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RACING PROGRAMMES.



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SECOND DAY:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1904.

First race to start at 12 noon.

- Alexandra Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.
Ponsonby Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.
Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov each, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
Summer Cup Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb. One mile and a-quarter.
Salisbury Welter Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Lowest weight, 8st. One mile.
Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
Visitor's Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7st 9lb; three-year-olds, 8st. Fillies allowed 5lb; geldings, 3lb. Five furlongs.
Waitemata Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY:

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1905.

First race to start at 12 noon.

- Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.
New Year's Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.
Thirty-First Great Northern Derby of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies 8st 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1904, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.
Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.
County Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.
Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 3 sovs, and a flat payment of 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-half.
Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

FOURTH DAY:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1905.

First race to start at 12 noon.

- Goodwood Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.
Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.
Grandstand Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 6 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.
Tenth Royal Stakes of 500 sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds, 6st

12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 6lb; fillies and geldings allowed 5lb. Winners after August 1st, 1904, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs. 3lbs; of 500 sovs, 5lbs; of 750 sovs, 7lbs; of 1000 sovs, 10lbs extra. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lbs; two-year-olds, 7lbs. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows: Upon payment of 2 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1904. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1904, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs by 12 noon the day before the race. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

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

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

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

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.

SUMMER MEETING, 1904-5.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, by 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, by 9 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 by 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, by 9 p.m.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, at the post.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, by 12 noon.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 12 noon.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, at the post.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 3 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 2 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, at the post.

Royal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Plate, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Great Northern Foal Stakes (for now foals), 1906-7; Royal Stakes (for now foals), 1906-7.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, by 12 noon.

Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, by 12 noon.

Trial Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Pony Handicap, Christmas Handicap.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, by 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles, Criterion Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Waitemata Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, in morning paper.

Glasgow Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, Midsummer Handicap, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Handicap Pony Race, Maiden Handicap.

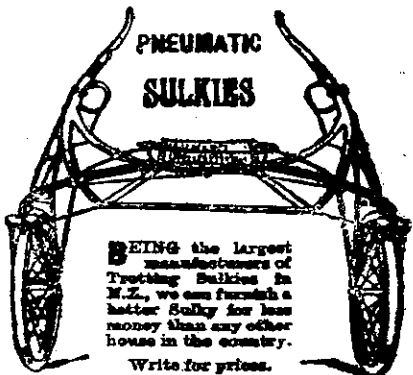
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, by 9 p.m.

Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Handicap Pony Race.

WM. PERCIVAL

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, 1906-7.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, 1906-7.

FOR NOW FOALS.

Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in July, 1906, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1905. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

THE 12TH ROYAL STAKES, 1906-7.

FOR NOW TWO-YEAR-OLDS, YEARLINGS AND FOALS.

Of 800 sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two, three and four-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Two-year-olds, 8st 12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 6lb; four-year-olds, 9st. Winners after August 1, 1905, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 8lb; of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 11lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day, Summer Meeting, 1906, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—All nominations may be struck out upon payment of 1 sov by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in July, 1906, or upon payment of 2 sovs by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1906. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1906, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs at the post. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscription it will be given to the race. Entries close for two-year-olds and yearlings by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1904. Entries close for foals by 9 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1905. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

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

WM. PERCIVAL,

Secretary.

TROTTING PROGRAMME.



AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

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

Approved by the New Zealand Trotting Association.

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SUMMER MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

DECEMBER 27 AND 31, 1904, and JANUARY 7, 1905.

PROGRAMME.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1904.

- Second Maiden Handicap Trot of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s; Distance, one mile.
Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Trot. The winner to receive a bracelet of the value of 20 sovs; the second to receive a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs. Horses to be nominated by ladies. Riders and drivers in this race must be amateurs, and their names must be sent in at time of nomination, and be approved by the Club (must be licensed by the Association). Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance one mile and a-half.
Christmas Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
Summer Trotting Cup Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5min. 28 sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance two miles.
Tramway Handicap Trot of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2 min. 42 sec. to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 55 sec. or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
Class Handicap Trot of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2 min 42 sec. or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Epsom Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Christmas Handicap to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.
Dash Handicap Trot of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2 min. 50 sec. to the mile. Nomination 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

THIRD DAY. SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1905.

- Trial Trot Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
Second Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Limit, 2 min. 55 sec. Nomination 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.
New Year Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. No inaction, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
President's Handicap Trot of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2 min. 46 sec. to the mile. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.
Park Handicap Trot of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2.43 to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.53 or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
High-class Trot Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.38 or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sov. One mile and a-half.
Grandstand Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The Winner of the New Year Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, 5 furlongs.
Telegraph Handicap Trot of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.50. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

ANY HORSE AFTER WINNING MAY BE RE-HANDICAPPED. STAKES PAID IN FULL.

The order of running is subject to alteration.

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

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

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

HANDICAPS.

Handicaps for the Trotting Events on the First Day to appear on 13th December, 1904. Handicaps for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap to appear on the night of 26th December, 1904. Handicaps for the Trotting events Second Day to appear on the 28th December. Handicaps for the New Year and Grandstand Handicaps to appear on the 29th December. Handicaps for the Third Day to appear on the 2nd January, 1904.

ACCEPTANCES.

Acceptances for the Trotting Events on the First Day Close on December 23rd, 1904, at 9 p.m. Acceptances for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap Close 9 p.m. on 26th December. Acceptances for the Second Day Close on December 29th, 1904, at 9 p.m. Acceptances for the Third Day Close on 4th January, 1904, at 9 p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

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CATALOGUE.

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

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

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

BROWN COLT by Hotchkiss, son of imported Musket, out of Gannet, by imported Castor out of Albatross, by Malta, son of Kingston, imp., out of The Ark, by The Marquis, imp., winner of Two Thousand Guineas, by Stockwell out of Seagull, by imported Fisherman out of Omen, imp., by Melbourne.

BROWN COLT by Hotchkiss, out of Simonias, imp., by Simonian, son of St. Simon, dam Boyne, by Doncaster out of Shannon, by Lambton out of The Mersey (dam of Trent), by Newminster, out of Rigolette, by Jerry Rhodope, by Sultan, Prudence by Waxy, Frunella by Highflyer.

BROWN COLT by Hotchkiss, out of Lady Marion, by Malta (son of imported St. Albans), dam Norma, by imported Conrad (son of Kingston) out of imported Thais, by Brocket. This colt is well grown, and has wonderfully good legs and bone; a first foal. Lady Marion was a great steeple chaser.

CHESTNUT COLT, by Hotchkiss, dam Lorelei, by imported Leolinus out of Miss Ariel, grand-dam of Waiuku and Okoari, the former winner of the New Zealand Cup and many important races; Okoari was also a great winner.

BROWN COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo, son of St. Simon, out of Armilla, by imported Castor out of Necklace, by Musket out of imported Locket, by Thunderbolt. Armilla was a great performer; she won C.J.C. Oaks of 300 sovs, A.R.C. Musket Stakes of 150 sovs, A.R.C. Nursery Stakes of 70 sovs, Wanganui J.C. Nursery Stakes of 80 sovs, Wellington Exhibition Handicap of 300 sovs, and several other important races. This colt is a sound, good legged, and well-grown yearling.

ROAN COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo out of Vandriere, by Musket out of Georgi, by Bishop of Osnaburg, imp., out of Althesa, by imported Osmabides out of Alice Grey, by imported Rous Imbricant. All of Vivandiere's progeny have been brilliant and great winners, Canteen being winner of New Zealand Cup, 1893. This is a particularly fine colt.

BROWN COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Janet, by imported Castor out of Cissy, by Musket out of Frailty, by Melbourne. This is Janet's third foal, and the two trained have been winners. This colt is half-brother to Scotty, a brilliant horse.

CHESTNUT COLT, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Harriet, by Hotchkiss, out of Lyrelinus, by imported Leolinus, out of Lyre, by Patriarch, by Yattendon. Lyre is the dam of Renown, the best colt of his year in this colony. St. Harp, her first foal, is a winner of several races.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BROWN FILLY, by imported Phœbus Apollo, dam Lady Wellington, by imported Musket out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon. Lady Wellington is the grand-dam of Nobility, who won Egmont Cup, one mile and a-half, 200 sovs in 2min. 35sec.; won the Auckland Memorial Stakes of 150 sovs, won Wanganui Cup of 750 sovs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHESTNUT FILLY, by Menschikoff out of Cressy, by Hippocampus out of Cressina, by imported The Lion (grandson of Stockwell) out of Kossarina, by imported Traducer out of Yaterina, by Yattendon out of Kohinor, by Vanguard out of Ka'e, by imported Gratis.

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

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

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

BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss, dam Lady Emily, by imported Castor out of Lady Wellington, by Musket out of Rosalie, by Patriarch, son of Yattendon. Lady Emily is the dam of Nobility, winner of the Egmont Cup of 250 sovs, Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 185 sovs, Wanganui Cup of 750 sovs, and many other important races.

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DISPERSAL SALE OF YEARLINGS, BROOD MARES, FOALS AND STALLIONS, OF THE CAMBRIA PARK STUD. Also, GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell without reserve, on Wednesday, 4th January, 1905, the following:— YEARLINGS.

BAY COLT, by Cyrenian, 10, imported son of St. Simon—Epinie, 3, by Sweet William—Thorn, half-sister to dam of Abercorn.

BROWN FILLY, by Eton, 2, Castor—Lady Walmsey—Gwendoline by Oult—The Shelah. This filly is half-sister to Gwendol.

BROWN FILLY, by The Officer, 9—Lustrous, 13, by Dreadnought—Radiant, by Suwarrow—Topaz, by Fireworks.

BROWN FILLY, by Cyrenian—Hestia, 13, by Grandmaster—Wildfire, imp., by Wild Oats. Hestia is the dam of Quickfire, Cadiz, Minerve and Shellback, all winners.

BAY COLT, by Cuirassier, 18, St. Edith, 12, by St. Leger imp.—Priscilla, by Captivator, imp.

CHESTNUT COLT by Cyrenian—Ikau, 3, by Antero imp.—Amohia, dam of Tiger-dia, by Towton. Piau is dam of Haria and Pinklock, winners of many races.

BAY FILLY, by Soult, 11, imported son of St. Simon—Ocherina, by Hotchkiss—Hipponia. This filly is full sister to Marshal Soult.

BROWN FILLY, by The Officer—Heartsease, by Dreadnought—Queen of Hearts, by Leolinus—Maid of Athol.

BROWN COLT, by Soult—Lady Musket, by Blairgowrie—Muskerina, by Musket. This colt is own brother to Lass of Gowrie.

BROWN COLT, by Eton—Dolly, by Rendwick—Locke, by Young Plover. This colt is half-brother to St. J. Donnybrook and Soucia, all winners.

BAY FILLY, by Soult—Princess Alice, by Brigadier—Queen Alice, by King Cole. This filly is own sister to a valuable, Promotion and Grouchy.

BAY COLT, by Cyrenian—Melodia, 3, sister to Melos, by Goldsbrough—Melody. Melodia is the dam of Melodone, Savoury and Cymal.

BROWN COLT, by Soult—Anna, 5, by Musket—Florin, by Trauer. Anna is the dam of many good performers, including Anabelle, Anita, Lady Anna, Miss Anna and Takapuna.

BAY COLT, by Cyrenian—Miss Annie, 12, by St. Atol. Delaval—First Love, by Nordenfeldt—Isghil. This colt is three-quarter brother to Lady Annie and Annette.

BLACK FILLY, by Cyrenian—Lady Agnes, 11, by Neckersgat—Peradventure, imp., by Adventurer—Mauganese.

BAY COLT, by Cyrenian—Songstress, 11, by The Drummer—Canary, by Lapadist—Rosalie. Songstress is the dam of many winners in Australasia.

BROWN COLT, by Soult—Fishgirl, 12, by Yattendon—Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman. Fishgirl is the dam of Swordfish II, a great winner.

BAY COLT, by Cyrenian—Sappho, by St. Leger—Brassolis, by Panio. This colt is three-quarter brother to that good filly Aust-rilitz.

BROWN FILLY, by Soult—Lady Emmeline, 12, by Somnus—Tanny Fisher, by Fisherman. Lady Emmeline is the dam of Gordon Rouge, Gowrie, King Edward and other winners.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by Cyrenian—Kilmorey, 1, imp., by Kilmaree—Union, by Sterling. Kilmorey is the dam of Newby, Kilmarnock and Kildrakin.

BAY FILLY, by Cyrenian—Pit-a-Pat, 31, by Rupert—Footprint, by Robinson Crusoe.

BROWN FILLY, by Cyrenian—Irma, 11, by Neckersgat—Peraph, by Gang Forward. Irma is the dam of Lock and Lynnet, both winners.

BROWN FILLY, by The Officer—Anadyomene, 14, by Dreadnought—Aphrodite, by Apremont—Water-sprite, by Ardcer.

BAY FILLY, by Soult—Gladys May, by Regal—May, by King Cole—Friendship. Gladys May is own sister to Regulation and Regalia II, both great performers.

BROOD MARES.

BROWN MARE MELODIA, 3, 1899, by Goldsbrough—Melody. Served by Eton.

BAY MARE SILK, 13, 1888, by Grandmaster—Chryso base Filly f 11, 1888, served by Eton.

CHESTNUT MARE WINDMILL, 3, 1888, by Goldsbrough—Merry-go-round (dam of Air Motor and Spalpen). Served by Soult.

BAY MARE HESTIA, 13, 1888, by Grandmaster—Wildfire, imp. Colt foal by Cyrenian; served by Soult.

BLACK MARE KILMOREY, 1, 1892, imp., by Kilmaree—Union, by Sterling. Served by Eton.

BAY MARE PIT-A-PAT, 31, 1890, by Rupert—Footprint, by Robinson Crusoe. Served by Eton.

BAY MARE EPINE, 3, 1892, by Sweet William—The Thorn, by The Barb. Filly foal by Eton; served by Eton.

CHESTNUT MARE NERINGIA, 4, 1885, by Goldsbrough—Mabel, by Millonair, imp. Served by Eton.

BLACK MARE OUR LADY, 11, 1891, by Simmer—Lady Agnes, by Neckersgat. Served by Eton.

CHESTNUT MARE THE LION, 1898, by Nelson—The Maid, by King of the Ring. Served by Eton.

BAY MARE ETUNA, 2, 1898, by Castor—Lady Walmsey, by Muske—Mersey. Colt foal by Cyrenian; served by Oult.

CHESTNUT MARE SAPHO, 1893, by St. Leger—Brassolis, by Panio. Served by Eton.

CHESTNUT MARE RATTLE, 9, 1898, by Nelson—Moong, by Gold Rough. Colt foal by Cyrenian; served by Soult.

BROWN MARE GWENDINE, 1897, by Soult—The Shelah. Served by Eton.

BROWN MARE IRMA, 11, 1899, by Neckersgat—Peraph, by Gang Forward. Colt foal by Eton; served by Eton.

BAY MARE SONGSTRESS, 11, 1888, by The Drummer—Canary. Filly foal by Cyrenian; served by Eton.

BLACK MARE LADY AGNES, 11, 1898, by Neckersgat—Peradventure, imp. Filly foal by Eton; served by Eton.

STALLION.

BROWN HORSE, ETON, 2, 1894, by Castor 2, 1892, imp. from a Lady Walmsey. Own sister to Carbine.

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It will be noticed that Seaton Delaval is full of the most fashionable and best staying English blood, and it is therefore not surprising that he was a stayer of the first water. Seaton Delaval won as a two-year-old, as a three-year-old, and as a four-year-old, and quitted the turf in 1894, as a five-year-old, a und in wind and limb. For quality and beauty of outline it would indeed be difficult to match him, and has been a most successful stallion. The more noteworthy of the many triumphs were winning the Great Northern Handicap of £500 at York, distance one mile and three-quarters, and the Great Northumberland Plate of £1000 at Newcastle, two miles, and in this race he beat the winners of the Chester Cup, of the Manchester Cup, and of the City and Suburban. He also ran second in the Great Metropolitan stakes at Epsom, two miles and a-quarter; only beaten by a head; and in that race had behind him the winners of the Great York-hire Handicap, of the Goodwood Stakes, and of the Northampton hire Stakes. The London "Sportman" of December 19, 1894, writes as follows:—"a son of the very successful sire Melton, a good-looking sound horse, and a rare stayer, Seaton Delaval is pretty sure to make his mark at the stud, and, indeed, it is a long time since so good a horse was sent to New Zealand."

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

So greatly has this regret been felt that Melton has since been re-imported into England, and he had a full subscription of mares for 1901 at £400 service for each. This is owing to the remarkable and uniform success of his first crop of two-year-olds sired since his re-importation that were running in 1900. Eight of them won no less than £12,857 in stakes, and of these more than one was unlucky in being badly ridden in races they otherwise would have won. Two of these two-year-olds, Tod-dington and Princess Melton, were sold privately for £25,000, and later in the year the remaining six not thought to be as good, were sold by auction for £12,852, making in all £37,852 for eight two-year-olds after they had won £12,857 in stakes, equalling for sale price and stakes over £50,000 for eight Melton two-year-olds. This is believed to constitute a record in any part of the world. Seaton Delaval has sired the following winners:—Roellia, Miss Delaval, Hasting, Blue Paul Val R. as Bedlington, Jim Kean, Lactitia, P. ul Seaton, Bel-st, Spark, Mara, Thumette, Little Bess, Idas, Forrua, Grey Seaton, Northumberland, Gladia, Mary Seaton, Silk-worm, Gladstone and Leo Delaval. During his first season Seaton Delaval's progeny won in stakes £2,078, and it must be remembered that this sum was won by four respective sires. During the 1899-1890 season the progeny of Seaton Delaval have won the good sum of £1151, placing him seventh on the list of winning sires in New Zealand, which, considering that only twelve of his stock were racing comprised of two and three-year-olds, and eleven of which won races is an exceptional performance, and goes to show that he ticks well with almost any mare, and is not confined to only one family. The progeny of Seaton Delaval have won during the 1900-1901 season £5,208 10s, placing him at the top of the list of winning sires for the Auckland District, while this season he occupies the leading position among the living sires of New Zealand.

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FIXTURES—1904

December 26, 29, January 2 and 8—Auckland R.C. Summer
December 31 and January 2—Greymouth J.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Raogaitkei R.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
January 2 and 8—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
January 3 and 4—Southland R.C. Summer
January 4 and 5—Westland R.C. Summer
January 21 and 28—Wellington R.C. Summer
January 23 and 24—Foxton R.C. Annual
December 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Summer
January 28, 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 20—Takapuna J.C., First Day's Events and Steeplechase
February 1—Gisborne R.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Acceptances for the third day's events of the A.R.C. Meeting must be made by noon to-morrow (Friday).

Final acceptances for the G.N. Derby and A.R.C. Handicap are due on Monday at the post.

Handicaps for the concluding day of the A.R.C. Meeting will be declared at 9 p.m. on Monday evening, and acceptances for same must be made by one hour later.

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.

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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WHERE ARE OUR STAYERS?

THERE is no questioning the fact that in England and America both Australian and New Zealand horses, especially the latter, have earned golden opinions as to their staying qualifications, and this was the reason why Carbine, Trenton and other colonial stallions were purchased by breeders in the Old Country. This being so it seems somewhat curious to find that in this colony, credited as being the very home of the stayer, whenever there is a race over any distance of country the number of competitors is very limited, no matter how high the stake may be. Despite the big prize there is no getting away from the fact that the last New Zealand Cup was a failure, and was in addition won by a horse possessing but few qualifications to be considered in the championship class. Of the Auckland Cup last Monday the same tale has to be told, for both numerically and from a class point of view the field was wretchedly weak, while by no stretch of imagination could the winner be considered other than a fair handicap horse. What then has become of our Lochiels, Nelsons, Carbines, Trentons, and the like? Truly at the present time there seems to be a pitiable dearth of genuine stayers, although animals who can scamper over five furlongs are more numerous than ever. What is the reason for this decline in the stamina of our thoroughbreds? Partly no doubt it may be accounted for by the early racing of two-year-olds, which practice is greatly to be deplored, but there must be some other reason which is making the genuine

stayer an almost unknown quantity. Bad as is this state of affairs out here in England and America the position appears to be even worse. In his book entitled "The English Turf," Mr Richardson, a great authority on the subject, when writing of the merits of Australian and American horses says:—"It should be pointed out that the imported Australians differ very much from the Americans, and as far as I can judge the last-named are not so likely to improve the English blood as the Antipodean horses. Perhaps it is not generally known that nine tenths of the Americans are not pure bred. Some, of course strain back to English ancestry on both sides of the house, but a large majority go back to obscurity, and are no doubt descended from native mares of anything but pure breed. The Australians on the other hand can all be traced to imported English sires and mares, and thus by breeding with them in England, it is a case of returning to the old blood, which has been freshened and probably invigorated by no inbreeding for several generations, and by the eminently favourable climate for horse breeding of the land of the Southern Cross. What is quite clear at present is that the average American does not stay anything like so well as the average Australian. The rank and file of the Americans we have seen in this country do best at a mile, and few of them can go no further than a mile and a-half. Some exceptions there have been, notably Foxhall, who won the Cesarewitch, as a three year-old under 7st 12lb, and I need hardly write that no horse who is not a first-rate stayer could have done this. That race, however, took place twenty years ago, and since that time hundreds of Americans have been sent to this country, not one of whom will be handed down to posterity as a great or even good stayer. I have no hesitation in saying that English-bred horses are better stayers than their trans Atlantic neighbours, and that the Australians have a pull over us in the matter of stamina." Coming from such an expert on the subject this opinion must carry great weight. At the same time it is to be feared that, although the colonies have produced fine stayers in the past, there is a great danger that this will not be so in the future. At present there are a dozen races run over five and six furlongs to one over any considerable distance of ground, and this naturally has had the effect of an over production of speedy horses without stamina. The racing clubs can of course argue that if the long distance events receive such wretched support from owners as was the case with both the big Cups this year, then there is no inducement to persevere with such races. There is a good deal of weight in the contention, but it must not be forgotten that one of the chief aims of racing is to improve the breed of horses, and this cannot be done by encouraging the breeding of weedy sprinters. The question is a difficult one, but it should be faced, for there is no getting away from the fact that in the very home of the distance horse the legitimate stayer can be almost numbered upon the fingers of one hand.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

Melodeon broke a blood vessel while running in the Cup and was eased up.

Mahutonga won the Auckland Cup from end to end, but the time although good was not up to Wairiki's performance last year.

Mahutonga's time for the Cup has only twice been beaten, viz., in 1892 by St. Hippo and last year by Wairiki.

The amount handled on the totalisator at Ellerslie on Monday was £20,897, a decrease of £553 on last year's figures. The falling off was in the Foal Stakes and the Cup, the other events showing an increase.

The disappointment of Monday's racing was the poor showing by Savoury, the favourite, in the Railway Handicap. He carried 1816 tickets out of a total of £3828 invested on the race, but never at any time looked the least bit dangerous and finished in the ruck.

The Glenora yearlings, which come up for sale on Wednesday next will be brought down to Cambria Park on Saturday, where they can be inspected at any time before the sale. They are a very likely looking lot.

Times taken during the running of the Cup show that the big event was got through as follows:—Quarter-mile, 26½ sec; half-mile, 52½ sec; six furlongs, 1min 19½ sec; one mile, 1min 44 sec; one mile and a-quarter, 2min 10½ sec; one mile and a-half, 2min 37 sec; one mile and three-quarters, 3min 3½ sec; two miles, 3min 30½ sec.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 2 Consultation on the Newcastle Tattersall's Cup, run at Newcastle, N.S.W., on the 10th December, 1904. 50,000 tickets at 5s each, fully subscribed:—1st, Ossian, M. Angelo, 26, Shadler Street, Neutral Bay, Sydney, £4000; 2nd, Stormaway, Lenaghan and Sutton, to J. F. Parry, Commercial Hotel, W. Maitland, N.S.W., £1250; 3rd, Lady Simmer, Mrs W. Cook, Terrica, via Inglewood, Queensland, £750.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 1 Consultation on the Newcastle Tattersall's Cup, run at Newcastle, N.S.W., on the 10th December, 1904. 50,000 tickets at 5s each, fully subscribed:—1st, Ossian, Sceptre and Co., care of R. Murray, Mt. Barker, South Australia, £4000; 2nd, Stormaway, Mallee Syndicate, to W. J. Laroner, Brim, Victoria, £1250; 3rd, Lady Simmer, Bob Knox and Co., care of T. H. Garth, Mawhera Quay, Greymouth, New Zealand, £750. These amounts are net.

With the perfectly natural dislike to being compelled to go through the Newmarket Tunnel in a cattle truck, intending visitors to Ellerslie on Monday freely patronised the electric trams. The Company made an effort to cope with the rush which, however, was quite beyond them. It would have been well to have put a few more cars on the line. The policy of sending out so many quite empty cars to Newton and Ponsonby, when all the world and his wife were trying to get out to the races, seemed hardly wise, but perhaps there will be an improvement on Monday and Tuesday. It seems certain the Remuera line will have to be duplicated.

The programme for the Autumn Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be found in our advertising columns. The fixture will be held on March 2 and 3, and as usual eight events will be decided on each day. The programme is a particularly good one throughout, but the events which may be specially picked out on the opening day are the Stewards' Handicap, of 150 sovs, one mile; the Juvenile Handicap, of 150 sovs, six furlongs; the Westmere Hurdle Race, of 150 sovs, two miles; the Wanganui Cup, of 750 sovs, 1½ miles; and the Flying Handicap, of 250 sovs, six furlongs. On the second day, the Autumn Handicap, of 150 sovs, one mile; the Fordell Hurdle Race, of 120 sovs, 1½ miles; the Jackson Stakes, of 500 sovs, six furlongs; and the Wanganui Stakes, of 350 sovs, 1½ miles, are the chief attractions. The Autumn Meeting of the W.J.C. is without doubt one of the most popular gatherings in the colony, and the programme put before owners is well worthy of their attention. General entries close with Mr F. Moffatt, the secretary, on Friday, January 27, at 9 p.m.

The surprise of the day on Monday at Ellerslie was the dividend, £17 8s, paid on Numa in the Christmas Handicap. The Pinfire horse had shown form in winning the opening event, the Trial Handicap, and had to carry but two pounds more over his pet distance. Why he should have been so deserted it is hard to say, but if a number of outside speculators had not stuck to him he would have paid the biggest dividend of the day, for on the inside machine his supporters were very few. Numa led from end to end, and won handily.

Lady Annie has before now given evidence of pace, but I doubt if her most sanguine admirers considered she was equal to spreadeagling the field in the Railway Handicap in the way she did. The time, 1min 15 3-5sec, was smart, but one would have thought there were one or two in the race quite capable of equalling it. The winner was bleeding at the nose on being pulled up.

The investments at the Manawatu R.C. Summer Meeting amounted to £39,441, an increase of no less than £8129 on the amount handled at the corresponding meeting last year.

The Cambria Park dispersal sale will take place next Wednesday. A special train will convey visitors up to within a short distance of the farm.

The totalisator money handled at the Dunedin J.C. Meeting amounted to £10,800 10s, as against £7699 for the corresponding meeting last year.

Manjess must be a great pony. He won the Fernhill Welter Hack race at Wingatui with 11st 6lb in the saddle, giving heaps of weight away to everything else in the race.

Buluwayo's younger brother, Quagga, is more than paying his oat bill this season. He scored a double on the opening day at Dunedin, winning both the Salisbury Hack and Trial Stakes very easily indeed.

Hewitt put up a remarkable performance by winning the double, i.e., both Pony Cups at Ellerslie and Alexandra Park on Monday and Tuesday last. This makes the third occasion that he has achieved this feat.

Most of the sporting people were pleased to see Mr Harry Tonks win a double with Lingard at the Thames Summer Meeting, as the wins were long overdue.

Wairaka also secured a double win in the two Steeplechases at the same meeting.

Solitary, nicely handled by young Lack Pinker, secured the Telephone Handicap at the Summer Meeting of the A.T.C. on the first day of the meeting. Pinker was also successful on Lady Annie in the Railway Handicap, and is certainly one of our best light-weights.

The Lurcher, since going into Percy Johnston's hands (his old mentor), has run most consistently, having been twice second at Te Aroha and winning a double at the Taranaki J.C. Summer Meeting.

