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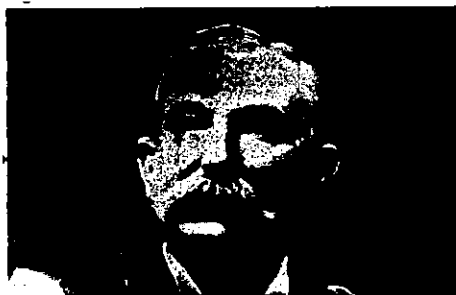
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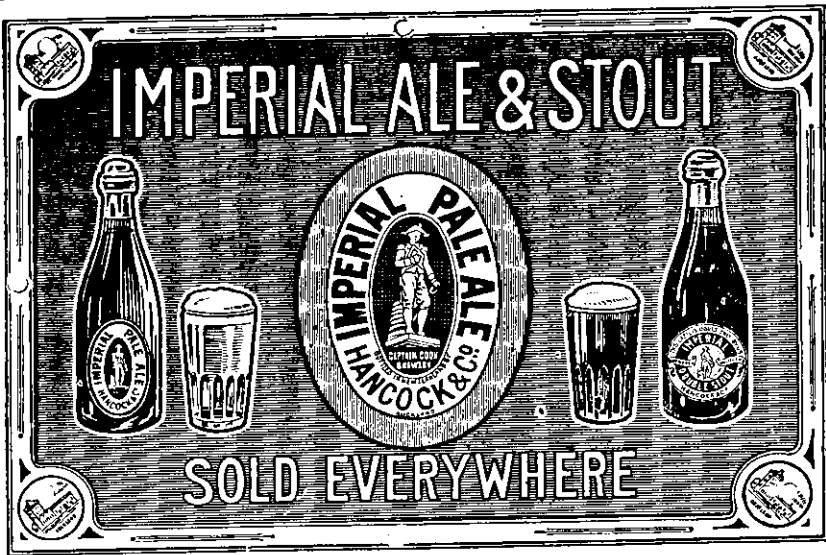
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RACING CALENDAR

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FIXTURES—1904

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 28, 29, January 2 and 3—Auckland R.C. Summer
 December 31 and January 2—Greymouth J.C. Summer
 January 2 and 3—Raogitikei R.C. Summer
 January 2 and 3—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 January 2 and 3—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 January 3 and 4—Southland R.C. Summer
 January 4 and 5—Westland R.C. Summer
 January 21 and 23—Wellington R.C. Summer
 January 23 and 24—Foxton R.C. Annual
 December 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Summer
 January 23, 30, and February 4—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 8 and 9—Taranaki J.C. Summer
 February 9 and 11—Canterbury J.C. Summer
 February 9 and 10—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 February 16 and 17—Poverty Bay Turf Club's Annual
 March 18—Northern Wairoa R.C. Autumn
 April 1 and 5—Avondale J.C. Autumn
 April 22, 24 and 25—Auckland R.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS.

January 6—Takapuna J.C. Summer, general entries
 January 7—Gisborne R.C.
 January 14—Poverty Bay Turf Club
 February 1—Gisborne R.C. (special events)
 February 4—Poverty Bay Turf Club, special events

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

January 6—Takapuna J.C., special events
 January 13—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 January 21—Gisborne R.C.
 February 10—Poverty Bay Turf Club

ACCEPTANCES

January 27—Takapuna J.C., First Day's Events and Steeplechase
 February 1—Gisborne R.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

A final payment of 9 sovs for the Auckland Cup and 5 sovs for the G.N. Foal Stakes is due on December 26 at the post.

Nominations for the Great Northern Foal Stakes, to be run at the Summer Meeting of the A.R.C., 1906-7, close on Friday, January 6, at 9 p.m., at which time entries for foals for the 12th Royal Stakes are also due.

General entries for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting must be made to Mr R. Wynyard, the secretary, on or before Friday, January 6, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the Takapuna Cup and First Steeplechase will be declared on January 6, at 4 p.m.

General entries for the Gisborne Racing Club's Summer Meeting (other than certain special events) must be made to Mr M. G. Nasmith, the secretary, on or before January 7, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the second day's events at the A.R.C. Meeting will be declared on Tuesday, December 27, at noon. Acceptances for the same must be made to Mr Percival, by Wednesday, December 28, at noon.

Handicaps for the second day of the Thames J.C. Summer Meeting will be declared on Monday, December 26, at 9 p.m., and acceptances will be received by Mr W. H. Potts, the secretary, up to 11 a.m. the following day.

Handicaps for the second day's events at the Northern Wairoa R.C. Meeting will be declared at 10 p.m. on Monday, December 26, and acceptances for the same must be made to Mr H. E. Stehr, the secretary, by 9 a.m. on the following day.

General Entries for the Annual Meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club must be made to Mr E. L. Maude, the secretary, on or before January 14, at 9.30 p.m. Entries for certain specified events close on February 4.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1904.

THE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL.

JUST as Melbourne is at its best in November, and Sydney is seen to most advantage at Easter, Auckland is gayest during Christmas time. By some accounted rather slow going, a true enough bill at other times, Auckland comes out of her shell, and is then at her very brightest and best. There is no dearth of amusements provided for the visitors who crowd in from the country, and these are given an opportunity of having what is generally known as "a right royal time." First in public estimation comes the big summer carnival of the Auckland Racing Club. This is certain to be well attended, for the race for the Cup always interests the sport-loving community, while other exciting contests are promised at the meeting, an additional attraction being the presence of so many visiting horses from the South. Then, again, there is a variation in the game offered by the three days' fixture of the Auckland Trotting Club, an institution which has done so much for the furtherance of the sport. Many visiting horses will be seen at the meeting, which should be full of interest from end to end.

The great annual sales of the Wellington Park, Cambria Park and Glenora Park yearlings will form a pleasing interlude, and, as these famous breeding establishments are represented by some really magnificent specimens of the young thoroughbred, some high prices should be realised.

To many, who do not care for race meetings and the like, numerous other attractive methods of passing the holidays will suggest themselves. The great fleet of yachts in the Waitemata will one and all desert their moorings, and their white wings will be seen in the beautiful bays which are to be found in so many of the islets of the Hauraki Gulf.

The several playing grounds, too, will be crowded with white-flannelled cricketers engaged in friendly rivalry with each other, a remark which applies with equal truth to the lovers of tennis and of golf. No game has made greater strides in Auckland of recent years than that of bowling, and as the many Auckland clubs are ever ready to welcome players from afar, there should be a great contingent taking their share in the old English pastime.

There are thousands of people who hold that the only sensible way to enjoy a holiday is to have a picnic, and it must be admitted the idea has much to commend it. These will be amply catered for by the fleets of the Northern, Coastal, McGregor and Ferry Companies, as excursions will be run to M. Hurangi, Kawau, Waiwera, Cowes, Motutapu, Rangitoto, Lake Takapuna, St. Helier's and other favourite spots in the Gulf. In the evening there are the theatres to be

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attended, and once again Auckland is fortunate in having good companies at both theatres, which are likely to be filled nightly by over-flowing audiences.

Everything appears to be in trim for Aucklanders and their friends to enjoy themselves during the holidays, that is if the Clerk of the Weather but prove in a kindly mood. The Spring and early Summer has been bad enough to effectually silence those loyal few who are still found thinking that Auckland enjoys a fine climate, but there have been a few fine days this month, and there seems a possibility that the sun may not desert us altogether, in which case a pleasant time is in store for all. We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and the best of good luck during the coming year.

WHIP OR SPUR.

A NUMBER of rather shrewd judges are of opinion that the use of the spur, except in certain exceptional cases, is totally unnecessary, and there is no doubt that a good deal can be said in favour of the argument. That there are times when it is absolutely necessary to make free use of the spur in a race it is not difficult to believe. Occasionally you drop across a galloper who will do nothing but what he is forced to do. In a case like this, there is no help for it; the whip, and the spurs, too, must be brought into play if you are to get the best results from the sluggard. But at the same time, it is scarcely any exaggeration to say that for every one horse that will stand a "gruelling" there are nine who act the better for not feeling either the steel or the whipcord at all. Indeed, so far as flat racing is concerned, the spur at least could, in the majority of cases, be profitably left at home altogether. Even in jumping events, although something can be said in their favour, on the authority of so fine a horseman as Arthur Nightingale, the rider is just as well without them, and he acts on the belief by invariably using dummies—spurs with no rowels. There are perhaps no finer horsemen in the world than the Cossacks, yet they rely entirely on the whip. It is very gratifying to lovers of the horse to find the unnecessary cruel jockeys are in a very great minority. Writing on this subject the "Sporting and Dramatic News" says that after the last Melbourne Cup the signs of punishment were remarkably few. There were no whip marks at all, and it was only in a couple of cases that slight spur scores were noticeable. And this, despite that the battle was a severe one throughout. The horses did their level best without being chopped to pieces, and, as we have said, it is very seldom that a horse is met with upon whom extreme measures are necessary. There is even a way of getting a "slug" along soimes without making him look as if he had an argument with a barbed wire fence. To be able to slash, bash with the whip is by no means the first and last of the art of riding. Boys learning to ride should have this lesson impressed upon them. Both the whip and the spurs are for use, not abuse, and it will be found that a good idea is to take these things away from youngsters who don't understand what they are rightly for. A little kiddy with a big whip might in his ignorance do a lot of unnecessary damage. He would be better employed looking after his horse's head.

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(By "The Judge.")

Mr J. Marshall has resigned from the committee of the Auckland Racing Club.

The Porirua candidates, Ghoorka and Boris, came up by the Rarawa on Tuesday. Both are looking well.

Major George's cast-off, Seahorse II., ran third in the Grand Sefton Steeplechase, Liverpool.

Float will be absent from the Hawke's Bay Summer Meeting, having gone amiss.

R. J. Mason, Mr Stead's private trainer, has been ailing since his arrival in Auckland, the result of a shock received by colliding with a horse in the dark.

The Yaldhurst team, consisting of Savoury, Nightfall, Delaware, Sungod, and Nocturniform, arrived in Auckland by the Victoria on Sunday morning.

Robt. Gooseman, the well-known Napier trainer, has been on the sick list for some time past, but is now making a good recovery.

Catherine Gordon, Beau Seaton, Czarevna, and Redolence are due at Ellerslie to-day. F. Holmes is in charge.

Sir George Clifford's team at Palmerston North will consist of Cannie Chiel, Chryseis, and To-morrow.

Several trotters have arrived from New South Wales and are quartered at the Esplanade Hotel stables. They will be seen out at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

On Tuesday morning Loch Lomond and Phos had a bout over the Steeplechase jumps at Ellerslie. The latter had the better of the go, but with a little more schooling Loch Lomond promises to make a fair horse over country.

L. H. Hewitt rode five winners and one second out of six tries at the Christchurch Meeting, a record which has only once been beaten. He is in great form just now.

Hewitt's five wins and one second at Christchurch last week has only once been beaten in the colony, this being when J. Farrell rode six consecutive winners at the Helensville Meeting.

The Summer Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club opens on Monday. The following should run well in their respective engagements:—Goldfields Cup: Putty, Zuleika, Soulfish. Stewards' Handicap: Anchorite, Soulfish, Geologist. Steeplechase: Dingo, Wairaka. Hauraki Handicap: Gweniad, Alba Rose, Desdemona.

Our Ellerslie correspondent sends the following selections for next Monday's events at Ellerslie:—Trial Handicap: Waikato, Waipuna, Numa. Grafton Hurdles: Up-to-Date, Princess of Thule, Ranala. Nursery Handicap: Boomerang, Car Rosa, Apology. Pony Cup: Orange and Blue, Fashionable, Sally Horner. Christmas Handicap: Gladstone, Delania, Waikato. Cup: Romeo, Ghoorka, Starshoot; Idas for surprise. Railway Handicap: Savoury, Marshal Sout, Kremlin.

W. Bainbridge, the trainer of Santoi and other winners in England, writes me that he is coming out in the White Star liner Ionic to settle in the colony, and hopes to be in Auckland at the beginning of January. He can go to the scale at 8st 4lb, and in addition to riding on the flat he has ridden winners over country for Major Gordon and Major J. D. Edwards. Bainbridge hopes to get a fair share of riding to do, and, as there seems plenty of scope for a good man, should not want for mounts.

Mr Watt's quartette, Melodeon, Starshoot, King Billy, and Boomerang, arrived by the Victoria on Sunday. Starshoot proved very lively on being landed, lashing out in all directions. All four having been doing satisfactory work since their arrival.

The Auckland Racing Club has received eighty-two nominations for the G.N. Guineas of 1906, ninety-three for the G.N. Derby of 1906-7, fifty-nine for the G.N. Oaks, 1907; one hundred and two for the G.N. Champagne Stakes, 1906; and one hundred and four for the Twelfth Royal Stakes.

Ghoorka has been supported for a lot of money during the last few days. Truly the Cup seems a very open race.

Mr G. G. Stead and Mr Murray Hobbs are due the A.R.C. Meeting and the yearling sales.

The Southern hurdler Ranana is now at Ellerslie, and the queerly-shaped bay gelding has been giving satisfactory exhibitions over the small sticks.

The Drury Racing Club's Meeting will take place on December 30. Some very fair performers are engaged, and the fixture looks like proving a success.

Mr H. T. Gorrie has been elected president of the Auckland Racing Club, Mr L. D. Nathan having resigned that post.

The late Mr George Adams died a rich man. Probate has been granted in the estate, the value of which amounted to some £130,000 personally and £700,000 realty.

The famous mare Sceptre, who has now been retired to the stud to be mated with Gallinule, won during her turf career the sum of £38,783 in stake money.

The Westralian sportsman, Mr L. H. Darlot, is on a visit to Auckland and will assist at the A.R.C. Meeting.

Monday next will be the thirty-first occasion on which the Auckland Cup has been competed for. Mr F. W. Delamin's Templeton won the first in 1874.

A recent Indian exchange states that there are no less than 176 Australian horses and ponies in training for the Calcutta Christmas meetings.

Among the visiting trotters for the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting are Young McKinney from Christchurch, Logan, Specialist, and Specialist from Dunedin, and Cornwall, Melba, and Legbreak from New South Wales.

The Auckland Trotting Club's privileges for the approaching meeting were submitted to auction on Friday, the prices obtained being:—Booths, Mr J. Molloy, £185; gates, Mr Adams, £261; cards, Messrs A. Cleave and Co., £127; refreshment stall, £16.

The Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting will be commenced on Tuesday next and should prove a great success. The local cracks will be opposed by trotters from New South Wales, Christchurch, and Dunedin, so that the sport should be of a first-class character. A number of general improvements have been effected since the last meeting, and the totalisator house will now be found much more convenient than before. The first race is timed to be started at half-past twelve o'clock.

During the past week the betting on the Cup brightened up. The last two introduced into the market were Starshoot, who was backed down to 5 to 1, and then came Ghoorka, who was well supported from 8 to 1 down to 5 to 1. The same two were coupled with Savoury at 100 to 5 and 100 to 6. Kremlin was made the medium for speculation coupled with Romeo, Mahutonga, Scotty, Ghoorka, and Starshoot at 100 to 2. Melodeon has caused in the betting since the introduction of his stable mate, Starshoot.

On Saturday a meeting of the committee of the South Auckland Racing Club was held at the Hamilton Hotel. It was decided to ask the following to act as officers of the club:—President, Mr W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; vice-president, Mr F. W. Lang, M.H.R.; stewards, Messrs K. S. Brookfield, I. Coates, W. I. Conradi, E. B. Cox, J. Dalgliesh, J. Gordon, W. H. Knock, and A. J. Storey; judge, Mr W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; starter, Mr J. Dalgliesh; handicapper, Mr J. Chadwick; clerk of course, Mr R. L. Casey; treasurer, Mr J. Dalgliesh; auditor, Mr J. S. Edgecombe; totalisator steward, Mr W. I. Conradi. Mr R. J. Gwynne was re-elected to the position of secretary. Messrs A. J. Storey, J. Dalgliesh, and H. E. Tristram were appointed to draw up the programme and submit it to the Auckland Racing Club for approval. It was decided to increase the amount of stakes given by the club to £300, an increase of £25 upon the money given last year.

The club intends changing the name of the South Auckland Racing Club to that of the Hamilton Racing Club. The name was a somewhat confusing one, and the suggested alteration is a good one.

The old standing dish, the Cup and Steeplechase, seems now a thing of the past, the field being cramped in the Steeplechase the prices are cramped in comparison to the Cup and Railway.

Lovelink and Simple both proved too many for their diminutive pilots and took charge while doing a trial on Saturday morning, with the result that the boy on Simple Simon came a nasty cropper when turning into the straight, but luckily was not much hurt.

Ropa, the Avondale Guineas winner, proved a costly purchase to Mr Ross, of Wellington. Ropa has been well backed on several occasions by his connections, but so far has not returned any of his purchase money.

It is not unlikely that when the numbers go up for the Auckland Cup that of Gladstone may be missing, his track work gives but little hope of success.

Mr Brown of Newcastle, the owner of Sir Foote and Chantress, has come over to attend the A.R.C. Meeting.

Acceptances for all trotting events at the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting close on Friday, 23rd inst., at 9 p.m.

The Summer Meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club is to take place on February 18, 22, and 25.

Up-to-date is a very strong fancy for the Grafton Hurdle Race, to be run on Monday.

W. W. Forbes brought over the trotters Cornway, Melba, and Legbreak from Sydney by the Zealandia, which arrived on Sunday afternoon.

There will be no lack of racing throughout the colony during Christmas week, as twenty-one different clubs hold meetings between December 26 and January 3.

At Chicago (U.S.A.), in October last, Ivan the Terrible equalled the performance of Dick Welles at Washington Park in June last year, by covering six furlongs in 1min 11 4-5sec. An American record for the distance.

If the administration of Turf affairs in New Zealand is really of an advanced order, there certainly seems to be a good deal of friction in the way of obtaining finality when it comes to settling points of racing law which crop up (says the "Referee"). The appeal boards and the judges chosen are often at variance in their interpretation of matters which arise, and it would probably be an improvement if a fixed tribunal were appointed to give decisions which are to be taken as precedents. The Petrovna case has created a deal of dissatisfaction, as might have been expected, and legal opinions as to the interpretation of certain rules of racing are being flourished to confound the judges. It looks as if the splitting of straws was a favourite diversion with some of the chosen authorities who have upset the rulings of local stewards, and perhaps less display of legal talent and more common-sense interpretation of racing rules would work out with more general satisfaction to the racing interests of the island colony.

The annual race meeting of the Foverty Bay Turf Club will take place on February 16 and 17. A very good programme of sixteen events has been drawn up, and this will be found in our advertising columns. On the opening day the best endowed events are the Turanga Stakes, of 110 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, and the Flying Handicap, of 60 sovs, six furlongs. On the second day most interest will attach to the Sunderland Stakes, of 110 sovs, one mile, the Stewards Handicap, of 50 sovs, seven furlongs, the Second Hurdles, of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, and the Publicans' Purse Handicap, of 50 sovs, five furlongs. The meeting is a popular one, and is well worthy the attention of owners. Entries close on January 14, at 9.30, with Mr E. L. Maude, the secretary, while for events in which there is no acceptance, entries will be taken up to February 4.

At a meeting of the A.R.C. Committee last Monday, the following licenses were granted:—Trainers: L. Quintall, A. R. Kruck, A. H. Blasford. Jockeys: L. Jelling, W. Mooney, J. J. Stannaway, A. A. McKenzie, G. Batensby, W. Moberley, G. A. New, and F. G. Hunt. The programme of the Alexandra Racing Club, 26th December, and the Te Aroha Hack Racing Club, 30th January, were passed.

Wellcast broke down on Tuesday morning, and will not be seen out at the A.R.C. Meeting.

It was rumoured in town that Hewitt was too slow the mount on Ghoorka, but it was too s as though the crack horseman will be a spectator at the race, for C. Jenkins is fairly certain to be in the saddle on the Forirua horse.

The Indian Viceroy's Cup will be run on the 27th inst., and it is most likely will again fall to an Australian-bred horse. Last year Great Scot won it, and he is said to have excellent prospects of repeating his success.

The progeny of the defunct Sir Modred still keep his memory green in America. At Chicago in October, the two-year-old colt St. Brillar, who claims the son of Traducer as sire, won a six furlong race, and was only beaten by a head in a mile handicap in which he was giving weight to most of his opponents.

Presto II. easily beat Fife in their £1000 match at Paris last month, and to show that there was no fluke about the result of the Prix du Conseil Municipal, the former's owner wants to run him against Pretty Polly for £4000 aside, on the same terms as they met in that race—namely, the colt to carry 8st 5lb, and the filly 9st 11lb. If Pretty Polly's owner honestly thinks his filly unlucky to be downed by Presto II., he should jump at the chance of a match.

The six-year-old horse Royal Rouge, who won a selling hurdle race at Hurst Park (England) recently, and was then bought in for 75gs, was so highly thought of early in his career that when offered at auction at Newmarket for a two-year-old, a genuine offer of 7000gs was refused. However, he proved a failure, and has done nothing beyond accounting for three or four small jumping races.

A London writer expresses an opinion that there is too much inclination to "coddle" English racehorses nowadays. It is doubtless a very pleasant sight, he says, to see Pretty Polly and her inseparable companion, the now famous cob, rubbing noses together, which presumably is the equine method of kissing, whilst the former is being saddled for a race. Supposing, however, that every horse in a paddock was accompanied by a companion of some sort, matters would be awkward indeed, especially where the field was large and the paddock small. Moreover, it is questionable if this companionship has not been carried to far too great lengths in the case of Pretty Polly, who exhibits more and more disinclination to leave her inseparable companion, and, on the occasion of her last race, it was noted that Maher had considerable difficulty in getting her to go to the post.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

There will be plenty to interest sportsmen in Auckland during the holidays. The programme is as follows:—

- December 25, Sunday—Northern S.S. Co's Excursion to New Plymouth.
- December 26, Monday—The Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting (Cup Day). The Thames J.C. Summer Meeting, Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer Meeting, Northern S.S. Co's Excursion to Waiheke, Kawau, Waiwera, etc., Union S.S. Co's Excursion to New Plymouth.
- December 27, Tuesday—The Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, the Thames J.C. Summer Meeting, Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer Meeting, Northern S.S. Co's Excursion to New Plymouth.
- December 28, Wednesday—Union S.S. Co's Excursion to New Plymouth.
- December 29, Thursday—The Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting (Summer Cup Day), Northern Co's Excursion to New Plymouth, and Tauranga Regatta.
- December 30, Friday—Wellington Park Stud Company's Sale of Yearlings, Drury Racing Club's Meeting, Union S.S. Co's Excursion to New Plymouth.
- December 31, Saturday—Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting (second day).
- January 2, Monday—Auckland Racing Club's Meeting (Derby Day), Kamo Racing Club's Meeting, Northern S.S. Co's Excursion.
- January 3, Tuesday—Auckland Racing Club's Meeting (Royal Cambria).
- January 4, Wednesday—Camberia Park Stud Company's Dispersal Sale of Brood Mares, Foals, etc., the Glenora Park Yearlings Sale, and the Glenora Park Yearlings Sale.
- January 7, Saturday—Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting (Third Day). The Ferry Company will run numerous excursions on all the holidays.

AUCKLAND R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

CUP DAY ANTICIPATIONS.

[BY "THE JUDGE."]

It seems only the other day that we assembled at Ellerslie to witness Wairiki score a hollow victory in the Cup, but twelve months have elapsed since Mr Bradley's colours triumphed in the great two-mile event, and now racegoers are once again called upon to participate in the great summer carnival of the Auckland Racing Club, the premier event of the world of sport in the North Island.

chance he generally wins. If he can stay it out Scotty has plenty of pace to finish with, but there is that "if" to be considered, and as yet he has not gone so long a journey. A lot of money has gone on Ghorka during the last few days, there being a big commission in the market from the South. He seems rather a horse of moods, but if it is his day out he will take a lot of beating.

A look through the list of candidates with a view to ascertaining those whose chances are rosier may be found of interest. Racing will be commenced at noon on Monday with the Trial Handicap, of 100 sovs, seven furlongs. In this there is a nice field of eighteen, with the probability of most facing the starter.

ROMEO MAHUTONGA MELODEON

After the excitement has cooled down the Grafton Hurdle Race, of 200 sovs, two miles, comes on for consideration. There are nine left in for this, and as Spalpeen is hardly the horse he was the three to catch the judge's eye may be—

UP-TO-DATE BELLMAN CATHERINE GORDON

The Railway Handicap, of 400 sovs, six furlongs, is the next item on the bill-of-fare, and this should give rise to a great betting race. Sixteen horses have been accepted for, and nearly all of them have chances. Hohoro at his very best might win, for he is a great finisher. Kremlin has hosts of admirers despite his 7lb penalty. Black and Gold is very fit just now and may be dangerous.

SAVOURY KREMLIN BLACK AND GOLD

Next comes the Nursery Handicap, of 100 sovs, five furlongs. Boomerang has shown himself the superior of the Northern contingent and he should win, but if Carl Rosa is slipped for the event he might be dangerous. Failing him possibly Mr Lusk may place them—

BOOMERANG LURESOME APOLOGUE

The Pony Cup, of 150 sovs, seven furlongs, is certain to give rise to a most spirited battle for all the cracks are engaged. Sonoma has not been herself of late and may not start. Forth if really well would be very dangerous. Fashionable is in great heart and ought to just about win. To place them the positions may go to—

FASHIONABLE ORANGE AND BLUE LUCRECE

The concluding event on Monday is the Christmas Handicap, of 150 sovs, one mile. Several are entered for this whose names appear in other races, and it is difficult to say which will start. If they go to the post the three I like best are—

SIGNALMAN DELANIA THE MIDDY

The following are the acceptances:—

Table with columns: Horse Name, Weight (at lb), and Odds (at lb). Includes entries like Jewellery, Delania, Waikato, Waipuna, Numa, Swagsman, Austerlitz, Crichton, The Middy, Golden Sands, Tahora, Pearl Necklet, Mechanic, Woodfield, Jameth, Mauku, Cuiraquo, Lovelink, Muthema.

WAIPUNA WAIKATO THE MIDDY

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, of 500 sovs, six furlongs, is the next event. It hardly appears that we have anything good enough in Auckland to put down Mr Stead's representative. Carl Rosa is probably our best, and a victory for the son of Seaton Delaval would be very popular. There are three bailing from the Yaldhurst stable, these being Sungod, Noctuniform, and Delaware, and whichever is started should win, although not without strong opposition from King Billy. The placings should be—

MR STEAD'S SELECTED KING BILLY CARL ROSA

The great event of the day, the Auckland Cup, of 1500 sovs, two miles, next comes on for consideration. Unfortunately there will only be eight starters, even if that number go to the post, and some of these have not shown any form to entitle them to be considered Cup horses. Mahutonga ruled for a long time as favourite, but has now been displaced, although no liberties are taken with his name. He is a good horse, but no champion, or he would never have been beaten by a moderate horse like Grand Rapids in the New Zealand Cup. Many consider he was ridden without judgment in that event or he would have won, but he has been handicapped quite as severely as though he had placed the Southern event to his credit. Melodeon has before now given proof that he can stay the journey out all right, and with a good horseman like F. Davis in the saddle should put up a brave fight. Romeo has quite enough weight to carry, but he is looking in rare buckle, and in Victor Cotton's hands is certain to give a good account of himself. Scotty has many admirers, and it must be noted about this horse that when his party are sweet about his

GRAFT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 500 sovs; six furlongs.

Table listing race entries for Grafton Northern Foal Stakes, including names like Mr E. W. Alison's br c Foremost, Mr S. Bradley's b c, Messrs R. and R. Duder's br c Devonport, Mr J. A. Harding's b f, Mr A. Lennard's b c Carl Rosa, Mr J. D. Manson's b c, Mr D. O'Brien's br c Multifid, Mr J. P. Sinclair's br c, Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sungod, Mr G. G. Stead's br c Delaware, Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy.

AUCKLAND CUP of 1,500 sovs; two miles.

Table listing race entries for Auckland Cup, including Mahutonga, Melodeon, Romeo, Scotty, Ghorka, Starshoot, Gladstone, Idas.

GRAFTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; two miles.

Table listing race entries for Grafton Hurdle Race, including Up-to-Date, Spalpeen, Bellman, Catherine Gordon, Ranana, Pharm, Loch Lomond, Irish, Welicast.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 400 sovs; six furlongs.

Table listing race entries for Railway Handicap, including Hohoro, Kremlin, Marshal Fout, Black and Gold, Savoury, Boris, Golden Vein, Luresome, Avalanche, Lady Annie, Numa, Strathavon, To-morrow, Seabird, Beau Seaton, Crichton.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; five furlongs.

Table listing race entries for Nursery Handicap, including Boomerang, Carl Rosa, Haoraki, Apologue, Master Delaval, Horsa, Luresome, Czarevna, Hiro, Arlette, Dardanus, Merry Delaval, Silby.

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 150 sovs; seven furlongs.

Table listing race entries for Pony Cup, including Sonoma, Forth, Fashionable, Orange and Blue, Manoeuvre, Reduction, Lucrece, Whawai, Sally Horner, Miss Cuirassier, Gladys Rose, Sentinel, Lady Lottie, Lucy Godfrey.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 150 sovs; one mile.

Table listing race entries for Christmas Handicap, including Signalman, Waikato, Waipuna, The Needle, Numa, Swagsman, Heroism, Bowman, The Middy, Seabird, Idasa, Kilpeth.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

THURSDAY.

Noteorini on the sand slipped over six furlongs in 1min 18 1/2 sec. Lady Annie did a similar task in one second less. To-morrow and Golden Vein galloped six furlongs on the tan, finishing together in 1min 17 1/2 sec. Girton Girl had a credit of 1min 18 1/2 sec for six furlongs on the sand. Woodfield beat Lady Hunc in a six furlongs' flutter in 1min 17 1/2-5sec. Signalman pipped Quarryman over a mile on the tan in 1min 44sec, this being one of the best gallops of the morning. Austerlitz ran 1min 5sec for five furlongs on the sand track. Numa got away from General Average at the finish of a seven furlong flutter in 1min 35 1/2-5sec on the sand. Solitary galloped down the six furlongs on the sand in 1min 20 1/2-5sec. Vivandel and Pearl Necklet did the same task in 1min 21sec. Romeo held Mahutonga in a strong run once round in 2min 8sec on the sand track. Avalanche ran six furlongs by herself, the last five in 1min 4 1/2 sec. Waipuna and Escape left one and a-quarter miles behind them in 2min 13 1/2-5sec. The Middy fluttered over six furlongs on the tan in 1min 17sec. The Needle and Strathavon finished in this order over the mile course on the tan in 1min 42 1/2 sec. Hohoro and Mechanic were again mates for a striding five furlongs' gallop on the sand in 1min 4 1/2-5sec, finishing together. Muthema gave Stibington a drubbing over seven furlongs in 1min 31 1/2-5sec on the grass. Alba Rose alone got to the end of four furlongs in 52 2/2-5sec on the sand track. Fashionable ran a mile on the sand in 1min 49sec from a standing start, completely outpacing Bonomiana. Anchorite, who is on the improve, beat Wheturere for six furlongs on the grass in 1min 16sec. Lovelink settled the pretensions of two others over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec. There was also a lot of useful work done after breakfast by Idas, King Paul, Mauku, Sonoma, Foremost, Golden Sands, Ben Blair, Sergius, Luresome, and others.

SATURDAY.

On Saturday morning the course proper being open nearly all the work was done there. The course was in splendid order after the recent showers.

Woodfield was again the first to show out, and did a nice striding gallop on the tan, going five furlongs in 1min 7sec. King Paul and Mauku ran a mile, the last seven furlongs in 1min 38 2/2-5sec.

Lady Annie had a credit of 1min 6 1/2 sec for five furlongs. Signalman and Quarryman, in company left one and a-quarter miles behind in 2min 23sec; the former had the best of the bout.

Girton Girl alone skipped over seven furlongs, moving nicely. Idas, with Numa to assist in the last part of the journey, left a mile and a-half behind in 2min 52 3/2-5sec.

Delania ran a circuit with Dunmore in 2min 7 1/2 sec. Apologue and Kilderkin sprinted four furlongs in 54sec, the former in front.

Solitary, with weight up, took 1min 12sec to finish five furlongs. Golden Sands got seven furlongs in 1min 37sec.

The Middy proved too fast for Noteorini for six furlongs in 1min 23sec. Pearl Necklet took 1min 38 4/2-5sec for seven furlongs.

