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The Spring Stakes will also be run on Saturday, the distance being one mile and a-half. In this race Nightfall will throw out a challenge to Emir, F.J.A., Gladstone, Dividend, and other cracks of the Commonwealth, and we shall hope that the Yaldhurst mare will bring no discredit to us. The running in these events will tend to throw some light on our representatives' prospects in the Metropolitan Handicap and other races. In the jumping events, with Haydn, Dingo, Up-to-Date and Sultana acting on our behalf, no reasonable excuse can be offered that the colony is not well represented.

There can be no doubt that the presence of so many visitors will greatly enhance the enjoyment of the meeting, but what we should like to see is a little more reciprocity in the matter. Time after time horses go from this colony to compete in Australia, but never by any chance are the owners across the Tasman Sea represented at Ellerslie or Riccarton. This should not be so, for the prizes offered are well worth the winning. A very hearty welcome would be given to any owner from the Commonwealth who would send a team over to compete at the principal meetings of this colony, and we trust the day is not far distant when this will be done.

JUDGE EDWARDS AND THE TOTALISATOR.

WHEN sentencing Percy Dawson, late accountant to the Auckland Racing Club, to a term of imprisonment for embezzling the club's funds, Mr. Justice Edwards took advantage of the occasion to make some strong charges against the totalisator. He is reported to have said that "it was probable the prisoner might have led an honest, respectable life but for that curse to society, the totalisator—a legalised machine enabling the public of this country to gamble all the year round, every day and all day." We pass over the sentence given Dawson, which punishment seems very remarkable when it is stated that in an almost identical case lately in Victoria, where a clerk was convicted of embezzling £15, he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, while Dawson, for appropriating £2938, receives twelve months. Neither do we desire to argue the point as to whether a judge should merely administer the law and not criticise it. But to His Honor's closing remark we take strong exception. We hold no brief for the totalisator or for the Racing Club, but we do believe in the principle of common sense and fair play. The judge's definition of the totalisator irresistibly recalls that famous dictionary definition of a crab. This stated that a crab was "a red fish which walks backwards." The only conceivable objection to the description is, of course, the fact that a crab is not red, is not a fish, neither does it walk backwards. Mr. Justice Edwards states from the Bench that the totalisator enables the public to gamble all the year round, every day, and all day. This might have been accurate enough but for the fact that it is as impossible to gamble on the totalisator all the year round as it is to gamble on it every day and all day. Such a remark uttered by the man in the street would be laughed at as so much nonsense, but coming from one of our judges it is given a prominence which it hardly deserves. Now we yield to none in our respect for Judge Edwards, but we cannot help thinking that if he had visited the course and inquired into the workings of the machine and also its *raison d'être*, he would have refrained from such sweeping criticism. Surely with him this is a case of mistaking cause for effect. Gambling has always existed, but with the idea of controlling it the totalisator came into existence. To hear the anti-totalisator people talk one would think that because the machine method of betting obtains it has created gambling, than which a greater fallacy never was held by anyone. If the totalisator is such a curse to society, what is the reason some of the most prominent men in New South Wales and Victoria are doing their utmost to introduce it into those States with a view to having the gambling which goes on under some sort of control? Why is it that in the two States mentioned, where the machine does not exist, there is more gambling in its worst form carried on than in this colony and in the other States of the Commonwealth where the machine has existed for years? Why, also, have both France and Germany recently seen fit to frame the most drastic laws on the subject, which virtually compels everyone to visit the race-

course and use the totalisator if he wishes to bet, and which thus confines the gambling to the course? There is no use burking the fact that gambling in some form or other has existed from time immemorial, and will exist when we are all dead and forgotten. We must face the problem and attempt to control it. The Government has decided, and we think rightly, that the totalisator is the best means of doing this, for certainly some good is derived from it in improving the breed of horses by increasing the stakes. But because one man is dishonest, don't let us all rush to the conclusion that it is the totalisator which is to blame. As well find fault with banking on account of the defaulting bank clerk, or with the Church because of the black sheep occasionally found within its fold. Before all things, let us have fair play.

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The Marton meeting will be brought to a conclusion to-day.

Nominations for the Wellington meeting are due on September 25.

Handicaps for the Wanganui J.C. spring meeting are due to see the light on September 22.

The Ashburton County R.S. spring meeting will take place on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Acceptances for the Avondale J.C. meeting must be made by to-morrow evening.

Thirty-nine horses have accepted for the New Zealand Cup, the most prominent of the macontents being Sir Tristram, Apologue, and Vladimir.

Amongst the two-year-olds in work at Ellerslie Avalanche's full sister still keeps her place in public esteem, she being classed as the fastest sprinter for three furlongs. Another baby that is doing well is the Lady Marion colt. Although on the small side, this young gentleman is neat in conformation.

St. Harp has returned to his owner, Mr. Pat. Bolton, of Matahura Valley. The son of St. Hippo will be given a long spell and taken up next winter and hunted.

A youngster who is shaping nicely at Ellerslie is the Menschikoff—Marjory filly, a fine big, raking chestnut with plenty of freedom. She should be heard of before the season closes.

Maniopoto, the favourite for the Epsom Handicap, started ten times last season, annexing altogether seven races and winding up by carrying 8st and winning the Hawke's Bay Cup. The son of Soult also won the Masterton Hack Race, carrying 10st 5lb, running a mile in 1min 45sec.

Lycia, who claims attention as second favourite for the Avondale Cup, faced the starter on eleven different occasions, and claimed the judge's attention five times. This mare is bred on similar lines to Maniopoto, being by Soult—Lady Musket.

The programme of the Wellington Racing Club's spring meeting will be found in another column. The meeting will extend over two days, Thursday and Saturday, October 19 and 21. On the opening day the events to be decided are the October Hack Hurdles of 80sovs, 1½ miles; the Shorts Handicap of 100sovs, 5 furlongs; the Wellington Handicap of 400sovs, 1½ miles; the Flying Handicap of 150sovs, 6 furlongs; the Rimutaka Hack Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs; the Wellesley Stakes of 400sovs, 4 furlongs; the Wainui Handicap of 100sovs, 7 furlongs; the Spring Hack Handicap of 80sovs, 5 furlongs. On the second day the items to be considered are the Petone Hack Hurdles of 80sovs, 1½ miles; the Tararua Hack Handicap of 80sovs, 7 furlongs; the Pearce Handicap of 300sovs, 9 furlongs; the Hutt Park Handicap of 150sovs, 7 furlongs; the Spring Trial Stakes of 80sovs, 6 furlongs; the Juvenile Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs; the Ruahine Hack Handicap of 80sovs, 6 furlongs; and the Nainai Handicap of 100sovs, 5 furlongs. This is a capital bill of fare, and is well worth the attention of owners, who would do well to bear in mind that entries for all events except the Trial Stakes, close with Mr. A. E. Whyte, the secretary, at 9 p.m. on Monday, September 25.

Present indications point to a highly successful meeting of the Waikato Hunt Club next Wednesday. A special train will be run to take intending visitors to Cambridge.

The Auckland Racing Club has approved of the following programme:—Otahuhu R.C., Pakuranga Hunt Club's spring meeting, Waihi Hack Club, and Northern Wairoa R.C.

Next Wednesday the English St. Leger will be run, and the event should cause intense interest, as the French colt Val d'Or will be opposed by Cicero and Cherry Lass, the best colt and filly in the Old Country.

Admirable Crichton, a two-year-old half-brother by Isinglass to the famous Pretty Polly, won the Chesterfield Stakes, 5f, at the Newmarket Second July Meeting. The colt was bred by Major Eustace Loder, in Ireland.

Patience, a daughter of Bona Vista, owned by the Austro-Hungarian sportsman, Count Tassilo Festetich, has captured the North German Derby at Hamburg. So far, the filly has an unbeaten record, having won nine races without tasting defeat. In the Derby aforesaid she ran very wide at the bend, losing over 20 lengths, but she finished with a wonderful run, and put up a record (2min 37.7-10sec) for the mile and a-half.

A fuss is being made in West Australia (says the "Referee") consequent on the fact that where turf affairs are concerned there are leakages in the Telegraph Department. However, the trouble is an old one in other States in the Commonwealth, and many racing men have long since adopted a method of wording their telegrams so that the meaning is clear only to those for whom they are meant.

The "Deutscher Sport" claims that Holland has every right to bless the rigour of the German and English Governments for having increased the revenues of Queen Wilhelmina by banishing the bookmakers, whose business will be conducted henceforth from the Low Countries. The most recent German Betting Act is a Draconian code, breathing fire and destruction against all offenders. Bookmaking has long since been practically abolished on the racecourses where the ever-vigilant police are conspicuous. Speculation is, however, indulged in over-night at such places as Baden, and those who wait until they get on to the course have to transact their business in whispers and take the best price they can get. The new law abolishes all agencies and commission houses, where money could be paid in for investment on home and foreign races. A determined attempt has been made to drive the would-be speculator to the "totalisator," and the racing societies have been asked to assist the Government by a promise that they will have one-half the commission of 25 per cent. levied at the "totalisator" for the purpose of buying, through the Zucht-Verein, sires and dams for importation into Germany.

Writing of Bill of Portland, which was at one time doing stud duty in Victoria, but was sent back to England, the "Special Commissioner" in London "Sportsman" says:—"And what a strange mutable thing fashion is! Bill of Portland was in great demand when he was first brought back to England from Australia, and in the second season here he covered 40 mares. The produce of these are now two-year-olds, and running well; but meanwhile it has pleased breeders to run after other fancies, and Bill of Portland has been all but forgotten, in so much that Mr. Joel was talking about selling him. A change now comes over the spirit of the dream, for not only have we just seen smart winners by the big son of St. Simon, but this has been followed up by a sight of two grand Bill of Portland colt foals, which, with their dams, made such a lot of money recently; and then, as a finishing touch, the only Bill of Portland yearling offered during the week sells for 1150 guineas; and hey, presto! If Mr. Joel wishes to fill his horse for next year the psychological moment is at hand."

A Carbine colt named Spearmint made a successful first appearance in the two-year-old race, the Great Foal Plate, of 835sovs, at Lingfield on July 15. He must have shown something pretty good in private, as in a field of ten he was backed down to 9 to 4, and though interfered with at the distance, got up in time to win by a head in 59.1-5sec for the five furlongs. He is engaged in the next Derby, and is owned by Major E. Loder, who gave 300 guineas for him as a yearling. Spearmint is said to remarkably favour his sire in colour, markings, and general conformation, the only difference being that he is somewhat taller.

Acceptances for the first day's racing of the Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting close with Mr. Hayr, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 p.m.

J. McClusky will come up from Christchurch to ride at the Avondale meeting if permission is granted him by the suburban club.

It is reported that Halberdier has broken down, and that he will not be asked again to carry silk.

Latest advices from Sydney show that Maniopoto has been backed down to the short price of 4 to 1 for the Epsom Handicap.

In the First Steeplechase at Randwick, which will be run next Monday, Haydn and Up-to-Date have been allotted 12st 4lb, Sultana 10st 3lb, and Dingo 10st. If really himself the latter reads about the best of the quartette.

Of the nine entries for the Ashburton Cup, no less than seven are engaged in the New Zealand Cup.

The entries for the C.J.C. classic races are fully up to the average of former years, owners having nominated freely from all parts of the colony.

The French colt Val d'Or is fairly certain to start favourite for the English St. Leger. At latest he was quoted at 5 to 4, while Cherry Lass was at 3 to 1 and Cicero at a point longer.

Among the entries for the English Derby, 1907, are nine youngsters who claim Carbine as sire, two sired by Aurum, one by Bill of Portland, and one by Trenton—a colt from Polly Eccles. In the Oaks, 1907, Carbine has six representatives, Merman four, and Bill of Portland two. His Majesty the King is well represented in both classic races, with five in the Derby and three in the Oaks, among the latter being a three-parts sister to Mead and Chatsworth, and a three-parts sister to imported St. Ambrose.

As the result of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Victorian Bookmakers' Association, three representatives of that body waited upon the Premier (Mr. Bent) to protest against the by-law which gave the V.R.C. power to charge any sum it pleases for the privilege of betting, and complained that the proposed increases were too severe. After hearing what the deputation had to say, Mr. Bent said he had reason to believe that more favourable terms could be obtained if the ringmen opened up negotiations with the V.R.C. In answer to a question, Mr. Byron Moore, who was present, said that five applications had been received for registration under the increased fees, Messrs. Oxenham and Thatcher, of Sydney, Mr. Sol Green, of Melbourne, for the paddock; and two men for the hill.

Finasseur, who placed the Grand Prix de Paris to the credit of M. Michel Ephrussi, has captured another valuable stake, the Prix du President de la Republique of 4000sovs added to a work of art given by the President to the Republic, for three-year-olds and upwards, w.f.a., 1m 4½f, at the Maisons-Lafitte races in July. M. Edmond Blanc was represented in the race—which attracted seven runners—by Caius and Gouvernant, M. M. Caillault by Roi de Rome and Macdonald II., and M. Gaston Dreyfus by Presto II., who, it will be remembered, beat the hitherto undefeated Pretty Polly in the Prix de Conseil Municipal at the Paris October Meeting last year. Favouritism was divided between Macdonald II. and Gouvernant, with Finasseur next fancied. Roi de Rome set the pace for half the journey, then Finasseur took charge, and won pretty comfortably from Macdonald and Rataplan, while Gouvernant refused to do his best until it was too late. Finasseur is by the Irish-bred sire Winkfield's Pride, whose stock are shaping remarkably well in France. Finasseur is a cast-off of M. E. Blanc's stable, and the eminent French sportsman has also disposed of the colt's sire.

The match between the Australians and an English eleven captained by Dr. W. G. Grace gave rise to a most exciting finish. The Englishmen led off on a soft wicket and made 229, towards which Arnold contributed 51, Braund 47, and Fishwick 43. The Australians replied with 272, Trumper making 52, Hill 50, and Cotter 44. Going in a second time the Englishmen could not manage more than 201, Arnold (52) and Llewellyn (50) doing most of the run-getting. The Australians required 159 to win, and just managed it, losing nine wickets in the attempt. Cotter top-scored with 37, making the runs at a most critical period.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

THURSDAY.

The morning opened fine and frosty. The grass track was opened for the first time this season, and trainers took advantage to send their horses along at top. The pony Girton Girl opened the ball with a fast-run five furlongs in 1min 5 3-5sec. Lady Clements left the last five of six furlongs behind in 1min 7sec, but seemed to be tiring. Kilderkin and Austerlitz ran a solid six furlongs, finishing together in 1min 9sec. Sonoma, Neotorini, and Sir Hector finished in this order over five furlongs in 1min 3sec; the latter tailed off. Scotty, pulling over Master Delaval, slim-ed over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec. Desdemona spurted four furlongs, leaving the three furlongs behind in 37sec. Lady Anne left a decent gap between herself and Lady Rose in a five-furlong flutter in 1min 5 1-5sec. Moniform once again had all the best of King Paul in a four-furlong sprint in 50sec. Syren left Foremost well behind for three furlongs in 37 2-5sec. Straybird and Hakaria put in good work for a couple of circles. Sir Gilead and Lord Reynard were given a three-furlong sprint, and then trotted round and again repeated this performance. The former is coming on nicely under this preparation. Delania and Lycia had a ding-dong battle for seven furlongs, run in fast time. The former had a slight lead at the finish. Gladstone bolted away from his stable mate, Lady Hune, over six furlongs, run in 1min 18 1-5sec. Carl Rosa, Calle Iris, Woodmount, Major, Waipuna, and Frank Dodd also worked before breakfast. After breakfast Waitati left Leonator behind in a four-furlong sprint in 50sec. Putty was brushed over the same distance, and took 2 2-5sec longer to accomplish the task. Alba Rose jumped away from the four-furlong post, and had a credit of 50 1-5sec. Annette, who finished none too well, took 1min 8 3-5sec for five furlongs. General Average, who seemed slightly sore, did easy work on the tan. The slashing big Trepine easily disposed of Nerve in a fast-run five furlongs in 1min 4 4-5sec. Landlock was jumped off from the old mile post, and finished up strongly in 1min 46 4-5sec, a creditable performance. Waikato gave Apologue a half-length beating in a six-furlong bout. The time occupied was 1min 17 2-5sec. Annoyed, who is coming on, settled Soulfish over four furlongs in 51 2-5sec. Manœuvre moved smartly over six furlongs, defeating Inurangi. The last five furlongs was covered in 1min 6sec. Jean galloped five furlongs in 1min 5sec. Dr. Quest was in advance of a companion from the six-furlong mark in 1min 19 2-5sec. Thorpe's two two-year-olds sprinted two furlongs on the sand in 27sec. Avalanche's sister had all the best of the go. The Lady Marion and Miss Quail colts sprinted three furlongs on the grass in 39sec, finishing neck and neck. R. Hall slipped a couple of youngsters for a three-furlong flutter; they both showed good speed. Silicia and another ran four furlongs in 52 2-5sec; the former was well beaten. Inspiration negotiated five furlongs in 1min 8sec, but could have done much better time. The First Love filly and the Melodeon colt were restricted to medium pace; the former filly will require time, as she is one of the big sort. Hohoro, Takaroa, Chiragno, and others did useful work.

SATURDAY.

The tracks were in such a bad state after the recent downpour that slow work was the order of the morning, and very few trainers took the risk of sending their horses at top.

The 19th annual sale at the Cobham (Eng.) stud farm took place last month, and the names of Australian-bred sires and dams figured prominently on the list, notably Carbine, Trenton, Merman, Grand Flaneur, and Carnage. A yearling colt, bred by Mr. C. Wilson, by Trenton from Blow, by Brag from Mons Meg, by Martini-Henry, was purchased for 80 guineas; a yearling colt by Bay Ronald from Acmena, by Martini-Henry, brought 45 guineas; Tartine, a five-year-old mare by Trenton from Gabriela, by Brag, was secured by Mr. Santos for 620 guineas, and the same buyer gave 320 guineas for Fair Ed. ant. by Grand Flaneur from Bl. Trenton, with filly foal by Colla. J stunted to the same sire; and 500 guineas for Etra Weenie, by Carnage from Lady Halle, by Muncaster, and stunted to Collar. The disappointing Bonnie Scotland, by Ayrshire from Formosa, who, as a two-year-old cost 5000 guineas, was knocked down for 90 guineas.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, September 6.

Twenty-nine horses dropped out of the New Zealand Cup on Friday night, leaving 39 still in the race. Sir Tristram and Apologue are the two most notable absentees from the Cup. Other good ones who have dropped out are Vladimir, Roseal, Shrapnel, Multifid, Lady Wayward, De la Rey, Lyrist, and St. Michael.

The heavy rain experienced in Christchurch last week practically put a stop to all training work. The Cup horses at Riccarton are, however, well forward, and with fine weather during the next two months should be quite fit by the day.

Quarryman is doing plenty of sound work, but although he looks somewhat big, the work he will have to do shortly should soon put him in proper racing trim. I have heard it said that Quarryman is not likely to stand the preparation Cutts will give him before the Cup is run, but I cannot fall in with this line of reasoning at all. Quarryman to my mind is just the sort of horse to stand up to any work given him, and his chance of winning the Cup is a good one.

Golden Knight, who was quoted at 50 to 1 ten days ago, has shortened to 16. Hobbs is giving him plenty of work, and will race him at Ashburton.

Calibre is still in the Cup, and has also been entered for the Ashburton Cup, in which he will be given a run providing everything goes right with him in the interval.

All the mares who have foaled at Mr. Stead's stud this season have produced fillies.

Ghoorka continues to be well backed for the New Zealand Cup, the weight of money invested on his chance suggesting that he will be a certain starter.

I heard a few days ago that Bulawayo is thoroughly sound, and that his owner intends training him for the Cup. Bulawayo has, I am reliably informed, wintered well, and will compete in the Ashburton Cup. A day or two ago the horse was backed for the big spring handicap, and his price quickly shortened from 50 to 25 to 1.

The Cup quotations to-day are:—Mahutonga and Achilles, 10 to 1; Maniopot, 12 to 1; Quarryman, Scotty, 14 to 1; Golden Knight, Noctiform, Paritutu, Nightfall, and Melodeon, 16 to 1.

The Ashburton Racing Club will be the first of the South Island clubs to hold a spring meeting, the date being September 14 and 15.

The Amberley Steeplechase Club experienced fine weather for its race meeting on Thursday last. Gold Bangle, an aged mare by Gorton, won a double hurdle handicap, in which she carried 10st 9lb and beat Rattlesnake (11st 2lb), Hotu (11st 9lb), and also Hunters' Flat Handicap. In this race the mare carried 12st 7lb, and beat Ngaitahu, Spendrift, and three others. The Brackenfield Steeplechase, two miles and a-half, was won somewhat easily by Wi Waka (Mr. J. H. Selby), 11st 11lb, Gnat (11st 7lb) being second, and Craigmere (11st 4lb) third. Rowlock (12st 5lb) carried off the Final Steeplechase, Apremete (10st 13lb) being second, and Rattlesnake (11st 12lb) third. In the Farmers' Hack Plate the Hotchkiss horse Great Gun, who has been a rank failure on the turf, was made a strong favourite, but he could only get second place to Pallada, who led all the way and won by a neck.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, September 6.

One day last week your correspondent was driven out to Tahuna Park to inspect the improvements made to the club's track, which has been widened and banked at the turns until now it can be safely asserted it compares favourably with any other trotting track in the colony. Prior to the remedy being effected it required a very smart horse to step a five-minute gait on the track, and owing to the sharpness of a couple of the turns only small ponied horses like Vickery, Verity, and Viva could act up to the times they displayed on other courses, whilst it distinctly hampered the chances of big-striding horses. Consequently many owners were decidedly antagonistic to the track, but under the new order of things it is hoped that many of those who have latterly been withholding their patronage to the club's meetings will come back to the fold, and by nominating with the club help themselves and the sport generally to a better footing.

Vladimir's withdrawal from the New Zealand Cup did not come as a surprise, as, although several had stepped in and

backed him for the race, it was quite patent to any judge who looked him over lately that it was extremely unlikely that the son of Stepniak would be able to survive a Cup preparation in the short time which was at his trainer's disposal to get him fit and well.

