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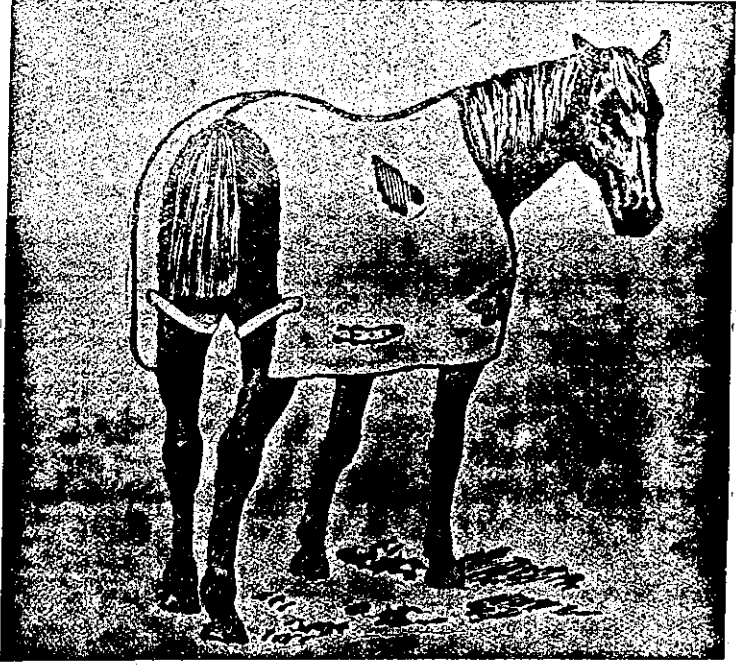
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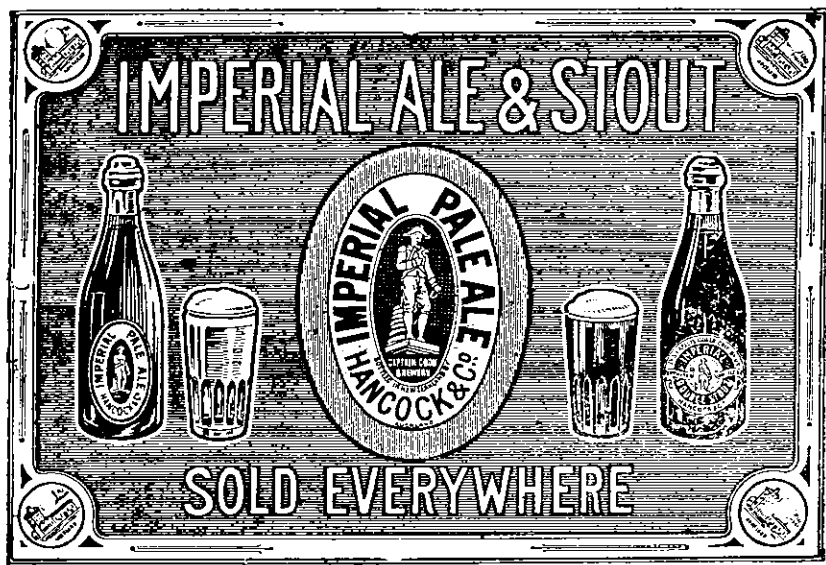
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FIXTURES—1905

July 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase Meeting
July 12 and 15—Wellington R.C. Winter
August 15, 17 and 19—N.Z. Grand National Meeting

WEIGHTS DECLARED:

July 17—N.Z. Grand National Meeting (chief events)
August 4—N.Z. Grand National Meeting (minor events)
August 21—N.Z. Cup

ACCEPTANCES.

September 1—New Zealand Cup

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THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1905

CONCERNING GAMBLING.

On Thursday last a meeting was convened by the Ministers' Association to discuss the somewhat threadbare topic of betting as applied to horse-racing, the question of gambling on mining scrip, stock and shares of all kinds, land deals, and such forms, by which the more wealthy can have their little flutter, not being touched upon. The remarkable inconsistency displayed in this connection by those taking part apparently escaped attention.

The chairman, the Rev. A. North, president of the association, in opening the proceedings, dwelt on the widespread character of the gambling evil, which, he said, was not confined to any age or sex, but tainted almost all classes in the community, and was threatening to sap the moral character of the nation. He mentioned that for the year 1901-2 the sum of £1,275,813 was put through the totalisator, showing an increase of 130 per cent. Employers of labour were specially interested in this question, because there was no doubt that the gambling evil tended to depreciate the value of work, and was essentially demoralising. We do not question the figures given, although it would have been interesting to know upon what was the increase of 130 per cent., and also perhaps it would have been better to have quoted later and smaller figures. Neither do we dispute the truth of the assertion made by Mr. R. Hobbs, who, in seconding the motion, blamed the authorities for not enforcing with greater stringency the laws against gambling. The poor Chinaman playing fantan, he said, was promptly laid hold of, and his opium dens were periodically raided, but though their notice had been repeatedly called to the matter the authorities allowed the laws relating to betting and gambling by Europeans to remain in abeyance. He entered his protest against this kind of thing.

"Gambling is carried on wholesale," said Mr. Hobbs, and he was right beyond question. Gambling in mining scrip, gambling in other kinds of stock, gambling in house lots, gambling in merchandise, gambling, in fact, upon every conceivable thing upon which man, who is essentially a speculative animal, can give or accept a wager. Betting on horse-racing is but one feature of the evil which is simply a characteristic of the

human race. Much as we may deplore it, this is so, and always will be; yet the Ministers' Association would propose to kill the evil, for evil it is, by what? Why, by an Act of Parliament. Could anything be more conceivably futile?

Mr. Arthur Myers, our worthy Mayor, who attended the meeting, can always be relied upon to look at any subject from the commonsense point of view. He said there could be no doubt that gambling was the besetting sin of the colony. The evil was so widespread that he did not think any Act of Parliament would be sufficient to abate it. The remedy must come from within, from the quickened moral sense of the people themselves. He admitted it was not an easy problem to solve, but the matter had reached that stage when something must be done. Lack of parental control and love of excitement were among the causes of betting, and to counteract these it was necessary that parents should more deeply realise their moral obligations, and that the young should be brought up in a healthier atmosphere—that means should be provided, as was being done by the Leys Institute and the Young Men's Christian Association, whereby boys and girls might be enabled to find a substitute for gambling in more rational enjoyments and interests. In that way, and by inculcating habits of thrift the evils which they deplored might be lessened. Those are words which every parent might well take to heart, for there is much truth in them, although we do not suppose that any organisation carried along on the lines of the Y.M.C.A. would ever really reach the great body of the community, and most certainly not its sporting section.

So far, we are in accord to a certain extent with some of the speakers, but with the remarks of one or two who followed we cannot for an instant agree. For instance, Mr. Speight said that when the Totalisator Act was passed in 1881 it was believed it would reduce gambling, and prevent young men being swindled by bookmakers. But it had had the effect of increasing gambling. People now used the totalisator who would never have dreamt of going to a bookmaker. They ought now to say to the Government, the law you passed to reduce gambling having increased it, you should repeal the law. The totalisator should be abolished. It was degrading the community, and creating gamblers, because it was respectable, and looked honest and fair in its mode of operation. This sort of stuff no doubt sounded all right to the clerical gentlemen and their friends who composed the meeting, but it seems a pity there was not somebody present who had the courage to stand up and put the other side of the question; someone to point out, for instance, that because a man is a bookmaker he is not necessarily a swindler. It seems an impossibility with some people to disassociate the two, in which they do a very great wrong to a body of men who frequently give far more money towards the relief of distress and in charity than do the very people who are so ready to denounce them.

Then, again, it seems a rather remarkable fact that the very people who are so prone to decry the totalisator are those who know the least about it. No doubt these people who are so ready to speak badly of it will be surprised to hear that many of the leading people in New South Wales and Victoria are doing their utmost to have the machine adopted, while in every other State of the Commonwealth it has proved a great success. If the totalisator has the effect of so greatly increasing gambling, why do the returns as given by our leading clubs show a steady decrease? Of course the truth of the matter is that there is no such increase in the amount of betting, but by the present system it is under Government control, and the figures are available, whereas before this was not the case. As the evil is inherent in human nature, we think that it is far preferable to have it as far as possible under the strict supervision of the

Government, instead of returning to the older system which gave no check. The only alteration we would suggest is that the percentage at present going to the Government should be devoted to charity, and thus gambling, which is bound to continue in any case, will be productive of some good.

The efforts to put down by law the carrying on of agencies for the sale of tickets in Tattersall's consultation is without doubt one of those crusades, which, like prohibition fanaticism, is certain to do more harm than good, because not only will it interfere with the liberty of the subject, but it will also be diametrically opposing the wishes of a very large section of the community. We know that these consultations are well managed, being licensed by the Tasmanian Government and drawn under the direct supervision of its officers. Surely the few shillings sent across annually by seven-eighths of our population cannot harm the senders, whereas it at least gives a possibility to the poor man of a competence for life, a fact which, of course, can never appeal to those people who oppose it, and who are generally to be found in snug billets. The fact of the matter is we are getting too much nursery Government altogether, and could get along very much better if a little less of the swaddling clothes system of rule were in vogue. We know that many a man has been ruined on the turf just as they have in every other form of gambling and in business of all kinds, but to sweepingly denounce racing on that account verges on the ridiculous. Gambling from its very nature cannot be put down by any Acts of Parliament. To legislate against the totalisator is like picking off the flower to kill the plant. To check the evil it is necessary to strike at the root of it, and the only way to do this is in the home.

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Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

The Wellington Racing Club has endorsed the disqualification of six months imposed by the Otaki Maori R.C. on the rider T. Carroll.

Despite bad weather experienced on both days, the totalisator returns at the Napier Park's meeting, viz., £11,068, showed an increase of £337 on last year's total.

At latest advice Bellis was favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, with Up-to-Date at a point longer.

There is a "slump" in stable boys in Christchurch, and it is said that good lads are simply unobtainable.

C. Jenkins has so far piloted eighty-seven winners this season, a very fine record indeed.

Jack o' Lantern should have a great chance in the Gisborne Steeplechase to-day, in which he is weighted at 11st 10lb in a very weak field of six.

The veteran chaser Dingo is once more on his way to Sydney, having been shipped on Monday by the Huddart-Parker steamer Victoria.

The improvements to be effected at Ellerslie, in addition to a lot of work on the track, include the erection of a tea kiosk and a new reserve for members' carriages.

The Gisborne Racing Club's steeplechase meeting commences to-day, and will be concluded to-morrow.

Up-to-Date has gone to Melbourne, and is said to be in first-class condition to show to advantage in the Grand National Steeplechase at Flemington on Saturday. All Aucklanders will wish that Mr. Lyons may score a victory in the big race.

Nor-west is by no means badly treated in the Wellington Steeplechase, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the old fellow may achieve his third victory in the race in question. He won it when a five-year-old in 1898, with 10st 3lb, and scored again in 1903 under 11st. A. Williams and D. Wright had the mount respectively.

Maniopot has been allotted 8st 7lb in the Caulfield Cup, a weight which the owners should not greatly complain of.

Golden Knight has been scratched for the Metropolitan Handicap, for which the Sydney handicapper allotted Mr. Stead's colt 8st 6lb.

The winter meeting of the Wellington Racing Club will be commenced on Wednesday next, when the Steeplechase is to be run.

Scotty, who has been having a spell, is now in work again with a view to spring engagements.

Irish is making a steady recovery from the accident which befell him during the running of the Great Northern Steeplechase last month.

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race proved a complete boil-over for York, who won, and Old Chappie, who ran second. Both started at the outside price of 33 to 1 against, none of the four most fancied horses even getting a place. There were twenty-three starters for the three miles event, York winning by three lengths. He is a five-year-old chestnut gelding, and was got by Tostig (by Edward the Confessor, by Hermit) from Conclusion (by the Musket horse Enfilade).

The balance-sheet of the Poverty Bay Turf Club shows a profit for the year of £481.

Very good reports continue to come to hand concerning The Mohican, who is bowling along in great style, and is sure to be dangerous later on at Riccarton.

Slow Tom had a very bad fall at Riccarton the other day, his rider, Scoullar, having his collar-bone broken. The St. Ives gelding was not much the worse, and goes to Wellington this week.

Gladsome has been given 9st in the Caulfield Cup and 8st 11lb in the Melbourne Cup. The brilliant daughter of Seaton Delaval should be very dangerous in the former race if at her best.

Kiatere's display at Napier Park in the Steeplechase was rather disappointing, and he will have to show considerable improvement on that running to win at Wellington.

Some of the coming two-year-olds have been down at Ellerslie receiving preliminary instructions for their future duties. One or two of the young Menschikoff's have created a very good impression.

To thoroughly take the conceit out of a horse there is no better way than to throw him (says an American exchange). It certainly requires pluck and determination to throw a horse single-handed, but if done, your horse is virtually conquered for good and all. To do this, put a good strong halter on your horse, take a strap with a ring in it and buckle it on the horse's off foreleg below the fetlock joint; take a rope eight feet long and tie it to this strap; place a surcingle round the horse's body, take up your position on the right side of the horse, bring the rope over the horse's back from the off side; take hold of the rope and pull his foot to his body; take a firm hold of this foot, holding it in that position, then take hold of the horse's halter with the left hand, pull his head to you and press against his body with your elbow, using the words, "Lie down." The majority of horses can be thrown in this way in under a minute, while others, of course, may fight longer. As soon as the animal has been thrown take the rope that is underneath him, bring it under the surcingle and pass it through the ring of the halter, and back under the surcingle again, and thus you have the rope in position to bring his head over his shoulder. Make him put his head on the ground, and if he makes any attempt to get up pull his head up immediately, which will prevent him from rising. This will give him thoroughly to understand that you are master. Once a horse realises your power over him he will do almost anything a horse can do.

Zinfandel, the winner of the Ascot Gold Cup, was bred by the late Colonel McCalmont, the son of Persimmon and Medora passing into the hands of his present owner after the death of his breeder, and as a two-year-old ran thrice. His best effort during that season was to run third in the Rous Memorial Stakes, at Newmarket. The following year, however, he captured five of the six races in which he started—Manchester Cup, the Gold Vase at Ascot, Gordon Stakes at Goodwood, Brighton Cup, and Scarborough Stakes at Newmarket, while last season he put up a similar record by securing the Coronation Cup at Epsom, Alexandra Plates at Ascot, Sandown Stakes at Sandown Park, and the Limekiln Stakes and Jockey Cup at Newmarket. His total earning for the two seasons were £9826. Last year when Throwaway won the prize was worth £3260.

The question shall bookmakers be allowed to bet at race meetings alongside the totalisator, is now exciting a lot of interest in South Africa. The horse-owners appear to be well in favour of having the bookmaker. A resolution which had been adopted by the club that bookmakers should not be allowed to stand up at meetings held at Kenilworth, brought about a general meeting of racehorse-owners. At this meeting a statement was drawn up giving the number of horses owned by almost every local owner, which showed that owners, who between them controlled 105 horses, were in favour of bookmakers, whilst owners of 51 horses were against them. At a meeting of owners prior to the Turf Club meeting, it was resolved, by a majority of 4 to 1, that it was preferable to have bookmakers to the new system. Latest news from Capetown is to the effect that the stewards of the South African Turf Club have decided to abolish the blind totalisator, and that, in the event of more than one horse running in one owner's name in a race, a collective ticket be issued, covering all horses running in such name.

The W.A.T.C. (Perth) secretary receives £600 a year, the handicapper £500, starter £310, and judge £100.

They have a veteran jockey in Germany named Sopp. He won his first race at Hoppegarten thirty-five years ago, and last month scored a big event at the same place.

French sportsmen have frequently sent their racehorses across the Channel to compete for the coveted trophy at Ascot, and Count Lagrange, who captured the Derby, 1865, with Gladiateur, was successful in the Gold Cup, 1878, with Verneuil, who also won the Alexandra Plate at the same meeting. Twenty years later that good turfite, M. J. de Bremond, secured the Gold Cup with Elf II., a son of Upas, and two years ago the Gallic sportsman was again to the front with Maximum II., who, the following year, was just beaten out of a place in the race won by Throwaway, while the other day the consistent son of Chalet escorted Zinfandel past the post, with Throwaway in the other situation.

Convoy has injured his shoulder, and his training has been suspended.

L. H. Hewitt had a mount at Warwick Farm, and finished third on Master Thirza in the Two-year-old Handicap.

M. Spencer, holder of the title, defeated J. B. Belfield in the final of the annual competition for the N.S. Wales Amateur Billiard Championship.

An English exchange mentions that Cavarel, who recently won a selling race for Lord Dalmeny at Newmarket, and was afterwards bought in for 900 guineas, is debarred from the Stud Book, notwithstanding that she is by a half-brother to Gallinule from a half-sister to Galtee More and Ard Patrick.

According to a Queensland exchange, the most unlucky turf club in the North is that of Townsville. One grandstand was washed away, and the new one blown away, and to this trouble of the elements is due the fact that the club's overdraft is £2126, and that the bank is writing about it.

The classic races of England have been won by French horses as follows:—The Derby by Gladiateur only; the Two Thousand by Gladiator and Chamant; the Oaks by Fille de l'Air, Eugenaude, Reine, and Limasol; and the St. Leger by Gladiateur and Rayon d'Or.

It is reckoned that Vampire (dam of Flying Fox) has already brought in £100,000 to the Eaton Stud, and in addition the Duke of Westminster now owns a three-year-old sister to Flying Fox, and three brothers (two-year-old, yearling, and foal) to that horse. Although Vampire is sixteen years old, she shows no sign of age. Her foal of this season is said to be as near perfection as possible, and some of the critics say that if he goes on all right he should turn out the best she has ever thrown.

There are few races in the annals of the English turf which include such an array of equine talent on the winning list as does that for the Ascot Gold Cup (writes "Galtee More"), the inauguration of which dates back nearly a century. The race for the Gold Cup is over a distance of two and a-half miles—one of the few long-distance events of the English turf, and is a good test of speed and stamina, consequently the winning list contains the names of some of the greatest performers that ever trod the turf, and who have also figured largely at the stud. For some time after the institution of the race the competitors were restricted to horses owned by members of the Jockey Club, Brook's, or White's, but in 1831 the brothers William and Samuel Chifney nominated Priam, partly as a protest, and partly as an inducement to wealthy sportsmen to purchase the horse. Priam was then purchased by Lord Chesterfield for 3000 guineas, but he never competed in the race. Subsequently the race became open to all-comers, and on the roll of winners are such landmarks of the turf as Glaucus, Touchstone, Lanercost, Van Tromp, Flying Dutchman, Teddington, West Australian, Fisherman, Thormanby, Doncaster, Patriarch, Isonomy, Robert the Devil, Foxhall, Tristan, St. Simon, La Fleche, Isinglass, Persimmon, Cyllene, Merman, and William the Third.

The time is drawing on apace for the holding of the First Combined Annual Charity Fete. This will be commenced on July 26 with a juvenile historical, literary, and fancy dress ball, which will take place at the Choral Hall. This will be conducted under the auspices of a strong committee of ladies, of whom Mrs. Arthur Myers, the Mayoress, is president. The ball should be an exceedingly attractive item, as it is to be carried out with the most careful attention to detail, and a large number of prizes are to be given for the best-designed costumes. On August 7 and 8 there will be a special production of "The Schoolmistress," by the Auckland Dramatic Society under the management of Dr. de Clive Lowe. On August 9 there is to be a great musical and variety entertainment by the leading professionals and amateurs in the district. Next a fancy costume football match is to be organised by Mr. Pat. Quinlan. A grand fete, Oriental fair, and palace of varieties, which will last for a week, will be held during the last days of September. The carnival will be brought to a close with a monster sports gathering, band contest, and display of Japanese day fireworks. The carnival is in aid of the best of all causes, charity, and is being organised by the most influential citizens of Auckland. Attention is specially drawn to the advertisement in this issue, and to the fact that anyone desiring to assist at any of the entertainments should communicate with the committee or with the manager, Mr. A. D. Gordon, Strand Arcade.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 4.

Slow Tom had a bad fall when schooling over the big fences last Wednesday. All went well until the first fence of the double was approached, when Slow Tom failed to rise, and turned completely over. His rider, Scoullar, had a very narrow escape; as it was he sustained a broken collar-bone and will be laid up for some time. Slow Tom was somewhat sore on the following day, but he is now all right again, and will leave for Wellington this week to fulfil his engagements in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Mishaps have been frequent during the week for Convoy, who had been shaping splendidly at hurdle jumping, injured his shoulder and had to be withdrawn from his Wellington engagements. This is extremely hard luck for Mr. Buckley and his trainer, D. Moraghan, who had the horse in capital fettle. It is not considered that the son of Vanguard will be laid up for any length of time, but the mishap is bound to interfere with his preparation for the Grand National meeting.

The Mohican, who has been installed one of the favourites for the Grand National Hurdles, is bowling along nicely in his work. I heard to-day that The Mohican has never been known to fall in a hurdle race, and that he has only fallen once when doing schooling exercise.

Speculate, who is owned by the young Christchurch metallician, Mr. Arthur Bradshaw, is to be given a chance to distinguish himself over hurdles. Speculate is just the sort of horse that ought to do well at the game.

Two flat racers, Stepdancer and Reduction, who have been enjoying a spell for some time, are again in active work at Riccarton.

The following horses from Riccarton are booked to leave this week for Wellington:—Slow Tom, Phaetonitis, De la Rev. Mango, Tessera, Tupara, Taxpayer, Rongoa, and Wet Blanket. In addition to the above lot, Cannie Chiel, Blythemaide and Bagpipes may also journey North.

Eurus, who has never made a complete recovery from his fall at Wanganui, is again out of work. He appears to be very sore, and may not be able to take part at the National Meeting.

J. J. Lewis was entertained by a number of his friends at a social at the Racecourse Hotel last Wednesday night. Lewis was presented with a gold Albert, while a silver tea service was subscribed for Mrs. Lewis.

F. P. Claridge has taken over his stables in Christchurch.

D. Roberts is in occupation of Grip Lodge, which he recently purchased from E. Roden. Roberts has Noxious Weed, Bluestone, and two yearlings in his charge.

Amongst the horses qualifying with the Christchurch Hounds are Kelpy, Nikola, Gold Bangle, Leaside, and The Whip.

Mason has been down to Riccarton with Nightfall, Savoury, Sungod Munjeet, Golden Knight, Porcelain, Nocturnal, and Iseult, which suggests that at last some members of the Yaldhurst team are being got ready for the Australian campaign.

Narcissus has been doing some jumping over big fences. He is a good jumper, and may make a better steeplechaser than hurdle racer.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, July 5.

At the Police Court this morning several jockey club prosecutions for trespass on the Wingatui course were withdrawn at the request of the club's counsel (Mr. Williams), who stated that the defendants had paid costs and made a sworn declaration that they would not go on the course again without the consent of the Jockey Club. The magistrate (Mr. Widdowson, S.M.), remarked that the recent fines seemed to have a good effect, but for all that the writer is open to wager that bookmakers of some sort or other will be amongst the attendance at the next Wingatui meeting.

It appears to be a general belief that Pipi was well beaten when he came down in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and all the opinions the writer has read agree on that point. That may be, but as an interesting matter of fact, the fence which proved fatal to the Natator gelding's chance was the same obstacle which brought him to grass two years ago, when he went out favourite for the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, won by Jack o' Lantern.

Pipi, in the interim, has successfully crossed dozens and dozens of fences, but he evidently has a strong recollection of the jump at Hawke's Bay, as he was inclined to shirk the first time he was sent

at it, and the next time he again went at it in a half-hearted manner and came down.

Pipi is one of the best fencers ever seen in the colony, but his memory can evidently bring this down at a jump which in the ordinary course of events would be negotiated without an effort.

The two-year-old Stepniak—Cobweb gelding Stepchild, who has been in J. Rutledge's stable since he was a yearling, was shipped last week to Adelaide to his owner, Mr. J. Tennant.

Stepchild has been a failure as a race-horse, but he has a bit of pace, and would probably do better with more age.

If he should fail to train on in his new home he will be relegated to utility work on the owner's station, where Evening Wonder is at present following the sheep, etc.

The Elderslie stud matron Madder has been a good producer of winning stock, as Madrigal, Rose Madder, and Rubia are her three first foals.

Her yearling, which was put up at the last annual sale of the stud stock, made 350 guineas, and was purchased by Mr. G. Hunter, the well-known Southern sportsman.

Mr. T. Kent passed through Dunedin last week on a visit to Rotorua. His companion de voyage is Mr. J. Loughlin, the well-known metallician. It is quite possible Mr. Kent may pick up a horse or two should he take a fancy to something he meets on his travels.

Two Wingatui colts in Tartar (Stepniak—Miss Betty) and Mondjik (Stepniak—Vaultress) have been nominated for the Wellington St. Leger.

Mr. Jas. Jeffs has sold Ostiak to a Southern buyer.

Very little interest was taken here in the V.R.C. National Hurdles, and York was a turn up for most of his followers.

TARANAKI.

July 4.

A meeting of the Taranaki Metropolitan Committee was held on Friday when Colonel Ellis, in the absence of Mr. J. Paul, presided. In reference to a letter from the Racing Conference, it was decided to recommend the cancellation of the licenses of the following registered clubs:—Egmont Hunt Club, Eltham Hack Racing Club, Okaiawa Racing Club, Stratford Mounted Rifles, Urenui Hack Racing Club, they not having held a meeting during the past 12 months. The secretary of the conference inquired about certain assumed names, and the secretary of the club informed the committee that he had sent the information. The trustees of the accident fund granted C. Stewart £2 18s 6d in connection with the injuries he received while riding Toledo at the Egmont Winter Meeting. The Egmont Club forwarded a claim from W. Frabery, who was injured while schooling Tambowie on the Egmont course, and this had been forwarded to the trustees. The Hawke's Bay Club wrote asking if the committee had any objection to a jockey's license being granted to Henry Jury. The committee decided they could not recommend the club to issue such license. The Masterton Club wrote complaining that a trainer in the Hawera district had left Masterton without paying certain small accounts, including one to a widow. The secretary stated he had sent a copy of the letter to the trainer with a request to attend to the matter. The Robertson Totalisator Syndicate, Christchurch, wrote asking the club to give their double-event machine a trial. The matter was held in abeyance for the present. Several accounts were passed, including one for royalty on Gray's starting machine.