To-morrow did the best six furlongs of the morning, running it in 1min 20sec. Ben Blair had a four furlongs' dash in 54 3/2-5sec.

Needlework and Waipuna ran a mile, the last seven furlongs in 1min 39 3/2-5sec. Vivandel and Glenrose ran seven furlongs at top, finishing together.

Desdemona and Lady Hunc kept company for six furlongs in 1min 23sec. The touts, who were perceptibly tiring, had fresh life infused into them by the appearance of four Cup candidates, these being Romeo (V. Cotton), Scotty (M. Ryan), Mahutonga (J. Buchanan), and Gladstone (Pinker). They finished in this order for one and a-half miles. The former covered the most ground, and the latter was beaten off in 2min 50 3/2-5sec.

Avalanche, on the tan, sprinted six furlongs in 1min 16 1/2 sec. Crichton easily beat Ailsa over the same track in 1min 17 1/2 sec.

Putty, who shows signs of improving, easily disposed of Geologist for eight furlongs in 1min 51 1/2-5sec.

Southern galloped a mile in 1min 52 1/2 sec. San Souci assisted the last four furlongs.

Lovelink sprinted four furlongs in 59 1/2 sec. Peter Simple, who was to have taken part in the gallop, got rid of his rider and galloped alone.

Alba Rose alone galloped four furlongs (M. Ryan in the saddle) in 54 4/2-5sec. Bonomiana left a mile behind in 1min 55sec.

Muthema was much too fleet for Stibington in a five furlongs' flutter. Irish had a small margin in his favour in a circle with Spalpeen in 2min 12sec; the latter makes a noise.

After breakfast Manoeuvre beat Inspiration in a rough up over six furlongs in 1min 22 3/2-5sec. Jewellery sprinted alone for seven furlongs.

Carl Rosa and San Paulo skipped over four furlongs with little between them in 54 4/2-5sec. Sally Horner and two others galloped down seven furlongs in 1min 37 3/2-5sec; Sally Horner held the pair.

Hohoro and Mechanic ran six furlongs in 1min 23sec; the latter, who got a break, led throughout. Orange and Blue put up a most taking six furlongs in 1min 21 1/2 sec. Air Gun, who assisted, was no use to Wairiki's sister.

Anchorite and Wheturere worked in company. Sir Gillead and Revealer did likewise. Ambition, Albuera, and Native Rose jumped the schooling battens.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning the course proper was again thrown open and trainers took advantage to utilise that track; although there was a good shower it did not interfere with training operations.

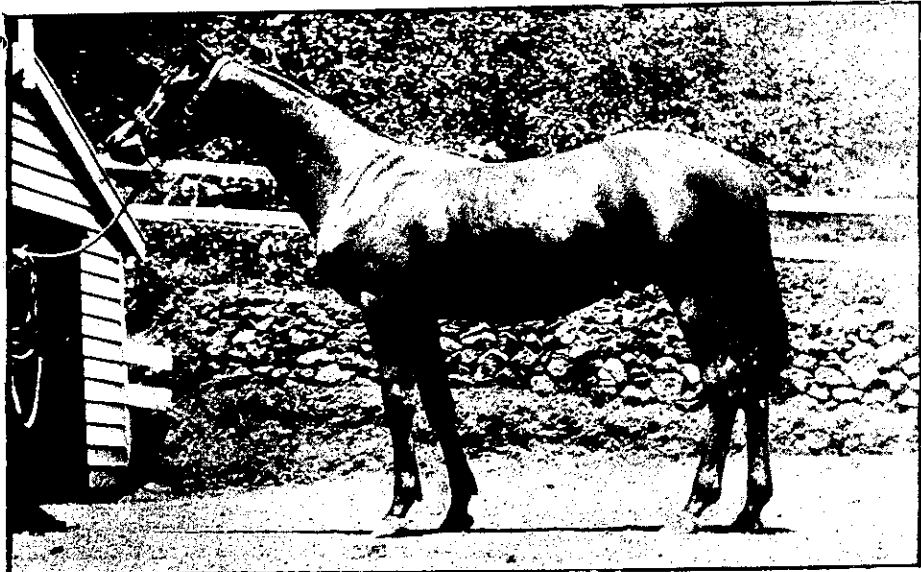
Crichton had Woodfield tied in a knot over six furlongs in 1min 16sec on the grass. Lady Annie strode over six furlongs on the course proper in 1min 24 4/2-5sec.

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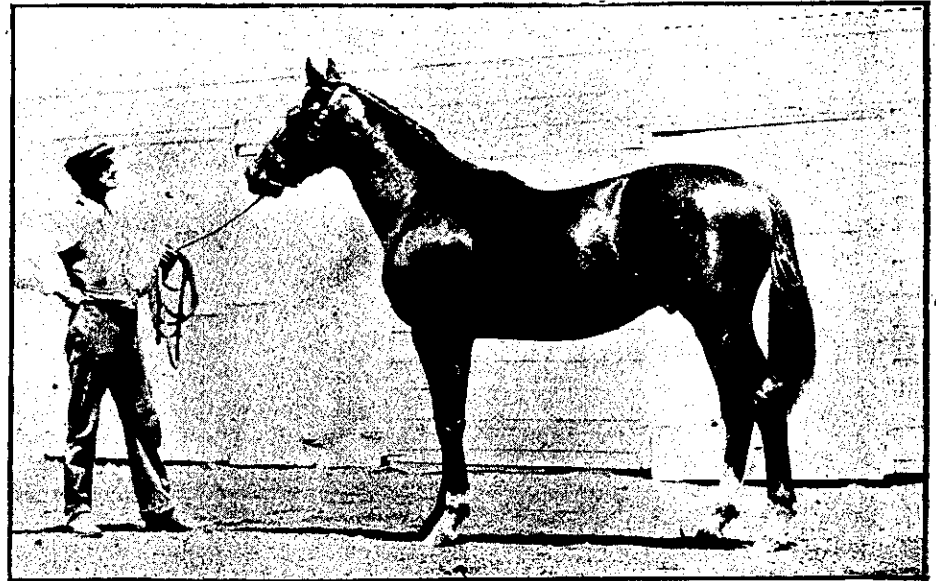
Mr W. M. Pritchard, of 47, Victoria Street, Auckland, has patented an invention which should prove invaluable to engineers, or indeed to any men whose duties bring them in contact with fire or excessive heat. It takes the form of an indestructible, watertight, heat-resisting boot, having a layer of specially prepared waterproof cloth asbestos between the inner and outer soles. This prevents the heat penetrating through to the feet, a boon which will perhaps be best realised by those who have to work on iron decks in hot weather. As the cost is very little in excess of that of an ordinary boot, Mr Pritchard should have a big sale of these boots.

The Wellington Park Stud Company's ANNUAL SALE.

A Splendid Lot of Yearlings, to be Sold Without Reserve,
Friday, December 30th, 1904.



Brown colt, by Hotchkiss—Edith Cureton.



Brown colt, by San Francisco—Miss Gladys.

Of all the stud farms throughout Australasia there are none more noted than that of Wellington Park. The reason of this is obvious enough, for from none have so many champions gone forth, a fact which is easily realised when one considers that no less a sum than £234,783 has been won by the sons and daughters of the matrons located at the Park. What tales could be told of the prowess of horses which, reared at the great Auckland breeding establishment, have passed out at the yearling sales to inscribe their names indelibly on the equine roll of honour. Truly these have been champions indeed, and one might well ask what is the reason for such continued success. It may be traced to three causes. Firstly, nothing but the very finest running blood is to be found on the farm; secondly, the locality has no equal for the rearing of thoroughbred stock; and thirdly, Mr Morrin, the managing director, has had many years of experience in horse breeding and his methods always make for success.

The yearlings which are to come up for sale on December 30 are a very fine lot who should worthily uphold the traditions of the place. Our representative

paid a visit to the stud a short time ago, and in describing the youngsters wrote of them 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.

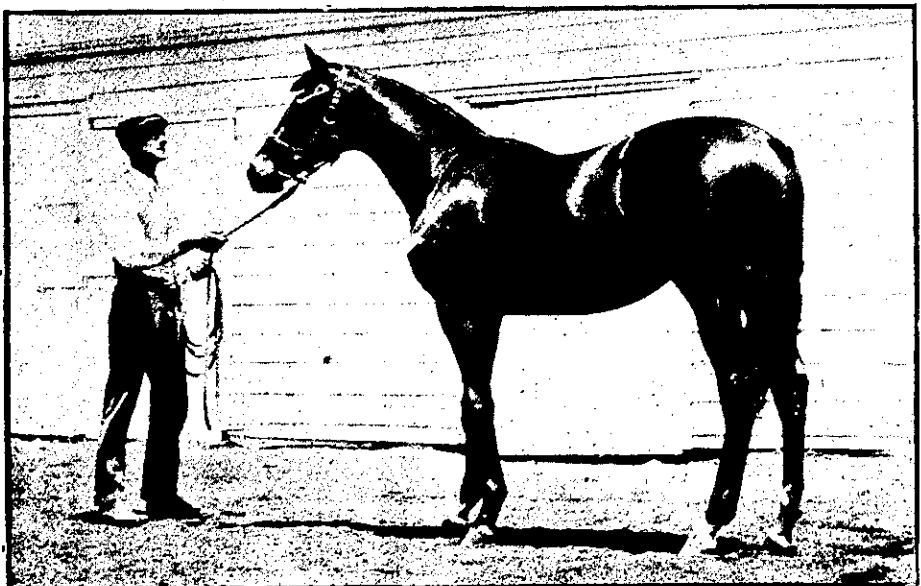
PHOEBUS APOLLO—VIVANDIERE.—It is impossible to mistake the breeding of this colt for one could tell at a glance he claims Vivandiere as his dam, and additional interest will be taken in him in that he is the last of her numerous progeny. The old mare produced no less than sixteen foals, and I think I 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.

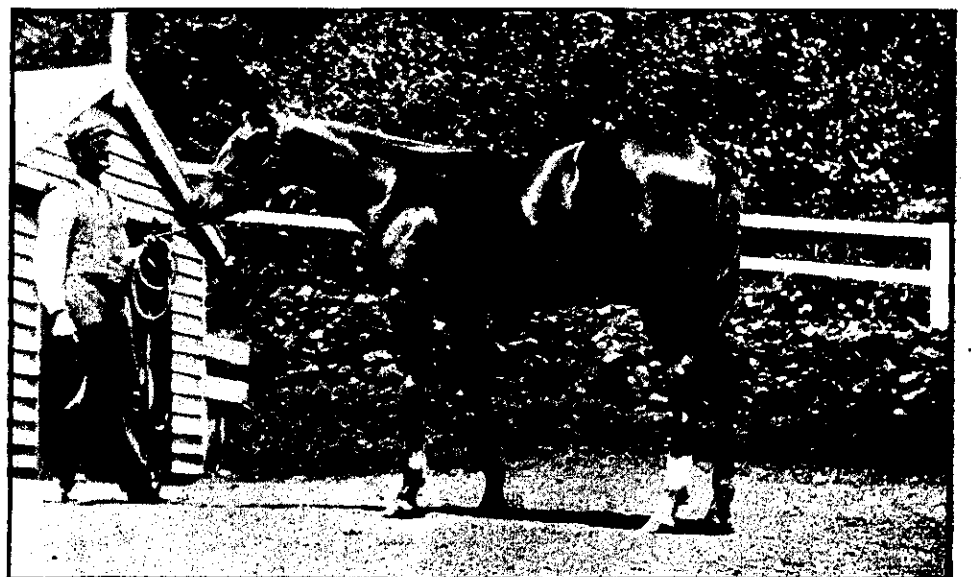
PHOEBUS APOLLO—BANGLE.—Here is a beautifully-bred youngster showing a full cross of the St. Simon and Musket blood. In colour a brown with a small white star, both hind fetlocks being white, he shows promise of keeping up the family reputation for galloping and is certain to make a racehorse.

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.

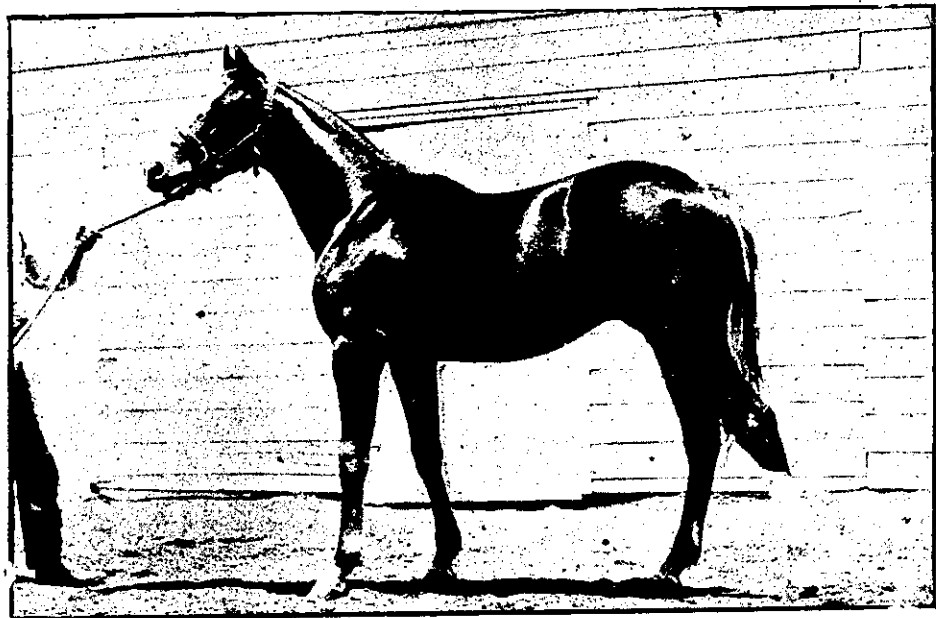
PHOEBUS APOLLO—CHRYSOLITE.—Coming as he does from a great racing family which has produced Robinson Crusoe, Sardonyx, Nordenfeldt, and Enfilade, this youngster has high family credentials. He is a chestnut with a white blaze and near white stocking. He is hardly a giant, but is a powerful



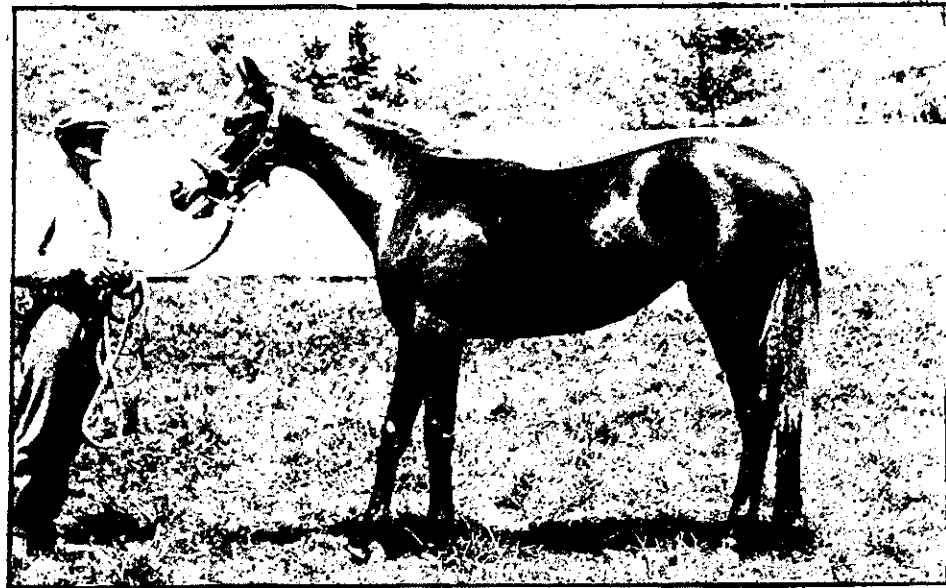
Brown colt, by Menschikoff—Sunningdale.



Chestnut colt, by Hotchkiss—St. Elyn.



Chestnut colt, by Phoebus Apollo—Chrysolite.



Brown filly, by Phoebus Apollo—Antelope.

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 Musketale, 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 Gladstone, 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—ALEGER.—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 fusillade of bids for her possession when she is led into the sale ring.

PHOEBUS APOLLO—CUIRALBA.—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 hand-on-e 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.

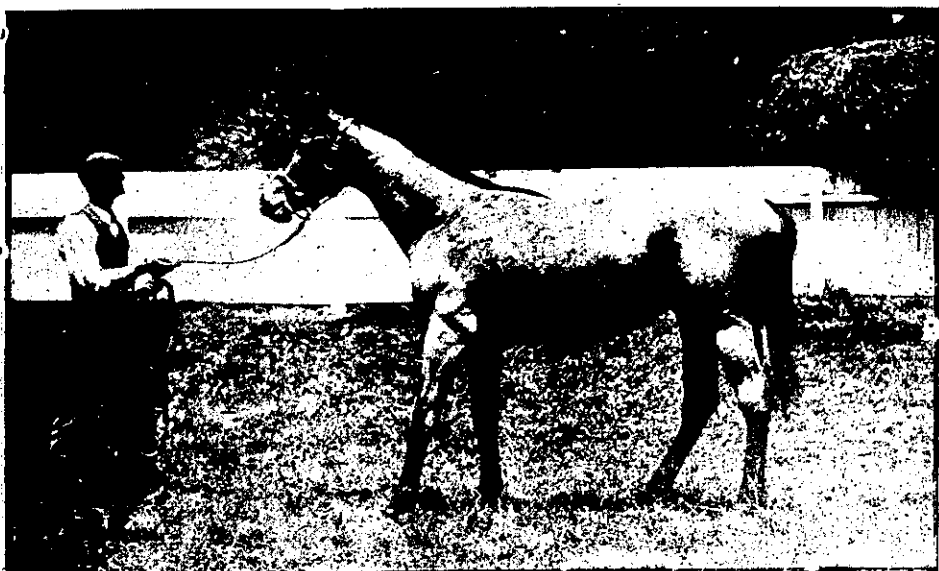
PHOEBUS APOLLO—PROBLEM.—A chestnut with a white blaze and four white fetlocks, and an exceedingly nice filly showing plenty of size and substance. She comes of a great running family, which included Abercorn, who in his day proved at least equal if not a better horse than Carbine.

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.

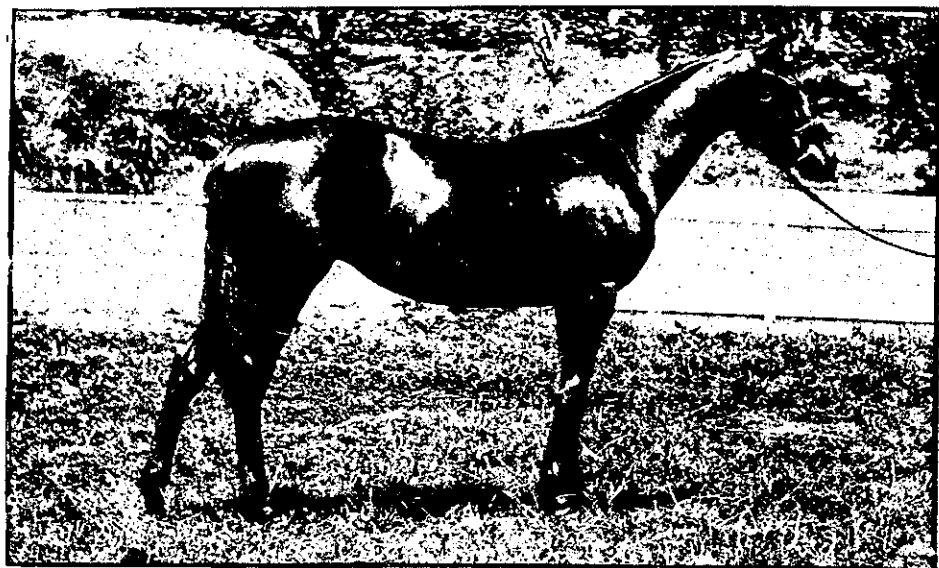
HOTCHKISS—FIRST LOVE.—This half-sister to Lady Avon is a brown with a small white star, and is one of the kind who is certain to make friends. She looks like being possessed of galloping abilities in no small measure, and viewed from any point of view is a very nice filly indeed.

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 Cyrenian 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.



Brown colt, by Phoebus Apollo—Vivandiere.



Brown filly, by Hotchkiss—St. Evelyn.

TRAINING NOTES (Continued).

Golden Vein negotiated the same distance on the tan in 1min 19 1-5sec.

Apologue and Austerlitz ran four furlongs on the sand in 51sec.

Mauka left six furlongs behind on the course proper; the last five furlongs in 1min 9 1-5sec.

Up-to-Date, Spalpeen, and Dingo put in a round on the sand in 2min 7 3-5sec, the former in front.

Desdemona had slightly the better of Lady Hume for six furlongs on the tan in 1min 19sec.

Girton Girl, full of running, finished the last six of seven furlongs on the course proper in 1min 27sec.

Ailsa bolted from Noteorini for six furlongs in 1min 22 1-5sec on the course proper.

Signalman and Quarryman finished together for a short mile on the tan in 1min 41 1-5sec.

Scotty ran round the tan in 2min 2 3-5sec.

Southern held The Middy all the way for six furlongs on the sand in 1min 17sec.

There was little to choose between Rana, The Needle, and Needlework over seven furlongs in 1min 30sec on the sand.

Numa beat General Average in a short sprint of three furlongs in 37 1-2sec.

Mr Stead's team all worked on the tan, trotting once round and then spurring a couple of furlongs, and repeated this again. Nightfall seemed a little sore.

Idas did useful work on the sand.

Gladstone alone galloped nine furlongs on the tan in 1min 53 4-5sec.

Lovelink made a hack of Simple Simon over a short course; the latter was very lame at the finish.

Foremost was too fast for Sonoma over four furlongs on the sand in 51sec.

Romeo again had the best of Mahutonga over twelve furlongs on the sand in 2min 41 1-5sec; the latter struck out much freer than formerly.

Starshoot over the same distance had a slight advantage of Melodeon on the course proper in 2min 55sec.

Waipuna was too fleet for Strathavon for seven furlongs on the course proper in 1min 36 1-2sec.

San Souci alone sprinted four furlongs on the grass in 51sec.

King Billy beat Boomerang easily over four furlongs in 52 4-5sec. Fashionable got the credit of 1min 38sec for seven furlongs.

Putty left a good gap between himself and Geologist in a six furlongs' sprint on the sand in 1min 20 3-5sec.

Delaware spurted four furlongs on the tan in 48 2-5sec.

Gladys Rose took four seconds longer on the sand for the same distance.

Dolores, moving stiffly, spurted four furlongs on the tan in 53 3-5sec.

Hohoro beat his stable mate Mechanic for six furlongs on the sand in 1min 18 1-2sec.

Sergius took 1min 25sec to finish six furlongs on the course proper.

Alba Rose alone skipped over five furlongs on the same track in 1min 5sec.

Anchorite, who is on the improve, left Cuiragno behind over seven furlongs in 1min 36 4-5sec.

A number of others also worked.

After the breakfast interval Jewellery left a solid seven furlongs behind in 1min 34sec on the course proper.

Mr J. Marshal was out and saw Pearl Necklet run over seven furlongs on the course in 1min 37 1-5sec.

Sally Horner, on the same track, ran five furlongs in 1min 7sec.

The two saints, San Paulo and St. Cyril slipped over four furlongs in 1min 54sec.

Waikato left seven furlongs behind in 1min 31sec on the sand.

Inspiration was too good for Free-mount in 1min 19sec for six furlongs on the sand.

La Cigale ran six furlongs on the course in 1min 36sec. Manoeuvre helped over the last four.

Orange and Blue was too smart for Sir Gilead for seven furlongs in 1min 35sec.

Air Gun, Carl Rosa, Hiro, Lucrece, Legerite, and others also worked.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, December 20.

Mr Stead's powerful team for the Auckland Summer Meeting is now safely quartered at Ellerslie. Nightfall, Sun-god, Delaware, and Noctiform are looked upon as certainties for any classic events they start in, while Savoury, according to some people, cannot lose the Railway Handicap.

Hewitt, who is in great form at present, is looking forward to beating his Canterbury record of fourteen wins put up at the last Cup Meeting.

Magnificent, Coral, Ability, and Quick-fire were taken over to the West Coast on Monday in charge of H. Donovan and W. Brown.

T. Sheehan also left with his mare Antigone, and T. O'Brien went over with Nor'-wester.

Sir Geo. Clifford will be represented at the Manawatu Meeting by Cannie Chiel, Tessera, and Chrysis. H. Cutts will have charge of the trio.

Beau Seaton and Czarevna will both take part at the Auckland Meeting, but after their poor displays at the Christchurch Meeting last week I do not expect to see them score in better company they are bound to meet at Ellerslie. Zealous, Lolah, Terrapin, Hilarity, Delarey, King's Guest, and Lydia have all gone to Dunedin.

Catherine Gordon, the pony Reduction, Beau Seaton, and Czarevna left for Auckland on Saturday.

Slow Tom had a bad fall one day last week and will not start at the Dunedin Meeting.

Wet Blanket, Guard of Honor and Ronga have left for Kaikoura, where the local club will hold its annual races on Boxing Day: all totalisator tickets will be ten shillings.

Hewitt has ridden twenty-one winners at the past two race meetings held in Christchurch, a truly remarkable record.

Secret Society has quite lost the form he displayed in the early spring, and his two efforts at the Christchurch Meeting cost his supporters a lot of money.

The Australian-bred colt Handel, by Medallion—Choir Girl, has scored his first win at the Christchurch Meeting. This colt was sent over from Australia in the winter, having been purchased by Mr G. Palmer.

Mr J. E. Henrys witnessed the racing during both days of the Christchurch Club's Summer Meeting.

Starshoot is being strongly supported for the Auckland Cup in doubles with Savoury, Kremlin and Crichton.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, December 17.

Ere these lines reach your readers, our local Cup and Railway candidates, Ghoorka and Boris, will have been seen at Ellerslie. Their mentor, J. H. Prosser, and the stable's jockey, C. Jenkins, accompany the horses, there will, therefore, be no excuses for Porirua reps. should they perform indifferently during the A.R.C. Meeting.

I understand that Ghoorka has only undergone a light preparation. He, however, looks nice to the eye, and may run his best race under these conditions in the Cup. His owner, I learn on undeniable authority, is running his horse for the stake alone, and has not backed the son of Lochiel for a single shilling to win the Cup. Boris is in good nick, and will start in the Railway Handicap. Mr Turnbull's colt claims engagements in the A.R.C. Derby and the Royal Stakes, but he may, however, take part in the Alexandra, County, and Newmarket Handicap events, in preference to taking on the Classic races.

A number of the Porirua stable's followers are sure to make small investments on the "off-chance" of obtaining a win. A victory for the local horses in some of the handicaps will therefore be warmly welcomed in local sporting circles.

With the exception of the Hon. W. Johnston's pair, Flamen and Highden (a two-year-old brother to Flamen) Prosser's charges will remain in their boxes during his absence in the North. Chivalry, Novgorod, and Valois were engaged at Manawatu, but evidently the trio's prospects were not sufficiently "rosy" to warrant even the short trip to Palmerston North.

Those of the Hutt-trained horses that are in racing condition, will take part in either the Manawatu or Lower Valley (Martinborough) Meetings on Boxing Day. W. Davis will probably take Ballarat and St. Winnifred to Manawatu, while Solution and Lissa, in charge of H. Goodman, will fulfil their engagements at the same fixture.

Pritchard has some of his charges engaged at both Manawatu and Lower

Valley, and he will be represented at both places. Matuku, Levant, and Sir Ludlam are engaged at Manawatu, whilst Kudu and Matuku appear amongst the list of horses handicapped for Lower Valley. Shrapnel Shell also claims an engagement at the last-mentioned meeting, and all going well, he will fulfil it.

A striking instance of how men intrusted with the adjustment of handicaps differ in their opinions as to the merits of horses that they recently saw racing, is exemplified in the imposts allotted to Catspaw and Wet Reef by the respective handicappers for Manawatu and Hawke's Bay. The handicapper for the former's Club sets Wet Reef to concede Catspaw four pounds, while the adjuster for Hawke's Bay considers that Wet Reef should give Catspaw twenty pounds, thus differing from the Manawatu handicapper by 16lb. Both horses ran at the Woodville Meeting, and the distances of the events under notice are identical, viz., six furlongs. On Catspaw's recent form, he certainly seems generously treated at Hawke's Bay. He conceded Mr Richardson's horse, Whakawhei, two stone and thirteen pound in the Woodville Hack Flying, and defeated him. Mr Richardson's colt will have to improve a lot in the interim to defeat Catspaw at Hawke's Bay when set to meet his conqueror on 27lb worse terms.

The training notes that reach sporting readers of newspapers outside of Auckland through the medium of the Press Association, are most misleading, and are utterly worthless to those who rely upon such information as a guide with the view of making totalisator investments. The evening papers of Saturday last, under the heading of Press Association, published some alleged training notes, amongst which was the following:—"Signalman beat Quarryman over a mile and a-quarter in 2min 25 1-2sec; Mechanic beat Hohoro from a standing start over six furlongs in 1min 23 1-2sec." No weights are mentioned, and readers are given the impression that Quarryman has so lost form that he cannot do better than 2min 25sec for a ten furlongs, and that the champion sprinter, Hohoro, is clean off, and can be beaten in slow time by a second-rate horse. Of course, those who follow form closely will realise that "finished in front of" was meant when the word "beat" was used, but if so, why does the writer of the training notes lead folks, who may not be close followers of form, to come to absurd conclusions?

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, December 17.

The Woodville Jockey Club made a profit of £726 over their late meeting. It is satisfactory to know that the appreciation of the secretary's efforts by the executive took a tangible form, as they voted Mr Gothard a £50 bonus last evening.

Boomerang, King Billy, Melodeon, Starshoot, and Kremlin left by the Victoria last night. F. Davis and E. Kemp were also passengers by the steamer. The former rides Melodeon in the Cup, and Kemp will have the leg-up on Starshoot.

A. Hall, who accompanies Kremlin, has applied to have his riding license cancelled, as he intends to quit the hogskin and go in for the educational portion of the business.

L. Danahay, the light-weight horseman attached to T. Quinlivan, junior's, stable, and who showed a great deal of ability in the style in which he piloted Jeanne d'Arc and Rustique to victory at Woodville last week, has been engaged to pilot Benair and St. Albert in their contracts at the Manawatu fixture.

Mr R. Gooseman is making good progress towards the recovery of his usual good health.

Operetta, who figures as one of the contestants in the two-year-old events at the Hawke's Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, is entered in the Stud Book under the appellation of Merri Jig. She is a two-year-old daughter of Merriwee and Variety.

Float went wrong the other morning, and consequently will not be seen out at Hastings next month.

I. Munn, the trainer of Gold Dust, Wet Reef, Waipunehu, Mecca and Roseberry, has shifted into the quarters lately vacated by J. Rollo.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, December 20.

The Dunedin J.C. commence their Summer Meeting on Monday, and the two principal events may be annexed by Red Gauntlet and Petrovna, respectively.

Kelburn, the son of Hotchkiss and Lady Augusta who formerly carried the colours of Mr H. Friedlander, showed attractive form at Alexandra last week, and is said to be thoroughly sound again. He was in receipt of 14lb over six furlongs from Flower o' Clutha and

defeated her very easily. On paper he was favourably handicapped, and should he train on the son of Hotchkiss should capture a few stakes before the season closes.

Mr W. Quin, who has been prominently identified with the Tapanui Racing Club for a number of years, did not seek reelection as the club's secretary this year, and Mr Wynyard was elected to that position at the recent annual meeting. Mr Quin has bred and raced several good horses, and it is to be hoped that his resignation does not mean an entire withdrawal from the patronage of the sport.

The Christmas Meeting of the D.J.C. promises to be the most successful summer gathering ever held at Wingatui. The strength of the various fields and the class of horses engaged are distinctly above the average, and it only requires fine weather in order to have the club and its patrons mutually pleased with each other.

A recently returned New Zealander, who has been in Melbourne for the past eight years, states that Little Bourke-street is now known as the great Australian Bite for a reason that does not require explanation.

Vladimir has made a quick recovery from his recent attack of the strangles, and was out on the track on Tuesday doing the mildest of exercise.

The well-known and popular medico, Dr. Robertson, has again been elected to the presidency of the Tapanui R.C.

The Leolantis—Castanette gelding, which recently arrived from the North Island and is trained by H. Emerson, has been named Bolero.