The Tuapeka Club are making headway with their new course, but from all accounts the track will be less than seven furlongs in circumference, and consequently it is doubtful if the new course will be any better than the one which the club has deserted.

The Oamaru stallion Obligato has left for the North Island, where it is anticipated that his services will be in greater request for thoroughbreds than it has been in the South. With few opportunities Obligato sired Zetland Cathron, Pensive, and Obligation, the only stock which he has had to represent him on the turf, and the first three have won races. Zetland was a highly promising colt, and an offer of 500 guineas was refused for him prior to the last New Zealand Cup meeting, and that that value was not excessive is instanced by the fact that he stood on the mark on the Riccarton plough and ran four furlongs in a shade over 47sec. Zetland knocked one of his knees in the last Stewards' Handicap, and owing probably to being injudiciously asked to race at the same meeting, has not yet recovered from the effects of his mishap. Consequently Obligato is unlucky in losing the advertisement which this colt would in all probability have given him had he been able to carry silk.

There is a strong probability that Pallas, the brilliant son of Chain Armour, will be placed at the disposal of breeders this season. Pallas belongs to the Spray family, to which Templeton, Nina, Ruby Mountebank, British Lion, and other well-performed horses belong, and his sire, Chain Armour, was got by Chain-shot out of the Apremont—Rupe mare Apropos, so that with his form taken into consideration his claims on the attention of breeders ranks considerably above the ordinary.

The well-known cross-country horseman, C. Church, who piloted Manazona at the recent National Meeting, has inherited a large interest in 600 acres of land in the North Island through the death of a relative.

The death is reported of The Witch, dam of The Wizard, George L., and Moutere. She was by Sorcerer, who won the Cromwell Derby 23 years ago, a feat which was afterwards accomplished by The Witch, who subsequently broke a small bone in one of her legs. After a spell of about two years The Wizard came out as a trotter, and was one of the first to go three miles in 8min. He died in Christchurch about three years ago, shortly after running in a race there.

Mr. H. J. Gourley has sold the standard-bred trotting mare Marble (Blackwood Abdallah—Fanny Bell) to Messrs. Pringle and Petrie, of Christchurch. The mare will be mated with Rothschild this season.

Sea Lion, the brother to Achilles, is to stand the season at Invercargill at a fee of £4 4s.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, September 6.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond experienced a bit of bad luck last week in connection with his breeding establishment, as Roie, the dam of Miss Emmy, Rosella, Golden Gate and Co., produced dead twin foals to Birkenhead.

The Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee last week recommended the widow and orphans of the late D. T. Muffitt to the Racing Conference for a £50 grant out of the distressed fund.

Mr. Ulic Shannon has been appointed to allot the poundage at the summer meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

The following additional foalings have taken place at Karamu:—Temeraire (Dreadnought—Sister Mary), a colt; Miss Never (Dunlop—Straight Shot), a colt; Fawn (Dreadnought—Dryad), a filly, all to Birkenhead.

Sir William Russell's brood mare Tigris, who is located at Karamu, and will consort with Birkenhead this season, produced a colt to Merriwee last week.

Mr. J. B. A'Deane, of Ashcott Station, the owner of Pushful, purchased Sleepwell from Mr. C. O'Donoghue last Saturday. The figure obtained for Captain Webb's daughter was satisfactory to both parties concerned. Sleepwell's place will be taken by Taprose, the five-year-old brother to Roseshoot, who was purchased by Mr. C. O'Donoghue as a yearling for 50 guineas.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond will not have a representative this year engaged in the New Zealand Cup, as neither Sir Tristram or Lyrist have made the acceptance for the big race of the year.

Another local-owned and trained nuddy in Loiret is also an absentee from the list.

J. McLaughlin, who has Captain Shannon, Contender, Rosegrove, Catspaw, and Mrs. Crawley under his tuition, joined the ancient order of benedicts last week.

Mr. P. Neagle, who had the misfortune to get badly damaged through Cairo outing him at the Wanganui Hunt Club's meeting, is making good headway towards recovery. His injuries consist of a compound fracture of the collarbone and a broken rib, and the mishap will keep him looking on at the game for some time to come, which is unfortunate for him, as he was booked to pilot several horses at the Marton and Rangitikei meetings this month.

Good accounts reach me of the work Sweet Helen, Mr. T. H. Lowry's New Zealand Cup entrant, is doing on her owner's private track.

The other Hawke's Bay representatives for the big handicap of the season—Mahutonga, Melodeon, Boomerang, Probable, Douche, and Mystification—are hitting out in good style.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, September 2.

The acceptances for the New Zealand Cup are numerous and representative enough to ensure a good field going to the post. The defection of Sir Tristram, according to the list published here, will prove a blow to some backers, who got in early on the Hon. J. D. Ormond's representative, who was supposed to be a colt of great promise in his two-year-old form. A pleasing feature of the acceptance is the number of top weights that have been left in. Maniopot still figures in the last, but until the Soult horse's future movements are determined, which will no doubt be after the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, I think backers will be wise in leaving the horse's chance in abeyance. Black Reynard looks well in at the weight, and his acceptance evidently points to the fact that his owner means business with the son of Reynard. Paritutu, the second Taranaki representative left in the race (Maniopot being the other), has wintered well, and I know that Mr. J. George fancies the chance of the son of Castor. Last season Paritutu demonstrated that he could stay, and with the handy impost of 7st 12lb he should run well in the Cup, provided, of course, that he stands the preparation that is necessary for such a race. I wish Mr. George every success in his training of the gelding, for the reason that he is such a careful and conscientious trainer. At present Mahutonga is fancied most in this district, but there is plenty of time between now and the day to see many alterations in the betting market. Among the light-weighted crowd there are many that possess no chance on past performances, and the next payment should make a big weeding out in this division.

The acceptances for the first day of the Marton meeting on Wednesday next are good, and should ensure a successful reunion. As the first day's events will be run before the publication of the "Review," it is not necessary to make any suggestions as to probable results.

C. Cochrane will probably leave New Plymouth and enter Mr. G. Gibson's employ at Hawera. Mr. Gibson is evidently returning to horse-racing, as he recently took out a trainer's license. At present I believe the only horse he has in training is Tambowie.

Applicants for the position of handicapper to the Taranaki Jockey Club have to send in the amount of their fee with their applications.

The news of the retirement of Mr. W. Percival from the position of secretary to the Auckland Racing Club was received with regret by that gentleman's numerous friends in this district. All who have met Mr. Percival, whether in business or otherwise, entertain pleasant recollections of his courtesy and ability. The fact that Mr. Percival's services to the club have been recognised in a substantial manner will be hailed with satisfaction by his numerous friends.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, September 3.

The weather experienced here for the past week has been beautiful, and the local tracks are beginning to bear a busy appearance, the various mentors getting their charges well under way for the Marton, Rangitikei, and Wanganui meetings, which follow each other closely. Some of the constant attendants on the track are well forward, and no doubt a share of the prize-money to be distributed at the above-mentioned fixtures will find its way to local horse-owners.

While Raynor was returning from the National Meeting at Christchurch with Shrapnel, the son of Element was purchased by Alex. Hall and taken to Ha-

tings, in company with Kremlin, but the price paid for The Workman gelding has not yet been divulged. Raynor, who has been in charge of Shrapnel since the commencement of his turf career, has been very attentive to the son of The Workman, who for some time displayed excellent galloping abilities, and annexed several good races, his most meritorious performance being achieved when he won the Thompson Handicap. For some time past, however, Shrapnel has been running rather disappointingly, and I believe it is the intention of Hall to try him in conjunction with Kremlin at the illegitimate game.

Dave Chapman is keeping his charges, Contingent and Blessbok, bowling along, and the pair are looking fine and healthy, and accomplishing their tasks in a resolute manner. Dave also has the Catesby gelding Flannegan under his supervision, and the big chap is rapidly getting back to form, and should prove dangerous over the small obstacles shortly.

In the absence of a race meeting during the past week, local pencilers contented themselves with betting over the result of the Auckland-Wanganui football match on Tuesday last, when they had the worst of the deal. Tempting prices were laid about the local men, and their numerous admirers were not slow to seize the chances offered, and they came out on top, as the locals, excelling themselves, gained the verdict by four points—the result of a goal from a mark.

Frank Lind has Kuroki looking remarkably well, and the big son of Fiske—Satellite should give a good account of himself at Marton and Rangitikei.

George Price is back in town, and looks well after his recent trip to Sydney, where he kept his hand in by riding work at Randwick. George is a constant attendant on the track here every day, and the amount of work he does is surprising.

Mr. T. Bristol's Sou'-wester gelding Stafford injured one of his legs, and in consequence has been thrown out of work. Norton's half-brother has only started once yet.

Excellent nominations have been received for the Ranagitikei meeting, which is set down for decision on the 20th and 21st of this month. The spring gathering of the Bulls Club is always looked forward to with great pleasure by local sports, and no doubt this year's meeting will be as successful, if not more so, as any of its predecessors.

Mr. G. Morse, our local weight adjuster, has been appointed handicapper to the Marlborough Racing Club, and it is quite on the cards that he will have a few more on his list ere long.

E. Moran has Daisy Clipper's chestnut sons Recreation and the Clipper, in pretty good form, I am told, and the pair will take some beating when they next appear in public.

The Waverley contingent, which is usually a formidable one, has been strengthened by the appearance of Submarine and Lingerer in their ranks, and these two, with Auratus, Iseult, Claremont, and Rosalinda should be equal to the task of securing some victories for their painstaking and attentive mentors, M. Gardner and C. Birkett.

The high-priced Hotchkiss colt Martella still remains in the richly-endowed Napier Stakes, which are run at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Spring Meeting next month. Tilley has the son of Rose of Wellington very forward, and should he be sent to the post will take a lot of settling.

Mr. J. E. Walker, of Bulls, advertises his thoroughbred stallion, Linstock, for sale. Linstock is by Hotchkiss—Satanella, a sire of Cassiopea, the well-known hurdle racer, who is also for sale.

Betting on the New Zealand Cup is rather quiet just at present. After the acceptances appeared yesterday, Paritutu was made the medium of some wagering, while Gold Crown and Jeanne d'Arc found a few supporters.

The nominations received on Friday last for the forthcoming spring meeting are highly satisfactory, both numerically and in point of quality of the large number of the entrants. A large number of acceptors for the New Zealand Cup are among those nominated here, comprising Paritutu, Nonette, Gold Crown, Ghoorka, Melodeon, Black Reynard, Boomerang, Gay Spark, and the local cup aspirants, Armistice, St. Joe, and King's Birthday. St. Lyra, Wild Duck, Fairwind, and Land o' Cakes, well-known local performers on the flat, are among the long list nominated for the hack hurdle events.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, September 3.

A number of New Zealand sporting men were passengers by the s.s. Waikare for Sydney on Saturday last, their object being to assist at the A.J.C. meeting, on whose racecourse a number of our best horses will perform on Saturday and

the week following. The visitors to Randwick include Messrs. Geo. G. Stead, P. Campbell, and R. Allen, of Canterbury; W. H. Turnbull, H. F. Johnston, C. H. Izard, and J. R. McDonald, of Wellington. The veteran metalician, E. Yuile, will also be amongst the spectators at the A.J.C. Meeting. The Wellington sportsmen are all more or less enticed over the water by the rosy prospects of the New Zealand horses, and should Maniopoto prove victorious, the majority will no doubt have their trip at the cost of the Australian metalicians.

To local inquirers Mr. Stead vouchsafed the opinion that he expected Nightfall to run well in the weight-for-age events at the A.J.C. Meeting. His three-year-olds, according to his latest advices, have done well since they reached Randwick, but he does not anticipate that they will prove equal to defeating the colt Charles Stuart in the A.J.C. Derby. With reference to the New Zealand Cup, a great deal depends on the form of his horses at the A.J.C. Meeting. Nightfall has been highly assessed for a four-year-old filly, and the three-year-olds have yet to prove that they are able to stay over a long course, in addition to which they claim valuable engagements in classic events at the C.J.C. Meeting.

Reliable private information from a Randwick correspondent mentions that Machine Gun will be hard to beat in the Epsom Handicap. The writer votes him equal to defeating his Australian rivals, and unless Maniopoto is a better horse than he has yet shown himself, and is thoroughly fit, my informant expects him also to succumb to Machine Gun, on whom L. H. Hewitt will have the mount. My correspondent considers the prospects of Nightfall and Haydn very bright, the latter especially so, as the class of steeplechasers about Sydney are a very moderate lot.

A large majority of members of the Wellington Racing Club expressed their confidence in their executive by refraining from attending the annual general meeting. Although there are over 150 members on the roll, only some 20, including the stewards, were in attendance, and after hearing the report and balance-sheet read and a few supplementary remarks from the president, there was practically no business done except declaring the ballot for the election of stewards. Mr. Fred. Turnbull created a little diversion by moving some resolutions which, with one exception, were almost unanimously rejected, the exception being a motion to have the club's rules of constitution revised. The voting for the stewards was remarkably close, there being only 12 between the highest and lowest number of votes recorded. Mr. John Wilkins, who last year topped the poll, on this occasion tied with a local sporting solicitor, Mr. C. W. Tringham, a former steward. Whilst waiting for the scrutineers to declare the poll, the Hon. T. K. Macdonald led a discussion on the evil of our racing. The hon. gentleman considers that if the opponents of the totalisator are to be placated, efforts will have to be made to curtail the number of small meetings. He instanced the fact that these meetings, owing to the publicity given them by the press, absorb too much of the time and attention of the younger men of the principal cities, with the result that betting at totalisator odds is indulged in every week throughout the year. Mr. Macdonald explained that he did not object to people speculating money on horse-racing, but betting should be restricted to the racecourse, and in the interest of all concerned there should be less racing, and consequently fewer opportunities to wager. A motion to bring the matter under the notice of the Colonial Secretary was withdrawn at the suggestion of members, who considered that over-racing did not obtain to any extent in the Wellington district.

The president undertook to hear the remarks of Mr. Macdonald in mind, and give instructions to the club's delegates to refer to the matter at the next annual conference of racing clubs.

During the forenoon at the W.R.C. annual meeting, eulogistic reference was made to the club's secretary, Mr. A. E. Whyte. It was remarked that, in addition to conducting the club's meetings in a thorough businesslike manner, that Mr. Whyte had done yeoman service in connection with the acquiring and planning out of the new racecourse and appointments. This has necessitated the club secretary visiting Trentham from three to four times weekly during the year, and the president ventured to predict that when next January arrived, the club would possess a course and appointments second to none in the colony.

The acceptances for the New Zealand Cup are considered to include all such horses as have credentials for a two-mile race, and also a large number that have little or no pretensions to New Zealand Cup form. Some surprise was expressed at the absence of the colts Sir Tristram and Apologue, for the former was heavily supported with the local books. The reduction of the field has made no appreciable alteration in the odds on offer, as most of those missing were never seriously taken into consideration by betting men. Latest local quotations are about as follows:—Mahutonga, 100 to 10, Scotty and Achilles 100 to 7, Nightfall, Quarryman, Paritutu and Melodeon 100 to 6, Maniopoto, Golden Knight, and Noctuiiform 100 to 5, Ghoorka, Gold Crown, and Veneer 100 to 4, others from 33 to 200 to 1.

There is no doubt but what the French correspondent to the London "Sportsman" is a firm friend of the bookmaker. He confirms what I have always written, that in conjunction with the totalisator, we should have a few (not many) registered bookmakers, men of good standing, to accommodate those owners of horses who wish to bet and win a good stake. The correspondent in his remark says:—"It is certain that this measure will prove a great annoyance to large owners, who are in the habit of betting heavily, attempting thus to help pay their expenses. Some owners, in order to get a good average for their money, patronise the 'mutual' to a certain extent, but the majority of their investments go to the bookmakers, for they understand the working of the 'mutuals,' and realise that the more money they invest the shorter price they get. The 'mutuals' never pay out less than half a franc for a ten-franc investment, or 20 to 1 on; if that sum (50 centimes or half a franc is not forthcoming, the money invested is simply returned all round, so that one man has been laying long odds to nothing, while another has been 'on' an outsider without a chance of losing. Evidently the fathers of the 'mutuals' do not know the first law of betting—no bet can be lost if it cannot be won. What the result of this new law will be cannot yet be ascertained, but I should not be at all surprised to see the large stables either sell off or emigrate to the land of liberty, where it has been proved that racing cannot be carried on without betting. War has also been waged against commission agents and all clandestine betting houses, and bribes have been promised to the police for every capture they may make."

Not a Masterpiece.—A Scotchman who had married a widow noted for her plainness, was accosted by his employer. "Well, Thomas," said the latter, "I hear you're married. What sort of a woman is your wife?" "Well, sir," answered the Scot, "she's the Lord's handiwork; but I cannot say she's just His masterpiece."

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AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING, 1905.
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THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr A. Bradshaw of Christchurch reports the following business on the:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

10 to 1	Achilles, Mahutonga, Maniopoto
14 to 1	Scotty, Paritutu, Melodeon, Noctuiiform
16 to 1	Nightfall, Quarryman
20 to 1	Ghoorka, Golden Knight
25 to 1	Gold Crown
33 to 1	Bulawayo, Jeanne d'Arc, Veneer, Boomerang, Calibre, Probable, Armistice, Mystification
40 to 1	Convoy
50 to 1	Appolodoris, Beau Seaton
68 to 1	Tirole, St. Joe, Blythemaids
75 to 1	Douche
100 to 1	Black Reynard, General Symons, Flamen, Gay Spark, Nonette, Joe Chamberlain, Sweet Helen
150 to 1	Clanburn, Stepdancer, Ability
300 to 1	King's Birthday

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the:—

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16 to 1	Nightfall, Paritutu, Melodeon, Noctuiiform, Golden Knight
50 to 1	Nonette, Black Reynard, Tirole, Appolodoris, Gay Spark, Beau Seaton, Clanburn, Blythemaids, Ability, Sweet Helen
14 to 1	Quarryman, Scotty
12 to 1	Maniopoto
20 to 1	Gold Crown
33 to 1	Convoy, Jeanne d'Arc, Sungod, Boomerang, Calibre, Flamen, Probable, Armistice
15 to 1	Bulawayo
20 to 1	Ghoorka
100 to 1	General Symons, Stepdancer, King's Birthday
25 to 1	Veneer
68 to 1	Joe Chamberlain, Mystification
40 to 1	Douche, St. Joe

Marriage Amenities.—A nobleman, who was very avaricious, was on the same terms with his lady as water and lightning when they encounter in the atmosphere. "I am of opinion, my lord," said her ladyship, "that you would marry the devil's daughter, after my decease, if her dowry were equal to your expectations." "That is impossible, my lady," replied the Earl, "for it is contrary to the laws of England to marry two sisters."

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Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

SYDNEY, August 30.

We are rapidly approaching the spring meeting of the Australian Jockey Club, and as a natural consequence the doings of the candidates engaged thereat, either on the training track or at the suburban meetings, are being watched with increased interest...

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club, which took place at the club's rooms in Durham-street on Monday afternoon.

In its annual report the committee congratulated the club in having had another successful year, both from a financial and a racing standpoint.

The balance-sheet for the season 1904-5 showed receipts totalling £4855 19s 2d, and expenditure amounting to £4575 10s 9d...

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of the Derby should throw a light on the New Stakes, which may be won by Lady Wallace.

Turner and Mitchie fought 20 rounds at the Gaiety on Saturday night, when the referee awarded the contest to Turner on points.

South Sydney heads the list for the Rugby Premiership with 25 points, Glebe being next with 24 points.

TROTTING.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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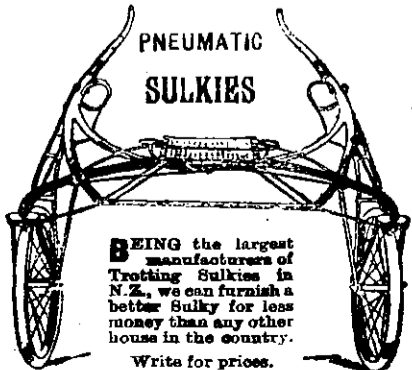
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The six vacancies on the committee were filled by the appointment of Messrs. I. Hill, C. Bailey, T. Buxton, W. Adams, J. Rowe, and J. Hunter.

The following gentlemen, being the only nominees for positions as stewards, were declared elected...

Mr. Coates suggested that a deputation should wait on the Tramway Company with reference to the difficulty experienced by trainers in exercising their horses on the course.

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ACCEPTANCES.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Table listing race acceptances for Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, including names of horses and jockeys.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9.

A.J.C. DEBBY; one mile and a-half. Mr M. P. B. Christian's b c Refrain, by Positano—Chorus...

EPSOM HANDICAP; one mile.

Table listing Epsom Handicap race details, including horse names and jockeys.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP; one and a-half.

Table listing Metropolitan Handicap race details, including horse names and jockeys.

HANDICAPS.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

AVONDALE CUP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table listing Avondale Cup race details, including horse names and jockeys.

FLYING STAKES; six furlongs.

Table listing Flying Stakes race details, including horse names and jockeys.

HANDICAP STEEPCHASE; three miles.

Table listing Handicap Steepchase race details, including horse names and jockeys.

MAIDEN PLATE; six furlongs.

Table listing Maiden Plate race details, including horse names and jockeys.



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FIRST HURDLERS. Two miles.

Table listing First Hurlers race details, including horse names and jockeys.

PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing Pony Handicap race details, including horse names and jockeys.

PUNNET HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Table listing Punnet Handicap race details, including horse names and jockeys.

NOMINATIONS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 28 and 29.

SPRING HANDICAP, of 125 sovs; one mile.—Lass o' Gowrie, Cannie Chiel, Gay Spark, Shrapnel Shell, Seagull, Armistice, Gold Crown, King's Birthday, Tikarawa, Submarine, Amaryllis, Multifid, Capulet, Contingent, Pardon, Whakawehi, Purity, St. Joe, Nonette, Bowman, Paritutu, Delania, Black Reynard, Heroism, Assayer, The Leader, Kaharua, Tomairangi.