General Average seems to have struck form since Geo. Wright has had charge of him. At the T.J.C. Meeting he dead-heated, ran second, and won on the last day.

Most of the double event layers had a real good time over the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap, as not more than £400 was taken out of their volumes altogether. After Cruciform went out the betting was brisk, most of the pencilers getting round.

The Price Brothers, W. and G., each secured a couple of races the second day at the Manawatu Summer Meeting, winning with Auratus, Netamere, Probable, and Kaharoa respectively.

The Manawatu Summer Meeting put up a record for N.Z. in a two days' meeting in a totalisator turnover, viz., £39,441.

Jimmy Buchanan won his first Auckland Cup last Monday on Mahutonga, and was heartily cheered on returning to scale.

Hewitt had three wins the first day of the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, viz., on Numa in the Trial Handicap, on Sungod in the Foal Stakes, and on Reduction in the Pony Cup.

The Alexandra-owned Te Tanawha won three out of six events on Monday at the Club's annual meeting. The owner, Mr J. Harper, won six out of seven events on the card.

The Railway Handicap turned out a bit of a surprise. The favourite, Savoury, an even money chance, never once feathered his backers, whilst Soult, also well supported, was left at the post. Boris, another well fancied horse, ran nowhere; this horse did the best trial prior to the meeting, six furlongs in 1min 19sec on the course. The winner, Lady Annie, did the best trial of the local horses, 1min 20 1-5-sec from a standing start.

Mr J. Thorpe secured a bargain when he bought Apologue from Mr Simmel-hag for 20(gns). It is rumoured that Mr Thorpe has been offered a substantial profit on his very good bargain. The colt, who has size and speed, looks like blossoming into a Derby and Cup colt.

Mr R. Hannan as usual came in for some good luck. He scored with Bellman in the A.R.C. Hurdle Race, also with Liberator in the Flying Handicap, at Taranaki, and with Pekepeke in the Maiden Plate at the Thames.

Orange and Blue seems a bit of a frost at present. Although well backed in both the A.R.C. and Auckland Trotting Club's Pony Cups, she failed in each case. This mare races better in the spring and autumn; she seemed very fretful on Tuesday.

Anticipations.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SELECTIONS FOR THE SECOND DAY.

(By "The Judge.")

To-day (Thursday) the second act of the A.R.C. Summer Carnival will be undertaken. Although rain set in yesterday morning the amount that has fallen at the time of writing cannot have been sufficient to have done the course any harm, and indeed should have had an opposite effect. If the weather proves fine there should be another good gathering at Ellerslie, although not being a holiday the attendance will naturally fall far short of Monday's big total. The meteorological outlook is not too hopeful however.

Racing will be commenced with the Alexandra Handicap, seven furlongs, for which sixteen have been left in. Numa has been heavily penalised for his double win on the opening day, having been raised 15lb, but then most of the others have also had their imposts increased. The three I like best are—

KREMLIN
JEWELLERY
GOLDEN VEIN

Eight horses remain in the Ponsonby Hurdle Race, one and three-quarter miles. Lingard's dual victory at the Thames shows he is in form, and he should run well with 7lb over the minimum. Spalpeen showed a glimpse of his old form on Monday, and over the shorter distance should do better, while Bellman is in such great buckle that he will want a lot of beating. Places may go to—

BELLMAN
SPALPEEN
LINGARD

Only four two-year-olds have accepted for the Criterion Handicap, six furlongs, a somewhat unsatisfactory result for a good stake. Apologue won the Nursery Handicap comfortably enough on Monday with 7st 12lb, but now has been raised 9lb, giving 2lb to Carl Rosa, which I hardly think he will be equal to. They may finish—

CARL ROSA
APOLOGUE
FOREMOST

Next comes the Summer Cup, one and a-quarter miles, and this being the principal race of the day will attract a lot of interest. The scratching pen has been freely used, out of the forty-one handicapped eleven being left in. Romeo, who finished third in the Auckland Cup, has 7lb more to carry, while Starshoot, who finished several lengths behind him, has been increased 15lb, and Ghoorka has 13lb more to carry. Quarryman may run

well and so should Putty. Possibly the placings of Mr Lusk may be—

ROMEO
STARSHOOT
DELANIA

In the Salisbury Welter, one mile, eight are engaged, and if all these are started they may dash past the finishing post in the following order:—

NUMA
PARATUTU
SIR GILEAD

The Pony Handicap, six furlongs, is certain to give rise to a good race. Eight have been left in, and as Reduction won the Pony Cup at Alexandra Park with 8st 10lb she should be very dangerous with but 4lb more over a shorter course. Placings may go to—

REDUCTION
GIRTON GIRL
MANOUVRE

The Visitors' Plate, five furlongs, will bring out a very fair field, as fifteen have cried consent. Air Gum is top-weight, but may run well. The three who should do best are—

KILDERKIN
MULTIFID
LYCIA

The Waitemata Handicap, one mile and a-half, has but five acceptors and of these

ST. HARP
DUNMORE
KING PAUL

may prove the pick. The following are the acceptances:—

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS; SEVEN FURLONGS.]			
	st lb		st lb
Golden Vein	9 0	Waipuna	7 11
Numa	9 0	Strathavon	7 9
Kremlin	8 11	Lovelink	7 9
Boris	8 11	Feabird	7 0
Jewellery	8 10	The Middy	7 0
Gladstone	8 5	Beau Seaton	6 12
Alisa	8 5	Golden Sands	6 10
Avananche	8 3	Vivandel	6 10

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS; ONE MILE AND THREE-QUARTERS.			
Bellman	11 13	Lingard	9 7
Spalpeen	11 0	Maroonand Gold	9 5
Dolores	10 0	Pharos	9 5
Loch Lomond	9 11	Hinaiu	9 0

CRITERION HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS; SIX FURLONGS			
Apologue	8 7	Foremost	7 7
Carl Rosa	8 5	Ista	7 6

SUMMER CUP HANDICAP OF 500 SOVS; ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.			
Romeo	9 0	Gladstone	7 11
Quarr man	8 11	Alisa	7 8
Starshoot	8 9	Delania	7 8
Marshal Soult	8 8	Heroism	7 5
Ghorka	8 8	Strathavon	7 0
Putty	7 11		

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS; ONE MILE.			
Numa	10 11	Bowman	9 3
Paratutu	10 9	Lady Hune	8 10
The Needle	9 12	Nocturni	8 6
Sir Gilead	9 10	Muthema	8 0

PONY HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS; SIX FURLONGS.			
Sonoma	9 10	Forth	8 7
Reduction	9 6	Lucrece	7 12
Manouuvre	8 11	Wheturere	7 11
Girton Girl	8 7	Sentinel	7 0

VISITOR'S PLATE OF 100 SOVS; FIVE FURLONGS.			
Air Gun	9 0	Dardanous	7 9
Crichton	9 0	Foremost	7 9
La Ugele	8 9	Kilderkin	7 6
Pearl Necklet	8 9	Silky	7 4
Lycia	8 9	Merry Delaval	7 4
Espeith	8 9	Czarevna	7 4
Master Delaval	7 9	San Souci	7 4
Multifid	7 9		

WAITEMATA HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS; ONE MILE AND A-HALF.			
Dunmore	8 7	Needlework	7 9
King Paul	8 3	Woodhead	7 6
St. Harp	7 12		

WELLINGTON PARK STUD SALE.

TAKES PLACE TO-MORROW.

It must not be forgotten that to-morrow (Friday) the nineteenth annual sale of the Wellington Park yearlings will take place. A very full description of these yearlings, illustrated by photographs, has already appeared in this paper, and therefore it is unnecessary to say anything further about them. In all thirty-four yearlings will be submitted, including some beautifully bred stock. The sires represented are Hotchkiss, Phoebus Apollo, Menschikoff, Seaton Delaval, Cyrenian, and San Francisco, while the names of the Wellington Park matrons are almost household words and their progeny should realise high prices. The annual sale is always a particularly interesting function, and as there are many visitors in town for the races the attendance round the ringside when Mr Nolan mounts the rostrum should be very large. The sale will commence at one o'clock and there will be no lack of brakes, cabs, etc., to convey people out to the farm. Vehicles will also be in readiness to meet teams arriving at Ellerslie. Full particulars may be obtained on inquiry at the Stud Company's office, in Durham-street East.

AFTER THE RACES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

CUP DAY.

Under the happiest possible circumstances the great summer carnival of the Auckland Racing Club was inaugurated on Saturday. It was one of those genuine summer days of which, unfortunately, we get all too few in Auckland, and the result was that an immense number of people were tempted out to spend the day on the Ellerslie course. The famous convincing ground looked at its very brightest and best, Mr Hill having everything in the most "apple-pie" order. It is difficult to estimate the exact attendance, but there must have been some twelve to fifteen thousand people present, including many well-known visitors. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Plunket and a party from Government House, arrived early, and remained up till the final event. Other faces to be recognised were the Hon. H. Mosman (Queensland), Messrs J. H. O'Meehan, C. Clark, L. H. Darlot, T. Fenton, and Dr. McRae (West Australia), Messrs J. B. Reid, G. G. Stead, W. Clifford, W. H. Wainlyn, and G. Palmer (Canterbury), J. Cook (Dunedin), T. H. Lowry (Napier), and W. Abbott (Wellington), while every Auckland sportsman of note was present. The lawn looked exceedingly pretty, for with such brilliant weather the ladies were not afraid to don their summer frocks, and these blending harmoniously formed a perfect kaleidoscope of colour.

With such a number of people present it was certain that speculation would be brisk, but owing to the Foal Stakes being virtually a walk-over and the smallness of the field in the Cup, both these events showed a considerable falling off when compared with the amounts invested on those races last year. Other events showed an increase, however, and the total put through was £20,897, a decrease of but £553. Owing to the proportions of the crowd the catering department was overtaxed, while the totalisator staff was hardly large enough to deal with the rush of business. The transport facilities to and from the course were unequal to the demand, trains, trams, and buses being much overcrowded. However, a holiday crowd is always ready to make allowances, and as there were no accidents everything may be said to have gone off well.

The opening event was the Trial Handicap, seven furlongs, for which a dozen faced the barrier. Of these Numa, who had the services of Hewitt, was made a pronounced favourite, with Lovelink next in demand. A good start was effected, The Middy and the two favourites immediately showing in front. Numa was in command at the cutting and he led into the straight. At the distance Lovelink threw out a strong challenge, and drawing up was apparently bumped by Numa, who in a good finish won by half a length, with Jewellery, who came too late, a close third. A protest was immediately lodged against the winner for interference with Lovelink at the half-distance, but after a long enquiry, which delayed the next race half-an-hour, it was dismissed.

The scratching pen was very busy among the list of competitors in the G.N. Foal Stakes, six furlongs, which rich prize of £500 brought out but three competitors. Sungod was, of course, made a screaming hot favourite, the fielders wanting 6 to 1 about his chance. There was a very long and tedious delay while the protest on the previous race was being considered, but eventually the trio of contestants, Foremost, Multifid, and Sungod went to the post. The latter was quickest to move, but Multifid was soon alongside him, and the pair ran locked together for two furlongs, with Foremost fast dropping astern. Entering the bend Sungod drew out, and coming on won without much effort by over two lengths from Multifid, with Foremost four lengths further away.

Then came on the big event of the meeting, the Auckland Cup, of two miles. As was generally anticipated, Gladstone's name was missing from the list of starters, seven going to the post. All had admirers, but the fine appearance of Mahutonga caused many of the undecided to make up their mind in his favour, and the big son of Quilt went out a very warm favourite, 1458 tickets being taken on him, while of the others Ghoorka, Romeo, Scotty, Idas, Starshoot, and Melodeon being backed in that order. There was some delay at

the post, Starshoot being the chief defendant. At last Mr O'Connor got them away well together, Starshoot immediately taking up the running from Mahutonga, Romeo, and Scotty, with Idas last. The latter, however, soon went up, and as the straight was entered Mahutonga led from Idas, Scotty, and Starshoot. At the members' stand Mahutonga and Idas were running together two lengths ahead of Scotty, Melodeon, and Romeo, with Ghoorka last. At the six furlongs post Mahutonga was still going strong a length in front of Idas, Romeo being next, while Melodeon had dropped right away last. Mahutonga came into the straight full of running, but at the distance he swerved badly, Romeo, Scotty, and Ghoorka closing up. Buchanan straightened the big chestnut, however, and he won comfortably by two lengths, while Scotty beat Romeo for second place after a great fight by little more than a head. Ghoorka finished fourth, Starshoot fifth, Idas sixth, while Melodeon cantered in a hundred yards behind the field.

Wellcast was the only absentee from the Grafton Hurdle Race, two miles, Up-to-Date, Ranana, and Catherine Gordon being the most fancied. Irish was first away and he led for a bit, when Spalpeen went to the front but was soon displaced by Bellman, the two chestnuts leading the way into the straight from Loch Lomond, Ranana, and Pharos. The latter made a faulty jump and lost ground, Bellman showing the way past the judge's box two lengths ahead of Spalpeen, with Loch Lomond a length away. Positions were unaltered running down the back when Pharos came down, while Ranana went up nearer the leaders. Once in the straight Bellman came away and won with the utmost ease by ten lengths from Loch Lomond, who was a length in front of Ranana, with Spalpeen fourth, Catherine Gordon being the last to finish.

Much interest centred in the next event, the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, for which Numa, To-morrow, and Crichton were scratched, this leaving thirteen to fight out the event, and of these Savoury was made a screaming hot favourite, with Boris and Marshall Soult next in demand. After an exercise of some patience a fair start was effected, of which Ailsa and Black and Gold had the best, while Savoury was one of the last to begin. At the cutting Ailsa was cutting out the work from Lady Annie, Black and Gold, and Beau Seaton. Entering the straight Lady Annie was still in front, and at the distance she drew out, and finishing up her task very strongly the Soult mare won by two lengths from Golden Vein, who finished very fast in the last hundred yards, beating Ailsa for second place by nearly half-a-length. Hohoro was fourth, at the head of a bunch, while the favourite was never once prominent.

With five missing from the Nursery Handicap, five furlongs, the field was reduced to eight, and of these the public fancies were Horsa and Boomerang. A good start was effected, but Horsa getting speed up the quickest was soon out two lengths ahead of Boomerang, whose nearest opponent was Apologue. Turning into the straight Horsa had, if anything, increased his lead, but when heads were turned for home, Boomerang and Apologue set out in pursuit. At the distance it was evident the leader would be caught, and so it proved, for Apologue showing great dash in the last hundred yards won all out by two lengths from Boomerang, who just beat Horsa by a neck, the latter having lost ground by running wide.

Orange and Blue, Fashionable, and Reduction were the popular selections in the Pony Cup, seven furlongs, for which event thirteen faced the barrier. Orange and Blue and Sally Forner were quickest to move from a good start, and they led down the back to the cutting, where Forth moved up. The latter was in front as the straight was neared, with Manoeuvre closing on him. At the distance it was anybody's race, but nearing home, Hewitt brought Reduction with a great rush, the Southern pony winning by half a length from Manoeuvre, with Gladys Rose third, and the favourite, Orange and Blue, last.

Proceedings terminated with the Christmas Handicap, one mile, and of the eight starters Signalman, with Hewitt up, was backed down to a very short price, Delania being the best fancied of the others. Signalman and Numa were first away, with The Middy next. At the six furlong post Numa was in front, with Heroism and Bowman close up, while the favourite was fast falling back. Numa was still in front when heads were turned for home, and although Heroism and Delania challenged they were unable to catch Numa, the son of Pinfire winning by a length and a half from Heroism, who was half a length in front of Delania.

The following are the results :-

THE TRIAL HANDICAP, of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr G. Wright's b h Numa, 6yrs, by Pinfire, 7.11 (Hewitt)	1
Mr J. B. Williamson's br c Lovelink, 3yrs, 6.7 (Deeley)	2
Mr B. Armitage's br m Jewellery, 6yrs, 9st (Pinker)	3

Other starters: Waipuna, 7.12; Aus-terlitz, 7.8; Crichton, 7.5; The Middy, 7.2; Golden Sands, 7.2; Mechanic, 7.0; Woodfield, 6.10; Mauku, 6.9; Muthema, 6.7.

Won by three-parts of a length. Time, 1min 28 1-5sec. Dividends, £3 7s 6d and £1 13s 6d.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, of 500sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sungod, by Multi-form—Ottelden, 8.10 (Hewitt) ..	1
Mr D. O'Brien's br c Multifid, 8.10 (Cotton)	2
Mr E. W. Alison's br c Foremost, 8.10 (Ryan)	3

Won in a hollow fashion, with something to spare, by close on three lengths. Time, 1min 18 1-5sec. Dividend, £1 4s.

THE AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP, of 1500sovs. Two miles.

Mr C. W. Wallis' ch g Mahutonga, 4yrs, by Quilt—Maude, 8.12 (Buchanan)	1
Mr D. Stewart's b g Scotty, 6yrs 8.3 (Ryan)	2
Mr P. James' b g Romeo, 6yrs, 8.7 (Cotton)	3

Other starters: Ghoorka, 7.9; Starshoot, 7.8; Idas, 7.0.

Won by a length from Scotty, with Romeo a neck away third. Time, 3min 30 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 11s 6d.

THE GRAFTON HURDLE RACE HAN- CAP, of 200sovs. Two miles.

Mr R. Hannon's ch g Bellman, aged, by Tetford—The Orphan, 11.0 (Walsh)	1
Mr S. Stevers' b g Loch Lomond, aged, 9.5 (Murray)	2
Mr A. Hughes' br g Ranana, 6yrs, 10.3 (Howie)	3

Other starters: Up-to-Date, 11.10; Spalpeen, 11.3; Catherine Gordon, 10.9; Pharos, 9.8; Irish, 9.0.

Won by eight or nine lengths. Time, 3min 47 3-5sec. Dividends, £8 8s and £3 4s.

THE RAILWAY HANDICAP, of 400- sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr B. Armitage's b m Lady Annie, 4yrs, by Soult—Miss Annie, 7.9 (Pinker)	1
Sir George Clifford's ch h Golden Vein, 5yrs, 8.4 (Cotton)	2
Mr J. Brett's br f Ailsa, 3yrs, 7.10 (Beale)	3

Other starters: Hohoro, 9.9; Kremlin, 8.12; Marshal Soult, 8.7; Black and Gold, 8.6; Savoury, 8.4; Boris, 8.4; Avalanche, 7.11; Strathavon, 7.5; Seabird, 6.12; Beau Seaton, 6.10.

Won by about two lengths and a-half. Time, 1min 15 3-5sec. Dividends, £25 11s 6d and £4 19s.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP, of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr J. E. Thorpe's br c Apologue, by Phoebus Apollo—Miss Gladys, 7.12 (Speakman)	1
Mr E. J. Watt's blk c Boomerang, 9.8 (F. Davis)	2
Mr H. Mosman's b g Horsa, 7.9 (Cotton)	3

Other starters: Carl Rosa, 8.11; Czarevna, 7.8; Hiro, 7.6; Merry Delaval, 7.0; Silkie, 6.10.

Won by a length. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec. Dividends, £4 10s 6d and 19s 6d.

THE PONY CUP HANDICAP, of 150- sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr D. W. McLean's b m Reduction, 5yrs, by Mauser—Moderation, 7.12 (Hewitt)	1
Mr J. E. Paul's br g Manoeuvre, 5yrs, 8.0 (Cotton)	2
Mr J. Montgomery's b m Gladys Rose, aged, 7.3 (E. Rae)	3

Other starters: Sonoma, 9.12; Forth, 8.8; Fashionable, 8.8; Orange and Blue, 8.7; Lucrece, 7.8; Whawhai, 7.7; Sally Horner, 7.5; Miss Clairassier, 7.4; Sentinel, 7.2; Lady Lottie, 7.0.

Won by a bare length. Time, 1min 30 3-5sec. Dividends, £4 16s and £2 12s 6d.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, of 150sovs. One mile.

Mr G. Wright's b h Numa, 6yrs, by Pinfire, 7.13, (including 5lb penalty (Jones)	1
Mr D. O'Brien's b h Heroism, 5yrs, 7.3 (Deeley)	2
Mr W. L. Thomson's b m Delania, 4yrs, 8.0 (Ryan)	3

Other starters: Signalman, 8.12; The Needle, 7.9; Bowman, 7.2; The Middy, 6.12; Idasa, 6.10.

Time, 1min 42sec. Dividends, £17 8s and £2 17s.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

A SUCCESSFUL COMMENCEMENT.

It is hardly possible to conceive a more beautiful day than Tuesday last, when the Auckland Trotting Club made a commencement with their big Summer Meeting, and as this was the only factor which the committee had no power to arrange for, every other detail having been attended to, it goes without saying that the first day's sport was a huge success. The electric trams running both by way of Parnell and Symonds-street were crowded to excess and as an excellent service was maintained this meant a big attendance at Alexandra Park, and it is doubtful whether there was ever a larger gathering at a trotting meeting in Auckland. The presence of several visiting horses from Sydney and the South proved an additional attraction and the sport provided was of the best. Mr Mark and his large staff did yeoman service in making things go smoothly, and the result must be regarded as extremely satisfactory. Messrs A. R. Harris and I. Hill shared the duties of judge, while Mr O'Connor acted as starter. Speculation was fairly brisk, the sum of £4528 going through the totalisator.

Proceedings were opened with the Maiden Trot, one and a-half miles, Green Lavender being made a warm favourite of the nine starters. The visiting horse Legbreak, who was on scratch, got away before the start and bolted three times round the course, this of course ruining her chance. The race proved a very soft snap for the favourite, who soon went to the front and drawing right away won by nearly a hundred yards from Agnes B, with Bell Car in third place.

Fibre and Specialite were the most fancied candidates in the Pony Trot, one and a-half miles. Fibre and Mangonui were responsible for all the early pace-making, but then the scratch horse Rushlight, who had been gathering them in all the way, got past and won pulling up by fifteen yards from Isabel, who beat Fibre in the straight by ten yards.

Ten came out to do battle for the big event of the day, the Auckland Trotting Cup, of 200 sovs, two miles. Rebel Boy, who was on the 7sec mark, was backed for a lot of money, going out at a little better than even money. Rushlight, who had won the previous race, was soon out making play from Specialist, with the favourite steadily closing on both. Rushlight was still in command at the back, but the effort was finding him out, Rebel Boy and Specialist being alongside him as the straight was entered. A great battle up the straight followed, Bird just getting the favourite home by four yards from Specialist, with Rushlight twice that distance further off third, and then followed Harold Abdallah and Duchess of Rothschild.

There were six starters in the Pony Cup, of 115 sovs, one mile, punters coming very strongly for Gladys Rose, although Reduction, who had the services of Hewitt as pilot, also carried a lot of metal. The race was a great battle between these two, nothing else having a chance. Down the back stretch they were together, and so they remained till the straight was entered. A desperate fight all the way home resulted in a half-length win for Reduction, while Forth finished several lengths behind Gladys Rose.

Miss Dunmore and Miss Wilmington carried most of the money in the Middle-Class Trot, one and a-half miles, and these two had most of the race to themselves, the daughter of Wilmington winning by twenty yards from Miss Dunmore, with Fibre and Legbreak following them home.

Ten came out to do battle in the Great Northern Trotting Handicap, Specialist and Baxter coming in for by far the most support. The Mooress, who was quite an outsider, very nearly brought off a surprise for she took command almost from the jump and leading nearly all the way looked almost a certain winner. It was not to be, however, for Specialist came very fast from the distance, getting up in time to win by four yards, with Ballot a fair third.

Of the seven ponies in the Telephone Handicap Orange and Blue, who by the way ran last at Ellerslie on the previous day was made favourite, although there were plenty of supporters for Solitary and Lady French. The race is easily described for Solitary getting well away led from start to finish, winning by three lengths from Whawhai, who was just in front of Orange and Blue and Wheturere.

Bell Car carried most investments in the St. Helier's Handicap Trot, a correct summing up of the situation, for the Bellman gelding led all the way, winning by ten yards from the outsider Colenso, Ballot being a similar distance away third.

The following are the particulars:—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP, of 30 sovs;
One mile and a-half.

Mr W. A. Scott's gr g Green Lavender, by Wilmington—Fibre, 4yrs, 19sec (owner) 1
Mr T. Brady's b m Agnes B, 5yrs, 18sec (F. Brady) 2
Mr F. Julian's ch g Bell Car, 5yrs, 9sec (A. Lowe) 3
Other starters:—Legbreak, scratch; Melba, scratch; Lincoln Yet, 9sec; Diavolo (late Pandy), 16sec; Mangonui, 19sec; Victress, 22sec.
Won by about 80yds. Time, 4min 21 sec. Dividends, £1 and £1 13s (10s tickets).

PONY TROT HANDICAP, of 25 sovs.
One mile and a-half.

Mr T. Wyllie's b g Rushlight, by Young Irvington—Twilight, aged, scratch (Duncan) 1
Mr J. Barfoot's blk m Isabel, aged, 3sec (Murfit) 2
Mr J. G. Lecky's gr m Fibre, aged, 22sec (owner) 3
Other starters:—Little Paul, 6sec; Victor C (late Victor Hugo), 10sec; Specialite, 18sec; Mangonui, 24sec; Cleveland's Pride, 27sec.
Won by 10yds. Time, 3min 57 3-5sec. Dividends, £2 8s and £1 15s (10s tickets).

AUCKLAND TROTting CUP HANDICAP, of 200 sovs. Two miles.

Mr T. Penny's rn g Rebel Boy, by Rebel Child, aged, 7sec (Hird) 1
Mr F. H. Ridder's br c Specialist, 3yrs, 11sec (Hamilton) 2
Mr T. Wyllie's gr g Rushlight, aged, 16sec (Duncan) 3
Other starters:—Young McKinney, scratch; Harold Abdallah, 12sec; Cornwall, 12sec; Sir Robert, 14sec; Little Doctor, 14sec; Thorndean, 18sec; Duchess of Rothschild, 19sec. Old Judge, 22sec.
Won by a bare length. Time, 5min 8sec. Dividends, £1 1s and £1 18s (10s tickets).

PONY CUP HANDICAP, of 115 sovs.
One mile.

Mr D. M. McLean's b m Reduction, by Mauser—Moderation, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (Hewitt) 1
Mr J. Montgomery's b m Gladys Rose, aged, 7st 8lb (Jones) 2
Mr R. Hammon's ch g Forth, aged, 8st 4lb (Pinker) 3
Other starters:—Sally Horner, 7st 2lb; Laodice, 7st 2lb; Miss Cuirassier, 7st
Won by a short length. Time, 1min 45 3-4sec. Dividends, £1 6s and 5s (10s tickets).
7lb.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT, of 50 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr G. Stafford's br m Miss Wilmington, by Wilmington—Anteros mare, aged, 13sec (Tighe) 1
Mr Crooke's b m Miss Dunmore, 5yrs, 24sec (Murfit) 2
Mr J. G. Lecky's gr m Fibre, 25sec (owner) 3
Other starters:—Logan, 1sec; Legbreak, 7sec; Belladonna, 10sec; Donizetti, 12sec; Victor C, 13sec; Little Ben, 22s.
Won by 20yds. Time, 4min 3sec. Dividends, £1 10s and 9s (10s tickets).

GREAT NORTHERN TROTting HAN-DICAP, of 125 sovs. One mile.

Mr F. H. Ridder's br c Specialist, by Specification, 3yrs, 6sec (Hamilton) 1
Mr Wi Kaama's blk m The Mooress, 6yrs, 11sec (Tozer) 2
Mr P. Williams' b g Ballot, 6yrs, 2sec (Duncan) 3
Other starters:—Waitekauri, 2sec; Baxter, 2sec; Taihoa, 3sec; Little Doctor, 7sec; Heiress, 9sec; Colenso, 9sec; Juliette, 11sec.
Won by rather over a length. Time, 2min 32 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 12s and £5 10s (£1 tickets).

TELEPHONE HANDICAP, of 50 sovs.
Five furlongs.

Mr W. Gall's ch m Solitary, by Re-cluse—Queenie, aged, 7st 12lb (Pinker) 1
Mr D. Leslie's b g Whawhai, aged, 7st 5lb (Jones) 2
Mr H. Barr's b m Orange and Blue, aged, 9st (O'Connell) 3
Other starters:—Delia Rose, 9st; Lady French (late Eureka), 7st 12lb; Wheturere, 7st 5lb; Kyra, 7st.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 6 2-5 sec. Dividends, £3 18s and £1 15s (£1 tickets).