Apollodoris, the son of Phoebus Apollo and Blisa, owned by the Hon. Geo. McLean, is a promising sort, but was unfortunate enough to strike himself a couple of days ago, and the accident will cause him to be eased for a couple of months.

The Hon. Geo. McLean's two-year-olds Alexis and Tramontana have grown and furnished a bit since they returned from Christchurch, and the former should run well in his engagements next week.

Red Gauntlet is in excellent order and should annex a stake at the forthcoming meeting.

St. Denis has brightened up latterly and appears to be regaining a bit of his old pace, which he failed to produce when he last carried silk.

Becky Seaton, the daughter of Seaton Delaval and Bragela, is an improving filly and has lost her ponied appearance by growing up and improving all round. She is also improving in her style of comporting herself on the track.

Pallas has come on nicely since he raced at Oamaru and shaped pleasingly in a recent gallop over six furlongs. He is naturally inclined to be a bit gross but his wind appears to be about right, whilst he is apparently thoroughly sound again and is likely to win in the near future.

When chatting with R. Emerson the other day he informed the writer that the well-known trotter Bill has a race to his credit which is not generally known to students of form. Prior to being imported from Australia the Vanclève gelding won an up-country six furlongs' welter in 1min 19sec, and as he is out of a thoroughbred mare he is one of the many examples which can be quoted that trotting blood can in many cases be advantageously mingled with that of thoroughbred.

AFTER THE RACES.**CHRISTCHURCH R.C. MEETING.**

The Christchurch Racing Club's Summer Meeting was concluded on Friday last in the presence of a large assemblage. The racing was not of an exciting nature, but the meeting was the most successful yet held by the club at Plumpton, the totalisator receipts for the two days showing an increase of £2081 10s over last year's total.

The chief feature of the racing was the remarkable success of L. H. Hewitt, who had six mounts, registering five wins and a second. Hewitt was riding horses belonging to six different owners, and his record is one of the best achievements accomplished by a jockey in New Zealand. He was very disappointed in only getting second, for had he won he would have put up a world's record.

The Juvenile Handicap, for two-year-olds, saw a strong favourite in Hilarity go down before Handel. He got away badly and was never in the hunt. Handel was at once taken to the front, and ran in company with Inglenew for a couple of furlongs when he drew away and won by a length from Vardo, who beat Hilarity by five lengths.

The Midland Welter brought out seven starters, Lee-Enfield going out a strong favourite, Elibank being next in demand. Lee-Enfield, as usual, got away smartly,

It is estimated that the average size of the English thoroughbred has increased a hand (4 inches) in the last century.

From time to time (says an American paper) we are flooded with tremendous plunge stories in the New York tracks, and a matter of £2000 is given scarce heads and goodness knows what. We wonder what would happen if any bet were offered similar to that of Count LeGrange to the late Harry Morris, an English bookmaker, when the Count won in one race £108,000 and was duly paid by Mr Morris, the Monday following the race.

and he led down the back followed by Ordnance and Elibank. Passing the half-mile post Natalie ran up to the leaders, but at the home turn Lee-Enfield drew out and won by a length from Elibank, who was six lengths in front of Ordnance, with Natalie fourth, while Magnificent was never prominent.

There were eight starters in the Anniversary Handicap, one mile and a quarter. Stepdancer was installed a warm favourite, Terrapin being in better demand than the others. Antigone was first to show out, and she ran past the stand well clear of Ability and Stepdancer, Terrapin being last. Passing the six furlong post Sandy ran alongside Stepdancer, but he soon retired. Antigone was first in the straight, but Stepdancer had her beaten at the distance and won by a length and a half. Ability was third, three lengths behind Antigone.

In the Electric Handicap Master Alix made all the running and won easily by four lengths from Beau Seaton, who was three lengths in front of Lee-Enfield, King's Guest being fourth.

The Farewell Handicap, one mile, went to The Mohican, who defeated Manjess by two lengths, Quickfire running third; Lolah was the only other starter.

Medallic in the Paramatta mile. The horse started favourite, but finished last.

The experiment of introducing a race for horses to be ridden by amateurs registered by the Sydney Turf Club, or by professional jockeys carrying 10lb extra, proved quite a success at Rosehill on Saturday. There were fourteen starters, eight amateur riders being engaged. An amateur, Mr W. Beaumont, won on May Lord, who started favourite. A professional (G. Selby) finished second on Orchid, and an amateur (Mr W. H. Anderson) third on Donegal. One amateur (Mr J. Holliman) riding P.D.Q. had the mortification of being knocked out of the saddle after the race was over. Otherwise the amateurs were delighted at the opportunity afforded of displaying silk.

On the second day, Queensland Turf Club's Meeting on Saturday, eleven horses contested in the leading event, the Sandgate Handicap, of 250 sovs, one mile and a-quarter. The favourite was the top-weight, Gozargo, at 2 to 1. He carried 9st 5lb, but Zoz, 7st 13lb, after leading all the way just squeezed home from the favourite by a neck. The weight-for-age race, the Stanley Mile, had only two runners, Joyance, 8st, and Forge, 9st. Forge was four lengths ahead at the half-mile, but Joyance caught him in the run home, and won by half a length.

Acrasia, the Melbourne Cup winner, will in future be trained by A. E. Cornwell, who was the trainer of Lord Cardigan. Acrasia left Wells' stables today for her new quarters.

There were some sensational finishes in the round of First Grade cricket on Saturday. In their match against Paddington, Central Cumberland declared their innings closed with nine wickets down for 318. The Paddington men played a good up-hill game, and snatched the victory by two runs. The wicket-keeper, J. J. Kelly, won the match by a fine score of 95. The finish of the match between North Sydney and Waverley was almost as exciting. North Sydney closed their innings with eight wickets down for 432. So well did the Waverley men respond that when time was called, they had made 417 runs for the loss of nine wickets. S. E. Gregory showed something like his old-time form in making 125, when he was caught. This score will in all probability put Sid in the Australian Eleven. His brother, C. Gregory, also played well for 89, the two brothers putting on 213 runs for the second wicket. Paddington and North Sydney have scored an equal number of points in the first grade, while Burwood occupy third position.

THE GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS

Mr Walters has before now sent up some first-class yearlings to be disposed of at the annual sale, some of our best performers having been bred at Glenora Park. There are some very taking-looking youngsters this season, which will face the auctioneer's rostrum along with the Cambria Park Yearlings, on January 4. A brief description of these may, therefore, be found of more than passing interest.

On Mr Walters bringing them out, the first to come under observation was a brown filly, by The Officer—Lustrous, who is low-set and very lengthy, a beautiful mover, and of a very docile disposition. She comes of a great family, tracing back on the dam's side through Radiant, Topaz, The Gem, to Chrysolite (the granddam of Nordenfeldt, etc.), who was by Stockwell from Juliet.

A great, raking bay colt can easily be picked as the son of Cuirassier and the St. Leger mare St. Edith, another rare bred one, going back to Syren, a full-sister to Fanny Fisher, being by Fisherman out of Coquette. Like most of the Cuirassiers, this colt may require a little time, but patience with him should be amply compensated for later on.

The sister to Marshal Soult and Grenadier is a well-grown filly, standing over a lot of ground, and a great galloper in the paddock; her credentials are so good that buyers are not likely to overlook her.

The brown colt, by Soult—Lady Musket, is a late foal, but he is wonderfully well-grown, and a most likely-looking youngster. His sister, Lass o' Gowrie, has proved herself a sterling performer, that this handsome colt is well worthy of attention.

One of the gems of this year's yearlings is the sister to Avalanche, Promotion and Grouchy, a bay with a white star. She is a very shapely and evenly-made filly, with plenty of size and power. She handles herself in the paddock in a manner that leaves little doubt about her doing justice to her speedy relative's reputation.

The Soult—Fishgirl colt is a dark brown, and as he was not foaled till December 30, he is very severely handi-

capped when compared to youngsters foaled early in the season. He is a nicely-proportioned little fellow, and takes very much after his sire.

Lady Emmeline contributes a brown filly by Soult. She is a nice racy-looking filly, with a short back, good shoulders, and powerful quarters, and should know how to gallop.

After looking over the yearlings, Mr Walters took us across the farm to the mares and foals. In all there are 7 colts by Soult, including brothers to Wairiki, Marshal Soult, Avalanche, Lass o' Gowrie, etc., and all fine, healthy youngsters. With a little luck, what a sale Glenora Park should have next year!



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Cheap Excursion Tickets will be issued from any station to any station from Saturday, 17th December, to Tuesday, 3rd January, 1905, available for return up to and including Saturday, 18th February, 1905.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.

The usual 4 40 p.m. Kaukapakapa train will not leave Auckland till 6 6 p.m. Special Train will leave Onchunga for Auckland at 6 15 p.m. Special Train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 10 18 p.m., Drury 11 40 p.m., arriving Hamilton at 3 a.m. on 25th December. A Train will leave Te Aroha for Thames at 2 30 p.m., Paeroa 3 25, arriving Thames 4 45 p.m.

MONDAY, 26TH DECEMBER (BOXING DAY).

The following trains will not run:— 10 55 a.m. Auckland to Helensville, 12 30 p.m. Helensville to Auckland, 6 10 p.m. Auckland to Henderson, 5 10 a.m. Mercer to Frankton, the 8 30 a.m. Mercer to Auckland, 12 45 p.m. Auckland to Mercer, 5 0 p.m. Auckland to Penrose, 6 20 p.m. Auckland to Otahuhu and Onchunga.

Special Train will leave Kaukapakapa for Auckland at 7 a.m. Special Trains will leave Auckland for Henderson at 8 50 a.m. and 10 35 p.m.

The usual 3 20 p.m. Auckland train will not leave Helensville till 5 p.m., Henderson 6 32 p.m., arriving Auckland 7 40 p.m.

The usual 4 40 p.m. Helensville train will not leave Auckland till 7 45 p.m., and will run through to Kaukapakapa.

Special Train will leave Otahuhu for Ellerslie Racecourse at 11 30 a.m.

Special Trains will leave Auckland for Otahuhu at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Special Train will leave Auckland for Onchunga at 11 15 p.m.

A Special Train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 8 p.m. The usual 4 15 p.m. Frankton train will run through to Cambridge.

AUCKLAND RACES.

Trains will leave Auckland for Racecourse and Ellerslie every few minutes from about 10 20 a.m. till 2 10 p.m., returning at frequent intervals from about 4 30 p.m. until 15 minutes after the last race.

Fares to Racecourse from Auckland or Newmarket, including admission to course 2/-

THAMES AND CAMBRIDGE LINES.

The usual 6 40 a.m. train Paeroa to Frankton and 12 38 p.m. train Morrinsville to Paeroa will not run.

A Special Train stopping at Paeroa and Shortland only will leave Thames for Te Aroha at 9 10 a.m., returning leaving Te Aroha for Thames at 6 30 p.m.

Special Train will leave Paeroa for Thames at 10 0 a.m.

Special Train will leave Cambridge at 7 20 a.m., Frankton 7 50, arriving Thames 11 45 a.m. This train will not stop after leaving Te Aroha.

Special Train will leave Thames for Te Aroha at 6 30 p.m. Special Train will leave Thames for Paeroa at 6 50 p.m.

Special Train will leave Thames for Frankton and Cambridge at 7 10 p.m.

TUESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER.

Special Train will leave Auckland for Henderson at 8 50 a.m.

Special Train will leave Thames for Te Aroha at 5 30 a.m.

Special Train will leave Te Aroha for Thames at 9 10 a.m.

Special Train will leave Frankton at 7 50 a.m. arriving Thames 11 45 a.m. returning leaving Thames for Frankton and Cambridge at 7 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, 29TH DECEMBER.

The usual afternoon Helensville train will leave Auckland at 5 20 p.m. and will run through to Kaukapakapa.

A train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 8 0 p.m.

Trains will run from Auckland to Ellerslie Racecourse every few minutes from 10 20 a.m. till 12 10 p.m. then at 12 40 p.m., 1 10 and 2 10 p.m., returning as required.

BY ORDER.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY—JANUARY 2.

GREAT NORTHERN DEBUT of 750 sovs; one mile and a-half.

- Sir George Clifford's ch c Signalman, by Clanranald—Weatheerye
Mr H. Leek's b c, by Cyrenian—Hinemoa
Mr F. Macmanemin's ch c Dunmore, by Hotchkiss—Doonan
Messrs Sariah and White's br c, by Explosion—Sybil
Messrs Jackson and A. J. Simmelhag's ch c Gladstone, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Glalva
Mr G. G. Stead's ch f Nightfall, by Multiform—La Notte
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Zecchino, by Simmer—Melodia
Mr J. Tristram's br c Zecchino, by Musketry—Sequin
Mr R. Turnbull's ch c Boris, by Stepniak—Shepherdess
Mr W. Wood's br c Rambler, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole

FOURTH DAY—JANUARY 3.

TENTH ROYAL STAKES of 500 sovs; six furlongs.

- Mr F. B. Ross' br f Gweniad, 3yrs, by Brigadier—Gwendoline
Mr S. Bradley's b c, 2yrs, by Soult—Lady Musket
Sir George Clifford's ch c Signalman, 3yrs, by Clanranald—Weatheerye
Mr H. Friedlander's b f Czarewna, 2yrs, by Stepniak—Britomart
Mr J. A. Harding's b f, 2yrs, by Phobus Apollo—Field Rose
Mr H. Leek's b c, 3yrs, by Cyrenian—Hinemoa
Mr A. Lennard's b c Carl Rosa, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose
Mr W. Morgan's ch c Ottoman, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Crescent
Mr E. Morgan's Hro, 2yrs, by Cyrenian—Epine
Mr J. D. Manson's b f, 2yrs, by Stepniak—Ranee Nuna
Mr D. O'Brien's br f Multifid, 2yrs, by Multiform—Heriot
Messrs Sariah and White's br c, 3yrs, by Explosion—Sybil
Mr J. P. Sinclair's br c Air Gun, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Mantle
Mr G. G. Stead's b c Rubia, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Madder
Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sungod, 2yrs, by Multiform—Otterden
Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Noctunifom, 2yrs, by Multiform—La Notte
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Delaware, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Stepfeldt
Mr J. Tristram's br c Zecchino, 3yrs, by Musketry—Sequin
Mr R. Turnbull's ch c Boris, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Shepherdess
Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy, 2yrs, by Merriwee—Indian Queen
Mr J. White's b c, 3yrs, by Cyrenian—Windmill
Mr W. Wood's br c Rambler, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE of 350 sovs; about three miles and a-half.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Up-to-Date, Princess of Thule, Dingo, Catherine Gordon.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 26.

HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and a-half.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Reliance II, Peter Simple, Maori.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Evert, Brigand.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Evert, Brigand.

NORTHERN WAIROA CUP; one mile and a-half.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Corporal, The Doctor, Aurea.

HACK MAIDEN HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

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

FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include The Doctor, Sly Miss, Squincher.

GUMDIGGERS' PURSE; one mile.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Corporal, The Doctor, Aurea, Kingsman.

HACK HANDICAP; one mile.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Vera II, Evert, Doubtful, Kola Nip.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 26.

MAIDEN HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Whakabihii, Cabaret, Rob Roy, Lady Claire, Minna.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES; two miles.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Princess of Thule, Glasgow, St. Rowan, Jack Brown, Wairaka, Wellcast.

PONY HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Lady Lottie, Little Mabel, Rob Roy, Prince Arthur.

GOLDFIELDS CUP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Zuleika, Highlander, Puffy, Calle Iris.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE; about two miles and a-half.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Dingo, Hylas, Wairaka, Mangamahaki.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table with columns: Name, st lb, at lb. Entries include Geologist, Sergus, Calle Iris, Gwendal, Anchorite, St. Harp, Jack Brown.

HACK HACK; six furlongs. Cabaret ... 8 13 Bully ... 6 12 Minerva ... 8 5 Timati ... 6 12 Ludlow ... 7 12 Lady Isabelle ... 6 7 Iton ... 7 9 Opatiki ... 6 7 Hopkiss ... 7 0 Brooklet ... 6 7 Prince Arthur ... 7 0

CAVERHAM HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Slow Tom ... 9 13 Kea ... 9 12 Leeside ... 9 2 Carlo ... 8 9 Wee Macgregor ... 9 1 Yasult ... 8 9 Lilystone ... 9 0

PONY RACE, six furlongs. Fashionable ... 9 4 Katermayro ... 7 1 Lady Desborough ... 8 12 Lucy Godfrey ... 6 13 Inspiration ... 8 2 Lady Godiva ... 6 13 Grizette ... 7 9 Floetta ... 6 11 Kyra ... 7 3 Mangakawa ... 6 7 Silent ... 7 1

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MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26. AWAUNI HANDICAP; six furlongs. Sbrappel ... 8 18 Jeanne d'Arc ... 7 3 Ballarat ... 8 11 The Stake ... 7 8 Regulation ... 8 8 Auratus ... 7 0

FEDERAL HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Petrovna ... 9 9 Brighton ... 7 10 Pallas ... 9 2 King's Guest ... 6 10 St. Denis ... 8 8 Bluestone ... 6 10 Manjess ... 7 13 Crown Imperial ... 6 7

MAIDEN HANDICAP seven furlongs. Needlework ... 9 0 Lucy Godfrey ... 6 12 Haripipi ... 7 6 Floretta ... 6 10 Silent ... 7 0 Mangakawa ... 6 7 Kate Massey ... 7 0

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FIRST DAY—JANUARY 2. MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP; five furlongs and a-half. Florio ... 8 7 Parakareka ... 7 0 Spartivento ... 7 7 Linklock ... 7 0

BOMBAY HANDICAP, one mile. Discoverer ... 9 0 Major ... 7 10 Needlework ... 8 9 Native Rose ... 7 4 Lady Desborough ... 7 18 Freewill ... 6 7 Mauku ... 7 11

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CHRISTMAS HANDICAP; six furlongs. Wet Reef ... 7 13 T-tittle ... 6 7 Assayer ... 7 12 Perdita ... 6 7 Royal Fusilier ... 7 10 Whakawehi ... 6 7 Catspaw ... 7 7

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs. Discoverer ... 9 9 Freemount ... 8 2 Needlework ... 9 5 Kyra ... 6 12 Herangi ... 8 9 Silent ... 6 10 Lady Desborough ... 8 8 Lady Godiva ... 6 9 Mauku ... 8 8 Floretta ... 6 7

THE BETTING MARKET. Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

HACK HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Athol Maid ... 10 7 Gipsy Jack ... 9 2 Durban ... 9 9 Domain ... 9 0

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WELTER HACK HANDICAP; one mile. Admiral Cerveras ... 9 13 Firstfoot ... 8 5 Creusot ... 9 12 Barca ... 8 0

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FLYING HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Sir Percivale ... 7 13 Tonterghie ... 6 7 Horatio ... 7 11 Linklock ... 6 7

NEW YEAR HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Gold Dust ... 8 6 Mystification ... 7 0 Optimist ... 8 4 Forest Ranger ... 6 9

DRURY RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

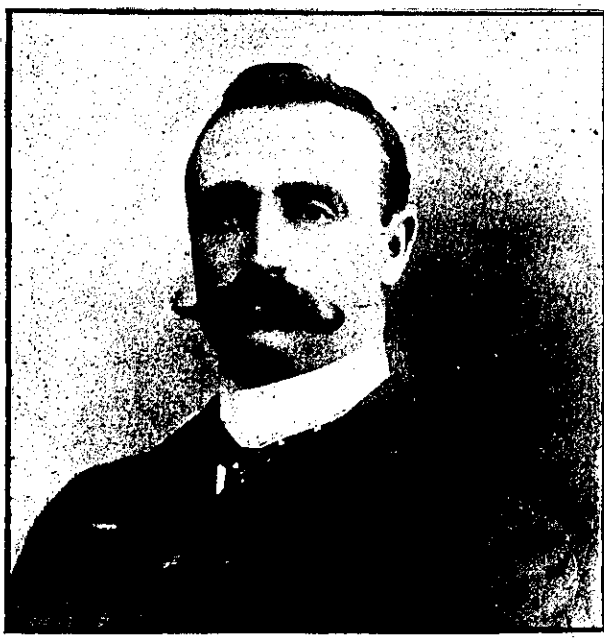
DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SUMMER HURDLES; one mile and a-half. Guesser ... 10 9 Zealous ... 9 8 Wonderful ... 9 9 Jolly Roger ... 9 3

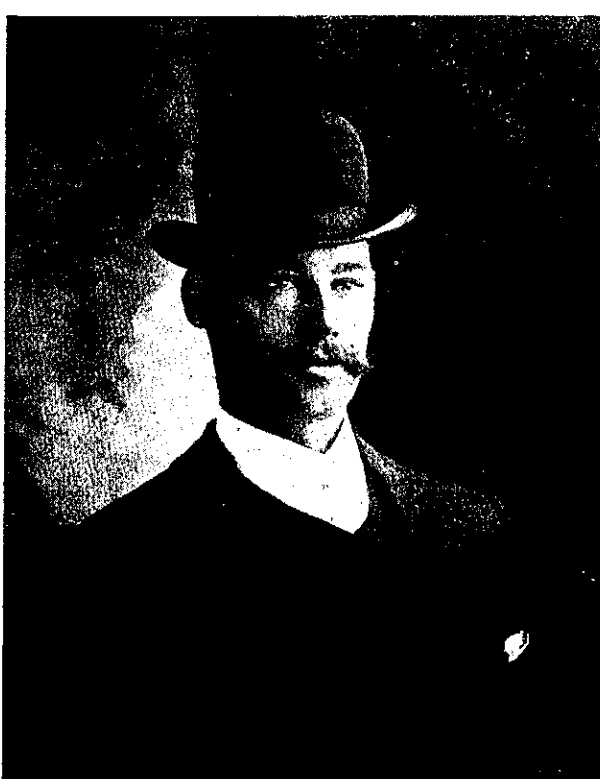
DECEMBER 30. HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half. Jack Brown ... 10 12 Revealer ... 9 8

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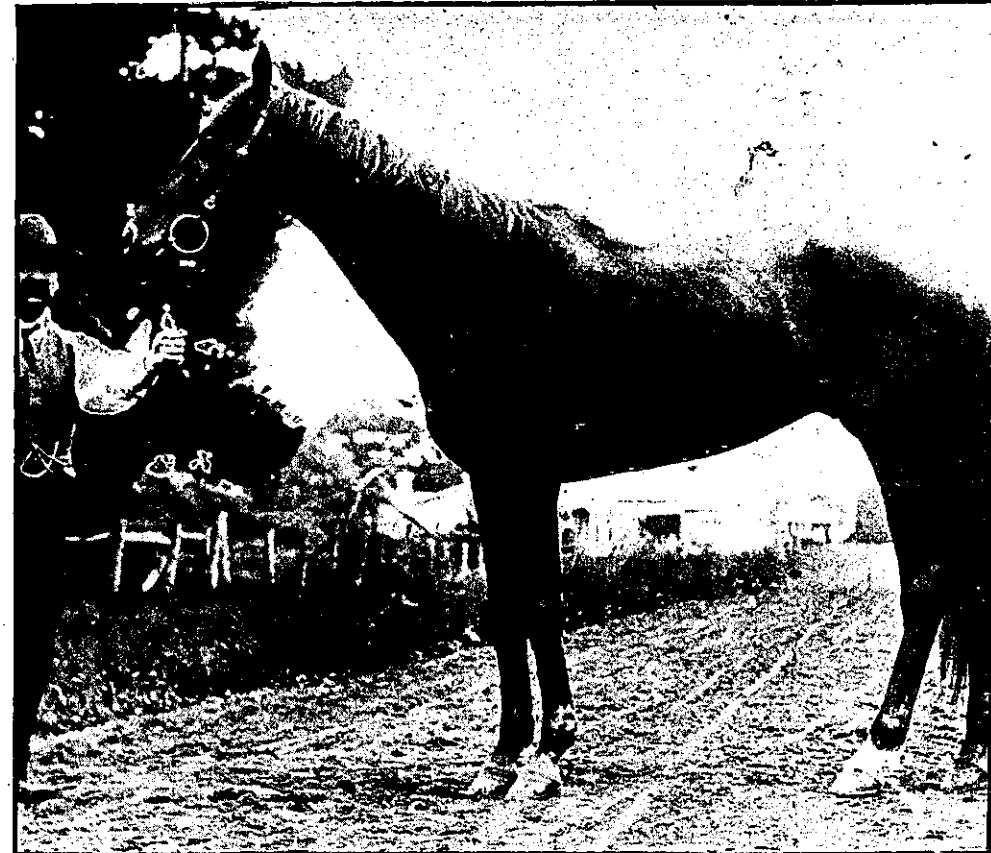
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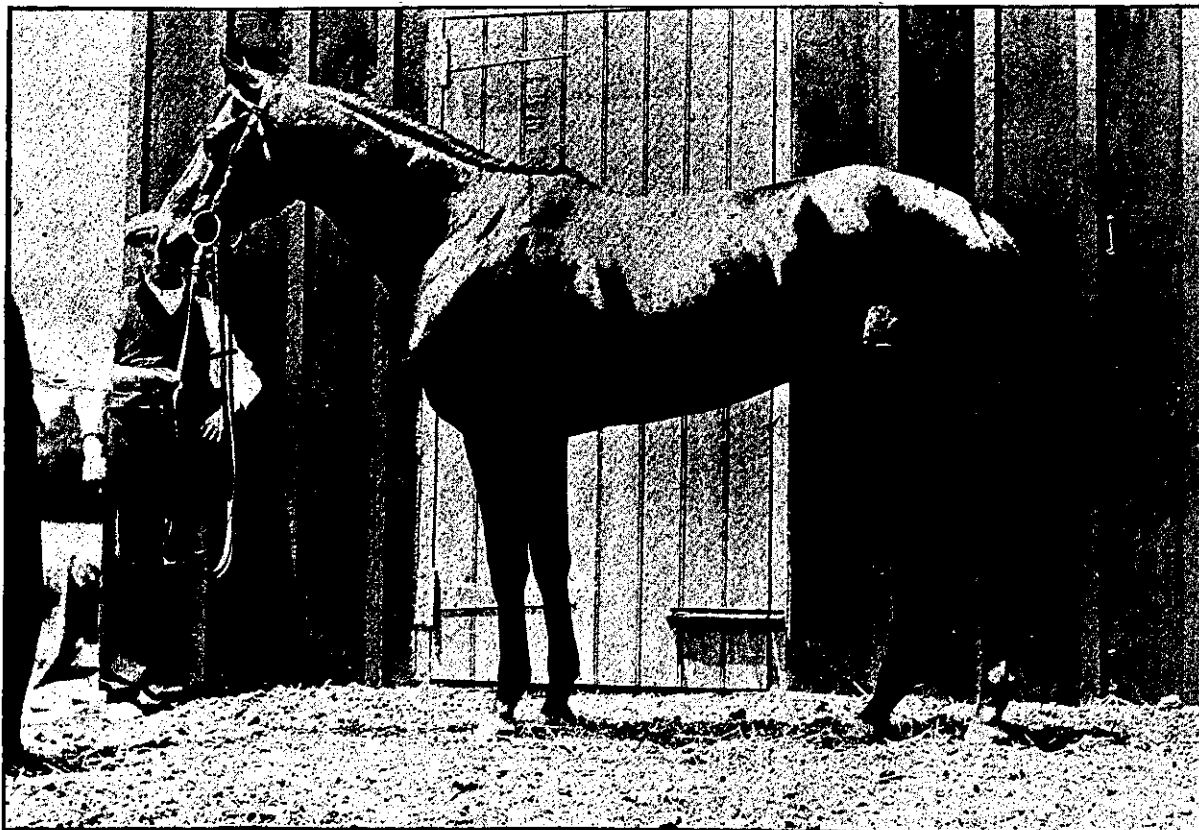
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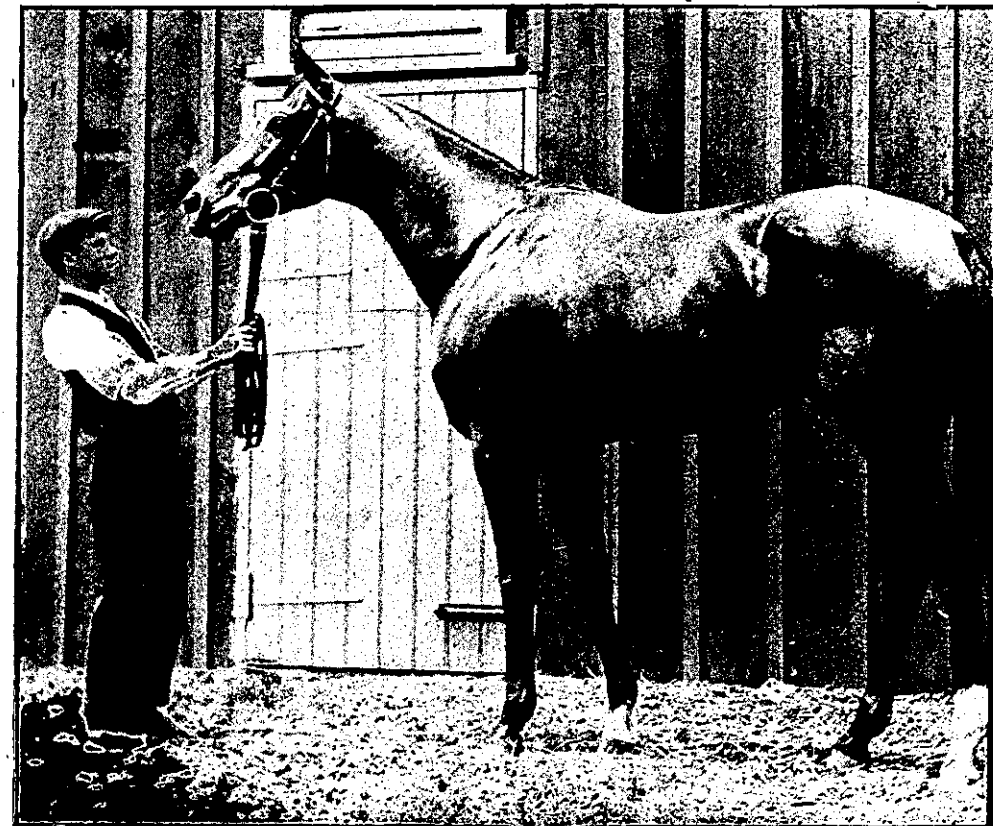
Owing to the late arrival of Ghoorka, it was impossible to obtain a photograph of him in time for publication.



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THE CHESTNUT HORSE STARSHOOT (HOTCHKISS-CRESCENT).



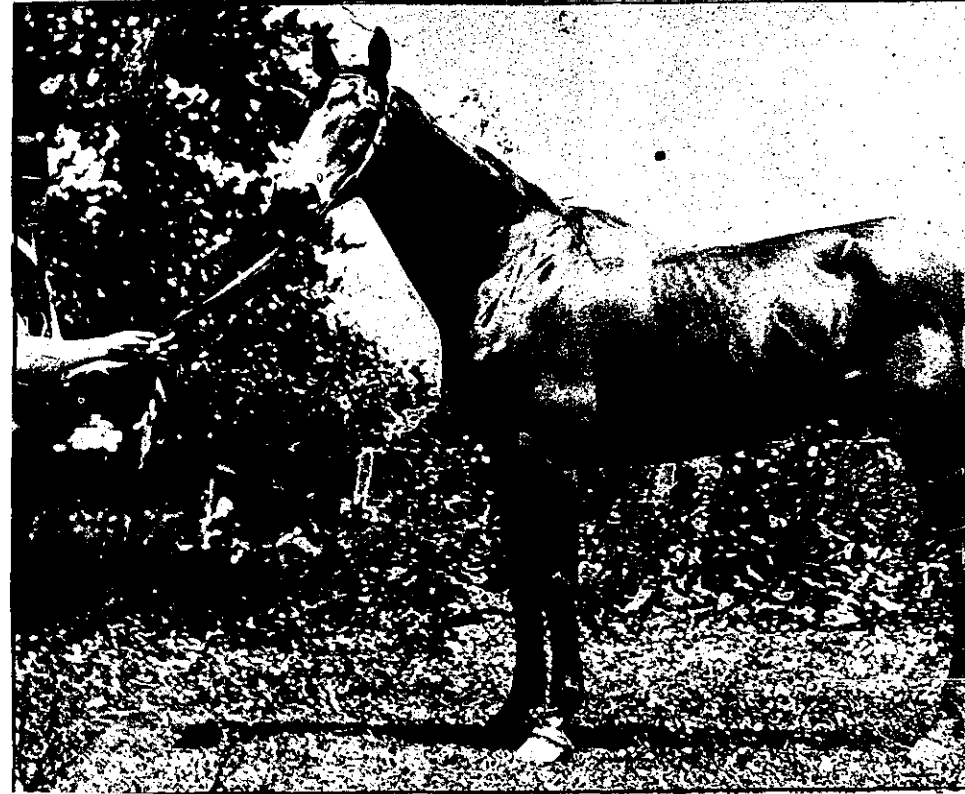
THE BAY HORSE MELODEON (MEDALLION-MELODIA).