FLYING HANDICAP, of 150 sovs; six furlongs.—Melodeon, Ballarat, Jolly Friar, Lass o' Gowrie, General Average, Rustique, Prelude, Multifid, Regulation, Blessbok, Kremlin, St. Claimer, Solution, Auratus, Black Reynard, Full Cry, Delanere, Gold Seal, Assayer, Glenowlet, Maui.

WANGANUI HANDICAP, of 250 sovs; one mile and a-quarter miles.—Melodeon, Lass o' Gowrie, Flamen, Cannie Chiel, Clanchattan, Gay Spark, Shrapnel Shell, Seagull, Ghoorka, Armistice, Submarine, Mako-roff, St. Joe, Multifid, Silverline, Whakawehi, Asteroid, Nonette, Black Reynard, Heroism, The Leader, Kaharua.

MARANGAI HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; one mile.—Boomerang, Loiret, General Average, Shrapnel Shell, Gold Crown, Seagull, Armistice, King's Birthday, Tikarawa, Submarine, Amaryllis, Grenade, Capulet, Contingent, Iselit, Kremlin, Bowman, Whakawehi, Purity, Auratus, Bowman, Paritutu, Delania, Black Reynard, Full Cry, Assayer, The Leader, Tomairangi.

OWEN HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; five furlongs.—King Billy, Boomerang, Ballarat, Jolly Friar, General Average, Glenowlet, Maui, Marguerite, Prelude, Multifid, Regulation, Blessbok, Pardon, St. Claimer, Solution, Delanere, Black Reynard, Kudu, Gold Seal.

OKEHU HUDDLES, of 125 sovs; about two miles.—Kohunui, Comfort, Valima, Waiwera, St. Lyr, Tupara, Catherine Gordon, Jewel Gun, Hutana, Katoa, Midia, Miss King, Levant, Pushful.

BRUNSWICK HURDLES, of 100 sovs; about one and three-quarter miles.—Kohunui, Comfort, Valima, Waiwera, St. Lyr, Tupara, Catherine Gordon, Jewel Gun, Hutana, Katoa, Midia, Miss King, Levant, Pushful, Cassiopea, Wild Cat.

GONVILLE HACK HURDLES, of 75 sovs; one mile and five furlongs.—Cassiopea, Lerida, Tambowie, Catspaw, St. Lyr, Ellady, Wild Cat, Domain, Wild Duck, Hokio, Fairwind, Numa, Bounce, St. Amelia, Almadine, Throstle, Otaio, Flanagan, Sleepwell, Land o' Cakes, Valkyrie, Cosma.

ARAMOHO HACK HURDLES, of 75 sovs; one and a-half miles.—Cassiopea, Lerida, Tambowie, Catspaw, St. Lyr, Ellady, Wild Cat, Domain, Wild Duck, Hokio, Fairwind, Numa, Bounce, St. Amelia, Almadine, Throstle, Otaio, Flanagan, Sleepwell, Land o' Cakes, Valkyrie, Cosma.

MAIDEN HACK RACE, of 60 sovs; six furlongs.—Perchance, Alexieff, Jet de More, Gay Spark, Petticoat, Flotilla, Apa, Mata-riki, Seaman, Balgowrie, Ebb Tide, Glenullin, Rosalinda, Truce, Kareroa, Gargoyl, Clementine, Clifton, Liquid Air, Blue Diamond, Snp, Prospector, Napier, Abuka, Tautoru, Parehe, Merriwee filly, Stepniak-colt.

PUTIKI HACK RACE, of 80 sovs; one mile.—Loiret, Operetta, Aorang, The Nigger, Flotilla, Ben More, Aureole, Amaryl-lis, Glenullin, Rosalinda, Grenade, Mereshot, Fairwind, Clairmont, The Clipper, St. Cyress, Silverline, Kuroki, Refine, Tupono, Barca, Lady Warwick, Pushful, Captain Shannon.

MOUHOA HACK RACE, of 60 sovs; six furlongs.—Operetta, Aorang, Tiratu, The Nigger, Flotilla, Toddv, Ben More, Mata-riki, Ebb Tide, Aureole, Glenullin, Rosa-linda, Grenade, Mereshot, Clairmont, The Clipper, Recreation, St. Cyress, Nukuthi Gargoyl, Clifton, Kuroki, Tupono, Liquid Air, Prospector, Barca, Marsillaise, Lady Warwick, Tautoru, Sleepwell, Captain Shannon, Merriwee filly.

RAILWAY HACK RACE, of 70 sovs; five furlongs.—Perchance, Alexieff, Jet de More, Tiratu, Petticoat, Flotilla, Balgowrie, Ebb Tide, Aureole, Lingerer, Glenullin, Makaroff, Sedgemoor, Present, Truce, The Clipper, Kareroa, Nukuthi, Clementine, Tupono, Blue Diamond, Apa, Lady Grey, Marsel-laise, Lady Warwick, Land o' Cakes, Snp, Queen of the West, Captain Shannon, Parehe, Merriwee filly.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 23.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Lady Clare, Lunetta, Inurang, Vivandel, Takarua, Luck's All, Puhipuhi (late Punui), The Lark, Peregrine, Soultmaid, Trephine, Lady Clements, Leonard, Jean, Kola Nip, Idol, King Paul, Dear Dolly, Stepmar, Franklin, Wakahihi, Sarilla, Frankton.

FIRST HURDLE RACE.—Ranana, Hakaria, Inniskillen, Loch Fyne, Leo Feve (late Doubtful), Newtown, Fireamosca, Flower of Gold.

PLUNKET HANDICAP.—Full Cry, Rookby, Master Delaval, Little Mabel, Waikato, Nervine, Calle Iris, Lady Rose, Lucrece, Lady Hune, General Average, Mauku, King Paul, Woodmount, Newtown, Cairngorm, Paritutu, Fireamosca.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP.—Full Cry, The Middy, Waikato, Lunetta, Lady Rose, General Average, Annoyed, Alba Rose, Waitati, Millie, Certainty.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Lady Claire, Cuiragno, Leo Feve, Vexation, Loch Fyne, Mauku, AEsop, Liberator, Whakahihi, Lochard, Te Papa, Flower of Gold.

NEW LYNN HANDICAP.—Silicia, Sir Hector, Celerity, Lunetta, Fortification, War Cloud, Inurang, Vivandel, Luck's All, The Lark, Peregrine, Trephine, Lady Clements, Fabannie, Leonard, Jean, Ben, Kola Nip, Lord Seaton, King Paul, Lady Grat-tan, Bonny Boy, Stepmar, Lady French, Discoverer, Franklin, Wakahihi, Sarilla.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP.—Sonoma, Marisa, Luresome, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Hurihuri, Dr. Quest, Gladys Rose, Girton Girl, Opotiki, Forth.

SECOND HURDLE RACE.—Lady Clare, Ranana, Hakaria, Lingard, Leo Feve, Inniskillen, Loch Fyne, Newtown, Fireamosca, Flower of Gold.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Full Cry, Rookby, Little Mabel, Austerlitz, Nervine, Calle Iris, Lady Hune, Mauku, Delania, Soultfish, Cairngorm, Paritutu.

NURSERY HANDICAP.—Sweet Alice, Inatore, Lady Frances, Phoebus Apollo-Lena filly, Cyrenian—Sparkling Water-colt, La Mascotte, Conductor, Neva, Mig-non, Ingils.

KINGSLAND HANDICAP.—Lunetta, Inurang, Vivandel, Takarua, Luck's All, Soultmaid, Trephine, Lady Clements, Leonard, Jean, Kola Nip, Idol, Lord Seaton, King Paul, Dear Dolly, Stepmar, Franklin, Wakahihi, Te Papa, Martyr King.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—Sonoma, Luresome, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Etu, Inspiration, Conspirator, Hurihuri, Dr. Quest, Merry Delaval, Wee Tottie, Lady Nannie, Opotiki, Forth.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Rookby, Noteorini, Waikato, Nervine, Puhipuhi (late Punui), Calle Iris, Geordie, Lady Rose, Lucrece, Lady Hune, Blueskin, Soultmaid, Trephine, General Average, Lady Clement, Leonard, Kola Nip, Woodmount, Soultfish, Newtown, Black and Gold, Cairngorm, Celerity, Fireamosca.

SECOND STEEPCHASE HANDICAP.—Tauripi, Tun, Hinemoa, Swimmer, Stray-bird, Lingard, Ranana, Boxer, Major, Im-agination, Kanaka.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP.—Carl Rosa, Rookby, The Middy, Waikato, Austerlitz, Lunetta, Nervine, Luck's All, Calle Iris, Lady Rose, Lady Hune, Gladstone, An-nette, Delania, Lycia, Miss Lottie, Lady Annie, Annoyed, Cairngorm, Waipuna, Paritutu, Certainty.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Master Delaval, Little Mabel, Avalanche, Sir Glead, Lady Hune, Gladstone, Landlock, Scotty, Delania, Lycia, Soultfish, Annoyed, Akarana, Putty, Waipuna.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Carl Rosa, The Middy, Waikato, Lunetta, Klondyke, Ho-horo, Desdemona, Merry Delaval, General Average, Stepmar, Lady French, Black and Gold, Alba Rose, Waitati, Discoverer, Millie, Gweniad, Martyr King, Certainty.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP.—Sonoma, Kil-derkin, Marisa, Luresome, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Etu, Conspirator, Huri-huri, Dr. Quest, Moira-Ma-Chree, Wee Tot-tie, Gladys Rose, Girton Girl, Opotiki, Forth.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, 19th and 21st OCTOBER, 1905.

- FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19th.
1. October Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
 2. Shorts Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 s v. Distance, five furlongs.
 3. Wellington Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race or race of the collective value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; if 20 sovs or over, 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance 5 sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
 4. Flying Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance six furlongs.
 5. Rimutaka Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
 6. Wellesley Stakes of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts 8.7, geldings 8.4, fillies 8.2. All horses remaining in after Monday, 4th September, 1905, must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on Tuesday, October 10th, 1905. (Closed). Distance, two furlongs.
 7. Wainui Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight in handicap, 8.0. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.
 8. Spring Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

PENALTIES.
The winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra; of two or more races of the value of 50 sovs or upwards, 10lb extra; except in the Wellington Handicap, for which special penalties are provided. No penalty to be incurred in open races for wins in hack events.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

1. Petone Hack Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance one mile and a-half.
2. Tararua Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.
3. Pearce Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs. Distance, nine furlongs.
4. Hutt Park Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance 2 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs.
5. Spring Trial Stakes of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description ex-ceeding the value of 40 sovs at time of nomination, nor an open race exceeding the value of 5 sovs at time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight for-age. Entry 2 sovs. Distance, six furlongs.
6. Juvenile Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.
7. Ruahine Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
8. Naimai Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Unless otherwise provided for, the winner of any race or races on the same day shall carry a penalty of 7lb extra.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.
ENTRIES—For All Events excepting the Trial Stakes close at 9.0 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2.
WEIGHTS—Declared for First Day's Handicaps.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.
ACCEPTANCES—Close for First Day's Handicaps at 9 p.m. Also ENTRIES—Trial Stakes.
FINAL PAYMENT Wellesley Stakes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.
WEIGHTS—Declared for Second Day's Handicaps at 8.0 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.
ACCEPTANCES—Close for Second Day's Handicaps, at 12 o'clock noon.

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THE FORTUNA FILLY.

(By HOWEL SCRATTON.)

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

The story opens in the old fashioned Bennett's Hotel in London, at which comfortable hostelry there arrives Sir Robert Ashington and his daughter Delia. Sir Robert is the owner of Helvellyn, one of the favourites for the Jubilee Stakes to be run at Kempton Park. The sporting baronet gives a small dinner party at which there is present Dashwood Fynes, the favoured admirer of Delia, and one Hamilton Rolfe, a gentleman who lives on his wits. During the evening John Straight, the trainer of Helvellyn, arrives and in course of conversation strongly recommends Sir Robert to purchase the Fortuna filly, after which the party breaks up.

Rolfe immediately secures a motor car, and driving at full speed to Sunbury, where the filly is, forestalls Straight in the purchase, but although disguised is recognised by the trainer. On his return to town Rolfe backs Helvellyn for the Jubilee Stakes for all the money in the market, including a wager of £8,000 to £500 with a youth named Bertie Fraser, who is intoxicated at the time, and who unsuccessfully endeavours to get out of the bet. Chapter IV opens with the horses at Kempton Park on the morning of the race.

Helvellyn pulls up lame after a gallop, and it is decided to run the second string, Phantom City, instead. Dashwood Fynes in the meantime has backed Sir Robert's representative to win a big stake. On hearing of the mishap to the favourite Rolfe vainly tries to hedge his money.

It is then decided that as Helvellyn is amiss the second string, Phantom City, shall run for the Jubilee Stakes. The time for the race approaches and all the chief characters in the story assemble at Kempton Park to witness the contest.

This proved very exciting and is won by Flanagan's Pride, with Phantom City second and Royal Crown third. The winner, however, is guilty of a bad cross in the straight and is disqualified.

Fynes therefore throws in for a big win, subsequently making the acquaintance of the leading members of the ring, and has a lucky day all through. After a good setting day Fynes pays a visit to Cottingham, the headquarters of the trainer John Straight.

Here Straight, Sam Player, the jockey, and Fynes conspire how to get even with Rolfe for forestalling them in the purchase of the Fortuna filly. Early the next morning a very successful trial is run in which a three-year-old named Banoa beats Phantom City by four lengths.

Fynes returns to his Chambers and after fighting a case in the Law Courts backs Samoa for the Derby. All the chief characters in the story gather at Epsom to see the great race.

"Derby Day" is always an interesting function and is well described. Fynes and Delia have a particularly good day, the crowning event being a victory in the classic race for Samoa, who beats the favourite, Magellan, by a neck.

CHAPTER XVIII.—(Continued.)

"All right!" was very soon proclaimed, and John Straight took his horse under his own charge, leaving Sir Robert free to receive the congratulations of his hosts of friends.

"Thanks, thanks!" said Sir Robert. "He is a good horse! but what a marvellous race Gatling rode! I have never seen the like!"

"Yes," said Lord Thistleton; "they may well call him a prince of jockeys."

As far as our friends were concerned, there was no more racing that day. They crossed the course and had a glass of wine at Lord Thistleton's coach, and strolled about the paddock for half an hour or so, and generally enjoyed the fruits of victory, and then it was time to start for Surbiton again to catch the down train to Belstone.

The private omnibus was waiting in the roadway a little down the hill from the paddock, and thither Sir Robert and Delia, with John Straight, who was going home by the same train, prepared to join it.

"By the way, Mr. Twitterton," said Sir Robert, "how are you and Dashwood going back?"

"The way we came, I suppose; from the Downs Station," answered Mr. Twitterton.

"Oh, don't do that! You will have a dreadful crush. Why not come with us as far as Surbiton, and take a train from there direct to London?"

"Not I," replied Dash; after seeing a race like that it would be sacrilege to take any interest in the others—besides, I would much rather go with Sir Robert and Miss Ashington."

"And am I to be left alone?" asked a mock-querulous voice, and Sir Philip Stokes came forward, holding his hat in front of him like a beggar. "Don't forget a poor old man, sir."

"My dear Stokes! I did not know where you had got to—come along, by all means."

There was a hamper on top of the omnibus, and, before leaving, it was necessary to explore its mysterious contents; and when the foie gras sandwiches, and Perrier Jouet had been discussed, the party took their seats and the omnibus drove away, leaving the crush and turmoil of the rarecourse; and, after passing through Epsom town, threading its way through green summer lanes right away to Surbiton.

A merry drive it was and a noisy one, everyone having something to tell, and no one having time to listen to anyone else; and even the old judge could not make his weighty remarks heard until he recommended the men to brush the chalk dust from their hats, and proceeded to set an example, by flicking his own with a bandana silk handkerchief.

CHAPTER XIX.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

Dash sent his account to Mr. Walter Nuthall with the request that he would settle it, and in due course received a cheque for the amount of his winnings.

He had now a sum of over £15,000 lying at his banker's, and was seriously embarrassed as to how to invest it.

However, he thought that, as he might lose it all back again before he had made an end of gambling, the best thing for him to do was to put it on deposit at the bank, so that it might be withdrawable at short notice if occasion should arise; and this he decided to do.

It happened that the fortnight between Epsom and Ascot was a very busy one in the Chambers at King's Bench Walk. As often happens, a number of important cases in which Mr. Twitterton was engaged came on, or threatened to come on, at the same time, and Dash was kept at work all day, sometimes taking a note in Court, and occasionally holding a brief for his friend.

Then there was a big Society libel action in the list, in which Dash had a junior brief of his own, and upon the details of which he spent many hours of study; so that he had no time to go racing even if he had had the inclination to do so. But he was quite content to rest for a while on his oars, and enjoy the pleasing reflection that he had done extremely well at Epsom; so that he did not have a bet at Manchester or Lincoln or any other meeting.

He hoped to be able to go to Ascot, but the libel case before referred to might come on at any time; and if it should be heard during the Ascot week, of course he would have to forego the pleasure of going to the meeting.

He wrote to Delia, telling her how he was placed, and asking her to let him know if anything was to be backed at Ascot, so that he could do it at starting price, if necessary.

Delia wrote back a sweet little letter, telling him that of course he must not think of sacrificing his prospects at the Bar for the sake of going racing, and promising to see John Straight, and let Dash know what he advised.

So Dash plodded on in the Courts, and shortly before the end of the week prior to Ascot, the fear that the libel case would come on at the time when he least desired it, became a certainty, and he wrote again to tell Delia that he would not be able to be at Ascot.

Then, on the morning of the Monday in Ascot week, when Dash called at Chambers to get his papers before going into Court, he found the following letter from Delia:—

"Oakwood Park,
"Belstone,
"Sunday.

"DEAREST DASH,—

"Of course I am bitterly disappointed that you are not able to go to Ascot, but I rejoice at the reason.

"Oh, Dash, dear, how I should love to see you in your wig and gown, cross-examining old Lady Gallsting! I do hope you will make her squirm! Mind you make a splendid speech to the jury! I shall read all about it in the papers, and think of you in Court all day; so cheer up, and mind you win your case!

"But now about business.

"Mr. Straight is taking twelve horses to Ascot, seven of them two-year-olds, and hopes to win some races.

"Helvellyn has a chance for the Royal Hunt Cup, but being stopped in his work has not improved it. Put £100 on Helvellyn.

"Agulhas and Euphrates have not much chance; don't back them.

"Cicely might win, but I think £50 is enough to have on her.

"The old Huntsman is going out for his annual race, and I think we might trust him with £100. Now as to the two-year-olds—three or them are very good, and Mr. Straight thinks they ought to be backed, so put £100 on each. They are Osiris, Phaeton, and Mary Seaton. The others are best left alone.

"I shall write to you again if I hear anything, just to remind you of my existence.

"But now good-bye—my dear old boy,
"With the true love of your
"DELIA.

"P.S.—I am horribly excited about your case to-morrow!"

Dash could not help smiling at Delia's idea of the part which he was likely to play in the great case, when he knew that, unless Mr. Twitterton and the distinguished K.C., Mr. Rumpus, who was leading, were both absent, the amount of oratory which he would be called upon to exert would be limited to a few words spoken at the beginning of the case, which are called "opening the pleadings;" but he had good reason to believe that Lady Gallsting would not escape the experience of being made to squirm in consequence of his silence, for Mr. Rum-

was an excellent hand at this exhilarating exercise, whilst Mr. Twitterton was an artist at it.

But with regard to the bets, as he did not know on what days the horses which were to back were to run, he wrote a note to Mr. Nuthall asking him to put sums specified on them for whatever days they should run in, and having sent this note to the boy with instructions to send it on at once by hand, he passed over the way and went into the drawing-room of the Royal Courts of Justice, where he put on his wig and gown, clean white bands, and entered the Court which was to be the scene of the sensational action. He took his seat beside Mr. Twitterton, and found a place left vacant in the front row of seats for the accommodation of Mr. Rumpus; K.C., their leader, who was expected to come into Court till the moment.

There was a very full Bar, and the Court was crammed with ladies in their dresses and largest hats, who had gathered thither to gloat over the washing of very dirty linen, and in the devout hope that not one stain nor one soilure would escape public exposure and a rough soaping and mangling.

Presently Mr. Rumpus came rolling into Court. He was very fat and pink, and had three or four double chins; but was one of the greatest men at the bar, intellectually as well as physically. He turned round and chatted with Twitterton, and nodded pleasantly to the usher.

When the usher called "Silence!" and Justice Relford took his place on the bench and bowed to the Court, as everyone rose to receive him.

Mr. Twitterton whispered to Dash to look up the pleadings, which he thereupon did up and did, feeling rather nervous, because of the importance of the case and the many eyes that were upon him.

When the great case began in earnest, Mr. Rumpus scattered flowers of glory around in his opening speech; as the proceedings lasted for the next three days, it would be inconvenient to follow them through all their details. Let it suffice to say that the ladies in Court were not balked of their unobscured repast, for the case was one of those where a spiteful woman had got hold of a regrettable passage in the life of another, which she, poor thing, had had buried in the past; and adding any aggravating details out of the rich storehouse of her imagination, the wicked slanderer had been pursuing her aim and setting everyone against her.

She showed any disposition to receive her kindly. At length Lady Gallsting went to the top too far, and wrote a letter to a friend of the other woman, in which she repeated her atrocious accusations; and the friend handed the letter to the plaintiff and hence the action arose.

Dash had little expectation of being called on in the case; but on the third day, about the time that the Royal Hunt was being run at Ascot, Mr. Twitterton had been called away to another Court, and Mr. Rumpus, seeing that a witness whose examination in chief was expected to be a lengthy one, had taken advantage of going outside for a few minutes to stretch his legs, as the old seats told severely upon a man of great bulk.