ST HELIER'S HANDICAP TROT, of 40 sovs. One mile.

Mr F. Julian's ch g Bell Car, by Bell-man—Carmen, 5yrs, 1+sec (Lowe) 1
Mr G. Herbert's b g Colenso, aged, 7sec (owner) 2
Mr P. Williams' b g Ballot, 6yrs, scratch (Duncan) 3
Other starters:—Logan, 4sec; St. John, 9sec; Juliette, 9sec; Donizetti, 11sec; Macquarrie, 14sec.
Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 47 sec. Dividends, £2 15s and £4 (£1 tickets).

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY

Christchurch, December 26.

Owing to so many trainers being away at outside meetings things are practically at a standstill at Riccarton. A few horses are in training for the Hororata Meeting, on January 12, and country races on New Year's Day.

Mahutonga received strong support in Christchurch for the Auckland Cup, and had Savoury won the Railway Handicap a small syndicate would have won over £2000. Mahutonga's form in the New Zealand and Auckland Cups stamps him as the best handicap horse of the year.

The downfall of Savoury in the Railway Handicap cost backers a lot of money. The way money was piled on the Summer colt almost suggested that he could not lose, but once again the cracks have gone down before a comparative outsider. Backers right throughout New Zealand will be lamenting for some time to come the severe lesson they have received through rushing Mr Stead's horses for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap. Martian, Nightfall, and Cruciform were made favourites at various stages for the Cup, but not one of them saw the post. When they went out the public looked after Mahutonga, Melodeon and Ghoorka, coupling them with Savoury and Rubia for all the money in the market. Rubia went wrong and Savoury got badly beaten. Probably a few people will now realise that although Mr Stead has an extremely powerful team he is not invincible.

Conal, Ability, and Nor'-wester each won a race at Reefton while T. Sheehan scored his usual second by the aid of Antigone.

Now that Pallas has again struck form, and we may shortly expect to see the speedy son of Chain Armour pitted against the sprinters. Pallas is now six years old and is said to be looking in fine buckle.

Zealous, by winning the two hurdle races at Dunedin, has shown that her owners would be wise to keep her at hurdle racing instead of putting her against good handicap horses on the flat. It is reported that W. McDonald, who is at present trainer for Mr J. A. Holmes, has been appointed trainer for the Hon. G. McLean and Mr A. J. Brett. I understand there were about thirty applications for the position.

Grand Chain won the two principal handicaps at the Kaikoura Meeting yesterday, while Wet Blanket was second in the Cup.

WELLINGTON

Wellington, December 21.

At the time of writing Wellington is almost bereft of folks of sporting proclivities. The metalicians are certainly about but most of their business consists of attending to wires from clients at a distance, whose favourite mode of investing is by means of "no reply" wires.

The Wellington Cup and Telegraph is thus early claiming attention at the hands of backers. Local metalicians have opened books on the double, and several wagers have been booked at the odds of 100 to 1. The double totalisator has apparently educated the sporting public to double betting, and as long as the odds are liberal, the weights the horses are asked to carry are a matter of no concern to a certain class of backers.

The weights for the Wellington Cup and Railway Handicap are being eagerly looked forward to. The Wellington weight adjuster will get a capital line by witnessing the running at Auckland on Boxing Day. Mahutonga, Melodeon, Romeo, Ghoorka, and Starshoot will give an exhibition of their form in the Auckland Cup; Golden Vein, Ailsa, Crichton, Tomorrow, and Hohoro are engaged in the Wellington Telegraph Handicap. As these horses will race in the Auckland Railway Handicap it should be an easy task to subsequently bring them together. A number of local and provincial owners would like the Wellington handicapper to witness the racing at Wairarapa on January 2 and 3. Over thirty of the horses competing at Wairarapa are included in the nominations for the Wellington Summer Meeting. In fairness to their owners the Wellington handicapper should witness their displays prior to framing his weights for his club.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, December 26.

Last Saturday morning a well-known supporter of the sport passed away in the person of Mr W. Rathbone, who died at his residence, at Waipawa. For some time past the deceased has not enjoyed robust health, and when latterly his condition became worse but little hopes were entertained of his recovery. Mr

Rathbone, who was in his seventy-third year, had not been associated in the racing industry for a great period, as about the first horse he owned was Sylvanus, a son of The Dauphin and Imstheng, bred in Auckland, who was foaled in 1889. Like all who take an interest in the sport he soon became a strenuous supporter of the game, and by his purchases in this and the adjoining colonies soon established a fine breeding establishment at his property, Riversdale. Thorough as he was in every matter his training and breeding quarters were beautifully laid out with every convenience for men and horses, but his luck was not at all in keeping with the generous manner in which he spent money in the pursuit of his hobby, the best one bred being no doubt Zanella, Blarney, Palaver, Fleka, and Amphion. That first-fighter Merganser, who carried his colours in all her arguments, was purchased by Mr Rathbone in Auckland, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to recount her many glorious deeds. Kind, loveable, and considerate, with a courtly manner emblematical of the old school to which he belonged, and who, worse luck, are getting scarcer every year, his demise will be regretted by those who were favoured with his friendship. I mourn the loss of a good adviser and a staunch friend, and I am sure I am only voicing the feelings of sportsmen throughout the colony in regretting the departure from this mundane sphere of one of the staunchest men that has ever had his racing flag unfurled in the turf world in this colony. The funeral took place yesterday, when a great number of friends and sympathisers attended to pay the last rites and show sympathy to his widow and children.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, December 26.

The Dunedin Jockey Club concluded their summer gathering to-day and the meeting was one of the most successful ever held at Wingatui both from a financial and sporting point of view.

Red Gauntlet won the principal handicap on the first day in the easiest of styles, but had his colours lowered on the second by Pallas, who had annexed the principal sprint on the first in good style.

Pallas is now trained by R. Emmerson, who has generally been identified with trotters since he came from Australia some few years ago. The crack sprinter appears to be moving very sound again, and won both his races from end to end.

Zealous, the sister to Seahorse, won both hurdle races and showed that she has returned to her best form by the decisive manner in which she scored her second victory. Prior to coming South the mare changed her ownership and paid a visit to St. Ilario.

Quagga, the half-brother to Bulwago, won a double in good style on the first day. Like his well-performed half-brother he is a pony in size, but can act fairly well when in racing order.

Another Lilliputian who put up an attractive performance was Manjess, who carried the fact-breaking burden of 11st 6lb in the Fernhill Hack Welter and won comfortably, after getting badly away from the mark. He should make a good sort to take anywhere where there is money to be made amongst the ponies.

Brighton is credited with running his eight furlongs of the Farewell Handicap in 1min 42sec, but private watches made the time much slower.

A popular win at the meeting was registered when the Hon. Geo. McLean's Alexis annexed the two-year-old race. The popular president of the D.J.C. received a great ovation after his horse returned to scale.

Slow Tom will probably be sent to Randwick in the autumn.

Happy Home has been sent back to Oamaru and is to be put to the horse. She has plenty of pace, but her temper prevents her from being anything like reliable either in her gallops or races.

Vladimir is in regular work again. It is understood that Mr John Buckley, of Redcastle, Oamaru, has appointed F. P. Claridge his private trainer, and the latter will take charge in March next. Mr Buckley has recently been a liberal and extensive purchaser of bloodstock, and will make a welcome addition to the colony's list of horse owners.

The Hon. Geo. McLean has engaged W. McDonald as private trainer, and the lat-

ter will commence duties as soon as existing circumstances will permit. McDonald is an old Dunedinite and the appointment is sure to be popular. He learnt the rudiments of his business under J. Cotton when the latter was amongst our leading trainers, and in his day was well known as a thoroughly capable rider. McDonald spent over six years in Australia, during which period he was connected with the stables controlled by Messrs Alec Taylor, A. Ferguson, and P. Haywood. After returning to New Zealand McDonald acted as private trainer to Mr Victor Harris and at present is acting in the same capacity to Mr J. A. Holmes.

Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

Sydney, December 21.

Sporting matters, so far as the turf is concerned, have been very dull, and although we are on the eve of such important events as the Villier's Handicap, Summers Cup, Carrington Stakes, and Tattersall's Cup, all of which will be decided during the Christmas and the New Year's holidays, very little public interest has been evinced in them so far as operations in the betting market are concerned. The city, however, is filling with holiday-makers, and there is no doubt that horse racing will, as usual, play the leading part in our festivities.

The only meeting in the metropolis on Saturday was on the proprietary course at Moorefield, but its success was in a measure interfered with by rain, but that fact was not regretted, inasmuch as the much-needed rain in this thirsty land was more desirable than racing, which we have always with us. It was a day for the moderates, as nearly all of our first-class horses were held in reserve for the forthcoming meetings at Randwick. The principal event of the day, the Moorefield Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, was won by Lord Boyne, by Nobleman out of Patty, but he had only a light weight to carry, and was not opposed by anything of note. Still, the way in which he won showed that he is probably capable of doing something better. The ancient Russley gelding, Lucknow, came into notice once more. He has been a good performer in his time, but it is so long since he won a race that people began to think that he was one of the has-beens. But the decisive way in which he beat his field on Saturday in the Flying Handicap, carrying the respectable weight of 8st 3lb, suggests the idea that he has entered into a new lease of life, and will win more races yet. Thirteen youngsters sported silk in the Two-Year-Old Handicap. Yamagata was made favourite, but could get no nearer than fourth. The race was won by the second favourite, Aloft, who is rather a smart filly, but she had a close call from Relish, who was only beaten by a neck. As Relish carried 9.5, and Aloft only 7.9, the honours belong to the first-named filly.

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A CURE FOR KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLES.

RESULTS. THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 26.

The weather was favourable for the first day's racing and there was an exceptionally large attendance.

MAIDEN HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Mr J. Hannon's Pekepeke, 7.12, Marchant ... 1

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES; two miles.

Mr H. C. Tonks' Lingard, 9.4, Stewart ... 1 Mr M. Deeble's Princess of Thule, 12.0, owner ... 2

GOLDFIELDS CUP; one mile and a-quarter.

Mr T. William's Putty, 7.9, McClutchey ... 1 Mr E. Hannon's Zuleika, 9.2 ... 2

PONY HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Mr W. Hollis' Lady Isabelle, 6.13, Buckland ... 1 Mrs Ross' Lady Mabel, 8.12, W. Ross ... 2

FIRST HANDICAP SLEEPERCHASE; about two miles and a-half. Mr M. Gorrie's Wairaka, 10.2, Gunning ... 1

STEWARDS' HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Mr A. Alley's Rookby, 7.0, Reid ... 1 Mr A. Tooman's Bonomiana, 7.4, Satman ... 2

HACK RACE; six furlongs.

Mr S. G. Lindsay's Minerva, 8.6, T. Cotton ... 1 Mr J. A. Delaney's Ludo, 7.12, Hatton ... 2

HAURAKI HANDICAP; four furlongs.

Mr S. G. Lindsay's Hector, 6.13, E. Cotton ... 1 Mr H. M. Quinn's Anchorite, 8.5, McLeod ... 2

SECOND DAY—DECEMBER 27.

The weather was beautiful for the second day's racing of the above club's summer meeting, and there was a good attendance.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Mrs T. Cotton's Soulfish, 7.4, E. Cotton ... 1 Mr T. Tooman's Bonomiana, 7.5, Satman ... 2

THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters.

Mr H. C. Tonks' Lingard, 9.18, Stewart ... 1 Mr F. B. Ross' Rolf, 9.0, McCabe ... 2

SECOND HACK RACE; seven furlongs.

Mr J. A. Delaney's Ludo, 8.2, McCluskey ... 1 Mr W. Earl's Hopkins, 6.12, E. Cotton ... 2

THAMES STAKES; one mile.

Mr E. Hannon's Zuleika, 9.5, Marchant ... 1 Mr C. Manning's Calle Iris, 7.6, Buckland ... 2

SECOND PONY HANDICAP; five furlongs.

Mr W. Hollis' Lady Isabelle, 7.6, Buckland ... 1 Mrs M. Ross' Little Mabel, 8.10, W. Ross ... 2

COUNTY HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Mr M. Deeble's Lady Clare, Brown ... 1 Mr G. Campbell's Sergius, 8.4, McCluskey ... 2

THAMES HANDICAP SLEEPERCHASE; about three miles.

Mr M. Gorrie's Wairaka, 11.4, Howard ... 1 Mr L. Coleman's Dingo, 11.0, McCabe ... 2

FINAL HANDICAP; four furlongs.

Mr F. B. Ross' Gwenniad, 8.2, Ross ... 1 Mr S. G. Lindsay's Hector, 7.9, E. Cotton ... 2

MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was perfect, and the attendance was estimated at fully 10,000.

AWAIAINI STAKES; six furlongs.

Mr S. E. Tatham's Jeanne d'Arc, by St. Andrew ... 1 Montford, 7.3, Buchanan ... 2

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES; two miles.

Mr J. B. Aderne's Pushful, by Strenuous, 9.12, Watts 1 Mr J. Hogg's Levant, 10.5, Pritchard ... 2

MANAWATU CUP; one mile and a-half.

Mr C. Bennett's Asteroid, by Apremont-Planet, 8.3, W. Price ... 1 Mr W. Young's Conroy, 9.2, Wilson ... 2

FIRST HACK HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Mr P. Neagle's Anadeja, by E. L. Drapeau-Sabina, 9.7, Wales ... 1

MAIDEN HACK; seven furlongs. Mr J. Crosse's Barca, by Cyrenian-Primula, 7.4, McKinnon ... 1

NURSKRY HANDICAP; five furlongs. Mr F. Armstrong's Probable, by 'The Possible'-Primula, 7.8, Gray ... 1

HACK FLAT HANDICAP; one mile. Mr C. Penfold's Seagull, by St. Leger-Gannet, 7.7, McKinnon ... 1

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP; one mile. Mr J. Dalton's Auratus, by Gold Reef-Pursestring, 7.0, ... 1

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 1905. 12 noon.—Autumn Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 1905.

- 1. 12 noon.—Autumn Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes.
2. 12.45 p.m.—Fordell Handicap Hurdle Race of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs from the stakes.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

AUTUMN MEETING.

2ND AND 3RD MARCH, 1905.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 1905, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Wanganui Cup, 1 sov; Wanganui Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1 sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sov; Westmere Hurdle Race, 1 sov; Fordell Hurdle Race, 1 sov; Tayforth Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Okoia Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Wairoa Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov; Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov; Petre Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Handicap, 1 sov; Harrison Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1905 (on or about).

WEIGHTS—For Cup, Stewards', Juvenile, Westmere Hurdle Race, Tayforth Hack Hurdles, Petre Welter, Wairoa Hack Flat, and Flying handicaps.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1905, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Wanganui Cup, 2 sovs; Stewards' Handicap, 2 sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 2 sovs; Westmere Hurdle Race, 1 sov; Tayforth Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Petre Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Wairoa Hack Flat, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1905 (on or about).

REVISED WEIGHTS—If necessary, Wanganui Cup, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1905, at 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1905 (at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS—For Second Day's Handicaps. THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1905, at 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Autumn Handicap, 2 sovs; Fordell Hurdle Race, 1 sov; Okoia Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Harrison Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Wanganui Stakes, 3 sovs; Matarawa Hack Flat, 1 sov; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering Horses is particularly directed.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of rider and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performance of the horse.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity, otherwise a fine of 1 sov may be imposed.

Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

This notification does not apply to owners and trainers who have standing arrangements with the Executive.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the secretary one-half hour before the official time for starting the race.

Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20 sovs to the Race Fund.

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

Stakes are paid in full.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2 sovs.

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RETURN FARE, 2/- Admission to Course, One Shilling. First race to start at 1 p.m.

NOTE—Bookmakers' License, £2 2s. Horseowners may obtain passes from the Secretary on morning of Races.

J. KNOTT, Secretary.

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CAMBRIA PARK STUD.

THE BROOD MARES.

When at Cambria Park recently I enjoyed a very pleasant stroll around the property, and Mr Price very kindly supplied me with all particulars regarding the seventeen mares for sale after the yearlings on January 4 next, and I made the following notes, which may be useful to intending buyers:—

NERINGLA is nineteen years old and has missed to the horse for several years. She has this year been put to Eton, and with the aid of the Cerles impregnator is believed to have held. Being by Goldsbrough from Mabel, by imported Millionaire—Varroville she belongs to the No. 4 family, and a foal from her should be valuable.

OUR LADY is a dark brown or black mare by Simmer—Lady Agnes, by Neckersgat—Peradventure (imp.), by Adven-

dam of two useful performers in Lock and Cygnet. She comes of the same family as Guesswork, Sumise, Forbassi, Conclusion, etc., all winners. She has a fine colt by Eton at foot and has visited Eton again.

HESTIA (1888) is a rare stamp of brood mare; great length and plenty of bone added to a great pedigree should ensure the production of a great racehorse when mated with the horse that nicks with her blood. She has a well-grown and very handsome chestnut colt at foot by Cyrenian and has visited Soult. She is by Grandmaster from Wildfire (imp.), by Wild Oats (imp.) from Dynamite, by Musket—Mrs Waller, by King Tom.

EPINE (1892) has unfortunately lost her foal. She is the dam of a promising colt in Hiro and is a well-bred young mare, being closely related to Abercorn through both sire and dam and has been served by Eton.

MELODIA (1889), to use a much-heard phrase, is one of the gems of the New Zealand Stud Book. She is full

LADY AGNES (1886) is another rare bred one, being by Neckersgat (sire of Dunlop, etc.) from Peradventure (imp.), by Adventurer (sire of Pretender) from Manganese (1000 guineas), by Birdcatcher. She has a filly at foot by Eton and has visited him again.

WINDMILL (1886), by Goldsbrough—Merry-go Round, by Hamlet—Whirlpool (half-sister to that great mare Hurricane), has made her reputation by the performances of her daughter Air Motor, one of Australia's best performers; also her son Spalpeen, a great horse over hurdles. This mare missed to Eton last year and has this year been mated with Soult.

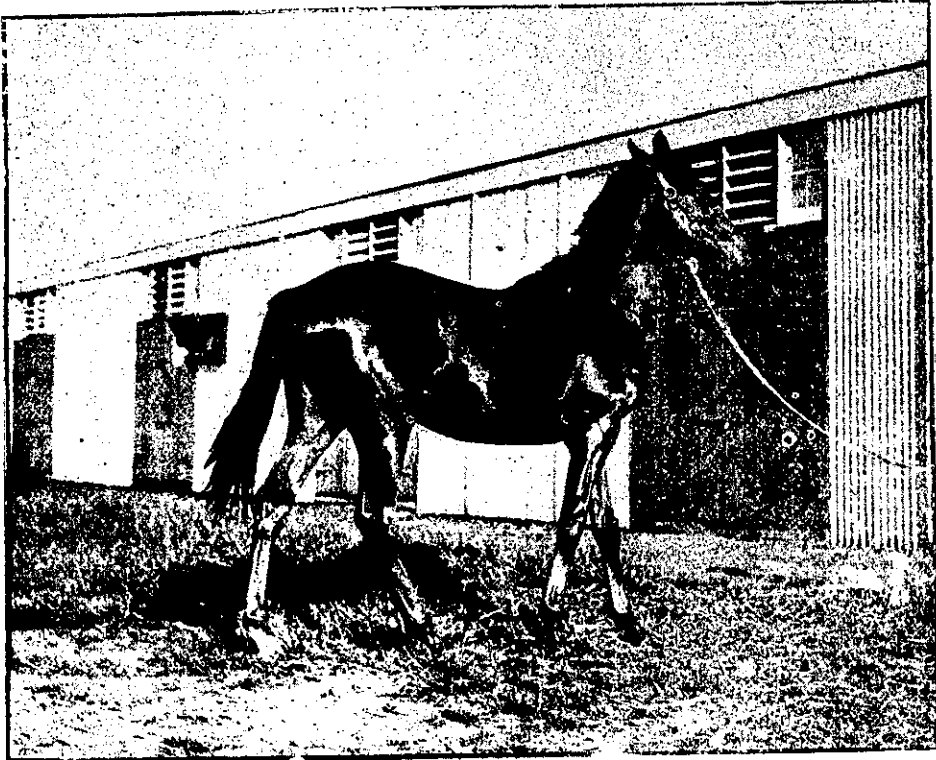
RATTIER (1898) a full sister to Seahorse, the best three-year-old of his year in New Zealand, a fine big mare with a nice colt foal by Cyrenian, and served by Soult. Being by Nelson out of the Goldsbrough mare Moenga she is a rare bred one and should receive attention next Wednesday.

SONGSTRESS I hear has died since my visit. She was an old mare and has produced many useful racehorses in Australia. Her daughter Canatatrice was sold last year at Messrs Nathan's sale for 300 guineas. Songstress left a filly foal by Cyrenian, which I presume will be sold.

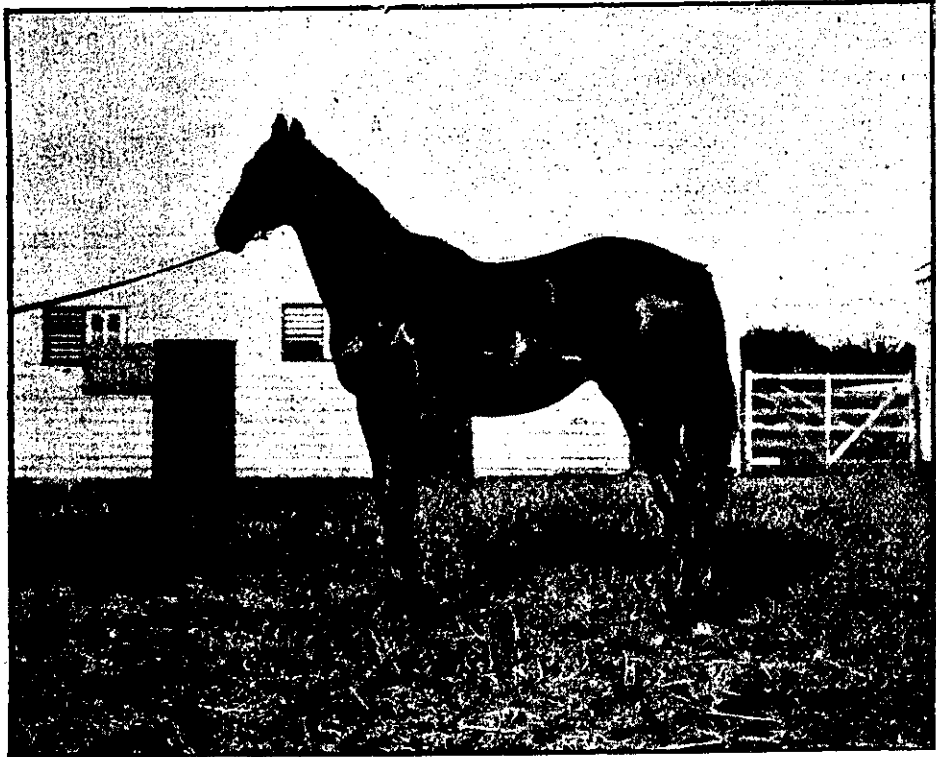
BOILY, the dam of Solo and the champion pony Sonica, is by Randwick from a Young Plover mare, and has served by Eton.

The mares all appear to be robust and healthy. Indeed, with numerous beautifully grassed paddocks and plenty of sheds and live shelter they could hardly fail to do justice to the care and attention they receive.

The stallion Eton, by Castor—Lady Walsley, by Musket—Mersey, was running in his paddock and was getting plenty of exercise by galloping about. He was hardly in show condition, but hard and healthy looking.



Bay colt, by Cyrenian—Miss Annie.



Brown colt, by Soult—Anna.

turer—Manganese, three years old and served by Eton. She is medium size and shows a lot of quality.

THE DRUDGE, a half-sister (by Nelson) to that great horse The Workman, is a lengthy chestnut and only six years old. She is served by Eton, and should be the dam of winners.

SAPPHO, by St. Leger—Brassolis, by Panic, is the dam of the speedy Australia. She is also closely related to La Gloria, Nonette, etc. She is a fine roomy mare and shows lots of quality; foaled 1893, served by Eton.

ETONA, by Castor—Lady Walsley (sister to Carbine), is a beautifully bred young mare, foaled 1898, and has a very fine colt foal at foot by imported Cyrenian and has been served by Soult.

GWENDOLINE (1897) is another very fine young mare and the dam of Gwendolyn, who is undoubtedly possessed of great pace. By Soult—The Shelah, a daughter of Eton Allanah, by Musket—Rosalie, Gwendoline has great blood for a brood mare and has visited Eton. She was not served last year.

IRMA (1889) by Neckersgat—Perhaus, by Gang Forward—Peradventure, is the

sister to that great horse Melos, also to Melodious, the dam of Wallace, etc. Melodia is the dam of Melodion, Savoury, Cymbal, etc., all winners; served by Eton. She is sure to command attention when led into the ring.

SILK (1888), by Grandmaster—Chrysope, by Rapid Pay—Chrysolite, by Stockwell, is a rare bred one. She has a filly by Eton and served again by him. This mare is the dam of Newry, Armagh, Little Mabel, Kilmarnock, and Kilderkin, all winners. She missed last year to Eton and has visited him again. Bred at the Yardley Stud, England, she is by Kilmartin from Union, by Sterling, and her pedigree is full of classic winners.

PIT-A-PAT (1890), by Robert—Footprint, by Robinson Crusoe—Balkis, by Chieftain, is a very handsome bay mare and is served by Eton.

KILMOREY (imp.), 1892, is one of the choice lots of the stud; a whole black showing great quality, and with a sweet temper, she would be desirable in any stud. She is the dam of Newry, Armagh, Little Mabel, Kilmarnock, and Kilderkin, all winners. She missed last year to Eton and has visited him again. Bred at the Yardley Stud, England, she is by Kilmartin from Union, by Sterling, and her pedigree is full of classic winners.

BOMBAY HANDICAP, one mile.			
Lady Desborough	7 13	Native Rose	7 4
Mauku	7 11		

WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.			
Jack Brown	11 7	Fox	8 10
Albuera	10 7	Sir Alberton	8 9
Lady Desborough	9 13	Tapu	8 8
Freemount	9 10	Silent	8 7

DRURY CUP, one mile and a-quarter.			
Jack Brown	9 8	Lady Desborough	7 8
Albuera	8 2	Native Rose	7 3
Mauku	7 10	Sir Alberton	6 9

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.			
Lady Desborough	8 8	Kyra	6 12
Mauku	8 8	Silent	6 10
Freemount	8 2	Lady Godiva	6 9

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—JANUARY 2.

MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP; five furlongs and a-half.			
Florio	8 7	Mataika	7 0
Gwendoline	7 7	Parekareka	7 0
Lady Gold	7 7	Undermine	1 a 2
Outer	7 7	Secret Service	7 0
gold by The Officer	7 7	Tonderghie	7 0
—Eton mare	7 7	Tibi	7 0
Forest Vale	7 0	Cadean	7 0

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP; six furlongs.			
Royal Fusilier	7 10	Perdita	6 7
Catspaw	7 7	Whakawhi	6 7
Tattle	6 7		

WELTER HACK HANDICAP; one mile.			
Admiral Cervacas	9 13	Barca	8 0
Pushful	9 7	No Shot	8 0
Polyanthus	8 10	Waimata	8 0
Firstfoot	8 5	Haukavia	8 0

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.			
Hinetaura	9 2	Mystification	6 7
Madrigal	7 10	Benair	6 7
Tyrone	6 12		

TWO-YEAR OLD HANDICAP; four furlongs.			
Martyr King	8 0	Oreotta	6 7
Waiunehu	7 0	Loiret	6 7
Contender	6 7	Merry Wing	6 7
Buramba	6 7	Moral	6 7
Scotch Reel	6 7	Merry Tiger	6 7

FLYING HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs.			
Sir Percival	7 18	Linklock	6 7
Horatio	7 11	Parekareka	6 7
Coxswain	7 5	Water-o'-Milk	6 7
Gauze	7 0		

NEW YEAR HANDICAP; seven furlongs.			
Gold Dust	8 6	Mystification	7 0
Ngatara	7 7	Tattle	6 7
Rose Medder	7 2	Whakawhi	6 7
Repuise	7 0		

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY—JANUARY 2.

