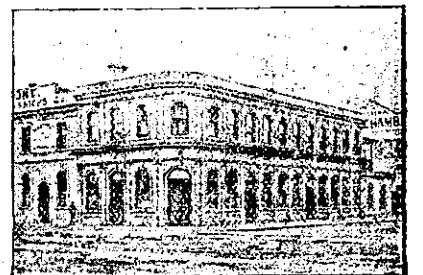
Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends
that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been
thoroughly renovated, and will afford excellent accom-
modation for boarders and country visitors.
Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes.
Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
Terms Moderate.



WHANGAREI HOTEL
WHANGAREI.

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

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BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES
KEPT.

W. J. BAKER Proprietor.



ELLERSLIE HOTEL, ELLERSLIE.

This Spacious and Comfortable Hotel
adjoins the Ellerslie Railway Station,
and has been thoroughly done up and
renovated, and is in first-class order.
Country Visitors and Boarders will find
every convenience, and their comfort
catered for in every way.

The Best Wines and Spirits kept.
Campbell, Ehrenfried and Co.'s Special
Brews always on hand.

A. J. J. MEYER Proprietor.

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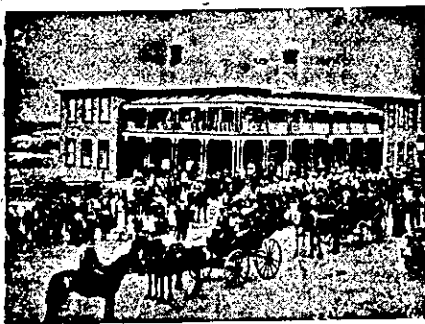
Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Keep off
friend Thos. McEwin has taken over the above Hotel
and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accom-
modation and Guides. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.

THOS. McEWIN Proprietor

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.



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



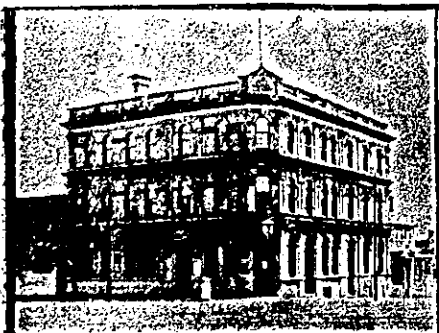
PALACE HOTEL, THE PREMIER HOTEL OF THE AROHA. FRANK PILLING.....Proprietor. OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS. COMMERCIAL SAMPLE ROOM. TELEGRAMS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLOURS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS. TARIFF 35s per Week, or 6s per Day. THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



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

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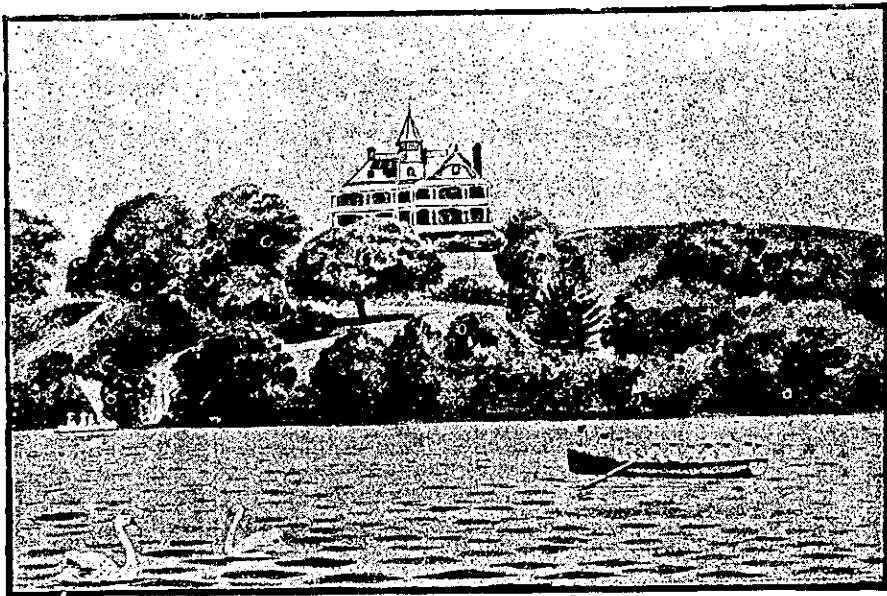
CITY HOTEL CORNER OF VICTORIA AND HOBSON-STREETS, AUCKLAND. WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry) Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.