CUP CANDIDATES—continued.

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The bay gelding SCOTTY (St. Leger—Janet).



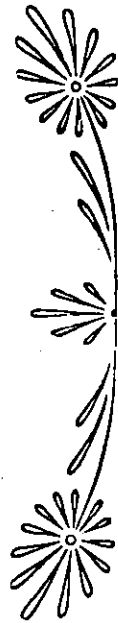
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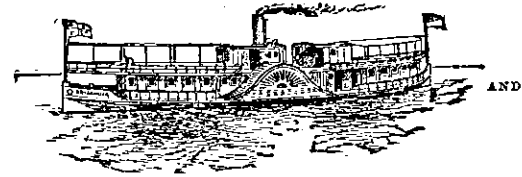
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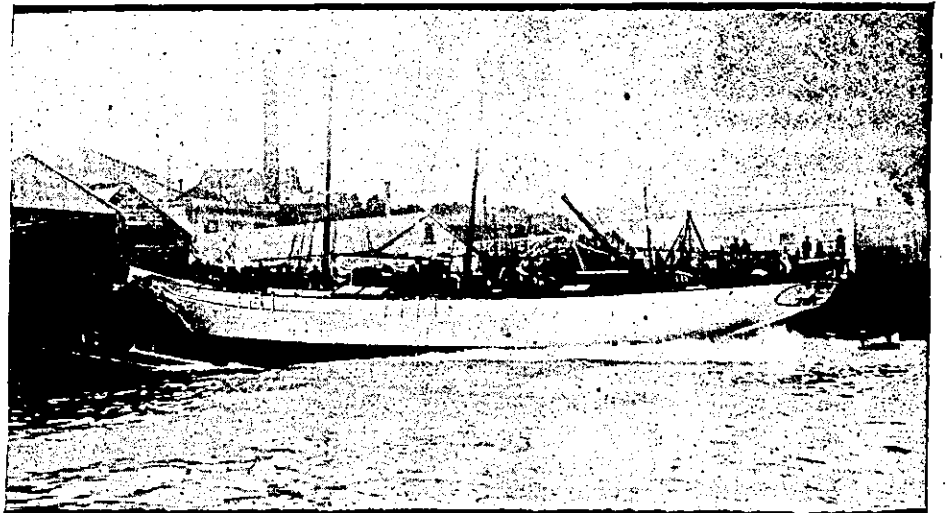
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TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 29 and 31, and JANUARY 7.

One of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas holidays is the Summer Carnival of the Auckland Trotting Club, which will commence next Tuesday, December 27, be continued on Saturday, December 31, and be concluded on Saturday, January 7. The meeting is always a most interesting one, because it affords lovers of the trotting horse an opportunity of seeing the best of the local brigade competing against many visiting horses from the South and elsewhere. This year's fixture will prove no exception to the rule, for some exceptionally good sport may be confidently expected. Mr Mark and his committee are making very complete arrangements to deal with a heavy influx of visitors, who are certain to visit Alexandra Park, and there are indications that the meeting will, in the event of fine weather, prove one of the most successful the club has ever experienced. As the acceptances for the trotting events do not close till to-morrow evening, and for the pony events on Monday evening, it is impossible to attempt to forecast the results. The handicaps for the various races are as follows:—

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB HANDICAP. Two miles. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTting HANDICAP. One mile. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT. One mile and a-half. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

ST. HELIER'S HANDICAP TROT. One mile. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

PONY TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Table listing horses and jockeys with weights.

The following are the nominations:— Pony Cup Handicap of 115 sovs, one mile.—Annoyed, Manoeuvre, Miss Cuirassier, Sally Horner, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Fashionable, Sonoma, Gladys Rose, Lucrece, Forth, Reduction, Laodice. Telephone Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Legerite (late San Toy), Solitary, Sonoma, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Wheturere, Marisa, Reduction, Inspiration. Christmas Handicap of 70 sovs, six furlongs and a-half.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Lady Lottie, Forth, Reduction, Laodice, Lucrece. Epsom Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Manoeuvre, Solitary, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Wheturere, Marisa, Opotiki, Reduction, Inspiration. New Year Handicap of 75 sovs, six furlongs and a-half.—Annoyed, Manoeuvre, Miss Cuirassier, Sally Horner, Solitary, Girton Girl, Sonoma, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Lady French, Fashionable, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Lucrece, Forth, Reduction, Laodice. Grandstand Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Sally Horner, Legerite (late San Toy), Solitary, Girton Girl, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Stockbridge, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Marisa, Opotiki, Reduction, Inspiration, Rapid.

Second Maiden Trot of 30 sovs, one mile.—Ayrshire Lad, Mangere, Lincoln Yet, Agnes B, Bell Car, Miss Vola, Tataraimaka, Kidney Pai, Daydawn, Miss Dunmore, Victress, Green Lavender, Patient, Seacole, Diavolo (late Dandy), Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eureka, Mangonui.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Trot, the winner to receive a bracelet of the value of 20 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Kiteoneta, Victor C, Cleveland's Pride, Miss Munroe, George, Bell Car, Seacole, Fibre, Eureka, Mangonui, Old Judge, Donizetti.

Summer Trotting Cup Handicap of 100 sovs, two miles.—Little Doctor, Harold Abdallah, Miss Huon, The Autocrat, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, K.D., Thorndean, Sir Robert, Cornwall, Legbreak, Specialist, Young McKinney, Old Judge, Belladonna.

Tramway Handicap Trot of 40 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Little Paul, Little Ben, Victor C, Snip, George, Daydawn, Empress, Miss Dunmore, Juliette, General Election, Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Logan, Carbolic, Miss Wilmington, Albertorious, Donizetti.

Class Handicap Trot of 60 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Colenso, Little Doctor, Taihoa, Miss Huon, Ballot, The Autocrat, Rushlight, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, Thorndean, Lady Love, Duke C, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Cornwall, Legbreak, Specialist, Young McKinney, Old Judge.

Dash Handicap Trot of 40 sovs, one mile.—Officer, Colenso, Pell Car, Ballot, Rushlight, St. John, Isabel, Juliette, Macquarrie, Melba, Legbreak, Logan, Miss Wilmington, The Mooress, Donizetti.

Trial Trot Handicap of 30 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Ayrshire Lad, Mangere, Lincoln Yet, Agnes B, Bell Car, Miss Vola, Tataraimaka, Kidney Pai, Daydawn, Miss Dunmore, Victress, Green Lavender, Patient, Seacole, Diavolo (late Dandy), Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Specialite, Eureka, Mangonui.

Second Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs, one mile.—Officer, Victor C, Rushlight, Cleveland's Pride, Miss Munroe, Isabel, Jess, Glen Royal, Rowena, Eva, Fibre, Mangonui, Queenie.

President's Handicap Trot of 100 sovs, two miles.—Little Doctor, Harold Abdallah, Miss Huon, The Autocrat, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, Redleaf, Thorndean, Macquarrie, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Melba, Legbreak, Cornwall, Old Judge, Albertorious.

Park Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Paul, Little Ben, Kiteoneta, Victor C, The Autocrat, Snip, Miss Dunmore, Juliette, General Election, Macquarrie, Melba, Legbreak, Cornwall, Carbolic, Miss Wilmington, Old Judge, Belladonna, Donizetti.

High-Class Trot Handicap of 80 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Doctor, Taihoa, Ballot, Rushlight, Thorndean, Baxter, Duke C, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Specialist, Young McKinney.

Telegraph Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, one mile.—Colenso, Bell Car, Victor C, Ballot, St. John, Duchess of Rothschild, Isabel, Juliette, Lady Love, Waitekauri, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Logan, Miss Wilmington, Old Judge, The Mooress, Donizetti.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ATHLETICS.

The annual sports of the Public Schools A.A.A. which took place on Friday last were highly successful, although the attendance was hardly so good as was the case in former years, and could not have much exceeded four thousand. The championship banner was carried off by the Onehunga School with 34 points, Wellesley Street being next with 21, and then followed Ponsonby 17, Newton East 16, and Newmarket 14. Two or three of the competitors in the running events showed much promise. H. Barnes, of Onehunga, ran in very good style in the Mile Championship, and simply spreadeagled the field. A. Cornaga, of Wellesley Street, should develop into a runner, for his action is exceedingly good, and he possesses great speed for his years. He won his heat and the final in the 107 Yds Championship (under thirteen), the 100 Yds Championship (under fourteen), and got third in the final of the 100 Yds Championship (under fifteen). G. Pindlay, of Onehunga, showed to great advantage in the 120 Yds Hurdle Championship, simply running away with his heat and the final, and he also won the Quarter-Mile Championship. The sports were well managed by a strong committee of masters, while much hard work was done by the hon. secretary, Mr S. Walker.

The French pedestrian record for one hour was beaten at Gentilly recently by Henri Prevot, who improved on Seger's figure of 17 kilometres 650 metres by covering 17 kilometres 930 metres (11 miles 255 yards) in the time. Prevot intends now to devote himself to the task of lowering the English records of (amateur) W. G. George (11 miles 932 1/2 yards) and (professional) F. E. Bacon (11 miles 1,243 yards) and E. Watkins (11 miles 1,286 yards).

Billy Murphy writes me that after the Christmas holidays he will make a tour of the colony, giving exhibitions at every place of note. His sparring partner will be Clarence English, a clever lightweight.

The proposed match between the well-known Sydney walker, C. E. Falkner, and Wray having fallen through, Harry Kerr, of Inglewood, Taranaki, N.Z., has written to C. E. Falkner asking some questions in reference to a match between the pair. By to-day's mail (says the 'Referee') Falkner has replied to the New Zealand champion. In the course of a chat yesterday Falkner said he was prepared to walk Kerr in two months from the date of the first deposit for from £100 to £500 aside. It would be inconvenient, he said, for him to visit New Zealand, and he hoped Kerr would come to Sydney. He was prepared to allow Kerr £15 for expenses, or more if that sum was not sufficient. He suggested a mile, but did not appear to care a dump what the distance really was. The two would have to mutually agree upon a Sydney judge of walking if the race was in Sydney. He expected Kerr to lodge a deposit with the editor of the 'New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review' (Auckland), and directly such was done, and word received in Sydney, he would lodge a similar amount at the 'Referee' office, and also the money for Kerr's expenses. Falkner also said that in the event of his having to go to New Zealand (and it would be extremely inconvenient for him to go), he would bargain that the match took place on the Auckland Domain, and he would agree to Mr F. W. Coombes, of Auckland, being sole judge of the walking. Falkner could not have spoken more fairly. All he wants is, he says, a strict and impartial, as well as a capable judge of walking, and he will take on all-comers for as much money as they like.

The annual Marathon long-distance foot race, over a distance of 40 kilometres, was decided on October 16, the winner, Bonheure, covering the ground in 2hr 37min, which is very good time, considering the heavy state of the roads. There were two hundred starters, of whom one hundred and fifty finished.

At Bordeaux, on October 16, in an interclub contest, Tissier ran 100 metres in the marvellous time of 10 2-5sec. He had the advantage of a strong wind behind him, and possibly the track slopes a trifle, but even so it is a splendid sprint.

BOWLING.

(By the "Skip.")

The strong wind on Saturday rather spoilt bowling for accuracy could not be maintained. Despite this drawback a great many players took part in their favourite recreation and some keen games were fought out.

The Auckland Club's green, being well sheltered from the wind, suffered least, but a number of players were away at the Mayor's garden party and the muster was more scanty than usual.

Mr Fortescue, the well-known English bowler, arrived in Auckland by the Zealandia on Sunday. By the way, Mr Ledingham, who was his bowling partner in England, has not struck form since his return and is playing a very uncertain game. On Saturday James' four beat the veteran's quartette by 30 to 14, the losers scoring on only six out of twenty-one heads.

Carlaw has beaten Holland in the Auckland Club Championship. In the first game there was only a point difference between the players, but at the next try Carlaw ran out by 21 to 8.

At Mount Eden in the Championship Singles Wenthall has beaten Rankin, while Ross ran away from Coe; McGregor after a hard fight defeated C. Baker; J. W. Jones defeated H. O. Brown; Martin easily beat Davis, while a number of other matches are partly completed.

At Devonport, in the Championship Singles, Lelievre has beaten Armstrong after two very close games.

Good reports continue to be received of the Gisborne Club's greens, and all arrangements for the coming N.B.A. tournament are well forward.

The Te Aroha tournament commences on Monday, January 2, when a start will be made with the play in the rink games at nine a.m. Entries close with the hon. sec. (The Aroha), at eight p.m. on Saturday, December 31, and will also be received by Mr Jas. Carlaw, of the Auckland Club, up till noon on Friday, December 30.

The annual tournament will be held at Rotorua on February 21, 22, and 23 next. There will be a rinks' match (prizes, four gold medals) and pairs' match (prizes, two gold medals), and entries for both events (2s 6d for each player) will close on February 20. The competitions are open to all members of clubs affiliated to an association, and in case of all clubs in the Auckland province players constituting a team or pair must all be members of the same club. The matches will be played under the rules of the Auckland Bowling Association.

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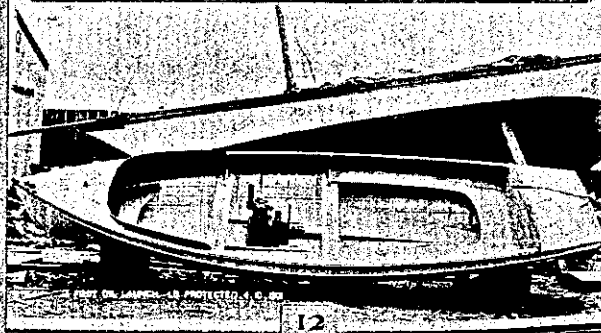
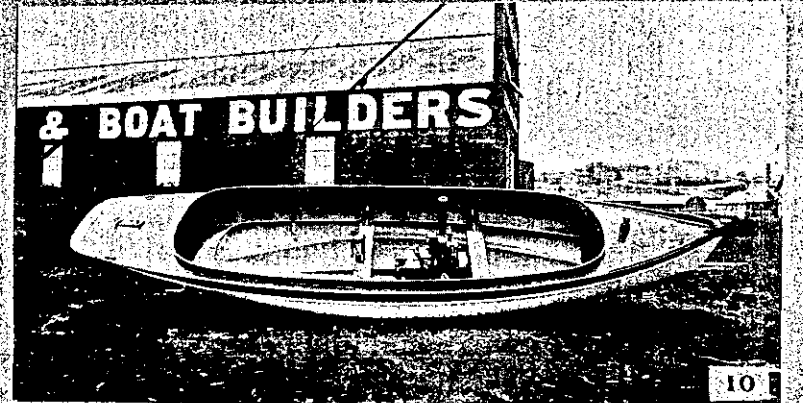
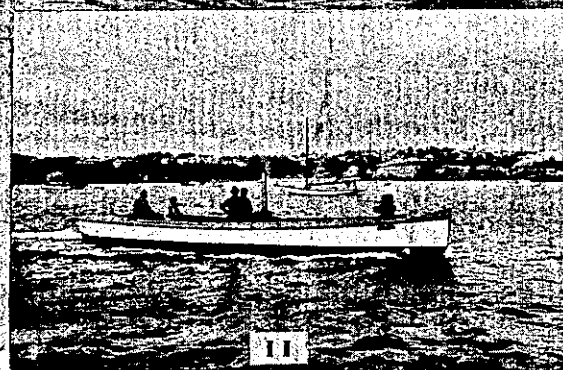
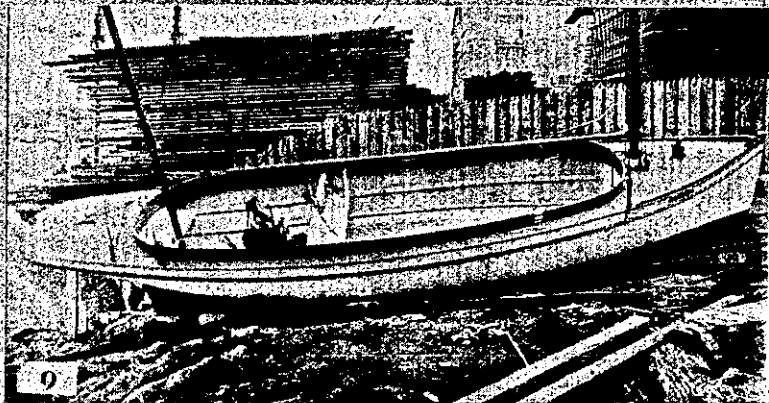
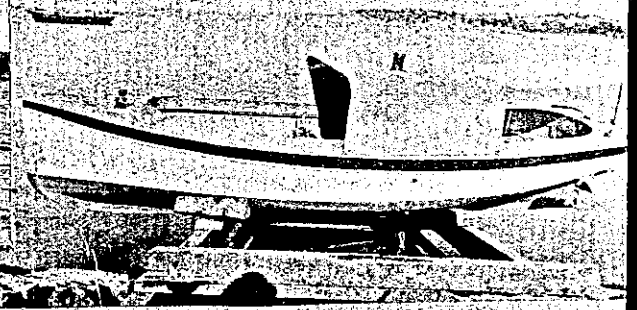
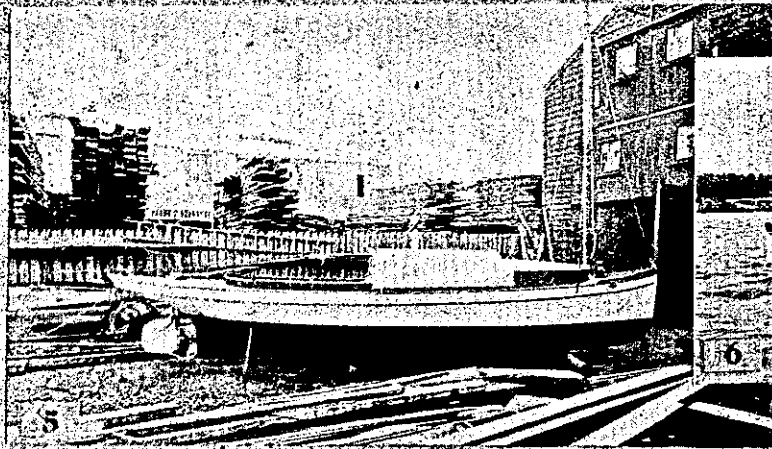
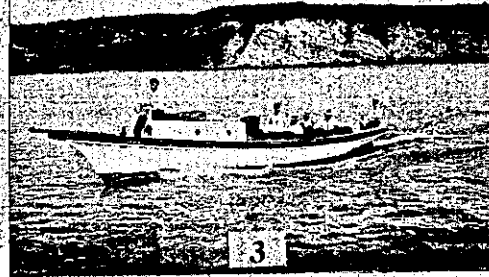
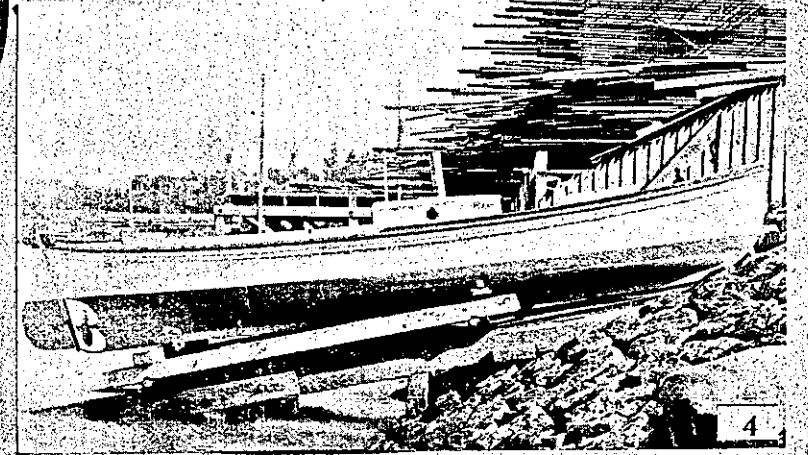
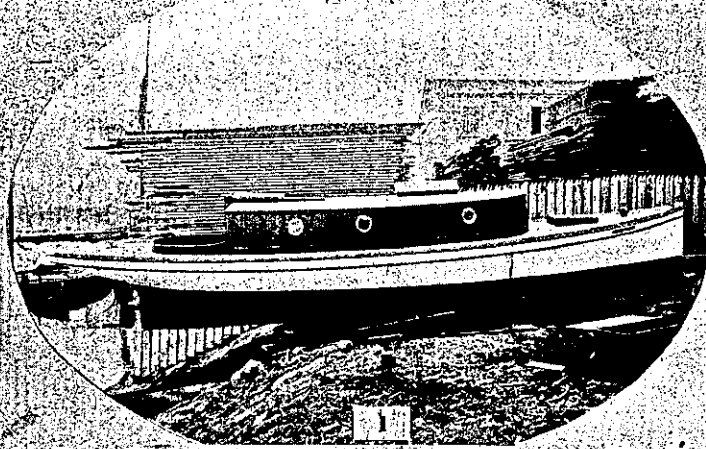
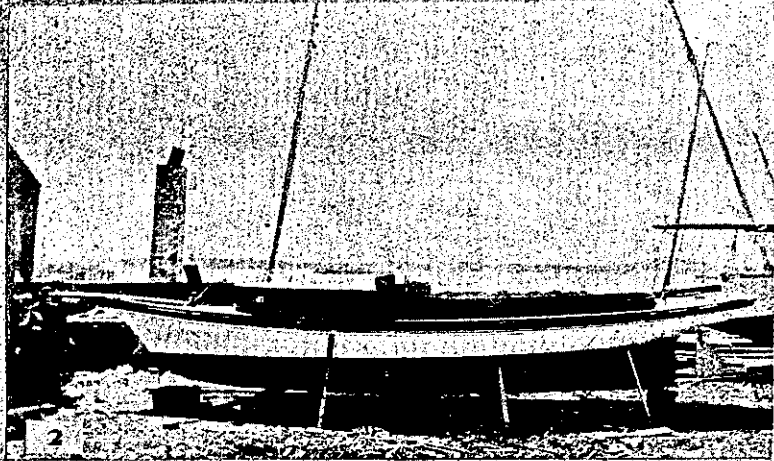
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(By "The Reefer.")

THE PONSONBY REGATTA.

A stiff sou'-wester and the consequent heavy sea ruined the Ponsonby Regatta last Saturday, while the general arrangements were hardly so satisfactory as we are accustomed to from the regatta committee. Considering the boisterous nature of the weather, it was surprising to find so many people on the flagships *Talune* and *Clansman*, more than a thousand spectators being present. With the sea running in the upper harbour, it was hardly to be expected that the afternoon would go through without a few mishaps. The 16ft *Norina* capsized in a squall, but the crew were picked up by the *Irene*, which gave up her race to go to the rescue. The cutter *Emerald* was damaged by a collision with the *Olympia*, *Rainbow* lost her bowsprit, while the starters' boat was swamped, Mr Carter having a very unpleasant experience before being rescued.

There were only three starters in the big yacht race, these being *Ariki* and *Thelma*, *scratch*, and *Rainbow*, 2min. None of the helmsmen could discover the whereabouts of the starting boat, but eventually *Thelma* picked it up and crossed the line four minutes ahead of *Rainbow*, while the new cutter *Ariki*, whose first race it was, after going on a voyage of discovery for the mark, eventually got away eleven minutes late. The race was chiefly remarkable for the wonderful exhibition given by *Rainbow*, which gathered in *Thelma* on the run and the reach, eventually drawing past her big rival on the beat home. In the effort to blanket her smaller antagonist, *Thelma's* boom fouled *Rainbow's* bowsprit, and carried it away, but despite this the little champion was not to be denied, and she crossed the line 3min 33sec ahead. *Ariki* did not finish.

Mahaki was first home in the Second-class Yacht Race, which event will have to be re-sailed. *Miro* easily won the race for 26-ft yachts from a solitary rival in *Janet*. *Annie* and *Tere* were the only two to finish in the Ponsonby restricted 26-ft class yacht race, the former winning. *Bell Bird* won the 1½-raters run from *Rose* and *Rambler*. *Gladys* defeated *Tiro* and *Spray* in the 24-ft restricted class. *Essie* was the only boat to finish in the 22-ft restricted class. No times were taken in the race for 16-ft boats. There were eight starters in the motor launch race, *Enoho* crossing the finishing line nearly a minute ahead of *Petrel*, but on time *Billy Richardson*, 17min, won with a good margin in hand, as was only to be expected with such a liberal handicap over a six mile course. The various officials worked hard to keep things going, and considering the weather handicap, a fair measure of success rewarded their efforts. The rowing events were postponed.

A wonderful piece of sailing was accomplished by the new *Logan patiki Ngaroma* on Saturday in the third race of the *Manukau Yacht Club*. It was blowing half a gale, and *Ngaroma* was giving away starts up to 37 minutes. She sailed like a witch throughout, showing remarkable speed in the harder puffs, passing boat after boat, and finally tearing across the line a winner by 10½ minutes from *Pastime* (9min). *Maka Maile*, last year's champion, which had one minute start, was beaten by six minutes.

Mr A. T. Pittar, the well-known yachtsman, returned to Auckland from Sydney on Sunday.

I do not know who was responsible for the handicapping in the big yacht race at the Ponsonby Regatta, but they must have been strangely ignorant of the capabilities of the different cutters which were entered. To give *Moana* but six minutes from *Thelma* in a nineteen miles course savours of the ridiculous, while *Ida* and *Thetis* were almost as badly treated. It is small wonder the three were non-starters, for they were not given the vestige of a chance. As all the yachts entered were Squadron vessels, it would perhaps have been better policy for the Ponsonby executive to have consulted the Squadron handicapper in the matter, rather than completely ruin what should have proved the most interesting item on the programme.

A protest has been lodged against the oil launch *Billy Richardson* taking the prize at the Ponsonby Regatta, owing, it is alleged, to her having failed to round one of the marks.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by the Hon. A. M. R. Bingham, A.D.C., paid his first visit to the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron rooms on Monday afternoon. On arrival he was met by the members of the committee and shown round the rooms, being much interested in some of the pictures of yachting subjects. A very cordial invitation was extended by Commodore Murdoch to His Excellency, who is patron to the club, to go for a cruise in one of the larger yachts, and this was accepted.

Captain Voss, who arrived with his little packet *Tilikum* in England in November last, has been lecturing before the Geographical Society in Newcastle on "Round the World on a Log." After leaving Australia he called at New Zealand, New Hebrides, and other islands, passed through the Torres Straits into the Indian Ocean, and, after reaching Pernambuco, he crossed the North Atlantic, having sailed a distance of 40,000 miles since he first started out on May 21, 1901. The voyage lasted three years, three months, and twelve days. He was convinced, he said, that any kind of boat would float at sea if properly handled. With the use over the stern of the improvised sea anchor he had devised, and with the boat's head carefully put on to the sea, the boat would ride out the fiercest gale. All the occupant had to do when things were at their worst was to go to sleep and dream of happy days. He would always find that the boat would be there when he awoke. Among the new incidents mentioned in the lecture was that the *Tilikum* was split into five different pieces when being carted to the Exhibition at Melbourne, and that when voyaging to Tasmania his companion went overboard, but holding a life-line the captain swam to the mark and got him aboard again. The *Tilikum*, it will be remembered, was made out of the log of a huge cedar tree by the Columbian Indians 43 years ago. She is 30ft long, 6ft beam, and weighs 2½ tons. She is fitted with three small spars, carrying 38 square yards of canvas.

CRICKET.

On Saturday afternoon the District Cup competitions were continued in the Domain and at North Shore. The wicket was in fairly good order for scoring, but the strong wind made matters rather unpleasant.

Parnell met *City*, and batting first put together 211 runs. E. V. Dale gave but one chance in a finely compiled 99, and he had hard luck in not reaching the coveted century. N. B. Lusk, 22, was the best of the others, only four batsmen failing to reach two figures. *City* opened badly, losing five wickets for 76, of which *Gerald Hemus* made 33, not out, so that the match should go to *Parnell*.

Grafton played *Ponsonby*, and winning the toss went to the wickets. The result was that before the last wicket fell 184 was on the board. Towards this *C. Hay* contributed 38, *D. Hill* 36, *J. A. Kallender* 36, *S. Jones* 27, and *A. Sloman*. As the first three wickets fell for eight runs, the score must be considered good. *Ponsonby* have three wickets down for 46, of which *Francis* made 24, not out.

Batting against *Eden*, *North Shore* did better than usual, putting on 152 runs. *A. Haddon* 64, *J. Hussey* 27, and *F. McNeill* 21, doing best. Their bowling was weak, however, and *Eden*, after a bad start hit up 158 runs for five wickets, *W. B. Smith*, 60 not out, and *I. Mills*, 40, being very aggressive.

At Wellington the matches resulted as follows:—*Midland v. Newtown*: *Midland*—First innings, 228. *Newtown*—First innings, 90; second innings, 71. *Gas Company v. Austral*: *Gas Company*—First innings, 182. *Austral*—First innings, 108. *Gas Company*—Second innings, 269 (for six wickets).

At Christchurch, *Midland B* met *United* and made 107. *United* lost one wicket for 138 (*Sims*, not out, 69, *Ollivier*, not out, 55).

Lancaster Park B ran up 183 against *Midland A*. *Midland* lost four wickets for 88. *Lancaster Park A* batted against *Sydenham*, scoring 130. *Sydenham* lost nine wickets for 89 runs.

The England v. Australian Test matches have been allotted to the following grounds: Monday, May 29, Nottingham; Thursday, June 15, Lord's; Monday, July 3, Leeds; Monday, July 24, Old Trafford, Manchester; Monday, August 14, Kennington Oval. The play-

ers who appear to be practically certainties are *C. Hill*, *V. Trumper*, *M. A. Noble*, *R. A. Duff*, *J. J. Kelly*, *A. J. Hopkins*, *A. Cotter*, and *W. W. Armstrong*, *J. Darling*, *D. R. A. Gehrs*, and *N. Claxton* (*South Australia*), *S. E. Gregory*, *C. Gregory*, *W. P. Howell*, *J. R. Mackay* (*New South Wales*), *C. E. McLeod*, *F. Laver*, *F. B. Collins*, and *P. McAlister* (*Victoria*), together with *H. Carter*, *E. F. Waddy*, and *P. M. Newland* (*wicket-keepers*), are seemingly the strongest of the other candidates.

Some of the most extraordinary and sensational cricket ever played in Sydney marked two of the First Grade matches concluded on Saturday (writes "Not-Out"). At North Sydney the local team, declaring at 432 for eight wickets, left *Waverley* with the whole afternoon to bat, and the visitors responded with 417 for nine wickets. At *Hampden Park Central Cumberland* declared at 318 for nine wickets, and left *Paddington* to start batting at 25 minutes to 4. It seemed hopeless to get the runs in 2 hours 40 minutes, yet *Paddington* won with 5 minutes to spare, though the last man was run out immediately after the winning hit was made.

The Australians English tour will commence at the Crystal Palace on May 4, with a match against *W. G. Grace's eleven*, and will finish at *Hastings* on September 11, with a match against the *South of England*. The team will play two matches against each of the following:—*Surrey*, *Marylebone*, *Yorkshire*, *Lancashire*, *Scotland*, *Essex*, *Gloucester*. One match will take place against each of the following.—*W. G. Grace's XI.*, at *Crystal Palace*, *Nottingham*, *Oxford*, *Cambridge*, *Leicester*, *Warwick*, *Hampshire*, *Derbyshire*, *Somerset*, *Sussex*, *Worcester*, *Middlesex*, *Kent*, *An Eleven of England*, *C. I. Thornton's Eleven*, *Glamorgan*, and *Wiltshire* combined, *South of England*. The team will also play a match against *Northampton* if the fifth test match is finished in three days.

In the match between *Victoria* and *Queensland* the former scored 572, winning by an innings and 180 runs. *Queensland* made 280 and 112. For the winners *Armstrong* put together 200 and *Ransford* 152.

Frank Laver, the well-known Victorian representative cricketer, has been appointed manager of the Australian team for England. As he is a good batsman and bowler he should be of much assistance if any of the regular men are unable to play.