But quite unexpectedly, this witness, who was a hairdresser who, according to the defendant, had provided her with her hair, and was prepared to support them, in such unsatisfactory and unexpected circumstances, that Lady Gallsting's counsel looked upon him like a hot coal and hastily removed his seat.

When came Dash's opportunity, and he resolved to use it for all it was worth. He took the witness in hand, as he was expected to do in the absence of his leader, and, working on one or two admissions which he had let slip in his examination-in-chief, he elicited that the hairdresser was paid by Lady Gallsting to furnish her with details of any scandalous stories which might find their way into his ears; and as the shop in which he worked was a fashionable one, frequented by good deal by the most dashing beauties of the Society and the stage, and as these ladies liked to talk freely to the assistants about the private affairs of their acquaintances while they were having their hair dressed, it followed that Lady Gallsting was daily provided with a plentiful store of gossip of the most highly-seasoned kind.

But the tales which Lady Gallsting had been around the one unfortunate truth which by some means she had obtained in session, had been told to her by the witness, not about the plaintiff, but of a perfectly different person; and he had no knowledge of the plaintiff herself nor of anything about her.

With a few more questions, Dash satisfied himself, having done irretrievable damage to the defendant's character, and the wretched hairdresser stumbled from the witness-box in a semi-dazed condition.

The foreman of the jury then stood up and intimated that they did not care to hear any more witnesses, as they had made up their minds; but the learned judge decided that they must hear any further evidence which the defence might wish to call.

Mr. Twitterton and Mr. Rumpus had both resumed their seats while Dash was administering his scathing cross-examination to the hairdresser, but neither of them interfered, even to suggest a question; for Dash appeared to be fully capable of dealing with the witness, and the two older men refrained from doing anything which might in any way detract from the single-handed success which their young friend was achieving.

But when Dash sat down, Mr. Rumpus turned round in his place with his jolly face festooned in smiles and nodded his congratulations, and Twitterton took hold of Dash's knee and pinched it hard; which was his method of conveying the expression of his satisfaction.

The defence hurriedly called another witness to try to dispel the unfavourable effect of Dash's cross-examination, but with no success. All the life seemed to have faded out of the case, and everyone knew what the result must be.

Then the learned leaders addressed the Court, and the judge summed up shortly, and the jury—without retiring—gave their verdict for the plaintiff, and cast Lady Gallsting in damages to the amount of £5000.

There was nothing more to be done. Dash gathered up his papers and handed them to the clerk, and crossed the Strand to King's Bench Walk, arm-in-arm with Mr. Twitterton.

There, over a cup of tea, Mr. Twitterton asked Dash whether he thought of going to Ascot on the morrow, and, being answered in the affirmative, declared that he would go too, just to get a blow of fresh air, and drive the unsavoury memory of Lady Gallsting from his mind.

And so, having agreed to meet at Waterloo next morning, they put on their hats and went their ways, well pleased with themselves and the world in general.

Whilst Dash had been so busily engaged in Court, the first two days of Ascot had had the following results for the Cottington stable. On the Tuesday Agulhas had run second for the Trial Plate, and Cicely had been beaten in the Biennial; but Osiris, the crack two-year-old, had won the Coventry Stakes, starting at nine to four.

On the Wednesday, Helvellyn was beaten in the Royal Hunt Cup, which was won by Flannigan's Pride, who thus atoned for his disqualification at Kempton, and Phaeton won the Fern Hill Stakes, starting at three to one; so that when Dash reckoned up his starting-price bets, he found that he was a winner of £365 on the two days.

The morning of the Cup day was all that could be desired in the matter of weather, with a hot sun and a cool breeze, and our friends met on the platform feeling as elated as a couple of schoolboys playing truant.

There was a crush of pretty women arrayed in their most fetching frocks, but Twitterton spotted two vacant corner seats in a smoking carriage, and these he and Dash quickly occupied; and then, lighting up two big cigars, they settled down and perused their newspapers with intense satisfaction.

They reached Ascot without adventure, and having walked up the long asphalted path which leads to the racecourse, they bought tickets for the grandstand, Tattersall's, and the paddock, and found their pockets encumbered with an inconvenient amount of pasteboard.

"Why can't I have one ticket for the whole thing?" asked Twitterton, querulously, as he found that, not only had he to carry the large cards, out of which the man at the gate had nipped three jagged pieces, but he was required to take a return pass whenever he went from one place to another, and he complained that it was no good his coming in his best clothes if all his pockets were to be bulged out with beastly cards.

They found Delia and Mrs. Vasher Baines in the paddock; and Delia, who had not expected to see Dash, was overjoyed at his advent, and loaded him with praise for his clever cross-examination.

Mr. Twitterton generously added his testimony to Dash's merit, and dear little Delia looked upon her lover with pride and veneration.

Dash tried to explain that he had done nothing particular, and that the hairdresser's own side had left him beaten to his hand; but it was no good, and he remained, in Delia's estimation, the future Lord Chief Justice.

Dash and Delia did not pay much attention to the racing, although Huntsman ran in the All-aged Stakes, and won; but Dash did not bet upon him, being satisfied with the hundred he had on S.P., for he had come for pleasure, and not for business.

There was nothing from Cottington in the Gold Cup, so that Delia and Dash

went down to the bottom of the lawn to look on, and incidentally to have a delightful chat and to make plans for the future; and as the two-year-old which Sir Robert ran in the next race was not one which they intended to support, their conversation extended over this race also, and Euphrates finished up the day by being beaten in the last race. It was not a good day for Cottington; but, as Delia remarked, they had won a bit over old Huntsman, and could not complain; and Dash felt that he had enjoyed himself very much indeed, and greatly preferred the company of Delia on the lawn to the howl of the bookmakers in the betting-ring.

"Shall I come to-morrow, Delia?" asked Dash.

"Why, of course! Mary Seaton is in the Windsor Castle Stakes, and she is as good as Osiris, and better than Phaeton. I want you to bet to-morrow—only on that one race; and we will have a good time for the rest of the day."

"Very well, darling, I will come if I possibly can, and I am nearly certain to be able to; but if I find that I cannot get away, I will back Mary in town."

And, having taken leave of Delia and Sir Robert, Dash joined Mr. Twitterton, who was exchanging a few farewell words with Mrs. Baines; and the two barristers hurried away to the railway station, and took their places in the train.

On their return to London they called at the Temple, although it was late, just to see whether any briefs had come in during the day; and to his disappointment, there was work for Dash on the morrow, for he found on his table a large bundle of papers, with a note from his clerk to say that he had made an appointment for a consultation at four-thirty.

"Damn it!" cried Dash. "Look at this, Twitterton!"

"Well, my dear boy, and what about it?"

"Why, here has Valpy gone and made an appointment for me to-morrow, and I want to go to Ascot!"

"You ought to be jolly glad to get it," said Twitterton; "this is the result of your being so well reported in the newspapers this morning; don't be an ass, man! there will be plenty more racing, but now you have got your foot on the ladder it is your business to climb."

"Of course you are right, old fellow, but I own it is rather a disappointment; still, I am very glad to get a case."

"Why are you so anxious to go to Ascot to-morrow, have not you had enough of racing? Or is it those bright eyes that we saw there?"

Dash laughed. "It is a little of both," he said. "I should like to see Miss Ashingdon—I may as well tell you that I am going to marry her when I have money enough, and also—"

"Never mind the also, my dear fellow, the first reason is quite sufficient! I always said you were a lucky dog, and now I think so all the more—I congratulate you, old man!" and Mr. Twitterton shook Dash's hand heartily.

"Thanks, my dear chap, thanks," said Dash. "But I may as well tell you the other reason. John Straight has a two-year-old running to-morrow that I wanted to back."

"Well, back it in London, and I will have ten on it as well; but don't think of neglecting your profession. Now come and dine with me at the Cafe Royal, and we will do ourselves well."

"Right you are!" cried Dash; and within half an hour the two friends were settling down to a dinner which would not have displeased Lucullus, and when they had paid proper attention to it, Dash opened his heart to Twitterton and told him of the betting campaign upon which he had embarked with Delia, and how he had already won a large sum of money and hoped to win much more.

Mr. Twitterton was naturally astonished, but he did not offer any remonstrance, except to urge Dash to keep his head and to act with proper caution; and at length it was decided that Dash was to put five hundred pounds on Mary Seaton, and that Mr. Twitterton would enlarge his original participation, to the extent of making his share twenty-five pounds.

CHAPTER XX.

SAM PLAYER BRINGS NEWS.

Ascot and its glories for that year had passed in to the realms of history. John Straight had done as much as he expected—Osiris and Phaeton had won their races, and Mary Seaton had vindicated the high opinion that her trainer had formed of her merits by taking the Windsor Castle Stakes at Cottington, much to the advantage of Dash and Delia, and old Huntsman had picked up a race, as usual.

John had had a quiet time since then, and he was sitting in his cosy dining-room one Saturday evening at the end of June, sipping a glass of port wine, with Sam Player opposite him, engaged in a similar manner with the claret.

"I saw my brother at Sandown to-day," said Sam, who had been riding at that meeting.

"Oh, indeed; and what did you hear from him?" asked John.

"Well, he told me something about that filly in Dick Jodrell's stable that you were talking about when Tom Gatling and Mr. Kynes were here—the Fortuna filly."

"What did he tell you about her?" asked John, with suddenly-awakened interest.

"Why, he says she is broken all right, and is about half fit; and they took her up to Newcastle last week and ran her in a mile race, just for an airing."

"What was the good of doing that? Why did they take all that trouble?"

"Well, perhaps they think that they are not so particular up in the North, and she ran so well that she might have won if she had been asked."

"Oh! I see."

"And my brother says that he hears that they are going to enter her in a selling race at Alexandra Park next week, and do a starting-price job. He says she is a real good filly; but of course she is not half fit, as I say."

"And then, I suppose," said John, "they intend to buy her in?"

"Yes, that is the idea. They are short of money in that stable, and must do something to get a bit; and this filly is a great deal better than anything she is likely to meet at the Palace, so they expect to have a pretty good thing."

"Sam, I must have a finger in this pie!"

"I thought, from what you said, that you would have a try to upset their apple-cart."

"Try! I'll do it! Hamilton Rolfe is not going to take liberties with me for nothing; whose name did she run in?"

"Beale's."

"Do you know which race they are going to put her in?"

"The mile selling race on Saturday."

"Very well! I'll put one in and claim her if she gets beaten, and I will buy her at auction if she wins. They will not be able to go very high for her if they are short of money."

"Could you not put one in to beat her? She's only half fit, you know."

"The very thing! Sir Robert made me a present of Agulhas after Ascot; I will put him in. He ought to be good enough to beat her, for she cannot be anything like ready yet."

"I should put in two, if I were you, and try to get first and second, so as to get first claim. If you don't, they may get someone else to claim her if she gets beat."

"Which do you think would do to get second with?"

"Well, either old Balham or La Carmagnole."

"I don't suppose Sir Robert would mind, just for once; although he does not like running his horses in selling races as a rule."

"You could work it all right with him," remarked Sam, "if you tell him you are particularly anxious to win this race."

"I should not mind telling him why," said John Straight; "and what's more, I will tell him!"

"That is the best plan," said Sam, sagely.

"I shall tell him all about the Fortuna filly, and why I failed to buy her for him, and what a blackguard that Hamilton Rolfe is."

"That's right; but I expect he will want to have a go at Rolfe himself; he's an old 'un, but a bold 'un, as the song says," remarked the jockey.

"I shall tell him that I want to get this filly for a friend of mine. Sir Robert does not want her himself, and was never particularly keen to have her, only he did not like to disappoint me, and he is sure to agree with anything I want."

"But if Dick Jodrell and Whispers get to know that you are going for the race, they won't run their filly; for what they want is a good thing, and it would be no good thing to run up against Agulhas and Balham or La Carmagnole."

"I shall have to fight them with their own weapons!" responded John.

"How do you mean?"

"Well, if I have to put on the card that the two I run will be sold after the race, win or lose, and if there is no money in the market for either of them, people might get the idea into their heads that they are neither of them any good, and that it is only to get rid of them that they are there."

"That sounds reasonable enough."

"Besides," said John, "I don't think I am considered very dangerous in selling races; you see we so seldom run a horse in one, and when we do, we don't bet, so there seems to be an idea that I don't know what is wanted for that kind of race."

"That's quite true—people think you are no judge of platers."

(To be continued)

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

Despite the fact of the New Zealand team being one of the weakest which has ever represented the colony, the members of it were quite equal to defeating the Australian team at Dunedin on Saturday. The weather proved very wet, and the ground was so bad at the Caledonian Ground that the match had perforce to be played at Tahuna Park. All through the match the home team were on the attack, and but for neglected opportunities should have made a bigger score. Wrigley was the first to cross the line, but McMinn was unequal to converting the try. The Australians rallied, and McLean scored at the corner, but the angle was too difficult for Wickham to put the ball over. The locals attacked strongly, and Cross got over, but was recalled. Then Turtill had a shot at goal, but failed. Then another rush took the ball over the visitors' line, but it was recalled. On changing ends the Australians were immediately called upon to defend, and a good dribble by McMinn ended in a try, but Purdue's kick failed. Then the Australians got out of a tight corner by forcing. After a period of even play, McMinn scored again near the corner, but Spencer's kick failed. The final score came at the hands of Cross, and this was easily converted by Francis, and the game thus resulted in a win for New Zealand by 14 points to 3.

Football of all sorts was in full swing at the Kingsland ground on Saturday, and nobody could accuse the management of the carnival of not providing plenty of variety, for there was a match under Association rules, another under Rugby, and a third in which the Australian game was played. Also, there was a ladies' hockey match, and one for men. Unfortunately heavy rain had rendered the ground almost unfit to play on, pools of water being visible here and there, and this factor had a bad effect on the attendance, which would undoubtedly have been very large if the ground had been drier. The Association match, which opened proceedings, resulted in a draw between the representative team and a combined team, in which, however, the latter had a good deal of the best of the play, although the actual scores were a goal each.

The Rugby game was between the Auckland reps. and the Secondary Schools' Old Boys' Union. The latter was much the lighter team, and the heavy state of the ground was against them. Moreover, they had to face the wind and sun for much the longer spell, and under the circumstances they did surprisingly well to be only beaten by 9 to 0. In the open and in kicking they were better than their opponents, but the heavy Auckland forwards were too many for them. For the winners McKenzie dropped a fine goal from the field, and Dunning got a try as the result of a loose scramble, and this was converted by Eaton.

The Australian game was played between the Australs and Imperials, and was the final of the Australian Association's premiership. Considering the wet state of the ground, the match was very fast and keenly contested. It resulted in a win for the Australs by the narrow margin of 15 points to 13.

Canterbury defeated Wellington at Christchurch on Saturday by 6 points to 3. The weather was very bad and the ground muddy, and consequently the attendance was almost nil.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (September 2):—The following players have been selected to play against the Australians at Hawera on Saturday, September 9:—Fullback, Colman (Taranaki); three-quarters, E. Burke, Hardgreaves (Taranaki); McDonald (Wanganui); five-eighth, Thomas (Taranaki); wing-forwards, Guy, Rothery (Taranaki); forwards, Thompson, Murray, Guscott (Wanganui); Young, McKay, Ryan, Hamerton (Taranaki). The following team, subject to alteration, has been selected to represent Taranaki on tour. The team will leave on the morning of the 12th inst., and play their first match at Palmerston against Manawatu on the 13th, Wellington 16th, Wairarapa at Masterton 20th, and Wanganui 23rd:—Colman, E. Burke, C. Burke, Hardgreaves, Greville, A. Hunter, Forsyth, Guy, Rothery, Osborne, Cooper, Young, McKay, Ryan, Whittington, Crowley, Hamerton, Masters.

The Ponsonby Football Club had a "smoker" on Saturday evening to celebrate the close of the season. A good programme was gone through, and the club was presented with a silver football, won by them during the season.

The B team of the Auckland Public Schools' Union defeated the A team on Saturday by a try to nothing.

At Paeroa the West team have won the junior championship, defeating the Suburbs team in the final by 24 to nil. This is the third season in which they have secured the coveted honour.

A curiosity of the football field is to be recorded in connection with the University Oval matches on Saturday last (says the Sydney "Referee.") The grass within the touch-lines has been allowed to grow uncut this winter, and a bird—said to be a ground lark—built its nest in the grass in front of goal at the 25. It was discovered just before the finish of the first grade match University v. Western Suburbs. The nest contained one egg, and was unbroken. It is extraordinary that the egg was still intact, seeing that two matches were played on the ground during the afternoon.

The "Referee" draws attention to the fact that the Australian team in New Zealand includes only one member of the South Sydney Club, and only two of the Glebe Club. These clubs are leading for the premiership, are the most consistently sound teams of the year, and one of them—probably South Sydney—is sure to win the premiership. A match between the champion club of Auckland and South Sydney, on a Sydney ground, would be a great attraction to the Rugby community.

CRICKET.

There can be no doubt that the Australians experienced not a little hard luck in not winning their match against Gloucestershire. It was played on a "soft" wicket, and scoring was difficult. The Australians led off, and thanks to a vigorous 99 by Darling, put together 195, Trumper 27, Hopkins 22, McLeod 17, Hill 13, and "extras" 31, being the best of the others. Wrathall hit up 55 for Gloucestershire, Sewell (18) being the only other to reach two figures, and the innings realised 137. Going in a second time the Australians lost one wicket for 77 and declared. This left the county 134 to get to win, and when time was called they had lost nine wickets for 64, Jessop virtually saving the match with 23, not out. The match thus resulted in a draw.

Writing to the "Referee" from England, Poidevin says in reference to the Hon. F. S. Jackson:—What a fine thing if he could be induced to come to Australia with the next team! Speaking to me on the subject the other day, he said "he would dearly like to visit Australia, but he could say nothing definite." Now that he has been such a successful and fortunate captain, it is more than likely that he will visit our Southern Land. I can well imagine him being immensely popular, and what fine scores he would make on our true pitches!

R. H. Spooner is another man who would win Australia's admiration. He is a free scoring batsman, brilliant in his methods, and very much resembling Victor Trumper in many of his strokes. In addition, he is a cover-point without a superior. He has played international Rugby football for England, has fought for his country in South Africa, where a severe attack of enteric considerably undermined his constitution. He was invited to go with Warner's team to Australia, but could not accept. You may see him with the next English team; he is but 23 years of age.

The ex-Australian player, A. Kermode, had secured 90 wickets in England on July 22, so that he is sure to attain the aim of most bowlers by capturing 100 wickets this year. The average cost was 20.45 runs. F. Tarrant had then got 37 wickets at 18.75.

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H. Carpenter, the Essex cricketer, who acts as coach to the Melbourne Cricket Club in the Australian summer, has made 817 runs at an average of 35.52 when the latest mail to hand had left England.

G. H. Hirst's performances in first-class cricket this year are phenomenal. Nearing the close of July he was second only to C. B. Fry as rungetter, with 1513 runs at an average of 68.77, while he was fifth in the bowling averages with 62 wickets at 17.41.

The Sydney University player, L. O. S. Poidevin, who has qualified for Lancashire, scored 121 (not out) against Sussex on July 17, and at that time had made 1061 runs at an average of 44.20 per innings. W. W. Armstrong and M. A. Noble were the only Australians who had a higher average. The Australians have been in sore need of a solid batsman of the Poidevin type in some of their most important fixtures this year. At the time stated Poidevin was leading in the first-class averages among the Lancashire batsmen, J. T. Tyldesley's figures being 43, J. Sharp's 42, and R. H. Spooner's 37.29.

L. G. Wright's name is added to the list of those who have made two hundreds in a first-class match. He scored 176 and 122 for Derbyshire against Warwickshire in July.

Describing the match between Scotland and the Australians, the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette" says the Scots did very well to draw with the Australians, but their opponents cannot be congratulated on the generalship which contributed to that result. To begin with, the colonials counted the North Britishers too lightly, and in the second place their second innings should have been declared closed when they had eight wickets down and a lead of 358. The forty minutes which added ten runs to the score gave the home team the opportunity of playing out time. M. R. Dickson, the old Oxford cricketer, and Macgregor gave their side the most valuable assistance and Darling afforded them contributory aid by reserving Laver and Cotter until too late to save the game. Dickson, who came in for many hearty congratulations, was quite the hero of the occasion. He had batted for nearly three hours without, so far as could be seen, making the slightest mistake, and among his strokes were eight fours, two threes, and three twos. For all his skill, however, Scotland would have had very little chance of averting defeat but for their opponents holding them far too cheaply. The weather was delightfully fine, and there was an excellent attendance. Financially the match was a huge success, fully £800 being taken. This is not the first mistake of generalship Darling has made during the tour.

CYCLING.

The big Timaru-to-Christchurch race was to a large extent spoilt by bad weather which prevailed, and rained nearly all the time, and the runs were very heavy. The race fell to P. O'Connor, of Cricklewood, who rode consistently throughout. The time the winners were as follows:—P. O'Connor (Cricklewood), 45min, riding time 6hr 57min, 1; A. Hunn (Spray), 35min, riding time 7hr 12min 9sec, 2; H. Bell (Fairlie), 42min, riding time 22min 1sec, 3; G. Smith (Riocar), 50min, riding time 7hr 40min 13sec; W. A. Bennett (Highbank), 45m, riding time 7hr 37min 25sec, 5; G. N. Long (Temuka), 42min, riding time 7hr 34 43sec, 6. Special prize: H. Hende (Palmerston North), 5min, riding, 7hr 7min 51sec, with O'Connor, Henson, Hunn, and O. Neilsen (Dannevirke), 23min, riding time 7hr 17min 8sec, Bell and H. Lloyd (Wanganui), 23 riding time 7hr 24min 25sec, who put the first six fastest times, will represent New Zealand in the Goulburn-Sydney and Warrnambool-Melbourne race next month.