Mr. J. Paul, president of the Taranaki Club and chairman of the committee, returns this week from Marlborough, where he has been spending a couple of weeks.

Mr. W. Elliot, of Waitara, is about again after his accident. He has six charges in his stable, including Lady Lancelot, rising 3 years, by Sir Lancelot from Auray; and Lady Mere, rising three, by Westmere from Fanny Fisher, and therefore half-sister to Maniopoto.

All sorts of wild statements are being circulated about the backing of Maniopoto. I would advise backers to stand off till they see how he shapes at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, for that is the Soult horse's mission, all going well.

A private wire was received here the other day stating that P. Johnson, on behalf of his brother, had sold Lurcher at Hastings for £200.

Mr. F. Stohr is now about again, but he looks shaken up after his severe illness. Inglewood will be sent to Stratford, where he will be spelled till the spring.

I understand that Heroism is showing aptitude for the jumping game.

P. Johnson returned from Hawke's Bay on Saturday night. He states that Lurcher was sold to Mr. F. Armstrong.

a well-known landowner in the Wairarapa. Mr. Armstrong is visiting England shortly, and will take the St. Hippo gelding with him for a hunter.

Johnson has been engaged to ride Mr. P. Donnelly's horses in jumping events at Wellington and Riccarton.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, July 4.

The Fordell-trained Handsome Rose followed up his recent victories at Hawke's Bay by annexing the big stick event on the opening day of the Napier Park meeting. The son of Handsome Jack was heavily backed here for the event, and the layers of odds got a bad time of it.

Mr. H. Austen, of Foxton, had the misfortune to lose his Musketry—Fatigue colt Purdey, who died recently of inflammation.

Evening, who won the steeplechase here in such splendid style, has now developed a leg, and in all probability will not sport silk again for some considerable time. This is very bad luck for Mr. Armstrong, owner of the son of Wonderland—Vesper.

Mr. J. Cotter, of the Wairarapa, has presented the local Jockey Club with two fine stags' heads—royals—for the new stewards' stand, which is shortly to be erected. The donator was associated with racing here some thirty odd years ago, and always spends a very enjoyable holiday when visiting the town now.

St. Lyra, Fontenoy and Shrapnel have been nominated for the Winter Cup, to be decided at the Canterbury Jockey Club's winter fixture, while Handsome Rose, Bounce, Kohatu, Valima, and the Sandon-trained Daredevil are the only entrants from this vicinity for the jumping events.

The Tod Sloan hurdle rider, C. O'Neill, added a couple more wins to his long list at the Napier Park meeting last week, when he steered Wild Cat and Jack o' Lantern to victory on the second day. The victory of the latter is said to be attributable mainly to the splendid horsemanship displayed by O'Neill.

The Forster gelding Valkyrie has been nicely treated in the hurdles at Wellington with 9st 13lb, and should he be taken down will prove hard to beat, as he is in capital nick at present.

The Marton Racing Club, who usually usher in the spring racing season, intend to include two open events on their next programme, called the Crofton Handicap of 100sovs, six furlongs, and the Marton Handicap of 110sovs, one mile. The total increase in stakes will be about 100sovs.

The St. Hippo gelding Lurcher still continues to run into a place in his essays over crosscountry courses, and no doubt he will before long carry his colours in the van.

Besides being engaged to ride Slow Tom at the Christchurch meeting, Clarence O'Neill has, I understand, been retained to ride The Mohican.

Frank Lind returned from Napier on Friday, where he has been riding Mr. Lowry's leppers Creusot and Comfort. It was particularly hard luck for the owner and rider of Comfort that the horseman should have missed the brush fence in the Park Steeple, which necessitated the race being taken away from Mr. Lowry's representative. Lind says the starter explained before the race that the contestants were to miss the last hedge but one, and he forgot exactly which one when coming to the finish and missed the last jump. Frank, however, made amends on the concluding day by riding the same steed to victory in the Hurdle Race. Lind returns early this week to continue schooling Creusot and Comfort in view of their Wellington and National engagements.

Harry Jackson was again favoured by a slice of good luck at Napier Park, where the aristocratic-bred Fontenoy annexed two races somewhat easily. The big son of Haut Brion is just getting into form, and there are plenty of his admirers who fancy he will take a power of beating if started in the Winter Cup.

Jackson's other pair, St. Lyra and Benmore, failed to reproduce their form of the previous week, but as this is not an unusual occurrence with this pair, it would not be quite unexpected by trainer and owner alike.

W. Price, the well-known Fordell lightweight, who has made a name for himself on the flat is on a fair way to success as a hurdle rider. Price rode Handsome Rose in all his victories lately, and good judges who have seen him ride predict a splendid future before this lightweight crosscountry horseman.

According to a Greymouth paper, W. Mitchell, trainer of the Handsome Jack colt Roseal, had rather an anxious time of it during the recent flood. Mitchell's stables are situated near the racecourse, which was under water to a depth of nine feet, but he got his charge shifted to a vacated stable on a small hill opposite the course after some difficulty.

Mr. A. Walker, of Feilding, has been negotiating for the purchase or the lease of Explosion for stud duties, but I understand nothing definite has yet been arranged.

C. Jenkins, the popular Porirua horseman, has now brought his winning mounts for the season up to 83, which constitutes a record, and there is not the slightest doubt but that he will score a few more wins before the season closes.

In allotting the Soult colt Maniopoto 8st 4lb in the Epsom Handicap of one mile, and 8st in the mile and a-half event, the Metropolitan Handicap, the handicapper for the A.J.C. spring meeting cannot be said to have been unduly harsh on the son of Lady Fisher. Neither has he erred on the side of leniency. However, should Maniopoto be sent across he should be quite capable of acquitting himself in a most creditable manner in either or both of the above races. Mr. H. Good, one of the horse's owners, has supported him for the Melbourne Cup to win £5000. I understand in taking this sum about Maniopoto Mr. Good was tempted to do by the price offered, the amount being secured for the outlay of £100.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, July 4.

Matters appertaining to racing will be very much in evidence in Wellington shortly, as the delegates appointed by trotting clubs meet for their annual conference on the 10th, while the Wellington R.C. Winter Meeting and the annual New Zealand Racing Conference will take place later in the week, consequently our city should be surfeited with folks interested in sporting matters.

The business which will come before the Racing Conference, including, as it does, the adoption of a set of reconstructed racing rules, will render it one of the most important conferences yet held. The Premier's pointed references to the abuses attendant on racing and various other questions that have recently been raised by those who have the interest of pure sport at heart, may be expected to occupy the attention of the New Zealand Turf Parliament during their annual session.

The question of the allocation of dates is one that is sure to give rise to much discussion. Hitherto many clubs have, after mature consideration, decided upon certain dates as most suitable for their districts; their applications have in many instances been lightly waived aside and an intimation sent them that they must choose some other date that will meet with the approval of the chairman of the Conference. This usually leads to disaster, and it goes without saying that local officials are in the best position to know the date most suitable for their meetings.

From inquiries made I learn that a large number of loose boxes have been bespoken by visiting trainers, and the W.R.C. should experience a capital meeting. At the time of writing the weather has taken up, and there is every prospect of the training tracks and course proper being in good order while the visiting horses are here.

The Porirua representatives are reported as all in good nick, and should they fail to score during the meeting it will not be for lack of condition.

The Hutt-trained horses have been exercised whenever possible on the sand; this, with plenty of trotting on the roads, will render them fairly fit to battle against the redoubtable visitors that may be expected.

The Napier Park betting operations ended largely in favour of backers. On the strength of advice wired from the course punters were most consistent in selecting winners. In a number of cases the money simply poured into the starting-price layers, and on the concluding day of the meeting a lot of money was wired from here back to the racecourse. This probably accounts for Fontenoy only paying £1 7s in the Brooklands Hack Handicap. Comfort in the Poraiti Hurdle Handicap and Kohatu in the Farewell Steeplechase were sent through from the course as "morals," and I hear that some of the coin invested on them here found its way on to the totalisator.

The success of the Victorian Race-horse Owners' Association has evidently been observed by a number of New Zealand racing men, as I hear that it is con-

templated forming a like association in this colony. I am given to understand that a number of prominent owners have expressed their willingness to fall in with those who consider such an association would be in the interest of owners, and it seems only a matter of the latter being called together to enable them to be banded together for their common good. An ex-secretary of an influential racing club has been approached, and it is not unlikely that the matter may be discussed at a meeting of owners held about the time of the Wellington races.

AFTER THE RACES.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

The villainous climate that was on tap on Wednesday and yesterday had, as might be expected, a deteriorating effect upon the attendance. Still, it is a certainty that patrons were in a betting humour, for when the figures were made up at the conclusion of the outing, it was seen that the takings of the 1904 'chasing meeting had been exceeded by £337, the respective figures being—1904, £10,371; this season, £11,068.

Mr. Hyde was in the majority of cases successful in the dismissals, and the same may be said of A. Hood's essay in the Ladies' Bracelet, Mr. Hyde being engaged in that race piloting Baltic. Class was not largely in evidence at the gathering, and the paucity of good 'chasing horses was very noticeable. In the ranks of the flat competitors, Fontenoy, whom I had a good word for last week proved an easy first, as he won upon both occasions that he carried silk, and the easy style in which his triumphs were gained, marks him out as a horse who must be given a chance in the future in more classy contests than engaged his powers this week.

In Rose Madder Mr. Lowry has a more than useful bearer of his popular racing livery, for out of two goes Stepniak's daughter got a first and second award, and for a small-built mare like her to carry 11st 6lb and then run second to Assayer, to whom she was giving 13lb and three years, marks my argument in her favour in a forcible manner. Rose Madder is exceptionally quick at getting going, and I think there is no question had she been able to get out of the slips as rapidly on Thursday as she did on Wednesday, that Assayer would not have proved her conqueror. Still, I am inclined to think that winners and losers alike did not grudge the gentleman who goes a-racing under the non-de-course of Mr. A. Stuart the victory gained by the Gold Reef gelding, for his hearty genial style has made him numerous friends, both in and out of the racing world. A further proof that it is good business backing horses in form was shown by the effects of Wild Cat, who also scored once, and got second out of a couple of tries, and Comfort, who had the bad luck to get put out of court through his rider making a mistake as to the number of fences to be negotiated in the Napier Steeplechase. Mr. Lowry's gelding has put up a most consistent performance during the past fortnight, for he has started four times, won two steeplechases, run second in another, and got the first award in a hurdle race, and though opinions may be divided as to whether he would have won in the Napier Steeplechase if he had not missed the last crosscountry fence, I incline to the belief that he would have accounted for Nadador, my contention being based upon the fact that she had to put out a bit of effort to reach Comfort before the last big obstacle was reached, and this naturally took a deal of the vigour out of her. Nadador's record for the 'chasing period of this season so far reads in an attractive light, for she has started upon four occasions, twice at Wanganui, where she got second to Eurus in the Final Steeplechase, and missed her other attempt there; won at Hastings last week, and ran second to Comfort on Wednesday, but got the stake, which makes her a dual winner for two efforts. Sir William Russell's representative has justly earned the title as a consistent performer. It may be stated that she has started in twenty-five events over obstacles, has won upon six occasions, ran second the same number of times, and been placed third on five occasions. She had her first public go over the battens at the

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Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's spring meeting in 1903, when she ran second to Comfort in the Hack Handicap Hurdle Race. It was bad luck for Creusot that he tipped out in the Park Steeplechase, for it was only reasonable to suppose, with the poor pace that Jack o' Lantern and Lurcher were able to muster up at the finish of the go, that he would have downed both of them had he not come to grief. Still, I do not appraise Creusot in the same light as regards steeplechasing qualifications as the handicapper did this week when he made Kiaterere only a 6lb better horse than Torpedo's big son. How this reason was arrived at I fail to see, and I know perfectly well I am not the singular observant in the matter. Lurcher, who got a second in the Park Steeplechase, carried Mr. F. Armstrong's racing jacket in that event, St. Hippo's son having been purchased by that sport on Wednesday. Another of his team, Bill Bailey, who has lately been acquired by Mr. Armstrong, got a second place in the Ladies' Bracelet. Bill Bailey is booked to make the trip to Riccarton in August, and the well wishers of the Akitio sportsman, and their name is legion, will, I am sure, join with me in wishing all sorts of good luck to the county sport, who, like many more in these parts, follows up the game for the pleasure it affords him. Kiaterere and Numa may be expected in the future to show out in much superior style than characterises their displays on Wednesday.

Old Daredevil demonstrated that he is no back number, for, although he failed badly on the opening day, he put up a good performance on Thursday. His poor attempt in the Motu Hurdles may be set down to the fact that he got into one of the fences badly, and in the tangle his pilot had the misfortune to lose one of his stirrup irons.

Handsome Rose again showed that he is a good sort for the obstacle business, as his display in the Ahuriri Hurdles was faultless. He was engaged in the Poraiti Hurdles on Thursday, but the trainer notified the handicapper that he did not intend to put in an appearance with Handsome Jack's son in that event, and requested him not to handicap him for that race. Full Cry would have been hard to beat in the Winter Oats only that his rider (O'Brien) tried to get up on the inside three furlongs from home, and getting boxed in had to pull on the outside, and thus destroyed his winning opportunity.

Cavalry, who was made the medium of a big plunge on the part of his connections, once more failed to help them over the style. I am inclined to think he is a welsher, and I should say he would be a good sort to give away.

The last race of the meeting, the Newstead Handicap, proved the best of good things for Matakokiri, the top weight and favourite, as he came through the straight and won easily by three lengths from Onyx (who used to be known by the name of Sycophant), who was lengths ahead of Pantaloon, White Squall last. The winner paid £2 1s. and the runner-up £3 11s.

The winning horsemen at the meeting were headed by C. Jenkins with three wins, which equals his Hastings record. Clarence O'Neill, W. Price, and J. Hall each steered a couple of victors apiece, and J. O'Connell, F. Davis, C. Mitchell, R. McGregor, and Mr. J. Ormond one winner each.

TROTTING.

Mr C. F. Mark left for Wellington on Sunday to attend the Trotting Conference.

The annual balance-sheet of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club shows that the business of the club for the year has been highly satisfactory. The total receipts reach £13,780, and the expenditure (including stakes, £9499) totals £15,081; included in this is the cost of improvements, £2000. The amount expended to date on buildings, etc., amounts to £11,152. The assets, after writing down buildings, etc., £3367, stand at £8000.

Matters are very quiet locally in trotting circles, and there is virtually nothing doing. The chestnut gelding Officer, by King Harold—Shetland mare, which Mr Martin Taylor recently took across from Auckland to Sydney, won the Pony Handicap at Epping on the 27th inst., and was afterwards sold to Mr J. J. Smith for £100. Officer started at 5 to 1 on and won by 40 yards.

Although Mr T. Playfair, the owner of Ribbonwood, issued a challenge some days ago to trot any horse in the Commonwealth, no reply has yet been received (says the "Town and Country Journal"). The champion is being given easy work to prepare him to meet anything that may come along.

Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

SYDNEY, June 28.

My first consideration this week must be the weights that were issued yesterday for the four big races of the spring. If I commence with the Epsom Handicap, which will be the first event decided, I cannot help remarking that in giving the New Zealand horse Machine Gun 9st 12lb, the handicapper has cruelly treated him. It is, however, an evidence that despite the free trade policy which our legislators boast of, that so far as racing stock is concerned, the handicapper is prepared to put on an almost prohibitive weight, and is therefore governed by a protective policy. The weight, no doubt, is flattering to New Zealand, but in a practical sense it is not likely to encourage New Zealand owners to nominate for the big events in New South Wales. Good horse as Machine Gun is, I feel that the protective policy of the handicapper has put him out of the running. It is early yet, and without going through the weights let me mention a few that I think have a chance—Fitz-Grafton, Sweet Nell, Marvel Loch, Licknow, Emerald, Mack, Maniopoto (New Zealand), Fashoda, Binnia, and Grand Rapids.

In the Metropolitan I will select the following to be on my side:—Emir Fitz-Grafton, Tartan, Marvel Loch, Mahutonga, Golden Knight, Acrasia, Charles Stuart, Maniopoto, Mack, and Dividend.

The Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup weights are before me, but I do not feel disposed to make any definite selection at present. I promise, however, that I will watch events, and will later on send my selections. However, at the first glance I feel inclined to favour the chances of the following:—Caulfield Cup: Gladsome, Sweet Nell, Boabdil, and Murmur. Melbourne Cup: Emir, Dividend, Tartan, Munderah Grand Rapids, Mahutonga, Charles Stuart, Scotland, and Kamo.

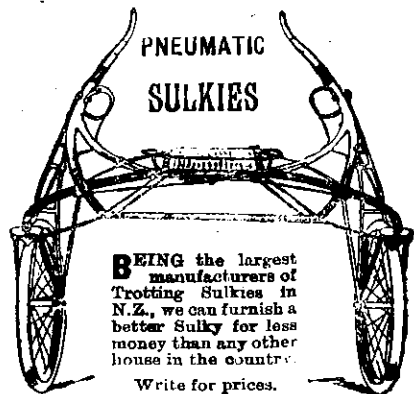
Between this and the date of the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Meetings, I propose to send you a resume of the important work done on the Randwick and Flemington training tracks.

The meeting at Warwick Farm on Saturday was of little interest to outside readers. The principal event was the Warwick Farm Handicap, which only induced a field of six to compete. Punters were all astray, as they made Street Arab, who had won the week before at Moorefield, a favourite, but the arrant rogue on this occasion rewarded his followers by running last. Two years ago he won the Sydney Cup. Until last Saturday week he was never again seen near the front, but the style in which he smothered his field at Moorefield led us to expect better things in future. However, after last Saturday's performances, we know that he is a "sooner." The race was won easily by Fanshawe, 6st 7lb, with Fireclay, 8st 7lb, second, and Loredano, 8st 8lb, third.

Machine Gun astonished the touts at Randwick yesterday by getting over six furlongs on what is called the magpie track in 1min. 16sec. He had a solid weight up. Machine Gun is under orders to go to Melbourne.

Oblivion is now first favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race at 5 to 1. Marmont is next in demand at 6 to 1. There is little straight-out betting on the Grand National Steeplechase, but Up-to-Date is a favourite selection in the doubles.

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900 to 1 Nor-west and Narcissus
550 to 2 Pipi and Outer
500 to 2 Kaitere and Baltic
300 to 2 Slow Tom and Regulation, Slow Tom and Exmoor
TRIPLE—WINTER CUP, G.N. STEEPLCHASE AND HURDLES.
200 to 1 Somaroff, Kaitere and Trumpery; Rose Madder, Comfort and Rungarawa; Rose Madder, Kaitere and Cavalry; Fontenoy, Kaitere and Handsome Rose; Fontenoy, Kaitere and Cavalry.
Messrs Barnett and Grant Report the following business on the:—
GRAND NATIONAL DOUBLE.
1000 to 15 Slow Tom and The Mohican
600 to 2 Slow Tom and Golden Combe
500 to 10 Slow Tom and Handsome Rose
500 to 7 1/2 Waitare and Trumpery, Pipi and The Mohican
500 to 5 Waitare and Regulation, Waitare and Convo
500 to 2 Phaetonitis and Secret Society, Nor-west and Local Option
NEW ZEALAND CUP.
753 to 10 Joe Chamberlain
500 to 5 Thunderer
500 to 12 1/2 Beau Seaton
500 to 5 Lyrist, Delarey
300 to 15 Nightfall
300 to 12 Sir Tri-tam, Achilles

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the:—
WELLINGTON STEEPLCHASE AND HURDLES.
100 to 5 Nor-west and Handsome Rose
100 to 3 Nor-west and Trumpery, Kiaterere and Cavalry, Kiaterere and Waiwera, Slow Tom and Handsome Rose
100 to 2 Lurcher and Handsome Rose, Slow Tom and Cavalry, Slow Tom and Pushful, Phaetonitis and Cavalry
100 to 1 1/2 Lurcher and Trumpery, Phaetonitis and Rungarawa
100 to 1 Phaetonitis and Magnificent, Defoe and Valima, Defoe and Magnificent.

Mr Arthur Law (Wellington) reports the following business on the:—
NEW ZEALAND CUP.
500 to 25 Maniopoto
600 to 31 Achilles
200 to 8 Golden Knight
100 to 5 Quarryman
800 to 13 1/2 Manawaru
100 to 2 Orloff
1000 to 7 1/2 Lyrist
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500 to 10 Mellwood
100 to 3 Jeanne d'Arc
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WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

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TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY. The Napier Park Racing Club opened their winter meeting under unfavourable circumstances with regard to weather, but the programme was of so attractive a nature, and the promise of good sport so encouraging that the attendance was fairly large.

MOREHU HACK HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Hon J. D. Ormond's b m Outer, 4yrs, by The Officer—Target, 9.7 Hall ... 1 Mr. A. J. McCaull's Wild Cat, 10.5 (carried 10.6), O'Neill ... 2 Mr. C. O'Donoghue's Sleepwell, 11.2, Watt ... 3

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP; one mile. Mr T. H. Lowry's b m Rose Madder, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Madder, 10.3, Davis ... 1 Mr. A. Stuart's Assayer, 9.10, Price ... 2 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Lyrist, 9.4, Gallagher ... 3

PETANK HACK HANDICAP; seven furlongs. Mr A. Ellingham's b g Hippocrota, 3yrs, by St. Hippo—Cirolla, 9.8, Jenkins ... 1 Mr. F. King's Pantaloon, 9.9, Wilson ... 2 Mr. A. Ellis's Shanks, 9.2, Price ... 3

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE; about three miles. Sir W. R. Russell's ch m Nadador, 5yrs, by El Draque—Noyade, 11.2, Hall ... 1 Mr. S. Darragh's Kaitere, 12.3, McGregor ... 2 Mr. W. Johnston's Lurcher, 10.8, Johnston ... 3

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter. Mrs J. D. Ormond's br m Predita, 3yrs, by The Officer—Mondread, 11.4, Mr J. Ormond ... 1 Mrs F. Armstrong's Bill Bailey, 10.7, Mr A. D. Herriek ... 2

ARURIRI HURDLE HANDICAP; one mile and three-quarters. Mr W. Chapman's ch g Handsome Rose, by Handsome Jack—White Rose, 10.12, Price ... 1 Mr. J. B. A'Deane's Pushful, 10.2, Watt ... 2 Mr. F. Rhodes' Roseplot, 9.10, Griffiths ... 3

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP; five furlongs. Mr G. F. Mootie's br c Fontenoy, 3yrs, by Haut Brion—Rufine, 9.13, Jenkins ... 1 Messrs G. and M. Isherwood's Galahad, 9.11, Godfrey ... 2 Mr. W. Stewart's Eone, 9.5, Kirk ... 3

WATOHKI HACK HURDLES; one mile and a-half. Mr A. J. McCaull's b m Wild Cat, 5yrs, by Gold Reef—Tigredia, 10.9, O'Neill ... 1 Mr. G. Hirst's Daredevil, 10.12, Whitehouse ... 2 Mr. J. Rollo's Baltic, 10.3, Neale ... 3

WINTER OATS HANDICAP; one mile. Mr A. Stuart's br g Assayer, aged, by Gold Reef—Thyra, 10.2, Price ... 1 Mr. T. H. Lowry's Rose Madder, 11.6, Davis ... 2 Mr. A. Champion's Full Cry, 10.7, O'Brien ... 3

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BROOKLANDS HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Mr G. F. Moore's br c Fontenoy, 3yrs, by Haut Brion—Rufine, 10.8, Jenkins ... 1 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Banzai, 9.6, Gallagher ... 2 Mr. J. McLaughlin's Captain Shannon, 10.10, Wilson ... 3

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THE FORTUNA FILLY.

(By HOWEL SCRATTON.)

CHAPTER I.

BENNETT'S HOTEL.

The old-fashioned English family hotel is fast disappearing, being crushed and crowded from existence by the gigantic monsters of bricks and mortar which, within the last twenty years, have sprung up all over the West End of London.

The new style may be very charming to young people fresh from the country, who are dazzled by the gilt and the marble. It may be very elegant to call your inn the "Hotel Kensington" instead of the "Kensington Hotel." It may add to the pleasure of the dinner to call the bill of fare the menu, and to scan a list of foreign names which convey nothing to the mind of the average Englishman but a sense of unfamiliarity and distrust; it may be gratifying to be served by a waiter who speaks broken English; it may conduce to one's comfort to find that one is known by a number, like a convict, that the German manager does not know the names of the guests, and if he did, could not pronounce them.

All this may be very nice indeed, and I have no doubt that many people enjoy staying at one of these big caravanserais upon the principle on which the sojourners in a seaside boarding-house like to dress for dinner—that it is such a change from what they are accustomed to at home, but for my part, I liked an old-fashioned English hotel, with a landlord who knows one's individual tastes and studies them; with a cook who can send up a good old-fashioned English dinner, and with English waiters who have graduated in a good English household, and do not smell of garlic. Now, Bennett's Hotel in Dover-street seems to me to be as near perfection in point of comfort as one can hope to find.

Old Mr. Bennett's cheery face, with its fringe of white whiskers and silver hair, seems to speak a welcome louder than words, as the kindly landlord meets the arriving guest in the hall and conducts him to a well-furnished suite of rooms, which are sure to be snug and warm in winter, or airy and cool in hot weather.

Each suite is shut off from the rest of the hotel by its own private door, and the sets generally comprise a dining-room, a small boudoir or drawing-room, bathroom, and two or three bedrooms.

The visitors are generally old-fashioned country gentlemen and their families, who have patronised Bennett's all their lives, and who are as well known there as the still-room cat, and quite as much at home.

The cellar of wines is not to be equalled in London, as the port of various famous vintages has lain in the cobwebbed bins since the days long ago, when it was first bottled, and Mr. Bennett is a rare judge of claret and sherry, and has a pretty taste in champagne.