GREAT NORTHERN DEBY OF 750 SOVS; one mile and a-half.	
Sir George Clifford's ch c Signalman, by Clanranald—Weathereye	
Mr H. Leek's b c, by Cyrenian—Hinemoa	
Mr F. Macnaman's ch c Dunmore, by Hotchkiss—Doonan	
Messrs Sariel and White's br c, by Explosion—Sybil	
Messrs Jackson and A. J. Simmellag's ch c Gladstone, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Gladys	
Mr G. G. Stead's ch f Nightfall, by Multiform—La Notte	
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Savoury, by Simmer—Melodia	
Mr J. Thistram'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 Gwendolyn, 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—Weathereye	
Mr H. Friedlander's b f Czarewna, 2yrs, by Stepniak—Britomart	
Mr J. A. Harding's b f, 2yrs, by Phoebus 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, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—Crescent	
Mr E. Morgan's Hiro, 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 Sariel 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 Rubin, 2yrs, by Stepniak—Madder	
Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sengod, 2yrs, by Multiform—Otterden	
Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Noctiform, 2yrs, by Multiform—La Notte	
Mr G. G. Stead's br c Delaware, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Stepfeldt	
Mr J. Thistram'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 Filly, 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.			
Up-to-Date	11 3	Bellman	10 0
Princess of Thule	10 9	Fox	9 12
Dingo	10 5	loch Lomond	9 7
Catherine Gordon	10 0	Hinau	9 7

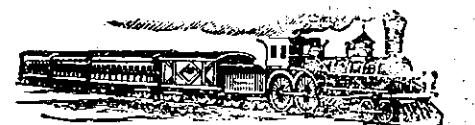
DRURY RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

DECEMBER 30.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.			
Jack Brown	10 12	Murawai	9 13
Native Rose	10 9	Fox	9 0
Perceverance	10 4	Tapu	9 0

PONY RACE, six furlongs.			
Lady Desborough	8 12	Lady Godfrey	6 13
Grizette	7 9	Lady Godiva	6 13
Kyra	7 3	Floretta	6 11
Silent	7 1	Mangakawa	6 7
Katermayro	7 1		

MAIDEN HANDICAP, seven furlongs.			
H-triopi	7 6	Lady Godfrey	6 12
Silent	7 0	Floretta	6 10
Katermayro	7 0	Mangakawa	6 8



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1905.

A train will leave Auckland for Waitakerei at 8 50 a.m. returning leaving Waitakerei at 5 20 p.m., Henderson on 5 55 p.m., arriving Auckland 7 0 p.m.

The usual 3 20 p.m. Auckland Train will not leave Helierville till 5 0 p.m. Henderson 6 32 p.m., arriving Auckland 7 40 p.m.

The usual 4 15 p.m. train from Auckland to Frankton will run through to Cambridge.

The usual cattle trains between Auckland and Frankton will not run.

RACES AT ELLERSLIE 2ND AND 3RD JANUARY, 1905.

The following trains will not run:—

The 10 55 a.m. train Auckland to Helierville, the 12 30 p.m. train Helierville to Auckland, the 6 10 p.m. train Auckland to Henderson, the 5 10 a.m. train Mercer to Frankton, the 8 30 a.m. train Mercer to Auckland, the 12 45 p.m. train Auckland to Mercer, the 5 0 p.m. train Auckland to Penrose, the 6 20 p.m. train Auckland to Otahuhu and Onehunga.

A train will leave Kaukapakapa for Auckland at 7 0 a.m.

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

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

A train will leave Otahuhu for Ellerslie Racecourse at 11 30 a.m.

Trains will leave Auckland for Otahuhu at 8 0 p.m. and 11 0 p.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Onehunga at 11 15 p.m.

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

Trains will run from Auckland to Racecourse and Ellerslie every few minutes from 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 on 2nd and 3rd January, Auckland or Newmarket to Racecourse and return (including admission to course) .. 2/-

TUESDAY, 3RD JANUARY.

The usual 12 50 p.m. train Henderson to Auckland will not run. A train will leave Henderson for Newmarket at 10 15 a.m.

All goods and live stock traffic will be suspended on 2nd and 3rd January.

For full particulars of train arrangements and excursion fares see Posters. **BY ORDER**

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

HAWKE'S BAY RACES—2ND AND 3RD JANUARY, 1905.

Trains will leave Napier for Racecourse at 11 0, 11 30 a.m., 12 15 and 1 30 p.m. (the 1 30 p.m. on 2nd only); return trains leaving the Racecourse at 4 55, 5 30 and 5 45 p.m. **BY ORDER.**

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

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

Auckland Racing Club Handicap, of 750 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Gladstone, Newtown, Lady Hune, Cruciform, Martian, Grand Rapids, Nightfall, King Paul, Geordie, Heroism, Miss Lottie, Putty, Idas, General Average, Marshal Sout, Seceret Society, Strathavon, Akarana, Mahutonga, Quarryman, Tomorrow, Chryseis, Buluwayo, Ailsa, Crichton, Cavatina, Sir Percivale, The Stake, Madrigal, Starshoot, Float, Melodeon, Soluton, Achilles, Ghoorka, Wairiki, Delania, Dunmore, Monoforn, Scotty, Muskardale, Submarine, Loch Erne, Lovelink, Idasa, Romeo.

Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs, seven furlongs.—The Middy, Austerlitz, Powman, Waipuna, Swagsman, Waikato, Marshal Sout, Corporal, General Average, Loch Erne, Starshoot, Kremlin, Crichton, Ailsa, Golden Vein, Lady Annie, Paratutu, Vivandel, Avalanche, Beau Seaton, Pearl Necklet, Lady Hune, Soultfish, Numa, Delania, Mechanic, Putty, Geologist, Calle Iris.

New Year's Hurdles of 200 sovs, two miles.—Spalpeen, Up-to-Date, Dolores, St. Rowan, Catherine Gordon, Princess of Thule, Pellman, Glasgow, Irish, Hinau, Ranana, Wellcast, Andy Regan, Wairaka, Lingard.

Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs, five furlongs.—Carl Rosa, Delaware, Sungod, Master Delaval, Kilderkin, Apologue, Merry Delaval, Devonport, Boomerang, Czarevna, Multifid, Hiro, Horsa, Dardanus, Annette, Hauraki, Piata, Foremost, Luresome, Sans Souci.

County Handicap of 200 sovs, six furlongs.—Alba Rose, La Cigale, Rubia, Savoury, Gweniad, Muthema, Rambler, Black and Gold, Lady Rose, Waikato, Corporal, General Average, Boris, Beau Seaton, Kremlin, Crichton, Ailsa, Tomorrow, Lady Bobs, Jewellery, Strathavon, Vivandel, Ben Blair, Lilymea, Lovelink, Pearl Necklet, Desdemona, Lycia, Hohoro, Taihora, Numa, Lunetta.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs, six furlongs.—Sally Horner, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Sentinel, Reduction, Lady Lott, Forth, Opotiki, Girton Girl, Fashionable, Lucrece, Solitary, Inspiration, Sonoma, Whawhai, Wheturere.

Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Seatonia, The Middy, Notorini, Mauku, Woodfield, Sir Alberton, Minna, Seabird, Bellman, King Paul, Irish, Simple Simon, Needlework (late Escape), Dunmore, Laodice, Jean, Little Mabel, Elspeth, St. Harp, Bully, Cuiragno.

Goodwood Handicap of 100 sovs, one mile.—The Middy, Muthema, Bowman, Waipuna, Swagsman, Woodfield, Corporal, Loch Erne, Beau Seaton, Crichton, Signalman, Miss Lottie, Idasa, Paratutu, Fashionable, King Paul, Avalanche, Lady Hune, Soultfish, Numa, Dunmore, Lycia, Delania, Bonomiana, The Needle, St. Harp, Putty, Geologist.

Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs, six furlongs.—Carl Rosa, Delaware, Master Delaval, Kilderkin, Apologue, Devonport, Boomerang, Czarevna, Multifid, Hiro, Annette, Piata, Foremost.

Grandstand Handicap of 400 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Savoury, Bowman,

Mahutonga, Waikato, Marshal Sout, Geordie, Ghoorka, Starshoot, Melodeon, Ailsa, Quarryman, Golden Vein, Heroism, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Paratutu, Strathavon, Numa, Idas, Scotty, Delania, Gladstone, Putty, Romco.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs, six furlongs.—La Cigale, Rubia, Savoury, The Middy, Gweniad, Muthema, Austerlitz, Black and Gold, Lady Rose, Waikato, Geordie, Corporal, General Average, Boris, Beau Seaton, Kremlin, Crichton, Ailsa, Quarryman, Tomorrow, Golden Vein, Minna, Jewellery, Lady Annie, Strathavon, Pearl Necklet, Numa, Desdemona, Mechanic, Hohoro, Lilymea, Alba Rose.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Nightfall, Savoury, Mahutonga, Quarryman, Gladstone, Romeo.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs, five furlongs.—Sally Horner, Manoeuvre, Little Mabel, Orange and Blue, Sentinel, Reduction, Lady French (late Eureka), Stockbridge, Forth, Opotiki, Girton Girl, Lucrece, Legerite (late San Toy), Solitary, Marisa, Inspiration, Sonoma, Whawhai, Wheturere, Rapid.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 21 AND 22.

WELLINGTON CUP of 600 sovs; one mile and a-half.—Bowman, Soluton, Mahutonga, Cruciform, Uranus, Martian, Red Gauntlet, Joe Chamberlain, Melodeon, Starshoot, Flamen, Float, Convoy, Cannie Chiel, Quarryman, Lass o' Gowrie, Buluwayo, Jeanne d'Arc, Armistice, Romeo, Madrigal, Waitavere, Achilles, Ghoorka, Ropa, Regulation, Nightfall, Sea Lion, Good Intent, Terelet.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 400 sovs; one mile and a-quarter.—Kudu, Soluton, Mahutonga, Uranus, Cruciform, Martian, Red Gauntlet, Joe Chamberlain, Melodeon, Starshoot, Float, Flamen, Convoy, Cannie Chiel, Quarryman, Golden Vein, Ailsa, Buluwayo, Jeanne d'Arc, Armistice, Romeo, Lass o' Gowrie, Rupa, Madrigal, Waitavere, Achilles, Ghoorka, The Stake, Regulation, Sea Lion, Good Intent, Terelet, Aberration.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 28TH, 30TH, AND FEBRUARY 4TH.

TAKAPUNA CUP, one mile and a-half.—Scotty, Akarana, Waikato, Lycia, Putty, Geordie, King Paul, Paratutu, Zuluika, Idas, Strathavon, St. Harp, Romola, Gladstone, Inglewood.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Akarana, The Middy, Scotty, Sir Gilead, Waikato, Lycia, Putty, Geordie, St. Harp, King Paul, Mechanic, Avalanche, Idas, Paratutu, Zuluika, Hantapu, Romola, Gladstone, Strathavon, Inglewood.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPCHASE, about three miles and a half.—Dingo, Up-to-Date, Loch Lomond, Wellesst, Irish, Hinau, Swimmer, Saturn, Nor-west, Princess of Thule, Kurani, Wairaka, Hylas, Resolution, Mangamahaki, Inglewood, Puffing Billy.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SUMMER HANDICAP; one round.—Mystification, Ngatarua, Madri al, Hinotaura, Float, The Stake, Rerules, Tyrone, Gld Dust, Fakel, Tutungarehu, Benair.

TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

The following are the nominations:—

Trial Trot Handicap of 30 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Ayrshire Lad, Mangere, Lincoln Yet, Agnes B, Bell Car, Miss Vola, Tataraina a, Kidney 1st, 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.

New Year Handicap of 75 sovs, six furlongs and a-half.—Amroyd, 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.

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, Albertorius.

Park Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Paul, Little Ben, Kiteonetea, Victor C, The Autocrat, Snip, Miss Dunmore, Juliette, General Election, Macquarrie, Melba, Legbreak, Cornwall, Carbolie, 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.

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.

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

From all accounts there are several very fast two-year-olds in training this season (writes "The Possible" in the "Canterbury Times"). Already we have seen two first-class juveniles in Lord Elmo and Sal Tasker, and I hear that there are quite a number of champions still to make their first appearance. A prominent trainer informed me a few days ago that he knew of three that might be expected to get to the neighbourhood of 2min 30sec before the close of the season.

A meeting of the Trotting Horse Breeders' Owners' and Trainers' Association was held at the Cafe de Paris on Thursday night (says the "Canterbury Times"). Mr L. Wilson presided, and there was an attendance of about twenty persons interested in the movement. Mr L. Wilson was elected president, Mr C. L. Russell secretary, and

Mr F. Freeman treasurer. The acting committee, appointed at an earlier meeting, was empowered to draw up rules for submission at the meeting to be held next month. Considerable interest is being taken in trotting circles in this Association. The originators of the body state that they do not wish to act in any spirit of antagonism towards the clubs, their sole object being to assist in improving the sport by acting in harmony with the authorities.

At Memphis, Tenn., on November 11, Lou Dillon smashed the world's unpaced mile trotting record at the Driving Park by completing a mile in 2:01. The former unpaced record, 2:01, was held jointly by Lou Dillon and Major Delmar. Lou Dillon was driven by Millard Sanders, her trainer, and was accompanied by a runner at the side (says the "Breeder and Sportsman"). The weather conditions were not the best, the day being cold and disagreeable. After scoring twice, the word was given the little mare stepped the first quarter in 30 seconds flat. When straightened down the back stretch Sanders called on her for a faster effort, and the half-mile post was passed in 59. The runner challenged the mare in turn for home, and she passed the threequarters post in 1:30. When well lengthened out for the flight to the wire, Lou Dillon slightly faltered, but passed the judge's stand in 2:01. Both horse and driver, upon their return to the stand, recived the plaudits of those present.

According to the "Sporting and Dramatic News," it is rather remarkable that although trotting is at a very low ebb in Victoria, Melbourne is still considered the best market for high-class trotters, as higher prices are realised here than would obtain in any other part of Australasia. Last week Mr J. Pettie, of New Zealand, sold privately to Mr J. B. Zander, the owner of Emulacor, the two American mares Lottie Derby and Ruby Wilkes, at a reported price of £525. Mr Zander also has sold a three-year-old colt by Emulator for £150 to a Sydney sportsman.

A GRAND FREE BOOK.

Upon page 165 of the Specialists famous medical work, "Clinical Experiences," chapter 10, is a full review of "Diseases of the Kidney," and it will be found of considerable value to persons interested in treatment and cure of this disease. The chapter is illustrated in order to more fully explain the conditions of each disease.

This great work, which is compiled by the Specialists of the Freeman and Wallace Institute, Sydney, and is supervised in all detail by Dr. Wallace, consists of 570 pages, which contain 31 chapters on various diseases and many medical articles written upon snakebite and its cure, insomnia, Epilepsy, saving apparently drowned, sick room management, dyspepsia, rheumatic gout, rupture, household prescriptions, etc. A medical vocabulary of 1000 terms and 50 valuable prescriptions for home use completes a magnificent standard work, which for a short period only will be given away to country applicants for 14 days only free. Send in your orders at once. This book is given away in the interests of humanity. Only one edition is to be sent free. Read it and then lend it to your friends.



AT WELLINGTON PARK. THE YEARLING FILLIES.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

The Waiheke Regatta will take place at Cowes' Bay next Monday, and will be held under the auspices of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron.

The Huntly Maori Regatta takes place on January 30, and present indications give promise of it proving a big success.

The headquarters of the Waitemata Boating Club is now near the Wynyard pier on the King's Drive.

Nearly every yacht belonging to Auckland's big fleet has been away from moorings during the holidays, and the harbour has worn quite a deserted look. All the favourite spots at the Barrier, Waiheke, Mahurangi, Kawau, Waiwera, and elsewhere have received visits from yachtsmen, who one and all report having had a good time. Several of the yachts will be absent till after the New Year holidays, but the majority made port on Tuesday evening.

The rowing races postponed from Ponsonby Regatta were rowed last week. The heavy-weight maidens was won by Waitemata very easily. The light-weight maidens resulted in a dead-heat between St. George's and Auckland, and was rowed off again, the result being a win for Auckland by a-quarter of a length. The heavy-weight juniors was a race between Waitemata and two crews from West End, Waitemata winning comfortably.

The Auckland Swimming Club's carnival is to be held on Saturday, January 7, in the Auckland Graving Dock.

BOWLING.

(By the "Skip.")

The Auckland Bowling Association's Tournament will take place this year on January 28, 30 and February 4. The matches will be the permanent, shield, subscription, pairs, singles, and first year's players' competition. Entries close at 8.30 p.m. on January 21, with Mr G. B. Osmond at the Amateur Sports Club.

Entries for the Te Aroha Tournament close on Saturday with Mr A. F. Burton. Mr Carlaw, the Auckland Bowling Club's treasurer, will take entries up till noon to-morrow.

Mr Stephen Fortescue, the hon. treasurer of the English Bowling Association, has played a number of matches on the greens in Auckland, chiefly at the Grafton green. He went to Hamilton on Saturday to visit his son, and afterwards goes South. Mr Fortescue was very cordially welcomed by local bowlers, an especial feature being a bowling "At Home" given in his honour by Mr Kirker on his private green, and at which the presidents of the various clubs were all present. In a friendly trial of skill Mr Kirker and Mr Laxon defeated Mr Fortescue and Mr Ledingham by 22 points to 20.

J. Anderson, A. Nixon, C. G. Laurie, and J. S. Kilgour (skip) will be the Carlton Club's team at the N.B.A. Tournament at Gisborne.

The Auckland Bowling Club are the holders of the First Year's Players' Challenge Shield, which was presented for competition by the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The senior club will, however, have a fearfully weak team this season to defend the trophy, and it looks a good hundred to one on chance that the handsome shield will have to leave the Grafton pavilion.

In addition to the coconut matting rink game which Dr. W. G. Grace is introducing at the Crystal Palace, another form of winter bowling is finding new favour in London—the playing of straight, rather small, woods over a narrow rink of a kind of druggist. So far its devotees here are mostly confined to the Scottish element come south.

According to the "Australasian's" London correspondent, Mr W. L. Murdoch, Mr J. Horsburgh, a past president of the New Zealand Bowling Association, Mr J. R. McCallum, formerly a bowler in Victoria and New Zealand, and Mr S. Newcombe, a veteran who played for many years over the greens of the colony

named, are being corresponded with by a provisional committee with a view to the formation of a team, as large as possible, of colonials residing in England, to represent Australasia in an annual contest. Should there be a Commonwealth or New Zealand combination touring the Mother Country, the visitors would, of course, be given place to. Mr Newcombe, to whom allusion was made, though past the eighties, displays the keenest interest in the pastime, and since his return from New Zealand has been greatly instrumental in founding the fine Muswell Hill Bowling Club ground, the total outlay on which exceeded £1500.

Easton has beaten Myers in the Auckland Club's championship by two games to one, while Woodhead proved too good for Minnie in the same competition.

A very close game for the Gold Buckles took place on Saturday on the Auckland green. Dingle's team had challenged Buttle's and apparently had the game won, but Buttle with his last bowl ran through the shot bowl and snatched a victory at the very eleventh hour by 21 to 19.

In the semi-finals for the Remuera championship Hegman beat Sanderson by 32 to 28, and the Rev. Monro beat Laxon by 38 to 15.

There was plenty of bowling done on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday on the various grounds, a great many matches being played off, but want of space forbids a description.

CRICKET.

The Auckland Cricket Association Cup competition was continued on Saturday under very pleasant conditions, the weather being fine and the wicket in good order.

Grafton scored a very easy win over Ponsonby with 184 and 130 for two wickets to 85. S. Jones (57) and Lawry (55) played nicely for the winners, while Braithwaite (21) was the only one to show confidence among the losing team.

City, with five wickets down for 76, continued batting. Cossey, one of the not-out men, had only added one run when he was dismissed. Hemus was batting in fine style, but as none of the others could stand up against Parnell's bowling, City could only reach the total of 141. Hemus (65, not out) played beautiful cricket. He scored freely all round the wicket, never making a mistake. In Parnell's second innings, Murray (85) batted vigorously, and Sale (37) played in his usually careful style. Parnell's total reached 175, and they won by 70 runs on the first innings.

ATHLETICS.

The sports meeting to be held by the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club, at which Shrubbs, Morton, and Duffy are to appear, will take place on the Domain on April 1. This will, of course, take the place of the March carnival. It is somewhat unfortunate that the date fixed upon will clash with the autumn meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, which fixture will keep away many who would otherwise have attended to see the visiting champions perform.

A sports meeting will take place at Wairoa South on Saturday, for which very good entries have been received.

Numerous and brilliant as Alfred Shrubbs' pedestrian performance have been during the last two or three years, his doings on Saturday last fairly capped them all (writes the "Australasian's" English correspondent). With a view of giving him an opportunity of cutting the ten-mile record, the West of Scotland Harriers fixed up a handicap race at that distance, and, notwithstanding that wind and rain prevailed during the great part of his journey, the brave South London harrier not only did all that was expected of him, but also went on for the hour record, and succeeded in smashing many notable figures, both professional and amateur. Covering his first mile in 4min 41.5-sec, Shrubbs settled down into a nearly uniform gait of 5min to a mile, and at six miles (29min 59.2-sec) he was within all amateur records, while at eight miles he was

inside professional figures also. Ten miles was covered in 50 min 2.5 sec (as against W. G. George's 52min 38.2-5sec); eleven miles in 56min 23.3-5 sec; eleven and a-half miles in 59min 10.4-5sec, while in the full hour Shrubbs covered 11 miles 1137 yards, which is only 149 yards short of Harry Watkins's professional paced record of 11 miles 1286 yards. All amateur records for the hour were swept away, the previous bests being W. G. George's 11 miles 932½ yards, and Sid. Thomas' 11 miles 840 yards.

LINE & TRIGGER.

A prominent English angler has taken the records of the recent Crystal Palace casting tournament and worked out three classifications as follows: by competitors, by weight and by distance cast. These give the names of the competitors, the weight and length of the rod, the distance cast and its number of times the length of the rod; in other words, one competitor who used a 4½-ounce fly-rod 9 feet in length, cast 72 feet, or 8 times the length of his rod, while another one, using a rod 18 feet long and weighing 42 ounces, cast a salmon fly 87 feet or 4.5-6th times the length of his rod. "The deduction I draw," said this gentleman, "put concisely, are, that the average man cannot get out of any fly-rod a cast of 10 times its length, and as his rod gets longer and heavier unless he be a very strong man indeed, the number of times his rod length that he can cast declines rapidly, and the higher his rod for its length the slower the decline takes place."

The wild dog of Central Africa, an explorer writes, is common enough. He is an ugly looking beast, with a pig body, coarse hair, short head and large upright ears. These wild dogs play fearful havoc with game, occasionally clearing out whole districts precisely in the same manner as the red hound of India, before which even the tiger is said to retreat. They have a wonderful power of scent, wonderful boldness, endurance, and pertinacity, and their loose easy gallop covers the ground far more quickly than it appears to do. They usually hunt in considerable packs, although they are sometimes met in threes and fours. We have never heard of wild dogs actually attacking a man, but they often behave as if on the point of doing so, and unarmed travellers have been literally tread by them before now.

Australian Topics

(By "Atlas.")

Hackenschmidt continues to appear at the Tivoli, and his performances cause much interest here, the great wrestler having become a pronounced favourite. We had some Japanese wrestlers here with Fitzgerald's Circus a few weeks ago. What a draw a bout between these Japs and the great Russian bear would have been! Gus Rennert, the German, was downed by Hackenschmidt the other night, and has since "squeaked" that the Russian got an unfair grip on, but Hackenschmidt indignantly denies the soft impeachment, and offered to give Rennert another try in Graeco-Roman style, but Rennert failed to respond. Hackenschmidt has now expressed his willingness to meet Rennert in the catch-as-catch-can style which he favours.

The East Sydney Swimming Club's Carnival on Saturday was a marked success. Miss Dorothy Hill attempted to lower the world's record of 1min 19.2-5sec, but failed by several seconds. Cecil Healy attempted to lower Dick Cavill's world record for 100yds (58 seconds), but failed. In his first effort his record was 58.1-5sec, and in his final effort 58.4-5sec. B. B. Keran won the half-mile championship of New South Wales in splendid style, he being a lap and a half in front of the second man at the finish. His time was 11min 40sec. The world's record accomplished in the Australasian Championship last year is 11min 29.4-5sec.

The British Football Association have determined to invite a New Zealand team to visit Australia in the season 1905. A visit of an English team to Australia and New Zealand is also spoken of.

There was a very big crowd at the Gaiety on Saturday night to witness the boxing match for the Light-Weight Championship Cocker Tweedie and Monty Andrews. All went well with the clever Tweedie until the third round, when Andrews took a decided lead, and from this out he tarded at will, and although Tweedie was game, and wanted to continue, the referee stopped the fight, proclaiming Andrews the winner. The Rocks lad (Tweedie) is very, like his predecessor, the wonderful Griffio, but his day is done.

The Austral Wheel Carnival was brought to a close on Saturday night, when there was a tremendous attendance. The Carnival right through has been a great success, the scratch events

producing the best contests. The three mile scratch race, the Burston Plate, caused a great race between G. Farley and W. Rutt, the former winning by a few inches only. The heats in the semi-final round of the Austral Wheel Race resulted as follows:—W. Houston 160-yds, 1, E. Payne 2, D. Sheehan 120yds, 3, W. Ringwood 210yds 4; second heat: S. Whitson 140yds, 1, A. Tame 150yds, 2, J. McGibbon 270yds, 3, J. Brooker 250yds, 4; third heat: A. Clarke 150-yds, 1, H. Thomas 130yds, 2, C. Glen-cross 210yds, 3, C. Best 200yds, 4. All these placed men started in the Final. Clarke held a good position all the time, and in the early part of the race was paced by Best. Thomas made a game effort in the last lap, but Clarke had the race in hand, and won by three machine lengths. Thomas was second, Tame third and Houston fourth.

Cricketers are now in the throes of the Inter-State contests, which are arousing more public interest than usual because of the fact that the selection of the Australian Eleven will be very much effected by the individual form shown. Victoria, so far, has done well this season. They commenced by defeating South Australia, and now they have administered a very decided drubbing to Queensland, winning by an innings and 181 runs. The match was started on Friday last, when Queensland in their first innings made 280 than's chiefly to a very fine innings by Merton, a new player from Rockhampton, who put together 135 not out. The innings was not faultless, still it was a great performance. The Victorians then went in and put together the fine score of 573, but of that number no less than 450 runs were contributed by three men, Laver 98, Armstrong 200, and Ransford 152. The first two named were members of the last Australian Eleven, and the colt Ransford is making a bold bid for inclusion in the next. In his first Inter-State match against South Australia he made 80 not out, so that 232 for once out is not a bad start. Queensland in their second innings were quickly disposed of by Col-

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lins and Saunders for 112. Morton on this occasion was clean bowled by Saunders for 4.

On Saturday New South Wales started a match against South Australia at Adelaide, and secured a victory by a innings and 120 runs. The Welshmen made 465, but more than half the score was made by two men, E. F. Waddy 129 not out, and W. P. Howell 128. This is Waddy's first appearance in Inter-State cricket, and as he is wicket-keeper as well as a batsman, he will probably be included in the next Australian Eleven as second wicket-keeper. South Australia in their first innings could only make 177, the last Australian Eleven Captain being top-scorer with 67. Noble was the most successful bowler, and Cotter again failed. I cannot see what claim this player has for selection in the next Australian Eleven, but some people clamour about him simply because he can bowl fast. In their second innings S.A. were all out for 168, the chief contributors being Gehrs, Hill, and Reedman, with 37 each.

The Motorist.

(By "Petrol.")

Motorists had a highly enjoyable time of it during the holidays, for everything was in their favour. The absence of wind is always welcome, and nothing could have been more perfect than the weather conditions. Under the circumstances quite a number went far afield, and many interesting runs were accomplished.

The Cadillac touring car had its performance specially recognised by the Blackpool race meeting authorities. It was awarded the silver medal in the £250 class, both for the standing mile and for the flying kilometre, and therefore, instead of giving two silver medals, the promoters presented a solid silver cup for its meritorious performance in beating twenty cars of from 10 to 20-h.p.—(Extract from "Autocar," November 5, 1904.)