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 1183. 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, PONSONEY, AUCKLAND.

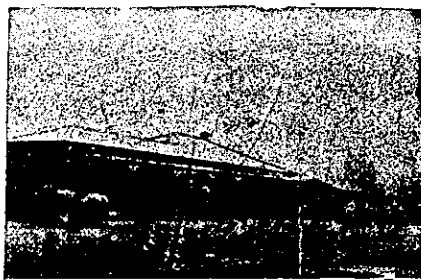
Having taken possession of the above Hotel, I shall be glad to see all my Old Friends and Customers. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only. Billiards. S. W. BUCK ... PROPRIETOR

OWHAROA HOTEL, Main-street, Waikato.

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



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



THE REDAN HOTEL, KAITIA, MANGONUI.

M. GOONAN, Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hotel, 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.



OHAEAWAI HOTEL, OHAEAWAI, BAY OF ISLANDS. GEORGE CLARK PAYNE, Proprietor (Late of the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell) Begs 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, Paddocking and Billiards.

THE TOWAI HOTEL, TOWAI (On the Main Road to or from Whangarei.)

Wines, Spirits, and Beers. A Good Table, and Something for the Horse. Charges Moderate. PHOS. MARSHALL ... PROPRIETOR



MASONIC HOTEL, WHANGAROA.

A. GUTHARD .. PROPRIETOR. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-Class Accommodation for Visitors, Tourists, and Commercial Travellers. Plunge and Shower Baths. Paddocking. Horses for Hire. Oil launch. Billiards. A magnificent place for a holiday.

MANAKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF, QUEEN-STREET ONEHUNGA.

This Hotel is directly situated on the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for travellers either leaving or arriving from Wellington and the South via New Plymouth. Good Accommodation and Table. Only the best brands of liquor kept. Stabling. Boating and Fishing Parties arranged. E. T. MICHAELS ... PROPRIETOR

TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

SWAN HOTEL, MECHANICS' BAY, AUCKLAND (Corner of Manakau Road and Stanley-street).

This Hotel is now under the personal supervision of Mr HENRY McVEIGH, late of the N.Z. Railways. The Best Accommodation for Travellers and Boarders is provided, and the brands of Liquid Refreshment will be found by sampling, the Best in the Market. HENRY McVEIGH ... PROPRIETOR

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

RAILWAY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT.

(Three Minutes from Railway Station, and close to the Hellvue Gardens). Good Fishing and Shooting to be had within easy distance. TARIFF REASONABLE. BILLIARDS. Speight's Beer, and Choicest Wines and Spirits. EXCELLENT STABLING AND PADDOCKING. J. CLULOW ... 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.

THE BUB HOTEL, MARTON

MR 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. Stocked with the Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., kept in stock. Ample Stabling Accommodation and Loose Boxes. Charges moderate. J. NORTHOVER ... Proprietor.

CENTRAL HOTEL, LOWER HUTT

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

CRITERION HOTEL, BULLS, BANJITIKEL.

C. GIBSON.....Proprietor. The Criterion Hotel, which has been long and favourably known, offers special inducements to the travelling public. The business 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 SP1 GHT'S Sparkling Ales. The best of Wines and Spirits.

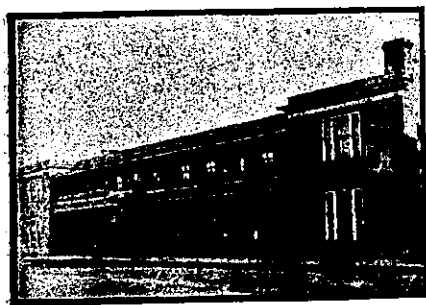
MASTERTON ROOMS, REFRESHMENT

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.

FEILDING HOTEL KIMBOLTON ROAD, FEILDING.

Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly. This favourite hostelry has been renovated and refurnished throughout.