C. J. Burnup, who was out here with *Lord Hawke's* team, known to his friends as "Pinkie," is reported to have forsaken English playing fields. He has settled in Mexico as a doctor.

The Sydney writer, "Not-Out," has compiled the averages of *Victor Trumper*, *Clem Hill*, *M. A. Noble*, and *R. A. Duff* in all first-class cricket, excluding only the matches in *South Africa*. The figures show that *Hill* has made over 10,000 runs at an average of 43.33. *Trumper* has made 1800 runs less, but has a higher average with 44.31 runs per innings. *Noble* averages 40, and *Duff* 38. *Trumper* has been not out in only seven out of 194 innings; while his club-mate has been not out in 21 out of 199 innings.

A wonderfully exciting finish took place recently in Sydney in a match between *Central Cumberland* and *Paddington*. The former declared with nine wickets down for 318, *Paddington* having less than three hours to get the runs. When the last man came in five runs were still wanted, and with five added he was run out. It was immediately found that the scoring books did not agree, that of *Paddington* showing a 2 runs' victory, and the *Cumberland* book showing a tie. The scoring board differed from both, and showed a *Paddington* win by 1 run. The Association will have to settle the matter.

CYCLING.

The final of the Austral Wheel Race was decided in Melbourne on Saturday last. The £400 prize was won by *G. A. J. Clark*, *H. Thomas* taking the second prize of £75, and *A. E. Tame* the third prize of £25. None of the cracks showed to advantage.

The Half-mile Amateur Championship of Australia was won on Saturday week at the Sydney Cricket Ground by *R. Lawrence*, of the *Annandale Club*. There was a dead heat between *T. R. G. Hopkins* and *H. Maxwell* for second place. The time was 1min 2 1-5sec.

The Ten Miles Amateur Championship of Australasia was won by *Berry*, of *Queensland*, in 23min 50½sec. *Pontey* and *Lawson*, of the *Balmain Club*, were second and third respectively.

A sensation was caused at the Austral Meeting when *Ellegaard* pushed *Walker* off the track in the fourth heat of the Exhibition Mile Scratch Race, and the *Dane*, who won the heat, was disqualified for the race. The final was won by *Lawson*, with *Rutt*, *Walker*, and *Pye* finishing in that order.

The hour record has been again broken. The previous figures were put up by "Tommy" Hall, and were 54 miles 545 yards, which has held good for the whole of the present European season. The latest files to hand contain the information that *Eugene Bruni*, the young French pace follower, after many attempts, had succeeded, at the *Parc de Princes* track, *Paris*, in adding 205 yards to Hall's record. Although he followed the 22-h.p. motor without any signs of distress, new figures were not looked for in the first half of the journey. At 50 kilometres he was but 3-5th of a second outside Hall's previous best, but the pace was not forced, and it was not until 60 kilometres had been reached that world's records were announced, *Bruni* then being 2-5ths of a second inside. *Darioli* then increased the pace, and at 70 kilometres *Bruni* was close on 3 seconds inside previous bests, finally covering 87 kilometres 579 metres (54 miles 750 yards) in the hour, and when this was announced great excitement prevailed. *Tommy Hall*, the previous holder of the record, was present to see his figures improved upon, and will, of course, endeavour to regain his lost laurels before the season closes, while *Albert Champion* and *Darragon* will also make attempts, so, although the record-breaking season has commenced late, it promises to be a busy one.



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The Automobile Club of America intending taking a very active part in next year's race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup. Last year America was not represented, their eliminating trials proving such a fiasco that it was deemed advisable not to send a representative to Homburg. A circular has been issued to those interested setting forth the conditions upon which entries will be received. Each entrant must deposit £120, and before 15th April, 1905, must file an affidavit touched by two responsible persons containing the following statements:—(1) That the car has been completed for a period of over four weeks; (2) that they have driven the car over 1000 miles on the road; (3) that they have driven the car over 250 miles without stopping

the engine; (4) that they have driven the car more than 40 miles in less than one hour on track or road.

The movement on the part of railway companies to employ vehicles propelled by internal combustion engines, for coping with the traffic on branch lines, where regular trains do not pay, is spreading in Germany, and the Bavarian Minister of Traffic has issued an invitation for tenders for the delivery of railway motor-carriages. At the same time, the Minister of Traffic has also invited tenders for motor-cars designed for road postal service. Five classes of vehicles are to be employed for this purpose, three kinds being used for town traffic and two for work on the country roads. The country cars are to convey several passengers, as well as mails, and a special class of low-powered postal cars is being built for the conveyance of parcels and light goods sent by rail to outlying districts away from the railway.

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London has long been promised a regular motor-omnibus service, between several of the suburbs and the city proper, and last October saw it utilised. It is stated that they have proved themselves to be capable of greater speed than their rivals, the electric trams, while they scored materially when, as all railroads are subject to, the electric service was blocked by the failure of a car, or a stoppage of the current. The break-down of one motor-omnibus does not affect the rest; a spare vehicle is always ready to replace it.

The enterprise of the Dunlop Tyre Co. in organising the big overland Motor Reliability Competition from Sydney to Melbourne, on the 21st to the 25th February next, promises to receive considerably more support than was anticipated when the contest was first mooted. From all parts of the eastern states the Dunlop Tyre Co. is receiving applications from motorists for the conditions of the ride and maps of the route, and from present indications the event promises to be an interstate one of considerable interest and importance. Entries for both the car and motor cycle sections close on 28th January, 1905.

The victory of Leon Thery in the Gordon-Bennett Cup race at Homburg last June gave to France the right to hold the 1905 contest in their country. The French Automobile Club has already been moving in the matter, and it is stated, the Government has refused to allow the race to take place on French soil. Such an alarming statement has given rise to a great deal of ill-feeling, and it is understood, the French body has asked the German Minister of the Interior whether it would be possible to hold the International Cup race of 1905 on the Taunus track. The course at Homburg, where the event last took place, is admirably suited for such a race, and forms a very good test. Should the French Government adhere to their views, it will largely affect the French automobile industry in many ways. There is plenty of time before next year's race comes round, and it is to be hoped the French body will be permitted to hold the race on their own soil, after fighting so hard for the honour.

A new motor spirit, entitled "Pet-sen," has been put on the market by an English firm, and some valuable advantages are claimed for it. The addition of a small quantity to the ordinary petrol used in motors does not in the slightest degree alter its nature in use, but give a most agreeable perfume to the exhaust. Thus, instead of the motor car becoming described as "evil-smelling," the near future will see its advent welcomed as would be a nosegay of flowers. Our prophetic eye sees the motor-car in the place of honour at garden fetes and other open-air gambols,

with the engine exhausting the perfumes of Arabia into the nostrils of delighted guests. However, as a matter of sober fact, the unpleasant smell which some motor-cars leave behind them is due to an excess of lubricating oil in the cylinders, which is burnt up by the explosions, and finds its way out by the exhaust-pipe. This fault can be remedied by a little care on the part of the driver, and all good motorists are requested to take heed.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

Dean Hole, the noted English clergyman who died recently, was the leading figure in many humorous stories. On one occasion he was crossing the Channel after a visit to the Continent, the voyage being very stormy. The Dean was a bad sailor and had suffered a great deal on the trip. At Dover he was looking over the railway company's rules on the station wall as a passenger came up. Said the Dean: "After that stormy voyage we have at least one advantage in making the subsequent trip to London. I see the company carries returning empties at reduced rates."

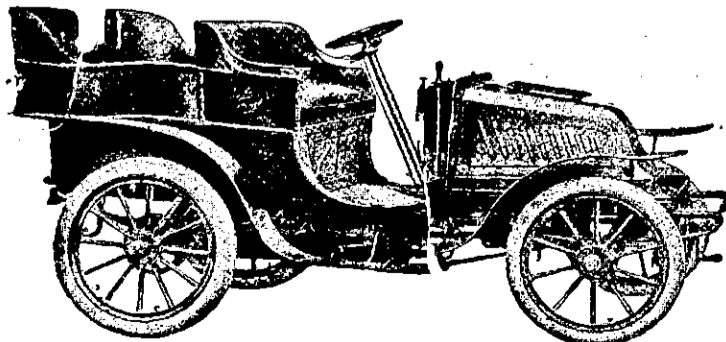
A worshipful alderman, whose flashes of wit were brilliant but irregular, at one of the festive gatherings at the Old Drayton: "What is the difference between a pair of silk stockings and a donkey?" The witty alderman, however, with a smile of self-approval, said, "The difference between a pair of silk stockings and a donkey is that the one you wear and the other you are. Ha, ha, ha!" The answer was greeted with a round of applause, which threatened the conviviality of the remainder of the evening. At last a literary gentleman asked: "What is the difference between a gentleman and an alderman? You'll never guess it," said the journalist. "No?" "No; because the one you are, and the other you never will be. Ha, ha, ha!"

"This bell," said a well-meaning sexton, when showing the belfry of an interesting village church to a party of visitors, "is only rung in case of a fire, a flood, a visit from the lord bishop of the diocese, or any such calamity."

Chatting with an old schoolmaster the other day (says "Boondi"), we struck on the question: "Do our horses, like our men and women, deteriorate in stature after a residence of many years in our Australian climate?" "Is it a fact that the men and women of Australia have gone down below the standard?" I asked, and my chum replied: "Well, judging from the race of giants we were wont to find on the Hawkesbury in the early days, 'when our beards were black,' and the miserable-looking natives of the present day, I can certainly say there is a most decided falling off." That settled the problem in one shot, for it took our thoughts back to the times our fathers loved to gossip over when strolling round the old Hawkesbury course, and there could be seen such splendid specimens of men as the three Chalkers, the Cables, Cosgroves, and Meglins, of South Creek, the Dargins, Dights,

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labours. Men could then afford to marry when in their prime, and being wedded to healthy, well-formed partners, the offspring rivalled the parents, for a generation or two at least. Then some deteriorating causes began to make themselves felt, and we found a race springing up that was tall enough, but there was a loose, slop-made, slab-sided look about its representatives that was not good to gaze at. It was by no means a bad crowd, however, for though they were all legs and wings, they were hard and wiry; capable of quick spurts and full of staying powers, too, but lacking the noble mould of their ancestors. The women were tall enough, but

began to grow thin, and to lose the beautiful well-rounded lines that made their mothers such an armful of loveliness for the happy men who won them. Slowly but surely this thinning down kept on until now men stare after a fine-looking woman as though she were the eighth wonder of the world; and our men are represented by the thin, weedy wisps we see roofed by "Nan-Nan" hats and pulling at cigarettes so hard that they have to lean against posts to prevent a collapse that would land them in the gutter. When these weeds are mated with slips of girls of the "donah" type, all bone and "fringe," flat-chested, lark-heeled, and

with no more hip than a gohanna has, we have a poor show of finding those strong, sturdy youngsters which Major-General Hutton thinks will make rare fighting men of the near future. One of Tom Malone's bantam cocks would fight and knock out half-a-dozen "Nan-Nans" before breakfast any morning, and it seems to me it is "up against" the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the real causes of this deterioration, for it is a matter upon which the future of our fair land in a great measure depends. We don't want more babies, but we want better babies badly.

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The Fuller Co. closed down for a short rest before the Christmas season on Saturday night, when there was a full house, and the various items in the long and excellent programme were received with genuine applause. The season will be resumed on Christmas Eve (Saturday next), when, in addition to the efficient company now under engagement, there will also appear Mr Kellman (card conjurer), Miss Margery Atherton (balladist), Messrs Scott and Wallace (Irish comedians), Messrs Connor Bros., and Leonard (acrobats).

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The interest already evinced in the forthcoming appearance of Mr George Stephenson's English Musical Comedy Company promises to give Auckland playgoers much more than the ordinary excitement associated with the advent of a popular combination, whose merits have been enthusiastically commented on through the columns of the English and Australian Press. Mr Stephenson's company will appear on Saturday next, December 24th, at His Majesty's, in "The Rose of the Riviera," a musical play which has attained remarkable popularity throughout England and the Commonwealth. The play has been most favourably noticed by the critics of England and Australia. In Sydney it ran for nine weeks to crowded audiences, whilst in Melbourne it enjoyed an equally prosperous run of seven weeks at the Princess Theatre. Some months ago Mr Stephenson deputed Mr Edward Lauri to proceed to England and select a musical company and plays calculated to please the critical Australian audiences. With what measure of success Mr Lauri carried out this task may be gauged from the popularity the Company has achieved in Australia. Miss Beatty has, according to reports, delighted her most captious critics in the parts allotted to her. Most of the other principals, save Mr Edward Lauri, have graduated from one or another of Edwardes' Variety Companies, and include among others, Misses May Garstang, Alice Nixon, Ada Page; Messrs Charles Macnaughton, Fred Twitchin, Chas. and Will. Bovis, and Roy Sidney, a full chorus of fifty voices, the famous Gibson, Pink and Rose Ballarins, and opera orchestra. The plans are now in constant requisition at Wildman and Arey's.



MISS ADA PAGE and MR. CHAS. MACNAUGHTON, in "The Rose of the Riviera."



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THE J. F. SHERIDAN COMPANY.

Mr Alec Verne writes me on board the s.s. Ninevah, under date December 3:—Dear "Comus,"—We have just concluded a very successful season in South Africa, having played in the following towns:—Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Naauwport, De Aar, Beaufort West, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, East London, King William's Town, Queenstown, and finished in Durban on the 12th of last month. We then took ship for Capetown, and the members of the company left there by the Medic on the 19th of last month, and Mr Sheridan, Miss Barlow and myself on the following day on this steamer, which is a most comfortable boat, but rather small. We have had a very pleasant trip and have enjoyed the rest very much, the only thing that has marred the enjoyment of the trip being the sudden death of one of the saloon stewards from consumption, which upset Mr Sheridan very much. I do not at present know our movements in Australia, as Mr Sheridan's intention was to go to England for a brief period, but he was frightened of the cold weather, and wisely decided to come back again to Australia and then go home in the summer later on, but I think it will be in 1906 that he will go, as I think that when he starts to work again he will not like to leave, as

Australasia is now more his home than England. We have one or two new plays for production, "The Girl from Venus" and "King Dodo," an American play from which Mr Sheridan expects very big things. Frank Weathersby, whom you will remember as our business manager, has severed his connection with the company and gone to England, after an absence of six years, and he, of course, being on the spot, and knowing what Australasian audiences require, will be able to select new musical comedies much better than Mr Sheridan can do himself from this distance. Things generally in South Africa at the present time are in a very bad condition, and I am afraid it will be some time before the country is in a flourishing state again. I should be obliged if you would wish my friends the compliments of the season for me. I will write you further as soon as anything definite is settled with regard to our future movements. Mr Sheridan joins me in kind regards. To this he adds a P.S.:—December 8: Arrived yesterday; all well. Hope to reach Sydney on Monday next.

The Knight-Jeffries Dramatic Company, under the management of Mr J. C. Williamson, brought an extraordinarily successful season to an end on Saturday last, with "The Silver King." The performance was a pronounced triumph in all respects. The Company opens at Wellington on Saturday.

Spenser's "Theatroscope," now appearing for a brief season at the Opera House, is well worth going to see. Some of the pictures are much above the average, and the management have been wise in including a number of the comic variety.

Miss Ella Morris, the English opera chorus singer, and a native of Melbourne, who is a member of the Tivoli Company at San Francisco, recently became the bride of James Conanty, a mining expert, from Nevada. Mrs Conanty says: "Leave the stage? No, why should I? Although my husband is fully able to take care of me and to supply me with every comfort I have no intention of retiring from the stage. The ranks of prima donnas are far from being overcrowded, and the few thousands I shall shortly earn annually will come in handy, if only to buy dresses. I hail from Melbourne, Australia, the same city Nellie Melba came from, and before long I think she will discover that other singers come from there too."

The well-known Black Family of Musicians had an experience in the Otago backblocks of the roadless north the other day, which (says "Pasquin," in the "Witness") they do not wish repeated. Leaving Pongoroa with their coach and four, they made good progress for some little distance on their

journey, when they suddenly plunged into a sea of mud. The coach sank to the axles, and the horses were unable to extricate the vehicle. After four hours had been spent, the task set the horses was found impossible, and a team of bullocks was brought into requisition, and with their aid, the coach was got out and the journey resumed. Further along the "road" the coach was again bogged in the mud, and, to make matters worse, a swingletree broke. The bullocks were again hitched up, but this time they pulled so erratically that they ran the coach over the bank. Mr Black, who was the only passenger on the coach at the time, jumped off the box as the vehicle went over. Fortunately, it struck two dead trees, which broke its fall and prevented it falling headlong into the river, 100ft below. To haul the coach up the bank was the next problem. An expert, who had a team of bullocks five miles away, volunteered to assist. Off he hied for his team, arriving back in due course with the bullocks and block and tackle. The tackle was placed round the body of the coach, the block to a tree on the top of the bank, and the bullocks hitched on to the end of the rope. In a very short time the bullocks had walked the coach up the bank, and on examination, it was found that not even a fiddle string had been broken in the fall. Without further accident the entertainers arrived at their destination 24 hours late, more than satisfied with their adventure.

Here is a little story that will specially appeal to musicians (says "M.A.P."). At the end of one of Mr Mark Hambourg's concerts in Melbourne the people wildly demanded another encore. Many of the audience suggested the names of favourite pieces, the loudest voice coming from the back of the hall, and persistently demanding "Chopin's Be-cause!" Mr Hambourg was greatly puzzled. Schumann's "Why" occurred to his mind, but that did not help him out of his difficulty. "Play us 'Be-cause!'" shouted his unknown admirer again and again. Suddenly the pianist was seized with an inspiration. He commenced to play the "Berceuse," and instant silence showed him that it was a correct guess.

Past and present royalties on plays: "Masks and Faces" brought only £150 to Chas. Reade and Tom Taylor; Bulwer received less than £200 for "The Lady of Lyons"; H. M. Blossom, for the American play "Chickers," has been receiving from £100 to £150 per week throughout the season, and it promises to run as well for the next two seasons. J. M. Barrie received over £20,000 from "The Little Minister," and Hall Caine exceeded these figures with his royalty from "The Christian."



MR. CHAS. BOVIS, In "The Rose of the Riviera."

Charlie Fanning sends me some flaming posters containing the announcements of his appearance at the Chelsea Palace. He is described in the largest of large type as "The Extremely Quaint Comedian."

The Driscoll Boys, now at Melbourne, have sent me a beautiful Christmas card wishing me the usual good things. I cordially reciprocate. The card is embellished with portraits of the Boys.

My fellow sinner, "Lorgnette," of the "New Zealand Mail," forwards me the season's greetings on a chastely pretty card. I respond in the same spirit.

A play by Mrs Craigie (John Oliver Hobbs) was produced some months ago in Manchester by Miss Olga Nethersole with considerable success. Miss Nethersole has decided to open her forthcoming season at the London Shaftesbury Theatre with this, and to support her she has engaged a company including Mr Herbert Waring, Mr C. W. Somerset, Mr Dawson Millard, Miss Kate Philips, and Miss Annie Hughes.

A memorial tablet bearing the following inscription, "Edmund Kean (1787-1883), actor, lived here," has been fixed outside No. 12, Clarges-street, Piccadilly, by the order of the London County Council.

The death of Mr Dan Leno occurred with somewhat remarkable suddenness. Although it had been an open secret that the famous comedian never really recovered from the lamentable mental illness which attacked him some eighteen months ago, and that strange rumours had been circulated in connection with his engagement at the London Pavilion Music Hall (where he made what unhappily proved to be his last appearance before the public on Thursday, October 20 last), it was scarcely thought that the end itself could have been so near. Now that the nature of his malady is known, it argues really wonderful power upon his part that he was able to hold out so long. For Mr Leno had been practically a dying man for many months past; and the failure of the heart's action must have come to the troubled sufferer himself like the blessing of sleep. George Galvin, to give him his right name, was born in rather humble circumstances on February 1, 1861, at a place called Eve Court, King's Cross, upon the site of which stands St. Pancras Railway Station, an establishment to which the deceased comedian often referred as his "birth-mark." His parents appear to have won some little reputation in the show and variety world under the name of Mr and Mrs Johnny Wilde, and it is stated that Dan, when a mere infant, took part in acrobatic and other performances.

At the London Pavilion recently Mr Leo Stormont recited a new poem, entitled "Who's Going to Rule the Sea?" dealing with the Dogger Bank Outrage. The character of the verses may be judged from the following:-

It was Hey! for the merry Russian jest,
When the fishing boats drifted by;
And the drunken Admiral laughed with
the rest,

Remarking: "We'll conquer or die."
So the searchlights flashed through the
murky night,

On the boats and the men unharmed,
And the Admiral said: "We shall be all
right,

Let none of you feel alarmed.
So, gunners, sink me or two,
They can't hit back," said he;
"I'll show these English who is who,
And who's going to rule the sea."

The rumour that a leading Russian composer has been commissioned to produce a revised edition of an old song entitled "I Know a Dogger Bank" for use in the Imperial Russian Navy is absolutely without foundation. ("The Pelican.")

The Hon. Mrs Alfred Lyttelton, the authoress of "Warp and Woof," is writing a new society play in collaboration with Lady Betty Balfour. It is understood that the work will be produced soon.

Miss Cecilia Loftus is evidently no believer in the saying that Marriage is a Failure, for according to news from America she has been wooed and won by Mr William Courtenay, who, like herself, is on the stage, and the wedding is to occur next Easter.

The Invercargill hotels seem to do a thriving business all the year round. There are some really good houses here, such as the Southland Club, Albion, and Deschler's, all of which do a large business. The Railway Hotel, being near the Railway Station, also does well. Mr A. E. Otway is the proprietor, and those who wish for comfortable quarters at a moderate tariff should stay here.

Mrs Edmund Phelps is not encouraging to young people who want to go upon the stage. "If anyone came to me and asked me whether it was wise to become an actor," she says in a London paper, "I should say 'don't,' because the market is overstocked." The present race of young men look upon acting more for amusement than as a matter of necessity, and the profession, as a result, is composed of quite a different class of individuals to what existed in my early days. In the past the actor had not the social advantages possessed by the present-day actor. We had an early training, which was most valuable, and I think we worked more for the love of our work, endeavouring to make and hold whatever position we might achieve. To-day a young man or girl jumps into that position, thanks mainly to influence, and to the fact that society is more interested in the stage than was the case in the past. This has improved the status of the actor as a professional man, but I certainly regret the lack of seriousness that is shown nowadays in the theatre, and I also deplore the easy way in which, by that influence, the young actor obtains parts to which he is not entitled either by talent or by preliminary training."

It is unofficially announced that Mr George Grossmith will retire from public life in a couple of years.

Miss Hilda Spong has made another success in New York (writes the "Argus" correspondent). She recently returned to London from a tour in the West. Speaking of her reported engagement to Mr A. Higginson, a Boston millionaire, she says: "The report is absolutely absurd. I know him. He is a very nice boy, and we are good friends, but I am not engaged to anybody."

The present English provincial season is declared to be extremely dull. Plays that were London successes last season, or the previous one, have been playing to very poor houses. Some provincial managers say that the music-halls get all the money there is about, which is not much.

"The Country Girl" in a French dress is now running in the Olympia, Barry, played by M. Max Dearly, carries off the honours; his dancing is much of the attraction.

The world-famed music-hall, Collins's, on Islington Green, has been making a feature of its 42nd anniversary. It was developed from a tavern by "Sam" Collins, father of Lottie and her sister, Mrs Athas.

In a new melodrama, "The Coal King," at the Elephant and Castle Theatre, to which high praise is given as "a drama of great human interest," there is one novel scene, showing some entombed miners. This is above the average of up-to-date melodrama. Young Paulton is playing in this.

A comedy by A. Dumas, written in 1854, was lately played in Paris, and a discussion arose about the costuming of the play, which was carried out in present-day fashions. This argument, whether old-fashioned plays should be dressed to their own date or not, is constantly cropping up. The present revival is interesting in having brought up a letter written by A. Dumas himself twenty years ago to M. Joseph Reinach concerning Sarah Bernhardt's revival of "Camille," which that critic took exception to on the ground of the absurdity of post-dating its mode of dress by

"John Bull's Other Island," by J. Bernard Shaw, was played for the first time at the Court Theatre a month ago. It is a fantastic story of the Irish question, and the leading character, one Broadbeent, a Radical M.P., is apparently a kind of "Padgett, M.P.," who visits Ireland instead of India. The piece is enormously wordy, one character has as much to say as three Hamlets; it is perverse, and wistfully unconventional, with no respect for form, an "untidy" kind of play. But it is also most stimulating, and, of course, brilliant. There is a charming heroine, Nora, played by an Irish actress; a weird personage, supposed to be the author himself; Keegan, an unfrocked priest, who is partly mad and partly mystic; and there is a very funny farcical scene when the English tourist tries to carry a pig in his motor car. Epigrams abound; "An Irishman's heart," says the principal Irishman of the piece, Larry Dooley, "is nothing but his imagination." "The English have always been free," exclaims the Cockney valet. "True," retorts the Irishman, "sheep don't need a muzzle." Nora objects to meeting certain "common people." "To an M.P.'s wife," says her lover, "nobody is common whose name is on the register."

Mr Edward Terry was married on October 31, at Barnes Parish Church, to Lady Harris, widow of Sir Augustus Harris. Shortly before eleven o'clock Lady Harris drove to Priory Lodge, Barnes, the residence of Mr Terry, and from thence she and Mr Terry walked to the church together. Lady Harris was dressed in a brown cloth skirt, brown bolero, and yellow silk blouse, and wore a toque trimmed with a yellow feather. The bridegroom wore a beautiful button-hole in his coat, but Lady Harris did not



MR WILL ROVIS, as Monsieur Erol, in "The Rose of the Riviera."



MR FRED TWITCHIN, in "The Rose of the Riviera."

A skit on "A Wife Without a Smile," entitled "A Wife With a Smile; or, Keep Off, You Boys," was given by the "Water Rats," for the Music-hall Artists' Charitable Association, London.

Mr J. C. Williamson announced that last week Miss Dolly Castles would make her debut in comic opera at the matinee, at Melbourne, when "Patience" will be performed. At the same time a new baritone (Mr Frank Wilson) will make his appearance; Mr Charles Kenningham, the well-known tenor, and Mr Howard Vernon will be in the cast. It is intended that Miss Dolly Castles shall form one of the new Gilbert and Sullivan Repertoire Company, which is in process of formation, and will probably make its first appearance in Sydney early next year.

At the New York Lyceum a play by Clyde Fitch, named "Granny," was recently produced to mark the retirement from the stage of Mrs Gilberts, the oldest actress in America, who is now eighty-three years old, and has been on the stage for nearly sixty years in one city. This is her farewell engagement, and her reception was remarkable and touching. On the first night she was called before the curtain twenty-five times, and spoke an epilogue, written for her by Mr Fitch.

half a century or so. Dumas held that Sarah Bernhardt was right, and that to dress the piece to the proper date was to take off the attention from the emotions and action of the piece, which are common to all ages, and fix it on the dressing. Also, he adds, women, on beholding the old fashions, exclaim, "How frightfully ugly they look," and they go no further. The play for them is condemned.

Another notable production at the Court was the revival of Marlow's "Faustus," with the old-fashioned setting, under the auspices of the Elizabethan Stage Society. The Mermaid Society, which also exists for the purpose of staging classics not otherwise likely to be seen, was to bring forward Congreve's "Way of the World."

Theatrical London continues to be agitated on the subject of curtain-raisers. An innovation which is meeting in some quarters with great disfavour is the short "one-artist" show given in front of the piece. Mr Frank Lincoln and Miss Fanny Wentworth, both well known in Australia, are now appearing in this way at two leading theatres. It is claimed by aspiring dramatists that, with the abolition of the one-act piece, all chance for them to win their spurs is withheld. This fashion that both Arthur Jones tried writing.

carry any flowers. No one was present in the church except the daughter of Mr Terry and her husband, Mr Walter Collis. After the ceremony Mr Terry and his bride returned to Priory Lodge for refreshments, and later on left for Stratford-on-Avon. In December Mrs Terry will accompany her husband to the United States on tour. Sir Augustus Harris bequeathed half his property, amounting to nearly £100,000, to Lady Harris, and the other half to his daughter, Miss Florence Harris, who came of age on the 8th inst. The widow and daughter are also interested in the English performing rights of many popular operas, such as "Carmen," Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet," and several of Wagner's works.

The news that Miss Olga Nethersole had taken the Shaftesbury Theatre draws attention to the number of actresses who have become their own managers. Mrs Langtry rebuilt the Imperial and had seasons there, Mrs Patrick Campbell ran the Royalty successfully, Miss Kitty Loftus had the Savoy, and Mrs Brown Potter's management is fresh in the minds of many followers of theatrical doings. Miss Beryl Faber, Mrs Lewis Waller, Miss Lena Ashwell and Miss Ada Reeve are also among successful lady managers. One of the first ladies to manage a theatre was Miss Marie Wilton (Lady Bancroft), who took the Prince of Wales' Theatre in 1865.

LONDON SHOWS.

"THE WALLS OF JERICHO," AT THE GARRICK.

In "The Walls of Jericho," the new four-act play which was produced at the Garrick last month, Mr Arthur Bouchier achieved a very substantial measure of success. Mr Bouchier (says a London critic), as is the case with many of his brother managers, could do with a bit of good luck, and he deserves it more than most. His management has been of that adventurous, responsive, intelligent order which is sure to come out all right in the long run, and yet for some time he has not struck anything of the record-breaking description. Every change in his programme has entailed immense labour on himself and on his gifted wife, and although his productions have been distinguished by novelty and enterprise in one or other direction they have failed to stay. Within a comparatively short period he has exploited John Oliver Hobbes and the Poet Laureate—the former not unsuccessfully—he has tried Haddon Chambers and Henry Arthur Jones; he has resuscitated W. S. Gilbert, and experimented with Brioux, and as an actor he has revealed a versatility and gift of characterisation which have confirmed his position as one of the most capable and popular players on the English stage. At length he has happened on a play—one by a new dramatist, if not one who is entirely new to the drama—which promises to give him a rest from the arduous task of production for some time to come.

At a time when the public appear to rise only at the lightest forms of entertainment—when "Beauty and the Barge," "The Tempest," and "The Duke of Killiecrankie" are straining the capacities of their respective theatres—Mr Sutro has written and Mr Bouchier has "chanced" a play which deals with real men and women, and deals with them in a serious and uncompromising manner. He has weighed the "smart set" in the balance and found it wanting, and he has set himself to expose its defects. He has taken a woman obsessed with the craving for "smartness," but capable of higher and truer emotions, and has freed her from the toils of the "set" by natural means in a dramatic manner. Lady Alethea, daughter of the impeccuous and unscrupulous Marquis of Stevenson, is a good woman, but she is so far the victim of her environment that her husband and their boy would seem to have no part in her life. The women about her gamble, and play at infidelity. Lady Alethea is devoted to "bridge," and a discredited man about town, named Harry Dallas, is devoted to her. So far as the young wife is concerned, the flirtation is as innocent as such diversions can be, but the man's intentions are of a different order. Jack Frobbish-

er, the husband of Lady Alethea, is naturally sceptical of his wife's innocence when he happens upon Dallas making her a declaration of love, and he helps to show the foolish woman what a contemptible person her lover really is.

It is necessary, in order to show the strength of the story and the skill with which the author has handled his subject, to devote a few lines to Jack Frobbisher. "Fighting Jack," as he was known among the wild, strong spirits of the Queensland bush, was, in his own environment, a masterful man. He had made his way in a colonial community by strength of will. He had been a person in authority, and had wielded some sway where manliness is an important currency. But in the Jericho of the smart set he has weakly endured the imbecilities and rottenness by which he is surrounded, and allowed the current of frivolity to carry his wife further and further from him. Now, however, he determines to assert himself. His patience and pacivity are exhausted. He tells Dallas what he thinks of him; he speaks as trenchantly to his wife. He will forsake the fetid atmosphere of Mayfair, and take his little son back with him to breathe the pure air of the Australian wilds. His wife can accompany them or remain behind, as she lists. And the wife at first rebels. She is not so guilty as her husband chooses to believe; she resents his tone; she will remain. But in her heart she loves her husband, and she cannot be separated from her boy. The end comes quickly and convincingly. The wife has learned her lesson; there will be one woman the less in Jericho when the trumpets bring the walls tumbling about the ears of the inhabitants. There is no staginess, and none of the old tricks employed in the construction of the play. The story is told with directness and power; the moral is sound and sincere. The reception accorded to the production was unanimous and enthusiastic.