A motor car is a thing of price, and for that reason alone judgment should be exercised in its selection. Personal tastes and prejudices must enter largely into a matter of this nature, but there are certain plain considerations which must influence every careful buyer in his choice, even if he be the inexperienced of laymen. The use to which the vehicle will be put is of the greatest importance. It should be decided in advance by the buyer whether the car is to be used for touring or for town purposes. The nature of the country in which the car will have to work must be taken into full consideration. If the country is hilly, hill-climbing power becomes an essential for satisfactory performance. Some cars are so geared that while their speed on the level is very good, they are slow on the hills by reason of being geared too high. It is best to buy from the largest makers since they have a reputation to lose, and may be depended on to take care of it. The buyer should closely investigate the previous records of the cars selling in his market, and as far as possible form his own opinion on them.



Mr J. Chambers' 12 h.p. De Dion at Masterton, on his record trip to Wellington.

The raising of the Worlds' Motor Cycling hour record was accomplished on October 28 at the Canning Town track (England) when G. A. Barnes, the holder of the record (48 miles 1395 yards) increased his own figures to 49 miles 800 yds. The same rider also put up the fine distance of 50 miles in 1hr 42 2-5th sec, a world's record. Another broken record is that of the hundred miles motor cycle, which has been reduced to 2hr 21min 45sec by H. Martin, on the same track.

Great silver plaquettes have been presented by Mr Gordon-Bennett, donor of the gold cup competed for annually in the big motor race which bears his name, to those clubs that have held the coveted cup. These plaquettes are given as a permanent reward, and will be held in high appreciation by the clubs concerned. Each club may obtain only one of these trophies, hence but three have been secured, which are now in the possession of the French, English, and German automobile clubs. A feature of the plaquettes is that they will bear a reproduction in silver of the cup, together with a suitable inscription concerning the date, locality, and time of the race it memorialises.

An English motorist, G. A. Barnes by name, has raised the mileage for the hour for a motor cycle, the distance being 49 miles, 800 yards. This is 1165 yards better than the previous record, which was also held by the same driver. He continued and annexed the record for fifty miles, which he covered in 60min 42 2-5sec, or 1min 6 2-5sec better than that of Newman's, the previous holder. The locale of this successful attempt was the

Canning Town track, England, while Bruni's cycle record was accomplished on the Prince Park track, Paris.

A notable ride was recently accomplished by two gentlemen, each in an Oldsmobile car, when they traversed upwards of three thousand miles in thirty days over a route in the United Kingdom. A noteworthy feature of the tour was that they finished on the same sets of tyres on which they started, although the roads were not by any means of the best.

A new combined friction clutch and two-speed gear for motor cycles and tri-cars has been put on the English market. The toothed clutch is substituted for one of the friction variety, the gear being always in mesh. The wear is centred on the coned surfaces of the clutch, and replacement of the leather face can be made for a few shillings. The drive is correct on the high gear, the second gear being 50 per cent. lower, with a free wheel between the gears. The whole is said to be simple, efficient, and will not easily get out of order.

The Melbourne writer "Auto" very rightly points out that if there is one feature of driving a car which indicates more than any other the care and skill of the driver, it is that of driving round street corners and sharp turns of road. The careful driver will always slow down, either by taking out the clutch, applying the foot brake, and putting in a lower gear. To try to round a corner at speed may bring disaster by upsetting the car. There is only one system of driving by which turns can be safely negotiated at good speeds, and highly skilful steering is necessary to make a success of it. It consists of making two turns inside a half-circle. When approaching the corner the car is steered wide,

and headed across the corner, then turned again, the second turn bringing the car straight up the road. But all rational motorists will slow down for corners, and keep speed performances for the straight stretches of the road, where they can see what is in front of them.

The famous Gaillon Hill climb marks the close of the season on the Continent, and some sensational performances are always expected. The wonderful performances of the cars engaged demonstrate in a striking manner the marvellous advance made in automobile construction during recent years, and even since last year. The distance is one kilometre (2-3rd mile), and the gradient is one in nine—steep enough to test hill-climbing power of a car pretty thoroughly. Yet Rigolly on a 100 h.p. Gobson-Billie, and Baras, on a 100 h.p. Darracq, both travelled up the hill at a speed of 77 miles an hour, improving on the 1903 times by nearly 11 miles per hour—a prodigious advance in speed, considering the point to which automobiles have been brought last year. An English car—the six-cylinder 100 h.p. Napier—just missing tying the new record by doing over 76 miles per hour. Previous records also fell in other classes. Hemery, in a light 40 h.p. Darracq, hauled down Hauriot's previous record on a Bayard car by no less than 2 2-5th sec, showing an increase of speed of nearly 10 miles per hour. A very fine performance was Lanfranchi's time on a two-cylinder Peugeot motor cycle, weighing nearly 110lb, for he made a speed of 75 1/2 miles per hour, only one and a-half miles an hour less than the racing monster cars. His time showed an increased speed of no less than 21 miles per hour. The Voiturette Class was won by the consistent Darracq vehicle, with a speed of 56 miles an hour, and thus this make of car won all the three events—a significant performance.

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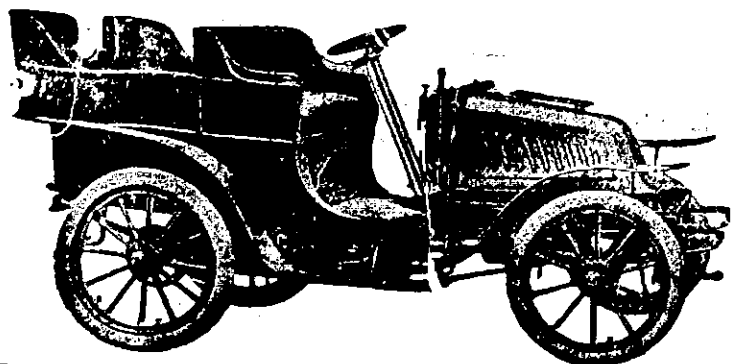


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CRICKET.

Canterbury defeated Wellington very easily at Christchurch during the week. The home team made 307 and 258 for six wickets, the innings being then declared closed. Wellington's response was 221 and 143, thus losing the match by 201 runs.

Otago beat Southland rather easily by eight wickets in a match played during the holidays at Invercargill.

The junior interprovincial cricket match, Nelson v. Marlborough, was won by the Nelson team, who made 62 in the first and 70 in the second innings. Marlborough made 41 and 23.

Mr J. C. Davies, the well-known Sydney writer who contributes to the columns of the "Referee" under the nom de plume of "Not-Out," was married last week. Congratulations.

The Melbourne Grammar School team, which was defeated in the annual match against the Sydney Grammar School, put up a fine performance in the final of the Public Schools Premiership Competition against Wesley College. Having dismissed their opponents for 99, the Melbourne players knocked up 518, C. W. Miller carrying his bat right through the innings for 231. Miller was batting 8 hours 40 minutes, and hit 24 fours. He only made one mistake—a possible chance of stumping at 20. With Lewers, who made 119, he added 279 for the fifth wicket, which is a record for school cricket in Victoria.

The inter-State Grammar Schools' annual match, which took place on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday and Tuesday, was not favoured by the elements, Sunday's rain making the wickets very soft (says the "Referee"). Melbourne could only make 58 in the first innings. Sydney nearly trebled their opponent's score at their first attempt. Melbourne made 133 in their second essay, which left Sydney only 42 to make in order to win; but the visitors played up so determinedly that the local team only won by four wickets.

It is twenty-four years since W. L. Murdoch first captained an Australian Eleven in England. He led the 1880, 1882, 1884, and 1900 teams. With the exception of J. Darling, who captained the 1899 and 1902 teams, no one has been skipper of an Australian Eleven in England more than once.

The disqualifications in connection with the last Sydney Thousand in March were as follows: Floyd MacFarland, three years; L. Corbett, two years; H. Downing, B. Kett, C. Bathie, D. J. Plunkett, 12 months; H. Gordon, six months. All but Corbett's have now been removed.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

Circumstances (like a dishonest railway porter at Christmas time) alters cases, and this applies particularly to cases in which women are concerned. For instance (says "Boondi") teaching a handsome young lady (say your wealthy employer's pretty daughter) to ride a bike, is a perfectly celestial occupation, one at which even the typical born-tired Australian youth can work overtime without troubling to send in his bill. But teaching your employer's fat, cranky, awkward 16-stone wife to ride a bike is simply Sheol with the lid on all the time. Delightful as the first-mentioned occupation is, however, it is not the ghost of a circumstance by the side of teaching a shapely young lady how to swim. Our Mr "Natator" is naturally a great authority on this subject, and, being at Coogee Beach with a fellow-worker the other day, the

latter was heard to say: "Look here, Bill, I wish you'd tell me the best way to teach a young lady how to swim." "Certainly, Edgar," was the reply; "there's nothing more easy or delightful. Don't frighten the dear girl on any account—remember that. Coax her gently in, then lead her forward, place your hand tenderly under her chin, place—" "Hold on," interrupted Edgar; "I forgot to tell you the lady is my sister." "Oh!" exclaimed another chap, who chipped in: "In that case, grab the beggar by the scruff of the neck and shove her in head first!" It's small wonder that it is always some other girl's brother a young lady loves to be instructed by, not her own.

Professor Poultney Bigelow, Professor of Colonial Administration, Boston University, who passed through Auckland the other day, in an interview said that it appeared to him that Australia was far and away the most important element in the great English speaking Empire. She was, geographically, at the point where she had to act, possibly alone, for her own safety, if not for the integrity of the whole Anglo-Saxon Empire, and was by all means the most interesting point for an American student of sociology. "In the future," he continued with enthusiasm, "I can see the Pacific as an English-speaking lake from San Francisco to Sydney, and the Monroe doctrine spreading throughout the islands of this part of the world—not merely a Monroe doctrine in name, but a genuine one, based up on the consent of those for whom this protectorate may be declared." The professor said that his travels in Africa had prepared him for finding the native races amenable to British rule, but nothing he had seen or read before equalled the extent to which he found sympathy for those of English speech amongst natives, who were credited with being cunning, cruel, and dangerous. He referred to the Malays and Papuans of New Guinea. "The English language," he continued, "is already the language of commerce, and if a vote were taken amongst the natives I am sure it would be overwhelmingly in favour of the British flag. This does

not sound complimentary to my own Stars and Stripes, but we need facts rather than compliments at this stage of our development." Australia, he said at a later stage, he supposed was like America in having too many politicians to the square inch. This was certainly a great curse in America, and had caused the waste of splendid opportunities in the Philippines. As a consequence they had made scarcely any friends amongst the natives, but in spite of all that they would soon be reaching their hand to Australia from the Philippines, as well as from San Francisco, and soon be looking to Australia as their natural protector, as well as their best market. It is almost unnecessary to add that Professor Bigelow is an enthusiastic supporter of an Anglo-American alliance.

The colonel had had a very lucky day at Rotorua, the fish had been biting well, and he had several large ones stored safely away in the boat. He had just taken in his line, and was pouring out his usual drink of "Scotch" before pulling in the anchor. It had been the custom of the colonel to drink alone, but something to-day prompted him to offer his guide a drink. Bert did not hesitate in his acceptance, and carefully watched the colonel pour out scarcely enough to cover the bottom of the glass. The guide was disappointed, but took the glass. "One minute before you drink that," said the colonel. "Do you know how old that whisky is?" The guide did not. "That's twenty-one years old!" "Well," said the guide, looking at it again, "it's pretty d—n small for its age."

"I suppose you went to bed with the chickens while you were in the country?" said the caller. "No, indeed," replied the lady of the house, somewhat shocked. "We had the best apartments in the house, second floor front. The chickens had rooms way back in the rear somewhere; we never saw them after sunset."

"He called you a cheat," said the milkman's assistant, "and declared you water in your milk." "That's a malicious lie," exclaimed the milkman, indignantly. "O! but I say! You know you do, really." "No, sir! I'm always careful to put the milk in the water, just to trip up such people as him."

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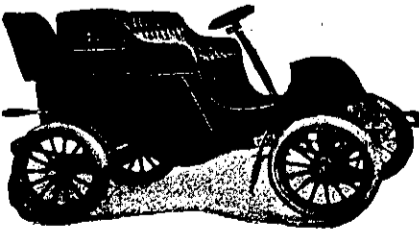
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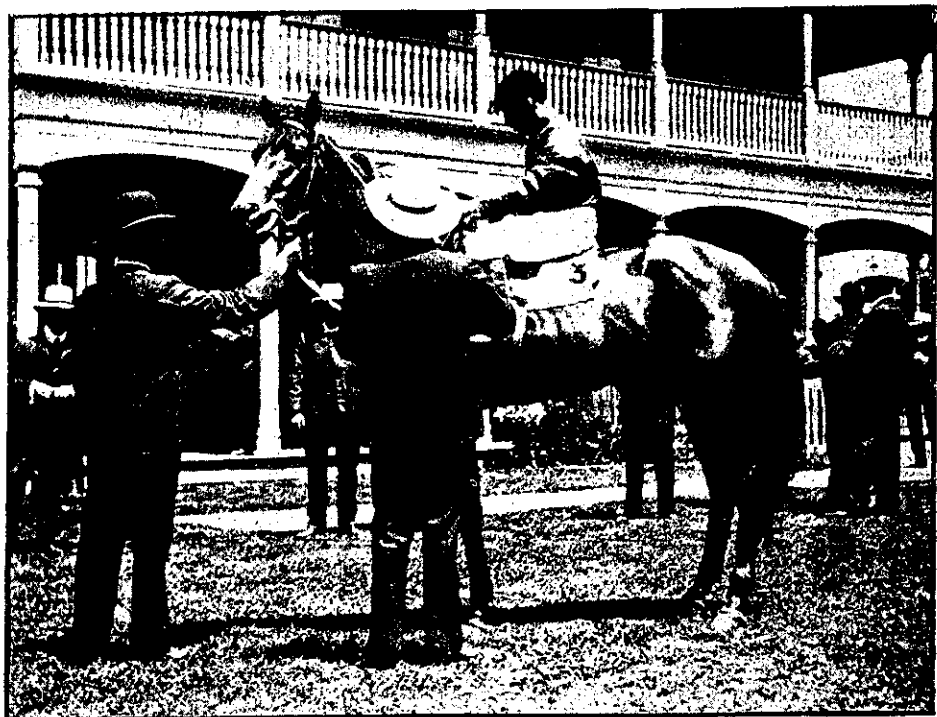
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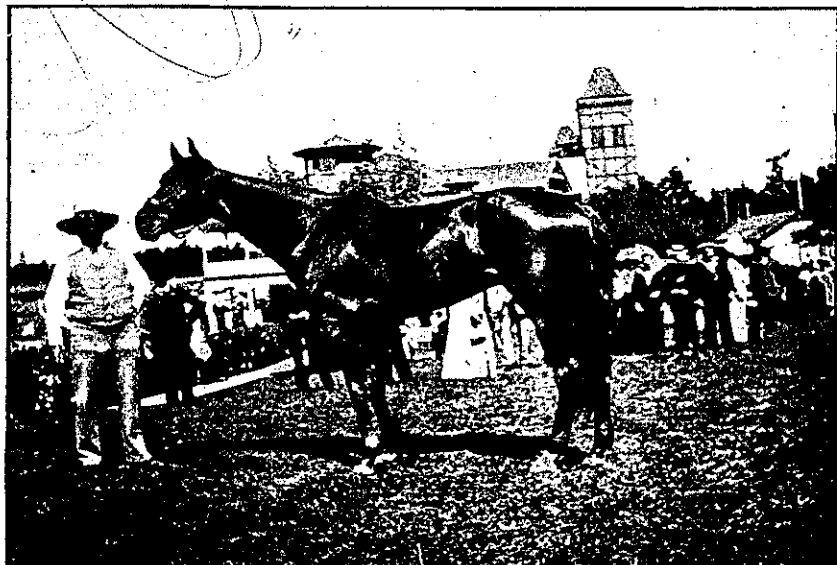
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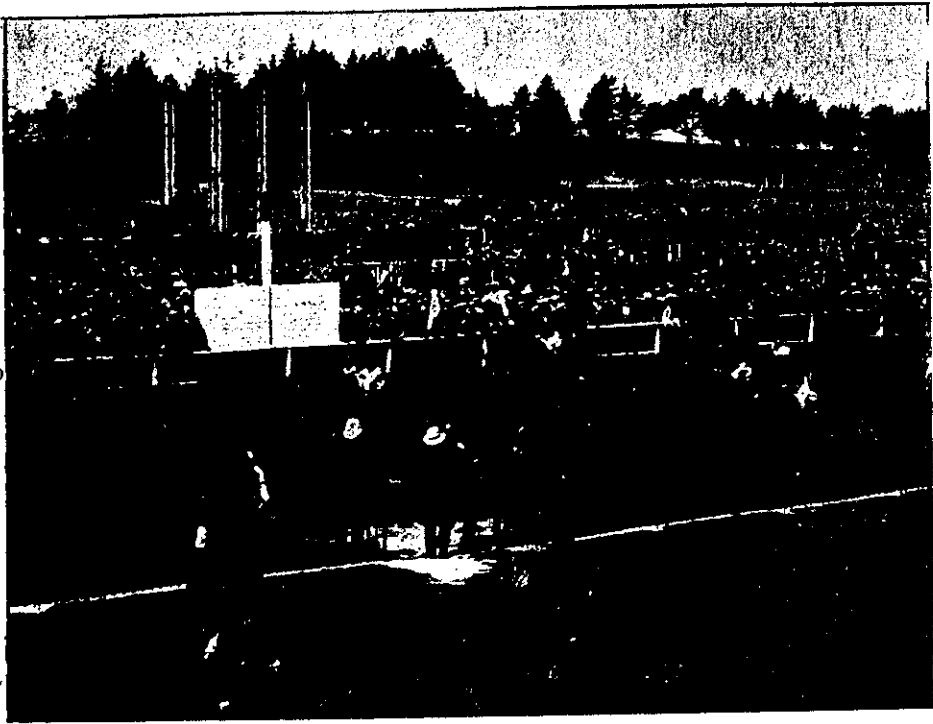


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ON THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"ROSE OF THE RIVIERA."

The opening production of Mr George Stephenson's season of mirth and (let me hope) money-making at His Majesty's has been modestly labelled "a musical something to laugh at," which description, however, is not quite so modest as it seems. For it assumes that the "Rose" is musical, and that it is fitted to make us laugh, which is, after all, no less than can be claimed for the best comic opera. Yet the claim is well based. The "Rose" is not first-class comic opera, it is not even the best musical comedy, but it certainly is musical and extremely diverting. Without plot or leading motif, it may be conveniently described as glorified vaudeville, with a long series of "star turns." The slender thread of connecting story that just suffices to hold it together has already been indicated in previous issues. A Cook's tourist, a flower girl, and an actress impersonating a Ducal family in order to save the reputation of a Nice hotel-keeper, and the complications that ensue, provide the occasions for numberless outrageously funny situations, a profusion of bright and melodious music, and no end of the most fascinating ballets. The chorus and ballet are without doubt among the best we have ever seen in Auckland, and every other detail making for spectacular effect has been attended to with scrupulous care. It is a bright and lively performance from beginning to end, with hardly a pause for reflection. Mr Lauri, who is responsible for the brilliancy of the general effect, also does most of the work as Brisket the Cockney Cook's tourist, a creation that would make the fortune of any musical comedy. It seems to combine nearly all the phases of comicality, and Mr Lauri is perfect in every phase. Mr Macnaughton and the Bovis Bros. are worthy lieutenants of the principal comedian. The singing and dancing of the first-named are in the first-class, while the energy and "go" of the Bovis duo are amazing. Miss May Beatty as "The Rose" is as bewitching as ever, and nightly receives a warm welcome from her host of admirers in this part of the colony. Her songs are especially pleasing, particularly "Egypt" and "My Cosey Corner Girl," while her acting grows in winsomeness every day. Miss Garstang, Miss Page, Miss Nixon and Miss Bessie White are all more or less admirable. Miss Garstang's musical numbers are extremely pleasing, and Miss Nixon's "Little Yellow Bird" has to be repeated. But the most delightful and refreshing, perhaps because the most original, items in the play are the ballets of the Gibson Girls and the Rose Ballerinas. The Champagne Ballet is daintily beautiful, and the ballet of the "Four Pretty Little Maidens" (with song by Mr Macnaughton) is just ravishing. There are so many good things in the play that it is impossible to give an adequate list even of them, and a satisfactory description is out of the question. I advise everybody to go and see it, and to those who are not hopelessly tired of this world, or extatically enamoured of the next, I can promise three hours of hearty and perfectly innocent amusement.

THE SKIRT DANCER.

Mr Stephenson will replace "The Rose" with "The Skirt Dancer" on Monday, New Year's night. This musical novelty has attained vast popularity in Australia. The music is by the famous composer "Trotter," whose delightful compositions in "In Old Madrid," "Asthere," etc., are ever fresh in the recollections of all theatregoers. It is claimed for "The Skirt Dancer" that it is one of the most lavishly staged productions ever presented in the Colonies. The mounting, dresses and accessories, I am assured, cost Mr Stephenson over £3000. Musically speaking, "The Skirt Dancer" stands out prominently as one of the most successful of latter-day musical comedies. The principals, who have already become favourites with the Auckland audiences, are all congenially cast, and

something even more delightful than the present running musical success may be expected. The plans are now open at Wildman and Arey's.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' EMPIRE COMPANY.

Those who fail to go to the Opera House of an evening just now will miss something worth seeing. For the company has come back strengthened and refreshed after its brief holiday, and is now ready for anything. In the brief interval the scenic artist has been taking no rest, but grafting for all he is worth to produce what is undoubtedly one of the prettiest stage sets ever seen on the Opera House boards. It represents a wittingly realistic glade in the woods, with a cascade of actual bona fide water at the back, and so perfect is the illusion that hundreds of John Fuller's patrons regret the pounds they lost last week looking for a quiet spot in the country not half so good as they get at the Opera House for the maximum price of two bob. Into this fairy scene come a

capable artists, including Kellman, an accomplished manipulator of cards, Miss Atherton, a very pleasing soprano; Connor Bros. and Leonard, sprightliest among acrobats; Scott and Wallace, fine ripe Irish comedians; Miss Gertrude Emery, trapezist; Miss Edie Burke, serio; Master Charles Hayes, contortionist; the bright little Bertotos, Will Stevens, and last, but not least, the rattling Stagpooles. It is a capital show, and I am glad to see that the enterprising Fullers are reaping a reward in well-filled houses.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes: The showmen are beginning to roll up, and holiday-makers in this wind-swept and dust-choked metropolis are likely to have plenty of fun for their money in the shape of "entertainments." Dix's Gaiety Co. opens Xmas Eve, and as Harry Shine, Percy Denton, Howard Bros., and other bright, particular stars are in the show, it ought to catch on with the grip of an octopus when he meets a man out bathing.

up and put a little life into us as a restorative after our perpetual nor'-westers!

"Blind Man's Buff; or, Her Own Way," was written for Maxine Elliot by Clyde Fitch, and has been a great monetary success.

Rostand's "I'Aiglon," with Miss Tittell Brune as the youthful Duke of Reichstadt, was produced at the Princess's, Melbourne, on Christmas Eve.

The backer who finds the money for a new theatrical enterprise is called in New York slang an "angel."

Two very recent musical comedies, "The Isle of Spice" and "The Royal Chef," were unqualified failures in New York.

The Edouin Musical Farce Company, which will occupy Her Majesty's Theatre, Ballarat, during the holiday season, includes a number of well-known vocal and dramatic artists, and has been formed



MISS ALICE NIXON, Of Stephenson's Musical Comedy Co.

party of picnickers, whose sole fault is that they make the audience ravenous by their evident enjoyment of real picnic fare, including lemonade and bananas. Otherwise their behaviour is quite irreproachable, and they sing and dance in a manner most agreeable. Two bluejackets drop in, and one of these, being Tommy Kadwell, of H.M.s. Penguin, shows by his marvellous manipulation of the clubs, tomahawks, sailor's knives, and bar bell, what a good man is wasted on the Navy. Tommy gets as much applause as Will Stevens, which is saying all that is necessary. The new first-part is, altogether, a great improvement upon the old, and John Fuller was wise to make the change. But he is always making changes, and each is better than the one that went before. The second part contains a number of new names and many

The Williams' Dramatic Co. are at the Choral Hall, where they are serving out sensational drama, piping hot, in sixpennyworths and shillingworths. "Falsely Accused" is to be followed by "East Lynne."

At the Opera House the special Xmas attraction provided by the Fuller's for Boxing Night is the old favourite, "My Sweetheart," in which the bewitching Minnie Palmer and Carry Swain have both shone. I understand the Fullers' are going to stage the famous comedy-drama in first-rate style. And on Boxing Night Fred Rivenhall makes a welcome re-appearance here, and a host of popular favourites will assist in making thing hum. More anon ament these gay doings. We want something to liven us

for the purpose of presenting several of the successful productions of the Strand Theatre, London, with which the name of the famous comedian, Mr Willie Edouin, is associated. The Australian rights of these pieces are vested in Mrs G. B. W. Lewis (Rose Edouin), who superintends the Ballarat performances, and also appears in the cast. "A Trip to Paris" was the opening piece. The engagements include Mr Charles Rose, tenor, late of Madame Melba's concert party, Mr John L. Forde, Mr H. Scott, Miss Julia Spencer, of Colonel Mapleson's Opera Company, New York, Miss Pearl Dudley, and Miss Athena Claudius. The libretto of "A Trip to Paris" is by Messrs Cooper and Edouin, and the music by Mr George F. Lewis, R.A. The season is under the business management of Mr Joseph Brown.



THE GIBSON GIRLS IN THE CHAMPAGNE BALLET.

WIRTHS' CIRCUS.

This famous combination will be with us again shortly. The following notice, from a Sydney paper, will, therefore, be read with interest:—

The canvas amphitheatre in Phillip Park of Wirth Bros.' Circus and Zoo was thronged on Saturday evening, on the occasion of the opening for another season here. The big show returns here with a programme full of thrilling and entertaining novelties. Special care and attention has been devoted to the menagerie section, and an interesting selection of wild and curious animals has been made. All the Zoo exhibits have arrived in excellent condition. On Saturday the baby elephant and the cage full of young jaguars attracted considerable notice.

As to the show in the sawdust arena, its high-class character was sufficiently attested by the plaudits of the assemblage. The Wild West feature is among the most noteworthy. The cowboys are a direct importation from the prairies of America. Wild Friday proves himself a marksman with William Tell-like accuracy, and, aided by Wild Rose, described justly as "a lady of nerve," he proves his dexterity as a dagger-thrower. With the lady standing against a boarded target, he hurls a dozen or so javelin missiles, which stick in the boards close to her without, however, as much as disconcerting her, though, when she moves away from the board she has to do so very cautiously, so as not to come in contact with the sharp edges of the point-embedded knives. The buck-jumping is a particularly stirring item, the rearing and snorting horses making the iron enclosure rattle as they at times madly plunge against it.

A comical bucking pony and a bullock with similar unsettling propensities infused considerable fun into the proceedings. In connection with these, a standing offer is made to venturesome spectators to keep their backs for a stated period.

The champion jumper of the world, Tom Colquett, appears to be equipped with indiarubber, nether limbs, judging by the almost superhuman elasticity which he displays. As he indulged in a flight round the ring over obstacles he reminded one of a kangaroo coming down the side of a mountain in a hurry. Another great novelty is the aerial slack rope performance by Miss Addie Frederic. The serpentine act by Miss M. Wirth on horseback in the air, and on terra firma, elicited hearty applause.

The performing wild animals went through some extraordinary exhibitions. For instance, a tiger rode a tight rope, a lion, dog, goat, and horse posed in tableaux vivants, while a cantankerous camel careered round the circle, wildly trying to unseat two clowns perched in the vicinity of his hump. The boxing horses, Fitzsimmons and Corbett, engaged in a couple of exciting rounds, one feigning at the end to be "knocked out."