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.

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

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

LEVIN HOTEL

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

MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. The Proprietor wishes to inform the travelling public that the above well and favourably known Hotel has recently been enlarged and renovated.

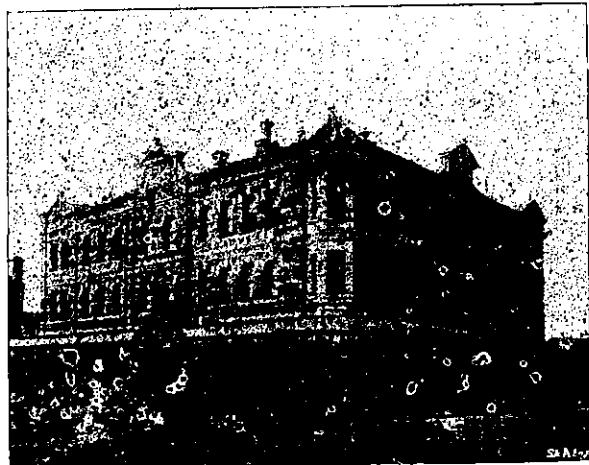
COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

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.

PRIVATE ROOMS FOR LADIES. Hot and Cold Baths, Fire Escapes, etc. Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

TARIFF: From 4/6 PER DIEM. 30/- PER WEEK. Comfort, Cleanliness, and Civility Guaranteed. Letters and Telegrams Receive prompt attention. TELEPHONE 747.



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.

CENTRAL HOTEL, WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf). A. M. GOW (late of Dunedin) Proprietor. ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT MODERATE CHARGES.

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

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading brands of Whiskies, Wines, and Brandies. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for One ...

IMPERIAL HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

This hotel, just rebuilt and furnished in modern style, offers excellent accommodation, and the liquors are unsurpassed. J. N. JACKSON (late Empire Hotel, Petone) PROPRIETOR.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

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

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, which will be found replete with every modern convenience, and liquors of the best brands obtainable.

MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.

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

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

The appointed house for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, Wellington, also Cook's Tourist Travellers. All Appointments up-to-date. A. C. SCRIMGEOUR Proprietor.

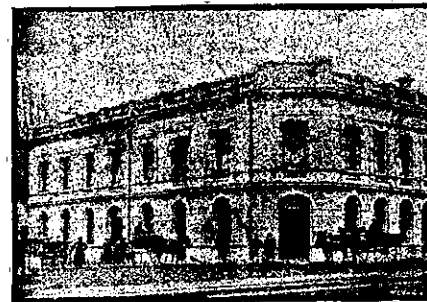
WELLINGTON—Continued.



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. The hotel is newly furnished throughout, and contains suites of rooms, including Private Sitting-rooms, Dining rooms, and Smoking rooms on each floor.

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, who will find all the comforts of a home at this fine Hostelry.



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. Ample accommodation for Travellers, Tourists, and Families.

STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL (Opposite Christchurch Railway Station.)

LICENSEE .. F. W. MILLWARD. Visitors to this spacious hotel receive every possible attention and modern comfort. Letters and telegrams are promptly attended to. Telephone 795.

SPEIGHT'S PRIZE ALES ON DRAUGHT.

Special Arrangements made with Permanent Boarders and Theatrical Parties, etc. Tariff .. 8s per Day. £2 2s per Week.

CHRISTCHURCH—Continued.

RICHARDSON'S BRITISH HOTEL, LYTELTON.

The Leading Hotel of Lyttelton. Excellent Accommodation. Liberal Table. Hot, Cold and Shower Baths. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits and Dunedin Beer on tap. 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. All Fruits in Season of the Best Quality. Favourite Brands of Cigars, Cigarettes, and Tobacco.

THE GLADSTONE HOTEL (Off Papanui Road), CHRISTCHURCH.

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

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.



CALEDONIAN 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, and he will be glad to see all friends, both new and old.

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. Has fine rooms and well-ventilated bedrooms, with numerous sitting, smoking, and waiting rooms.

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), and trusts by keeping everything in an up-to-date style to merit a fair share of support.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public. WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation. W. PELLOW Proprietor.

THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant. CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH. (Recognised as the Leading Unlicensed Hotel in Taranaki.) 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, 23/.

HAWKE'S BAY—Continued.

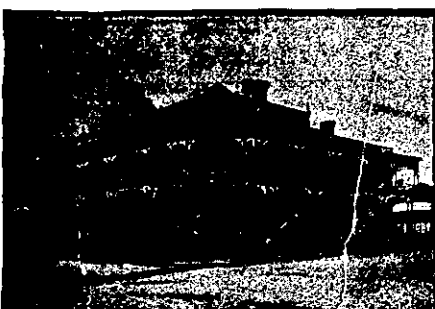
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE EARL OF HANFORD... MAVISTOCK HOTEL WAIPUKURAU. Tourists, Commercial and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date.

WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS

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

TARANAKI PROVINCE

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

PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT CENTRAL HOTEL, EGMONT STREET, PATEA. L. HINTZE, Proprietor (late of Masonic Hotel, Wanganui).

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 Speciality.

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 Cigars. Night Porter kept. Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

WANGANUI—Continued.

NEW RIVER VIEW BOARDING-HOUSE, TAUPU QUAY, WANGANUI (Opposite Foster's Hotel). W. ROIGARD PROPRIETOR. BOARD AND RESIDENCE. Terms: 4/6 per diem; £1 per week.

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.

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.

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.

GREYMOUTH.

WAVERLEY HOTEL GREYMOUTH. This hotel is centrally situated, and offers the comfort of a home. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Ales.

OTAGO PROVINCE.

BOWLING GREEN HOTEL, 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.



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

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 Al Hotel, Pelichet Bay.) The most centrally situated Hotel in the City.

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 Commercial.

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.

KETT'S HIBERNIAN HOTEL, DEE-STREET, INVERCARGILL. Excellent accommodation for the travelling public. Best brands of Wines and Spirits. Speight's Beer on tap.

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.

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.

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. Baigent.

BLLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLENHEIM. 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.

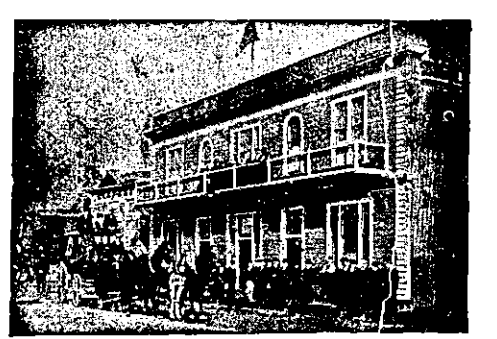
OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA. Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the best accommodation at a moderate tariff. Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procurable.

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.

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.

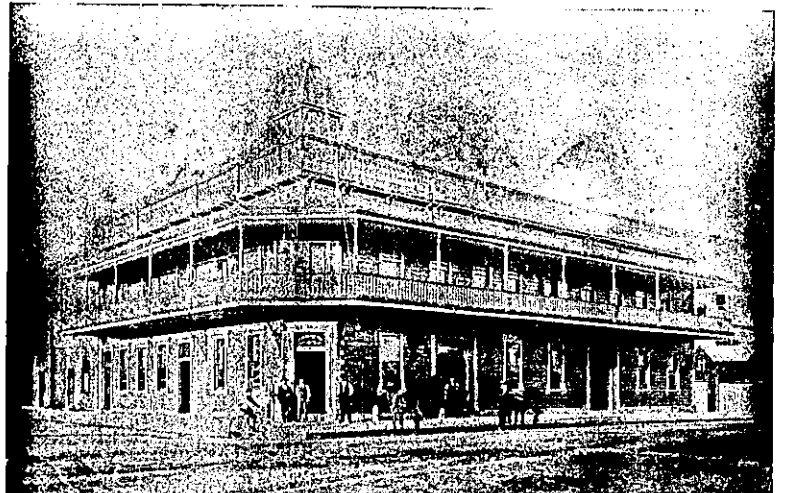
WESTPORT.



EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT. H. McMASTER PROPRIETOR. (Late Chief Steward White Star Line and N.Z. Shipping Company). Recently Refurnished and Renovated throughout.

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.