George Farley, the Australian cycling champion, now on a racing visit to New Zealand, in company with Ellegaard Rutt, has made his first public appearance in France. In writing to a representative of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph," under date June 27, he stated that he had a very rough trip across, after a tedious railway journey arrived in Paris on the same day as the King of Spain. He was met at the station by Mr. Robert Coquelle, one of the Paris promoters, who had given him a good engagement and escorted him to a boarding establishment in the Etoile district of Paris. Walter Rutt, Gorman champion, who was returning from his Australian trip, and his wife stayed at the same place. Ellegaard and his wife only remained in Paris three days, being anxious to get to their home in Denmark after their long tour to Australia. Farley started the day after his arrival, and found Parisian tracks very difficult to negotiate after the Australian tracks, banking on the Continental tracks very steep, the angle being 42deg. On June 19 the Australian, Rutt, and Farley, Kramer took train to Antwerp, rode a three-cornered match race, three heats of a mile, decided on points. Farley gives a description of the race. In the first heat he took the pace, but was withdrawn at the bell, leaving the Australian in the lead by half a length with Rutt second, Kramer being some distance off third. In the second heat Kramer was forced to accept the pace, and in the last lap he was lapped by Farley and Rutt. The An

can, however, won again, but only defeated Farley by half a wheel, with Rutt third. In the third heat three starts were made, as none of the riders would accept the pacer's wheel. Eventually Rutt took it, with Kramer second and Farley last. Half a lap from home Kramer went round Rutt and defeated the German by half a length, with Farley the same distance off third. Kramer won easily on points from Rutt, with the Australian last. The Continental papers, however, gave Farley great praise for his good showing and fast sprinting so soon after a long journey.

Farley's second engagement was away from Paris, at Genoa, in Switzerland, where he had been engaged to race against Ellegaard, Rutt, Paired, and other Continental celebrities, and the race had not been ridden at the time of writing. The Australian champion states that the promoters who had engaged him were so satisfied with his showing against Kramer and Rutt, that they have given him a special match against the three best men in Europe, viz., Henri Mayer, Kramer, and Poulain, and the event was scheduled for early in July. Farley states that the food on the Continent is very oily, and takes a lot of getting used to. He is still riding his Australian-built machine, which meets with praise on all sides. The sport, he states, is well attended all over the Continent, and it is a common sight to see 25,000 spectators present at a big match race. Kramer, he states, is very anxious to visit Australia for a racing trip next season, and the American champion wishes to secure such an engagement.

A Melbourne writer says: "The New Zealand cracks make no secret of the fact that they intend making a bold bid for the Australasian Road Blue Riband which J. Arnst won for New Zealand in 1903, and which was subsequently in 1904 won by T. Larcombe, of New South Wales, from R. Arnst by a very small margin. The New Zealand representative team for the forthcoming Warrnambool road race promises to be a very warm one."

Owing to the Warrnambool-Melbourne contest being held some four or five weeks later this year, the riders on the outmarks will have the advantage of starting in daylight, which will enable the men on big marks to take full advantage of their handicaps.

The success of the monster motor and cycle run to be held on "Dunlop Day" (September 2), is already assured. It is the intention of the promoters to distribute a numbered ticket to every cyclist and motorist taking part, and prizes to the value of £19 will be ballotted for at the smoke concert to be held in the Canterbury Hall the same evening. The first prize, value £8 8s, will be a handsome travelling bag and dressing case, presented by Messrs. S. Manning and Co., Limited; second prize, silver afternoon tea set, presented by Messrs. F. T. Pannell and Co.; third prize, ladies' dressing case, presented by Messrs. J. Ballantyne and Co.; fourth prize, case carvers, silver-mounted, presented by Messrs. J. Bates and Co.; fifth prize, presented by Messrs. Jones and Sons. Already word is to hand that a number of automobilists from Ashburton and the surrounding districts intend taking part.

The committee of the Christchurch Cycling and Motor Club are making elaborate preparations in order to ensure the success of their smoke social, to be held in the Canterbury Hall on the evening of the Dunlop road race and monster run movement, in which a large number of leading representative men are taking an active interest, and it is believed the date mentioned will make an important epoch in the history of Canterbury. The whole of the cycling community are taking the matter up enthusiastically, and from present indications the function gives every promise of being a most pronounced success.

The report of the Christchurch Cycling and Motor Club for the year ending July 31, 1905, showed that the membership has increased from 172 to 192. The result of the year's working was a net profit of £32 12s 1d. The assets of the club are £869 11s 10d in excess of the liabilities.

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The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

Mr. Charles Glidden commences another big tour next month, Egypt being the first place visited.

The Union Company has decided to make a reduction of 25 per cent. on the freight of cars on tour if accompanied by passengers.

The big motor demonstration in Christchurch was deferred on Saturday on account of bad weather.

The latest members to join the A.A.A. are Messrs. E. H. Bennett, A. C. Caughey, W. Cousins, and Cadman.

The 24-hours motor car record on a track was broken recently. G. Vaughan, on a 40 h.p. car of American manufacture, made two attempts, and on the second occasion he was successful. The test started at 1.35 p.m. on June 24. A few hours after the start rain fell, rendering the track sloppy in places. During the night hours the track was lit up with Kitson lights and the path indicated by red lanterns. Vaughan did not try to establish a non-stop run, as he stopped for food, replenishments of petrol, water, etc., en route. In the first hour the "Decauville" covered 58 miles; the century taking 1hr 56min 39sec. Two hundred miles was negotiated in 4hr 3min 56sec, this time including a stop of 9min at the 149th mile. The times at the end of each hundred miles were as follow:—300 miles in 5hr 58min 52sec; 400 miles in 8hr 20min 9sec; 500 miles in 10hr 24min 42sec; 600 miles in 12hr 52min 44sec; 700 miles in 15hr 21min 37sec; 800 miles in 17hr 33min 20sec. Continuing on, the motorist covered 1015 5-8 miles in the 24 hours. The aggregate time in stoppages during the drive was 1hr 44min 4sec, so that the actual

driving time for the 1000 miles was 21hr 53min 16sec, which equals about 46 miles an hour for the whole run—a magnificent achievement, which still further demonstrates the wonderful strides made in automobile construction during the past few years. The fastest mile during the long run was the last one, which was done in 1min 3 2-5secs, or 56.78 miles an hour.

The world's motor cycle championship was an unfortunate event for two competitors. Bac, the Frenchman, got his leg entangled with the chain of his machine, fell, and had to be taken to the hospital; and Olieslaegers fell when leading near the finish. Only two riders finished. They were Anzoni (Italy) and Pernette (France). The former was the winner of the championship and £40.

At the Canning Town track (England), C. R. Collier beat the motor cycle record recently by nearly five miles. Riding the same twin-cylinder Matchless which he used in the last Isle of Man race, Collier covered 54 miles 523 yards in the hour. He started beating record at six miles (6min 46 2-5sec), as against the previous best of 6min 48 1-5sec, and he also lowered the five-mile flying start record en route, from 5min 31 1-5sec to 5min 28 1-5sec.

Additional particulars of the Gordon-Bennett race show that one of the Italian representatives, Lancia, made the fastest time until put out of the race by the merest accident. A stone, caught up by one of the wheels, was hurled against the radiator, and put it out of action. The circuit of the course, which was 86 miles, was covered by Lancia in 1h 34min 57sec, as against They's 1h 41min 7sec. In the second round the Italian secured a lead of 13min, his time for the circuit being 1hr 42min 11sec, while They occupied 1hr 48min 37sec. It was in the third round that Lancia was forced to retire, which left They well in the lead. They's average pace per hour throughout was 48.51 miles. This is over 10 miles slower than that averaged by him in last year's contest—59 miles per hour. This was made on the Homburg course in Germany, and the comparison of the two speeds serves to show that the Auvergne course was not the best adapted for motor-racing. Even Jenatzy, in 1903, bettered this year's average, over the course mapped out in Ireland, the speed being 49 miles per hour throughout. The best average for the English cars this year was 40.43 miles per hour, by the Hon. C. S. Rolls. Some idea of the thoroughness of the arrangements made in carrying out the Gordon-Bennett race may be gauged by the work at the tyre-changing stations. When a car drew up after a circuit, a rapid inspection of the tyres was made, the vehicle having been lifted off the ground for the purpose. A worn tyre was cut away from the wheel in a twinkling, large, sharp knives being used to slash them to pieces, for they were far too hot to handle. As a matter of fact, the rubber became soft and pulpy from the frictional heat, and was literally burned away.

One of the most puzzling things to intending motorists is the rating of petrol motors in horse-power. Here is shown a certain engine, rated at, say, 10 horse-power, and in the next showroom he sees a larger engine, but rated at the same power, while in yet another showroom he is assured that an engine of obviously smaller dimensions than the first

is 11 horse-power. Then, again, he is confronted with combinations such as 7-9, 9-11, 12-14, 12-16 or 16-20 horse-power. Most times the explanations of the salesman do not agree, and the would-be motorist is as much in the dark as ever. The horse-power of petrol motors depends on compression, resistance of valve passages, cooling facilities and workmanship put into the engine and mechanism. These factors greatly influence the output of power. Then the number of revolutions per minute affects the power produced by lowering or raising the piston speed. Thus as normal speed, say, 900 revolutions per minute for a multi-cylinder engine, a certain power will be developed, and at accelerated speed of 1200 revolutions, the greatest power of which engine is capable will be obtained. Hence the practice of stating two powers, say 12-14, meaning normal and full power of engine. The piston speed of a petrol motor is calculated by multiplying the number of revolutions per minute by the length of the stroke. In every revolution of the fly-wheel the piston travels twice the length of the stroke; thus at 1000 revolutions of an engine having a stroke of 4in a piston speed of 670ft per minute is attained. It has been proved by careful experiments that a piston speed of over 800ft per minute is not useful, for there is actually no gain in power for the increased fuel consumption and wear of engine parts. From this it is easy to calculate the highest number of effective revolutions for any given stroke of engine. Example: 1200 revolutions with a four-inch stroke. Next factor in importance is compression. The mean effective pressure in the cylinder is 75lb per square inch, but in some engines it rises as high as 85lb, and increased power is obtained from the same quantity of gas by this means. Thus, different engines of same bore and stroke develop different powers. The makers of low-compression engines have not, apparently, mastered the principles on which successful high-compression motors are built to run. The latter type are of much better design and construction. It will be recognised that so many factors enter into the question of actual power developed by any given engine that it is impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the actual brake horse-power, short of a test by dynamometer applied to the road wheels of a car. The best method for the intending purchaser to adopt is to have the power of any given car demonstrated in practical fashion on the road. There the question of price enters into the decision, and the value given in power for money should be well considered. But there is a way of estimating the horse-power of petrol engines from the dimensions of bore and stroke, which is close enough to actual horse-power for practical purposes. It is based on the assumption that piston speed is approximately constant for various types, and is 800ft per minute; also that pressure is 75lb per square inch with average engines. There is no better or simpler formula than this:—Horse-power per cylinder is reckoned equivalent to the square of the diameter of bore in inches, divided by 3. Example: Two cylinders, 100 mm. bore (4in) equals 16 divided by 3 and multiplied by 2, equals 10 2-3 h.p. This rating has been adopted by many of the clubs in England and America. Thus the buyer is independent of catalogue rating or salesman's claim. Some engines will do much better than this because of their superior design and workmanship.

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The new Brighton track, which cost £4000, and is a straightaway one of 2300 yards, is supposed to be the best in the world. Over 40,000 people assembled at the inaugural meeting. After a few minor races had been decided, Cisac, the great French driver, appeared with his 12 h.p. twin-cylinder Pengsot motor cycle, and in a race open to the world, he beat all his opponents with ease, and smashed several records en route. In the flying kilometre race he got off at a pace over 80 miles an hour, and eventually succeeded in breaking all world's records, by covering the distance in 26sec, which is equivalent to 86 miles an hour.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REFEREE.")

I learn that the North Shore cutter Daisy II. has now joined the fishing fleet

Yachtsmen are making a start to get their yachts in trim for the approaching season. At North Shore the pleasure craft hauled up are being cleaned, painted, and the gear overhauled. Olympic has had a new centre-board case fitted, besides other repairs. Iris has been given a heavier keel. Rewi has been changed from a centre-board to a keel yacht. At St. Mary's and St. George's beaches most of the yachts are receiving attention.

Mr. A. T. Pittar left the naming of his new yacht to the builders, and they have decided upon Rawhiti. Most people would have preferred the English equivalent, Sunshine. The new boat has perhaps the most beautiful lines of any yet turned out of Logan Bros.' yards, which is saying a good deal.

A requisition which has been extensively signed by the members, has been presented to Commodore C. P. Murdoch asking him to stand again this year for the office of commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. The genial skipper of Ida, although of opinion that it is about time someone else had an innings, has consented to act for another year. Good news, this.

The movement for the establishment of the Motor Boat Club of New South

Wales has met with such gratifying results that even the expectations of the promoters and well-wishers have been more than realised (says the "Referee.") The club is adding to its membership roll every day. Starting on July 6 with a total of 45, it now boasts of 108, and it is expected that before the season opens this will be increased to at least 120. Some idea of the club's importance, from an aquatic point of view, may be gathered from the fact that it already contains more boat-owners than the whole of the other clubs combined.

In connection with the late Henley regatta, a writer says:—"Among boating men, the extraordinary conduct of the Belgian crew excited much remark: the visitors belonging to the Belgian Rowing Club, or some of them, were detected in the act of eating ices just before rowing a heat for the Grand Challenge Cup. Such an outrage against elementary principles of training shocked English river men beyond power of criticism. Then the Belgians aggravated matters by winning the heat!"

Latest English files give particulars of the contest for the long-distance swimming championship of England, which took place on the Thames, from Kew to Putney. The title had been held for seven years by J. A. Jarvis, of Leicester, but he was this time beaten by D. Billington, of Caup, and B. B. Kieran, the Australian champion. There was a great race between the two latter. Billington led from the start, and at Chiswick was 50 yards in front of Kieran and Jarvis, who were then swimming almost level. By the time Hammersmith Bridge was reached, Billington had increased his lead to 60 yards, while Jarvis had dropped back about 80 yards behind Kieran. As soon as he had passed under the bridge, the Australian began to spurt hard. He rapidly overhauled the leader, and the excitement grew intense. Not until he was 20 yards from Putney Pier was it certain that Billington would win, but he managed to hold his own and win by five yards in 1hr 8min 55sec. J. A. Jarvis, the holder of the championship finished third, a quarter of a mile behind Kieran, while the time of A. G. Harvey, of the Ravensbourne Club, who finished fourth, was nearly five minutes slower than that of Jarvis.

An Irish Naval Reserve man was "up" for six months' training in a man-o-war, and it was his first turn for taking soundings. When the officer on watch asked him what water he had, Pat was to use a naval expression, "tubbed." "Come out of that!" said the officer. "I'll show you how to take soundings." But just as he got the lead on the swing, away went the breast-rope, and of course the officer went overboard. Just after the captain came up and asked: "What soundings, leadsman?" "I dunno, sir," says Pat. "There's a chap just gone over to find out, and he hasn't come up yet."

GOLF.

J. C. Burns had matters all his own way in the final of the Auckland golf championship, and he ran right away from Bamford. The match was two rounds of 36 holes, and Burns won by no less than ten up and nine to play. Such a runaway victory was not expected, but Bamford was completely off his form in the opening round, and although he afterwards recovered the effort came too late.

Mixed foursomes will be played on the Cornwall links next Saturday.

In the "Badminton Magazine" for July there is an interesting article on "A Year of Women's Golf," by Mrs. Boys. There are photographs of the leading players. The most noticeable thing about the long drivers is that they have all abandoned the absurdly long swing which they used to have, and have a rather shorter swing than most men. Mrs. Boys sums up the championship by saying that there are several lessons to be learned. First is the obvious folly of holding so many events in the week preceding the championship. All the leading players came up to the mark overstrained and overplayed, and in consequence the championship went to an outsider, Miss B. Thompson. Then there was a lot of entrants who had no possible business in the championship, and so made the match longer. The way she suggests is to allow those not seriously playing to have the privilege of play on the championship course after the competitors have started, and the entree of the club-house. This would eliminate those who enter for the fun of

the thing. There were nine American ladies playing, though none got into the semi-finals. Their long game is said to be very good, but the English beat them hollow in approaching and putting.

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With dexterous swirl and swish,
And told his friends, with modest pride
He caught a fair-sized
Fish.
He told the tale again next week,
Described the lordly dish;
The size increased a little bit,
This time it was a
F-i-s-h!
Soon holding forth upon the deed
Became his frenzied wish,
And when a month had passed away
He always hooked a
F-I-S-H!
Three months have run their weary
course;
His friends now mutter "Pish!"
When Jones begins to tell about
That time he caught a
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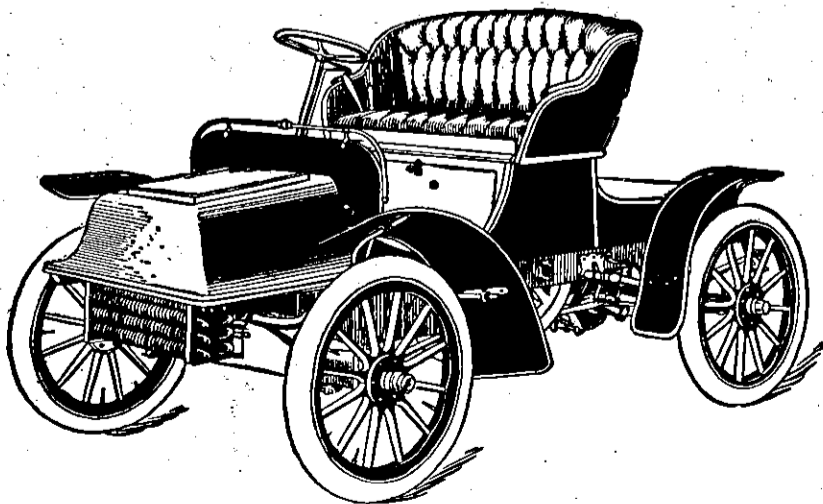
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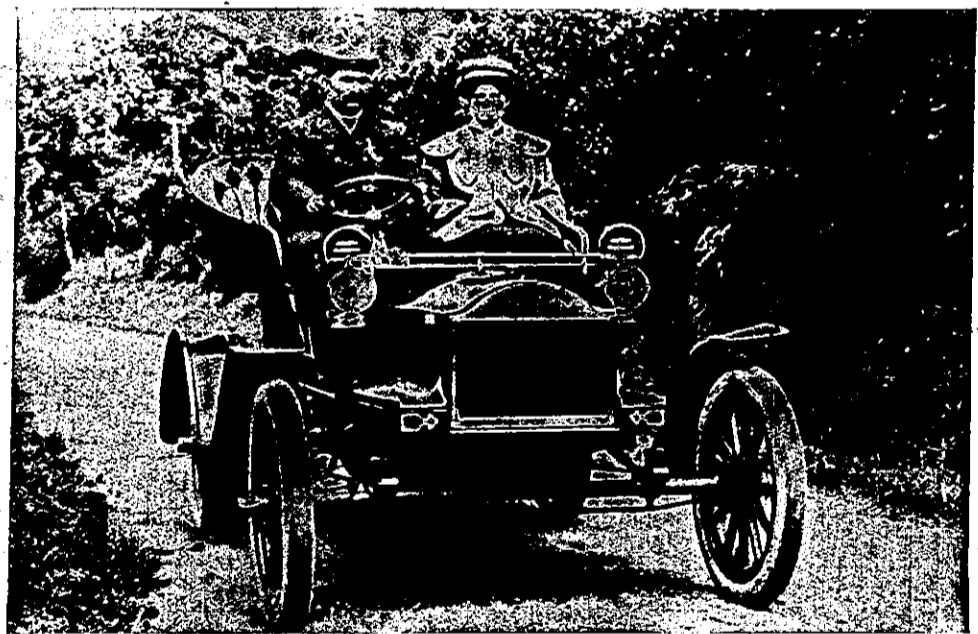
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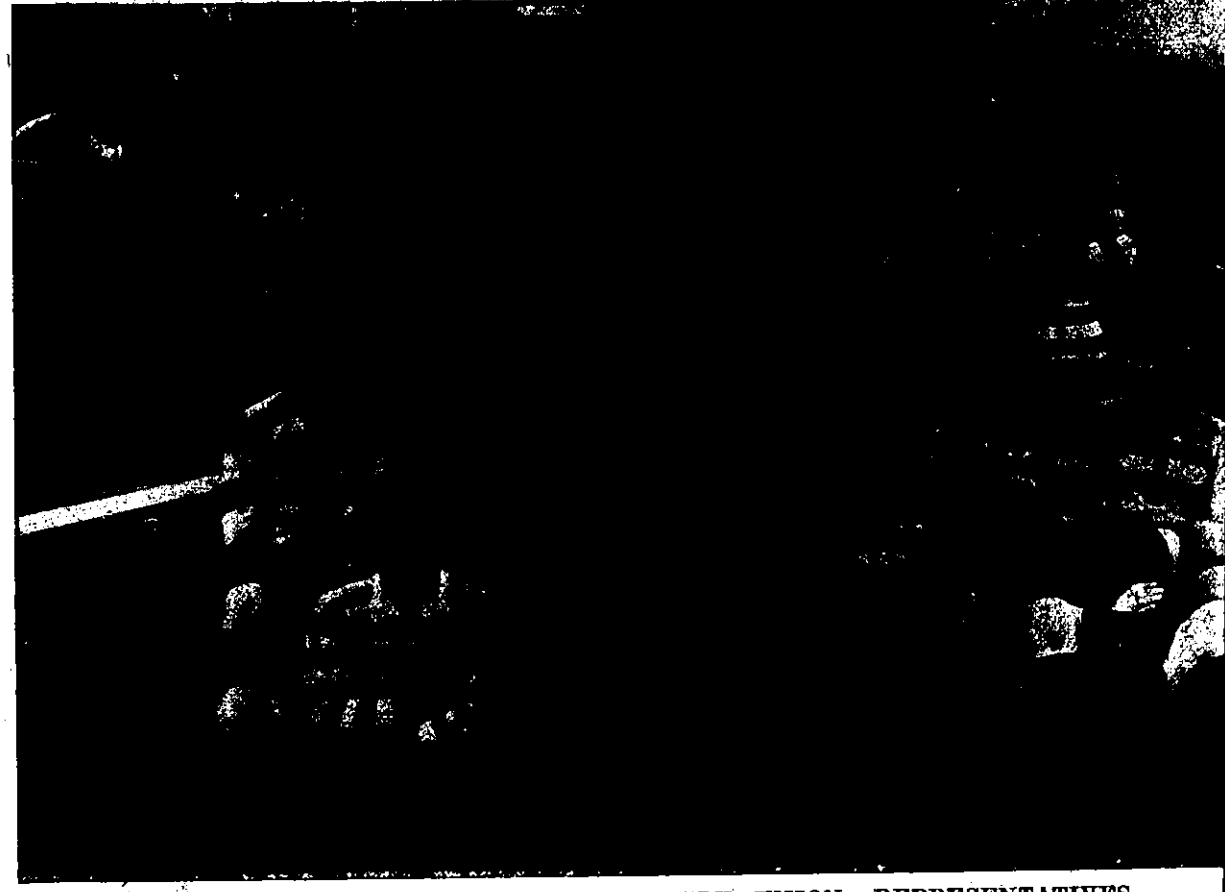
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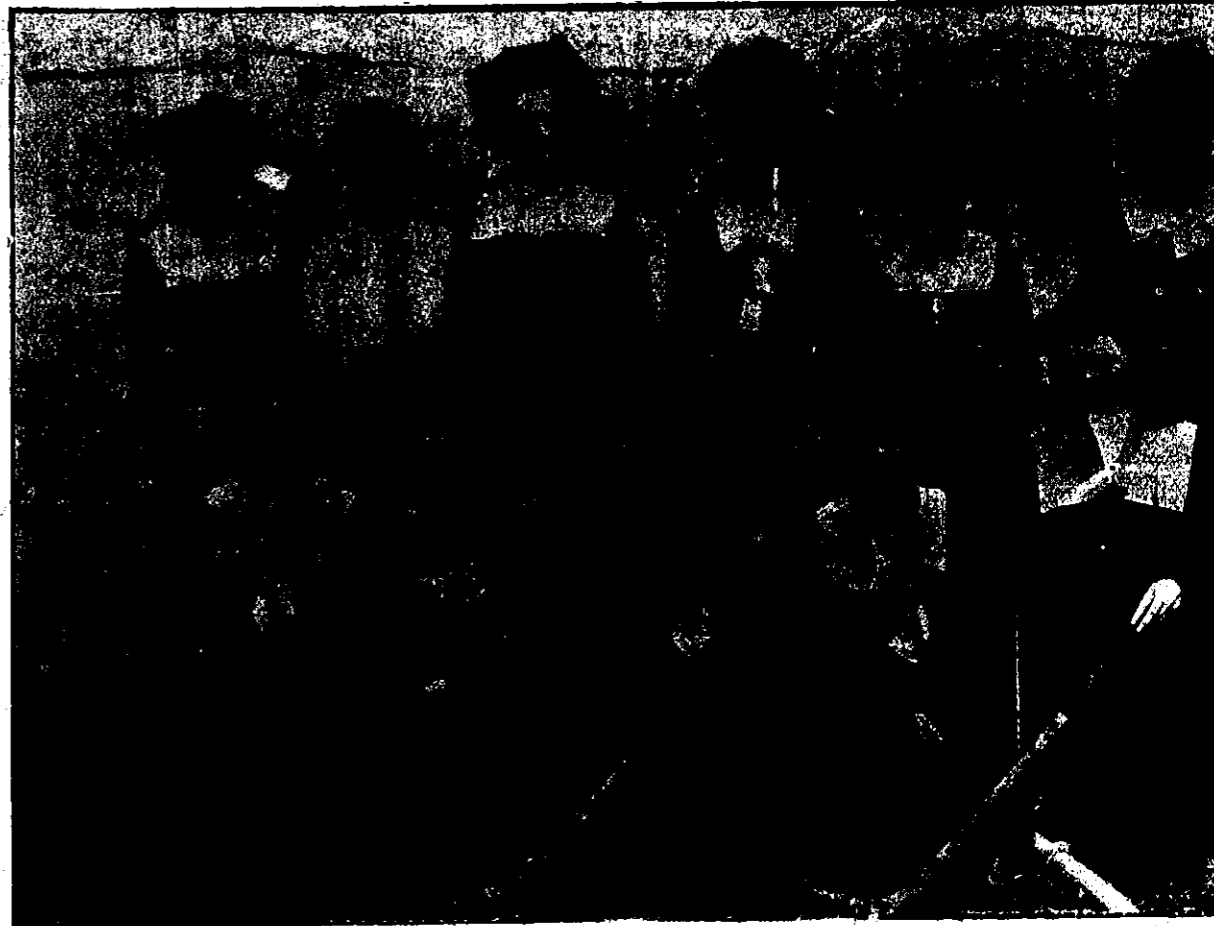
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THE STAGE