If a visitor is likely to be out late, he is furnished with a latch-key, and finds on his return that a spirit frame and mineral waters have been left on the table for his use, together with sandwiches and biscuits. The newspapers are brought to one's bedroom with the tea in the morning, and everything which can make one comfortable is done by the servants instinctively, and without one being troubled to give orders.

It was six o'clock in the afternoon of the second Friday in May, of a recent year which I do not desire more clearly to specify.

The weather was brilliant, and Piccadilly was crowded with smart equipages and pretty dresses, making a blaze of light and colour; but of course dear, dingy old Dover-street was always quiet and sedate.

Two waiters stood languidly by the glass swing doors of Bennett's Hotel, looking aimlessly into Dover-street, and apparently wondering why nothing wasn't anything, whilst Mr. Bennett himself was busy in his snug little room down the passage, decanting a bottle of East India sherry of fabulous antiquity.

Presently a brougham drove up to the hotel, and the two waiters sprang suddenly into activity and hastened to open the door of the carriage. Sir Robert Ashington and his daughter Delia alighted, Sir Robert saying: "How do do, William?—Good day to ye, James!" as he nodded pleasantly to the waiters.

"Hope we see you well, Sir Robert," chorused the latter, and Sir Robert replied, "Right as rain." At that moment Mr. Bennett appeared, bowing, and saying,

"Very glad to see you again, Sir Robert; your rooms are quite ready; same as usual, first floor."

Sir Robert took the landlord's hand, and shook it heartily.

"How are you, Bennett?" he asked; "glad to see you; should have come up yesterday for Kempton to-day, but country business detained me. However, we shall go to Kempton to-morrow, please the pigs, and I hope we shall not come home empty-handed."

Sir Robert was tall and lean, clean shaven and ruddy, with a stiff old-fashioned stand-up collar and a wide blue birds-eye cravat round it. He was of a type you might have seen any day in the sixties, but which is now getting rare.

"Indeed, sir?" replied Mr. Bennett. "I have been looking at the 'Globe,' and I see your horse, Helvellyn, is second favourite, standing at eight to one. I am sure I wish him every success, sir!"

"He's sure to win well, and I think he will very likely win," returned Sir Robert. "I was down at Cottingham a few days ago, and saw him do a splendid gallop—we have not tried him, and indeed why should we, as I don't bet? but John Straight is quite satisfied with him."

"I am sure I hope he will win, sir; and I really think I shall drive Mrs. Bennett down to see him do so," said Mr. Bennett; then, as an afterthought, "Will you take anything after your journey, old East India sherry which I should like you to taste. I have had it now for three years in my cellar, but only opened the first bottle to-day, in honour of your coming; it came out of the cellar of old Lord Bembridge, and I bought it when his wine was sold after his death—may I send you a decanter?"

"By all means, Bennett," replied Sir Robert; "and send up two glasses, so that you may judge it with me."

"You are very kind, sir," and turning to the waiter, who was manipulating napkins on the table, Mr. Bennett said, "William, go down into the office and bring up a decanter of sherry, which you will find on the mantelpiece, and two wine glasses; and tell James to take tea to the boudoir for Miss Ashington."

"Very good, sir," said William as he vanished, and returned almost immediately with the sherry and two large cut-glass wine glasses upon a silver tray. Sir Robert took the decanter, and filled the glasses.

"Here's good health to-ye, Bennett," he cried.

"And here's yours, Sir Robert; and may Helvellyn win to-morrow!"

"Good!" exclaimed Sir Robert; "and may Helvellyn win to-morrow!"

They drank their wine like connoisseurs; sipping it, holding it in the mouth, and gazing at the glorious old red amber as the light shone through it when they raised their glasses.

Slowly Sir Robert let the nectar trickle down his throat, until the last drop had gone; then there was a religious pause, as when the congregation remains kneeling for a space after the minister has given his benediction, then he smacked his lips.

"By Jove, Bennett, if Helvellyn is anywhere near as good as your sherry, he won't be long in winning."

"That is a great compliment to the wine, sir; and I am glad that you find it satisfactory."

"But what do you think of it yourself, Bennett? You are about the best judge of wine I know; don't be modest, because it is your own tap, but tell me truly what you think of that wine."

"As you put it to me like that, Sir Robert, I must confess that it is the very best East India I have ever tasted—I was only afraid the bottles might vary in quality; but this is, if anything, better than the sample I took at the sale."

"Well," said Sir Robert, "I congratulate you on having bought it; and I hope you will keep it for those who know what is good."

"Never fear, sir," responded the landlord; "sherry is out of fashion, and I should as soon think of setting this before a gentleman who was not accustomed to order that wine, however much money he might be willing to pay for it, as I should think of giving a baby five pound notes to wrap his toys in."

Sir Robert poured out two more glasses, and the same careful and appreciative attentions were paid to them by landlord and guest; when Mr. Bennett was preparing to withdraw, James, the second waiter, came in to announce that the omnibus had arrived with the valet and the lady's maid with the luggage.

"Oh, Mr. Bennett, we shall want dinner at eight o'clock, please," said Sir Robert.

"Very well, sir, I will see to it; will you take champagne?"

"Yes; if you have any of that Pommee '89, I should like it—not much iced; and please have four places laid, I have two gentlemen dining with us to-night."

Mr. Bennett bowed and left the room, and Sir Robert went to the boudoir to see how his daughter Delia was getting on with her tea.

"Delia," he said, as he entered the snugly-furnished room where she was sitting, "I have asked young Fynes and Hamilton Rolfe to dine with us to-night."

"Oh, dad! why did you ask Mr. Rolfe?"

"Well, he was down at the Murchisons, and I met him in Belstone yesterday with Jack Murchison, and he asked me about Helvellyn, and seemed to take a great interest in racing, so I told him we should be in town to-night, and should be glad if he would come in and dine."

"I hate him," said Delia.

"Tut, tut, young lady, you use strong language; surely he has never done anything to offend you?"

"He has never done anything that I could take up, but his whole manner is offensive. He seems to think that everybody must be admiring him!"

"At any rate, you don't object to Dashwood Fynes?" queried her father, with a quizzical look.

"Of course not, dad; I like Dash very much, and always have liked him."

"Very well, then, you can talk to Dash, and I will talk to Rolfe. He will have been to Kempton to-day, and can tell me all about the racing," and with that Sir Robert left the room. He liked to chaff Delia about Dashwood Fynes; not having any idea there was anything between his daughter and his young friend, but always looking upon them as the big boy and little girl that they had been when General Fynes rented the Dower House from him some nine years previous to the commencement of this tale. If Sir Robert had had the least suspicion that any other bond subsisted between Dashwood and Delia, he would have cut off his right hand rather than encourage it. It was not that he did not like Dashwood, for he had always been fond of the boy; but he had a strong feeling that love could not exist without money to feed it, and that a man ought not to marry, however rich in prospects his wife might be, unless he could show an income of at least a thousand a year to begin with. He had often said as much to Delia, talking generally, to warn her as he thought, by a hint, not to fall in love with any fortune hunter, but he had never looked upon Dashwood Fynes as a possible son-in-law; and, moreover, Sir Robert had never noticed any semblance of love-making between the young people, which shows how blind we can be to things which are going on close around us!

Punctually at eight o'clock Dashwood Fynes presented himself at Bennett's Hotel, and was shown into the little boudoir where Delia sat in her muslin dress, with a pale pink sash, awaiting him.

She looked lovely; her light brown hair was naturally curly, and the La France rosebuds which she had artfully placed in the plaited coil, set off its glossiness wonderfully.

She was only a little thing, but trim and round and wry; all quality, as we should say of a two-year-old, and she had the most delightfully impudent face I ever saw. Bright, large sparkling eyes, rosy cheeks, a tip-tiled nose with a freckle or two on it; lips thick, perhaps, but warm and red, with a perfect row of teeth shown now and then, and a little thoroughbred head poised elegantly upon a slender neck, which made one think of Mary Queen of Scots in the days when she first left the French court.

Dashwood came towards her, and she came to meet him.

"Oh, Dash," she cried, "I am so glad that dad asked you to dinner," and she took both his hands.

"You can't be so glad as I am, Delia dear," he said; "I have been wondering for the last three months when I should see you again."

"Kiss me, Dash!" she said imperatively.

Dash complied with a scruple, and had not half finished when the door opened again, and Mr. Hamilton Rolfe was announced.

"I will tell you more about it presently," Delia said quickly, as if she had been telling Dash a story, and turned to meet Mr. Rolfe.

Mr. Rolfe was a tall, slim-waisted man of a type which you may see any day in Bond-street. His clothes fitted perfectly, his manner was self-possessed, and his collar was very high. With piercing black eyes, rather near together, an aquiline nose, and a moustache brushed up after the German fashion to show a gleaming set of long white teeth, he certainly gave one the impression that he was rather fond of himself.

"My dear Miss Ashington," he said, as he advanced with outstretched hand, "I am indeed glad to have an opportunity of renewing our acquaintance—I don't think we have met since I danced with you at the Belstone Hunt ball?"

"How do you do, Mr. Rolfe," Delia answered. "I hope you are not going

to try and tell me the stories you wanted to tell me then."

Dashwood Fynes clenched his fists, for he guessed what kind of stories Delia meant.

"Oh, you don't mean that story about the cat and the fiddle?" returned Rolfe, unabashed. "That is quite a drawing-room story, I can assure you, if you had only wanted to hear the end."

"I don't care for the stories like that, anyhow," said Delia, severely, and Dash felt like a charge of dynamite that the slightest concussion would serve to explode.

However, Sir Robert came in just then, and welcomed his guests.

"I hope the big horse is all right, Sir Robert," queried Rolfe.

"Oh, yes; he was all right when I heard from Straight this morning," answered the baronet; "but I have just had a telegram from John saying he is coming to see me to-night, and he does not say a word about anything being amiss, so I expect all's well; however, we shall know the best or the worst after dinner."

"Dinner is served," announced James.

"No ceremony," said Sir Robert. "Delia, lead the way, please," and Delia proceeded to the dining-room, and followed by Fynes and Rolfe and with Sir Robert bringing up the rear.

Sir Robert sat at one end of an oval table, and Delia at the other, while Rolfe was on her right and Dash on her left hand.

The courses were simple. There was strong old-fashioned spring soup. Church salmon, saddle of lamb, and Aylesbury ducklings, with forced peas and new potatoes, followed by green asparagus and pies and creams. Everything was the very best of its kind, and cooked to perfection, and the little party did ample justice to the fare.

"Helvellyn was rather easier in the betting to-day, Sir Robert," remarked Hamilton Rolfe.

"The betting does not affect me personally, as I never put a shilling on," replied Sir Robert; "but of course I like to hear how the market goes, as it is an indication of the public opinion about one's horses' chance."

"They were backing that Irish three-year-old, Flannigan's Pride, to-day, and they took as little as ten to one about him—you could easily get eight about Helvellyn; and Royal Crown was firm at six to one."

"I don't think Royal Crown will beat us," replied Sir Robert; "although he did win the Lincolnshire Handicap so easily—I fancy John Straight has got his measure through something in the stable, but I forgot what it was he told me. What did John Straight say, Delia?"

"I really forget, dad; but Mr. Rolfe can ask him when he comes."

Now Delia did not really forget at all, she knew very well that John Straight has a line of Royal Crown through Phantom City, who had been beaten a neck by The Cardinal, Royal Crown's trial horse, when giving six pounds, over a mile a week or two before; and John had the best reason to know at what weights The Cardinal and Royal Crown had been tried; but Delia did not intend to tell Hamilton Rolfe anything about this, and she was quite sure that if any question were to be put to John Straight upon the subject in the presence of third parties, that accomplished trainer would suffer from a similar lack of memory.

"Well, at any rate, there is no line of Flannigan's Pride, continued Rolfe; "the Irishmen think he is the best three-year-old in England, and he has only six stone six!"

"We must play the game, and trust to fortune," said Sir Robert; "but tell me about the other racing—how did the crack two-year-olds show up?"

Hamilton Rolfe hereupon went into a long and elaborate description of the day's racing, and Sir Robert was engrossed in the story; while Delia and Dashwood found plenty of interesting things to talk about; and so the time passed pleasantly until dessert was put on the table, and soon afterwards William announced that Mr. Straight was waiting in the boudoir.

"Show him in here!" cried Sir Robert.

Delia rose to leave the room, and the two men rose also and prepared to follow her; for when a trainer calls on his employer on the eve of a big race, the interview is generally conducted in private.

"Don't go, Delia," cried her father; "pray resume your seats, my friends, there is nothing the least secret about our business; John has probably only called in to say how Helvellyn is doing."

Thus invited, the others sat down again, and the waiter ushered Mr. Straight into the room—a little, upright man with a long straight nose, broadening at the end, a long, prehensile-looking upper lip, very firm mouth, overhanging eyebrows of thick sorrel-coloured bristles, and deep-set hazel eyes, which looked around with the quick alertness

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one sees in a monkey's (I mean no offence), and a perfectly scarlet complexion, with deep wrinkles round the nose and mouth; such was John Straight, the world-renowned trainer. He held a flat-crowned felt hat in his hand, and was dressed in a dark grey mixture, with a black necktie, in which was a diamond scarf-pin representing the cognisance of a very distinguished personage.

"Good evening, Sir Robert; good evening, Miss Delia," said John, as he shook hands; then, turning to Dashwood Fynes, "Well, young man, and how's the law?"

Dash had known old John ever since he had been a little boy at school at Oldbury, when it was his greatest delight to slip away on half holidays, and walking the six miles between that town and Cottingham, to have tea with the trainer's family, and go to stables with the boys when the horses were done up for the night, so that the familiarity of Mr. Straight's address was not unwarranted.

"The law is a Hass, I am afraid," replied Dash; "or else I am a Hass for not getting more work."

"Stick to it, young fellow; it is better than horse racing, anyhow," returned the trainer.

Sir Robert motioned to Hamilton Rolfe, and said, "Mr. Rolfe, if you don't know Mr. John Straight, you have a pleasure in store; let me introduce you."

"I think I know Mr. Rolfe," said the trainer quietly, bowing politely; but with that in his voice which did not greatly please the latter, but sent a thrill of joy through the heart of Delia, who knew the old man in all his moods, and did not fail to catch a trifling inflection which told as much as many words.

"Well, then John, how is the horse? you can speak freely before my friends."

"Helvellyn is as well as I could wish to see him, sir; and I took the liberty of taking a bet of eight to one about him to-day, for I don't think they will offer that when they have seen him in the morning."

"Bravo, John, have a glass of port—this is some of Mr. Bennett's celebrated forty-seven," and Sir Robert passed the decanter.

John Straight helped himself. "There was something else I wanted to see you about, Sir Robert, but it is rather a private matter."

"If it is anything about horses, you can speak here before my friends," replied Sir Robert, chivalrously answering for their honour.

"Well, sir, I have heard of a filly which I should like you to buy—she's not a fashionably bred one—being by Peasant, who was hurt as a yearling and never ran; but who, you will recollect, was the brother of one Derby winner and the son of another."

"What is her dam?" asked Sir Robert. "A mare named Fortuna, who won a good many races in France, and she is

of our best blood—the filly I want you to buy is an unbroken three-year-old, and I would not have anything to do with that sort of animal at this time of year, if I did not think it would pay you well to buy her."

"Who has got her to sell?" again asked Sir Robert.

"A man named Crowden, whose brother bred her. The brother lately died, and the filly has no engagements; she is as good a mover as I could wish to see, big and lengthy, too, and sure to make a brood mare, if she never wins a race."

"How much does he want for her?" asked Delia, who was always excited at the prospect of buying any new animal.

"I think she could be got for £200," said the trainer; "but I should like to know at once, as I must give the man an answer to-morrow before others see her. She is boxed at a public-house at Sunbury, and he hopes to sell her at this meeting."

"I will buy her, certainly, John, as you think so well of the filly; so you can tell the owner the first thing in the morning."

The conversation then resumed its wonted course of discussing the prospects of the morrow; but at ten o'clock John Straight got up and took his leave, saying that he was just going to have a look in upon a friend for half-an-hour, and then catch the eleven forty-five train to Sunbury.

"And what's more," he said, "I shall try to see Mr. Crowden to-night and secure the filly, for he is sure to have her walking about on the roads to-morrow, and with so many racing people about we might lose her. Thank goodness no one has seen her yet. I do believe she is worth a thousand."

And with these words, and his cheery face one great beam of pleasure, in anticipation of the double event of buying the much-admired filly and winning the Jubilee with Helvellyn, the trainer shook hands and went his way.

"Do you know, Sir Robert, I think I must be going too," said Hamilton Rolfe. "Miss Ashingdon must be tired after her long journey."

Delia did not deny that she was tired, and Sir Robert did not press Rolfe to stay, as he had one or two letters which he wanted to write to old friends who, unlike himself, took pecuniary interest in racing to the extent of backing their fancy for a trifle. So Mr. Rolfe found his hat and took his departure.

Dash remained for a few minutes longer, talking to Delia, and then he too said "Good night."

(To be continued.)

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

NEW ZEALAND V. AUCKLAND.

The best of weather favoured the followers of the Rugby game on Saturday last, and it was not surprising to see such a splendid attendance as that which witnessed the game of the season—the boys of the colony, who are about to tour Australia and England, being pitted against an Auckland fifteen.

The teams were as follows:—

New Zealand (black): Fullback, Wallace; threequarters, Thomson, Smith, McGregor; five-eighths, Mynott, Hunter (captain); halfback, Roberts; forwards, Casey, Glasgow, Newton, Nicholson, Johnson, Glenn, O'Sullivan, Seeling.

Auckland (blue and white): Fullback, Nicholson; threequarters, Murray, McKenzie (captain), Twiname; five-eighths, Gerrard; halfback, Kierian; forwards, W. Tyler, Gallaher (wings), Mackrell, Herring, Cunningham, Trevarthen, Hayward, G. Tyler, Francis.

Some fast give-and-take work was seen during the first quarter of an hour, and then Auckland commenced a most persistent attack, and on three or four occasions came within an ace of scoring. Francis, Tyler, and Kiernan all nearly getting over. Ultimately a force by McGregor relieved the strain, but soon after Twiname reached the line, but was thrown out at the corner flag. Eventually play was transferred to the Auckland 25, and a fine run by McGregor, Smith, and Hunter saw the latter score a try, which was not converted by Wallace. Auckland immediately resumed the attack, when Gallaher had a great chance to score, but failed to hold the ball, and time after time they pressed back their opponents, but the defence was very sure, no further score occurring up to half-time.

On resuming Auckland again set up a strong attack, and the ball was taken over the line, but Wallace by clever play forced. Again the attack was renewed, the Auckland forwards simply running over their opponents, but chance after chance was lost. Next Kiernan took the ball to within a yard of the New Zealand line, but a moment later, when a try looked a certainty the ball struck the referee. At last the New Zealand men rallied and commenced a counter-attack. Thomson made a dash, and then passing to Smith, the sprinter was off at top, and no one having sufficient pace to reach him he scored in a good position, but Wallace's kick at goal was futile. The New Zealand forwards now showed better play, and McKenzie just averted a try by Thomson, and this was repeated a few minutes later. Thomson then had to be carried off the field, having cut his knee rather badly. Next a passing run by Hunter and McGregor gave the latter an opportunity, and a third try went to the New Zealand team's credit, but once again Wallace failed to convert. Just before time a brilliant bit of following up by W. Tyler ended in that player beating Wallace and scoring Auckland's only try, which Cunningham failed to convert. The whistle went a minute later, the New Zealand team thus winning a good game by 9 points to 3.

The game from the start was very fast, but it was soon made apparent that the forwards of New Zealand were out of condition or suffering from want of combination, for the local pack secured the ball almost as they liked, and when the weight was wanted in the pack they simply lifted the "blacks" clean off the ball. In the line-out also the local fifteen were superior to their opponents; in fact, they played with more dash and vim throughout than did the pack who are to do battle for us in other lands.

Victory for New Zealand was solely due to the combined work of the backs. Their five-eighths handled the ball smartly and cleanly, and fed their backs with "clock-work" precision, a feature wholly wanting in the play of the local man in the same position—in fact, he was simply useless. Had the Auckland pack had a couple of backs of the Smith-Hunter calibre to assist McKenzie, I feel confident the result of the game would have been a victory for the local team. For the greater part of the game the New Zealand team were penned in their 25, and it seemed "hard luck" that the backs could not make use of the splendid openings made for them by their forwards.

The play of the New Zealand backs alone saved the situation. Their defence was sound, their kicking into touch good, and their passing tactics and pace shone out in marked contrast to that of the local men.

It was not my intention to individualise any players, but I cannot refrain from referring to the grand exhibition of "back" shown by Wallace. He simply played a wonderful game in the position, such as it has not been my lot to witness since the time of R. B. Lusk. Mynott, Hunter, Smith, and Thomson are also worthy of mention. Roberts did not play up to his reputation, and Kiernan may be said to have shown to greater advantage, owing, no doubt, to being behind a more willing pack.

In the forwards the local men worked to a man, but Francis, Tyler, and Gallaher may be mentioned as playing sterling games.

On the whole the game was a good one to watch, and, bar the accident to Thomson, which I sincerely hope will not prevent him from having his trip Home, there was nothing to mar the game from a spectator's view, nor was their any attempt at rough play.

The New Zealand Rugby team will play New South Wales next Saturday, and on the 15th inst. A match with a metropolitan team takes place next Wednesday.

In the Secondary Schools' matches on Saturday, Auckland Grammar School played a draw with King's College, each side scoring three points.

Next Saturday Grafton meet North Shore, City play Parnell, and Ponsonby tackle Newton. The latter should be the most even game of the three.

The New Zealand team witnessed the performance of "A Moorish Maid" at His Majesty's on Friday evening. On Saturday evening they dined with the local players as the guests of the Auckland Rugby Union. On Monday they left for Sydney by the Victoria, a large crowd assembling on the Queen-street Wharf to bid them good-bye.

In this issue will be found several snapshots taken during the progress of the big match on Saturday. A portrait of the Auckland team is also shown, but we are unable to give the New Zealand team owing to the extraordinary action of the New Zealand Rugby Union in advertising for offers for the sole right of photographing and publishing the group of representative players. It looks as though the Union is out after the law-bees in dead earnest when it stoops to this sort of thing.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (July 1):—Last Saturday the first grade cup matches were continued in the southern division. Hawera met Eltham on the latter's ground, and experienced their first defeat this season. Early in the game, which was played on a heavy ground, Glasgow kicked a penalty goal for Eltham. The game was well contested, but there was no further score. The same day Waimate beat Okaiawa by 5 to 0. Patea and Opunake met on the former's ground, the home team winning by 8 to 3. Young, an Opunake player, was ordered off the ground for insulting the referee. If the charge against Young is sustained it is hoped that the union will retire him for a long period, as it is necessary that referees should have a full measure of protection. On Thursday last the first grade cup matches were continued in the northern division. Stratford and Tukapa met at New Plymouth. A great deal of interest was centred in this match, for if Tukapa won it would practically place the two teams and Star on an equal footing for the cup in this division. Stratford, however, played a solid game, and came out victorious by 6 (two tries) to nil. The result practically ends the first grade cup competition in this division. The same day Star defeated Inglewood by 5 to 3, the match being played on the latter's ground. The Star and Tukapa teams will play another match for the Dan O'Brien shield, presented for yearly competition between the New Plymouth first grade teams. The Taranaki rep. matches will be started this month, the first game being against Wanganui.

Playing under Australasian rules at Kingsland, Imperials defeated Victorias by 8 goals 8 behinds to 2 goals 8 behinds.

North Shore, playing on their own ground, beat Tabernacle by 3 goals to nil.

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North Shore A defeated Corinthians by 4 goals to 1. Smith and Caughey beat City by 2 goals to 1.

Austral juniors beat Imperial juniors by 7 goals 4 behinds to 6 goals 4 behinds after a very close game.

The New Zealand Association team played a return match against New South Wales on Saturday, the Sydney men winning by 2 goals to nothing. Neal and Hollin scored for the winners. A curious incident was the fact that two balls burst during the game.

Playing under Association rules on the Domain, Corinthians defeated Ponsonby by 2 goals to 1. Clark and Sale shot goals for the winners, while Taberner put the ball through for Ponsonby.

Next Saturday the New Zealand Association team will play a match against the Northern Districts of New South Wales at Newcastle.

Describing the first Association match between New South Wales and New Zealand, the "Sydney Mail" remarks that a new era in football was marked on Saturday by the match. This was the first contest between the two countries,

cate, the New South Wales team were seen to advantage in the first half, their short passing rushes giving the opposing backs plenty to do in defending. In headwork, the local team were superior to the visitors, who resorted very little to this branch of play. Of the forwards, Moore, Carey, and Rae were most prominent. In the first spell the backs played well, but the long passing of the visitors in the second half quite beat them.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reeler.")

There is not much doing in Auckland in the aquatic line just now, although all the builders are busy. The pleasure fleet is hauled up for the winter, the only vessels afloat being a few motor launches.

It was unfortunate that the mile championship in England should come on for decision so soon after young Keran's arrival in the Old Country. The Sobraon lad could not have been in condition to last out so long a race, but he led Billington for over half the distance.

Westminster, in the autumn, that he is willing to arrange such an event. His reply contains a challenge from himself and Stanbury to all-comers for the double-sculling championship. The "World" says that the Barry brothers, of England, are ready to take up such a challenge.

The construction of the new yacht for King Edward VII., designs for which were invited from private firms, is to be undertaken by the well-known yacht builders, Messrs. A. and J. Inglis, of Glasgow. This new vessel is primarily intended for short cruises and entrance to harbours of comparatively shallow draught. The yacht will measure 285ft in length and 40ft beam, and be of 2000 tons. A noticeable feature of the vessel is that it is to be propelled by Parsons marine turbines, which will be arranged in the orthodox manner, with one high-pressure turbine in the centre, and a low-pressure turbine on either side. A cruising speed of 17 knots is anticipated, with an astern speed of 13 knots. Steam is to be raised in a battery of cylindrical boilers.