The Cossack manoeuvre on horseback was one of the most effective things of the evening, the beautifully costumed riders presenting a picturesque appearance as they wheeled this way and that with incredible swiftness. Equally good was the High School riding displayed by Mr Phil and George Wirth on two beautiful horses, General Roberts and Major King Edward and Emperor, two big, well-trained greys, were put through their paces by the ringmaster in fine style.

The entertainment included thirty items, so that only a few of the most salient ones can be mentioned. It may be added, however, that in all departments that go to make up a capital circus show there is little that is lacking. The acrobatic and trapeze work is of a high order, the equestrianism is daring and at times sensational, while the clowning is funny without being vulgar.

"RIP VAN WINKLE" JEFFERSON.

Playgoers who, like myself (says "Peter Quince" in Melbourne "Punch"), are fallen in the sere, the yellow leaf, will remember Joseph Jefferson, who was here in the "sixties" dying of consumption. Even then he was regarded as one of the greatest of actors, a verdict which forty years of public life has not revoked. Now, at the age of seventy-five, Joseph Jefferson has definitely retired from the stage. In an interview the veteran actor said that he had decided not to appear again professionally, although he might give his services occasionally in stitution. As a boy he was delicate, and fifty years ago he was denied an insurance cause of charity. Mr Jefferson's theatrical career began when he was only ten years old. But he denied that his survival of more than sixty years of stage work was due to a vigorous concance policy. But careful living was the secret of a long life. "We actors," Mr Jefferson said, "like the second round of applause—to be patted on the back around the supper-table in a company of fellow Bohemians after the play. There was poor dear Artemus Ward—he was such a delightful fellow and also such a superb company! When he came to London I said to him, 'Browne—you know, his name was Browne—beware of the stage door and the men waiting to carry you off to supper at Evans'. It's not so much that they'll put you under the table as under ground," and they did. I always had a cab at the door when I was playing at the Adelphi, and got in and put up the window and went home, no matter who was out after me."

The time referred to was when Jefferson visited London after his tour of Australia. Jefferson was then thirty-five. In his interview he recalled how Dion Boucicault remade the old play of "Rip Van Winkle," remarking that he himself conceived the weird second act as it is now played, and related an amusing incident of his London engagement:—"Just before 'Rip' was brought out at the Adelphi I went with Boucicault to that theatre one night to see Ben Webster, who was a very good actor. He was playing the part of a miner, and in the third act he opened a safe in the wall of his house, took out some papers, examined them,

and put them back. There was a very strained moment of hushed attention through the house, but presently a small voice rang clear from the gallery: 'Wot's in 'em, guv'nor?' The house laughed, you may depend upon it, and Webster was very angry, but Boucicault said it was bad art on the part of the author to leave the small boy in the gallery in doubt as to the contents of the papers." Mr Jefferson intends to spend most of his time in Florida fishing, gardening and painting. His son son Thomas will continue to play Rip. He is the fifth of the line of acting Jeffersons from the first, who played with Garrick. In his valedictory message to the public Mr Jefferson said:—"I'm leaving the limelight to go into the sunshine, and I leave a blessing behind me and pray for a blessing before me. It has been dear to me—that life of illuminated emotion—and it has been so magnificently repaid. If I could send an eloquent message to the world I would, but somehow words fail me when I try to say it. I have been doubly repaid by the sympathetic presence of the people when I was playing, and the affection that seems to follow me, like the sunshine streaming after a man going down the forest trail that leads over the hills to the land of morning."

Miss Billie Barlow opens a season in South Africa at an early date.

Wirths' Circus opens a New Zealand tour early in the year.

Miss Maggie Moore, before her departure for Liverpool to start pantomime rehearsals, appeared successfully at the London Tivoli in "The Chinese Question." H. R. Roberts played the leading ing male role.

Abomah, the tall lady, opened a season at the Alhambra Theatre, Dunedin, on Boxing Night.

Mr Alberto Randegger celebrates this year the jubilee of his life in London, where he has resided since 1854. His colleagues in the Royal Academy of Music have presented him with a congratulatory address.

Miss Nina Osborne has been appearing with a Gaiety Company in South Africa. The organisation closed a fine season in Capetown on November 12.

Mrs Brown Potter has entered into a partnership with Gilbert Hare to produce "opera" dramas—that is, plays on the stories of several of the Grand Operas not already taken from novels or plays—at the Savoy Theatre, London. "Pagliacci" to be the first. English experts view the experiment with distrust. Mr Hare, who is a son of John Hare, and has made a name in "old-man" parts, is a clever stage manager, and, with his partner's artistic sense, may do much.

Miss Marie Lloyd was last month divorced from her husband, Mr Percy Charles Coutenay, on a petition filed by that gentleman in which allegations of unfaithfulness were made against his wife and a well-known music hall vocalist.

Miss Evangeline Florence, whose charming voice will be remembered by Melbourne concert-goers, has been seriously ill in London, but is now convalescent, and hopes to be able in a short time to resume singing.

By latest advices George Willoughby was completing his arrangements for a return to Australia with new plays and company.

Music comedy writers have had to fall back on Offenbach to brighten up their poorly-furnished productions. "A Little of Everything," which originated at the Moulin Rouge, in Paris, contains an "Offenbach review" of some of the best of all the things culled from the works of that giant of light opera, played by the characters to whom the numbers are allotted.

M. Gabrielle Rejane, the famous French actress, is in private life Mme. Porel, wife of the manager of the Vaudeville. Her daughter, Germaine, is in training for the stage, and it is her mother's great ambition that the child will one day be able to play English roles. With that object, she is having her thoroughly taught the language.



SCENE FROM THE SECOND ACT OF "THE SKIRT DANCER."

PARSON AS PLAYWRIGHT.

The Rev. Forbes Phillips is a parson with leanings towards the stage. He coquetted with the theatre when he induced Mrs Brown Potter to recite religious poems in his church at Corleston; and Mrs Potter, who is one of the few really distinguished reciters of the English stage, put on a picture-hat and a spiritual gown, and fairly knocked the Corleston congregation. Mr Phillips then mentioned a play that he had got up his sleeve, and Mrs Potter agreed to produce it at Yarmouth. Once more the natives thundered their applause. So Mrs Potter told Mr Phillips that if ever she had a season of her own in town she would put up his play, which is called, without any reason that I have been able to make out (says a well-known London critic), "For Church or Stage." If there had been a mark of interrogation after the title I should have understood that the reverend dramatist was in doubt as to whether his play was most fitted for representation in a play-house or a house of prayer, and in that case I should have suggested an addition to the title of the words "or the Rectorial Study," and should have experienced no compunction in advising him to adopt the last alternative. Mr Phillips appears to have thought that his play formed a rather daring contribution to the literature of sex drama; he anticipated that the production would cause a row; he even gave us to believe that it contained a moral. I have been trying to discover that moral, and if there is one I think it must be that a decent cocotte is better than a weak and sensuous clergyman of the Established Church. I can quite believe it, but the fact doesn't affect me in the least. If the lesson he intended to convey had been that a parson can write a better play than a cocotte I should have felt more interest in his arguments. The mere fact that Noel Faber was a parson may cause a flutter in clerical circles—though I much doubt if it will—but it will not affect the play-going public, and it won't help the chances of the play. Mrs York—she is only Mrs by courtesy, and an actress to the extent of being an honorary member of the profession—falls in love with the much-married Noel Faber. Her love for him, so she declares, makes her a much better woman than ever she expected to be. It has the opposite effect on the parson, who leaves his wife and family to stay with her in her private apartments at the Savoy Hotel. But he is so undecided between going the "whole hog" with Mrs York and returning to his waiting family, that his innamorata recognises what a two-penny-halfpenny sort of sinner she has to deal with, and dismisses him. She does it very nicely. She says, "Go! before an unbecoming finish comes to our love." And he goes. And the play ends. No row!

"THE FLUTE OF PAN."

Are we not making Royalty on the stage a little too cheap? The tendency to ridicule which was noticeable when the "pomp and circumstance" of a Court was elaborately reproduced in "The Flute of Pan," at the Shaftesbury Theatre, on Saturday, suggested that, after Captain Marshall and others have done so much to knock down the reverent admiration that hangs about regal ceremony, it is not easy to set it up again. "John Oliver Hobbes" is not at her best in "The Flute of Pan." It is a backboneless, "talky" play, in which the two principal characters are tepidly moved by a cheaply constructed misunderstanding, in which the dialogue is dotted with many pretentious and puzzling epigrams, and in which the comedy business has rather an unsavoury twang. Boris, Earl of Feldershey, is an eccentric nobleman who has adopted a certain physician's advice to live on sixpence a day and earn it. In the first act he is at work in his studio, where he has painted a picture celebrating the power of simple nature. His cousin, Princess Margaret, the reigning sovereign of Siguria, visits him; and, referring to her former refusal of her addresses, cancels it and invites him to become her consort and repress certain threatened rebellions in her domains. He consents, but, on their very wedding day, he conceives a jealous suspicion. A certain Baverstock, an Englishman who is on a diplomatic mission to the court of Siguria, is carrying on an intrigue with the wife of the Master of the Horse, Count Rixensart, a lady who, under the mask of idiotic simplicity, conceals a most "coming-on" disposition, and throws herself at the head of every man she meets. Thus, when Boris, like Fritz, in "The Grand Duchess," is hurried off to fight for his country on his very wedding-day, he takes ill-feeling with him; and, when he returns victorious, he is still unsatisfied. He asks the Princess what Baverstock is doing at the Court, but, as this is a State secret, she refuses to tell him. Ultimately, she decides to abdicate, and, in the presence of her whole Court, divests herself of the signs of her royalty. This scene is mounted and dressed with very costly elaboration. In the last act, the obvious explanation and reconciliation take place. Boris had returned to his studio; and there he is found by the Princess, who convinces him that he had no cause for jealousy, and no reason to resent her silence, which was caused by one of the sternest duties of her position.

The authoress of the piece may congratulate herself on the care and liberality which were devoted to the production of her work. Everyone concerned in the performance on Saturday night worked hard and well; and the fullest justice was done both to the dialogue and the situations. Miss Olga Nethersole's Prin-

cess Margaret of Siguria had the very valuable quality of queenliness. The spirit of regal artificiality was very skilfully introduced, and, in her dealings both with her lover and her Court, Her Royal Highness bore herself nobly and graciously. Unfortunately, there was no strong dramatic scene to employ Miss Nethersole's fullest capacity; but she made the most of her materials, and, whenever there was the least chance of scoring, she was earnest, emotional, and expressive. It is rather uphill work, however, to go on "queening it," through three acts; and it is a still greater test to an actress's aplomb and verve for her to be obliged, by the necessity of her part to march solemnly and silently in, bearing the sceptre in one hand and the orb in the other. It was a warm tribute to Miss Nethersole's command over herself and her audience that, at this difficult point, she never flinched, and by her perfect serenity repressed the giggles of the unthinking and the jibes of the sarcastic. Her treatment of the love scenes between the Princess and the Earl was tactful, considerate, and clever; and she bore the burden of her part with an ease and authority that showed the practised and experienced artist. It was to be regretted that so earnest and powerful an actress had not more opportunities of distinction than were given her in the character of Princess Margaret. Mr Herbert Waring did all that was possible with the role of Boris, Earl of Feldershey, and sustained it with a stern directness and a virile energy which were much appreciated. He hit off the brusque obstinacy of the painter-warrior very spiritedly; and at times, by his bold and emphatic embodiment, infused serious interest into the performance.

The supporting artists were more generously provided for by the authoress, and consequently had less to complain of. Miss Annie Hughes endeavoured, by an assumption of artlessness, and by developing the comedy of the role, to obscure the decided unpleasantness of the cynically-drawn character of the Countess Bertha Rixensart; Miss Kate Phillips had some rather "trying" costumes to wear, and not many good lines to speak as the Baroness d'Albrouse; and Miss Adeline Bourne played carefully as that rather ill-defined personage Madame Von Rausser. Mr C. W. Somerset suggested with skill and confidence the impish amorosity and senile conceit of the Prince Adolph of Nymweeren; and Mr Dawson Milward's fine style and polish, tall figure, and well modulated voice made his Count Rixensart a most natural and "convincing" embodiment. Mr W. T. Lovell was quite thrown away on the part of Harry Baverstock, and this fine actor is much to be commiserated on the poorness of his chance. It need hardly be said that he acted unimpeachably; but he is capable of much better things, and we hope to see him soon entrusted with a task more

worthy of his powers. Mr Farren depicted Count Marche with great sharpness and firmness, and Mr Berte Thomas was excellent as Captain Bernstein. The Councillors and the domestics had sound and suitable representatives, the tall and handsome ladies who were engaged to embody the ladies of the Court doing their work creditably and carefully. The mounting was dazzling and sumptuous. Mr W. T. Hemsley's scenes made grand backgrounds for the stage pictures formed by the grouping of the grantees of both sexes in their costly costumes; and Miss Nethersole's robes and jewels were beautiful and brilliant.

At the conclusion, when she and the principal members of her company had been called again and again the audience endeavoured in vain to entice the authoress upon the stage; Mrs Craigie, with her accustomed tact and good taste, wisely refraining from putting in an appearance.—("Era," November 19.)

"LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST," AT THE COURT.

The production of such a little known play as "Love's Labour's Lost," at the Court, by Mr Charles Fry and his company of players was an interesting event, not only to the many young people that might have been seen in all parts of the theatre, but even to the hardened theatre-goer. The play, which, Dr Herford tells us, was produced in 1598, was revised later by Shakespeare for performance before Queen Elizabeth as a part of the Christmas festivities at Whitehall. Soon after the accession of James the First, the play, which had pleased Elizabeth, was resorted to by Shakespeare's company to entertain the new queen. In this connection Sir Walter Cape in 1604, writing to Lord Cranborne, says:—"I have been hunting all this morning for players, jugglers, and such kind of creatures," but "they are hard to find. Burbage says there is no new plays that the queen hath not seen, but they have revived an old one called "Love's Labour's Lost," which for wit and mirth he says will please her exceedingly." Notwithstanding the favour shown to the play in Court circles it entirely disappeared from the stage. The one person introduced into the play who will in any way compare with the productions of Shakespeare's after years is Biron. Coleridge saw in him the original Benedict. This part on Saturday was played by Mr Charles Fry, who cleverly assumed the lightsome disposition and the true spirit of amusing railery that make the character such a grateful one to play. "Now step I forth to whip hypocrisy," says Biron in one of his best speeches and Mr Fry suggested with no little cleverness the mental superiority of the French courtier and soldier, and played the part with the necessary distinction. The fanatical com-

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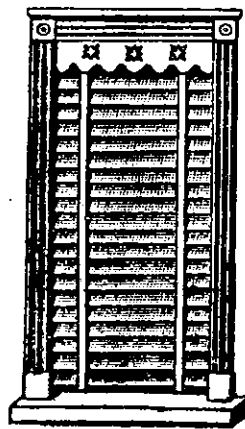
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pound of folly and wit in the character of the eccentric Armado was cleverly realised by Mr Patrick Munro, whose command of humour was well displayed. Ferdinand, King of Navarre, was particularly well played by Mr Vincent Nello, whose voice and method gave general satisfaction. Miss Frances Sykes had all the charming waywardness that one expects in the witty and affectionate Rosaline, and her speech to Biron in the second scene of the fifth act was given with eloquent fervour. Miss Olive Kennett in the same act and scene also distinguished herself as the Princess of France. Mr Henry Morrell Dumain made excellent use of his opportunities; and there was much to commend in Mr Hughes Jones's Longaville, in Mr Ernest Beharold's Boyet, and in Mr T. M. Cottam's Mercade. Mr W. J. R. Cane as Sir Nathaniel, Mr Percy Varley as Holofernes, and Mr Vivian Davies as Dull were all blessed with a sense of the humour of those characters; and Mr C. Frances was broadly eccentric and clownish as Costard. Miss Muriel Strawbridge also treated the role of the country wench Jaquenetta with a humorous breadth that was all to her credit. Miss Consie Dale as Moth, the page, was quite equal to the rendering of the pretty song, "It Was a Lover and his Lass," and Miss Helen Lynden, who represented Spring, introduced "When Daisies Pied," from "As You Like It," with Dr. Arne's original setting of the verses, first heard by the public on the revival of the comedy at Drury Lane, on December 20, 1740. The delightful number was very sweetly rendered. Mr Edwin Webster, as Winter, also did justice to "When Icicles Hang by the Wall." Miss Marian Blanche and Miss Paula Violet were also in the cast. The incidental music by Mr H. M. Higgs and other selections were well played by members of the London Academy of Music orchestra under the direction of Mr Ernest C. Lawrance.

SOME NOTES FROM LONDON.

Mr Nat Gould ("Verax"), the well-known novelist, who, prior to his departure for England, was on the staff of the "Referee," writes a chatty letter to that journal concerning theatrical matters in London. Says Mr Gould:—

George Edwardes, Curzon, and Frohman seem to have all the best theatres amongst them. "The Cingalee," "Veronique," "The Orchid," are all doing immense business, and all good. Tree's production of "The Tempest" is magnificent.

The Neapolitan Opera Company, from the San Carlos Napoli, are doing well at Covent Garden.

Olga Nethersole has taken George Musgrove's theatre, the Shaftesbury.

Mrs Brown-Potter has dropped money at the New Savoy, I fancy. She wears well—as good-looking as ever.

"Beauty and the Barge" is overrated. Pinero has created a sensation with "A Wife Without a Smile." It's very clever, but to my mind "The Duke of Killierankie" is the best thing in that line.

Ellen Terry thinks a lot of Barrie's new play for her.

The Hippodrome is the marvel of London. It's been full twice a day ever since it opened.

Drury Lane has been turned inside out but opens on Boxing Night with "The White Cat" panto. Many theatres are being transformed entirely—the Haymarket especially. Several new ones are to be built.

An interesting case touching the rights

in "East Lynne" was heard in the King's Bench Division, London, recently, before Mr Justice Phillimore. The action was brought by Mr John Pitt Hardacre against Mr Purcell, of the Marlborough Theatre, London, Miss Haidee Wright, and Mr H. Armitage, the proprietor of certain theatrical touring companies, for an injunction and damages on account of an alleged infringement of plaintiff's sole right in the "Bullock version" of "East Lynne." Plaintiff's case was that he had acquired for £12 from Mr Chute the sole right of representing a version of "East Lynne" composed in 1868, in which there appeared a comic character named "Bullock," but defendants denied that Mr Chute was the original creator of the part, which they proved had been played in 1866, and in revised versions since that date; and they denied that there had been any infringement of his version by their representations, which were of a very different version of the play, as a whole, written up by Mr Wilson Barrett, who had, so far as the character of Bullock was concerned, partly written new words and partly relied on his recollection of the character as played by his brother, Mr George Barrett, some years before. The jury, after a prolonged absence from Court, intimated that there was no chance of their agreeing, and were discharged.

Charles Arnold, who recently announced his retirement from the stage, shortly starts a tour of South Africa, it is stated.

W. T. Lovell, here with the Broughs, is with Miss Olga Nethersole's Company at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London.

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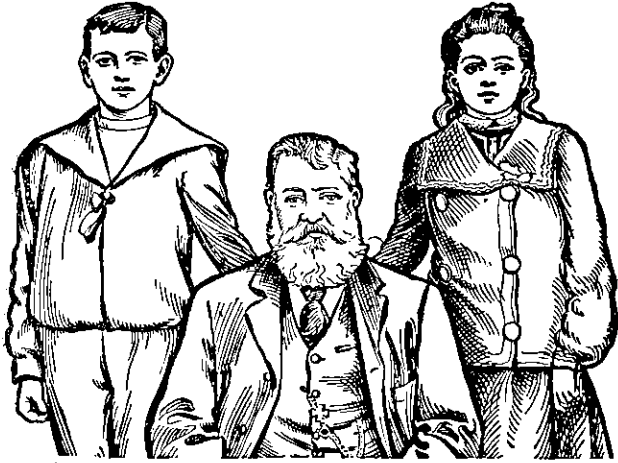
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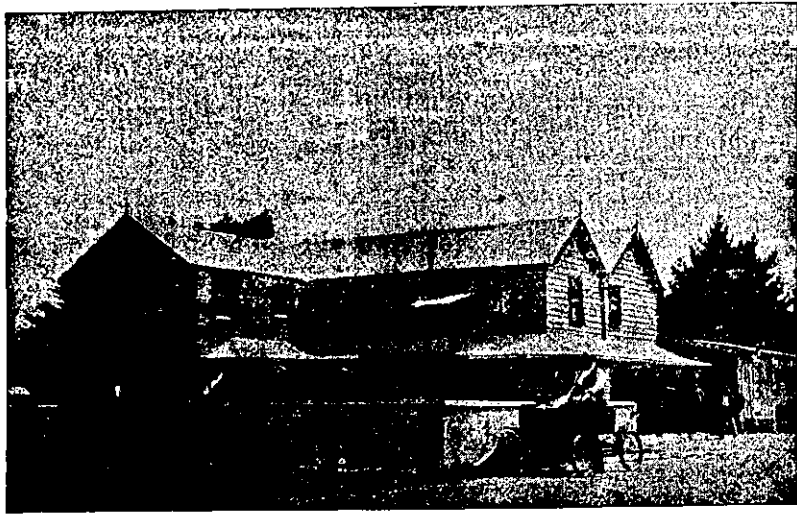
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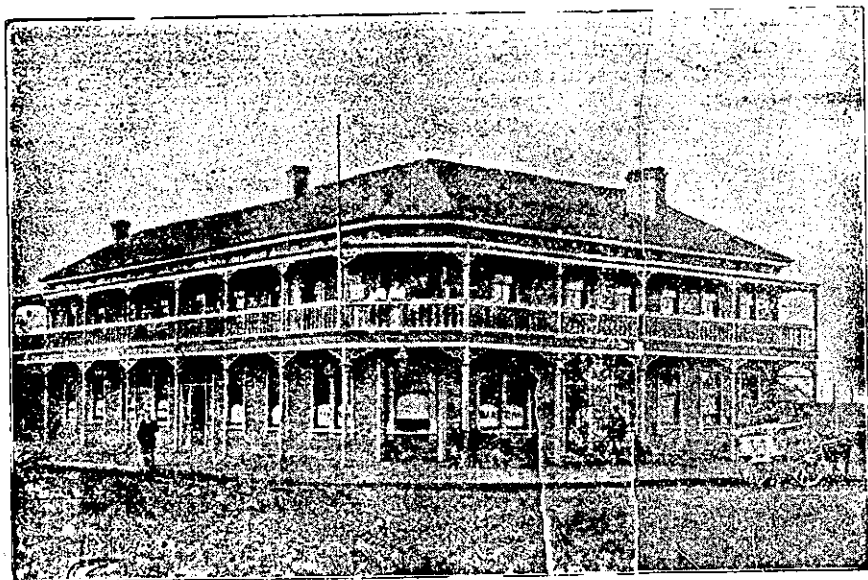
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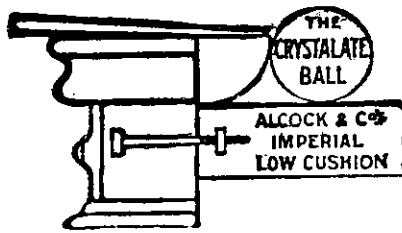
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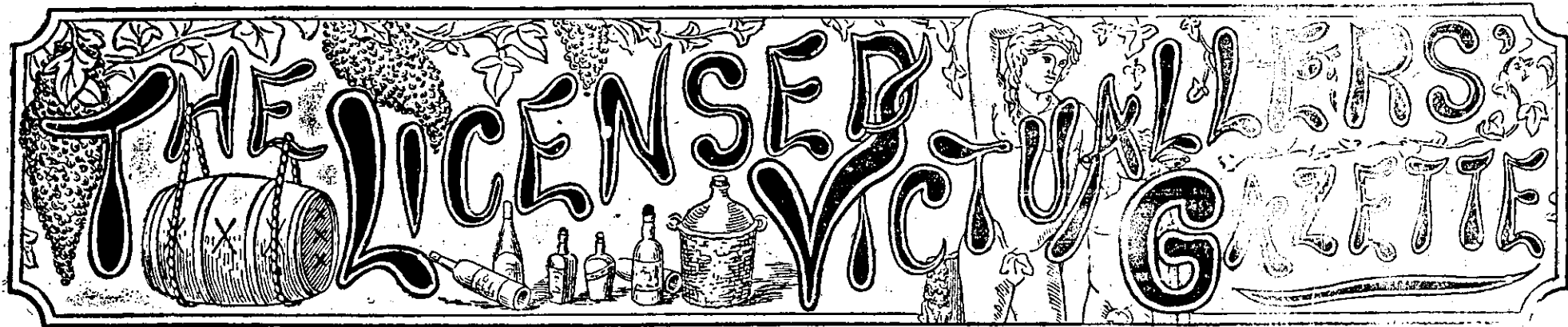
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THE NEW YEAR.

A COMPREHENSIVE review of the year just closed would make interesting reading. So many events big with the fate of empires and continents have happened, so many things have passed away and so many have had their beginning. In the Far East, or the Far North, as it is to us, the question of the future destiny of a whole quarter of the globe is being slowly and painfully determined in terms of blood while in other divisions of the earth's surface like problems have been or are in process of settlement under the benign auspices of peace.

But these are subjects that have induced voluminous comments and explication in columns other than these, which it is our necessary practice to confine more or less closely to the discussion of matters affecting the commercial interests of one important Trade. But for this Trade the year 1904 has been sufficiently eventful. It has been marked by increased activity in those organisations, which for a variety of assumed reasons are actively opposed to what is called the "liquor traffic," but which it would be more honest and more correct to call the freedom of mankind to drink what it likes—a freedom that should be tempered solely by provisions against excess.

All over the world the mis-called "temperance advocate" persists in identifying liquor with drunkenness, though no one outside of a lunatic asylum would identify food with gluttony, or sleep with sloth, or bathing with indecency, though every habit when followed to the extreme or perverted becomes criminal just as is the case with sottishness. The prohibitionist professes to believe that the only cure for inebriety is the closure of the public house, and unfortunately the majority of men and women have been content to accept this extraordinary creed, have thus—not quite consciously it is right to say—added naturally in the insane Campaign against a reputable trade.

But during the year, as a counterpoise to the activity in the ranks of the enemy there has sprung up a new and determined spirit of unity in the Trade that is already producing good results. In England, Australia, South Africa and Canada there is now a pretty evident movement in advance on the part of those whose means of livelihood has been threatened, while in this country it has to be admitted that the legislation of the past session has actually, if not very substantially improved the status of the Trade. While, on the one hand a great injustice has been done by the abolition of the bona fide traveller, recent magisterial decisions, based as we are bound to assume upon an intelligent reading of the new Act demonstrate that the licensed victualler is no longer to be treated as a pariah and the butt of the police. And this apart from the provision that gives the stipendiaries discretion in the matter of endorsements. The disposition of the bench now is more and more to treat the hotel as though it were the private residence of the landlord as well as a

public place for the sale of liquor under certain restrictions. It is an important point gained to have so much admitted, and it will lead to something of greater importance by-and-by.

In England and Victoria the principle of compensation is on its trial, and before another year has passed we shall have sufficient data upon which to base the righteous demands of the Trade here. This colony boasts of taking the lead in many things, but it is not certain that we have always done so when the main principle involved the application of honesty all round. In other words, much of Liberalism is of the flashy, meretricious order, and very little of that true brand that preaches "equal justice to all sections of the population."

It is never wise to rohes unless you know, but we cannot keep expressing the opinion—more than once given in these columns—that a "slur" in teetotalism is approaching a movement like this, receiving its impulsion from hysteria and supported by false evidence, endures for any length of time. And prohibition has enjoyed its beginnings now. Directly a considerable proportion of the people were made to feel the effects of the teetotal sumpuary law, rebellion got into the air, and rebellion soon forms into revolution in cases such as this.

To us, then, the next year contains the seeds of a reasonable hope. The country is prosperous and none of the dire consequences predicted of the prohibitionist statisticians have come to pass. The only places that seem to show a falling off in vitality are those in which teetotal majorities have shut up the hotels and handed the other residents over to the mercy of the sly grog sellers. Elsewhere the maintenances of the rats for our staple products and increase in the price of others means progress.