No little credit for the success of the evening was due to the acting. Mr

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Bouchier is invariably happy in the casting of his pieces, and "The Walls of Jericho" is a particularly good example of his skill in this respect. Mr Bouchier had some excellent opportunities for the display of both power and pathos, and he made the most of them. Miss Violet Vanburgh, as Lady Alethea, displayed all the varying moods of the frivolous, weak, pleasure-loving wife, but she never allowed us to see her as other than a good woman, and the future happiness of the pair is never in doubt. The charm and sterling worth of the character are portrayed with superb skill. Miss Kate Serjeantson's Lady Westerby was an exquisite bit of delicate characterisation, and Mr O. B. Clarence as the disreputable old Marquis, Mr Sydney Valentine, Mr Nye Chart as Dallas, and Miss Muriel Beaumont were all excellent in less important parts.

THE EMPIRE.

"The Milliner Duchess" was revived at the Empire Theatre last month "by general desire," and its revival was rewarded by general and particular appreciation. On its original production this popular divertissement, which is associated with the names of Wilhelm, Katti Lanner, and Leopold Wenzel, scored an emphatic success, and it thoroughly merited the popularity accorded to it. The piece has vivacity, spectacular charm, colour, and variety, and—Adeline Genee to recommend it. The combination is irresistible, even if the Empire's devoted clientele wish to resist—which they didn't. The "turn" brought back, if I remember rightly, Mlle. Francesca Zanfretta to the scene of her former triumphs, and the clever pantomimist is seen again in the revival as the Duchess of London. The corps de ballet is Katti Lanner's own, and Genee still remains the most bewitching exponent of the terpsichorean art that Europe has to show. The rest of the Empire programme is, as it is always, the best of its kind

that can be found in London. But, excellent as it is, the entertainment suffers the defects of its excellencies. The first and thirteenth turns are orchestral—and it would be difficult to beat them outside Covent Garden or the Queen's Hall. But the other nine, while they are unequalled in their own category, include two lots of acrobats (one comic), two lots of gymnasts, a wire-walking act, a conjurer, and a tramp juggler. Where all are so good, it may be urged, what more can be asked for? It seems ungrateful, perhaps, to mention it, but even with all these excellencies to delight one, one felt a kind of absence of variety.

POOR DAN LENO.

One has become accustomed to refer to the dead comedian as "poor Dan Leno," even as we were wont to apply the phrase to "poor Phil May," but while the end of his career was terribly sad Dan Leno lived to achieve more of his heart's desire than falls to the lot of most men. Commencing as a youngster at the bottom of the ladder, he clattered his way to the championship of the merry clog, and pattered his way to the hearts of the entire nation. What is there left to say of him that has not already been said? He was more than a dancer and singer; more, much more, than a music-hall artist; he was a comedian of the rarest gifts, and a public character with a personality which won him friends everywhere. Thousands of people who never saw him off the stage will feel in his death a personal loss. Even the people, and they were very many, who traded on his generosity, held him in esteem and warm regard, and the youthful community of Clapham Park rejoiced in the distinction which his presence shed upon the neighbourhood. By his colleagues in the theatre and the music-hall he was a general favourite, and it is not saying more than the truth to assert

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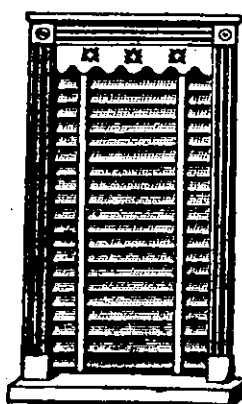
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that there was not a single man on the stage who begrudged him his success.

Miss Nellie Stewart, in describing her experiences as principal boy at Drury Lane Theatre—one of the happiest experiences of her busy professional life—was particularly enthusiastic in her appreciation of Dan Leno. Before he had appeared at Sandringham and received the title of "the King's Jester" Dan had had little experience of the legitimate theatre outside Drury Lane. But at a swagger benefit show at His Majesty's Theatre, for which all the world was volunteering its services, Leno was invited to take part. I ran across him during the afternoon, and his unaffected gratification at being asked to assist revealed the rare modesty of his nature. As Mr Dana remarked to me of Dan's appearance on that occasion, "If we had been paying him a thousand pounds a week he couldn't have been more pleased than he appeared to be with our appreciation of his efforts, and no walking lady ever gave us less trouble with regard to the dressing arrangements." Anybody who is acquainted with the extraordinary demands and expectations of many of the people who "kindly give their services" at benefit performances will not need to be told what high praise such a remark really means. But Dan Leno could speak his mind upon occasion.

I remember a certain performance on behalf of a little known hospital, which took place at a West End theatre. Dan was asked to appear on the programme, and he consented with his customary good nature. The affair was badly and extravagantly managed. It commenced with a champagne luncheon to the artists, the organisers, the general hangers-on, and all their friends, and it ended in so small a credit balance that the hospital did not benefit to the extent of a new clinical thermometer. Dan declined the invitation to lunch, but he came and sang a couple of songs, and was not slow to tumble to the fact that the merest pretence of assisting a worthy charity had been imposed upon. What he said to one of the exuberant organisers of the fete when he came forward to thank Dan for his services need not be repeated. Leno was tolerant of individual pretences, but when they came to him organised and seeking public recognition he could be very severe. I believe that he looked upon his invitation to Sandringham as the crowning triumph of his life. He was instructed to limit his performance to ten minutes, or twelve at the outside; but thirty-five minutes had passed before the King and his guests allowed him to leave the stage. After the show the King thanked Dan for his services, and shook him by the hand. It was a triumph for Dan, and it was a compliment to the playgoing community, for long before Dan became the King's jester he was the nation's comedian.

The Theatre Royal, Melbourne, was in a sufficiently advanced state to allow William Anderson to take possession last week. The theatre (says "Punch") surpasses all expectations, and the first night audience will get a great surprise when they enter the new house. The theatre looks smaller, but seats almost as many. The balconies are wide and graceful, the new proscenium larger, and a much better shape than formerly, and the new boxes ornamental and roomy. The decoration, as far as it is advanced, is pretty, elegant and in good taste, the colouring being harmonious and light, and the floral work very elegant.

News from New York states that at a recent meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, at Paterson, New Jersey, it was unanimously resolved to boycott all theatres and concerts and music halls where the Irishman is caricatured. Any member of the society or his family is also forbidden to witness a play in which a stage Irishman figures.

Maudie Chetwynd was (says the "Critic") married quietly in Melbourne the other day, and is now living in St. Kilda. Maudie's choice is somewhat elderly, but is understood to be well gilded.

Shakespeare is very much in the air just now. Mr Beerbohm Tree is going to play "Much Ado About Nothing," with Miss Winifred Emery as Beatrice (her first Shakespearean role), and his daughter Viola as Hero. Mr Lewis Waller is intending to bring out "Romeo and Juliet" at the Imperial, starring himself and Miss Evelyn Millard. Later he proposes to do "Macbeth."

Revivals in Paris of "Barbe Bleu," by Meilbac-Halevy and Offenbach, and "La Fille de Madame Angot," by Lecoq, are very successful, and are leading critics to compare the present style of light opera most unfavourably with the past masterpieces in that line.

Mr J. M. Barrie has written a new play for Miss Ellen Terry, in which she will appear in January. He has also completed another play. The name of neither is yet made public.

Mr Walter Melville, who is responsible for the writing of many of the most recent successful melodramas, has added to their number by his latest, "The Girl Who Lost Her Character," which is described as being "frightfully thrilling." There is a heroine who is deceived by the villain, who is an officer in the Guards, and who revenges herself by breaking off the leg of a chair and then smashing the pier glass, windows, gas globes, ornaments—everything. Never was such destruction seen on the stage. The wicked lady, who is also beautiful, is quite a marvel in her wickedness. She pledges the devil in a rhymed toast, and after accidentally poisoning herself, dies in a scene of prolonged agony. Incidentally there is an heiress, who insists on marrying a private soldier, and a clergyman who finding the villain, deaf to his remonstrances and appeals shoots him dead with a revolver. In fact, the piece is a succession of sensations for over three hours.

Wallace Shaw, who was here with Frawley's Company, was interviewed recently on his return to America, and after a long dissertation on the tour of Australia, South Africa, etc., wound up as follows:—"In my opinion South Africa and Australia are at the present time poor places for American dramatic companies. South Africa is specially bad, owing to the effects of the war. The country is poor, and the only entertainments largely patronised are the vaudeville and variety. As I said before, I shall be content hereafter to remain in America and leave the delights of foreign travel to some other fellow."

Bland Holt is credited on his own showing with a profit of £10,000 a year, and he works like a nigger to earn it staying at the theatre all night and day before a new piece is put on, and working sometimes when he should be at rest. He spares no expense when having anything, and in private life spends his money freely.

Mr George Musgrove says an Australian experience makes many unknown actors and actresses famous, or almost famous, and the small performer frequently goes back to London as star.

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"Die Musik" for September last has an interesting article by Tappert on the English national anthem. He agrees with Chrysanter in attributing the authorship to Henry Carey (who also wrote "Sally in Our Alley"); and thinks that the two first verses were inspired by the setting out of George II. to fight the French in 1743. It was first published in John Simpson's "Thesaurus Musicus" in 1744; and rapidly became known throughout Europe, being adopted as a local national anthem in many of the states of Germany. Beethoven's set of seven variations on the air, published in 1804, are well-known. Heinrich Harries used it for the birthday of the King of Denmark in 1790. Weber concludes with it his "Jubel" overture; and Rudolf Zacharias Becker published in 1822 a sort of adaptable verse, which could be varied as required:—

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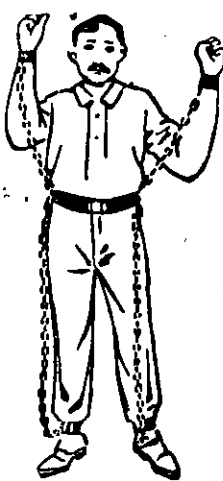
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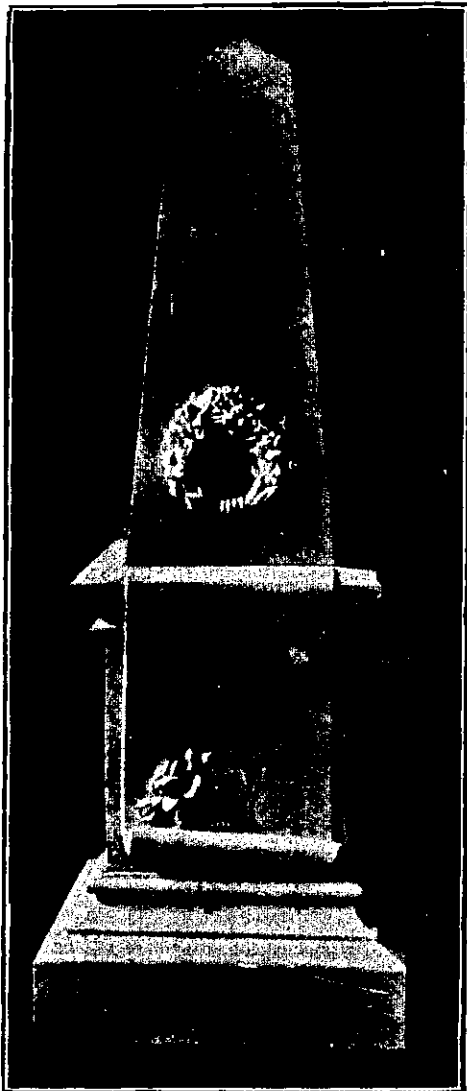
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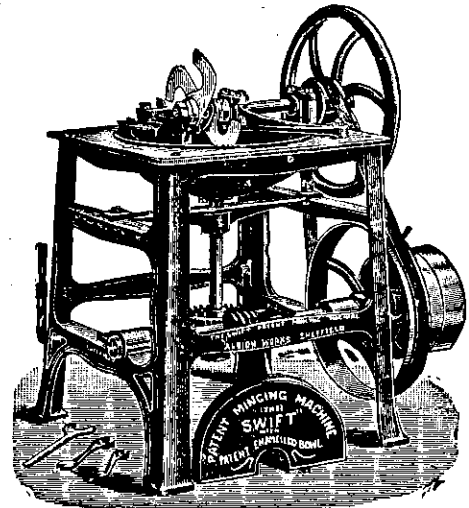
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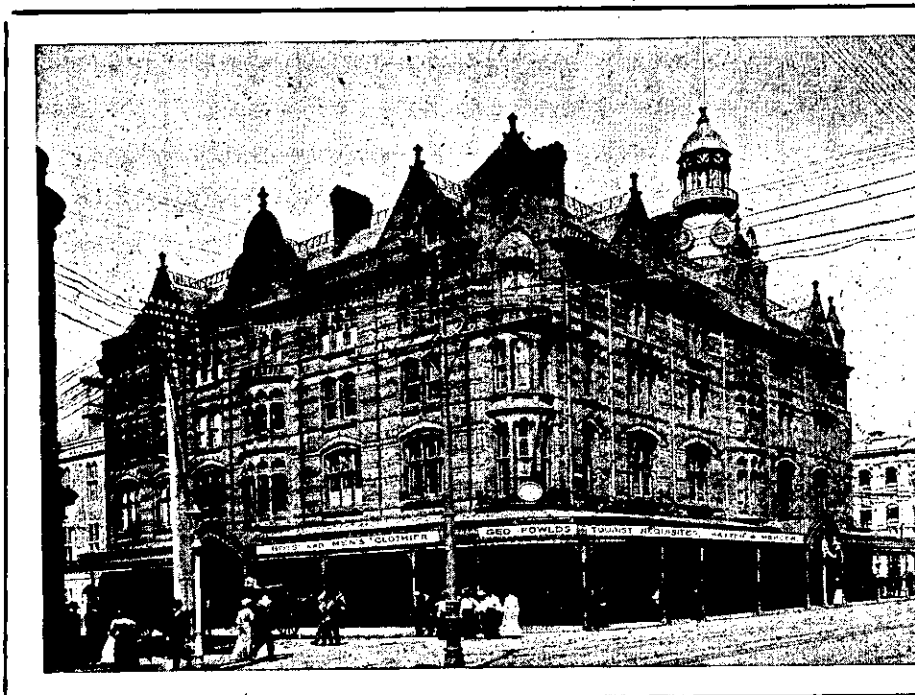
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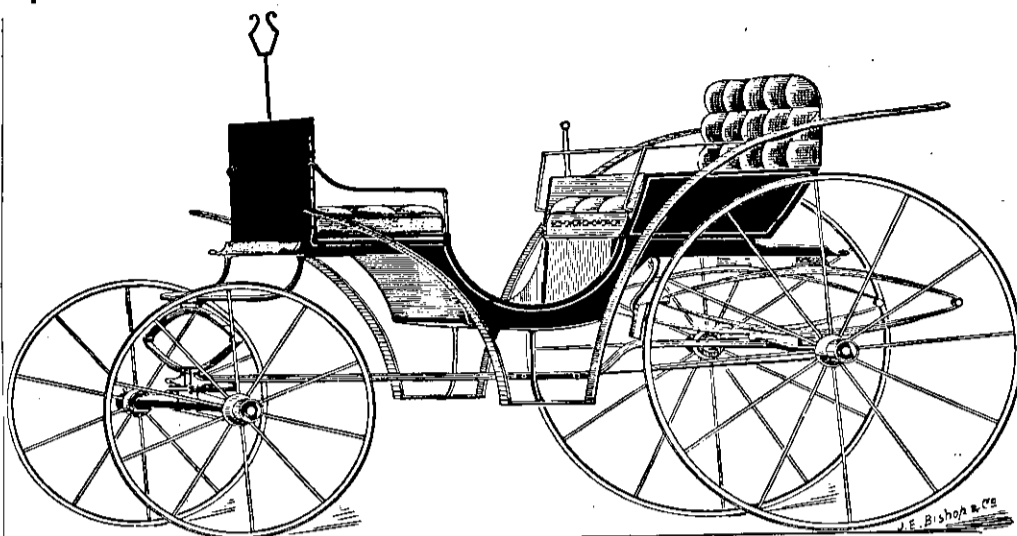
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Christchurch (<i>via</i> Waimea line only) ...	£3 13 6	£2 0 0
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No.	Route.	1st Class Fare.*
1.	From Dunedin to Queenstown (<i>via</i> Waimea Line to Kingston); return to Dunedin <i>via</i> Wanaka or Lawrence; or <i>vice versa</i> ...	£4 4 6
2.	From Dunedin to Queenstown (<i>via</i> Waimea Line to Kingston); return to Dunedin <i>via</i> Arrow and Lawrence; or <i>vice versa</i> ...	3 9 6
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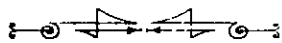
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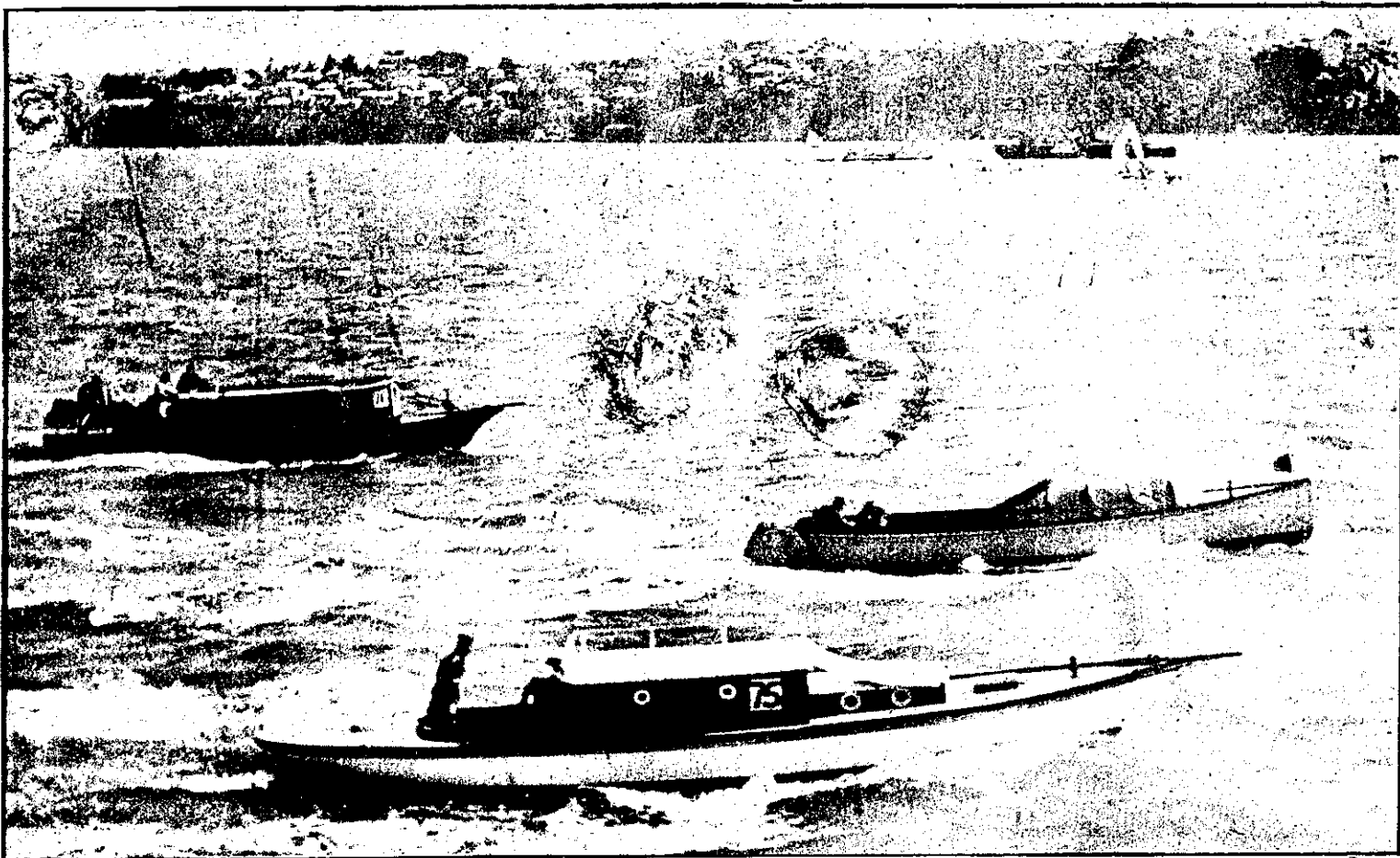
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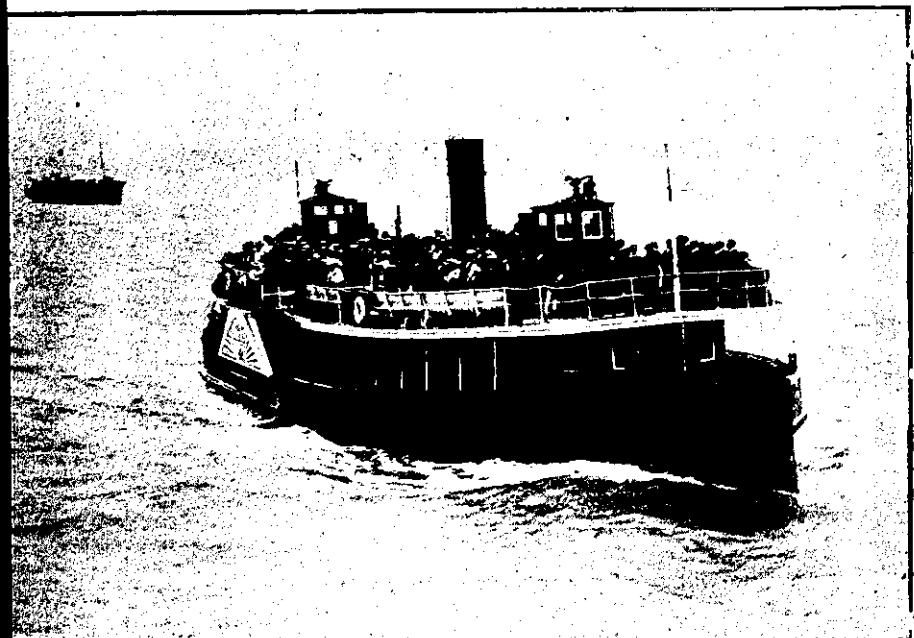


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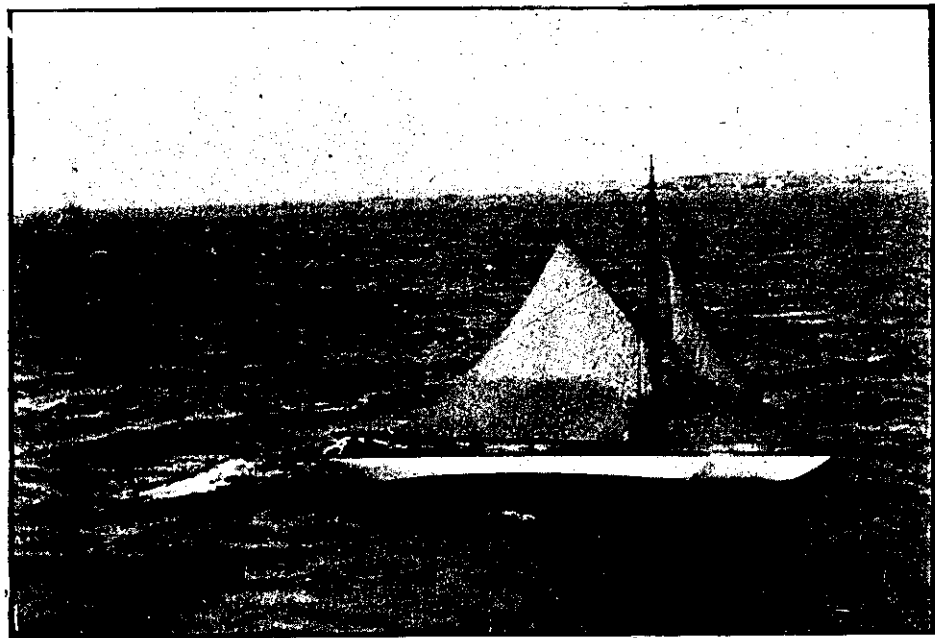
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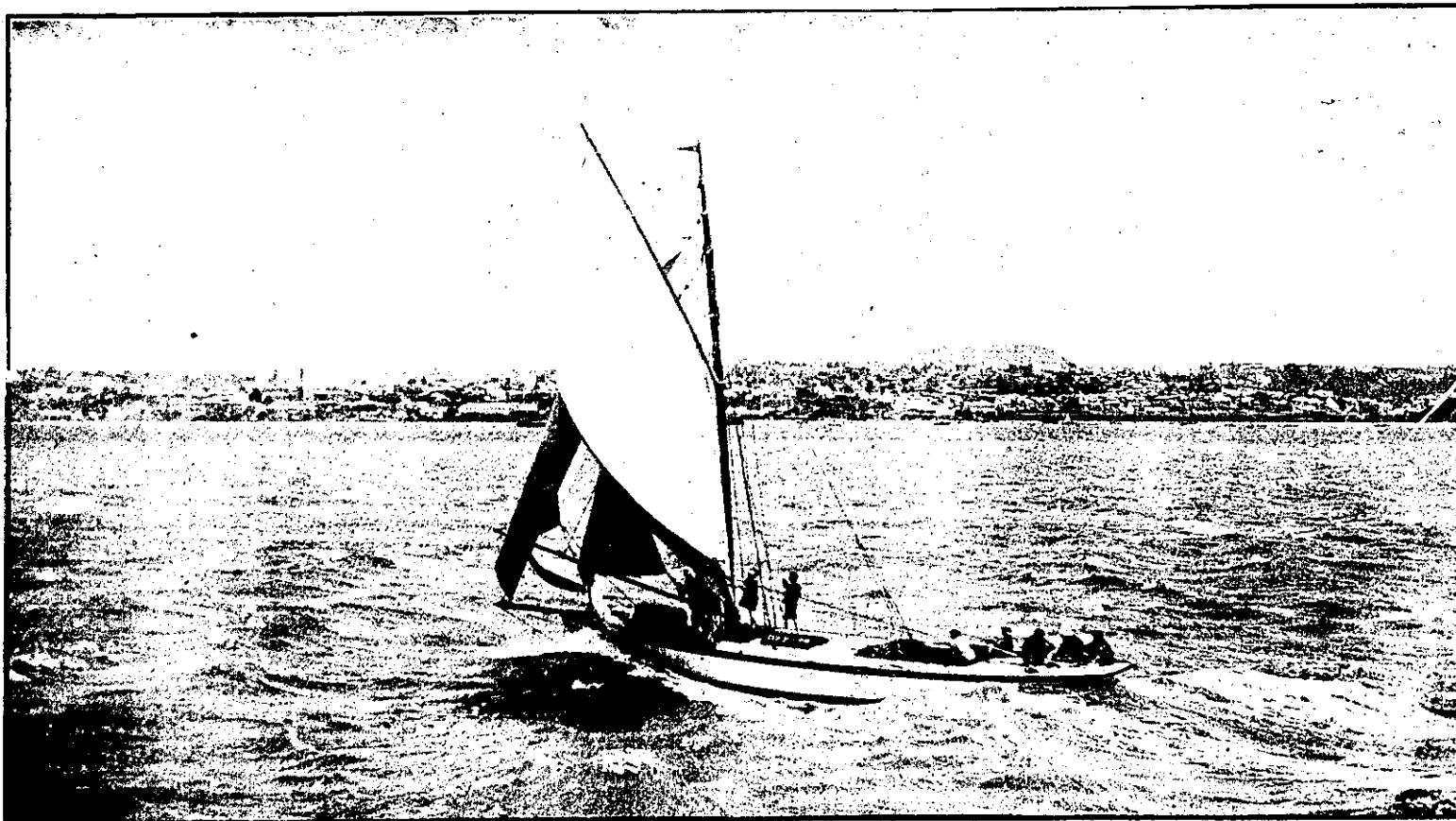
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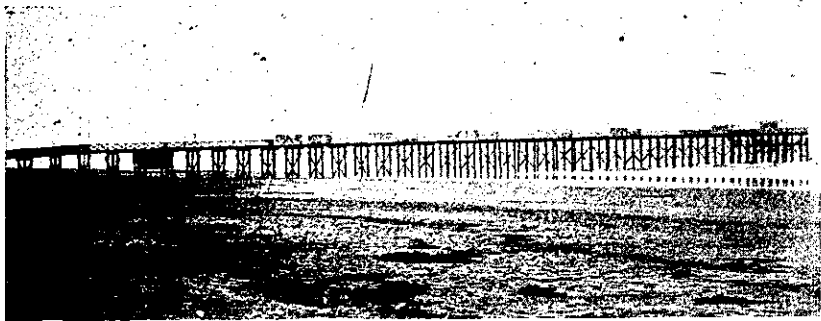
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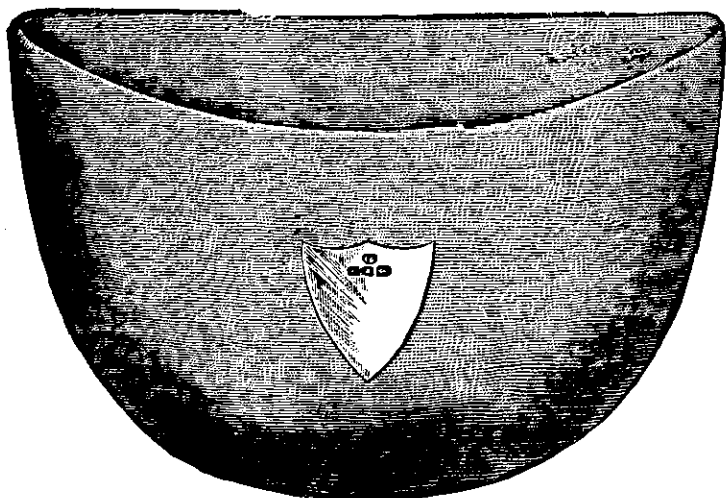
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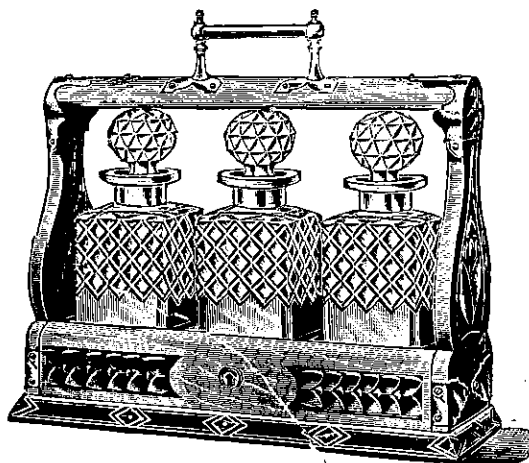
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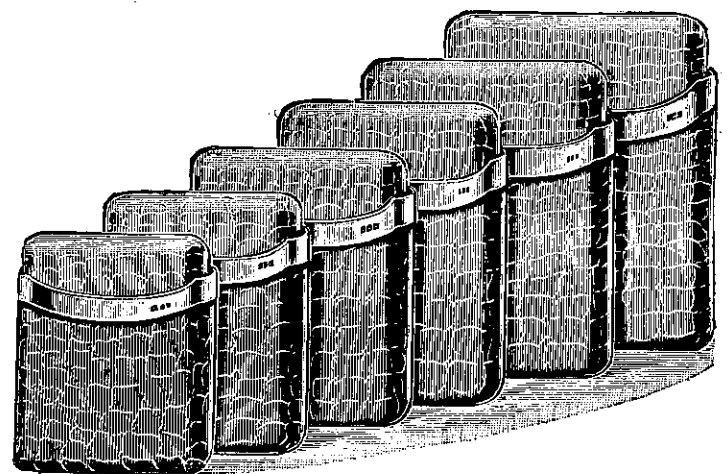
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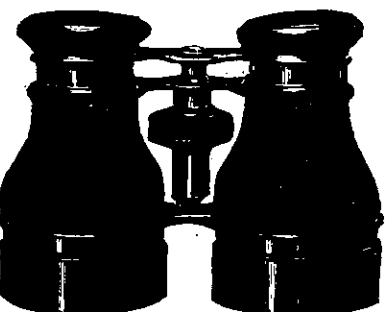
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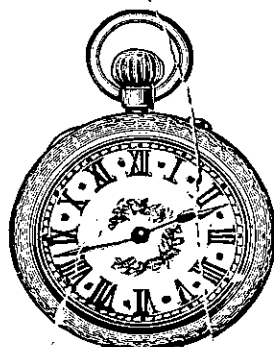
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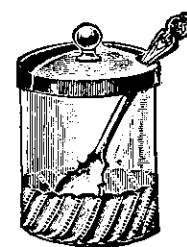
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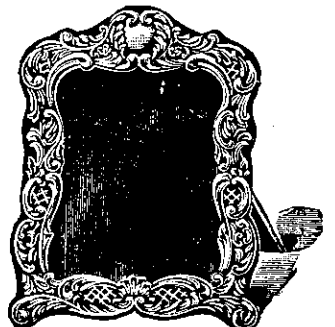
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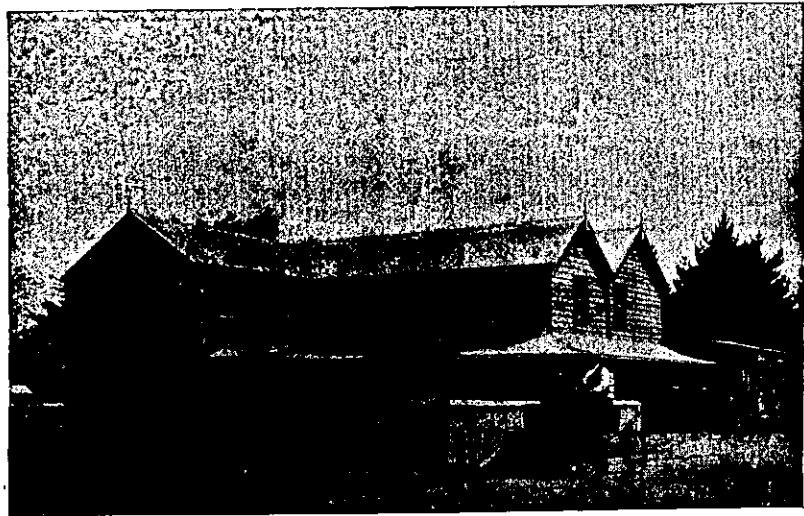
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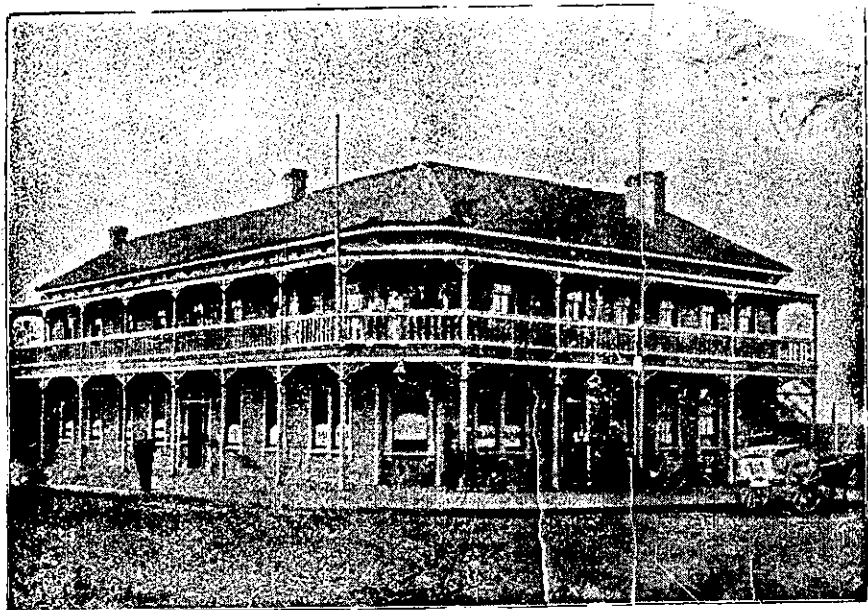
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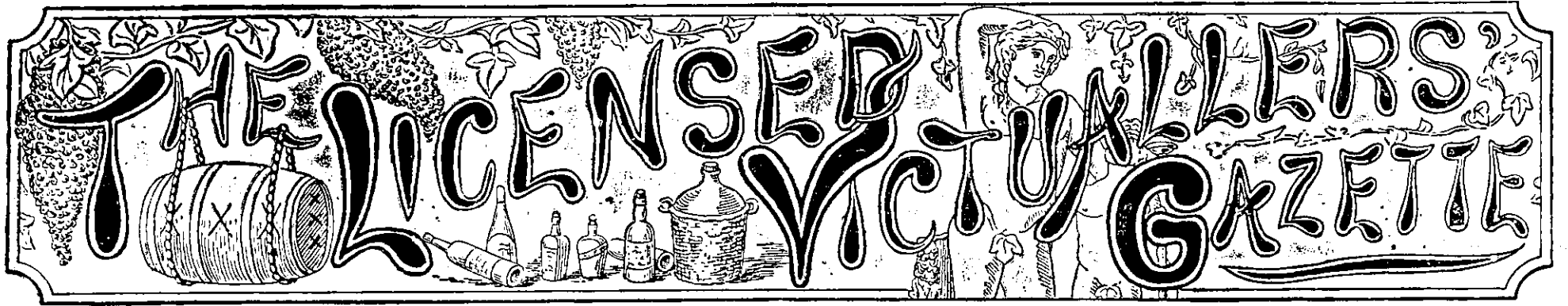
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ONCE again that time of the year that is most particularly given over to enjoyment has come round, and once more we are happily enabled to say that we meet it in prosperous times. The "slump" that has been predicted regularly year after year has not yet materialised, and so far as sober judgment may determine bad times are still somewhere in the uncertain future. So far as the Trade is concerned the year has not been, on the whole, a bad one, and the prospects are good. There are indications that prohibitionism has about reached high-water mark. The fanatical spirit has attempted to interfere in several other directions, and the general public, lethargic enough about most things, has begun to suspect that a loss of liberty in one direction may be followed by a similar deprivation in others. The effect, we may conclude, will be highly satisfactory. Until, however, there is a distinct indication that the country is returning to commonsense and just principles in relation to the licensing law there can be no real feeling of security in the Trade, which must continue to suffer in tone and prestige. The Trade, indeed, will be just what the teetotal party makes it. The fanatics cannot suppress the trade in liquor, but they can do a good deal towards keeping honest and high-principled men out of it, by subjecting them to intolerable indignities. However, we fancy that there is a better time coming. In Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Australia there has been a progressive movement on the part of the Trade, and in this country interests are being gradually solidified in a way that promises excellent results. The Trade is the best friend of true temperance, though a perverse generation has failed to see it. But they will doubtless have their eyes opened at some not far distant day. The Trade may, therefore, take courage, and take all the pleasure there is to be extracted from this glad season, for Christmas belongs as much to the licensed victualler as to the long faced black-coated person who thanks God he is not as other men. With the utmost cordiality we wish our numerous readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Those who are accustomed to travel about in the colony know how frequently the question is asked, "Which is the best hotel to stay at in such and such a place?" There are, especially during the summer months, a great many strangers travelling through the colony, and there has in the past seemingly been no reliable information available as to the best and most comfortable hotels to put up at in the various towns. There have been "Guides" innumerable published, but none have so far quite met the case, being either badly arranged or filled up with extraneous matter of very little interest to the majority of the travelling public. The handy little publication which has just been issued from the press will, therefore, be welcomed by those who purpose travelling. "Where to Go and Where to Stay in New Zealand" is the title of the Guide, and it is full of information, is well illustrated and printed, and we understand it may now be procured at any of the leading booksellers throughout the colony, the price being one shilling.