The two new 52-footers Britomarte and Sonya are attracting a good deal of attention in British waters. The former

are not good enough for even the Hungarians; therefore, it would hardly be worth their while to make the journey. In England nearly every swimmer of note wanted to take part. Forsyth will not swim in the event, but Jarvis and Billington were expected to do so, as was Robinson, the breast-stroke champion.

A motor boat in which there is likely to be centred a great deal of interest is the new 70ft Grawert racer for Jacob Siegel. If everything goes along smoothly, the inventor expects to have the boat in the water in about two months (says the "Motor Boat" of May 4.) The boat will have a beam of 7½ft, and will be equipped with four Grawert explosion turbines, giving a maximum of 1000 h.p. The peculiar construction of this new type is attracting the attention of engineers. It is flat-bottomed, except that from 'midships right aft a peculiarly-shaped keel projects from the bottom. To this keel are attached the bearings of the rudder. Mr. Siegel's new boat will be equipped with two propellers, one amidships and the other in the stern, besides the patent keel. The 'midships propeller will be protected by a skeg connecting the bow with the patent keel aft. The propeller is also a new invention. It differs from other



THE AUCKLAND REPRESENTATIVE TEAM.

and it was played at Epping Racecourse in the presence of 3000 spectators. Better weather conditions could not have been desired. The result of the game was a win for the visitors, who had 3 goals to 1 scored against them in the first half, but in the second they had matters pretty much their own way, and added 5 goals to 1 by their opponents. It is only fair to the New South Wales team, however, to mention that they finished the game with nine men, Rae and Moore having to retire, injured. The score at the time was 5 to 4 in favour of the visitors, but the retirement of the two forwards named materially aided the opposing forwards, and also lessened New South Wales' prospects of at least equalising. Notwithstanding this, it is a fact that the New Zealand team displayed a decided improvement in the second half. The passing of their forwards were very good, though their shooting could have been better. Mawson's centring was most effective, and was the means of giving Ussher and Foreshaw frequent opportunities, of which they were quick to avail themselves. Of the backs, Taylor and Harrison played best. As the scores indi-

Then the latter overhauled him and won by 50 yards, doing the journey in 24min 42sec. It is said there were 70,000 people at Highgate Ponds to witness the race. The time for the mile is an English record.

Miss Kellerman, the Australian lady champion swimmer, has lost no time in getting to work in England. On Saturday she is reported to have swum from Putney to Blackwall, 13¼ miles, in 3hr 54min 16sec.

Tom Sullivan's sculling match with Eddie Droman is now assured, the latter having sent over from Canada the articles of agreement duly signed, and Tom having affixed his signature and deposited £100—half his stake—with the editor of the "Sportsman." The match will be rowed in Toronto Bay on August 23, the distance three miles with a turn, and Sullivan receives £50 allowance for expenses. He will sail from England on July 20.

A cable from Vancouver, in a recent English paper, stated that George Towns has replied to a proposal to meet Stanbury or Durnan, or both, on the Fraser River during the Dominion fair at New

was built by Mylne, of Dumbarton, and the latter by Herreshoff. Britomarte is regarded as a "middle weather" boat, and Sonya as likely to prove most successful in light weather. It will be interesting to see how these boats fare when pitted against Moyana, the crack 52-footer of last season.

Quite exceptional interest was being taken in the King's Cup races, in which the American champion, B. B. Kieran is to compete, when the mail left. Indeed, the event promised to be more representative of the world's swimmers than ever before. The German Swimming Association is sending Emil Ransch and America C. M. Daniels. The holders of the Cup (Sweden swimmers) purpose making a bold attempt to retain possession, and to that end district competitions were being held all over the country, so that the very best men might be selected. The different departmental winners were to have opposed each other at Stockholm in a final contest, and from these three men had to be selected. France and Italy were expected to send champions, and Finland and Hungary also. Austria will not be represented, as Millala, that country's best man, has retired, and other Austrian swimmers

screws in that the water thrown from it travels right out from the concave blades. The inventor asserts that a very high speed is obtained by the placing of the screw amidships.

CRICKET.

A very easy victory was scored by the Australians in their match against Warwickshire. The county team consisted of Byrne, Fishwick, Kinnear, Quaife, Lilley, Baker, Lovett, Santall, Hall, Moorhouse, and Hargreaves. In the first innings Warwickshire made 161, to which the Australians replied with 380. Warwickshire could only get 168 in their second venture, so lost by an innings and 51 runs.

The following match was against the once-powerful Gloucestershire. The home team was made up of Wrathall, Townsend, Sewell, Board, Jessop, Goodsell, Brown, Robinson, Huggins, Brownlee, and Dennett. Batting first the Australians ran up the huge score of 529 towards which Trumper contributed 108, Hopkins 93, Kelly 74 (not out), Darling

56, Duff 49, Laver 43, Hill 41, and Cotter 33. The county team had very bad luck in having to follow after heavy rain, and could only get 116, of which Board made 46 and Sewell 45. Going in again they did much better, knocking up 148 for one wicket, Board making 59, Townsend 45 (not out), and Goodsell 35 (not out). The match resulted, therefore, in a one-sided draw.

The Sydney batsman Poidevin continues to show great form in England. Following on his 122 for Lancashire against Somerset and 76 and 166 (not out) against Worcestershire, comes news of a fine innings of 138 against Sussex. The young Australian is evidently proving a tower of strength to Lancashire this season.

"In an article in the 'Daily Chronicle' Mr. A. C. Maclaren, the well-known English cricketer, criticises the self-formed Board of Control for Australian cricket. He states it is a pity that the New South Wales Cricket Association frequently opposed the Melbourne Cricket Club, which has always managed affairs satisfactorily. He thinks it possible that a thoroughly representative Board can be formed, but doubted if its control would be any improvement on what players have already done, their mistakes being few and far between." "Not Out" replies to this as follows in the Sydney "Referee":—Mr. Maclaren might with equal reason have said that it is a pity that the Melbourne C.C. so frequently opposes the New South Wales Cricket Association. The captain of Lancashire knows practically nothing about the work done by N.S.W. Cricket Association; he has been much more intimately associated with the Melbourne C.C. and trustees of Sydney Cricket Ground. The Association has not only revolutionised cricket in New South Wales—it has successfully fought and beaten powerful and wealthy opposition, and if it is necessary in the interest of Australian cricket to fight still further, it is not likely to shirk its duty. As regards its opposing the Melbourne C.C., that is mere moonshine. New South Wales recognises the V.C.A. as the controlling body in Victoria. It is prepared to co-operate with the controlling body, be it the Association or the Melbourne Club, in all matters aiming at the success and purification of Australian cricket. The Melbourne Club and the New South Wales Association have come into conflict in the past on a question of finance, and one has no doubt that if that question were left to arbitration, the decision would be dead against the club.

"When one comes to the wicketkeeping of the team, one cannot help thinking that the colonials' choice of a reserve to Kelly has either been a case of mistaken judgment, or that the possible candidates for selection were very limited (says the London 'Sportsman'). Whenever Kelly is away, the colonials are minus a valuable asset, for I could name at least half a dozen English wicketkeepers who are superior to Newland. Judging him on his form alone, and leaving his reputation out of the question, I am not yet convinced that he has anything like a safe pair of hands. Either he is no favourite of fortune, or is not specially gifted for the position, for he never seems to gather the ball neatly after it has passed the wicket, thereby immensely discounting his chances of stumping the batsman."

One of the most famous of the old-time cricketers, "Dave" Gregory, who for nine years has held the position of paymaster at the New South Wales Treasury, is to retire from the public service this week (says a Sydney writer). David William Gregory was one who did so much to forward the interests of Australian cricket and cricketers, and to advertise the players of this country in England. The Treasury paymaster was captain of the first Australian Eleven to visit England, in 1878, and also was for many years captain of intercolonial teams. He was a fine all-round player, a skilful skipper, and personally popular. The Premier, on behalf of the staff of the Treasury, made a presentation to Mr. D. W. Gregory, who entered the public service on February 21, 1862. He was born on April 15, 1845, and is therefore now 60 years of age—not out.

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The Motorist.

(By "Petrol.")

The eliminating motor contest to decide which cars and drivers shall represent France in the Gordon-Bennett race took place on the 16th ult. over the Auvergne circuit, the course upon which the big event itself will be decided. The results, which were cabled to the Dunlop Tyre Company, are a win for M. Thery, and a second and a third for M.M. Duray and Caillois respectively. The course, which had to be covered four times, is 83 miles in length, making the total distance of the contest 344 miles, which the winner compassed in 7 hours 36 minutes.

M. Thery, it will be remembered, won the same test race last year, repeating the performance in the Gordon-Bennett, when he secured the cup from the Germans, who had annexed it in the previous year. M. Thery drove a Richard-Brazier car, as before, while M. Duray's choice was a De Dietrich motor, the third man, M. Caillois, driving one of the same build as the winner's.

The course is considered to be one of the most trying yet adopted for this competition, being well supplied with sharp turns. In fact, it is said that in the circuit there are 145 right-angle corners which are dangerous. Hence the time of the winner, which works out at an average pace of 45 miles an hour, is really a wonderful performance, for the race was not merely a test of speed, but of great judgment of pace and skilful handling generally. The sharp turns, if taken at as fast a speed as the angles allowed, was an enormous strain on the tyres and cars, to say nothing of the nervous tension endured by the driver. In addition to the cup, the first prize is a sum of £5800.

The speed-changing mechanism in the motor car requires very careful handling (writes "Fortis"), and that there are some novices in motoring may be recognised by the jarring sound heard when the changing levers are operated with. Some drivers, who have been handling their cars for a long time, are slow in mastering the principles of the movement, and the chattering and rattling heard when the change is being effected are a most discordant sound to the mechanical ear. Many drivers, when climbing a hill, wait too long before they throw in the low gear; for when the engine is making fewer revolutions per minute than the number at which it gives its full power, not only is time lost in climbing the hill, but there is a much greater strain, and consequently wear on the machinery.

All motorists know that most pneumatic tyres become quickly heated when in actual use, and the temperature they attain often exceeds 40deg. C. In high-speed cars, running at 50 miles per hour and over, the temperature may reach 70deg. to 80deg. C., perhaps even more in very hot weather. Writing of air and of its composition, it is pointed out that the two principal gases are oxygen and nitrogen, and a curious fact is that the former gas has a greater penetrating or diffusing power than the latter, and, consequently, the air in a tyre that has been for a long time inflated is richer in nitrogen than the outside atmosphere. This explains why an air-tight tube always needs inflation at comparatively short intervals, during the first week or two, but as the nitrogen collects, the periods of inflation are longer. The ideal gas for tyre inflation is nitrogen, but this, however, cannot be obtained economically.

An English motor car firm writes as follows to "The Motor":—We have noticed lately that many of your readers are asking if the air-cooled engine can be relied upon. We are making a small car, with air-cooled twin-cylinder engine. These we have supplied to India, South Africa, and Australia. The reports are that the engines are working satisfactorily in these hot climates. The reason that air-cooled engines over-heat is that the fins are not deep enough. A light car requires a 5 horse-power engine, and the only way to make an efficient air-cooled engine of this power is to have two cylinders. The following is one of the tests to which we have put the twin-cylinder air-cooled engine. We took out two cars, each carrying two passengers, the one fitted with a 6 horse-power water-cooled single-cylinder engine, of a make which is familiar to all motorists, and the other fitted with twin-cylinder air-cooled engine. The object was to run until one failed, that is, over-heated. The day was hot, and to make the trial short, we chose a very hilly dis-

trict. The result of this trial was that the air-cooled engine came out on top. We then, as a further test, ran the air-cooled engine a non-stop of 40 miles, and this was without allowing any time for cooling down. We might give many reasons why we prefer the air-cooled motor for very light cars, say, of 5cwt to 7cwt, but will not trespass too much upon your space. An important point is the great saving of weight, fewer working parts, and lower cost of production.

"I think we are very much better off in the South Island than in the North in regard to our roads (writes Mr. George Sise, captain of the Dunedin Cycling Club, to "Demon" of the "Otago Witness.") They have nothing to come up to our Main South road. I was the guest of the Auckland Motor Car Club at their midwinter run on Saturday, June 10. Sixteen cars took part in this run, and I was surprised at the number of high-power cars out—from 20 horse-power Olds to 5 horse-power De Dions. Most of the North Island motorists use cars of about 15 horse-power. Motoring is becoming more popular every day in this island, but I think with our advantage of roads, the South Island in a short time must take pride of place in the New Zealand motor world. I am surprised how very few motor cycles one sees in the North Island. This, I think, is due to the rough surface of the roads." Just so, Mr. Sise, you have hit the nail on the head at the first blow. Our Northern roads are a disgrace to everyone connected with them, and there is no present chance of any improvement being effected, more's the pity.

Mr. George Tallis, who is a member of the firm of Williamson, Tallis and Ramacciotti, theatre directors, also manager of Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, is one of the most ardent motorists in his home city (says the "Referee"), having been a devotee to the "horseless carriage" for about a year. Early in 1904 he purchased a Little Humberette, from the Melbourne agent, Mr. Kellow, but recently he went in for a more powerful and commodious De Dion, which he now uses daily to convey him from his home in Camberwell to the city. "Motoring," says Mr. Tallis, "is my only pastime, and it meets all my requirements admirably. I have learned more about the beautiful surroundings of Melbourne in all directions since I became a motorist than I thought at one time I would ever know; indeed, much more than I possibly could have learned by means of any other mode of conveyance, for one can get about so expeditiously and with such perfect freedom from worry about horses being tired. Motoring just suits me in every way, and I'm glad I took to it as a hobby, a pastime and a utility machine."

After the great Paris Exhibition of 1900 it was announced that no more of these periodical world's fairs would be held, on account of the difficulty of getting a suitable representation of the different industries, which are developing in such a phenomenal manner that it is no longer possible to group all the products together within a reasonable area. It is, therefore, intended to replace the universal exhibitions with a series of smaller industrial manifestations, each devoted to a special branch, and the first of these is to be an exhibition of motor cars and sports to be held in 1907. One-half of the show will be given up to motor cars, and means of transport generally, and the other to sports of all kinds. A

strong organising committee has been appointed, and it is intended to hold the exhibitions on the Champs de Mars, where special buildings will be erected for the purpose.

According to the "Referee," Mr. Fisher, the energetic secretary of the Automobile Club of Australia, estimates that the value of the cars belonging to the sixty members of the club cost approximately £45,000. At present the cars run from £500 to £1500. The recent purchasers have mostly been £750 and £1000 cars. The majority of the cars are French, the Darracq being about 25 per cent. of the total.

Mr. Charles G. Wridgway broke the world's motor car track record for 1000 miles by over four hours on Brighton Beach on May 5, says a New York despatch. He drove a 24 h.p. Peerless touring car, and completed the distance in 25hr 50min 1sec. He was at the steering wheel throughout, and dismounted only six times for half an hour at a time. The previous best time was 29hr 53min 37sec.

Undue prominence has been given by the unfortunate explosions of gasoline on board submarines to the explosive effects of petrol when mixed with air (writes "Auto.") Despite the fanciful efforts of comic artists, the fact remains that a motor car cannot blow up. The power



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CYCLING.

The Auckland test race for the selection of a rider to represent the centre in the Dunlop road race from Timaru to Christchurch (September 2) will take place on Saturday, August 19, and entries will close with Mr. H. Fielder on August 12. The course will be from Mangere bridge to Wairoa South and back to the starting point. The Dunlop Company will give £10 to the rider doing the fastest time to defray his expenses in the South, and other prizes will be given locally.

Entries for the Timaru to Christchurch road race close on August 5.

"Major" Taylor has been suspended by the National Cycling Association of the United States. This action has been taken in consequence of the refusal (or neglect) of Taylor to reply to a demand from the National Cycling Association as to whether he intended to fulfil his European engagements entered into last December.

GOLF.

An event in which a good deal of interest was taken was the final of the men's foursomes match, which was played off on Saturday on the Cornwall links, and resulted in a win for W. B. Colbeck and H. Gilfillan, jun. (4) from J. C. Burns and D. Hay (5) by six strokes, after being all square at the eleventh. The final in the captain's prize (Mr. W. B. Colbeck) was also played for, with the result that in the senior division W. Heather beat C. E. S. Gillies by 5 up and 4; and in the junior division H. B. Lusk beat Wallace Bruce by 2 up and 1.

A comparison between cricket and golf appears in the "Badminton Magazine" from the pen of Home Gordon, the well-known cricket writer, and gives the opinion of many leading players. I am not an advocate for pitting one game against another, as there are good points in both games. I think the important question is, "Does golf help cricket, or otherwise?" Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, and well-known at both games, says:—"Whilst golf has never affected his cricket, cricket has undoubtedly had a bad effect on his golf." Eric Hambro says that playing golf is an aid to cricket; he always finds he can play cricket best when he is in form at golf. It is his conviction that golf does not interfere with cricket. Cricketers

who take up golf are not aided in learning the latter by their practice in the former game; whilst, on the contrary, he has often noticed that golfers who take up cricket generally seem to get on very well at the game. Mr. Frank Newnes says:—"I do not find that the games of cricket and golf help each other; in fact, on the other hand, they interfere with each other. In cricket the main thing is to play with a straight bat, and to keep the ball down; while with golf one plays with a sloping club, and endeavours to hit the ball up. A golf swing is done with the body, whilst the cricket stroke is done chiefly with the arms, and thus you have at golf what is called the cricketer's style, which is not, from a golfer's point of view, a correct style." Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville, who, besides being an ex-champion at golf, has long been one of the leading cricketers in Scotland, as well as playing for the I Zingari, writes:—"With regard to the practice of one interfering with the other, I am of opinion that if the two games are played at different times of the year they do not interfere with each other at all, provided, of course, that you have learned to play the two games to a certain extent (Balfour-Melville played his golf as a child, and, of course, his cricket later). In fact, I think that the one game helps the other. Take, for example, the pull stroke at cricket. I am sure golf helps one very much for that and such like strokes; while, on the other hand, the use of the forearm and wrist, which one uses so much at cricket, and thus strengthens and develops, is most useful to the golfer in keeping his shots straight. The principal reason, however, in my opinion, why the two games should not be played at the same time is that the weight of a cricket bat and golf club are so different that it makes it difficult to time the stroke in either game, and, of course, I think the timing is the great secret in both games." G. W. Beldam, I think, sums up well with:—"There are many points of similarity too numerous to touch on. I would mention that there are two kinds of golf—the cricketer's golf and the golfer's golf. The former is played by the hitting golfer, the latter by the swinging golfer; and if a cricketer has the style of the cricketer golfer, his golf will not in all probability be troubled by his cricket. It is the cricketer who has acquired the golfer's style, who finds cricket trouble his golf, when the two are played together."

ATHLETICS.

The Auckland Wrestling Club championships, to be held under the rules of the New Zealand Amateur Wrestling Association (headquarters, Auckland), will take place on Wednesday, August 30, in the Federal Hall, Wellesley-street. The championships will be divided into four classes, and will be for gold medals, the classes being as under:—(1) Heavy weight, weight 11st 7lb and over; (2) middle weight, 10st 7lb and over; (3) light weight, weight 9st 7lb and over; (4) feather weight, weight under 9st 7lb. Entries are due with the hon. secretary (Mr. H. T. G. McElroy), not later than August 20.

A Swiss wrestler named Emile Deriaz, who has twice defeated the Turkish crack, Ahmed Medralli, has been taking on all-comers at Glasgow with success until the Scottish champion, Alec Munro, won £25 from him by lasting over his stipulated 10 minutes. This led to a match for £100, and here again the Scotsman came out on top.

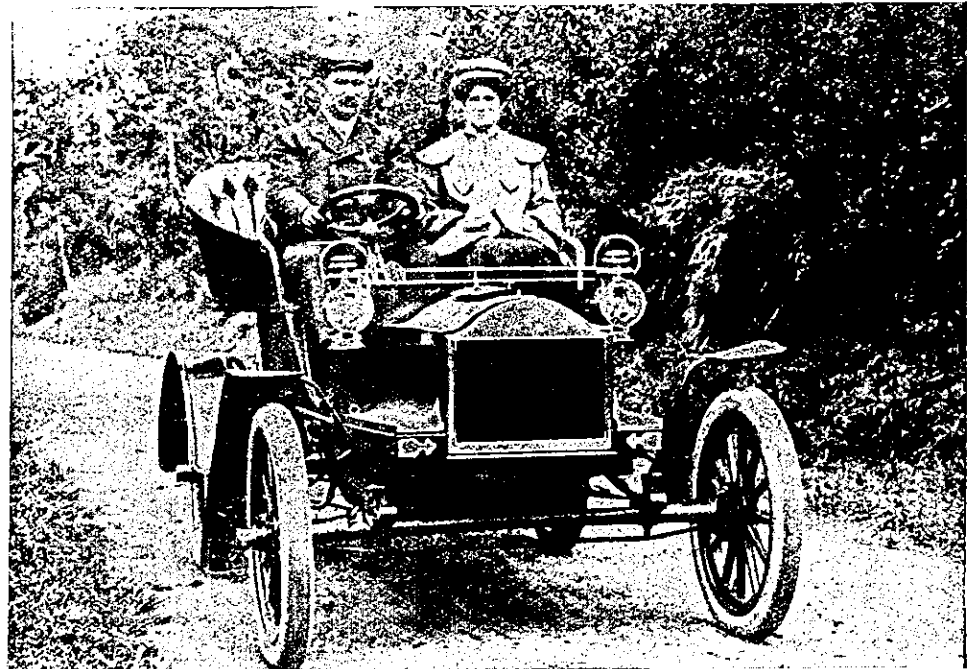
Another boxing champion from America, this time Joe Tipman, of the feather-weight division, has arrived in London, and has issued a challenge to meet all-comers from 9st 4lb to 9st 6lb.

Under the heading "A Family of Hurdlers," an English writer says: "It is not uncommon for athletic excellence to be developed in several members of one family, but it is rare to find such special aptitude in a particular branch as obtains with the Garniers. Rather more than 30 years ago the Rev. E. S. Garnier gained his "blue" at Oxford for hurdling. Two of his sons have likewise run against Cambridge, and in 1903 the latter carried off the A.A.A. hurdles championships. Now a third son has come to the front in C. N. Garnier. At the Royal Indian Engineering College sports he won the 120 Hurdles, in spite of stumbling at the second hurdle, easily indeed in 17 3-5sec."

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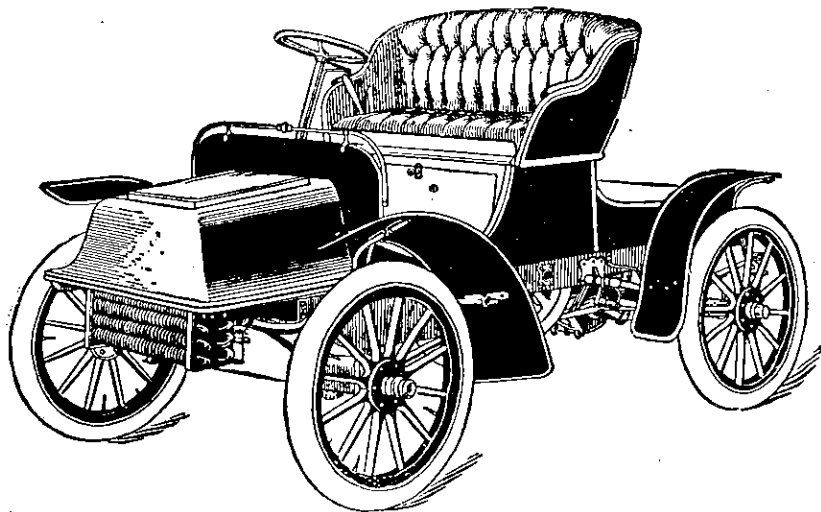
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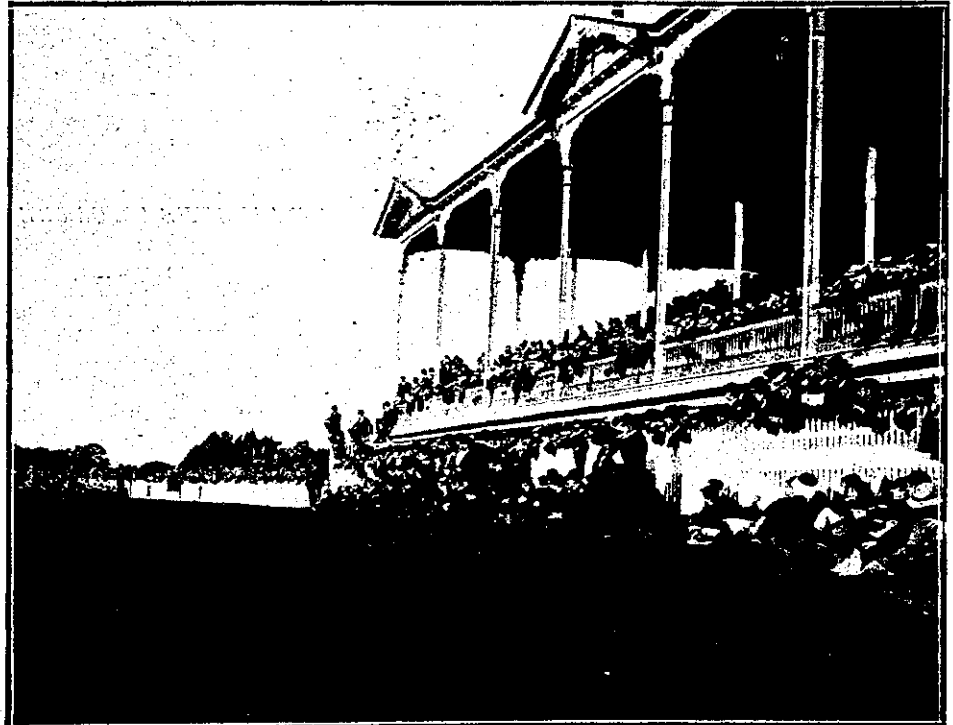