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HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

WEST'S PICTURES AND THE BRESCIANS.

A very large house greeted these newcomers at His Majesty's on Monday, and the audience was rewarded with a very interesting and refined entertainment. The programme opened with some pictures of the King and Queen taken at some big civic function. Following these appeared some really excellent pictures, those taken on the Grand Canal at Venice and on the slope of Mount Veuvius being especially good. Ancient and modern Rome was the subject of another remarkably good set of films, while the stereoscopic effects of Barcelona Park proved simply remarkable. The march of the Cameron Highlanders was decidedly good, but the effect would have been heightened if the accompanist had kept time to the tread of the marching feet. The studies of bee life, although they have been shown before in Auckland, proved very instructive. The comedy pictures beyond question were highly amusing; notably those of "The Burglar and the Girls," "The Pursuit of the Baby Stealer," "The Trip to the Sun," a series which takes no less than 14,000 pictures to show, caused roars of laughter as the tribulations of the excursionists to Old Sol developed themselves. The pictures all through were capital, there being an almost entire absence of flicker. Perhaps most of the audience would have preferred more real pictures of scenes and places which one cannot hope to visit instead of so many "faked" pictures, clever though many of the latter are.

The musical efforts of the Brescians were greatly appreciated. Miss Domenica Martinengo, whose portrait appears on our front page, gave a very pleasing rendering of "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer." Although there is no great power in her voice, it is singularly sweet and true, and she was warmly applauded for it, and for another item, "John Anderson, My Jo." Miss Antonina Martinengo also did well with "Il Bacio" and the encore item, "A Lesson With a Fan," earned rounds of applause. Miss Adelina's playing of the violin brought forth quite an outburst of enthusiasm, and she was encored three times. Her imitation of the bagpipes was especially clever. Miss Sara Hendy was encored for "Vanity Fair," giving in reply an exceedingly dainty rendering of "It's Just Her Way." Mr. Rudall Hayward sang acceptably "Simon, the Cellarer," and "The Skippers of St. Ives." Mr. Fred Mills caused any amount of hilarity among the audience with his songs, "To Be Continued in Our Next," "Sandy McClusky," and "The Parrot," being most heartily applauded. A new departure was made, in that there was no interval, the entertainment lasting a little over two hours and a-half. Possibly this is hardly an improvement, as the pleasure of those who remain is somewhat marred from time to time by those who wish to go out. The entertainment was exceedingly bright and interesting, and our readers can be conscientiously recommended to pay His Majesty's a visit.

MR. J. C. WILLIAMSON'S COMPANY.

The season of the Tittell Brune Company came to an end on Saturday, and the members are now on board the Moana bound for Sydney, en route to Brisbane, where they open that fine play "La Tosca." On Thursday night "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" was staged, with Miss Brune in the title-role. Although the presentment was a fine one, it cannot be honestly said to have come up to Mrs. Brough's great representation of the part. Neither was the support given Miss Brune on a par with that afforded by the Brough and Boucicault Company, for when that organisation was at its best it was unquestionably superior to any we have seen before or since. Miss Brune, while showing great power in the tragic passages, somehow failed to give any indi-

cation of that side of the character which had won the love of Aubrey Tanqueray. In the latter role Mr. Redgrave was decidedly good, but this cannot be said of Mr. Albert Grau, who burlesqued the part of Cayley Drummie, and was mostly inaudible. The Sir George Orrlyed of Mr. Maurice Dudley was possibly the best character study in the piece. Taken altogether Mrs. Tanqueray was not a play in which the company was seen to advantage.

On Friday "Camille" was put up for one night. It is a play which affords an actress fine scope, and Miss Brune took every advantage of the possibilities. There can be no doubt that she achieved a great success, judging by the unstinted applause. Mr. Redgrave also did good work in the role of Armand Duval.

Saturday was the closing night, when "Sunday," by far the most popular of the company's repertoire, was revived. There was an immense and enthusiastic house, Miss Brune being applauded to the echo. Numerous bouquets were presented to her, and then nothing would satisfy the audience but a speech. Thus terminated a most brilliantly successful season.

a very pleasing rendering of "The Last Farewell." A very popular turn was that of Leonard Nelson, who made a first appearance. He scored an instantaneous success, among other songs, being "Girls," "Meet Me at St. Louis," and "The Man Behind." The audience were very loth to let him go. Frank King gained rounds of applause for "The Jockey's Sweetheart," and an original song written by Mr. Ben Fuller with words by the singer, entitled, "New Zealand's Bonny Boys in Navy Blue." The Biograph pictures, especially the great "American Train Robbery," were excellent, and altogether the programme submitted was a long way above the average.

Next Saturday there will appear Elsie Brown, a singer of coon songs; Beatrice English, operatic soprano; and Fred Standridge, baritone.

The Devonport Amateurs had a very successful evening on Monday, when a one-act comedy, entitled, "My Lady Help," and selections from "Florodora," "A Trip to Chinatown," "The Pirates of Penzance," "The Mikado," and "The Runaway Girl" were given. There was a very large audience.



MISS JESSIE MACLACHLAN, the Scotch vocalist, who will shortly make a tour of the colony.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

There was a fine attendance at the Opera House to welcome the new artists appearing with Fullers' Entertainers, and, judging by the hearty applause, everyone was fully astished with the good things provided for their delectation. The opening chorus, "At the Seaside," went with a swing, and then Miss Flo Weston sang "Dora" pleasingly. George Pagden extracted a good deal of fun from the song, "Blue, Blue Sea." Miss Kitty Stanley made a first appearance, and immediately scored with the ballad, "May Be." Charles Moody raised a laugh for "Coming In, Going Out." Little Goldie Collins danced through "Ma Honolulu Lu" very prettily. Sam Wilson contributed much to the hilarity of the evening with humorous songs and gags, and the dancing of the Sylvan Sisters was much appreciated.

In the second half Cora, Ted, Trevor, and Fred. Alton gave a very clever acrobatic performance, little Cora's tumbling being very neat. Hearty applause was showered upon them for their difficult feats of skill. "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" had ample justice done to it by Signor Torzillo, the harpist, while Miss Stella Lipman gave

company was booked to leave Singapore on August 4. "China and India next," wrote "J.D."

The Musical Johnstons have returned to New York from London, after an absence of nearly a year and a-half, having made a trip around the world, travelling over 30,000 miles, visiting Honolulu, the chief cities of New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Egypt, England, and Scotland. They will remain in America until Christmas, after which they will return to Europe to fill dates already contracted for. They are booked until 1907.

Miss Amy Castles was in London early in July. She has been studying with Bouhy since her return from Australia, and her voice has gained considerably in volume. Before leaving Paris she was approached by the managers of the Algiers, Tunis, Nimes, Geneva, Toulouse, and Toulon opera houses with a view to engagements. She declined all these offers, as the greater number of roles to fill would be Wagnerian ones. On July 6 she sang for Mr. Daniel Meyer, the well-known entrepreneur who piloted M. Paderewski in his early stages. Mr. Meyer advised her to remain in London, where, he says, there is a big future awaiting her—not only as a contralto singer, but in oratorio. He is anxious to engage her for the tour of the English provinces which young Mascha Elman, the Russian boy violinist, is about to make.

Abomah, the Giantess, recently through New Zealand, is now exploiting Australia under her own management.

An important operatic event in London on July 12 was a matinee at Covent Garden Theatre, organised by Madame Melba for the benefit of Mdle. Bauermeister, an operatic singer, who had been before the public for 40 years. As early as eight a.m. people assembled outside the gallery, and by three p.m., when the curtain rose on the first act of Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette," the house presented the appearance of a Melba and Caruso night, save that morning dress was worn. Mme. Melba, though suffering from bronchitis, in order to keep faith with the public and to show her regard for Mdle. Bauermeister, sang not only in "Romeo et Juliette," but in the third act of "La Boheme" with Signor Caruso. The proceeds amounted to £1300. Among those who presented bouquets was Miss Parkina, the American soprano, who gave a series of concerts in Melbourne last summer.

Miss Eileen Castles, younger sister of Miss Amy and Miss Dolly Castles, will shortly join the Repertoire Opera Company, making the third member of that family to come before the public.

"The J.P." the farcical comedy which will be played by the Strand Theatre Comedy Company, the members of which are due to arrive in Australia in time to open at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, on Saturday, September 9, is described as intensely funny, a worthy successor to the "Private Secretary" and "Charley's Aunt." It will be played by arrangement with Mr. J. C. Williamson, under the direction of Mr. Clyde Meynell. An Australian favourite, Miss Florence Lloyd, will impersonate one of the boy parts, in which she excels. Her Lord Clanside in "In Town" is well remembered here. Mr. J. J. Dallas, the leading comedian, was in the Gaiety Company with Edward Terry, Royce, Connie Gilchrist, and Kate Vaughan. Also in the company are Mr. Aubrey Mallalieu, Miss Maud Chetwynd (her first appearance since her marriage), Miss Florence Redfern, Miss Maud Herrick, Miss Magda Rossmore, Mr. Tom Cannon, and Mr. Grogan McMahon.

There was a good attendance at the concert tendered to Mr. Percy Denton at the Choral Hall on Monday, when a good programme was gone through, including Mr. Denton's humorous impersonation of the Premier.

Stewart and Sterling, the clever musicians and sketch artists recently showing with Fullers' Entertainers, left for Christchurch yesterday, where, after playing a season, they go on to Dunedin, and may then visit Tasmania. There is no doubt that these two artists are decidedly clever, and there should be a good future ahead for them.

Miss Tittell Brune got a big send-off on Monday evening, there being an immense crowd on the wharf when the Moana cast off. The departing actress was heartily cheered as the Union liner moved away.

Here's an excerpt from the "Reference":—Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, now travelling with Fitzgerald Bros' circus through the East, writes to a friend in Sydney from Java and Singapore, stating that business has been booming, and all are well. "Tom in best of health," is a line that will reassure many friends; he was ill when he left Sydney. The

Mr. Andrew Mack's season in Sydney was highly successful, "Jack Shannon" being the first favourite with audiences in the sister city. The season was extended from seven to ten weeks. In Melbourne "Tom Moore" was most liked by the public. Mr. Mack's next place of visitation is Brisbane.

The Black Family of Musicians have been playing a round of the suburbs, where their clever entertainment has been much appreciated. To-night they visit Newmarket, Howick on Friday, Otahuhu on Monday, Mangere on Tuesday, and Devonport on Wednesday. They are well worth a visit.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Considerable disappointment is felt here owing to the advance agent for the M. B. Curtis American Novelty Company receiving a wire from Wellington on Thursday cancelling the company's Christchurch dates, and leaving it an open question as to when the company would come South. Rumour has it that this show is an unusually good one, and the postponement indefinitely of the Christchurch season is doubtless due to the great success of the season in the windy city. By the way the press complimentary tickets for the company's performances are of quite a novel description. The one forwarded to me as the representative of the "S. and D. Review" by R. B. Young, Esq., runs:—"N.Z. Federation of Butters, 1905-1906. Membership ticket. Not transferable. This certifies that Mr. C. A. Wilkins and lady are entitled to "Butt In" at all performances of the M. B. Curtis Novelty Company. Billy Goat, president; Nanny Goat, secretary." A sketch of a billy goat "rampant" also appears on the card. Accompanying this curiosity in press passes was a very courteous note from the management. The latter certainly understands how to do the right thing in the right way. The fourth "sixpenny Pop" eventuated at Canterbury Hall on Thursday night. The attendance was rather thin, but the awful weather was probably responsible for this. Fuller's capital entertainment continues to do splendid business. Zeno, the juggler is a success, and Fred. H. Graham and Nellie Dent are immense favourites. I understand the management has secured a lot of fresh Australian talent.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt has certainly earned, among her many distinctions, that of champion globe-trotter of the theatrical profession. Like the gentleman with the steam leg in the old-time song, she's "always on the move." She is now touring the English provinces, and between now and the middle of October she will have crossed South America. The end of October will see her back in Paris for a season, then she takes "to the road again," and crosses the Atlantic with the States as her goal. Then London again, a Continental season, and "goodness only knows what else in the future."

A stupendous price was realised for a Shakespearian play at Sotheby's, London, last month, when a copy of the fourth quarto of the Poet's "King Richard III." fetched £1750, thus beating all former records. The treasure, which was purchased by Mr. Albert Jackson, and now goes to America, belonged originally to Admiral Sir William Penn, whose son, the Quaker, and founder of Pennsylvania, omitted to include it in his baggage when he sailed for the New World in 1682. The Admiral wrote his name in five places in the copy, clearly showing the great value which he set upon the dramatic account of Richard's "treacherous Plots against his brother Clarence; the Pitiful murder of his innocent Nephews; his tyrannical Usurpation; with the whole course of his detested life and most deserved death."

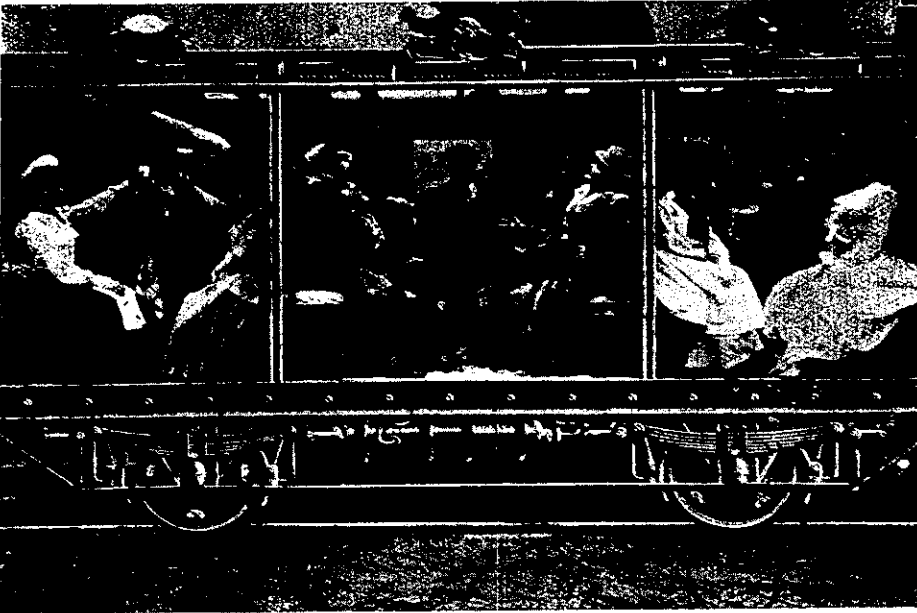
Out of eight performances given by Coquelin the elder at Rio de Janeiro recently, four were of "Cyrano de Bergerac." The actor's first week, it is reported, realised £5360.

Mr. Charles Frohman (according to the "Stage"), has disposed of the American rights of "The Duke of Killcrankie" to Mr. A. L. Shepherd, who will star Miss Rose Coghlan in the part played in America by Miss Fanny Brough.

At Palmerston North the Stanford and Howard Company are producing that very fine dramatisation entitled "A Woman's Sacrifice" on their opening night (says an exchange). This piece ran for six nights in Wellington to big and appreciative audiences. It is an intensely interesting drama, the comedy parts being excellently interwoven in the piece. The company, on their last night, will produce the sensational nautical comedy drama, entitled, "Saved from the Sea," which also ran for six nights in Wellington and is spoken of in complimentary terms by the Wellington papers. This is the first time this combination has toured New Zealand. It includes that popular young Australian actor, Mr. Chas. Stanford, and he is well supported.



The Party about to start on the journey to the Sun.



Some passengers en route for Old Sol.



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Mr. Alfred Dampier's many friends will be pleased to hear that he has sufficiently recovered in health to be able to leave his home. A few nights ago the popular actor-manager was present at the Sydney Palace.

The Australian contralto, Alice Hollander, who went to England some two or three years ago, is now a star turn at the London Tivoli. "The charming Australian vocalist" has a 44 weeks' engagement, and will sing 19 weeks at the Tivoli before going to another hall. Who wouldn't be a singer on the upper-class variety stage? The salary is liberal, and the work is light. Miss Hollander is timed to appear at 9.55 p.m., and the following turn comes on at 10.5. Ten minutes a night—one hour per week. No travelling. No "frequent changes of programme." The same ballads, including the encore, will do duty for a month at least. The life of a first-class concert artist is full of toil and trouble as compared with that of a variety-hall vocalist of Alice Hollander's quality.

"The Cingalee, or Sunny Ceylon," which has made such a great hit in Australia, is called musical play, and in the compounding of the broth many cooks have had a hand. The dialogue is by J. T. Tanner, the music by Lionel Monckton, the lyrics by Adrian Ross and Percy Greenbank, the additional music, lyrics and dialogue by Paul Rubens—a formidable array to start with. It is conceded (says Melbourne "Punch") that the combination has done its work well, and have eliminated all the discomforts which exist in "the real island of real tea-gardens" and making Sunny Ceylon a modern Utopia, an island of love, surrounded by forgetfulness, where everybody exists by and for the sole purpose of taking in one another's girls and jests. There are white girls and brown girls, and—breathe it not in the Trades Hall in White Australia—the coloured girls are quite able to hold their own against their fair-skinned rivals. Though "The Cingalee" is a magnificent Eastern spectacle, it still contains a story. Boobhama, a noble of Kandy, is the possessor of a rainbow-hued harem, and has married Nanoya, the heroine, when that diminutive bride had attained the ma-

ture age of four. Nanoya, however, does not care afterwards to ratify the marriage contract, for she has fallen in love with Harry Vereker, a tea planter.