One of the most popular hotels in Reefton is the Gladstone, of which Mr R. Dunphy is the proprietor. Mr Dunphy is extremely popular with the townspeople, and does a large bar trade, dispensing none but the best liquors, and conducting his hotel on good lines.

Another very popular hotel in Reefton is Roxborough's. Mr J. Roxborough is well known in the South Island—in other towns as well as on the West Coast—and those who purpose visiting Reefton will find things very comfortable at Roxborough's Hotel.

A very comfortable and well-conducted hotel at Greymouth is the Club Hotel, of which Mr W. H. Rooney is the proprietor. The house is close to the wharf, and having a fair number of rooms, is capable of accommodating a good many visitors.

The Golden Eagle Hotel, Greymouth, is an old-established place, and is well known to those who are in the habit of visiting this seaport town, being very handy to the shipping. Mr P. Phelan is the proprietor.

Mr Thos. Fraser is the present proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, Greymouth, and appears to be doing a satisfactory business. The Imperial is in close proximity to the wharf, and visitors to Greymouth will receive every attention should they decide to put up at the Imperial.

Amongst the numerous hotels at Greymouth one of the most centrally situated is the Commercial. Mr J. McCarthy is the popular host, and having had considerable experience in hotel management is consequently in a position to see that the requirements of his patrons are properly attended to.

Mr J. Reilly, formerly of Timaru, now has the Wallingford Hotel, Temuka. This is a most comfortable place to stay at, and being in the centre of the town, visitors to Temuka will find it very convenient on that account.

Though Balclutha is a prohibition town there are still to be found some very well-conducted private hotels. Amongst these one may mention the Railway Hotel, of which Mr J. McCorley is the proprietor. The hotel is close to the railway station, and those who have stayed there have been thoroughly satisfied. Miss McCorley looks well after the requirements of all visitors, and through her obliging manner has become extremely popular amongst the patrons of the hotel.

CAPE LETTER.

(Correspondent "L.V. Gazette.")

There seems to be no end to the troubles of the wine farmer; the devastation wrought by the phylloxera was not only a great blow to his industry but a loss to the country at large. He is now threatened with another disease to his vines, which, though according to the newspaper reports, reads only like a familiar trouble which the sulphurisation of the vines is intended to prevent, must be of a stranger and more dangerous description when experienced viticulturists form a deputation to the Ministry on the matter. Expert opinion has so far not been able to throw any light on the subject, and although it was noticed last year, it has only now assumed formidable dimensions. The disease shows itself by the appearance on the leaves of little spots (as if they were burnt), and the failure of the shoots, and decay at the roots sets in. Whilst only a few vines were attacked last year, in this season a considerable number are entirely lifeless, and 35,000 vines have been affected on one farm alone. At first it was thought to be due to damp

ground, but later investigation showed that drier spots were just as bad, and sometimes worse. The farmers are in a state of alarm, for if the disease is incurable the wine industry is doomed, and the sole support of many farmers will be gone. Expert opinion is to the effect that it is not the same disease as that which did so much mischief in California in 1890. It appears to affect all varieties of vine, and though most prevalent at Stollenbosch it has also been noticed at the Paarl. The Minister for Agriculture, who, it need scarcely be said, is not an expert, takes the consoling view that the trouble is due to an unseasonable spring; but his practical action is to offer the services of the Government experts, Messrs Dubois and

Lounsbury, to act in concert with a few nominees of the wine farmers. Mr Lounsbury does not think the disease is due to an insect, but to the failure of the roots some time back. Not only the vines but fruit-trees generally are in a bad way, but he did not think there was as yet any great reason for alarm. In conjunction with two of the farmers, the two Government experts are, as soon as possible, to make a tour of the farms, and a thorough inspection in all vine districts.

An interesting little newspaper discussion has taken place lately, a kind of triangular duel, the parties to which are the Minister of Agriculture (Mr Fuller), the temperance party (as represented by Mr Theodore Schreiner), and the wine merchants. The first-named suggested that light Cape wines should be sent up to the Transvaal mines to take the place of Kaffir beer amongst the natives. Mr Schreiner, in a letter to the "Transvaal Leader," alleges (1) There are no mild Cape wines which could be supplied to natives, for the cost of such really light Cape wines as there are, is prohibitive. The Cape wines which are drunk by the coloured people and natives in the Colony are wines badly made and strongly fortified with alcohol, and containing, by permission of the law, up to 42 per cent. of proof (and that generally raw) spirit. These wines are really coarse spirituous liquors, and the permission to manufacture them, without being subject to the Excise, will lead to an increase of drunkenness, and destroy the likelihood of the wine farmer ever taking the trouble to make really light wine. In the second place, says Mr Schreiner, if the natives at the mines are to be supplied with really strong liquor, what is to become of the prohibitive laws outside the mines? Why not outside, too? In which case Johannesburg may as well be as in the old Nellmapius days. In the third place, the permission to supply native beer was really made, not because of its slight alcoholic properties, but because of its antiscorbutic properties. Finally, if the Government encourages the use of wines containing 42 per cent. of proof spirit, what becomes of the laws prohibiting the sale of liquor to aboriginal natives?

Granted Mr Schreiner's facts, his argument is both logical and reasonable; but the wine merchants of the country attack him at the very foundation of his argument. In a letter signed by the principal wholesale merchants it is put forth in answer to the first argument that the highest alcoholic strength of natural Cape wines is from 18 to 25 per cent. of proof spirit, and that these wines could easily be sold at such prices as would be within the reach of native Cape workers. Secondly, that the wine drunk so largely by the coloured people and natives in the Cape Colony contains not more than 23 to 25 per cent. of proof spirit; that is to say, a very slight increase on the natural alcoholic strength of the wine. Further, they state (and here they give themselves bold advertisement) that "badly made" wines are not dealt in by us, such being sold to the distillers or distilled by the farmers themselves. So the discussion ends as might naturally be expected, for the wine merchant and the licensed victualler, standing between producer and consumer, are necessarily the arbiters of the market, and take the best all-round view of Trade matters.

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At the annual dinner and ball of the Westminster and Chelsea Trade Association, on October 27, the chairman, Mr P. G. Gates, director of the New Westminster Brewery Company, in proposing the toast of the evening, met with a hearty reception. Dilating at the outset upon the importance of the Trade, he reminded the company that it was the Trade societies which first called the attention of the Government to the injustice which had been perpetrated upon this enormous and valuable Trade, and which led to the introduction and passing of the Licensing Act providing that compensation should be given to those licensees who were dispossessed of their licenses through no

fault of their own. They had to thank the Trade societies for various important amendments in their interests which were introduced into that Bill in its passage through the House of Commons. He referred, for example, to the fact that compensation was to be given to the licensed victualler for his trade fixtures, and that regard was to be paid to the fact that he had been in occupation for a considerable time and had conducted his house in a respectable manner. The licensed victualler would also be enabled to deduct from his rent a proportionate part of the compensation levy calculated upon the unexpired term of the lease under which he held. These were very important amendments in their interests, which they owed to the Trade societies in full operation, because the Act might be worked unfairly towards the licensed victualler. It was the duty of the Trade societies to safeguard the interests of the licensed victualler, and to see that the Act was worked fairly in his interest and in that of the inhabitants of the kingdom. The rules which would have to be promulgated for carrying out and working the Act would require the devoted attention of the Trade societies. The report of the licensing justices on which Quarter Sessions were to act with reference to the taking away of licenses should not be a secret, but a public document, and communicated to the party whose interests were affected. They also expected that the rules would provide that no person with a bias against the Trade should be allowed to sit on the Quarter Sessions committee. After speaking of the utter inapplicability of a time-limit to the measure, the chairman proposed "Success to the Association," remarking that it was to the influence of this society that the personal character of the holders in Westminster and Chelsea was maintained at its highest.

A deputation of representatives of churches and temperance organisations waited on the Queensland Premier recently for the purpose of presenting several requests in regard to the control of the liquor traffic; the Home Secretary was also present. Mr John Cameron, M.L.A., in introducing the deputation, stated that its objects were as follows:—

- (1) To ask for the strict enforcement of the Sunday closing clauses of the Licensing Act.
- (2) To ask for an amendment of the

Licensing Act, to provide for the incorporation of the 25th section of the Imperial Act, dealing with Sunday trading, which section throws the onus of proof on the persons found on the licensed premises, to prove that they are not there for the purpose of purchasing liquors.

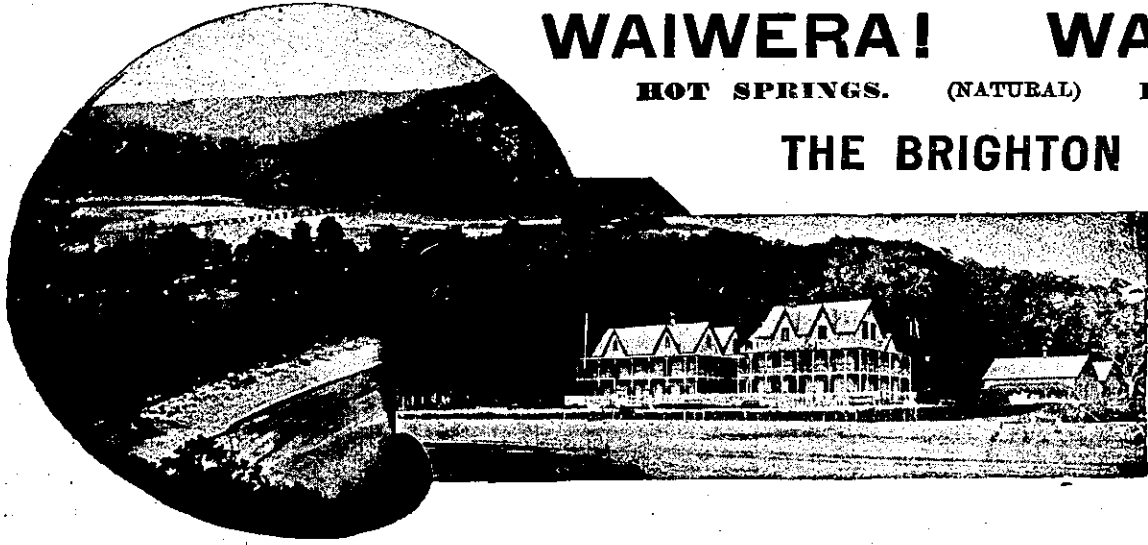
(3) To protest against adulteration of liquors.

Many long speeches were made by members of the deputation, traversing the same old ground. In reply, the Premier said "he thought that the deputation had made out their case fully and clearly." One thing which had struck him was "the knowledge which the members of the deputation appeared to possess of the methods of publicans who broke the law; he had obtained information which showed him how he could get a drink on Sunday if he wanted one." Mr Ewan, in his remarks, had said "that breaches of the law were more flagrant than they had ever been before." It was his duty, as head of the Government, to controvert that statement, which was not correct.

Mr Ewan had expressed a fear that something was impending—something that he assumed was hostile to the views of the deputation. That, perhaps, was due to the fact that numbers of petitions had been received by Parliament in favour of opening hotels on Sundays. He could say "that there was not the least prospect of any measure dealing with the liquor traffic generally being dealt with by Parliament this session." With regard to the adulteration of liquor, he was glad that they supported the Government in one thing; prosecutions had been going on for the adulteration of liquors. The Government would continue to enforce the law to the best of its ability, and in the direction asked.— ("A.B. Journal.")

There are unscrupulous publicans as there are unscrupulous tradesmen of every kind (says the London "L.V. Gazette"), and it is undoubtedly of advantage to the licensed victualling interest as a whole that when discovered in defrauding

the public they should be brought to book. Such well-known whisky firms as John Jameson and Sons and Buchanan and Co., Limited, are constantly making applications to the Courts for injunctions against retail traders for selling whisky which is not of their manufacture, two cases having occurred within the last few days. One of these—that relating to the sale of "spurious Jameson," at Mullingar—was a very bad case. It was stated in Court that the whole shop was "covered with dummy bottles bearing genuine labels." Of course there was the usual excuse—the establishment was under the control of a manager, who acted contrary to orders. The Master of the Rolls described this as one of the worst and most impudent cases of fraud he had ever heard of, and granted an injunction with costs and an inquiry as to damages. Buchanan and Co. also succeeded in obtaining an injunction against a Welsh tradesman for selling as "Black and White" whisky which never came out of the Black Swan distillery.



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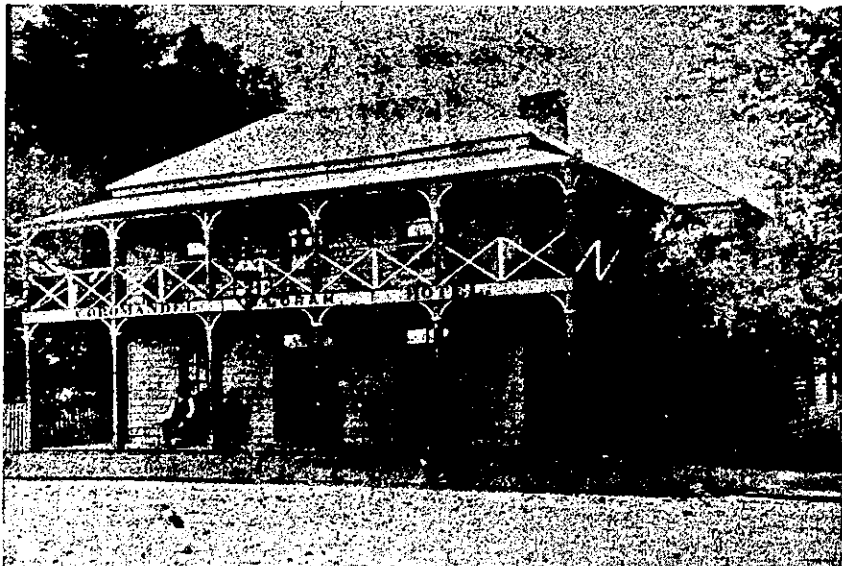
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The report of the Parliamentary committee, which detailed the work done since the last meeting of the general committee, was read, and the following recommendations were adopted:—

1. To favour the candidature for Parliament, or other public position, of those favourable to the liquor interest.

2. To encourage any means taken with a view to the betterment, financially or otherwise, of the trade.

Other recommendations of the Parliamentary committee were referred back for further consideration.

The secretary gave particulars of his interviews with brewers, wine and spirit merchants, vignerons, etc. A long list of promises of financial support was read, and some members of the committee undertook to interview large firms interested, and thus secure their support.

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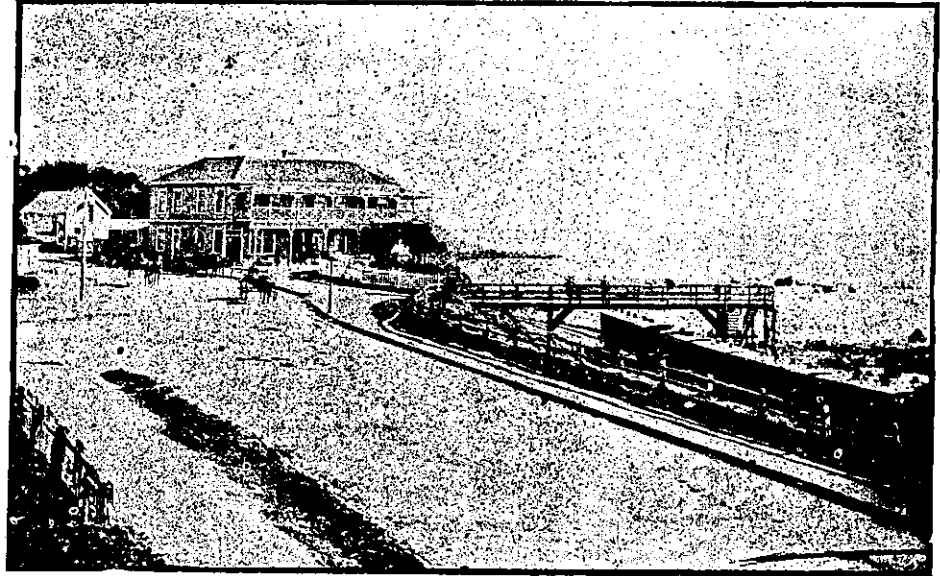
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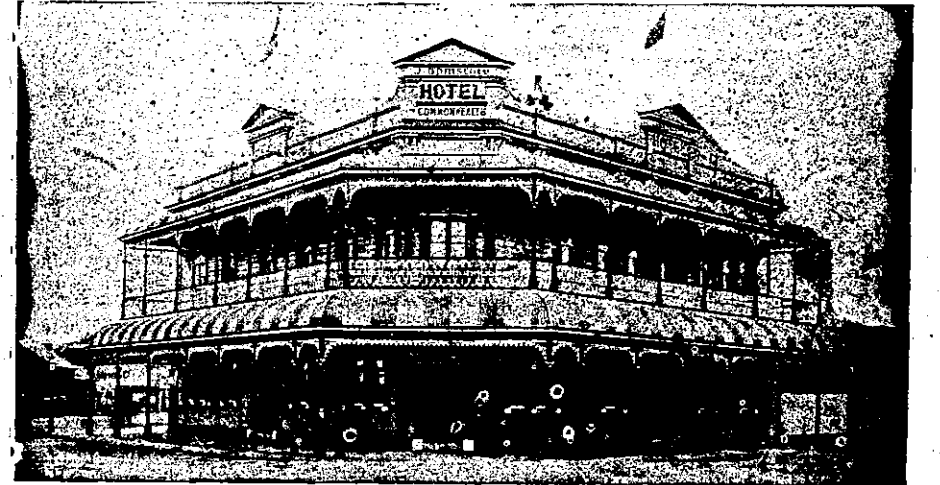
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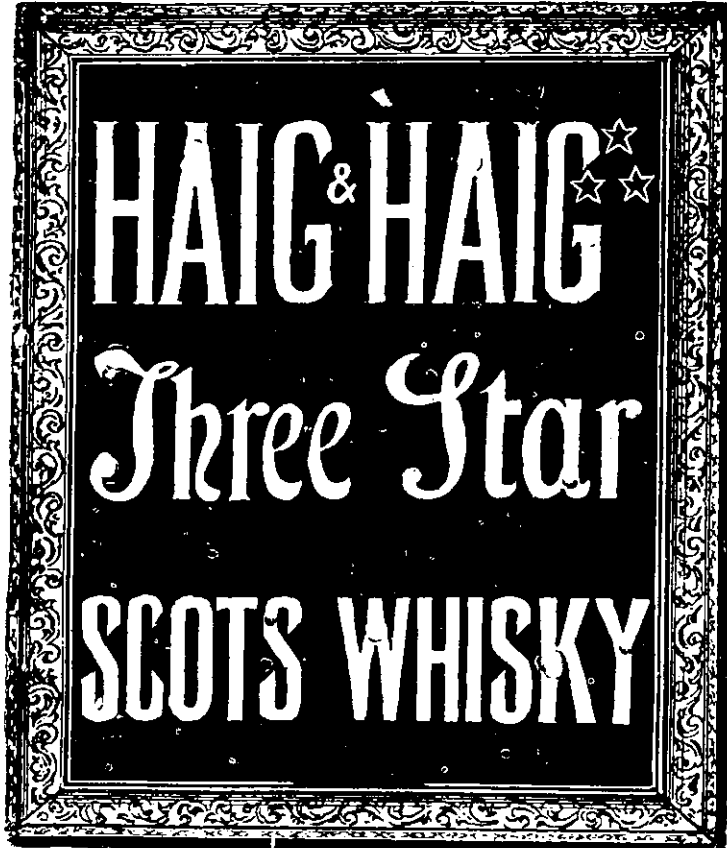
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In an address on "Wine, Its Use and Abuse," Rev. A. Chedewski, of Canterbury, England, who is one of the most celebrated lecturers of the times, said, among other things: "We learn from the Mosaic law that God allowed the use of fermented wines three thousand years ago. It would surely be an insult to the Almighty to infer that He did not know that the drinking of wine and strong drink were injurious until the Prohibitionists came to teach Him. Wine usually formed a part of God's blessing, and its absence was considered a curse. We frequently find the Prohibitionists appealing to the Bible, and endeavouring to strengthen their arguments by saying that there are so many different kinds of wine mentioned in the Bible, and that wherever wine is mentioned as a blessing that an unfermented juice or the fruit of the vine is meant. Unless we are prepared to admit that the Bible absolutely contradicts itself, it must be manifest that the wines of the Bible were fermented, that their use was freely permitted, and that only their abuse was considered a curse. It is well known that the wines of the ancients were, with few exceptions, made from the juice of the grape, which was allowed to ferment; and it is equally well known that in a warm climate the juice of the grape, or of any other fruit, will not keep fresh beyond a few hours. It is, therefore, perfectly safe to assume that the juice of the grape would be used much more generally in its fermented state than in a fresh state; and while we have evidence, in the form of clear statements in the Bible, that almost all the wines are associated with intoxication, we can come to no other conclusion than that these wines were both fermented and intoxicating. There are at least eight wines mentioned in the Bible which were undoubtedly fermented, and one or more of them is mentioned in the important passages relating to the use of wine as blessings, curses or sacrifices. They are: Jayhin, shechar, tirish, asis, chemer, mesech, sobe and shemarin." The writer then quotes extensively from the various books of the Old Testament and New to show that the use of these fermented wines or strong drink was authorised and the abuse thereof condemned. He argues that the wines most commonly mentioned in the

Bible were in ordinary use and are conclusively proved to have been intoxicating. Another general proof that the wines of the Bible were intoxicating is the frequent reference to drunkenness. If the wines were not intoxicating, how did the people become inebriated? The Israelites preserved their wines in leather bottles or goat-skins, and the juice of the grape, after being pressed out, was placed in these vessels, where it fermented and obtained its degree of strength. Wine was used by the rich Egyptians and was drunk at banquets by both men and women, as the monuments abundantly testify. It was even drunk by the priests when offering in the temples of their gods. Isaiah mentions the mixing of wine with water by dishonest dealers. Wine was the national beverage of the Israelites. Vinegar was used for the purpose of quenching thirst, and wine regarded as a stimulating beverage. The offering of wine is often spoken of as being a "sweet savour unto the Lord." We find Solomon saying: "Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart, for God now accepteth thy works." Mr. Chedewski says in conclusion: "Let me observe that sobriety exists as much in moderation as in total abstinence. With a rigid inspection of all liquors before they are allowed to be sold to the public, and regulation of the hours of traffic, we may well leave the rest to the canon of the unwritten law. For the time is surely coming when the people will speak upon this question with no uncertain sound, that, when a man disgraces himself, he disgraces the whole community. When that doctrine is fully understood there will be no more drunkenness."

A REMARKABLE LIBEL ACTION.

At the recent Glamorganshire Assizes a somewhat exceptional action was tried, in which the rights of a licensed victualler as an ordinary citizen appear to us the main question involved. The action was brought by two publicans against two members of the Abergvnyny Temperance Committee. The plaintiffs were in March last candidates for the Glynccorwg Urban District Council, and the defendants thought fit to issue and distribute a circular containing the following passage:—"We do hereby call upon all the electors, men and women, lovers

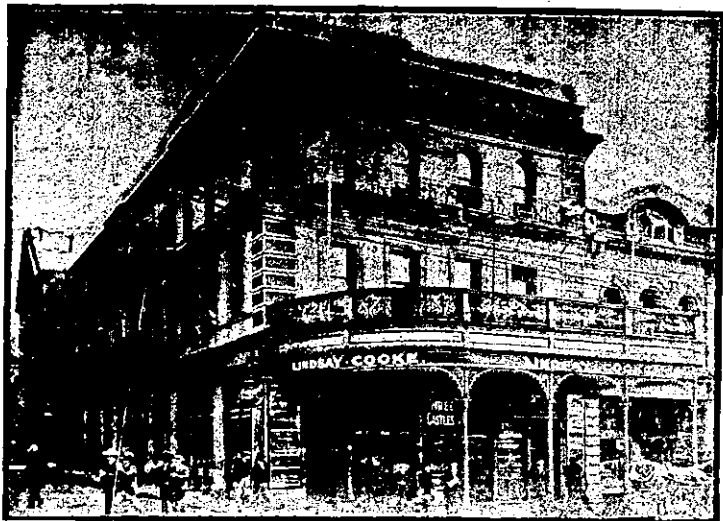
of morality and humanity, to do their utmost to oppose the return of the publicans, men who live upon the degradation of the people, and pose as their friends," and a good deal more matter in a similar strain. The conduct of the case by the parties concerned displayed a remarkable contrast, for whereas the plaintiffs had from the start, and even in Court, expressed themselves willing to accept an apology as a settlement of the action, the defendants' case produced an amount of fanatical hostility that happily is rarely met with in a court of law. So much was this the case that the learned Judge, Mr Justice Wills, in reviewing the evidence of the Rev. Benjamin Davies, declared that "such an action as raking up past events of thirteen or fourteen years ago was eminently uncharitable, and he regretted it should have come from a Minister of the Gospel, who, above all others, should set an example of Christian charity to his neighbours, whether they be publicans or anything else." Although the action resulted in only nominal damages being awarded to the plaintiffs, we hope it will have the effect of opening the eyes of those living in the neighbourhood as to the true character of those who would deprive a licensed victualler of his natural rights as a citizen, simply because he happens to carry on a trade which is unpalatable to their own narrow-minded views.—("Ridley's.")