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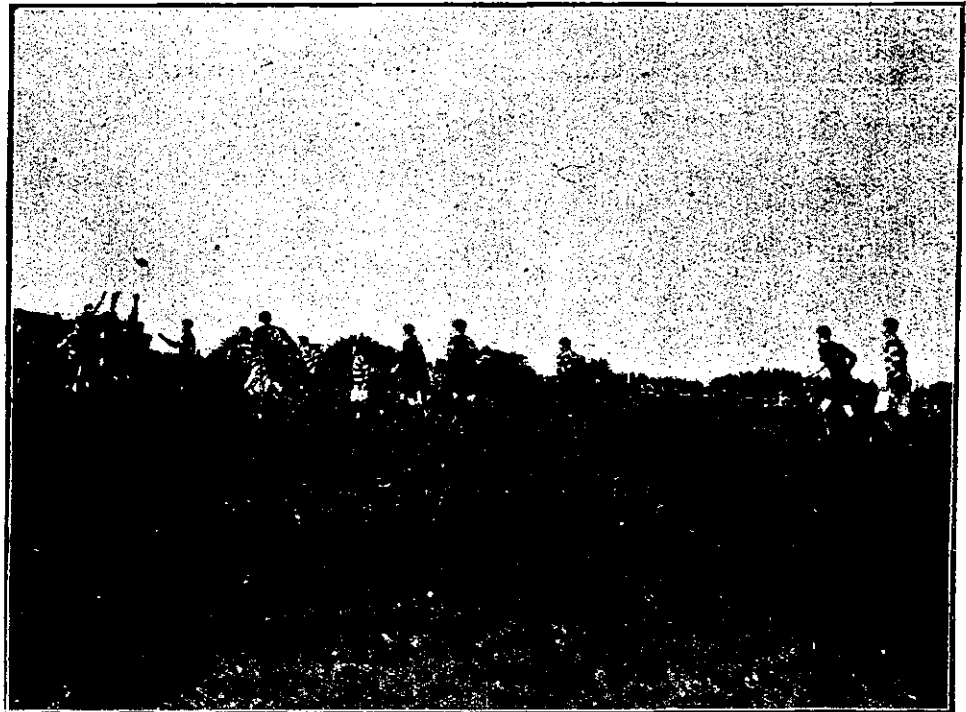
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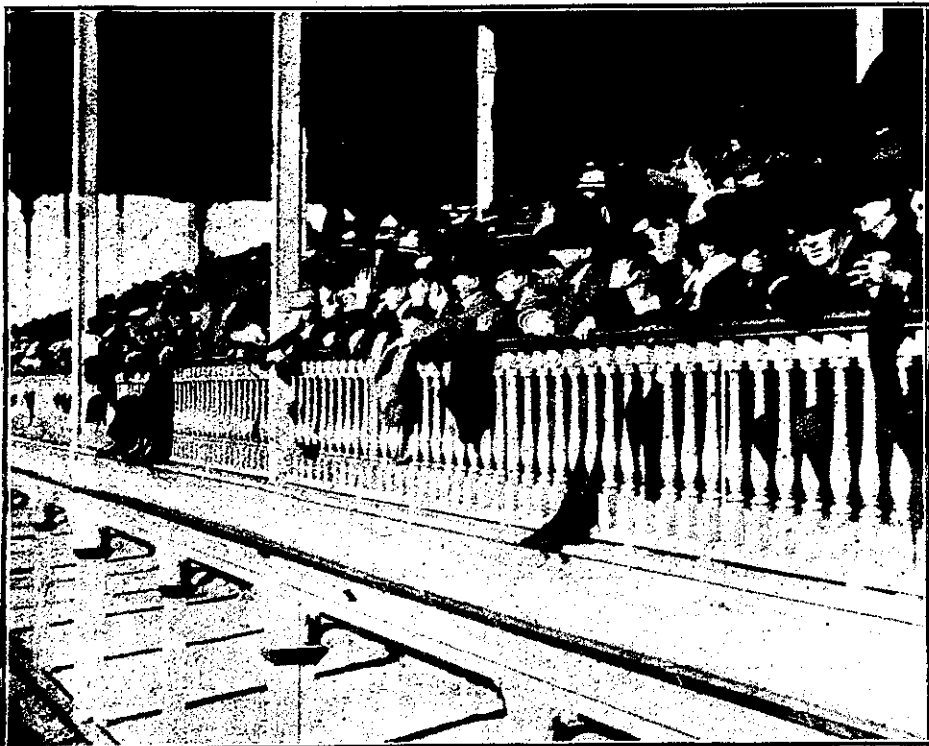
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THE STAGE

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OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Mr. Fuller continues to provide a lot of good things for his patrons at the Opera House, a fact which they are not slow to recognise. On Saturday there was a change of bill, and to greet it there was simply "a monster house." It was a case of standing room only some time before the curtain rose, consequently it was small wonder that the genial John's face wore a pleased smile as he viewed the vast audience. Miss Celestine Delwyn sang "Ain't I No Use, Mr. Jackson?" and several coon songs. Mr. James Opie put plenty of life into the well-known song, "Off to Philadelphia." Miss Florrie Leigh got plenty of applause for "Mary Kissed the Captain." Little Annie Tye was recalled for her character specialty, "If the Missis wants to Go." Mr. Sam La Mert's coon song, "Whistling Rufus," was a very clever piece of work. "Life's Lullaby," by Miss Lavinia Tyson was excellently rendered, and this artiste was heard later on to good advantage in the illustrated songs, "Two Congregations," and "In the Good Old-fashioned Way," for which she was enthusiastically applauded. The Diamond Duo made their reappearance, their coon act, "Bric-a-brac," being

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"A MOORISH MAID."

The week's run of "A Moorish Maid" came to a close on Saturday, and proved remarkably successful, there being overflowing audiences as the season progressed, and I understand that the production resulted in a very considerable profit to Messrs. Hill and Birch. This will be good news to the friends and admirers of the two talented authors, and I should also like to add my own congratulations. The piece went much more smoothly as the season progressed, some of the principals losing much of the nervousness which characterised their performance on the opening night. I have been taken to task for attempting to indicate one or two points in which the opera is susceptible of improvement. Now there is such a thing as over-praise, and, although no one doubts the good intentions of the writers, the way this has been "laid on with a trowel" by certain of the newspapers makes such comments worthless as criticism, and is rather unfair both to the authors or to the performers. I ventured to point out that even the very greatest of London successes are altered and re-altered after their initial production, and therefore it was unreasonable to expect perfection for the new opera at the outset. That a

"THE GIRL OF MY HEART."

The initial production on Saturday, July 8, of Miss Fitzmaurice Gill's season at His Majesty's Theatre will be the spectacular, military, and nautical drama, "The Girl of My Heart." The piece was written by Herbert Leonard, and was first produced at the Surrey Theatre, London, where it proved a tremendous success, and immediately caught the fancy of Mr. W. J. Holloway, who secured its Australian rights for Miss Fitzmaurice Gill. Bright and sparkling comedy scenes follow in rapid succession on tense moments of dramatic interest; and the vivid colouring of military uniforms lend picturesque background to the brilliant gowning of the ladies. The main deck of H.M.S. Challenger, where the fine incident of the naval court-martial is displayed, is only equalled by the prettiness of the military wedding. "The Girl of My Heart" is sure to appeal to the popular taste of the British public, who all love Jack Ashore, and laugh with him in his joys and weep sympathetic tears over his misfortunes, not forgetting to applaud vociferously his sentiments of loyalty oft expressed to his country and his King. A pretty love story runs its uneven course, foiled by the machinations of a villain in the shape of a rascally major, but with the aid of numerous good friends the hero and heroine are finally re-united, and all ends happily as the curtain falls. Plot and

confident the piece will prove an immense draw. Miss Gill will have a better opportunity as the ill-fated Jewess than usually falls to her lot in ordinary ranks of melodrama, and Mr. Chas. Blake will appear in the romantic rôle of Philip Tossythe, the English artist. Miss Gill has brought some beautiful costumes for especial production, which the management are certain will prove the draw card of the season.

His Majesty's Arcade and Theatre Company has declared an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent.

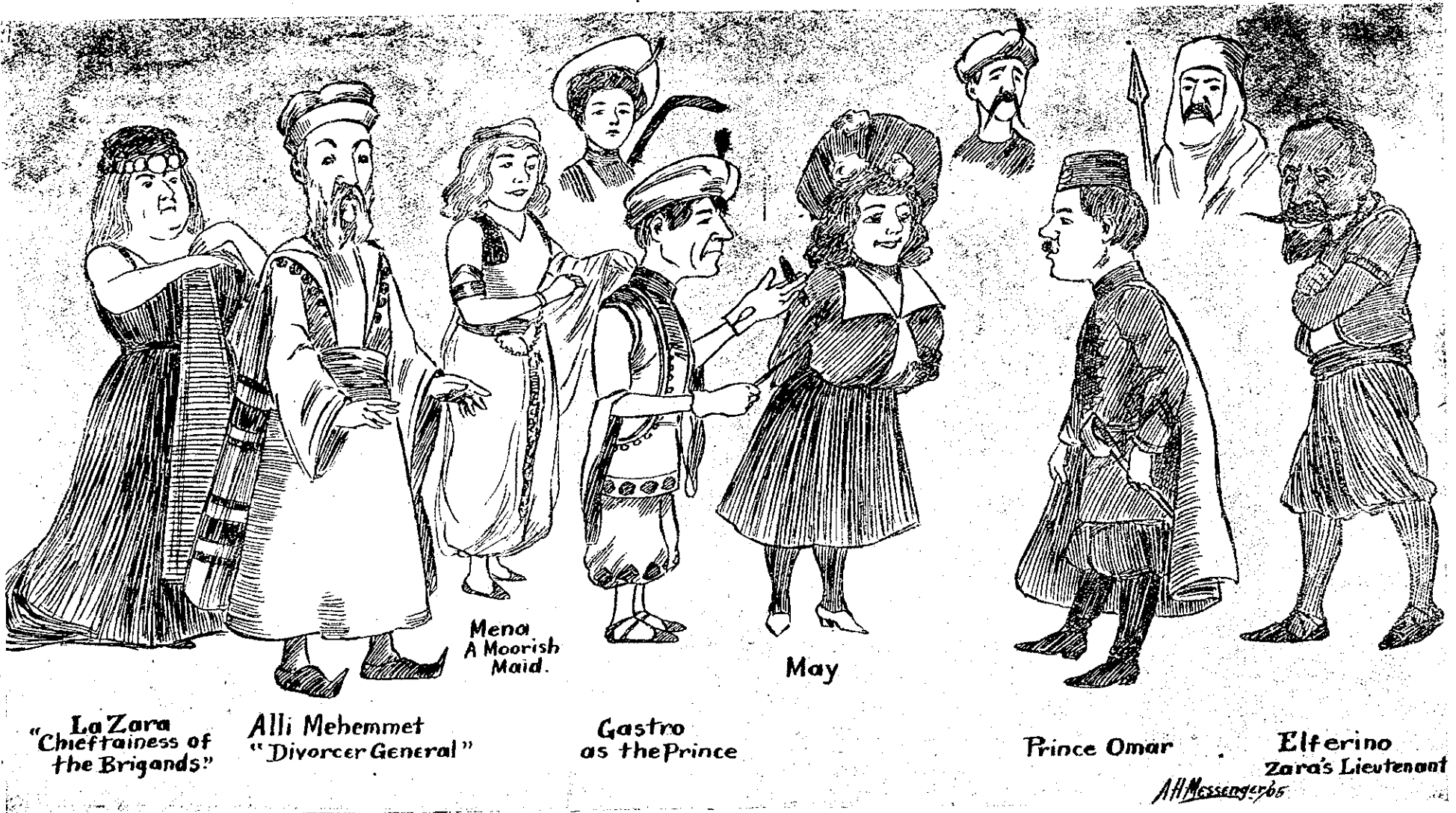
Miss Tittell Brune's Christchurch season commences on July 7.

It is rumoured that a New Zealand tour of "A Moorish Maid" is among the possibilities of the near future.

Mr. Fred. Graham and Miss Nellie Dent are billed to appear at the Opera House next Saturday.

Among new pieces secured by Mr. John F. Sheridan are "Naughty Nancy," "The Earl and the Girl," and "The New Housemaid."

I learn that Mr. J. Youlfin Birch, joint author of "A Moorish Maid," is leaving



CHARACTERS FROM "A MOORISH MAID."

much appreciated. Miss Freda Brandon gave as cornet selections "L'Éléphant" and "Alice, Where Art Thou?" both being most favourably received. The St. Leons (Gertie, May, and Philippe) gave a remarkable performance on the trapeze, and their iron-jaw art made one almost regret they were not politicians as well as entertainers. Mr. Fred. Rivenhall commenced with "That's Him," "Don't Stand There," and "Three Blind Mice," but he was encored so often that the writer lost count of the number of songs given. An excellent evening's amusement was concluded with a number of moving pictures of Edison's kinoscope.

talented writer like Mr. Birch can improve upon certain parts of the libretto I am certain, while, although Mr. Hill's music is exceedingly fine, being at times simply magnificent, it is not always in accord with the spirit of the words. It is pointed out that the box office receipts are the only indications of success, and this is perfectly true with a professional company, but with amateurs the personal popularity of the performers count for much. At the same time I think that when "A Moorish Maid" is touched up a little it will take high rank as an opera, and if it achieves a very big success in the future no one will be more pleased than the writer.

counter-plot are finely worked out, and Mr. Leonard has never lost the interest of his audience from the rise of the curtain to its close. Amongst a budget of good things Miss Gill has secured the rights for New Zealand and Australia of a dramatisation of Joseph Hatton's great novel, "By Order of the Czar." To those who have read the book, and their name is legion, the pathetic story of the beautiful Alma Klosstock will appeal tremendously, and with an elaborate stage setting, including scenes of Venice *en fete*, showing the grand canal brilliantly illuminated on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of Italy, and the Carnival of Flowers, Mr. Macmahon is

Auckland to take up an appointment on the staff of the New Zealand Times at Wellington. Mr. Birch has gained hosts of friends here who will unite in wishing him the best of good luck in his new home.

Mr. William Anderson's latest dramatic purchase, Arthur Shirley's sensational play, "The Midnight Mail, or the Railroad to Ruin," has been in preparation for months past, and will be produced at the Theatre Royal on July 15 by an augmented company. It will, it is said, introduce the most striking realistic incidents ever seen in modern drama.

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

The last week of the Knight-Jeffries season in Sydney (which terminated on Friday, the 23rd inst.) was signalised by a somewhat novel experiment (writes Mr. George Tallis). "Monsieur Beaucaire," the play in which Mr. Julius Knight made such a hit, was staged for three nights with Mr. J. B. M. Osborne (the husband of Miss Maud Jeffries) in the name part. Considering his short stage career and the fact that he had to follow so popular an exponent of the character, he did surprisingly well, and all the daily papers, in reviewing his effort, metaphorically patted him on the back for it. Of course it had its faults, due more to the lack of experience than of intelligence, but it also had so many good points that the theatre was well filled for each night of the revival. "The Lady of Lyons," with Mr. Harry Plimmer as Claude Melnotte, brought the season to an end, and the company are now resting preparatory to opening in Adelaide on July 15.

Mr. J. C. Williamson has decided to make "The Darling of the Gods" one of the features of the forthcoming season of the Knight-Jeffries Company in Adelaide and the West, in neither of which quarters has the Japanese drama yet been seen. The whole of the elaborate scenery which was so prominent a feature of the piece when it was first produced will be used, and as both Miss Maud Jeffries and Mr. Julius Knight will be available for their respective parts of Ko-san and Kara, nothing will be wanting in the success of the play. In all probability the play will be added permanently to the company's repertoire on future tours.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Company, fresh from their most successful tour of New Zealand, were most cordially welcomed back to the Sydney Theatre Royal last Saturday (June 24) in "The Mikado." "The Yeomen of the Guard" and "The Gondoliers" will be presented during the three weeks' season.

The popular appreciation both of Mr. Andrew Mack and "Tom Moore" continued unabated throughout the whole run of that piece at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, and playgoers of that city have extended to him the same "glad hand" (to borrow an Americanism he himself would use) as Melbourne did.

There was a veritable rush for seats when the box plan for the Royal Comic Opera Company opened in Perth a fortnight ago, and during the first day a total of no fewer than 3000 seats were booked, at which the tariff charged represented receipts to the tune of nearly £1000. That result broke all previous records, and as most of the seats booked were reserved for the first night, it can easily be understood that the company's opening performance on the 16th inst. was a brilliantly successful one.

Miss Rose Musgrove, who has been suffering from a most severe attack of typhoid fever (she was delirious for the first three weeks) has now happily turned the corner, and is improving again. It will naturally be some weeks, however, before she is convalescent.

Mr. J. C. Williamson has received communications from New Zealand indicating that the reception accorded Miss Tittell Brune and her company in Wellington was on the most appreciative scale. So eager were the public to pay tribute to the talent of the young tragedienne, that "L'Aiglon" was played for a whole week to crowded houses, resulting in box office returns which would certainly not have disgraced either Melbourne or Sydney, places with ten times the population of Wellington and its environs.

Miss Nance O'Neil's high histrionic art never had finer scope for development than it has in "The Fires of St. John," by Sundermann, which was produced for the first time in Australia at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, last Saturday evening (June 24). Her interpretation of the character of Marie is distinguished by intense and emotional power, a wide range of expression, and a restrained and natural method. No greater contrast could be imagined than that between the character of Marie and Magda, and Miss O'Neil accentuates that contrast most vividly. Even her own individuality seems changed from the masterful Magda to the submissive Marie, and in voice, gestures, and intonation, everything in fact, she is another woman. It was a finely conceived and admirably carried out performance, and Miss O'Neil deserves to be heartily congratulated for the great success she achieved in it.

Miss Ada Crossley's wedding card consisted of a boomerang of cardboard, having on its outer cover the bushman's call, "Coo-ee," in letters of gold.

The Australian rights of Mr. Charles Hannan's melodrama, "The Whitechapel King," originally produced in May, 1903, under the title of "The World's Way," at the Pavilion Theatre, and now being played at the Hammersmith Lyric Theatre, have been secured on lease by Mr. J. C. Williamson.

Patti was to have made her only appearance this season on June 1 at the Albert Hall. Miss Ada Crossley (Mrs. F. Muecke) was to have made her first appearance in public after her marriage at the same concert.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Mr. P. R. Dix is providing the people of this flat metropolis with plenty of amusement just now, the present Dixian Company being about the best that P.R.D. has brought along here. There was a change of bill Wednesday, and the new programme is, if anything, an improvement on the former one. Hawthorne and Wilson contribute some new imitations of popular actors, and repeat some of their previous successes. Theirs is one of the very best "turns" of the evening. The imitations of Fuller Golden, Bland Holt, and Sheridan are simply wonderful, the mimics having caught not only the voices, but the facial expression of the artistes imitated with astonishing fidelity. Mr. Warsaw, the possessor of a capital voice, obliges with new songs, but is at his best in "Where the Swanee River Flows." The Two Mascottes dance very prettily, and the Bicknells are as successful as ever in pleasing their audiences. Miss Beryl Lytton has a pleasing and sympathetic voice, but it is hardly strong enough for



Miss HILDA MEADE, of the MacMahon Dramatic Company.

a large theatre. In Paul Kinko the management have got hold of a performer difficult to beat in his line. As a juggler and balancer Kinko is simply first-rate, performing his very difficult feats with an ease and dexterity somewhat unusual even in professionals. The Ibson Family contribute a lot of popular musical items that are very much appreciated, and as for Tod Calloway, he gets about six recalls nightly. The Gaiety Six with the Bicknells dance delightfully. By the way, one of the "Six" became Mrs. Tod Calloway this week, and when Tod appeared the same night the orchestra struck up "The Wedding March." The last item on the bill is contributed by the Mahers. The Fullers are giving a splendid bill at the Opera House this week. Amongst the star "turns" are "Musical Miller" and his quack orchestra, "Ethel, the world's greatest Muscular Posturer" (vide bills), Ward Lear, Celia Mavis, and George Stilwell, the illusionist. Many a frequenter of the Opera House would be glad to here John Fuller *per se*, sing once more. John is very popular here. But then he is popular everywhere. My old friend Harold Ashton is once more with us, having come in advance of Miss Tittell Brune, whose season commences at the Royal on July 7.

"The Tivoli has secured the latest recruit to the music hall stage, viz., Miss Alice Hollander, who starts her engagement there next Monday, with Liza Lehmann (says the "Era.") This beautiful and talented young lady possesses a voice of exceptional range and quality, and will be remembered for the fine rendering of her songs in "Sergeant Brue," at the Strand Theatre just lately. Miss Hollander is an Australian, having been born in Sydney. She has taken part in tours with Madame Melba, Mdme. Adeline Patti, Kubelik, and Gerardy, and should be a great acquisition to the variety stage."

The very latest idea in America is a musical play without a chorus. Many men, if asked to vote, would plump for the chorus without the musical play.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Perman (Miss Florence Le Clerq) have arrived in London from Australia, after fulfilling a twelve months' contract with Mr. J. C. Williamson.

Mr. George Alexander has been engaged to play lead in "The Prodigal Son" at Drury Lane by Mr. Arthur Collins. Mr. Alexander was to have gone on an extended tour in the autumn, but his engagement at the Lane has necessitated the cancelling of the dates already fixed.

The Corrick Family of Entertainers are now appearing in Hobart.

According to the "Referee," Mr. William Anderson has disbanded his touring companies—both dramatic and pantomime—for the present.

Poor Charles Arnold was buried in the Crystal Palace District Cemetery. The funeral started from the residence of the deceased in Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, and the hearse was covered with beautiful wreaths. The chief mourners were Mrs. Arnold and Miss Edna Arnold. Others present were Mrs. Thomas, an old friend who is acting in Mr. Edward Terry's company; Mr. Louis Joel, Mr. C. D. Wilcocks, Mr. J. Laird, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Leslie B. Cadell, a son of Miss Nelly Mortyne, a well-known Australian actress, who is also in Mr. Terry's company; and the members of the Savage Club; Colonel Richardson, Mr. Mostyn Pigott, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. T. Gurrin, Mr. Maitland Dicker, Mr. Gerald FitzGibbon, Mr. Courtyce Pounds, Mr. Fred. Grundy, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Conrad Cooke, Mr. Frank Thornton, Mr. C. K. Robinson. At the chapel in the cemetery the service was conducted by the Rev. A. N. Armstrong. The inscription on the coffin simply bore the name of the deceased, the date of his birth—Christmas day, 1854—and the date of his death, May 6, 1905.

Mr. Howard Thurston, the famous illusionist and magician, passed through Auckland by the Sonoma en route to Sydney, where in all probability he will commence his colonial tour. New Zealand is to be visited at no distant date. Mr. R. B. Young informs me that most likely Mr. Geo. Musgrove will take over Mr. Thurston's management. Mr. Musgrove witnessed this clever illusionist's performance in America, and was indeed quite enthusiastic about him, and pronounced his colonial season a theatrical triumph. Everything that Mr. Musgrove witnessed at the entertainment was new, from the rise to the fall of the curtain, the performance exhibited being far and away ahead of anything produced or attempted before colonial audiences, and was, in fact, entirely new to American and Continental theatre-goers. Mr. Thurston played to audiences totalling 60,000 for a six weeks' season in 'Frisco prior to his departure for the colonies, this constituting a theatrical record. Mr. Thurston travels with a staff of 14 and 13 tons of material effects for the illusions, which are set upon a most gorgeous and elaborate scale. Mrs. Thurston and Mr. Allen Shaw accompany the magician on his colonial tour.



Miss BARRY LANE, of the MacMahon Dramatic Company.

Jan Kubelik, the famous violinist, will open his Australian tour in Melbourne in July next year.

A Sydney paper recently commented on "Theatrical Maoriland" in the following terms: "Maoriland is undoubtedly the theatrical goldfield of Australasia, and, like most goldfields, suffers from booms and slumps. At the end of 1902 it was rushed by Thespians till, on Boxing Night of that year, there were reckoned to be about 40 shows in the two islands. About a third of them (if as many) survived January, and the stranded mummer became so numerous that legislation had to be passed to try and keep him from being stranded (at all events in M.L.) any more. Musgrove's 'Fortune-teller' Company was alleged to have lost £2000 on a trip towards the end of 1903, and very few companies did moderately well. In 1904-5 things looked up, and more companies rushed the land; but in the last month or so things have become as bad that several have stranded."

Commenting on this "Pasquin" writes in the "Otago Witness" as follows:—"The sting—if sting it is—lies in the tail of the foregoing. . . . In the last month or so things have become so bad again that several companies have stranded." That is a libel on the country which is known as the actor's "Tom Tiddler's ground." Now, Dunedin, with its reputation for "sundry shows," should be a fair guide to the prospects of theatrical companies all over the colony for "the past month or so." Leaving out all save the pretentious shows, with big salary lists and other expenses in proportion, this allegedly "Scotch" city has during the last month or so paid into the respective coffers of the leading managers of Australasia something over £5000 "profit." I do not speak of the "takings" during the various seasons, but of the money actually made over and above expenses. Going back over the past six months, Anderson's Dramatic Company's four weeks' season of melodrama at the Princess Theatre realised a profit of close upon £2000. The season of high-class drama by the Knight-Jeffries Company was likewise a triumph from the treasurer's standpoint. Without pretending to know the exact figures, they were colossal. The nightly rushing of the box office bore ample evidence of the business done. Musgrove's company followed, and hot on the heels of the producers of "Sweet Nell" and "Old Heidelberg" came direct from Edinburgh West's Pictures and the Brescians Orchestra and Singers. The season of this talented company extended over four weeks, and the treasurer had to work "overtime" to overtake the rush of money, the profits panning out something approaching £2000. Rickards' Vaudeville Company, headed by that prince of

raconteurs, George Fuller Golden, dropped in after the combination from Scotland had departed with its load of shekels. When two "turns" in a show cost within a pound or two of £200—one at the rate of £120 per week and the other £60—with other "turns" paid in proportion, the ticket-takers have to be overwhelmed and to run the risk of broken arms and legs in stopping the rush of people to see the show to make large profits at the box office. This is to say that while the fine company sent over by Mr. Rickards did splendid business throughout the Dunedin season, the expenses...£100 per night (£600 per week)—were too great to allow of big profits being shown by the treasurer. Last—Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, recently departed, struck this city severely in the pocket. The management desired to extend the season, but, owing to the theatre having been engaged, it was impossible to do so. In the foregoing I have not mentioned the financial success of Wirth's Circus, etc., and Fuller's Vaudeville Company, which is always with us. There is money in plenty for good shows in Maoriland, but the scratch company has to pledge its top hat and drop its 'props' quietly out of the top storey." The enormous business done by "A Moorish Maid" in Auckland hardly looks like a theatrical slump.