When the piece opens the girl is missing, and also the great black pearl, which is a sacred symbol. Naturally the magnificent Boobhama endeavours to regain possession of the girl and the pearl; and he appeals to the British High Commissioner, Sir Peter Loftus, to assist him. But it is not so easy to get the pearl, for Chambuddy Ram, the Baboo-lawyer, or "English barman," who has been mixed up with the disappearance of the sacred gem, has presented it to Lady Patricia Verne, who lost it at bridge to Peggy Sabine, who sold it to Harry Vereker, who gave it to Nanoya, who, like a policeman in all countries, is not always to be found when wanted. It is this "hunt-the-slipper" chase of the black pearl which gives great and amusing vitality to the first act of the piece. Just before the act terminates Ram contrives once more to get contraband possession of the priceless pearl, and Boobhama manages to lay his hands upon his slippery and unwilling bride, Nanoya.

In the second act Nanoya is imprisoned in a balconied room in Boobhama's palace by the lake—a rake with real water, and here the indefatigable Ram does pretty much as he likes, a license permitted to him because he is a popular hero in consequence of his having restored the black pearl. In this scene are a number of sentimental episodes balcony scenes a la Romeo and Juliet love scenes in a rickshaw and many amusing and ingenious amuscades. Finally, Vereker, disguised as an astrologer, casts a "Chamber of Horoscopes" which completely upsets Boobhama's matrimonial plans. This nobleman fares very badly as far as recruiting his prismatic harem is concerned. He loses Nanoya, and does not even secure the economic Peggy Sabine, who falls to the lot of the irrepressible Ram. As a spectacle "The Cingalee" is said to be splendid, rich in scenery, dresses and dances. In London its success was regarded as phenomenal, and wherever the piece has been played in Australia the London verdict has been endorsed with an emphatic enthusiasm rivalling that accorded to "Florodora."

Quite unexpectedly Melbourne playgoers had the pleasure last Saturday night of welcoming Miss Rose Musgrove back to the stage after her long and serious illness (writes Mr. George Tallis). It was not anticipated that she could resume work for some time, but the prospects of a long and popular season proved too alluring, and "The Cingalee" benefited accordingly by having a winning Peggy Sabine to add to its vivacity. Naturally enough Miss Rose Musgrove received the heartiest of welcomes, and the applause which greeted her first entrance was expressive of both sympathy and appreciation.

It is a recognised practice in London theatrical circles to close the majority of the theatres while "society" is out of town during the hot months of July and August. But some remain open right through the year, and at the principal among them, it is interesting to note that pieces soon to be seen out here under Mr. J. C. Williamson's management are relied upon as attractions. "Veronique," after more than 500 performances, is still drawing crowded houses, and "My Lady Madcap," which has passed the 250 mark is doing the same. Others that are doing well are "The Spring Chicken," "The Little Michus," and "Leah Kleichna," while "Monsieur Beaucaire" and "The Dictator" were withdrawn only five weeks ago. "The Dictator," however is to be revived by Mr. Willie Collier at the beginning of this month, and after a few more performances of it Augustus Thomas' new farce, "On the Quiet," will be staged. For that also Mr. Williamson owns the Australasian rights.

Miss Margaret Thomas, whose acting and singing in "The Cingalee" has made so very favourable an impression, had no thought, when she came to Australia with the Parkina-Foldes Concert Company, of ever becoming an ornament to musical comedy. Indeed her whole previous life had given no hint that she would ever be fitted for the work she now so winsomely does. Born in a little village, set among the hills of Wales, she spent her early years in an atmosphere of stern Puritanism, of which her chief recollections now are church three times a day and the supplementary Sunday school experiences. She spoke nothing but Welsh until she was ten years old and later, when discriminating critics discovered in her a voice that would well repay tuition, she devoted her ambition to becoming a concert singer only. But that she was fitted for something more is evident from the fact that two mo-

experienced entrepreneurs as Mr. J. C. Williamson and Mr. George Edwardes recognised in her the very qualities wanted for the lyric stage. She refused the request of the latter two years ago to play Veronique, but Mr. Williamson's persuasions proved too strong six months ago, and now curiously enough she is to play the same part in Australia when "The Cingalee" finishes its run, as she had the opportunity of doing in London.

Mr. J. C. Williamson, after giving the whole subject considerable attention, has at length determined on adding "Utopia, Limited," "Princess Ida," "The Sorcerer," and "Trial by Jury" to the repertoire of the Gilbert and Sullivan Company—a decision that will be heartily welcomed by all who have had the pleasure of listening to the remarkably clever performance of that organisation. They will follow the customary plan of playing "The Sorcerer" and "Trial by Jury" as a double bill, and rehearsals for both pieces have already commenced with a view to producing them during the forthcoming tour of Adelaide and West Australia. Of the other two, most interest centres round "Utopia, Limited," the outcome of the later years of the famous collaboration, and in doing it the company will have the advantage of Mr. Frank Wilson's experience. He played in the original production at the Savoy Theatre, London, under Mr. W. S. Gilbert's eye, and he speaks of his own part as one of the best he has been fortunate enough to be cast for, while the whole opera, he says, is brimful of Gilbertian humour and Sullivan melody. After touring Adelaide and the West Mr. Williamson intends, if possible, to send the company to Sydney, but arrangements in that direction have yet to be completed.

Miss Tittell Brune takes a holiday, and a richly-deserved one, at the end of her Brisbane season, which commences on September 11. With a round of exacting characters to impersonate and a succession of comparatively short runs and consequent quick changes of programme during her recent New Zealand tour, she felt the strain a good deal, and is looking forward to a brief spell of quiet. And it will only be a brief one, postponing the opening date of the Sydney season from September 30 to October 14. The blank at Her Majesty's Theatre there will be filled in by the Strand Comedy Company. The new organisation of English artists, headed by Miss Florence Lloyd and Mr. J. J. Dallas, has been engaged by Messrs. Meynell and Gunn for a tour of Australasia, lasting only 20 weeks. They play "The J.P.," a breezy farce, which is produced by arrangement with Mr. J. C. Williamson.

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NAVY CUT "THAT'S ALL"

A brief visit to Kalgoorlie was inaugurated by the Knight-Jeffries Company on Monday, August 26, and on its conclusion they travel back to Melbourne, where they begin a five weeks' season on September 23 with "His Majesty's Servant." Thereafter comes a New Zealand tour, and it will most probably be in that part of the world that the company will disband at the end of the year.

"A Moorish Maid," the much-talked-of comic opera, composed by Mr. Alfred Hill and written by Mr. J. Youn Birch, is to be produced at the Wellington Opera House for one week, commencing September 25 next (says the "New Zealand Mail.") The young collaborators are now both resident in Wellington, and have been able during the past week or two to remove what they considered to be weak points in their work; so that we shall see here a revised edition. Seeing that in its original shape the opera drew £1000 to the box office in Auckland in a week, it should on its forthcoming production prove even more attractive. Mr. Hill has wisely elected to re-engage Madame Lilian Tree (prima donna, Covent Garden Theatre, London) for the principal role. This distinguished artiste nightly created a furore in Auckland, noticeably in the fine second act in which she has vocal work to do that can only be described as grand opera music. As a concession to her gifts the authors have given Madame Tree the solo "Loverland"—one of the daintiest ballads in the opera—to sing in the first act, and have reconstructed a scene in Act II. so as to permit of her sustaining the soprano lead in a beautiful quartette of the madrigal type. Mr. Fred. H. Graham (re engaged by kind permission of Messrs. Fuller and Sons) will not only stage-manage the Wellington production, but will re-assume his grotesque imper-

sonation of the arch-impostor Gastro. Mr. Graham's conception of this role has been classed as quite the funniest and most artistic he has been seen in. He kept the Auckland audiences in roars of laughter. Probably his singing of the humorous song, "Only Myself to Blame," was his most admirably ludicrous effort, though he put a deal of comedy and imitative skill into the musical sketch in the second act. A new comic song has since been added for the clever comedian, in which he is certain to score heavily.

Mr. J. M. Barrie is the author of the following successes:—"The Professor's Love Story," "Walker, London," "The Admirable Crichton," "The Wedding Guest," "The Little Minister," "Quality Street," and "Little Mary."

According to Australian files the Great Thurston will not tour New Zealand. He is supposed to leave Perth for London at the end of his Australian season.

The American actress, Miss Ethel Barrymore, is engaged to Captain Harry Graham. Captain Graham, who is the second son of Sir Henry Graham, and is aged 30, was formerly in the Coldstream Guards. For five years he was on the staff of Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, and is now Lord Rosabury's private secretary. The ex-Guardman has a reputation for versifying, having published several volumes of satirical verse, as well as some in lighter vein.

Jessie MacLachlan, described as "a bonnie lassie a' the way frae Scotland," and possessed of a beautiful voice, will shortly commence a tour of this colony. At Charters Towers recently the local paper reported her welcome there in broad Scotch, giving Jessie's response thuswise:—"It's gran' to be welcomed

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Mr. George Edwardes has been unbosoming himself to a "Daily Mail" representative on the question of large salaries and long runs. As the inventor of the one and the exploiter of the other, Mr. Edwardes' views cannot fail to be of interest, and playgoers will be surprised to learn that the days of both are over. Runs of two years and upwards for good musical plays like, say, "The Geisha," are, he thinks, finished. The long runs are being killed by the increased number of new attractions and other causes. On the subject of inflated salaries, Mr. Edwardes tells us that the principals in his successes have nearly always worked up from small beginnings. When an artist reaches £50 a week with him he considers he has reached his maximum. He considers that if he is worth, or thinks he is worth, £100 a week he ought to become a manager. Of course, an artist is entitled to what he can get, but Mr. Edwardes has not known more than one instance of a big artist who has benefited by leaving him. He has often had the most extraordinary propositions set before him by artists. It

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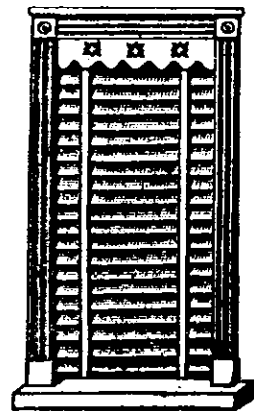
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has been suggested that he should pay from £100 to £200 a week to artists with whom he could not make money when he was paying them £50 a week. He has not the slightest doubt that artists, or rather a few of them, are largely responsible for the changes that are certain to affect their profession. Theatrical speculation, according to Mr. Edwardes, is not what it was, and, as he points out, high salaries, high rents, and the excessive charges made by costumiers, all weigh down the producers and render the task of tiding over the dull months a hazardous, in some cases an impossible, enterprise. With regard to America as a field for theatrical enterprise, Mr. Edwardes declares that it is not the place that has been cracked up to be, and he quotes two recent examples of what money is to be made by such ventures. Two musical plays that were spoken of as two of the greatest successes produced in America were "The Girl from Kay's" and "The School Girl." In the former Mr. Edwardes gave Mr. Charles Frohmann half his interest to manage it in America; he was his partner in the production of the latter in England, and so shared the American rights. Well, "The Girl from Kay's," which ran from October 24, 1903 (except in the summer of 1904), until April 15 last, in America, only made about £4000. "The School Girl," which ran from September last year to April this year, only cleared about £1500—sums that are a long way below the earnings of a principal in musical comedy.



THE BLACK FAMILY OF MUSICIANS, NOW PLAYING IN THE SUBURBS.

James Brown Potter has sailed hastily for England to render financial aid to his former wife, Mrs. Brown-Potter, who is said to have involved herself in difficulties in London (says Melbourne "Table Talk.") Last autumn, after waiting eighteen years for the return of his wife, whose rooms in his villa at Tuxedo were long left untouched for her home-coming, Potter finally married again, leading a Virginian beauty, Miss May Handy, to the altar, but this has not effaced in his mind the sentiment of kindly sympathy for Cora Potter, who still bears his name. Of this name he is inordinately proud, and his distress at the idea of its being implicated in a financial scandal such as that by which Cora has been overtaken may also have something to do with his determination to go to her assistance.

Ernest Davidson, an American tight-rope walker, while giving a performance at a free fete at Hastings, fell from his rope and was killed instantly. Davidson was billed "The New Blondin, the American champion of the tight-rope." He had appeared at the Crystal Palace with great success, and was invited to Hastings to perform in the central cricket grounds. A wire rope nearly a hundred yards long was stretched across the ground at the height of about 60ft. The performer was loudly cheered by hundreds of holiday-makers as he walked deftly forwards and backwards on the swaying rope, balancing himself with a 15ft pole. He then lay on his side and waved his legs in the air. Suddenly he lost his balance, and grasped wildly at

the rope. He failed to catch it, and fell on his face in the middle of the cricket pitch. A panic almost occurred.

Karl Hagenbeck, the famous animal dealer, of Hamburg, is showing two gigantic cross-bred lion-tigers in the Somali Animal Camp at the Crystal Palace. It is proposed eventually to turn loose the harmless animals and to establish a cageless zoo at the Palace.

Matters theatrical were very quiet in London when the last mail left. On the subject the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette" says that the dog days be upon us, when in the West End of London only the greatly fortunate managers and idiots would dream of keeping their theatres open. Only some eight playhouses, all but three devoted to musical pieces, now brave the holiday slump, but already preparations are being advanced for the autumn campaign. Despite the widespread depression which has distinguished the theatrical season just closed as the most disastrous known in the last quarter of a century, the tendency toward an early re-start is not checked.

On August 2 Mr. Mouillot will give the first performance of "What the Butler Saw" at Wyndham's with a strong cast, and Miss Ethel Irving will sustain the principal character in a farcical comedy in three acts, by Sidney Bowkett, called "Lucky Miss Deene," with which the Criterion Theatre will be re-opened,

under Mr. Frank Curzon's management, on August 3. The cast will also include Miss Kate Bishop, Mr. Holman Clarke, Mr. Arthur Kightley, and Mr. George Elton. In addition to "Lucky Miss Deene" there will be presented the one-act comedy called "Time is Money." For this the management has secured the services of Mr. Charles Hawtrey, who will appear as Charles Grahame, a part in which he has been very successful in America. He will be supported by Miss Dorothy Hammond and Miss Mona Harrison. Both pieces are of the lightest and liveliest description, and it is hoped that success will attend their production.

A little later in the month Mr. Weedon Grossmith will commence his season at the Comedy with his new play, "The Duffer," which deals with art life in London; and on the last Saturday in August Mr. Tom B. Davis will present at the Lyric Theatre Messrs. Harold Ellis, Percy Greenback, Howard Talbot, and Paul Reubens' musical play, "The Blue Moon," the rehearsals of which have already commenced. An important point in its favour is the strength of the cast, which, as already announced, will include Mr. Willie Edouin, Mr. Walter Passmore, and Mr. Courtice Pounds. Miss Ida Rene, it is now announced, will not in this piece make her long-promised appearance in musical comedy, but other members of the company will be Mr. Harold Thorley, Mr. Fred Allandale, Mr. Scott Craven, Miss Carrie Moore, Miss

Billie Burke, and Miss Rosie Begarnie. The action of the piece takes place in Upper Burma.

September will, of course, be a busy one in theatrical circles, and managers are already booking their dates, and, in order to prevent a clashing of premieres, announcing them betimes. Mr. Beer-bohm Tree has selected Tuesday, September 5, for the re-opening of His Majesty's Theatre with Mr. Comyns Carr's dramatisation of "Oliver Twist," and on the following night Mr. Frederick Harrison will inaugurate his sole management of the Haymarket Theatre with Mr. McLellan's comedy "On the Love Path." Later in the month Mr. E. S. Willard may open the Shaftesbury Theatre with a new piece by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, and Mr. Forbes Robertson will positively commence his season at the pretty Scala Theatre in a new piece, in which he will appear, supported by his gifted wife, Miss Gertrude Elliott. September has also been chosen for the production at the Apollo Theatre of "The Gay Lord Vergy," an English version of Mr. Chas. Brookfield of "Le Sire de Vergy," a comedy with music which has proved successful in Paris, will be the successor to "Veronique," the charming opera, which celebrated its 425th performance on Saturday. Mr. E. Asherberg, who will be responsible for the new production, has engaged the famous french actress, Mdlle. Lavalliere, for the leading female part.

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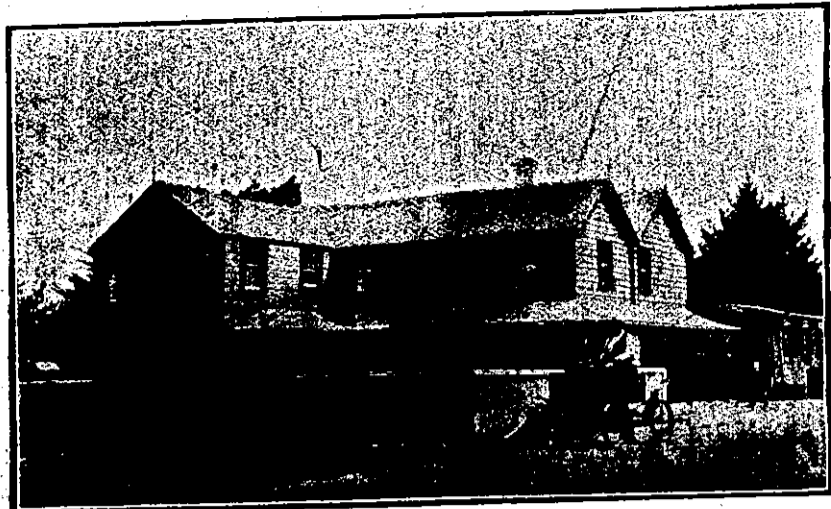
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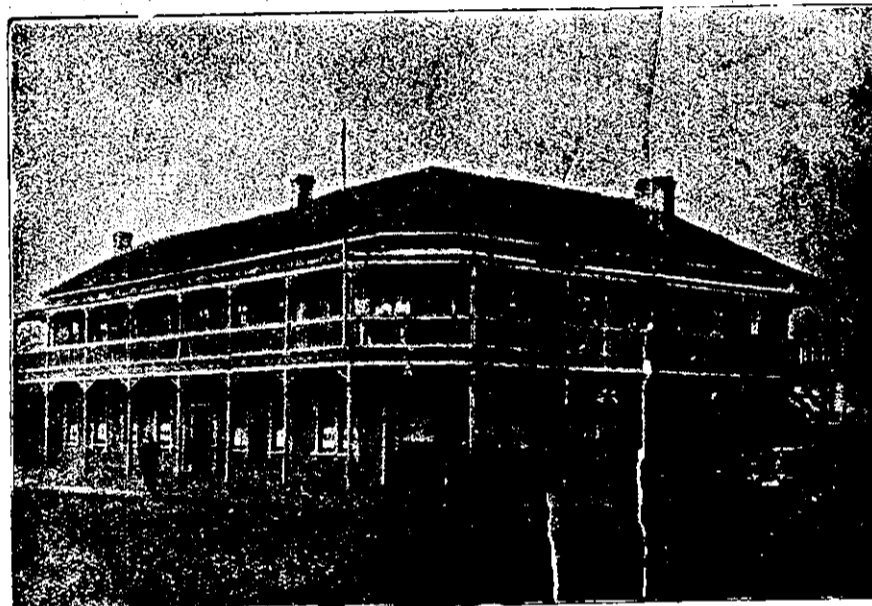
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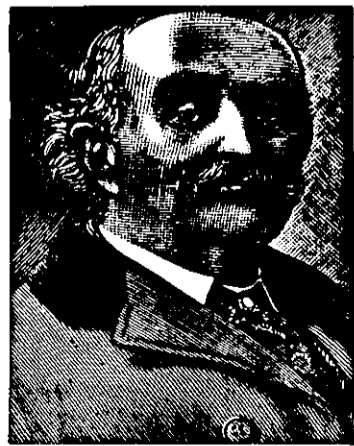
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THE LICENSEE VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

ANOTHER FIASCO.

A FEW weeks ago some members of the Auckland Temperance League, suffering from an extra bad attack of mad-dogism, spread themselves out in a wild endeavour to fabricate a few more lies about the drink traffic. The result was an elaborately compiled table of drunkenness and debauchery that must have surpassed their most sanguine expectations. On the evening set apart for their investigations, which consisted of crawling round the different public-house doors in the city, they counted some thousand or so persons, including several children, leaving the hotels in a more or less dissolute condition. Well might the hair of these virtuous crawlers bristle apprehensively at the picture that their distorted imaginations conjured up. Their alarming report was drawn up in haste and hurriedly posted off to Parliament, where, alas for their hopes, there are apparently some doubters, no less a person than the Minister for Justice quoting facts and figures of such a conclusive nature as to knock the Temperance party endways. According to the Minister for Justice, the total number of persons arrested for drunkenness on the day in question consisted of seven males and two females, an alarming total of nine. The ages of these misguided individuals ranged from 23 to 52 years, proving that the wild tales about youthful depravity are without the slightest foundation. Also the Minister concludes that, from general observation, it is believed that drunkenness amongst the young men of New Zealand is decreasing. Rather a nasty shock, this, for all branches of the champion prevaricating society of temperance fame. The awful effects of drunkenness among the youth of this country has been one of the pet howls of the tea and water party, who will now have to hunt for fresh agony.

Our attention was drawn recently to a large gathering of school children and infants, who completely blocked a portion of the roadway near Albert Park. Small squads of boys were marching in military array, bugles were blowing, and traffic for the nonce was being seriously impeded. Several park loafers and dead beats were leaning up against the available trees and fences in the immediate vicinity moralising over the display, which turned out to be a procession on the way to Father Hays' meeting to sign the pledge. Think of it! Little children barely out of the nursery asked to sign a pledge supposed to keep them from touching alcoholic liquors. Surely no folly was ever carried to such lengths before. Why should these children be asked to sign a pledge the meaning of which is Greek to them! In the ordinary course of events no child would be allowed to drink at any bar in the country, any person of ordinary intelligence knows that, and is a form of this sort going to deter them from touching any liquor whatsoever for the rest of their lives? The contention is absurd, and one marvels how any self-respecting parents could allow their children to participate in such a proceeding. So the weary, idiotic farce goes on to the end of the chapter.