THE BIG LONDON HOTELS.

It has been said, and there is a good deal of truth in the statement, that there is no world like the catering world in which to make money. But the question is whether the hotel business is not being a little overdone at the West End of London. Many magnificent caravanserais have been erected during the last few years, each one perhaps more expensively and luxuriously appointed than the other, and now that a wave of depression is passing over the country the keen competition is being severely felt. Novelty is always an attraction, and visitors to the metropolis from all parts of the world have been flocking to the new Savoy—the number of diners last Sunday evening were so numerous that accommodation had to be provided in the foyer—and some of the other palatial establishments have been feeling

what is commonly called a "breeze." Both the Cecil and the Carlton have to admit a falling off in public patronage; in fact, the business done at the former during the past year was in round figures only £182,000 against £226,000 in the previous year, which tells its own tale. It is not simply a decrease in the number of visitors that is deplored by the managers. Their chief complaint is that their patrons do not spend the amount of money they have been accustomed to spend, and, indeed, as regards the Hotel Cecil, the chairman said that if the figures were disclosed they would astonish the shareholders. Visitors are now content to take a bedroom, enjoy the luxuries of the drawing-room and the smokeroom, and go out and feed at cheap cafes or restaurants, or if the weather is unfavourable, have their meals in the grillroom. The directors of the Carlton, as well as the Cecil, realise all this, yet the former are quite content to bring into existence another and passably even more luxurious hotel—the Ritz in Piccadilly—which is expected to be in full swing by the beginning of 1906. In fact, the argument used by them in support of the establishment of this new hostelry is that many visitors to London will reside in Mayfair and nowhere else, and that already many persons dine, lunch, and sup at the Carlton, although it is not convenient for them to make that hotel their headquarters.—("L.V. Gazette.")

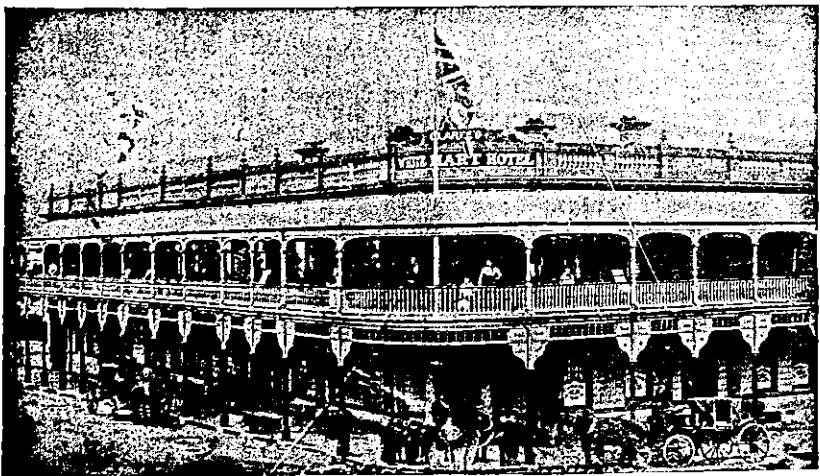
Lord Alwyne Compton, in presiding over the annual dinner of the Biggleswade Society at the Crown Hotel, only spoke a truism when he said the only way to deal with the drink problem was by a moral education of the people, and that the decrease of one or two public-houses in their midst would not have the slightest effect in the diminution of the amount of liquor sold. He said he had the greatest admiration for men who devoted their lives to matters of temperance, but they could not and must not think they were going to ride roughshod over the rest of the country. Holding these views he is proud that Parliament has passed the Licensing Act, which he looks upon as a great measure of temperance reform, and is satisfied that it will prove of benefit alike to the whole community.



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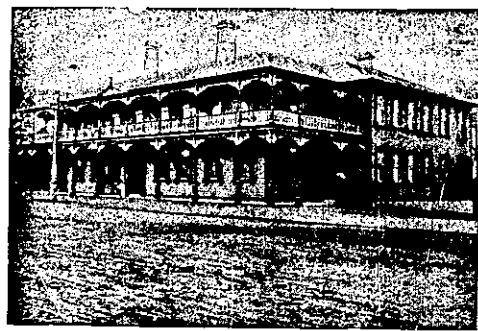
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ONE LAW FOR THE PUBLIC, AND ANOTHER FOR THE PUBLICAN.

(London "L.V. Gazette.")

An eminent judicial humorist has dissipated once for all the fallacy that we have one law for the rich and another for the poor...

The facts of the case may be briefly recapitulated here for future reference. In September last the Ram Inn, which is situated at North Tedworth, Salisbury Plain, and supplies the alcoholic requirements of some 3000 workmen...

But the mob resented this interference with their liberties, and made an assault upon the house. If the attack had succeeded the ruffians would doubtless have made short work of the stout and its guardians...

But they did not resort to this extreme, and it was by a sheer accident, caused by one of the bricks with which they were being bombarded striking a gun, that the shot was fired which mortally wounded one of the attacking party...

Three months prior to this occurrence a similar disturbance at Seathwaite, North Lancashire, attended by the same fatal consequences, was dismissed at this stage of the proceedings. It was shown in this latter case that the rioters, having wrecked the bar and helped themselves to the alcoholic stores, varied the programme by paying a devastating visit to the church and vicarage before proceeding to finish their labours at the hotel...

The magistrate before whom the licensed victualler was charged declared that the man was fully justified by law in using firearms as a last resource in the protection of life and property. That is the law, and that is the only reasonable application of it.

There could have been no other verdict. The facts were plain; the evidence was conclusive; the law on the point is undisputed. If the men had been acting in defence of a private house, or a church, or a sanitary laundry, or any other description of property, they would have been discharged by the magistrate in the first place; but because they were in charge of licensed premises they were placed upon a different footing by the dispenser of justice, and were committed for trial.

It may be argued that as the ultimate result was an acquittal, which restored the men to freedom and exonerated them from blame, the law has not been abused; but a glance at the material conditions disposes of this line of justification. For several weeks they rested under the stigma of manslaughter, they were put to the trouble of surrendering themselves at the Assizes, and the expense of employing counsel to defend them in a trial which should never have taken place.

The law as it stands had justified them, and the magistracy was empowered to deal with the question and relieve them without delay of the stain which the charge itself puts upon them. The law goes even further than to hold them guiltless for their act: it grants them a license to trade with the stipulation that they shall suppress such a disorder as the one they were endeavouring to the best of their ability to cope with, when the

excesses of the rioters brought about the fatal accident.

If the manager of the Ram Inn and his assistant had done less than the evidence showed them to have done they would have been responsible to the law for gross negligence in the execution of their public duties, and because they did not do less they were put to the greatest trouble and humiliation possible in justifying their course of conduct.

STATE OF TRADE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A subscriber to the "A.B. Journal," in Kalgoorlie (W.A.), in a recent letter, takes a gloomy view of the condition of general trade and commerce in the Western State. Writing from Perth, he says: "I have had considerable opportunity to ascertain the true conditions of things in Perth, as I have for months made a house-to-house inspection of properties, and come in close contact with all classes of people, and I can truly say that beside a certain amount of comfort, there is a great deal of real hardship and distress, and many families are absolutely destitute."

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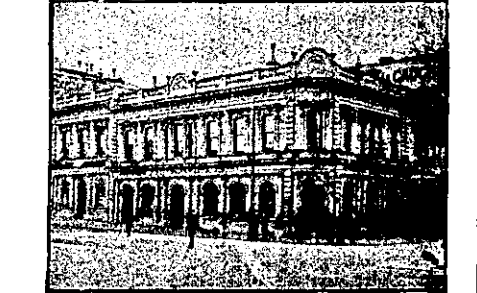
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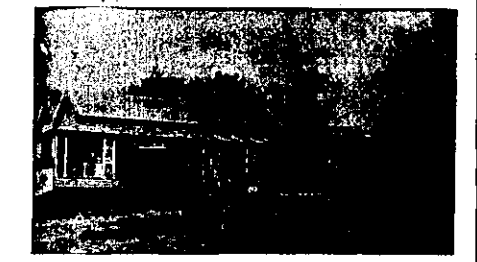
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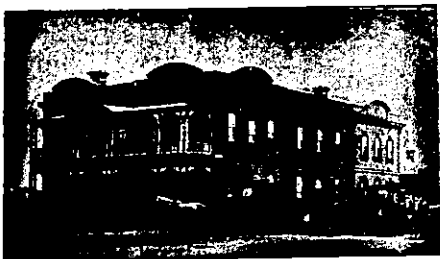
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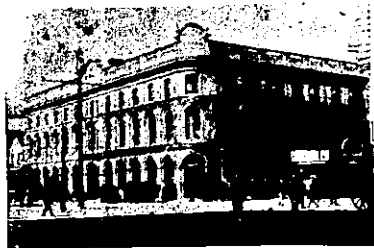
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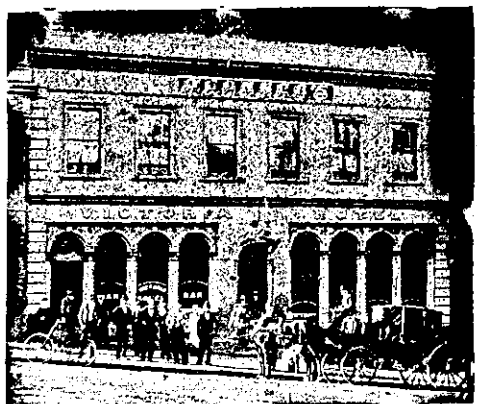
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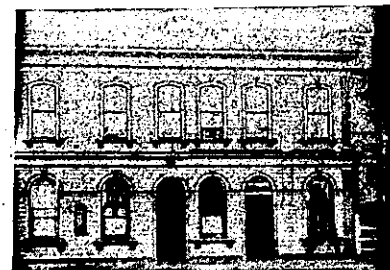
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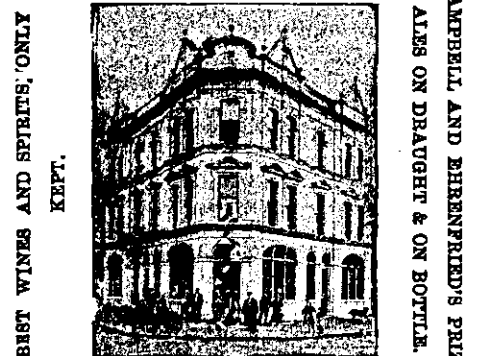


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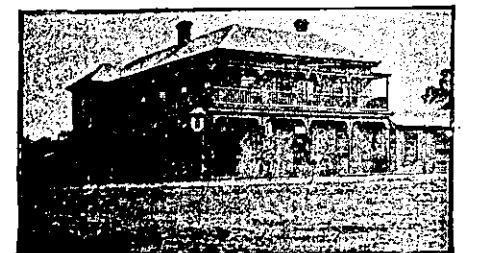
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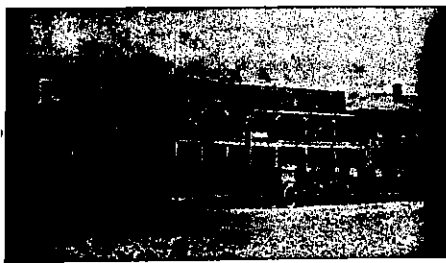
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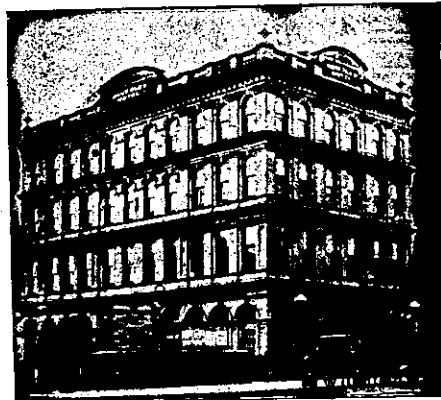
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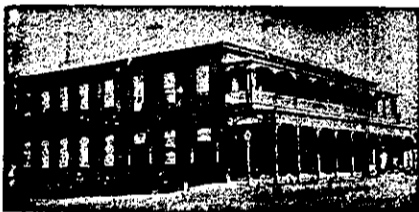
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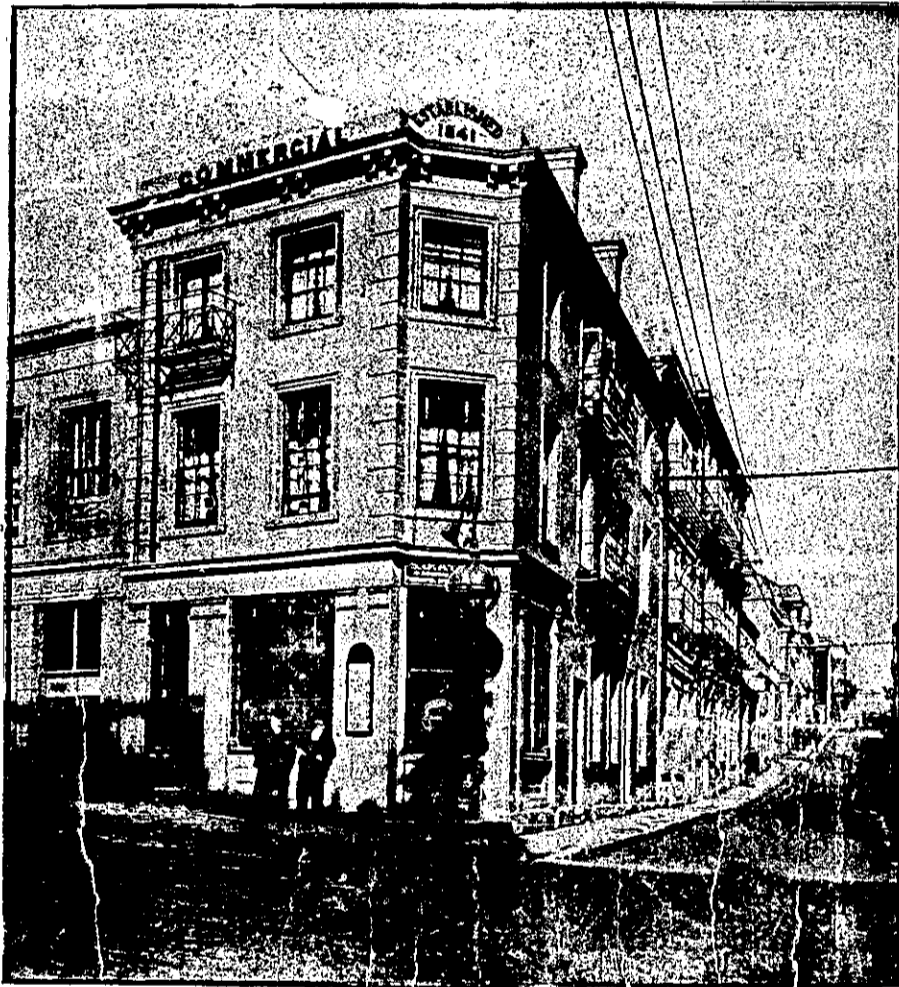
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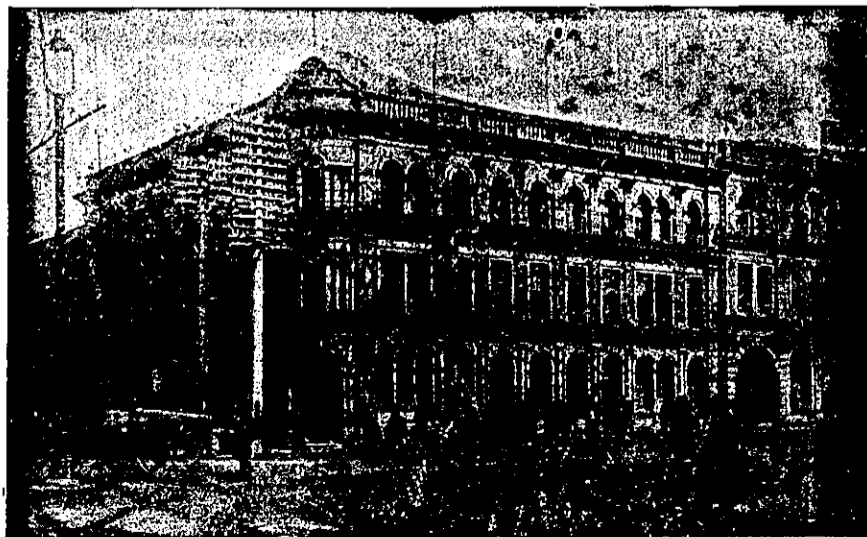
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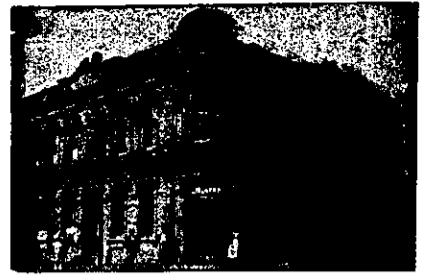
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Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.

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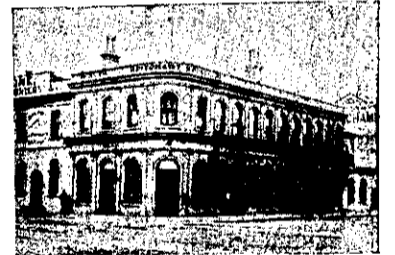
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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished
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Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place.
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This Spacious and Comfortable Hotel
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The Best Wines and Spirits kept.
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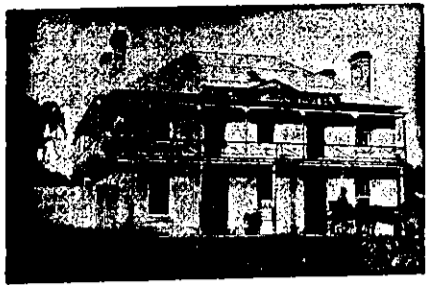
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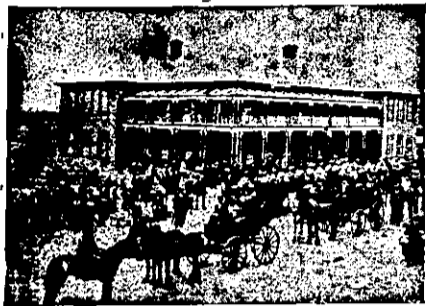
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Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Ellerslie Racecourse and Alexandra Park Football Ground.

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THE TRAMWAY HOTEL,

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Good Accommodation.

Best Liquors.

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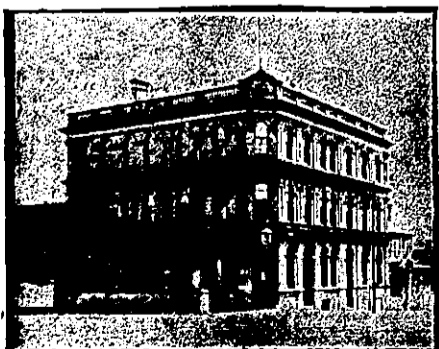
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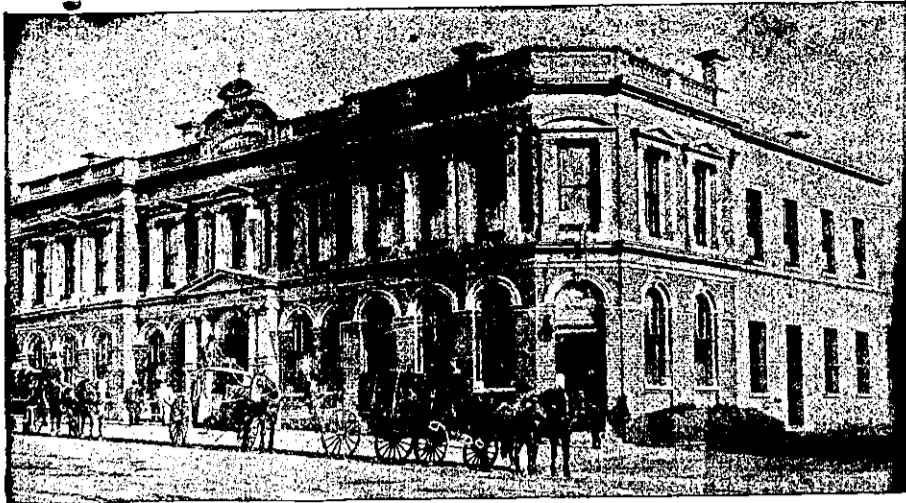


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WALTER STIMPSON.

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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.

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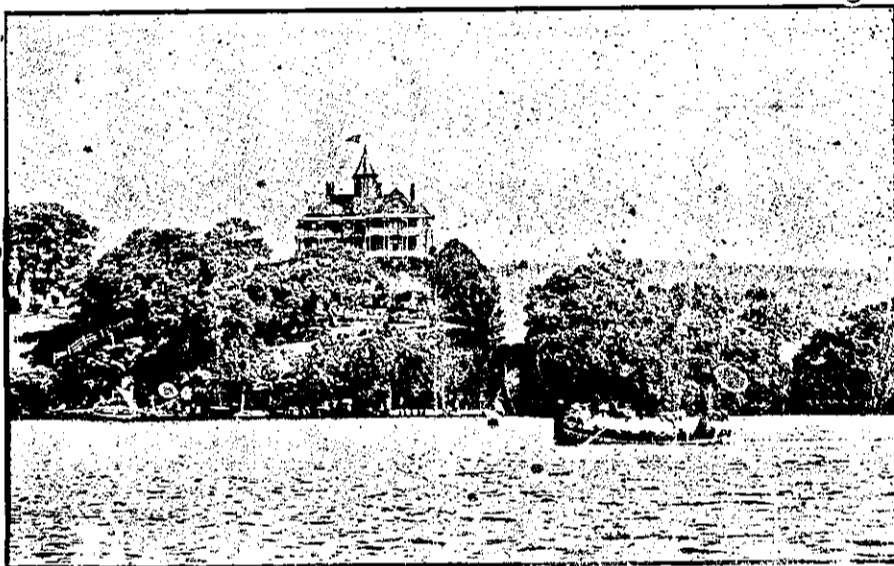
This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only.

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LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

JASPER MONTGOMERY, Proprietor.

S. W. BUCK.

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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

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Main-street, Waitohu.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

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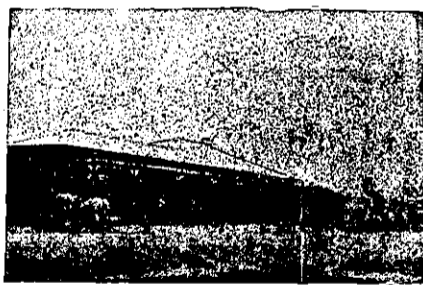
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TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGHAKE, ACROSS THE BRIDGE.

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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.

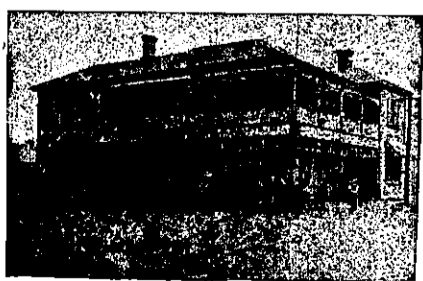


THE REDAN HOTEL, KAITIA, MANGONUI.

M. GOONAN, Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hostelry, begs to inform the travelling public that Every Accommodation is now afforded

Stables, Paddocks, and Plenty of Feed for Horse and Owner

The Best of Wines, Spirits and Beers.



OHAEAWAI HOTEL, ONARAWAI, BAY OF ISLANDS.

GEORGE CLARK PAYNE, Proprietor (Late of the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell)

Begs to state that having got the "Corn-r" 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 K.p.t. Ehrenfried's XXXX Beer on Draught. The Best of Beers. First-class Stabling, Paddocking and Billiards.

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

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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.

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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.

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TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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MECHANICS' BAY, AUCKLAND (Corner of Manukau 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



PARK HOTEL, WELLESLEY-STREET, AUCKLAND.

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Nearest Hotel to Free Library and Volunteer Drill Hall.

Best of Everything in Stock. Country Visitors specially catered for. Very Reasonable Tariff.

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Good Accommodation for Travellers.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands

Billiard-room fitted with First-Class Table

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Excellent Table, and Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.

J. JOHN YOUNG..... Proprietor.

MASTERTON REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

Trains remain at Station to enable Passengers to obtain Refreshments.

Fresh Tea made for every train. Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches, Cakes, Confectionery.

Best Brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, Cigars and Cigarettes.

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WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON

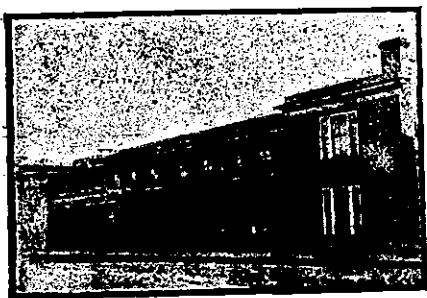
The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First-class Accommodation.

Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.

Hotel lighted with Electric Light throughout. Spacious and Well-lighted Sample Rooms.

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WELLINGTON—Continued.



EMPIRE HOTEL MASTERTON.

J. CRESS ... Proprietor.

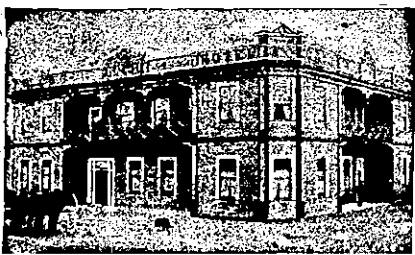
This popular house of call is under entirely new management, and is one of the most centrally situated hotels in Masterton. Cab meets all Trains. Guests may depend on being called to meet early trains, a porter being kept for that purpose.

Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public. TERMS, 4s 6d PER DAY. TELEPHONE 64.

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Superior stable accommodation with groom in charge. D. ZANDER ... Proprietor



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ANDREW LAING (late of Dannevirke).....PROPRIETOR

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

D. HANNAN ... Proprietor.

The Proprietor wishes to inform the travelling public that the above well and favourably-known Hotel has recently been enlarged and renovated, making it now one of the Best Hotels in the North Island, where patrons may rely on receiving every attention and the comforts of a home, while the tariff is moderate and the chef at Town Hall for theatrical and other performances, recently enlarged and improved. Best wines and spirits stocked. Dunedin and other celebrated colonial ales on tap. Large billiard and sample rooms. Cyclist Touring Club's "Rest," the visitors' resort. Horses and traps on hire. Beautiful view of Horowhenua Lake from balcony. Hot and cold water laid on. Separate apartments for families and ladies. Coaches meet all trains. Invalids, holiday makers, and persons seeking change of air cannot do better than patronise this establishment, as the climate of Levin is superb. Telegraphic address, "Levin Hotel, Levin."

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. Its close proximity to the wharf, trains, and trams renders it an excellent and convenient Hotel for visitors and travellers to be accommodated. The general features of Barrett's New Hotel will be found to be thoroughly up-to-date in every way. Best of everything for permanent boarders, visitors, families, and the travelling public, at moderate rates. Nothing but the finest quality of Wines, Ales, and Spirits stocked. Civility and attention to all patrons.

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Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes.

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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.

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WELLINGTON—Continued.



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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. Porte meets all steamers.

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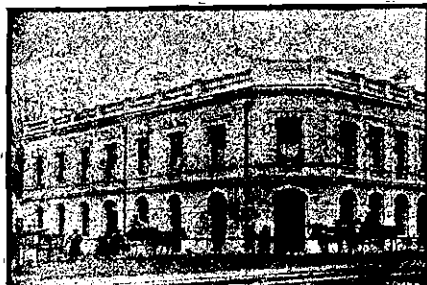
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M. J. HODGINS ... Proprietor. This Hotel is now under entirely new management, and has been thoroughly renovated throughout, affording the best accommodation for the travelling public. Being in close proximity to the Hutt Racecourse, the Hotel offers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

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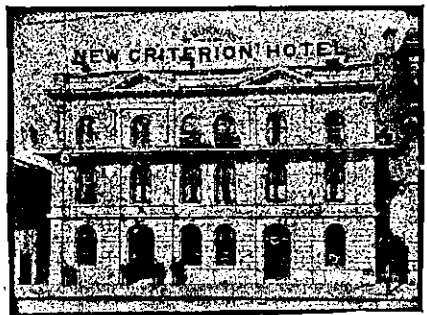
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CHRISTCHURCH—Continued.

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

Tariff .. 8s per Day £2 2s per Week.

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

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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 roomy and well-ventilated bedrooms, with numerous sitting, smoking, and waiting rooms. The Billiard Room is the Best in the District fitted up with two first-class tables, and under the charge of a competent marker. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits etc., Only Kept.

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS, CHRISTCHURCH.

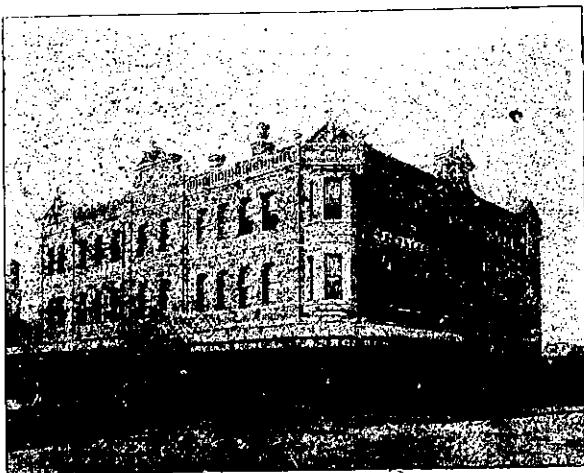
Visitors to Christchurch should secure accommodation at the Leviathan. It offers all the advantages of an up-to-date house, and is furnished throughout in such a manner as to provide the Best Accommodation for Boarders, Visitors, and Travellers.

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HAWKE'S BAY—Continued.

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

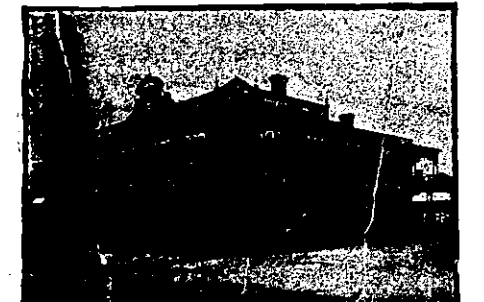
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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public. WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation. W. FELLOW... PROPRIETOR.

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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. The hotel has been renovated and refurnished, and now offers excellent accommodation. Best Brands of Liquors. Hot and Cold Water Baths. C. K. QUIN... PROPRIETRESS.

WANGANUI—Continued.

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OTAGO—Continued.

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RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE R.S.) INVERCARGILL.

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THE NEW CLUB HOTEL, BLUFF.

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NELSON.

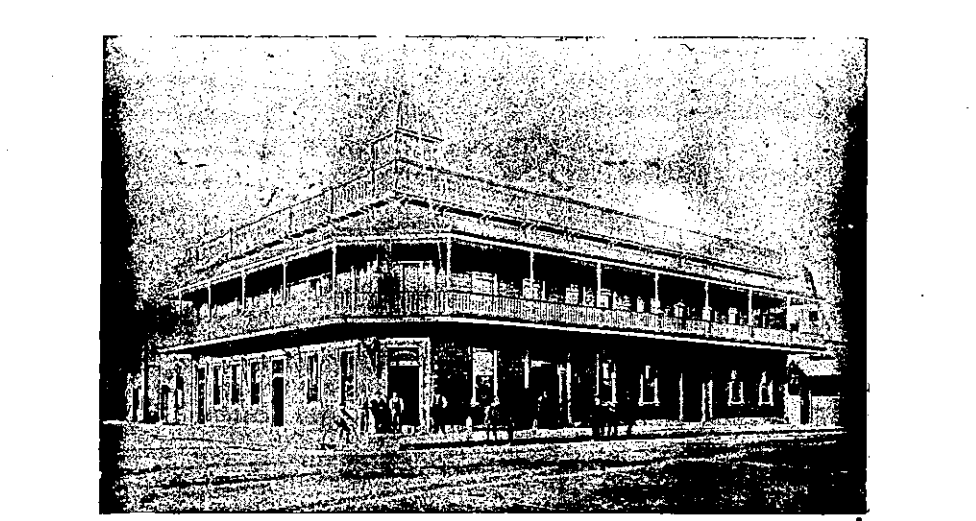
COACH AND HORSES HOTEL.

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

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

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

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

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