The return to Melbourne of Miss Nance O'Neil was a happy event in the theatrical world last Saturday night (says the "Australasian" of June 24). She chose for her first play the one in which she secured instantaneous success on her former visit. "Magda" was her best effort; the exceptionally large audience who greeted her on her entry did so partly in anticipation of judging of her advance in her professional career, and they were not disappointed. Although with a public rather given to frivolity and sensation in dramatic works, it may

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Old Judge

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seem risky to produce plays which many would consider over the heads of the average playgoer; yet the enthusiastic and intensely interested crowds who follow with rapt attention the unfoldings of Magda's career give promise that there is a remnant—and a very large one—caring for the higher things of dramatic art. The story of Magda is pathetic, and, moreover, contains a sound moral, the disobedience of parents to their children.

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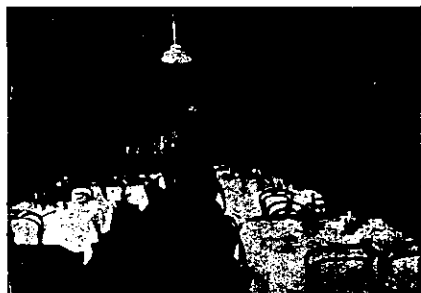
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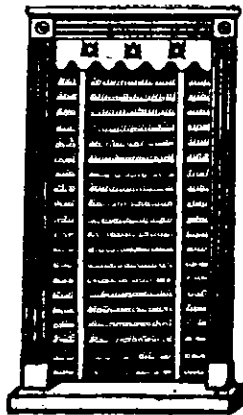
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Paderewski's recent illness is said to have left him in a state of extreme nervous exhaustion, and he will need a long rest before he will be able to resume his public work.

Yet another infant prodigy has been astonishing the London public by her remarkable violin playing. Her name is Vivien Chartres, and she is nine years old, and a pupil of Seveik's. The "Times" critic says that her tone is surprising, her technique excellent, and that, above all, she has an innate sense of style extraordinary in so young a child.

A quaint performance of "Romeo and Juliet" was given recently at the Royalty Theatre, London. The actors wore the costume of the period when the play was written. Juliet was in a hoop skirt and tall hat. There were no scenes; a pair of curtains formed the background for most of the acts. The programmes were printed in old-fashioned type, with old spelling.

A new star has arisen in Germany in the person of Max Reger. He is only 32 years of age, but his opus numbers already reach 86. His organ compositions, which are very numerous, and said to have made as great a revolution in that department of music as Wagner did in opera. Whilst obviously based upon a profound study of Bach, they take advantage of all the recently-developed improvements in organ construction. His favourite form appears to be the "variation," in which the critics are already placing him in the same rank as Beethoven and Brahms. He has written a large amount of chamber music, and his violin sonata in C. (op. 72) and string quartet (op. 74B) are claimed by his admirers to be the greatest things in music since Beethoven. He has not yet published anything for the orchestra, but is at present completing a symphony, to be performed by the Essen Gesellschaft.

According to the "Australasian," "the much-travelled" Mr. R. S. Smythe sailed for England by the Blue Anchor liner, the Geelong, on June 15. This is the first time he has gone by the way of South Africa, where before either gold or diamonds were discovered, he made an extensive tour. He was the first manager to cross the Orange River.

Kubelik played the Beethoven violin concerto in the Queen's Hall, London, a few weeks ago, and the critics speak in the highest terms of his performance, and notice a marked increase in breadth of style and virility in his interpretation of the first movement.

Mr. Frank Bridge has won the prize offered by Mark Hambourg to be competed for by English composers. His prize composition, a "Caprice" for pianoforte, was played by Mr. Hambourg at the Queen's Hall. The prize is to be offered annually.

Mr. George Alexander has been engaged to play the leading part in Mr. Hall Caine's "Prodigal Son" in its forthcoming production at Drury Lane, at the enormous salary of £250 a week.

Mr. Seymour Hicks has been disclosing some details of a Passion play, which he proposes to produce at some future time at the new Aldwych, which is being built for him in the thoroughfare of that name (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.") The play will be in the form of a series of tableaux illustrating the life of Christ, no word will be spoken from the stage, but the printed story will be in the hands of the audience, and the representations will be accompanied by music. The performances will be given in aid of charity. How far the Examiner of Plays and the Lord Chamberlain are to be reckoned with in the novel project, says "The Stage," remains yet to be seen. If such a performance received their sanction there seems to be no reason why some of the oratorios, which readily lend themselves to it, should not be produced on the operatic stage. The grand dramatic possibilities of "Elijah," for instance, should at once appeal to operatic managers.

Apropos of Miss Ada Crossley's recent wedding, the Musical Times for May has a special article on her artistic career, and an excellent full-page photograph of the lady. The "Musical Herald" is responsible for the following anecdote, which will interest Miss Crossley's Australian friends:—

"At one of the West of England cathedrals, in which the famous Three Festivals are held, a pewholder was demanding free admission to one of the afternoon recitals by virtue of his occupancy of a pew. 'No, sir,' said the verger, 'I've my horders, and no one can pass in without a ticket.'

"But I tell you I am a pewholder," expostulated the irate citizen.

"Yessir, I knows; and your bein' so admits you any other time but this. This is a special occasion. It baint the h'or'nary choir wot's reciting, sir, it's the Three Festivals Choir, and Miss Hada Crossley's a-soloing. No one can't get in without a ticket."

"Perhaps you'll tell me next I shall require a ticket to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?" exclaimed the angry 'dead-head.'

"Well, no, sir," replied the verger. "But, then, you won't 'ear Hada Crossley in 'Eaven'!"

A very big testimonial matinee was to have been given to Mr. Lionel Brough at His Majesty's on Thursday, June 15. Concerning it a Home paper says:—At the head of the bill stands the name of Sir Henry Irving, who has promised to appear on the occasion, while Mr. Tree will be seen in something of a new and original character. Mr. John Hare revives "A Quiet Rubber," and Mr. George Alexander "Scruples," while Miss Winifred Emery and Mr. Cyril Maude are to play the screen scene from "The School for Scandal." Mr. Alfred Sutro's duologue "A Marraige has been Arranged" will be performed by Mr. Ar-

thur Bouchier and Miss Violet Vanbrugh, and "The Reckoning," an entirely new one-act piece, by Miss Edith Wynne Matthison and Mr. James Hearn. Among those who are also to contribute are Madame Rejane, Miss Nancy Price, Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Charles Warner, Mr. Rutland Barrington, Mr. George Grossmith, jun., and Mr. Seymour Hicks, supported by a chorus of Gibson Girls. With an array of names like that the audience must have had "a great night entirely!"

On the subject of Mr. Martin Harvey's production of "Hamlet" at the Lyric Theatre, a London writer says:—Though one can sympathise in the ambition every actor has of appearing as "The Prince of Denmark" one is at present inclined to ask whether this year's craze for appearing in this role is not somewhat overdone. The tragedy of "Hamlet" is, of course, a masterpiece, but even of masterpieces—as of lesser fry—one can become more than satiated. Though, as Dr. Johnson remarked to the Scotchman who plagued him about the dubious beauties of Scotland, "comparisons are odious," one cannot help but compare the two representations of this piece—Mr. H. B. Irving's and Mr. Harvey's—at present before the public. The former's, to our mind, is certainly one of the best Hamlets we have seen for many years, whereas the latter's will, we think, be accounted one of the worst. And for this reason. Mr. Irving made a natural Hamlet, whereas Mr. Harvey is a stagey personage, who gives one the impression of "acting" the part rather than metamorphosing himself into Shakespeare's great creation. This inability to make us believe that it is Hamlet and not Mr. Martin Harvey who is talking and doing, seems to be more the pity, seeing that physically, at any rate, Mr. Harvey makes an ideal Hamlet; with pale face and wan, and general air distraught and wandering, Mr. Harvey in this particular, it must be admitted, excels Mr. Irving's impersonation.

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In connection with the present "Shakespearian movement" in London theatres, it is recalled that a similar movement was in progress when Sir Henry Irving first produced "The Merchant of Venice" at the Lyceum, and on the same night "Henry V." was produced with great splendour at Drury Lane, with Mr. George Rignold, "a handsome actor, with a robust style and a splendid voice," in the part of the King.

"An Old Playgoer," writing in a London paper on "The Humours of 'Hamlet,'" says:—"Probably the most amusing presentation of 'Hamlet' is that which took place in the reign of George III. at the Kilkenny Theatre. Mr. Kearnes, the manager—a man evidently indisposed to allow his patrons to suffer under any sense of national grievance—announced the tragedy as 'written and composed by the celebrated Dan Hayes, of Limerick, and inserted in Shakespeare's works.' With a fine perception of the need of comic relief, Mr. Kearnes, who played the Dane, performed between the acts 'several solos on the patent bagpipes, which play two tunes at the same time,' and the Ophelia (Mrs. Prior) artistically wove into her impersonation such eminently Danish ditties as 'The Lass of Richmond Hill,' and 'Let's Be Unhappy Together,' from the 'Oddities of Mr. Dibben.' Polonius was advertised as 'a comical politician,' and was represented by 'a young gentleman.' Beshrew me, the race of 'comical politicians' is not yet extinct! The characters at the Kilkenny 'Royal' were dressed in 'Roman shapes,' which must have been intensely gratifying; but the parts of the King and Queen were omitted, 'by direction of the Rev. Father O'Callaghan,' as 'being too immoral for any stage.' Mr. Kearnes politely announced that tickets could be 'taken out' in 'candles, bacon, soap, butter, cheese, and potatoes.' This naturally gave great point to the line. 'A little more than kin—and less than kind.'"

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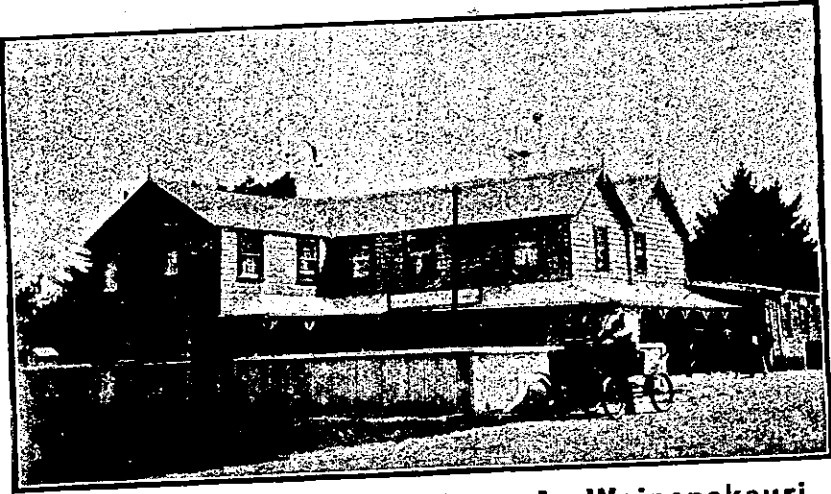
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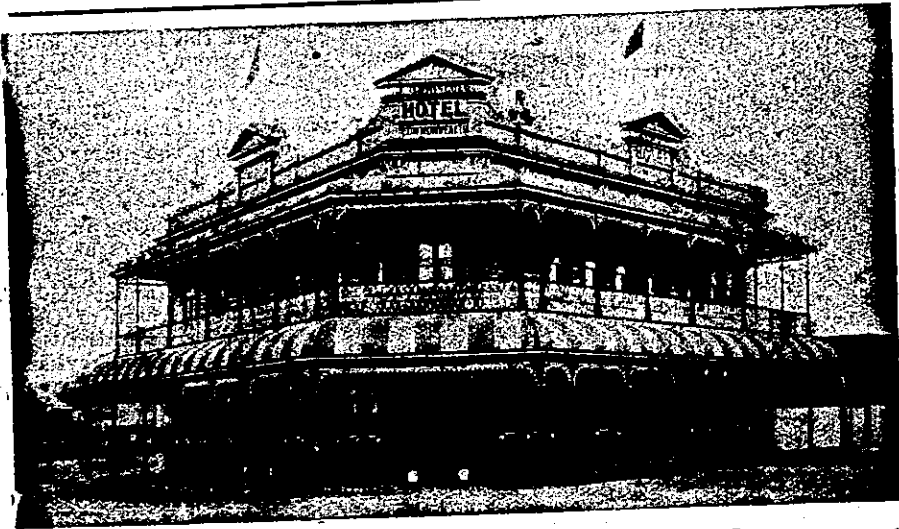
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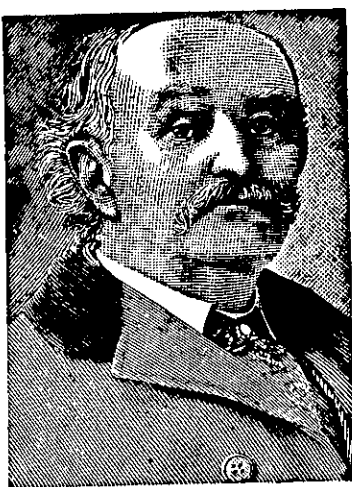
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Seeing what numbers of people throughout New Zealand are taking the pledge, impelled by the ravings of the temperance orators, it seems somewhat strange that these misguided leaders themselves do not come to a very obvious conclusion. Surely it must strike them that with all these people eagerly clamouring to sign the pledge, New Zealand must be a very temperate country after all. They have crowded meetings wherever they go, and it is safe to say that every member of their audience is a prohibitionist, in each locality. They point to the long list of pledge figures and impress upon the community the fact that they are snatching hundreds of people from the evil paths of drink. A large section of the community, always ready to be gulled and ever on the lookout for some fresh scandal, immediately go into ecstasies over the great and pious work, and fall tooth and nail upon every publican within reach. The public-houses may be splendidly equipped and kept, drunkenness may never be seen in the locality, and the buildings themselves may offer absolutely the best accommodation in the towns, as they unquestionably do in all cases. Granted all this, the fact remains that these prohibition fanatics and their leaders are aroused to a perfect pitch of frenzy at the very mention of the word liquor. One drunken man is discovered in a community numbering several thousands, and immediately a wail of horror arises. The man himself is left to doze quietly in the gutter whilst the no-license cranks and their followers do all in their power to ruin the nearest publican as a protest against the sight of this ne'er-do-well. Never mind whether the publican is a law-abiding man and a good citizen, he sells drink, so must be ruined. This they proceed to do wrathfully and with true Christian spirit, people who if their own means of making a living were interfered with would make a fine row. At the rate they are going now however, they bid fair to defeat their own ends with the absurdity of their contentions.

Trade Topics

Our Christchurch correspondent thus:—An old resident of Ashburton writes in a doleful strain to a Christchurch daily anent the state of Ashburton since that dreary township, in the words of Mr. Taylor, "went dry." Business, according to this correspondent, has been seriously affected in Ashburton as the result of "no license," and lots of business men there have cleared out in consequence. Other people who ought to know tell the same tale, and the fact that Ashburton is honeycombed with sly grog-sellers is pretty generally admitted. It remains to be seen whether Ashburton will vote no-license again next November. I fancy a big surprise is in store for the Pump Party. But we shall see what we shall see.

Writes our Christchurch correspondent:—Proposed that Christchurch City shall buy out the local Gas Company and run the gasworks as a municipal venture. The company has been in existence for many years. In its early days it had a pretty tough struggle to keep its head above water, but for a long time now it has been paying corpulent dividends. Hence the proposal to municipalise the gasworks. Mr. "Tommy" Taylor was the first person, I believe, to suggest the "taking over" of the concern of the city, and he is understood to be in favour of compensating shareholders in the event of the municipalisation idea coming off. That's all right. But if Gas Company shareholders are to be paid compensation why should compensation be denied to hotelkeepers? What is sauce for the goose—et cetera, et cetera.

The reason the late Licensing Bill was opposed, said Mr. Major in his political address at Hawera, was because of clause

9, which meant "No license, no liquor." Prohibition, he thought, was a most illiberal measure. "Why," he asked, "because he had the toothache should he wish other people to have their teeth drawn?" New Zealand was the most temperate place on earth, with the exception of a few of the Asiatic races. He did not think there was any virtue in being made good by Act of Parliament, and any such action would result in sapping the moral fibre of the people. It was no credit to any man or woman to be good when not tempted, but what built up character was a resistance of temptation when it presented itself.

The Wellington Times says: "Out of one hundred and thirty-four applicants, Mr. W. L. Hunter, formerly the proprietor of a licensed house at Waihi, has been appointed manager of the Gwalia State Hotel, West Australia."

The latest thing which mechanical science has done for the bottling industry is now on view in Dunedin. The appliance in question is a bottle-washing machine. Formerly the washing of bottles was done by hand, but with the new appliance, whereby two men can do the work of six, thirty-two bottles are treated at once. The touch of a handle injects a certain quantity of water and steel chips into them, and they are then propelled backwards and forwards at a great speed, the motion of the steel chips and water effecting the cleaning. The bottles are then returned to an upright position, the steel chips passing back automatically to the magazines. A ringing apparatus then injects a stream of water into the bottles, and at the end of the process, which is anything but slow, the bottles are beautifully done.

It is a matter for general remark (says the "Hawke's Bay Herald") that the clergy of his church did not associate themselves with Father Hays' temperance mission in Hawke's Bay.

French writers are again warning the public against what is termed "the green peril," in other words, absinthe, the consumption of which is fearfully on the increase in France. In Belgium an interdiction has been placed on the terrible drink, and its manufacture and sale are now forbidden in that country. According to one of the anti-absinthe writers, M. Maurice Talmey, 133,000 hectolitres, or 2,926,000 gallons, in round numbers, of the stuff are annually absorbed by the French people, men and women, for the women have also learned to like the fee verte, now the green peril. Fifty years ago only 735 hectolitres of absinthe were consumed in France. The increase of lunacy is attributed to the deleterious drink. Sixty years back there were only 10,000 registered lunatics, and now there are 80,000. The increase in crime is also traced to the love of absinthe among the masses.

The adjourned meeting of the Waipawa Licensing Committee was held at the Courthouse on Thursday last. In the absence of Mr. Brabant, S.M., Pastor Ries was voted to the chair.

Renewals of licenses were granted to Benjamin Geddes, Makotuku Hotel, and James Gleeson, Beaconsfield Hotel, Makotuku (subject to supplying fire escapes).

Mr. Gleeson applied for a temporary transfer of license to Benjamin Moore, and it was granted.

An application for renewal in respect of the Sawyers' Arms Hotel, Tikokino, was approved.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (July 1):—Mr. Hood, a relative of Mr. J. Hawkins, has bought out Mr. Moroney's interest in the Rahotu Hotel. Mr. F. Calgher has bought Mr. H. Shortlander's interests in the Railway Hotel at Inglewood. I understand that Mrs. Kennedy intends to personally conduct the Inglewood Hotel, in the new premises which are nearing completion.

An interesting licensing case was heard before Mr. James, S.M., at Dannevirke recently, when B. Geddes, licen-

see of the Makotuku Hotel, was charged with permitting the sale of liquor on a Sunday, contrary to the provisions of the Licensing Act. On the occasion in question the Dannevirke Band visited Makotuku in connection with the hospital demonstration. The conductor, W. Haines, swore that arrangements had been made for their dinner some days before, that ale was placed on the table, and that the meal was paid for by the secretary of the Demonstration Committee. Other members also admitted having had drink. Mr. Hosking, for the defence, admitted the sale of liquor, but denied that it was illegally supplied by the licensee. The defendant deposed that the bandsmen returned from the Recreation Ground at 4.30 and asked for drinks. Witness refused to supply them, but soon afterwards Pastor Ries appeared with several of the members and asked why they could not be supplied. Witness told him that it was illegal to do so on Sunday, whereupon Pastor Ries replied that he did not think there would be anything wrong in giving the refreshment, interpreting his remark to mean that so long as no charge was made there was no breach of the law. Acting on this, he supplied the drinks free. The S.M. announced that it was unnecessary to hear the defence further. A technical offence had been committed, but it would be manifestly unfair to punish a publican who had been advised to supply liquor in prohibited hours by a J.P. who was a member of the Licensing Committee. Mr. Cornford, for the prosecution, said the police had been compelled to take the proceedings to prevent the idea becoming current that fish was made of one party and flesh of another.

The annual meeting of the Waipu Licensing Bench held on June 30 was attended by the following members:—The Chairman (Mr. Barton, S.M.), Messrs. C. Gray, Caesar, Wallis, and Captain Tucker. An application for a license in respect to the Patutahi Hotel was granted to Mrs. Sarah Ann Craill. In the case of the application of James Boyce for an accommodation license for Te Rahui Hotel, Mr. A. W. Rees stated that there was an application for a temporary transfer to Mr. Newy. Application granted. Mr. Nolan appeared on behalf of L. C. Allen, whose application for a renewal of a publican's license for Te Karaka Hotel had been adjourned pending the visit of the committee in regard to proposed alterations in the hotel to afford greater privacy to people going to and from the diningroom. The chairman said that he had seen into the matter, and Mr. Allen had undertaken to close the bar slide in the passage leading to the diningroom. The alteration would suffice for the present. Application granted. A temporary transfer of the license of Te Rahui Hotel from James Boyce to Frederick Montague Newy was granted. Mr. C. C. Hansen's application for a renewal of his accommodation license at Motu was granted. A conditional license was granted to Mr. Martin for the Gisborne Racing Club's meeting on July 6 and 7 at the Park course, the hours to be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. J. H. Aislabie was granted conditional licenses for Matawhero saleyards on July 13 and 17.



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COOKERY FOR LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

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

THE COOKING OF VEGETABLES.

One cannot be too explicit in giving directions for cooking. The only safe plan is to take nothing for granted, and to assume that the reader is a tyro in the art. The cookery books are great sinners in this respect, and go far too much upon the presumption that their readers are experienced cooks. In replies for the cooking of vegetables I think that this is particularly the case. In the majority of books the cook is rarely told whether to put the vegetables into cold or boiling water, with the result that many a good dish is spoiled, while such terms as "blanch" and "refresh" are constantly made use of, to the bewilderment and confusion of the young cook. To clear up the latter difficulty at once I may here say that, wherever the term "blanch" is used in cookery, it means to place anything on the fire in cold water until it boils, and, after straining it off, to plunge it into cold water for the purpose of rendering it white; while "refresh" or "refraichir," means to pass through cold water after cooking in order to preserve the colour.

It may be taken as an almost universal rule that vegetables should be cooked in boiling water. There are, however, a few exceptions, such as potatoes, which, when old, should be placed in cold water, and when medium-aged in lukewarm water. New potatoes follow the general rule, and should be put into boiling water. Jerusalem artichokes should be treated in the same way as potatoes, according to their age.

It is important in cooking vegetables that a good colour should be preserved. As hard water—such as London water—spoils the colour of green vegetables, a little carbonate of soda should be added to the boiling water before the vegetables are put in. An important rule, which should never be neglected, is to leave the saucepan uncovered. If the steam is shut in the colour of the vegetables will be spoiled. Where there is an open fire it is impossible to do this in case of smoke getting in, and nothing is more unpleasant than smoky vegetables. Under such circumstances the lid must be placed half-open, so that the steam may escape and yet the smoke not be drawn in.

Vegetables should always be boiled in plenty of water, and they should boil very fast. If the quantity of water is not large the moment the vegetables are put in the pot the water goes off the boil, whereas it is important that the water should boil all the time. Another reason for having a large quantity of water is that in a small quantity the unpleasant smell which green vegetables give to water becomes concentrated, and consequently intensified. Green water should never be poured down the kitchen sink, as the effect of so doing would probably be to permeate every room in the house with the smell. It is always best to pour it down an outside sink or drain. The smell may be greatly modified by boiling a crust of bread along with the vegetables.

Cold cabbage is often simply warmed up in the frying-pan, making a greasy dish which few stomachs can digest. It is much more palatable treated as follows:—Grease a small pudding basin, then throw in browned breadcrumbs, and turn the basin about so that these may adhere equally to the sides. Press the cabbage with a wooden spoon through a wire sieve and season it with pepper, salt, and nutmeg. Stir in about one ounce of butter and an egg well beaten up. Having mixed these ingredients thoroughly, fill the basin with them and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Turn it out on to a very hot dish, and serve with brown sauce. To make the sauce, melt two ounces of butter in a small saucepan and add one ounce of flour, stirring until it is of a brown colour. Then add sufficient boiling stock to render it of a creamlike constituency, and season to taste with salt and pepper. There are many ways of serving up cold potatoes. The following will be found a

good one. Cut the potatoes into slices. Make a sauce with a tablespoonful of gravy or good stock, an ounce of grated cheese, an ounce and a half of butter, the juice of half a lemon, salt, pepper, nutmeg, and the well-beaten yolks of two eggs. Whisk these ingredients over the fire until they thicken or are near boiling point. Place a layer of the sliced potatoes on a fireproof dish, mask with some of the sauce, and so on in alternate layers until all the potatoes and sauce are used up. Sprinkle grated cheese and browned breadcrumbs over the top layer of sauce. Bake for half an hour, and serve hot.

Haricot beans, left over from the previous day, make excellent croquettes. Mash the beans with a fork, or rub them through a wire sieve, season with finely-chopped onion, pepper, and salt, and add sufficient breadcrumbs to permit of them being moulded easily. Shape them either into balls or small round cakes. Dip them into a beaten egg and then into breadcrumbs, and fry in deep hot fat until they are of a good brown colour.

In conclusion, I may say that root vegetables should be taken of very sparingly by people who have a tendency to put on fat, while they should be shunned altogether by gouty, rheumatic, and diabetic people. But all green vegetables may be eaten freely, and, indeed, should always form a considerable portion of everyone's dietary, except, of course, in those few cases where they are found to disagree with the stomach.