Trade Topics

The Victorian Licensing Act contains a section similar to ours, but it is not often called into operation. It provides that if it is made to appear to justices that any person, by excessive drinking, wastes his estate or greatly injures his health or endangers the peace and happiness of his family, the justices may prohibit all licensees in the district from supplying him with liquor for twelve months. Alfred Krummel, secretary of the Rechabite Lodge at Warragul, recently applied to the local justices for such a prohibition in respect of Albert Kidd, a labourer, who, it was sworn, had been twice convicted of being drunk and disorderly within the last twelve months, and whom the local constable described as so affected by drink as seldom to have a clear mind. An order was made prohibiting all licensees within the shire of Warragul from supplying Kidd with drink.

Kidd resenting this restriction, his counsel, on November 18, obtained from the Chief Justice an order nisi to review the decision. It was said that the complainant was a mere busybody, and that the only person qualified to take proceedings was the licensing inspector, and it was contended that the evidence did not show the facts necessary to found such an order as that made. The Chief Justice: The defendant would probably consider anybody who interfered with his drinks a busybody—(laughter)—and it is difficult to see how the inspector could always have the necessary knowledge, for a man might wear the blue ribbon, or even be the leading life in a temperance band. (Laughter.) However, the law on that point ought to be settled. The Act does not say who is to prosecute, and it might be that the justices could proceed on a view—as if they met the man every morning on their way to court, and were exhorted by him after the manner of his kind. Here it is not shown that he has wasted his estate, for it might be that his drinks were at somebody else's expense. (Laughter.) Nor is it shown that his health or the happiness of his family are disturbed, nor even that he possesses a family.

The provision that no liquor license or club certificate should be granted on any estate disposed of under the Closer Settlement Bill was objected to in the Victorian Legislative Council by Mr Harwood on November 3, who, in moving that the clause be struck out, said: it formed no part of the Government proposals, though the Assembly had agreed to it. The clause had nothing whatever to do with the real object of the bill. The experiment had been tried elsewhere and failed, as there were people who would have their liquor. The Attorney-General considered that the clause would be a blessing. Only the sale, not the consumption of liquor would be prohibited. Mr Melville quoted Mildura as an object lesson of prohibition, but Mr Evans referred him to a statement that £500 had been made out of a transaction in empty liquor bottles at the temperance town. Mr Evans welcomed as the first step towards nationalisation of the liquor traffic the amendment circulated by Mr Ritchie, enabling the board, without any license, at the request of the majority of settlers, to conduct the sale of liquor, and place the profits to the credit of the closer settlement fund. Mr Balfour warmly supported the clause. Portion of the clause prohibited licensed persons outside a settlement delivering liquor to settlers. This, on the amendment of Mr Baillieu, was eliminated, and the Attorney-General declared that a vital part of the clause had been lost. The clause as amended was agreed to. Mr Ritchie announced that he would drop his amendment, but it was moved by Mr Melville. The committee rejected it without discussion.

NEW SOUTH WALES WINES IN JAPAN.

Mr F. Suttor, the commercial agent for New South Wales in the East writes:—"Several cases of New South Wales wines have been sent to my office, and I have done my utmost to distribute to likely consumers. The Oriental Hotel Company, of Kobe, are greatly pleased with New South Wales light wines, such as hock, and it would be well for any of our New

South Wales winegrowers to write to the secretary of the company, with a view to business; give c.i.f. quotations, and send sample case. It is the hotel companies that practically do the business, and it would also be advisable to write the manager of the Imperial Hotel, Tokio. Success can only attend efforts when the exact c.i.f. prices can be given, and, in this respect, other countries make a special effort to secure a footing, and do business. Wines for the Eastern market must be very carefully packed in the usual size cases, and thick straw wrappers. When unloading, the handling is usually very rough, in consequence of vessels unloading out in the stream into lighters. The cases have also to be very strong to withstand the frequent handling. I have already reported on this matter in connection with damaged cases arriving at my office, the most damaged ones being those with ribbed paper wrappers."—(Exchange.)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR TRADE DEFENCE UNION.

This organisation may now be considered a live institution in this State, and shows promise of good work being done for the benefit of the liquor interests generally. It is a great pity it did not come into existence earlier, as the opponents of their cause have had a long start, and every opportunity with a free hand to establish themselves throughout the length and breadth of the land. The field has been comparatively clear for them since the year 1891, up till when there existed a somewhat similar organisation to the present union, which was established here in 1887 by the wholesale branch of the liquor interests under the title of the "Trade Defence Association." During its lifetime it did good work politically, securing the return of many liberal candidates to both Houses of the Legislature.

The electoral rolls throughout the State were well looked after and revised. Thousands of voters' names were placed on the rolls by the association, which at the time was a political power in the land. South Australia is indebted to it and the Licensed Victuallers' Association, who worked conjointly with them, for the existence of the present Totalisator Act, which certainly would not have become law at the time but for the influence of these two organisations; and although the Legislature of the day was ripe for closing hotels by local option without compensation, the influence of the before-named societies was responsible for obtaining the fifteen years' grace, which will so shortly expire. Unfortunately, some of the leading members of the wholesale trade became apathetic, allowing the association to die for the want of financial support, much to their discredit, which some of them now no doubt recognise and repent. It is to be hoped that they may have learnt a lesson by the past, and that now they have again combined, they will not allow their newly-formed union to fall from a similar cause.—"C.J.," in "A.B. Journal."

INTERESTING LETTER FROM BREWER TO CUSTOMER.

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J. L. SULLIVAN AS A SALOON KEEPER.

The American correspondent of the Melbourne "Sporting and Dramatic News" writes:—

John L. Sullivan, though running a saloon in St. Louis, does not own the "joint." The counter in the Sullivan bar stretches half-way through the place, and at the far end sits John L. with his massive stomach in his lap and his hands on his knees. He is placed in this position so a patron cannot slip in and see the big fellow without at least buying a beer. The visitor must run the gauntlet of the baleful glare from the eyes of a half-dozen as tough looking barkeepers as one could dig out of an ashpit in a week. The casual patron is handed a cabbagey cigar, and the man behind the counter gives him such a cruel unkind glance that he just hates to ask for his change. Recently a well-known sport dropped into the "joint." The place was crowded. The ex-champion was permitting the people who bought beer to shake his hand. It was not the clasp of friendship he gave them. He just allowed them to take hold of one of the hands he had laid out on his knees. When he gets tired of having one hand squeezed he gives them the other and looks bored. There were hundreds of them on this particular occasion, and Sullivan was getting weary. The scowl deepened on his face. Incidentally, to

use his own expression, he was "full of suds." A wee bit of a man with a cigarette cough and second-hand raiment edged up and held out his hand, gasping timidly:

"I know something about fighting, myself, Mr Sullivan. I once —"

That was as far as he got, for Sullivan suddenly roared like a mad bull:

"Cut that out, you blankety blank blank. You've shook my hand seven times to-night and spent about 15 cents. Git out, you cheap skate."

Sullivan has not quit the booze, and everybody knows it will be but a short time until the "fireworks" come. He is as big as two ordinary men and he looks as if he could hold a couple of barrels of beer or a cask or two of whisky. When he speaks everybody trembles, and when he calls the bartenders forsake all others and cleave only to him.

A big, tall man with a purple neck entered and elbowed his way through the crowd. He paused long enough to buy a glass of beer and then pushed on.

"Where's Sullivan?" he asked a one-

eyed man, and the latter jerked his thumb over in the direction of the Boston boy.

The stranger went boldly up to the end of the counter and stood in front of the conqueror of Paddy Ryan and a few dozen others. He mumbled something inarticulately, and his courage deserted him. Sullivan eyed him contemptuously for a moment and then blurted out:

"Well, what in h—l do you want?"

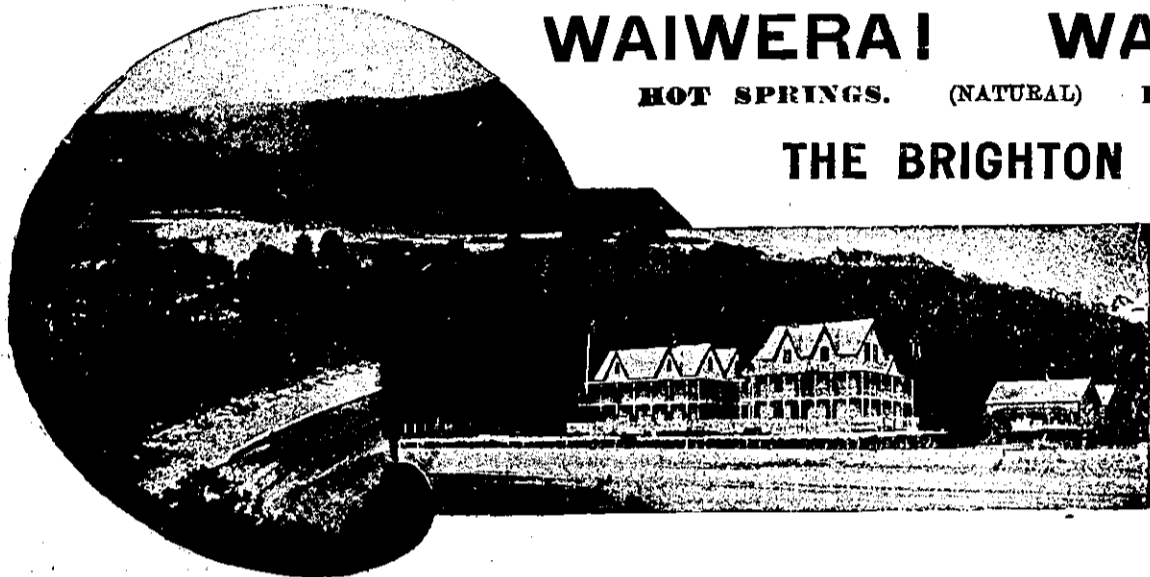
Too far gone to speak, the man just stood still for a second or two. Then he turned and wandered aimlessly out into the night again. Nobody laughed, for this is a common occurrence. In fact, there were few who did not keep one eye on Sullivan and the other on the door, so as to be ready to run, in case he became suddenly obstreperous. Only the proprietor himself dares call the ex-champion John. The others all say Mr Sullivan, and say it with the accent on the Mister. He has them bluffed.

"Mr Sullivan," said a mild-eyed dude, extending his hand, "I think you are one of the greatest men in the world."

"The h—l you do," said Sullivan, "Well, that ain't goin' to hurt you none."

Then he scowled and looked as if he were thinking of something afar off. His admirer tip-toed out of the place and has not been seen in the locality since. Thus it is all the time. Often John L. goes to sleep in his chair, and, with his head lolling back, his mouth wide open and his chest rising and falling like the waves on a storm-tossed coast, he is truly a distressing sight. On such occasions everybody keeps as still as mice and the people tip-toe about and speak in whispers.

But the job is a profitable one and John L. is making money. The man who has engaged him is also reaping a harvest, for there have been countless thousands to see the old fighter, and they keep coming in as the days go by. There will be something doing in a financial way until John kills the goose that lays the golden egg by cleaning out the place.



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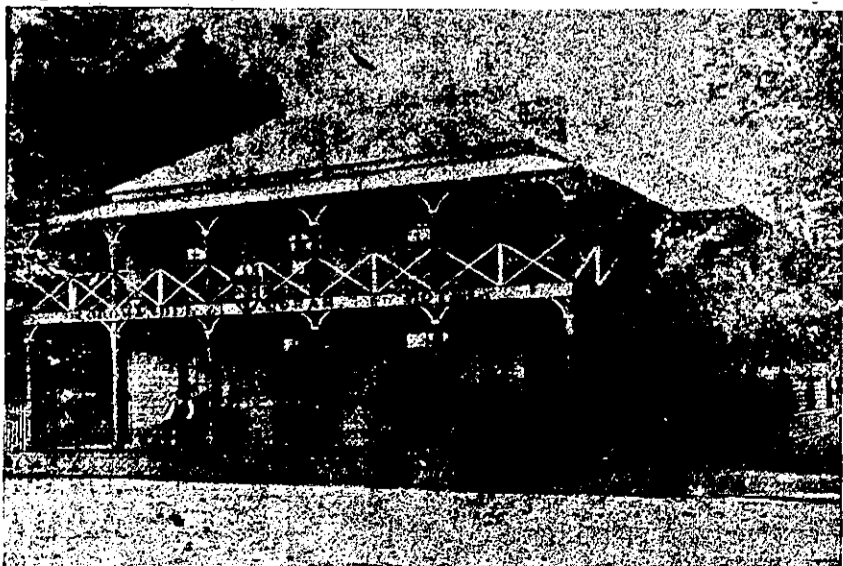
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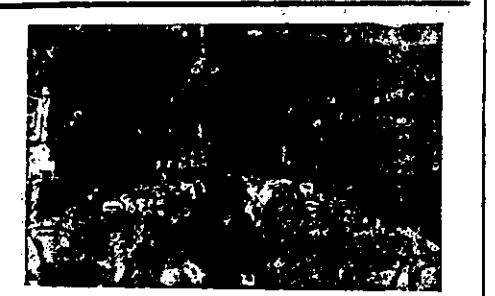
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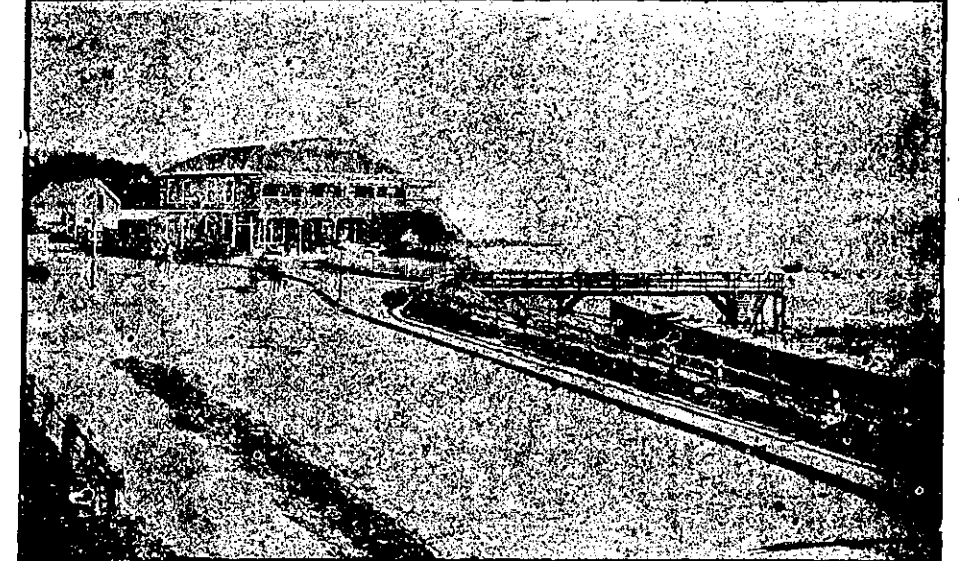
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THE ENGLISH LICENSING ACT.

HOW WILL COMPENSATION WORK?

("L.V. Gazette, November 18.)

A commissioner of the "Hunts County News" has written a column of interesting conjecture concerning the working of the Licensing Act, 1904. He alludes to the measure as the Brewers' Endowment Bill, which helps us to determine his attitude towards it, and he takes as his text a sentence from the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette" in which we account for the caution which is at present being exercised by investors with regard to licensed property, by the doubt which prevails as to how the compensation scheme will work out in practice. We suspect the writer of entertaining a delusion that he is endeavouring to prove us wrong out of our own mouth, but, as a matter of fact, when he is not encouraging a village publican to slander his brother publicans or going bald-headed for the tied-house system, he appears to see eye to eye with us in our estimation of the value of the Act. But where he evidently believes himself to be up against ourselves and the Trade is in his concluding sentence: "The publicans moved heaven and earth to secure the Act," he says, "and now that they have got it they are not sure whether it is going to be a curse or a blessing!"

The Trade certainly made a fairly united and fairly persistent effort to enforce the introduction of a Bill which would curb the irresponsible vagaries of certain licensing magistrates who were abusing their authority to the detriment and ruin of a reputable body of tradesmen, and which would prevent valuable property being confiscated without adequate compensation being given to the dispossessed owner. They went so far as to accept the responsibility of providing the funds required for compensation purposes. But they did not hail the publication of the Government's proposals as calculated to effect a settlement of the difficulty on the most satisfactory basis; they found a cause for discontent in many of the amendments that were effected in

the Bill during its passage through Committee, and in its final form in which it received the sign manual of the King. But they accepted it in a spirit of thankfulness for small mercies and with a frank desire to give it a fair chance.

We must admit that we are not now voicing the opinions of the entire Trade. In some official quarters, in which a large share of credit is gratuitously taken for their assistance in making the Bill law, its passing has been acclaimed in tones of what we regard as exaggerated satisfaction. The Act is not a perfect measure by a long way; it contains much ambiguity and affords endless loopholes for litigation. In short, it is not the thing that we importuned the Government to give us, but this fact is reason for commiseration rather than contumely. The glorious uncertainty about the working of the Act is what we find most fault with, but the Trade should not be taunted unduly with it on that account, although in some measure the delinquent character of the Bill might, as Major Ratcliffe hinted in his speech at the Country Brewers' Society's banquet last week, be due to the Trade itself.

We have never sought to refute the charge that it was the supineness of the Trade organisations (which have since been so eager to monopolise the credit of getting the Bill placed on the Statute Books) that we owe many of the defects which mar its clauses and bid fair to impair its operative value. The rank and file of the retail Trade are less gratified, we believe, with this latest piece of protective legislation than its official mouthpieces would have us believe, but licensed victuallers generally are disposed to remain "mum" on the subject until the Act has had a reasonable trial. There are bound to be many publicans who for some fortuitous circumstances are confident that their licenses will never be required by the reduction magistrates. We would tender them our felicitations upon their immunity from molestation if it was not for their somewhat unreasonable plaint that because they are safe themselves they should not be compelled to contribute to the insurance fund for those who are less fortunately situated.

The proud, but discontented Huntingdonshire publican who boasted that, as the proprietor of the only free house among fourteen in his neighbourhood, he

was certain that he would never be called upon to surrender his license, objected to being mulcted to the tune of £30 a year for the benefit of his brother publicans. The tax, under the circumstances, is undoubtedly a vexatious imposition, but it would be even more burdensome if statistics had not proved that in the event of confiscation of some licenses the survivors benefited by the sacrifice of the victims to the reformative zeal. The man who is taxed and undisturbed professes to doubt the veracity of these statistics, but the records of intemperance in neighbourhoods that have been visited by the virulence of the reduction mania do not leave us room to doubt their correctness. The facts are sufficient to make the reformers pause and ask themselves whether they are really on the right line, but it may be supposed that as they are not required to provide the money that will be so ineffectually expended to test their teetotal experiments, they are not greatly concerned about it.

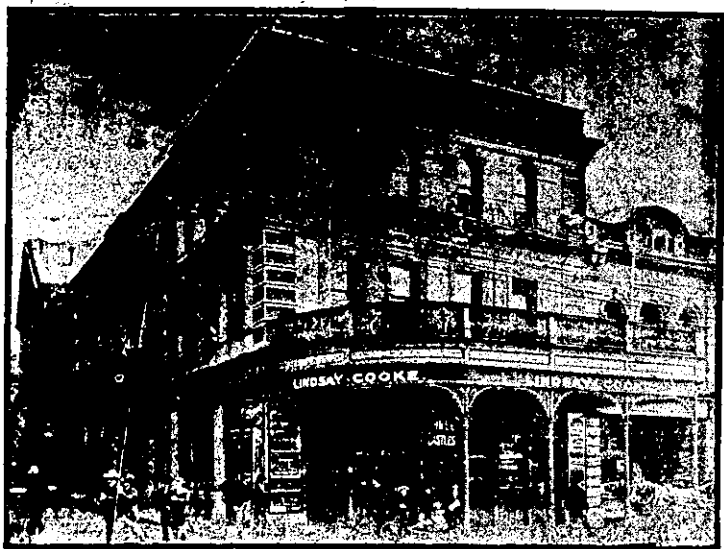
But our friend the Huntingdonshire publican, who declares that he is to be taxed to put money into the pockets of the brewers, who are the owners of the thirteen non-paying houses by which he is surrounded, appears to believe that tied-houses are always of the unsuccessful order, and that the brewers are such bad business men that they never get hold of a profitable license. If it were so, it would only be kind to send round the hat on behalf of the poor, uncommercial brewers, who, in their efforts to secure paying properties, are always forestalled by the alert, subtle, "slim" retailers. But I think we need not alarm ourselves greatly on their account. They will have to contribute to the compensation fund in proportion to the capital they have invested in licensed property, and they will participate in the benefits of the fund on the same ratio as the free and independent retailers. If it proves to be otherwise it will only emphasise the point of our contention that the glorious uncertainty about the working of the new Act justifies the timidity of investors in their attitude towards licensed securities.

The late Prince Leopold's hobby was literature, and he was very fond of the novels of James Payn, and often invited the novelist to stay with him. Mr Payn,

who at that time was a cheery, jovial wit, greatly amused the Prince, although some of His Royal Highness's encouragements were occasionally terribly shocked. One day at dinner-table the host said to one of his guests, "Be sure you read the book; it is called 'The Sceptre and Crown.' Shall you remember it?" "Think of a public-house," said Payn. Some of the Prince's suite looked severe at such unbecoming levity, but the Prince himself laughed heartily.

Referring, at the Colston banquet, to the proposed programme of the Liberal party regarding the Licensing, Education, and other recent Bills, Lord Selborne made some "nasty remarks": "Their programme seemed to be to reverse everything that had been done by their predecessors, and he could conceive no more inglorious programme, no more ignoble aspiration. What had made the success of Parliamentary government in this country had been a continuity of administration. Each party had had its own ideals, but it had always been an unwritten code of honour in their Parliamentary history that each party as it succeeded to power should accept as an accomplished fact and as part of the law of the country the Acts of Parliament that had preceded it.

The brandy prosecutions at Fulham and elsewhere (says the London "L.V. Gazette") only emphasise the absolute necessity of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association taking prompt action to obtain from the Government a decision in regard to the question: What is brandy? Until the Excise authorities set up a standard of brandy it is clear that these prosecutions will be multiplied all over the country, much to the annoyance and expense of the licensed victualler. The grower, the shipper, the merchant, and the retailer are all interested in this question. It is, of course, ridiculous to suppose that pure brandy—that is, the article made from the juice of the grape—can be sold retail in this country—or in any country, in fact—at the price of 3s 6d a bottle, and there can be little doubt that it is because of the large quantities of spurious brandy placed upon the market that the demand for the genuine article has fallen off.

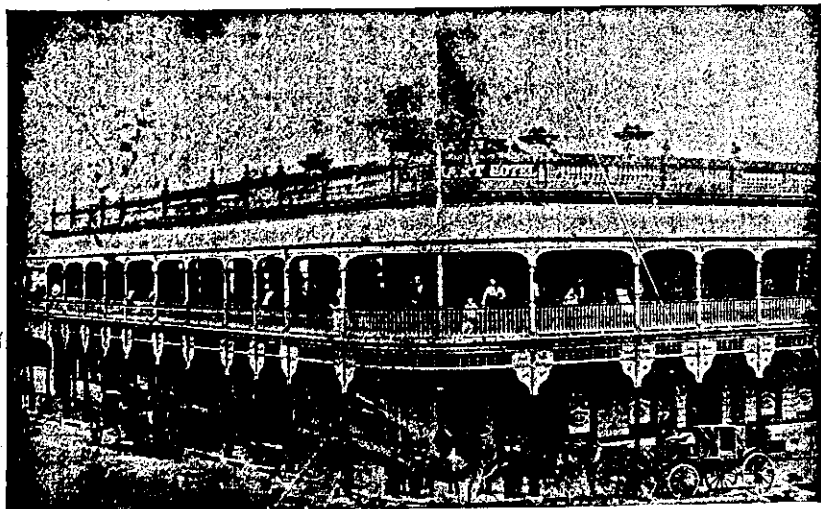


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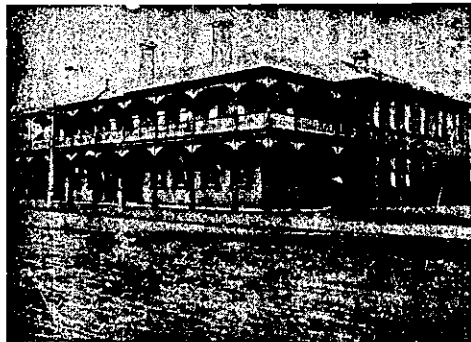
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(By "Cuisinier," in "L.V. Gazette").

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Preserved meat in tins is a recognised article of consumption, and although much inferior in nutritive properties to meat cooked in the usual manner, it is well to have always some tins in the storeroom in order to be prepared for any emergency that may arise.

The process of preserving meat in this manner is a very simple one. The meat is selected and prepared, and placed in the tin, with or without a small quantity of fluid. The lid is then soldered on, and the tin is closed, except at a small hole through which air and steam may escape when heat is applied. It has been proved by experiment that the temperature of boiling water is not sufficient to expel all the air, and hence the heat must be increased by twenty degrees or more. This increased heat is obtained by the action of certain chemicals, such as chloride of calcium. There are various processes, differing slightly in detail, but duration of exposure to the action of the same in principle. After a certain heat the hole in the cover is closed by solder, and the tin is then hermetically sealed.

When purchasing tinned meats look well at the tin. If it bulges outwards have nothing to do with it, as the air has not been fully expelled; but if it is dented inwards it is probably all right. Always buy well-known brands, such as those of Libby, Armour, McCall, Shippam, Crosse and Blackwell, and Maconochie. These firms have made a reputation which they cannot afford to lose. Immediately a tin is opened its contents should be turned out into an earthenware dish. Nineteenth of the cases of poisoning that we read about from eating the contents of tins arise from a neglect of this precaution. When a tin is opened a rushing sound is heard, and many people think that the air is escaping; but, of course, the air is really entering, and the whizzing sound is a proof that the contents are in good condition. The only exception to the above rule is in the case of sardines and other fish preserved in oil, which may remain in the tin, as the oil protects them from the action of the air.

When tinned meat—beef or mutton—is served hot, there are many ways of turning it to account. In the first place it will make an excellent Irish stew, prepared as follows:—Take a number of potatoes and onions, generally two pounds of the former to one of the latter, in proportion to the amount of meat contained in the tin. Boil these in a saucepan, and strain away the liquor. Next, warm the tin before opening it, which will have the effect of converting all the jelly in the tin into a liquid. Now open the tin, and pour off the jelly or to the onions and potatoes in the saucepan. Let the onions and potatoes boil in this jelly for about twenty minutes to half an hour, keeping the lid on the saucepan so that the flavour of the onions does not escape. The meat itself, being already overcooked, requires only to be warmed up; while by boiling the onions and potatoes in the gravy they get the full flavour of the meat. Now take the meat, divide it into convenient pieces, and place it in the stewpan with the potatoes, onions, and gravy; add salt and pepper, put the lid on, put a weight on the lid, and when the meat is hot through serve the stew.

Another good way of treating tinned meat is to curry it, and a very good curry it makes, which will be found very acceptable on cold winter days. Melt in a saucepan a piece of butter the size of a large egg, and place in it half a large Spanish onion sliced. Fry it to a light brown, then add a sour apple finely minced, and a breakfast-cupful of nicely flavoured stock. Work in very smoothly a tablespoonful of curry powder, and one of curry paste. Let all boil together, stirring all the time, for three or four minutes. Press the sauce through a hair or fine wire sieve, and add the contents of a two-pound tin of beef or mutton cut up into small square pieces, and dredged with flour. Simmer for five minutes longer, during which time the meat must be covered with the gravy; add more stock if necessary for this purpose. Serve with boiled rice.

There are an immense amount of dainty dishes that can be made from tinned meats—"Cassell's New Dictionary of Cooking" gives the recipes of no fewer than 109 of them—but very few people know how to cook them properly, and consequently an altogether unjustifiable prejudice against them exists.

A large variety of soups are sold in tins, such as hare, giblet, ox-tail, tomato, gravy, julienne, mock-turtle, and mulligatawny, and as they can be heated up in a few minutes they are very valuable in emergencies. Those made by the leading firms, such as Shippam, of Chichester, are both cheap and excellent,

and many will bear an equal measure of stock or even boiling water. The majority will bear a little extra seasoning and flavouring, and to some a spoonful of sherry or madeira is a great improvement. There are several sorts of Australian soups, also in tins, at a lower price than the home-made article, but the quality is not so good.