WELSH SUNDAY CLOSING.

THE LIMIT IN CLOSING PROPOSITIONS.

England is a nation of fashions—violent fashions—or, as Lord Macaulay terms them, periodical fits. They never last very long. A fit of the Smart Set is followed by an outbreak of Rita and Marie Corelli; they are both very deadly while they last. Sometimes a joke or an educated baboon has a vogue, and then the papers are full of references to or anecdotes about them. If a scent or a song catches on, the air is full of the one or the other for a few brief weeks, to the extinction of every other tune and every other stink. It is the fashion, and English people take their fashions very seriously. At the present moment the expected advent of the crinoline is absorbing all the interest and conversational power of which women are capable;

the rage for playing "Hamlet" has spread like the spotted fever among the acting fraternity; and in Parliament the fascination of endeavouring to reduce the hours for licensed business has infested both Houses. In the House of Lords there is a Bill to close public-houses on Christmas Day in Ireland, and the Archbishop of Canterbury hopes (D.V.) to get their lordships to consider his proposal to give licensing justices the right to require that public-houses should be closed at nine o'clock on five days of the week, and at eight o'clock on Saturday, and to restrict trading to a couple of hours on the Sabbath day.

The Primate's proposals do not extend to Ireland, but they would, if they became law, be in force in Wales, where, if the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act Amendment Bill gets through both Houses, they would scarcely be wanted. Lord Avebury and the Marquis of Ripon declared that the Christmas Closing Bill was approved by the people of Ireland, and it is quite possible that His Grace of Canterbury believes the English are yearning to have public-houses closed at sunset, and that the backers of the Welsh Bill think the people of the principality will not be happy until they are compelled by law to travel twelve miles on the Sabbath day in order to get a drink, and then, as likely as not, have to return without getting it. It is, as we say, possible that the Primate, and Mr. Herbert Roberts, Sir Alfred Thomas, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Herbert Lewis may entertain these delusions, but nobody else out of Bedlam, not even the people who will support these two measures in the Legislature, are labouring under the same singular impression. There are a whole crowd of fanatics who would close licensed premises throughout the United Kingdom every day of the week and all day, but there are few among them who are so deluded as to suppose that they would be gratifying an universal desire by so doing.

That these three Bills are aimed in a measure at the Trade cannot be doubted, but that they are even more prejudicial to the interest and convenience of the public is equally evident. We have already pointed out in these columns that the Archbishop's proposals constitute a piece of class legislation, and the Welsh measure reveals the same fundamental defect. As the Bill is down for its second reading in the House of Commons, it is necessary to examine its leading provisions with care.

Briefly, they may be set down as follows:—(1) No occupier of licensed premises shall receive or serve travellers on Sunday, unless the occupier shall be the holder of a specially granted Sunday license. (2) No traveller shall be entitled to be served with refreshment on Sunday unless he has travelled twelve miles for some purpose other than that of obtaining intoxicating liquor. (3) No traveller shall be regarded as having complied with these conditions unless his *bona-fides* are vouched for by one or more disinterested persons. (4) No intoxicating liquor shall be sold on Sunday at a railway station. (5) No Sunday license shall be granted in respect of any premises under the annual rateable value of £25.

The Bill requires holders of Sunday licenses to enter the names and addresses of all travellers or other persons entering their licensed premises on a Sunday, and it contains a list of penalties that the Sunday license-holder shall be visited with for any breach of these conditions. Other restrictions and provisions are included in this precious measure, which, in addition to regulating Sunday liquor traffic, is designed to supplement the club clauses of the Licensing Act of 1902, to control wholesale trade week-day deliveries, to require manufacturers of beer and wholesale beer-sellers to be registered, and to forfeit all beer-houses of which the annual rateable value is less than £12. In fact, the Bill is so top-heavy with extraordinary and various provisions that it is absolutely bound to founder in the troubled waters of the House of Commons. There is enough material in it to be spread over at least four separate Bills, and the idea of calling such a heterogeneous mass of proposals a Sunday Closing Bill is as misleading as it would be to describe Whiteley's an emporium for the sale of speckled canaries. The drafters of the measure would appear to have been so elated and dazzled at their great daring in putting their first half-dozen provisions into black and white, that they allowed their desecration to run away with them, and they proceeded to pile on every other proposal that came into their heads. We unhesitatingly declare that the Black Sea fleet has more chance of going through the Dardanelles than this Welsh Noah's Ark has of finding a passage through the House of Commons. It is absolutely the limit of impudent interference with the rights of the public in respect of licensed trading hours—it is the last extremity of

the fashion, the crowning absurdity which invariably prefaces the extinction of any fashion in this country.

The first and fifth provisions that we have enumerated are aimed point-blank at the publican, and as they will not inconvenience the public, we will pass them over. But the same cannot be said of clauses three, four, and five. A man may travel eleven miles on Sunday on important business, but he may not afterwards cover another mile and procure alcoholic refreshment, because he will have gone that additional distance for no other purpose than to obtain it. And even if he has journeyed the prescribed dozen miles he cannot be served unless he can produce a person or persons to corroborate his statement that he has complied with the conditions which entitle him to obtain a drink. Even then, considering the risk that the publican runs of being convicted of any offence under this Bill, the parched and formally corroborated traveller may be refused the nourishment he stands in urgent need of by an over-cautious landlord. The conditions are monstrous, exasperating, and entirely ridiculous. Add to these provisions the closing of railway refreshment rooms on Sunday, and the Bill becomes what Mr. Cecil Raleigh would call a melo-farce.

Imagine the position of a stranger arriving in Cardiff on a Sunday morning. At the railway station his ticket would prove that he had travelled the regulation twelve miles or upwards which would entitle him to a glass of bitter and a hard-boiled egg. But once out of the precincts of the station he is an alien and under the severest suspicion. He has nothing but his word for it that he has travelled the prescribed distance, and he knows nobody in the city who will vouch for his veracity. What is he to do? If he is a diseased Polish Jew he could, we suppose, take his papers to the Russian Consul, and compel him to go along to the Pig and Compasses, and insist upon his being served; but the Englishman would have nothing for it but to get back again into Merry England by the quickest route, or be reduced to a diet of cocoa or Kop's ale. The teetotal faddists take some unconscionable liberties with their compatriots in England and Scotland, but what Welshmen have done to deserve the intolerable interference with their rights proposed in this Welsh Sunday Closing Bill is a secret that remains locked in the bosom of its backers.—"L.V. Gazette."

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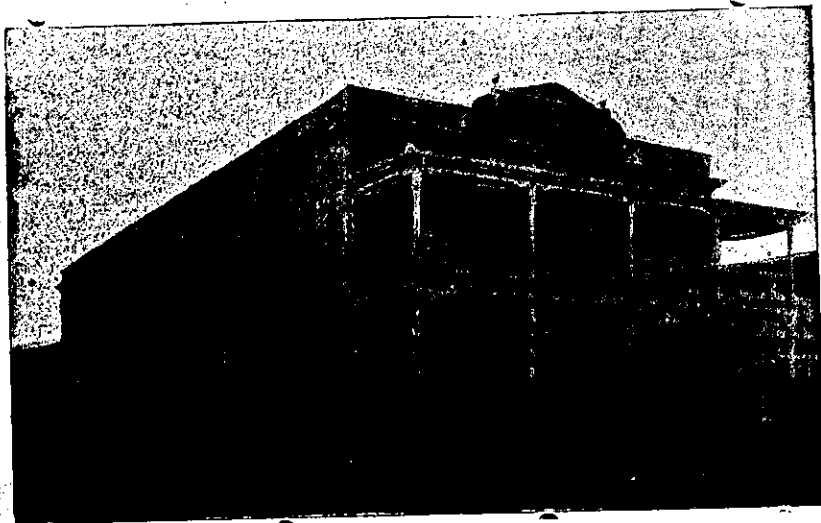
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HOME NOTES.

("London L.V. Gazette," May, 1905.)

Not only the Licensed Victuallers' School, but the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, is taking a new departure this year. It is an experiment on the part of the governing body of the former to hold the annual festival at the Hotel Cecil; it is also an experiment on the part of the chairman and committee of the latter to invite a country brewer to undertake the duties of president for the year. Sir John Brickwood, the popular chairman of the Portsmouth Brewery and chairman of the National Trade Defence Association, who has so willingly come forward to help the asylum in a time of depression and need, fully recognises this, but it may be that the friends of this—the oldest Trade charity in the kingdom—who have so steadfastly stood by it in the past will rally round the new president in larger numbers than ever in order to show their high appreciation of Sir John's philanthropic efforts. At the same time he has warned the committee not to expect from him as much as they would expect from a big London brewer. When Sir Thomas Dewar last year asked the representatives of his firm throughout the kingdom to enlist financial support for the School, they were informed in many cases that it was a London institution from which country licensed victuallers could derive no benefit, and Sir John Brickwood fears much the same reply in regard to his applications for help for the Asylum. However, the new president may depend upon the heartiest support of the Trade in London.

One of the largest public sales of wines and spirits that has ever taken place in London or in the United Kingdom is announced for Wednesday next, May 24, by Messrs. H. R. Colbeck and Co., of Great Tower-street, London. Something like 150,000 bottles of wine, including ports, champagne, clarets, hocks, sauternes, and high-class Saumur, will be offered, in addition to pipes and hogsheads of ports and sherries. The bottled wines will be offered in dozens. The special stock of 5000 dozens of claret includes wines from some of the most famous chateaus, and include Chateau Latour and Chateau Larose 1889. In addition to the wines a large quantity of brandy and whisky—both Scotch and Irish—will be put up for sale, and no fewer than 278 barrels of Californian brandy will be offered. Representatives of the Trade from all parts of the country may be expected to attend the auction, which commences at the London Commercial Sale Rooms at one o'clock.

It cannot be said that Mr. John D. Wallis, in his paper on "The Licensing Act 1904, with Special Reference to the Questions of Compensation and Monopoly Value," read before the Surveyors' Institution on Monday evening, shed much light on the working of the measure, which up to the present had been productive of benefit only to the legal fraternity. His commentaries and explanations were practically the same as those already published by other expert annotators, and it is pretty evident that the darkness still prevailing can only be illumined by having recourse to the courts of law. According to the Act the monopoly value is to be the difference between the value which the premises would bear when licensed and the value of the premises if they were not licensed. To the lay mind this is, of course, as clear as mud. Mr. Wallis said if he might venture upon a definition he would say the monopoly value was to be the value of the license only, whilst the value for compensation was to be the value of the license added to the depreciation of the premises due to the extinction of the license.

In order to illustrate this he took, for example, the case of a public-house with a full license, the premises having cost a few years ago, say, £8000, and valued to-day at £15,000. Here, he said, the value of the license would be £7000, but the compensation for refusal would be not only £7000, but in addition the amount of depreciation of the premises, which, having been specially erected for a particular purpose, would be worth much less than the actual cost if put to some other use, and would probably not be worth more than £2000 without the license. In such a case the amount of compensation for extinction would be £13,000, but if a similar house were built to-day at the same cost the monopoly value would be the sum of £7000, the value of the license only, assuming it to be an annual license. It is difficult to follow this reasoning. Clearly a house built to-day at a cost of £800 would not, after it has been licensed, be worth the same amount as a house of the same value erected, say, ten or twenty years ago, and which is in the enjoyment of a lucrative trade that has been built up by indomitable energy and perseverance on the part of the license-holder.

Next week the Parliament of the Trade meets at Blackpool, and much interest is manifested in its deliberations. Quite a number of subjects of interest to the Trade will be discussed, and important resolutions will be passed, copies of which will be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary. Amongst others, the subjects of Sunday closing and the earlier closing of public-houses will receive consideration, and special attention will be given to the question of clubs, which are still on the increase and are now more numerous than ever. Members of the Trade have no desire to interfere with well-organised institutions which are part and parcel of the social life of the community, but it is high time that Parliament made some attempt to put down the unlicensed drinking dens which are now to be found all over the country, and which are proving such a source of unmitigated evil, especially to the rising generation.

Perhaps never before has the Trade been so largely represented at the Law Courts as it has been during the present week. Licensed victuallers have turned up in considerable numbers to listen to the arguments advanced in the various appeal cases against the action of the licensing justices. In the main the question in dispute is practically the same, and the Lord Chief Justice has promised to give judgment on Monday, when the Divisional Court will no doubt be once more crowded by members of the Trade. In the case of Drinkwater and other justices—*ex parte* Wincott—however, a very important point was raised and decided. An application having been made to the justices for the removal of a license they refused to make the order, contending that a new license was necessary and that "a monopoly value" would have to be paid. In this case the Lord Chief Justice held that the justices were clearly wrong, and the rule for a mandamus compelling a rehearing of the case was made absolute. This question of the removal of a license is of the highest importance, and it would have been indeed hard on the license-holder if, for instance, when street improvements are effected he should be called upon to take out a new license, pay a "monopoly value," and lose his compensation under the Act.

What splendid work the League has done for the Trade during the past year is conclusively shown by the annual report which will be submitted to the delegates, and the Council may well be gratified with the result of its operations. In the number of affiliated associations the strength of the organisation has been fully maintained, at the same time it is regrettable that so many associations should remain unaffiliated. The fact that the new Licensing Act providing compensation for the dispossessed license-holder is now in operation should not lull the Trade into a sense of false security. Never perhaps were the services of the League more needed than they are to-day, when the licensing interest is seriously threatened by the Opposition, and the time is evidently not far distant when license-holders will have to make their voice heard once more for their own protection and in defence of the Trade. There have been big fights in the past; a still bigger battle is looming in the near future.

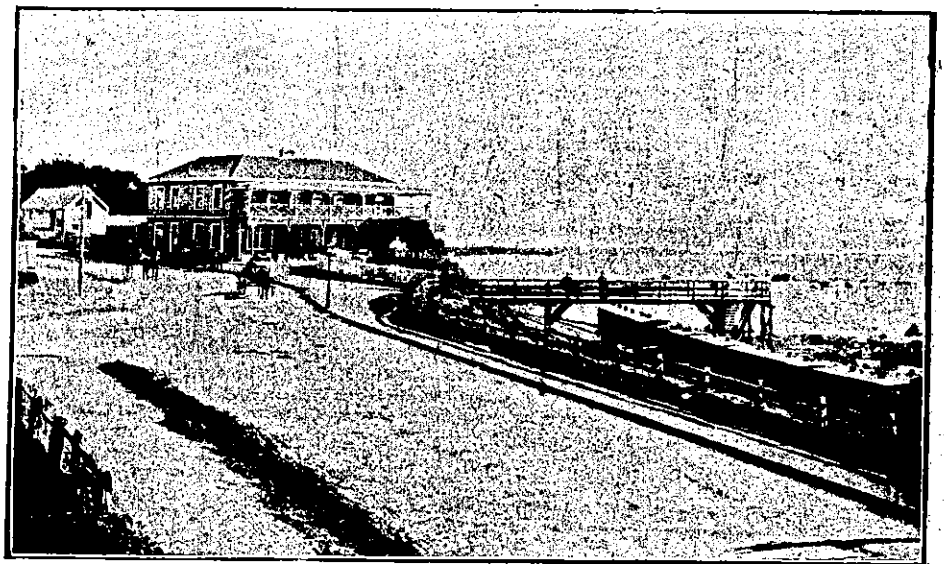
Reference is made in the report to a question of much importance—the direct representation of the Trade upon local public bodies. As one of the primary objects of the League is "to place the Trade in the best possible position to defend its interests when those interests are assailed," it is not surprising to find the Council giving expression to the view that the opportunities afforded for giving practical effect to that object have not been taken advantage of sufficiently to ensure the members of the licensed Trade fair and thoroughly impartial treatment by local bodies or to prevent the imposition of oppressive restrictions upon licensed traders. Every association is advised to take this matter in hand. That it has been too long neglected no one will doubt. County and borough councils, urban councils and boards of guardians all are equally free to the Trade as to the teetotaler, yet how seldom a Trade candidate is nominated. If license-holders and members of the Trade generally would only give a little more attention to municipal affairs they would find their position far easier.

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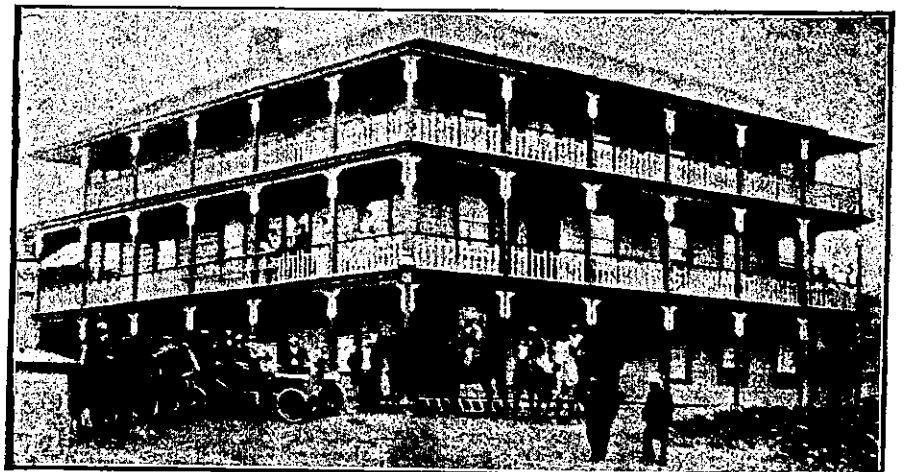
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PARS ON POLITICS.

A lengthy discussion took place in the House of Representatives on Tuesday last on the motion for setting up an education committee. A number of members attacked the Premier as the cause of the backward trend of education matters. Mr Hardy considered that the Premier was turning the Department into a voting machine, whilst Mr Bedford believed that the Premier had the cause of education sincerely at heart, but that he was too heavily loaded with other work. Mr Jas. Allen urged that a change should be made. During the past three years the sum of £41,000 had been voted for schools in newly-settled districts, and only £25,000 had been spent. The House was willing to vote the money, but the Government would not spend it. Other members spoke in a similar strain. In reply Mr Seddon said that when members said there was dissatisfaction regarding the Education Department, they were making statements that had no foundation in fact. He knew the cause of this new-born zeal for the education question on the floor of the House. It was because of the approaching general elections. An endeavour was being made to make the boards of education political machines, and the Opposition were trying to capture the boards. They had an instance of this in the speeches of Messrs Buchanan, Hardy and Jas. Allen. The first duty of the Minister was to see to the education of the children of the colony; then to see to the teachers; and then to see that the necessary accommodation was made for the teachers. The training system of education has been vastly improved during the last three years, and since he had been Minister for Education the expenditure of money on education had increased by half-a-million sterling. The Education Department, above all others, had had full time devoted to it by him. In conclusion he said that if, after all the Government proposed, the country was not satisfied, they could take it from him that this was the last session they would have him as Minister for Education, for there was no one in the country who desired the welfare of teachers and children more than the present Minister for Education. The motion for the setting up of an Education Committee was then agreed to.

who has been regarded as the most silent Mr Hardy, the member for Selwyn, member of the House, and who spoke only once last session, astonished his fellow legislators recently by making a vigorous speech in connection with the motion to set up an Education Committee. On rising, he made the frank avowal that he had been told that if he did not talk more his constituents would not send him back. His reply to this, he said, was that if he talked too little, another Canterbury member "Tommy Taylor," talked too much. "Mr Taylor likes talking here, but I like working, and do not care about talking," he declared, amidst the unanimous "hear, hears" of the House. Mr Hardy, who addressed himself chiefly to a Canterbury grievance, spoke of the political influence which was being brought to bear on the administration of the Department as "a shame and a scandal."

Mr Field, M.H.R., is protesting to the Government against the recent defence regulations, which have the effect of withdrawing the railway passes to attend shooting competitions to which Government rifle clubmen have up to the present been entitled, but which have now been stopped as to all competitions, except the annual championship meetings.

The appointment of a Speaker of the Legislative Council took place on Tuesday afternoon, and resulted in the election of the Hon. C. C. Bowen. There were no less than six aspirants for the position, but the only two who were at all in the running were Mr Bowen and the Hon. G. McLean. The other candidates were the Hons. Feldwick, T. Kelly, Reeves, and Sir Maurice O'Rorke. The election was decided by four ballots. The first ballot resulted in fourteen votes being cast for Mr Bowen, eleven for Mr McLean, five for Mr Reeves, three for Sir Maurice O'Rorke. On the second ballot seventeen votes were given to Mr Bowen, fourteen to Mr McLean, two each to Mr Feldwick and Mr Reeves, and one to Mr Kelly. The third ballot gave Mr Bowen 17, Mr McLean 16, and Mr Feldwick and Mr Reeves one each. The final result was: Bowen 21, McLean 14, and Feldwick 1, no votes being cast for the other candidates. Mr Bowen was warmly congratulated on his election, which is a very popular one.

Sir Maurice O'Rorke has given notice to introduce a Bill to enable the University of New Zealand to grant degrees in divinity.

Interest in political affairs in Christchurch has reached such a stage that, even during the session, the work of organisation will be carried on by the Opposition party in preparation for the struggle in November. It is a foregone conclusion that the elections will create more excitement than on any previous occasion for the last fifteen years, and it is quite on the cards that more than one Government supporter will lose his seat.

Referring to the policy foreshadowed in the Governor's speech re the branding of New Zealand goods, a dry goods merchant has given it out as his opinion that while goods manufactured locally are genuine and first-class in quality, there is a noted prejudice against them, and if in future they are to be branded as being a New Zealand manufacture the result will be that our industries will languish, and the bulk of our manufactures will diminish. Sold as imported goods, however, they give every satisfaction.

In the course of his remarks on the Shops and Offices Bill in Parliament, the Premier, referring to the non-enforcement of the Act, said that the Act was imperfect and unworkable, and that the people who had been fined for infringing it need not have been fined had they been aware of the fact. He also asserted that there were other laws on our Statute Books which were in the same position, and which no Government dare attempt to enforce.

"Tell us the names of one or two," interjected Mr. Jas. Allen.

"I am not a walking encyclopaedia," retorted Mr. Seddon. "I refer you to your Attorney-General, the member for Mount Ida (Mr. Herdman). You go to your Attorney-General, and I will go to mine."

Mr. Allen: "Is the Liquor Act one of them?"

"No, it is not," snapped the Premier.

The Old Age Pensions Bill, introduced by the Premier, provides that the amount of the pension shall be increased to 10s a week, and that it shall be diminished by £1 for every complete pound of income shown above £26, and also by £1 for every complete £10 of the net capital value of all accumulated property.



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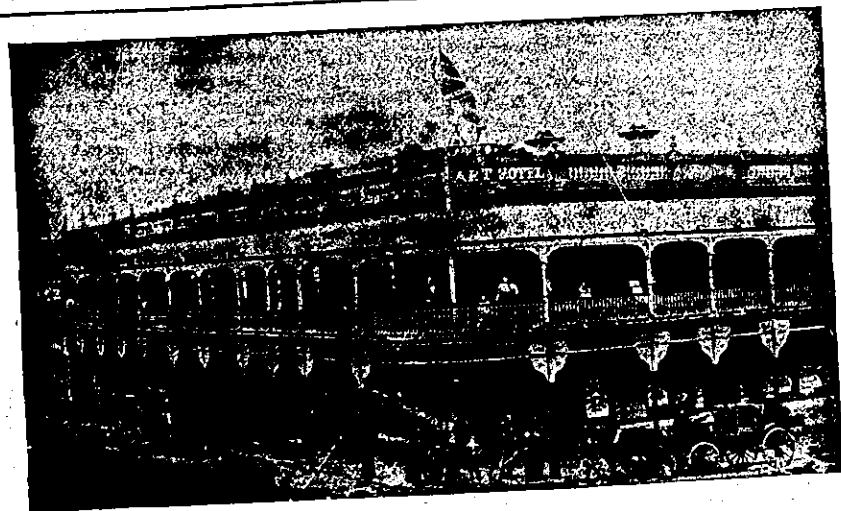


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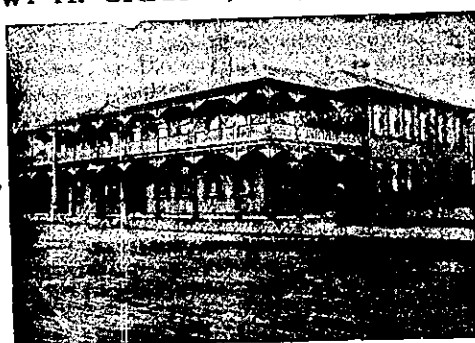
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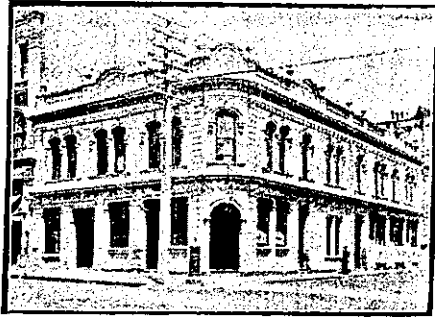
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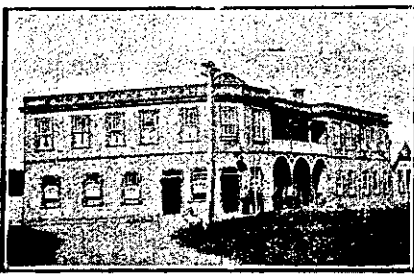
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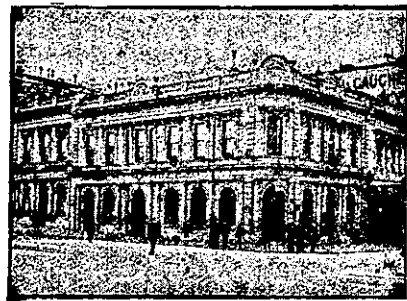
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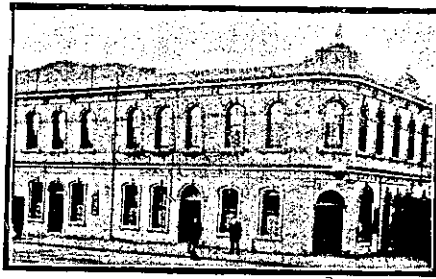


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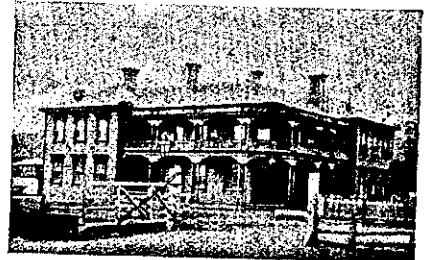
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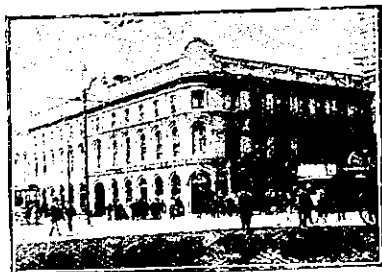
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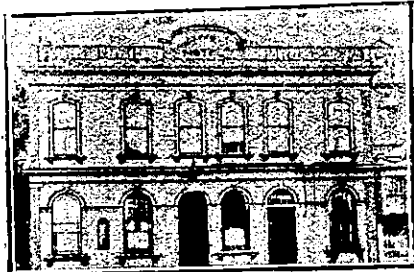
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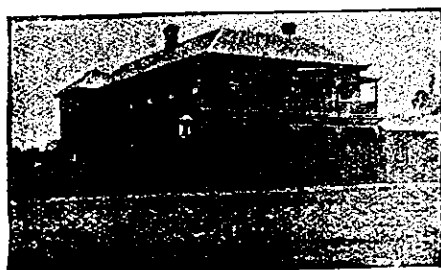
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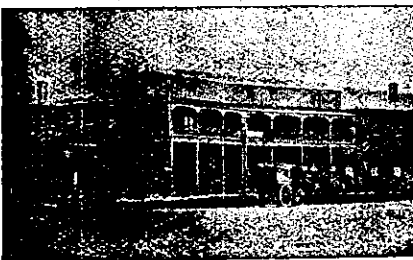
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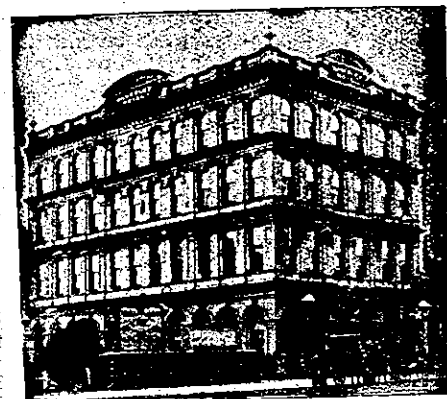
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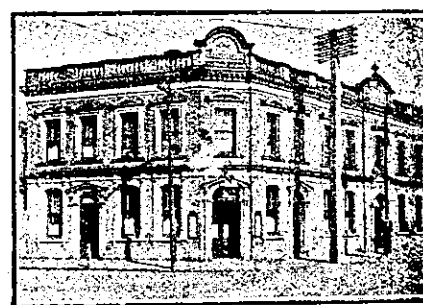
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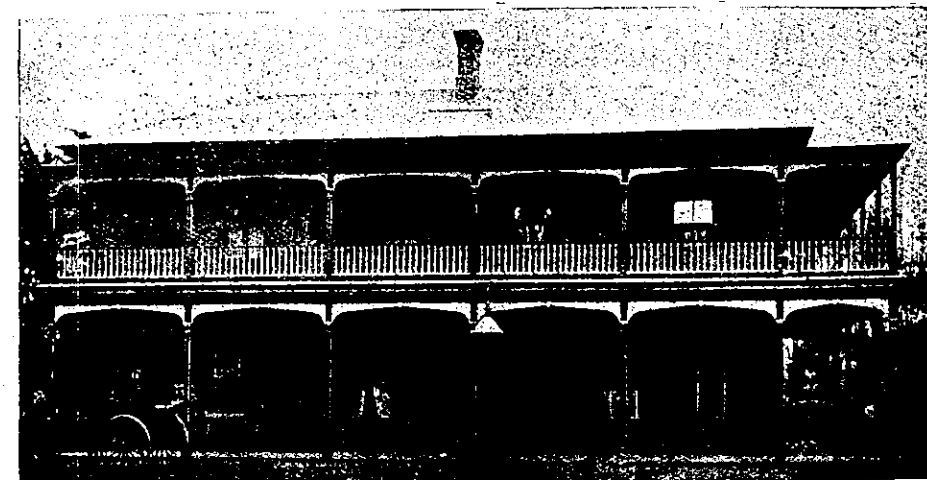
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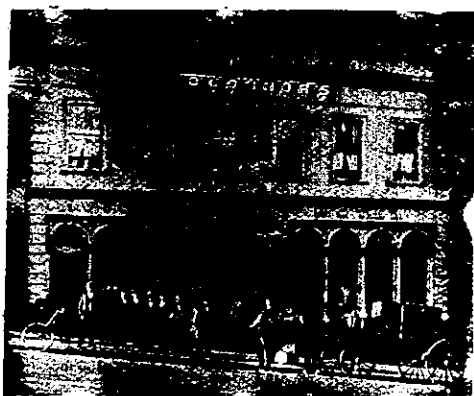
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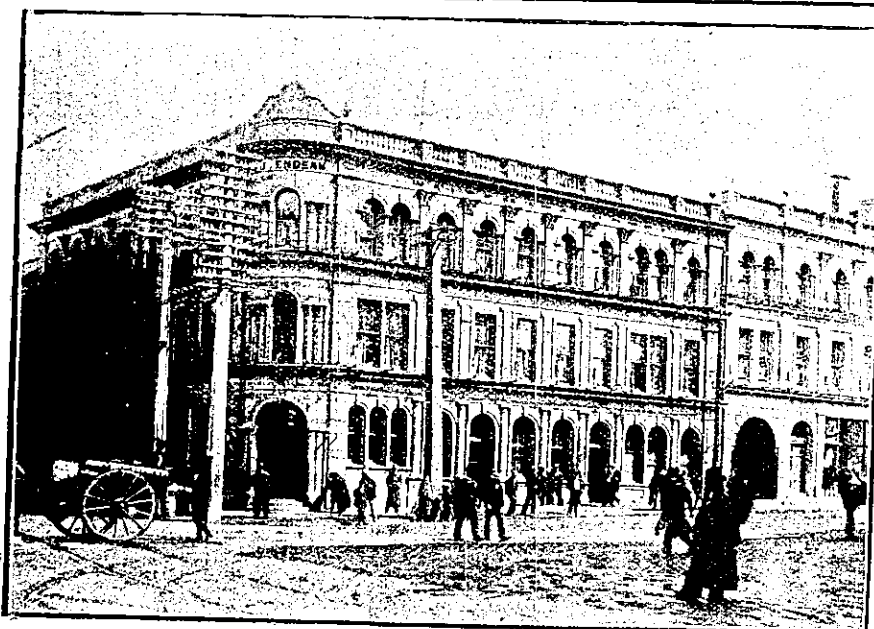
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Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.

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Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends
that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been
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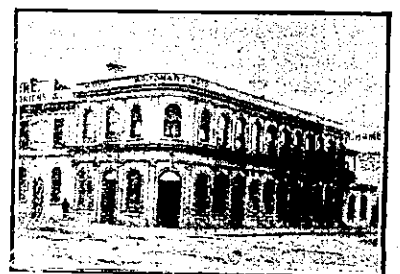
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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished
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Sample Rooms. Hot and Cold Baths.
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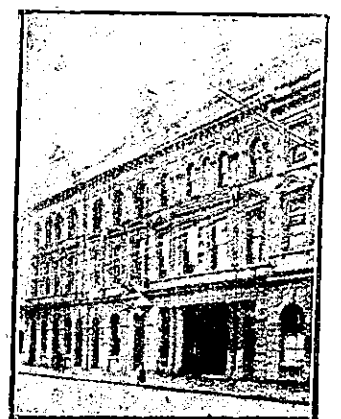
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A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel convenient
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Exchange. Sample Rooms. Private Bar. Thos. Cook
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AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.



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Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Mairangi Racecourse and Alexandra Park, Football Ground

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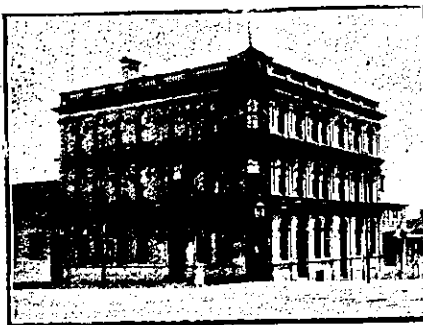
THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



OHAEAWAI HOTEL, OHAEAWAI.

BAY OF ISLANDS. GEORGE CLARK PAYNE, Proprietor (Late of the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell) begs to state that having got the "Corner" into thorough working trim, no effort will be spared to Cater for Visitors of all Classes. Suffice to say that Cleanliness, Civility, a Good Table, and Moderate Rates shall be a Strict Rule as heretofore.

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



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

WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry)

Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.

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

HUNTLY HOTEL, Huntly

L. B. HARRIS, Proprietor.

This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and excellent table.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

MR. H. S. BOOKER 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 the 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.

H. S. BOOKER Proprietor.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGHAKE, ACROSS THE BRIDGE.

MR P. CROSBY Proprietor

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

OWHARO A HOTEL Main-street, Waikato.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

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

Don't forget to call on RALPH MONTGOMERY.

S. W. BUCK.

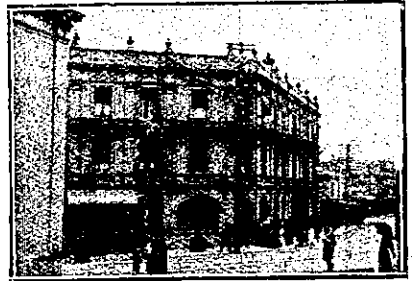
SUFFOLK HOTEL GONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

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

WELLINGTON PROVINCE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

Having purchased the interest of Mrs Isaacs in the above well known hostelry, I trust that by carefully studying the comfort of the travelling and general public, a continuance of former patronage will be extended the present proprietor, who for many years has conducted well-known hotels in other parts of the province. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a first-class family house in every respect. Every attention and excellent meals, and only best meats, and only best drinks on tap. ROBERT HUNT (late of Marton), Proprietor.

CRITERION HOTEL, BULLS, RANGITIKEI.

C. GIBSON Proprietor.

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

The only house in Bulls selling SPEIGHT'S Sparkling Ales. The best of Wines and Spirits.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR S. J. FLEWELLYN (late of the Clarendon, Christchurch), has taken over the above popular hostelry, which will be found thoroughly up-to-date. The bars are as bright and cosy as to be found anywhere and are stocked with the best liquors procurable.

S. J. FLEWELLYN Proprietor.



CENTRAL HOTEL, QUEEN-STREET, MASTERTON.

The Best-Appointed and Most Up-to-date Inland Hotel in the Colony. Tourists Specially Catered for. First-class Chef. R. J. HODGINS Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

R. J. WALTERS Proprietor.

First-class accommodation for visitors and the travelling public. Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. First-class Billiard-room.

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 Well-lighted Sample Room. S. J. GIBBONS Proprietor.

BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

THIS Hotel has just been completed and furnished throughout in the best style, making it a hostelry second to none in the colony. Its close proximity to the wharf, trains, and trams renders it an excellent and convenient Hotel for visitors and travellers to be accommodated. The general features of Barrett's New Hotel will be found to be thoroughly up-to-date in every way. Best of everything for permanent boarders, visitors, families, and the travelling public, at moderate rates. Nothing but the finest quality of Wines, Ales, and Spirits stocked. Civility and attention to all patrons.

J. J. KELLY Proprietor.



RUTLAND HOTEL, WANGANUI.

F. C. FABER Proprietor.

THE HOME OF THE TOURIST. The above hotel has just been rebuilt and newly furnished throughout in an up-to-date style. The reading, writing and smoke rooms are replete with every convenience. The greatest care is taken to maintain a reputation for home comfort. Dark room for photographers.

Read the Sporting and Dramatic Review.

The Best 3d. Paper in the Colony.

EVERY BRANCH OF SPORT DEALT WITH.

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No paper circulating in the Colonies deals so exhaustively with the Theatre as does the "Review"

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WELLINGTON—Continued.



ALBERT HOTEL, WELLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

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

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

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

Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.
ANDREW LAING (late of Dannevirke) ... Proprietor.



PRIVATE HOTEL, No 70, INGESTRE-STREET, WELLINGTON.

First-class Accommodation. Good Table. All Up-to-conveniences. Terms Moderate. Tel. 1053.
JOSEPH BOSS ... Proprietor.

MASTERTON REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

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

CLUB HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

First-class accommodation at a moderate tariff.
Every attention and all home comforts.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Quality.
E. SHERATT ... Proprietor.

CASEY'S FAMILY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT.

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

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

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

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS, CHRISTCHURCH.

Visitors to Christchurch should secure accommodation at the Leviathan. It offers all the advantages of an up-to-date home, and is furnished throughout in such a manner as to provide the Best Accommodation for Boarders, Visitors, and Travellers.
PRIVATE ROOMS FOR LADIES. Hot and Cold Baths, Fire Escapes, etc.
Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

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



WELLINGTON—Continued.

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

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading brands of Whiskies, Wines and Brandies.
Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for One ...
Upstairs and dining-room under supervision of Mrs Devine.
Up-to-date Billiard Room, under capable management.
W. DEVINE (late of Marton Hotel) ... Proprietor.

CALEDONIAN HOTEL, OPPOSITE BARRON RESERVE, WELLINGTON.

Trams Pass the Hotel every few minutes.
I beg to announce that the house, which has only lately been rebuilt and refurnished, is now open to the travelling public. Good table kept at a reasonable tariff. None but the best brands of Wines and Spirits stocked, and only Speight's best draught Ales on tap.
GEO. A. ALLEN,
Late of the Albert Hotel, Wellington, Proprietor.

PRINCESS HOTEL, TERRACE END, PALMERSTON NORTH.

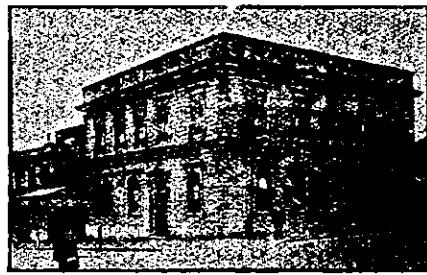
The travelling public can rely on being supplied with the best liquors, comfortable bedrooms, and first-class table. Finest Billiard Room and Table on the Coast. Terms moderate.
C. J. BARFORD ... Proprietor.

GRAND NATIONAL HOTEL, PETONE, WELLINGTON.

MR JOHN PYKE (late of the Cambridge and Imperial Hotels, Wellington) begs to notify his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular hostelry, which will be found replete with every modern convenience, and liquors of the best brands obtainable.
Excellent stabling, loose boxes, and paddocking.
JOHN PYKE ... Proprietor.

HAVANNE'S VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

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



ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI. (Opposite the Courthouse and Public Library).

PETER HARRISON
Desires to intimate to friends and the public generally that he has had the premises thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout. The Best Wines and Spirits stocked. Speight's and Swan's Ales always on tap. Cuisine a Speciality. Luncheon from 12 to 2 o'clock. Excellent Accommodation for Boarders. Every convenience. Telephone ...
PETER HARRISON ... Proprietor.



SIDDELEY'S FEDERAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

Opposite the Up-river Piers and Wharves and Boating-sheds. Three minutes' walk from Railway Station and Post Office. The beautiful and well-laid-out Moutoa Gardens across the road. First-class accommodation at reasonable tariff. Patrons can rely on Wines, Spirits, etc., being All Stock only Best Brands. Dined and Local Beer always on tap.
CHAS. SIDDELEY ... Proprietor.

RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION), MARTON JUNCTION.

W. CLARKE ... Proprietor.
All trains stop sufficient time at station to enable passengers to obtain refreshments.
Good accommodation for the travelling public; also good stabling.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



METROPOLITAN HOTEL, WANGANUI. B. T. BENNETT ... Proprietor.

This commodious and well furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Mr Bennett's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night Porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams promptly attended to. P. O. Box 138. Telephone 64.



CRITERION HOTEL, WANGANUI

This well-known hotel is in close proximity to the railway station, thereby offering great facility to the travelling public of being able to leave by the early trains. Guests may depend upon being called in time, a porter being kept for that purpose. The bedrooms are well and comfortably furnished, and the fittings and accommodation throughout are all that can be desired. The wines and spirits are all of the choicest and best brands. Table d'Hote daily from 12 to 2, and meals at all hours for travellers.
W. H. BLEASEL ... Proprietor.



PROVINCIAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.
ONLY THE BEST OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.
W. TUCK ... Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL PRIVATE HOTEL, FEILDING.

Recently opened. Has been built in the most up-to-date style, and offers superior accommodation, together with the comforts of a home.
Excellent Cuisine.
Hot, cold, and shower baths.
Moderate Tariff.
R. McFARLANE ... Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

T. CHILDS ... Proprietor
The Proprietor of this conveniently situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of wine and spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

WAIRARAPA HOUSE, 51, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON.

SITUATED in the quietest and healthiest part of Wellington, yet only 5 minutes (per tram) to the heart of the city.
Lit up by electricity, hot and cold baths, smoking, reading, and ladies' sitting rooms, piano, lofty bedrooms, spacious dining room. First class table.
Trams stop at the door.
Tariff from 4s per day. Special arrangements for Families and Permanent Boarders.
GEORGE COKER (Late of the Wairarapa), PROPRIETOR.

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.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

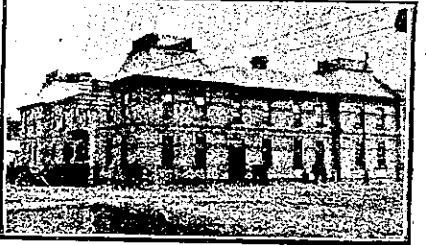
IMPERIAL HOTEL, DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

JAMES SMITH ... Proprietor.
This popular house of call is under entirely new management, and is one of the most centrally situated hotels in New Plymouth. Guests may depend on being called to meet early trains, a porter being kept for that purpose.
Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public.
Terms, 6s. 6d. per day. Tel. 64.



MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA.

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

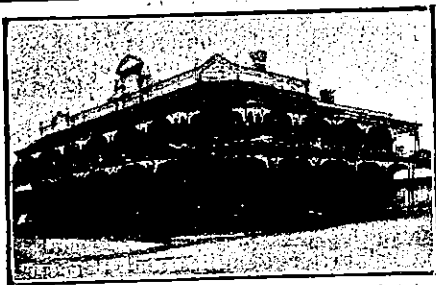


EGMONT HOTEL, HAWERA.

A. J. JURY ... Proprietor.
The Proprietor (late of the Okaiawa Hotel, and formerly of the Shamrock) begs to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken over the above popular hotel, and trusts that, by strict attention to their comfort, and by keeping only the best of liquors, to retain their patronage.

THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant
CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH
Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks.
(Recognised as the Leading Unlicensed Hotel in Taranaki.)
The above is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Lofty and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Drawing-rooms, Spacious Dining-rooms, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Conventual and Commodious Sample Rooms.
THE BUTCHER IS UNDER AN EXPERIENCED CHEF.
Terms: Per Day, 4s. Per Week, 22s.
ARROWSMITH, PROPRIETOR.

TARANAKI—Cont.



RED HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-ST., NEW PLYMOUTH. EDWIN WHITTLE.....PROPRIETOR.

Rebuilt and refurbished, this well-known hostelry now contains every comfort for guests. The Liquors stocked are the Choicest to be bought in the Market. PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAVERLEY. CHAS. A. HARRISON.....PROPRIETOR.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers. Moderate Tariff. Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., best quality procurable.

TARANAKI HOTEL BROUGHAM-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

N. J. JULIAN (late Railway Hotel, Inglewood), Proprietor.

All Wines and Spirits stocked of the Best Quality. Twenty-year-old, Guaranteed Liqueur Whisky a Speciality. PAUL'S XXXX Ales.

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

Situated three minutes' walk from the Wharf. Only the best of Ales, Wines and Spirits Kept. Excellent Accommodation and Good Fishing. Telephone 152.

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor

CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

MR GEORGE OAKENFULL (Late of Waipawa) begs to inform the travelling public and residents of Waverley that he has taken over the Clarendon Hotel. He hopes that with strict attention to the comfort of his guests, a good table, and the best of ales, wines, spirits, etc., to be favoured with their patronage.

THE NEW "TROCADERO" TEMPERANCE HOTEL, EGMONT-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

One minute from Railway Station. Every convenience provided for the Travelling public. Meals, 1s. Beds, 1s 6d. Meals served on arrival of trains and steamers. New building with brick walls. Complete fire escapes. Commodious and airy bedrooms and sitting-rooms. Hot, cold, and shower baths. Terms: From 4s 6d per day; weekly as per arrangement. HALE & Co., Proprietors.

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA.

MRS TODD begs to announce that she has purchased Mr McLennan's interest in the above hotel, and that she intends to run it on up-to-date lines. The house is being thoroughly renovated, and patrons may rely upon getting comfortable rooms.

Only the best wines and spirits are kept in stock. A first-class table; tariff, 4/6 a day. MRS TODD (late of Railway Hotel, Palmerston), Proprietress.

THE "TROCADERO" PRIVATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT, CORNER OF EAST ROAD AND JULIET-STREET, STRATFORD.

Under Entirely New Management. Specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Travelling Public. Commodious and Airy Bed and Sitting Rooms. Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths. The Kitchen is under the supervision of an experienced Chef.

Terms per Day, 4s 6d; per Week, 20s. Permanent Boarders, 12s. MRS M. JONES, Proprietress (Late of Queen-street Auckland).

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

TARADALE HOTEL, TARADALE (NEAR NAPIER).

This hotel just rebuilt and refurbished in modern style, offers excellent accommodation to the travelling public. Hot and cold baths. Liquors of the best brands procurable. Splendid and ample paddocking, stables and loose boxes. A. FITZWILLIAM .. Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WOODVILLE (CLOSE TO RAILWAY STATION).

MR C. T. GRAY has lately taken over the above well-known and popular house, and trusts by attention to business, and keeping everything of the best only, to merit a continuance of the patronage bestowed on his predecessors. Passengers by early trains can rely on being called. C. T. GRAY .. Proprietor.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA

Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public.

WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation. W. FELLOW .. Proprietor

RAILWAY HOTEL HASTINGS,

PERCY MARTIN - Proprietor.

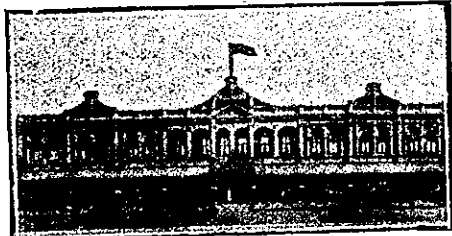
First-class Accommodation to the Travelling Public. Wines and Spirits of the best brands. First-class Billiard Room.

HAWKE'S BAY—Cont.

E. J. WARREN.

(Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels) HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which now replete with every comfort and convenience, and he will be glad to see all friends, both new and old. First-class Accommodation for Boarders and Travellers. Terms Moderate. Luncheon 12 noon to 2 p.m. Best Johns' Prize Ale on Draught. Ward's, Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.



TROCADERO PRIVATE HOTEL, MANCHESTER STREET, CHRISTCHURCH. One Minute's Walk from Railway Station. R. C. DAVID, PROPRIETOR.

First-class Accommodation for Permanent and Travelling Public.

Motor Buses Pass the Door Every Few Minutes. Luncheon from 12 to 2 p.m. Furnished in the Best Style. Hot and Cold Shower Baths. Letters and Telegrams receive Prompt Attention. Night Porter in Attendance. Phone 1591. MODERATE TARIFF.

CRITERION HOTEL, TIMARU.

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

CLUB HOTEL, TIMARU.

Close to Railway Station, and offering Excellent Accommodation to Travellers. Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths. Best Brands of Liquors Stocked. Moderate Tariff. E. WARD, Proprietor.

WALLINGFORD HOTEL, TEMUKA,

J. REILLY (late of the Criterion Hotel, Temuka). First-class Accommodation for Travellers and Boarders. Baths, Hot, Cold and Shower. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales. Good Billiard-room. Free Stabling. One minute's walk and first house from Railway Station.

MASONIC HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH.

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

THE GLADSTONE HOTEL, OFF PAPANUI ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH.

AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE.

Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and Great Variety. Manning's Ales on Draught. H. PIPER .. Proprietor.

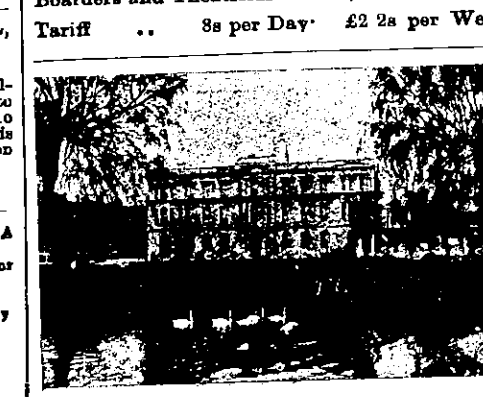
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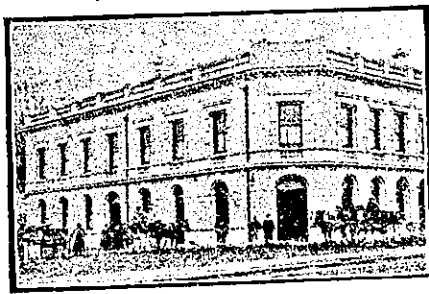
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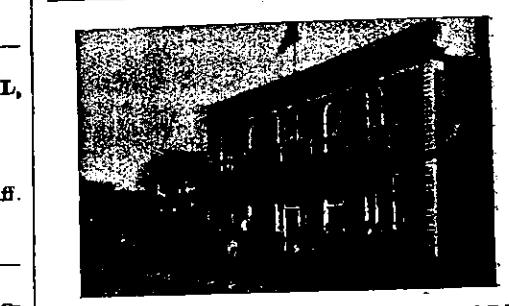
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