A substantial, tasty, and economical staff dinner or supper may be made as follows:—Take a quart tin of tomatoes, a two-pound tin of Australian mutton, and a pound of potatoes. Take all the fat and jelly from the meat, and put it aside. Put the tomatoes and a quart of boiling water in a saucepan, take out the skins of the tomatoes, and add the potatoes thinly sliced. Season, and boil gently for an hour, or until the potatoes are a pulp. Then cut up the meat, put it into the soup with the fat and jelly from the tin, and let it stand for a few minutes to become heated, but do not boil again.

To come to tinned fish: the most popular of these (with the exception of the sardine, of which we need say nothing) is undoubtedly salmon. This may be served plain, with vinegar and pepper, and as a rule it is preferred free from liquid in the tins. If required hot, put the tins in boiling water for about fifteen minutes, open them, then drain, and put the fish on a hot dish. Garnish as for ordinary boiled salmon. Tinned lobster is also a general favourite. Generally speaking, the flat tins will be found the most satisfactory. In these tins the fish is but little broken as a rule; the claws are intact, and altogether there is an appreciable difference between fish of this sort and the ragged-looking pieces that are to be found in some of the cheaper brands. This may be served plainly with oil, vinegar, and cayenne; or it may be used for sandwiches, or for lobster salad, or lobster sauce for various kinds of fish.

Among tinned fruits, those in most general demand are peaches, apricots, pineapples, and pears, and the number of dishes that can be made from them is almost indefinite. There is no better way of serving them, however, than just as they are, with cream as an accompaniment.

A great variety of dishes can be obtained in tins besides those I have mentioned. Irish stew, minced collops, veal collops, tripe and onions, calf's head and bacon, veal cutlets, mutton chops, kidneys, may all be had in this convenient form. I need not enter into any detailed description of these articles, as they are not likely to be much in request by those for whom I write; still, it may be useful to know that such may be had.

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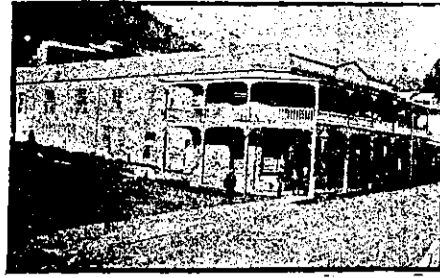
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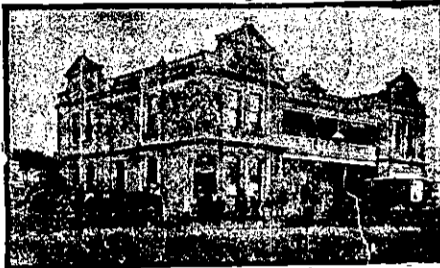
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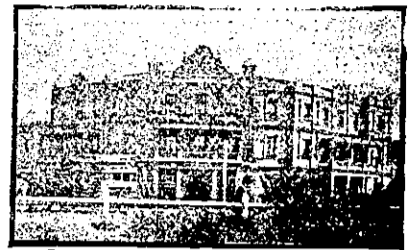
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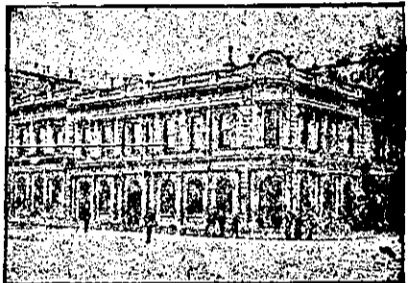
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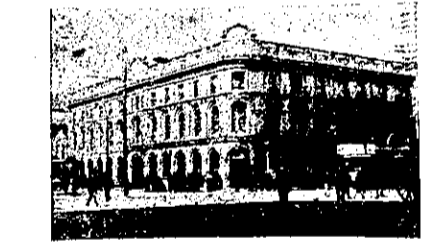
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Commercial and Family Hotel. First class Accommodation. Day and Night Porter. Terms Moderate. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Telephone No. 369. E. LUKS Proprietor.

QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

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

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

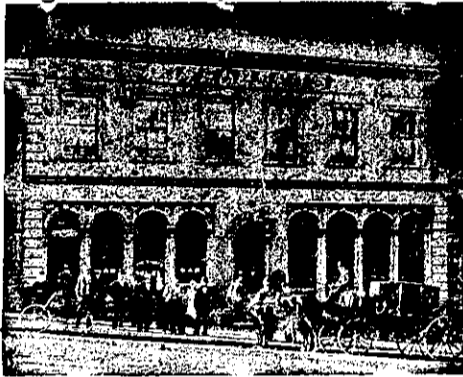
NEWTON HOTEL, Karangahape Road, NEWTON, AUCKLAND. HARRY DYER Proprietor.

Mr. H. DYER has pleasure in announcing to his friends and the general public that he is now in possession of this well-known house. Wines and Spirits, as usual, of the Best Brands. FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM. Good Accommodation for Boarders. Bathroom and every convenience. HARRY DYER - PROPRIETOR.



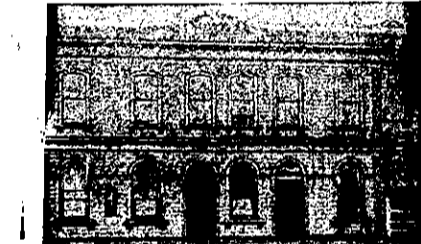
IMPERIAL HOTEL, FORT STREET, AUCKLAND.

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



VICTORIA HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

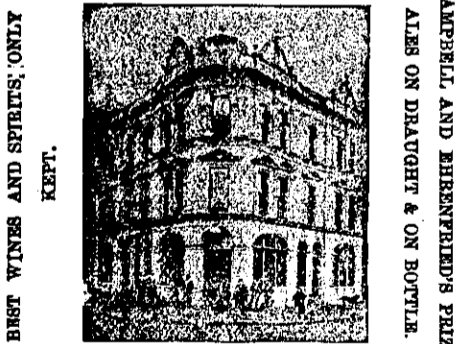
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Visitors. Splendid Billiard Table and Appointments. T. B. O'CONNOR Proprietor.



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

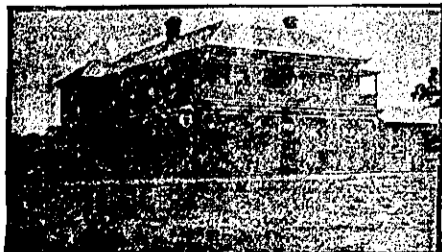
S. F. HEDLUND. Every Home Comfort for Visitors. Charges Moderate. BILLIARDS! BILLIARDS! Campbell and Ehrenfried's XXXX Ale on Draught. The Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

EVERY COMFORT FOR BOARDERS & TOURISTS



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J. T. McHUGH Proprietor.



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



WINDSOR CASTLE HOTEL, Manukau Road, Parnell.

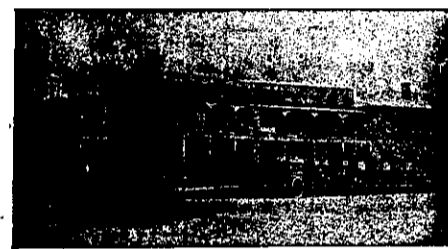
T. LOUGHMAN. Has taken over this First-class Hotel. Every Convenience for Boarders. First-class Billiard Room. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept.

T. LOUGHMAN Proprietor.

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

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



WAIHI HOTEL, WAIHI.

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

H. E. MEYER Licensee.

RISING SUN HOTEL, KARANGAHAPE ROAD.

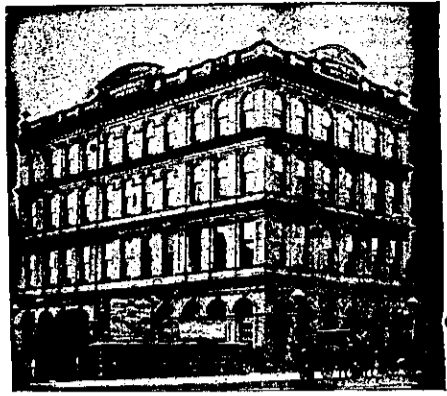
J. C. DUNN, long and favourably known at Onehunga in connection with hotel-keeping, wishes to announce that he has taken over the Rising Sun Hotel, Karangahape Road, where he hopes to see all his old and new friends, who may pass his way.

Superior Accommodation for Boarders. Tel. 1717.

Maungaturoto Hotel, MAUNGATUROTO.

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

TOM FOLEY, PROPRIETOR.



WAVERLEY HOTEL, QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

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

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

THE SPORTING BENEVOLENT

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CARLTON CLUB HOTEL, NEWMARKET.

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

EPSOM HOTEL, EPSOM (Opposite Alexandra Park).

H. A. LLOYD (late of Kamo) Proprietor.

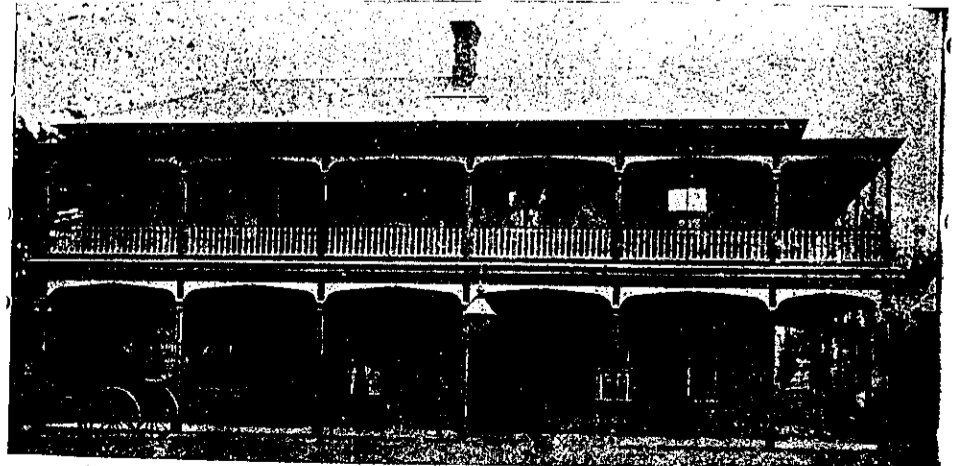
Secombe's Sparkling XXXX Ales on draught. Wines and Spirits (of all brands) of the highest quality. Telephone 1143.

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J. GILLANDER Proprietor.

Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

Secombe's Sparkling Ale on Draught.



Harp of Erin Hotel, ELLERSLIE.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Proprietor.

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

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued

STAR HOTEL

KARANGAHAPE ROAD, NEWTON.

Opposite Ponsonby Reservoir.

FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES AND SPIRITS.

JAMES McLEOD Proprietor



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CORNER OF WAKEFIELD AND RUTLAND STREETS, AUCKLAND.

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

PAT. QUINLAN Proprietor.



ALEXANDRA HOTEL

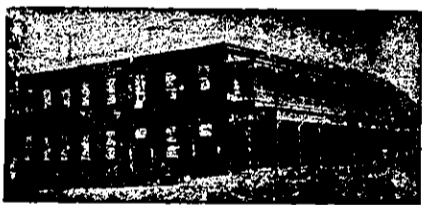
MANUKAU ROAD, PARNELL.

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

First-class Billiard Table and Large Saloon.

Best Brands of Wine and Spirits only kept.

J. R. D. BAKER Proprietor.



GRAND HOTEL

TE AROHA.

Directly opposite the Sanatorium and commanding the most Charming Prospect of the Peninsula.

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

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

Coaches attend all trains.

Letters and telegrams promptly attended to.

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ROYAL HOTEL

VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

J. MORRISON Proprietor.

TARIFF, from 8/6 per day.

The Farthest North

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THE HOHOURA HOTEL

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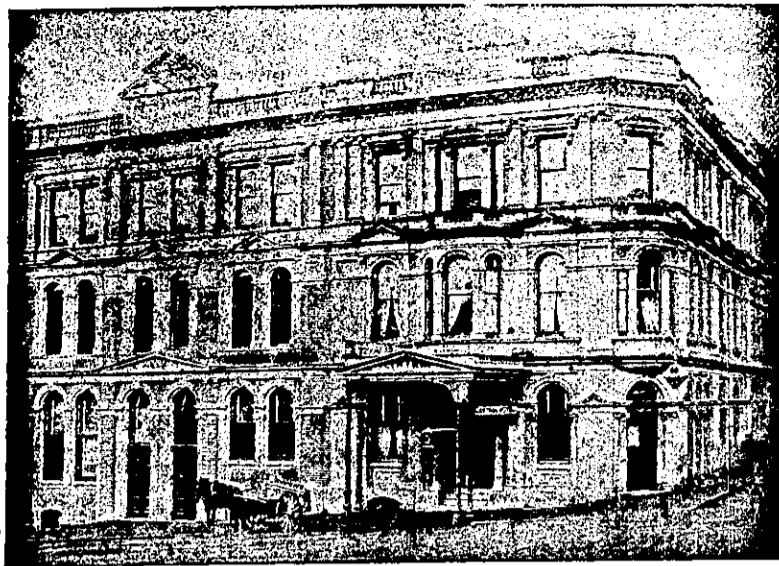
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Every Accommodation can be had here.

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(Late of the Grand Hotel, Rotorua).



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S. J. ATKINS, Proprietor.

SHORTLAND & HIGH STREETS.



WAITEMATA HOTEL

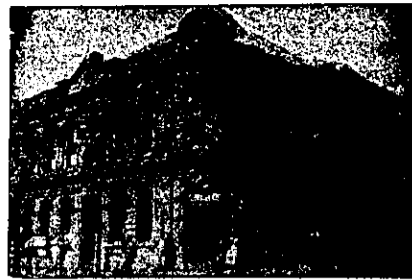
CORNER QUEEN & CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.

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CORNER OF HOBSON AND VICTORIA STS. AUCKLAND.

Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.

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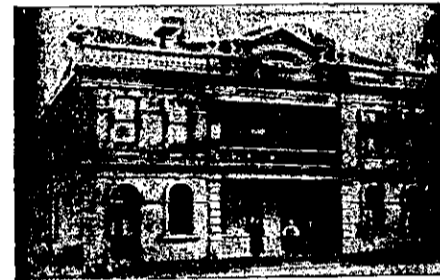
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NEWMARKET.

CHRIS. LEEK Proprietor

Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been thoroughly renovated, and will afford excellent accommodation for boarders and country visitors.

Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Terms Moderate.



WHANGAREI HOTEL

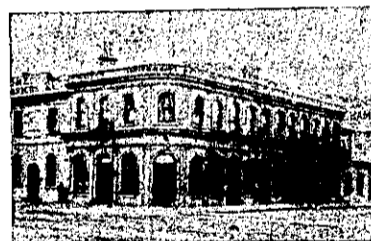
WHANGAREI.

This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the travelling public.

Sample Room. Hot and Cold Baths. Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place. Seating Second to None.

Best Wines, Ales and Spirits kept in Stock.

SAMUEL McMAHON Proprietor



BRITOMART HOTEL

Custom-street.

BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES KEPT.

W. J. BAKER Proprietor.



ELLERSLIE HOTEL, ELLERSLIE.

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

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

A. J. J. MEYER Proprietor.

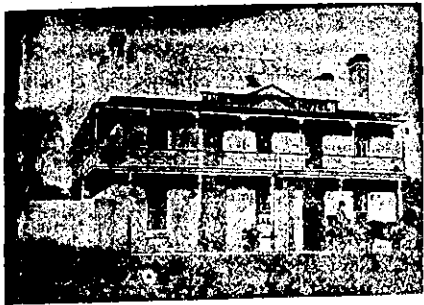
PAPAKURA HOTEL

PAPAKURA.

Notice to Quilts, Footballers, and others.—Your old friend Theo. McEwin has taken over the above Hotel and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid American and British. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.

THEO. McEWIN Proprietor

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.



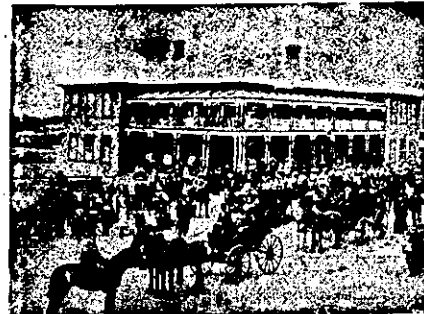
JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM

Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Ellerslie Racecourse and Alexandra Park Football Ground.

WINES, SPIRITS & BEERS—BEST ONLY.

Give me a Call—

J. COTTEBALL.....Proprietor



PALACE HOTEL,

THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.

FRANK PILLING.....Proprietor.

OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS. COMMERCIAL SAMPLE ROOM.

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SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLOURS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS.

TARIFF 35s per Week, or 6s per Day.

THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



KAMO HOTEL, KAMO.

MRS E. PARKER .. Proprietress.

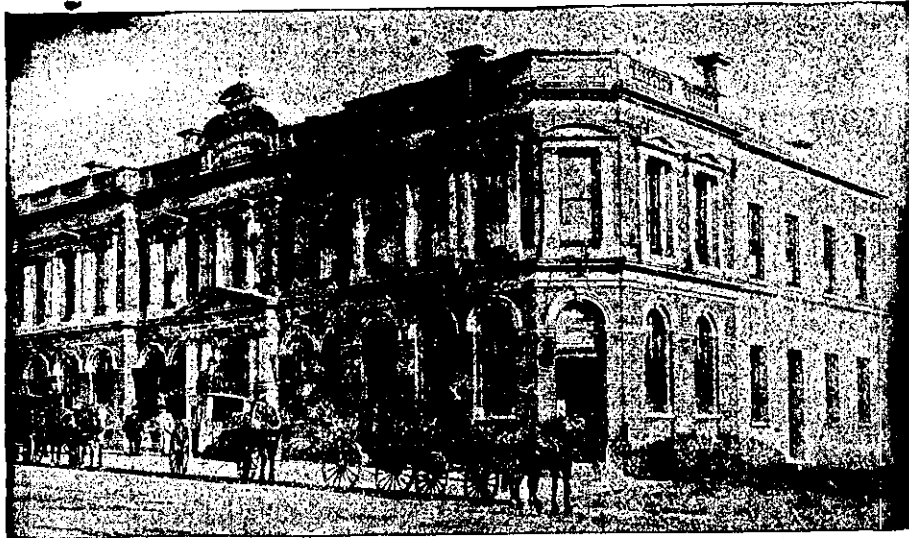
Good Accommodation.

Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

Secombe's XXXX Beer on Draught.

Good Stabling and First-class Paddock.

SALE DAYS—Dinner always on an hour previous to commencement of Sale.



Grosvenor Hotel,

Five Minutes' walk from the Post Office.

Hobson Street, Auckland, N.Z.

A. SCHULTZE, PROPRIETOR.

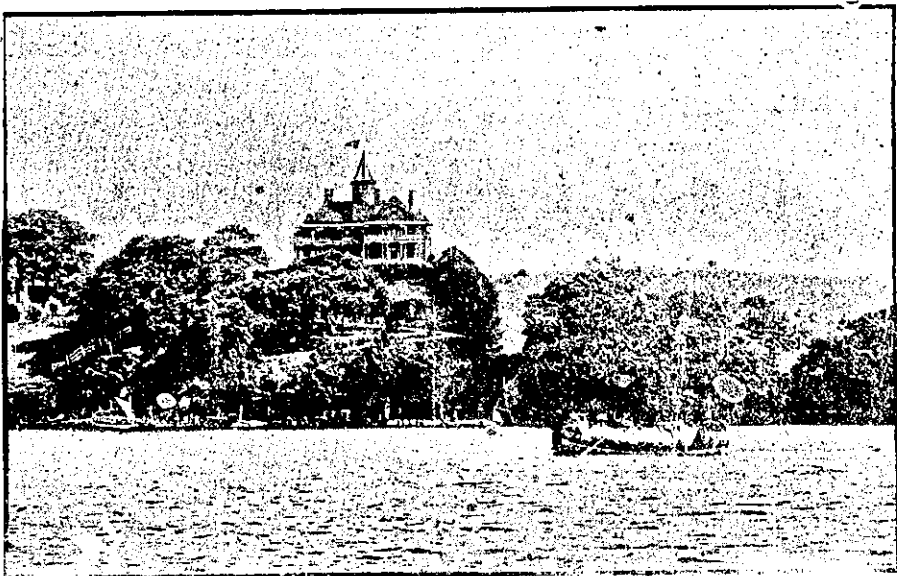
This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only.

TELEPHONE 1188.

TERMS MODERATE.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

JASPER MONTGOMERY, Proprietor.

S. W. BUCK.

SUFFOLK HOTEL

PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

Having taken possession of the above Hotel, I shall be glad to see all my Old Friends and Customers.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only Billiards.

S. W. BUCK PROPRIETOR

OWHAROAHOTEL

Main-street, Waikino.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

RALPH MONTGOMERY (late Manager of the above Hotel) has taken it over on his own, and trusts to see all his old patrons. Extensive additions are now being made, and when complete the Hotel will be second to none in the district.

Don't forget to call on RALPH MONTGOMERY.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGHAKE,

ACROSS THE BRIDGE.

MR F. CROSBY PROPRIETOR

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



THE REDAN HOTEL,

KAITIAI, 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.



OHAEWAIHOTEL, OHAEWAI,

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 Kept. Ehrenfried's XXXX Beer on Draught. The Best of Beers. First-class Stabling, Paddocking and Billiards.

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

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

THOS. MARSHALL ... PROPRIETOR



MASONIC HOTEL, WHANGAROA.

A. GUTHARD .. PROPRIETOR.

Wines and spirits of the Best Brands. First-Class Accommodation for Visitors, Tourists, and Commercial Travellers.

Plunge and Shower Baths. Paddocking. Horses for Hire. Oil launch. Billiards. A magnificent place for a holiday.

MANAKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF

QUEEN-STREET ONEHUNGA.

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

Good Accommodation and Table. Only the best brands of Liquor kept. Stabling. Boating and Fishing Parties arranged.

R. T. MICHAELS PROPRIETOR

TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

SWAN HOTEL,

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.

MR J. ROBINSON (late of Tapu and Pukekohe).

Nearest Hotel to Free Library and Volunteer Drill Hall.

Best of Everything in Stock. Country Visitors specially catered for.

Very Reasonable Tariff.

ALPHA HOTEL, KIHIKIHI.

N. R. HOLDEN PROPRIETOR.

Good Accommodation for Travellers.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands

Billiard-room fitted with First-Class Table

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

RAILWAYHOTEL,

LOWER HUTT.

(Three Minutes from Railway Station, and close to the Hellvue Gardens).

Good Fishing and Shooting to be had within easy distance.

TARIFF REASONABLE. BILLIARDS. Speight's Beer, and Choicest Wines and Spirits.

EXCELLENT STABLING AND PADDOCKING. J. CLULOW Proprietor.

CASEY'S FAMILY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT.

MR JOHN YOUNG begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Gardens.

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

Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.

JOHN YOUNG.....Proprietor.

MASTERTON REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

Trains remain at Station to enable Passengers to obtain refreshments.

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

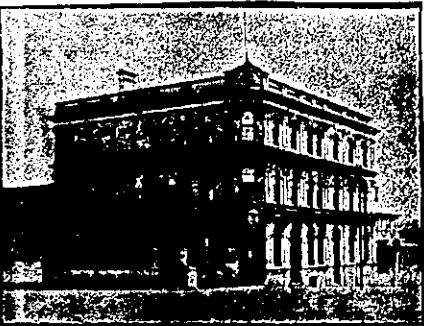
Best Brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, Cigars and Cigarettes.

H. McMANAWAY Proprietor.

WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON

The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Hotel lighted with Electric Light throughout. Spacious and Well lighted Sample Rooms.

S J. GIBBONS Proprietor



CITY HOTEL CORNER OF VICTORIA AND HOBSON STREETS, AUCKLAND.)

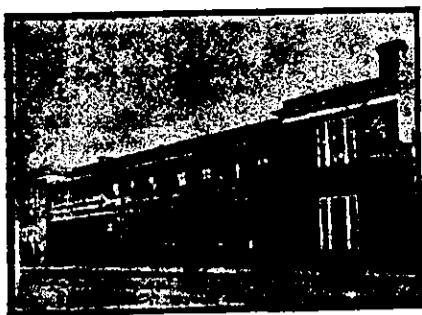
WALIEE STIMPSON

(Late of the Queen's Ferry)

Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House.

The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern

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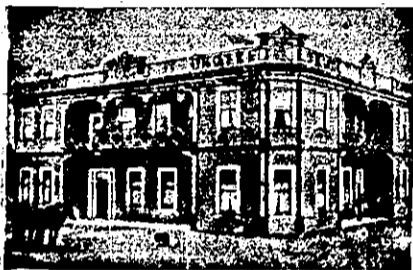


EMPIRE HOTEL MASTERTON.

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

FEILDING HOTEL KIMBOLTON ROAD, FEILDING.

Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly. This favourite hostelry has been renovated and refurnished throughout. Private and Public Drawing Rooms upstairs en suite.



THE CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON.

Has been taken possession of by MR and MRS R. BUCKERIDGE, Late of Martinborough. Who have obtained the Freehold of this Hostelry.

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

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

LEVIN HOTEL

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

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.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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

CENTRAL HOTEL, WELLINGTON

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

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

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading Brands of Whiskies, Wines and Brandies. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 3 p.m. for One ...

IMPERIAL HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

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

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

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

GRAND NATIONAL HOTEL, PETONE, WELLINGTON.

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

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, and Cook's Tourist Travellers. All Appointments up-to-date.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



NEW MASONIC HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

This 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.

CENTRAL HOTEL, LOWER HUTT

This Hotel is now under entirely new management, and has been thoroughly renovated throughout, affording the best accommodation for the travelling public.

CRITERION HOTEL, BULLS, RANGITIKEI.

The Criterion Hotel, which has been long and favourably known, offers special inducements to the travelling public. The Cuisine being under the supervision of Mrs Gibson, those patronising the house can rest assured they sit down to a good table.

CHRISTCHURCH.



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

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



NEW CRITERION HOTEL, GLOUCESTER-STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

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

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Where to Stay in Christchurch? STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL

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

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

RICHARDSON'S BRITISH HOTEL, LYTTELTON.

The Leading Hotel of Lyttelton. Excellent Accommodation. Liberal Table. Hot, Cold and Shower Baths. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits and Dunedin Beer on tap.

MASONIC HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH.

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

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T. FAIRHURST ... Caterer. Grills and Light Refreshments at all times on the Journey. All Fruits in Season of the Best Quality.

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

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CALEDONIAN HOTEL, HASTINGS-STREET, NAPIER.

A. C. BARNES ... Proprietor

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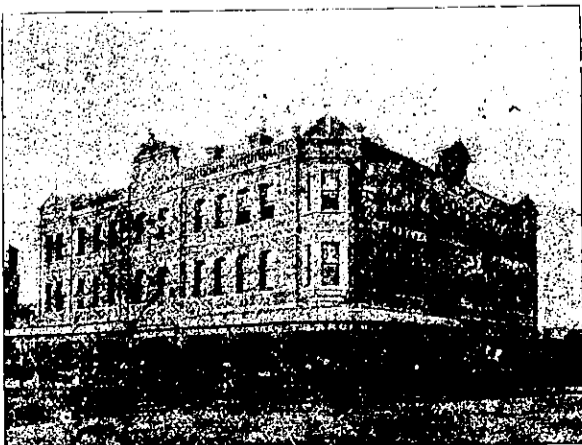
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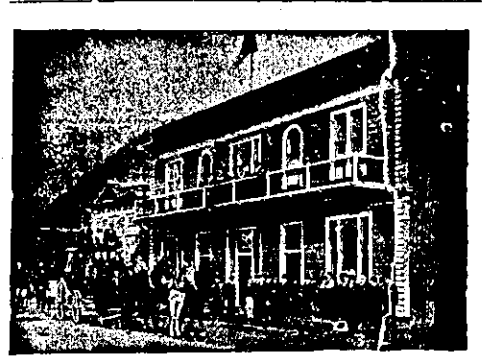
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