The recently disused Railway Hotel, one of the most ancient structures in Main-street West, Palmerston North, is to be razed to the ground and a large brick building erected in its place. The new building will be two-storeyed, the first floor comprising about twenty bedrooms for the present hotel, while the ground floor will be divided into four commodious shops.

At a meeting of the Waitemata Licensing Committee last Friday, the license of the Masonic Hotel, Devonport, was transferred from Mr. A. J. Grattan to Mr. Jasper Montgomery.

A meeting of the members of the Licensing Committee, at which were present Messrs. Stanford, S.M. (chairman), W. G. Bassett, J. H. Burnet, N. Meuli, and J. C. Richardson, was held at the Courthouse, Wanganui, last week, to consider an application by the secretary

of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club for permission, under section 128 of the Licensing Act, 1881, to hire and use the dining-room of the Rutland Hotel until 12 o'clock midnight on August 24. The application was opposed by the police, on the grounds that under the 155th section of the Act of 1881 and section 42 of the amending Act of 1904, persons not servants, inmates, lodgers, or travellers, etc., found on the premises after 10 p.m. would be committing a breach of the law by being there. Mr. Marshall appeared for applicant in support of the application, and contended that so long as no liquor was supplied by the licensee after 10 p.m. that no offence would be committed. The committee, after considering the matter at some length, finally granted the application.

The "retort artistic." A Melbourne brewing firm recently invited poster artists to submit designs in competition, offering three money prizes, and stipulating that the work of all unsuccessful competitors should remain the property of the brewing firm. A conference of the poster artists of Melbourne was held, and it was decided to insert an advertisement calling for competitive barrels of beer for which poster designs of various values were offered as prizes—all the beer submitted, with the barrels containing it, to remain the property of the artists.

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Mrs. Roberts, of the Foresters' Arms Hotel, who was, in her younger days, one of Dunedin's best lady skaters, says the "Wairarapa Standard," has donated three special prizes for the skating carnival, which is to be held on Thursday evening next.

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It is stated that a man who informed the hotelkeeper with whom he stayed in Taihape that he carried his own fire escape, exhibiting at the same time a coil of rope, was angry when Boniface remarked that he would like his bill paid in advance.

The licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Whangarei, was a loser to the extent of £25 by a recent fire which consumed the stables and feed-room. The balance of loss was covered by insurance.

THE AUCKLAND HOTEL CENSUS.

The Minister for Justice made the following reply last week to Mr. Lawry's question on the subject of the Auckland hotel census, which was carried out by the temperance party recently:—Seven males and two females were arrested for drunkenness in Auckland on the Saturday mentioned. The ages of the males were 26, 27, 32, 34, 35, 50, 52, and of the females 23 and 30 years. No arrests for drunkenness were effected in the city or suburbs of Auckland on the following Sunday, and from general observation it is believed that drunkenness amongst the young men of New Zealand is decreasing.

The second part of Mr. Lawry's question was as follows:—"Whether the Minister will take steps to ascertain the names and status of the persons who acted as enumerators for the Auckland Prohibition and Temperance League on the night in question, upon whose reports Mr. Spragg bases his allegations, and what reliance may be placed upon the information gathered in the way indicated in Mr. Spragg's letter to the Premier, dated July 29, 1905." The Ministerial answer to this was as follows:—"It is not within the province of the Minister or the Police Department to make inquiries such as those suggested by the honourable gentleman, and it will be obvious to him that I am unable to express any opinion as to the reliability of the information obtained in the manner indicated in the letter referred to."

AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

("Australian Brewers' Journal," August, 1905).

The small-brained Prohibition Party, with a large mixture of covered insinuation and gratuitous assumption, waited upon the Railway Commissioners to intrude their impudent demands against trade advertising in tram and railway cars. We seldom see drunken men amongst the tram-travelling public—about one in five thousand—and the tram guards are the most sober of men. One would think that if a tram traveller even looked at a whisky card advertisement he was sure to get drunk. The deputationists had more force of audacity than public wisdom and consideration, and we are glad that the Commissioners had plenty of courage and backbone to refuse their aim and object. Like all temperance humbugs, the deputationists took defeat with a bad grace, when Mr. Fegan, M.L.A., remarked in irony, "And we will differ in another way; make no mistake about it." The sooner that Mr. Fegan apologises to the Commissioners for doing their duty the better for him and prohibition.

The fortnightly meeting of the general committee of the United Licensed Victuallers' Association was held last week, the president (Mr. J. B. Sutton, J.P.) in the chair. The general secretary (Mr. John Ashton) mentioned that the petitions in favour of money compensation were coming in in large numbers from both town and country. He thought it satisfactory to mention that amongst the signatures appeared the names of well-known clergymen, barristers, and, in fact, ladies and gentlemen in all denominations in life, and the liquor trade could make the pardonable boast that the signatures were all voluntary. Reference was also made to the ill-effect of prohibition in New Zealand (Ashburton), as recently published in the Sydney press, and the consequent rampant sly grog-selling. It was decided to telegraph to the Attorney-General and Premier of Tasmania stating that the association appreciated the fair-mindedness of these two Ministers in refusing to support a Bill that did not provide for compensation. Reference was made to the recent deputation to the Railway Commissioners to discontinue the liquor advertisements in trams, and Mr. Sutton asked whether the

committee thought the Commissioners would receive a deputation from the liquor traders to discontinue tea and mineral water advertisements, believing that the immoderate use of these constituted an abuse, and was, in consequence, a serious menace to health.

The purchase of the Lyceum Theatre, in Sydney, by the Hon. Mr. Vickery, M.L.C., and a wealthy leather merchant, also meant the closing up of the hotel, which was part of the property, upon what may be termed semi-religious grounds. However, Mr. Vickery is just and honest, as well as being philanthropic, as he promptly compensated the lessee (Mr. James Mason) by paying him a fair sum for his loss of trade, current interest, and loss of license. The shutting up of the hotel may prove joyful to the unprincipled temperance and prohibitive societies knocking about, but it is a blow to those who, in the most vandalic way, seek to close all hotels, with all their trade and vested rights, without any money compensation whatever. The license of Mr. Mason was cancelled by the Court upon his own application, as he was practically evicted upon the policy of prohibition with compensation. But this is no argument in favour of total prohibition upon any consideration, as the public must have hotels to go to, and no citizen should be compelled to give up a well-conducted hotel unless upon his own free will. "It is British, you know."

A meeting was held in the Athenæum Hall, Melbourne, on the evening of August 8, under the auspices of the Liquor Trades Defence Union, at which Mr. R. H. Lemon addressed a large gathering on the position of the trade, and replied to recent statements by Messrs. Vale and Judkins.

Mr. Lemon, who was well received, said all Australians who were loyal and loved their country would join with him in protesting against the columny of Mr. Judkins, who came across from New Zealand and called this a besotted race. He (Mr. Lemon) would like to force that lie down the author's throat. (Applause.) Mr. Judkins, like other teetotal advocates, glibly quoted facts and figures which could not be substantiated. Mr. Judkins, at his meeting a week ago, gave some figures relating to the effects of drink in the United States, and said that, in addition to some 5000 little babies being smothered by drunken mothers, there were "30,000 fallen women through drink," and thousands of suicides and orphaned children and martyred mothers. Did Mr. Judkins or anyone else think they were statements of facts? (Cries of "Yes" and "No.") No; and the man who said so knew he was not telling the truth. (Cheers.) He had visited the American Consul that day to verify those figures, and, although he had searched most carefully, he could see nothing in the last census report, or any other report—and there were a lot in the office—to prove they were right. On the other hand—and it was the irony of circumstances—he found that the prohibition State of Maine was responsible for the largest proportion of suicides in the whole of the United States. The man who misquoted or dealt incorrectly with figures was making a great mistake. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Vale at his last meeting had referred to the drink bills of Canada and Australia, and had given figures which had been disproved in a letter to the "Argus." Those correcting figures showed that, instead of 2½ millions, the Canadian drink bill was £11,127,000. He (the speaker) had asked who Mr. Vale's authority was, and had been told that it was the National Temperance League's Annual. (Laughter.) Then a Mr. Hunt had entered the lists. Mr. Judkins had said the increase in the consumption of liquor and the increase in the number of arrests for drunkenness since the introduction of prohibition into New Zealand were due to the increased prosperity of the colony. That was not the reason; it was that men were drinking in conditions which made for drunkenness. (Applause.) The prohibition system was rotten from beginning to end, and New Zealand was only repeating the history of those countries which had adopted pro-

hibition. President Roosevelt had said the worst thing that could befall a country was to make laws that were not obeyed. They had been told that drink was responsible for poverty, but he believed that awful, gnawing poverty was responsible for a lot of drunkenness. (Hear, hear.) It was not Mr. Judkins or his party who felt the position, but the man with his money invested in the trade. If they said, "We will find the compensation, because we do not want you to be the losers; we only want to see the trade done away with," they would be talking sense." (Cheers.) Dealing with the proposed Bill, and the abolition of licenses under it, he would ask what was going to become of the man who had invested his money in breweries, or who had lain down acres and acres of vineyards, which would be of no use for anything else than the production of wine? Was that justice?

A Voice: No, it's robbery.

Mr. Lemon said the trade had made a fair proposal by offering to find the compensation money. (Applause, and a voice, "No.") They did not want fanatics coming in and trying to force themselves and their opinions on the trade and on the community. He contended that such a movement should be stamped out, because it threatened personal liberty. (Cheers.) The man with an idea which might be a fad, and who wanted to cram it down the throats of the people, was inimical to the best interests of the people. If an individual wanted a drink he had as much right to have it as to be allowed to choose his own religion and the clothes he should wear. (Applause.)

Cheers for Mr. Lemon brought the meeting to a termination.

HOME NOTES.

("L.V. Gazette," July 28.)

This is not the season for Trade dinners, but the licensed victuallers of Tadcaster and district turned up in large numbers at the annual festival of the Tadcaster Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mr. Sam Whitham, of Leeds, presided, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. F. Thirkhill, of Tadcaster. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, congratulated the members on the sound financial position of the society and upon the good work it had done during the past year. Mr. T. Parker, a

member of the committee, in replying, referred to the increase in membership, and said they had done in one night what had taken Leeds and other associations years to accomplish, and that was to abolish the "long pull," which was working satisfactorily. The urgency of affiliation with the National organisation was emphasised by Mr. G. Wood, of Leeds; the club question was touched upon by Mr. A. D. Penny, who pointed out that Leeds had 100 clubs and Bradford had 49,000 members of clubs—all in unfair competition with the licensed victuallers who had to contribute £4,000,000 a year to the taxes of the country, and the depressed condition of the Trade in the town was referred to by the vice-chairman, who confessed that he could see little prospect of improvement. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Trade in Scotland has been looking forward with considerable interest to the decision of the Court of Session in what is known as "the Pollockshaws appeal case," and now that judgment has been delivered, there is a great outcry about the injustice of the whole business. The organ of the Trade in Scotland asserts that the situation so far as license-holders are concerned is much more severe and intolerable than it is in England, even after the Sharpe v. Wakefield decision, which asserted the necessity of the discretion of licensing authorities being qualified by specific statutory considerations and not wantonly exercised.

The facts of the case may be briefly stated. Five years ago the husband of Mrs. Agnes Boyle purchased a licensed business in Pollockshaws, paying for the goodwill and fittings £1050. During his lifetime no complaint was made against the management of the house, nor was any objection taken to the renewal of the license or the sanitary condition of the premises. When Mrs. Boyle, how-

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ever, on the death of her husband, applied for a renewal of the license in 1904, formal objection was made by the police and the license was refused on the ground that the premises were insanitary, and that the license was not required. Yet the premises were in the same condition, as far as sanitary arrangements, as they had been for many years without any objection being taken thereto.

It was maintained on behalf of the licensee that the refusal to renew was unwarranted since the magistrates had no right to hear the police inspector, who was not entitled to object without notice under the terms of the Licensing Act, 1903, and that in any case the licensee should have been given an opportunity of altering the premises to meet the requirements of the magistrates. On the other hand, the magistrates contended that their action was lawful and regular. The whole matter has now been considered by seven judges in the Court of Session, who have upheld the decision of the magistrates, and the license will have to go at once unless a further appeal is promptly decided upon. If the licensing magistrates intend to refuse the renewal of licenses simply on the score of redundancy, then undoubtedly the Trade in Scotland will demand a Compensation Act similar to that passed for England last year.

The Government of New Zealand has decided to hold, during the summer of 1906-7, an International Exhibition at Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, and the representative for the United Kingdom and Continent of Europe has forwarded to the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette" a copy of the official prospectus, presumably with the object of enlisting the support of the Trade. Whether the brewers and distillers of the United Kingdom will find it advantageous to exhibit in a colony that is notorious for its legislation "against the drink traffic," and especially in view of the prohibition agitation which is now being carried on, is open to question. That the trade is falling off is shown by the fact that during the past six months only 200,836 gallons of British and Irish spirits, valued at £80,313, were exported to the colony, against £220,564 gallons, of the value of £89,036, in the corresponding period of last year, while the shipments of beer and ale were a paltry 2647 barrels, valued at £13,108. Should any of the big

whisky merchants desire to be represented it may be mentioned that the ordinary charge for space is from 2s per square foot, the minimum charge being £1 1s—25 per cent. being payable on application. Some of the mineral water manufacturers might do well to put in an appearance.

COOKERY FOR LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

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

SOME COOKERY OPERATIONS.

I propose in this chapter to deal with some of the preparatory operations of cookery, such as boning, larding, marinating, etc., which are frequently imperfectly performed because not fully understood.

BONING.—Bonning is an art well worth acquiring, although it needs patience, practice, and a fair amount of dexterity. It is certainly an economical operation, as the bones taken from joints and poultry before cooking make excellent nourishing soups, whereas if they are distributed with the portions of meat by the carver they are of no value whatever. Moreover, a boned joint or fowl is easy to carve, and is altogether a higher-class dish than one which is not boned.

As an example of a joint suitable for boning we may take a loin of mutton. Lay it on a clean board, and with a sharp, clean ridge knife detach the bones that go across at the thick end. Work the knife carefully into the irregularities of the bone, in order to avoid waste and disfigurement. Keep the edge of the knife always in contact with the bone. When the meat is free at the top, follow the course of the long bones, cutting carefully between each, and freeing them from the meat at both sides. Turn the meat over and work it free on that side also. The whole of the bone will then slip out. Should any pieces of meat come off with the bones they may be used afterwards in the composition of forcemeat or mincemeat, or they may simply be rolled up with the joint. Break the bones into small pieces, and put them, together with the gristle, into the stockpot. Cut off all superfluous fat and melt it down for dripping. Ribs of beef are boned in the same way.

To bone a fowl or turkey is a rather more difficult operation. Pluck, but do not draw, the bird. Cut off the neck, leaving a good bit of skin. Gradually

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work the skin from the bone till the merry-thought is reached. Detach this bone very carefully from the wing at the bottom of the bone, and then at the top from the breastbone. Keep the knife in contact with the bone, cutting away all the meat, and work up the breast on each side. It is best for a beginner to leave the piece of gristle along the top of the breast until afterwards, for the skin is very thin at that part, and should the knife run through it the bird would be spoiled. When the breastbone is quite free from the flesh, the merry-thought can be easily broken away. Work round the ribs and back gradually and carefully till they also are free. Separate the breast with the gristle completely from the bone. The carcass of the bird being now completely separated, roll the skin and flesh of the neck backwards. Work very patiently and gently with the knife round and round. When at the junction of the legs and back cut through the joint, and proceed until the whole of the bird can be turned inside out, leaving the carcass free. At this stage take out the entrails, but be careful to avoid breaking the gall-bag. Remove the liver and gizzard, and clean the bird thoroughly. Work a thin, firm knife round the thigh bone, and cut through the joint half-way done the leg bone. Saw off the remainder of the drumstick, detach the thigh bones from the trunk of the bird, and work the flesh over and off the leg-bone from the bottom, turning it inside out. Cut off the first and second wing bones, and remove the bone from the thick part in the same manner as for the legs. Now cut off the gristle left along the breast, and carefully turn the bird back to its original shape.

A simpler method is to cut off the neck, legs, and wing, slit the skin down the middle of the back from end to end, and work a thin, firm knife round and round the carcass until it can be easily removed. Then lay the bird flat on a board, the opened part uppermost, and when the legs and wings have been boned place them in it with whatever filling is to be used. Roll it, sew it up, and after placing it in a clean cloth, bind it in position with broad tape. Remove all stitches before serving. This method gives less trouble, but the former one preserves the shape of the bird intact.

LARDING.—Larding is an extremely simple operation, the object of which is to give succulence to meat which would otherwise be rather dry and tasteless. It is a great improvement to all lean, dry meats, and should be neatly done in order to look well. Cut a slice of bacon fat, about one-eighth of an inch thick, into strips about two inches long and one-third of an inch wide. They should be very exact in size, and the ends should be trimmed evenly. Put each strip of bacon—called a lardoon—into a larding-needle by pushing it about one inch down the split head of the needle, leaving one inch free. Hold the head of the needle firmly together with the finger and thumb, and take a shallow stitch just under the surface of the meat, leaving about half an inch of the lardoon on each side. Repeat the process with other lardoons, as evenly as possible and at equal distances, until the meat is covered with rows of strips of bacon fat. Generally speaking, the breasts only of chickens, pheasants, turkeys, and partridges are larded, and the backs and thighs of hares. When the flesh is soft, as in the case of poultry, the part to be larded should be dipped for a moment into boiling water, which will give firmness to it.

MARINADING.—Marinading is a useful process for softening the fibres of hard or inferior meat and making it tender. A marinade may be described as a sort of flavoured pickle, consisting usually of oil, vinegar, pepper, and salt, to which onions, bay-leaves, and other seasonings are sometimes added. Generally the liquor and seasoning are boiled together, and allowed to go cold before being used. The marinade can then be employed again and again, if it be boiled occasionally. The following is a good recipe for marinade:—Fry two onions, two carrots, two bay-leaves, three shallots, a bunch of parsley, a sprig of thyme, and a clove of garlic in three ounces of butter. Pour on this one quart of vinegar, and boil for three minutes. Add pepper and salt, and store for use. The meat, fish, or poultry to be marinated should be soaked in this pickle for at least three hours before being cooked.

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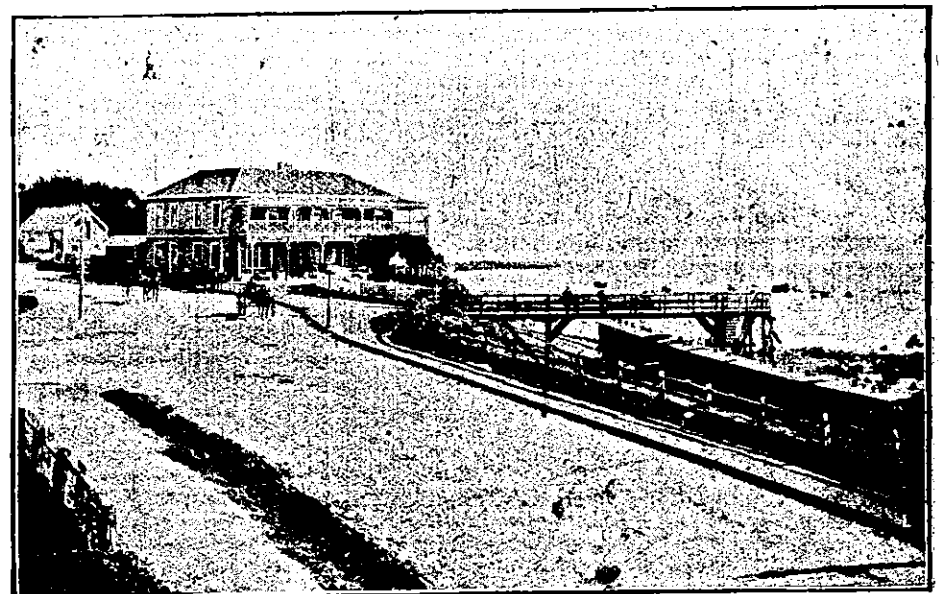
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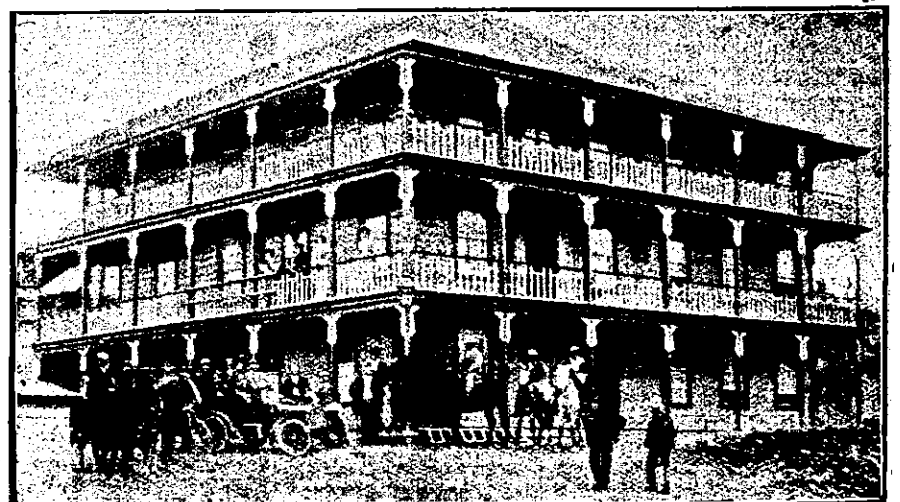
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PARS ON POLITICS.

The organising secretary of the Liberal and Labour Federation (Mr. G. F. Gray), who is at present in Auckland, has been advised by the General Executive at Wellington that they have decided to support the following as the recognised candidates of the Liberal party for the Auckland province at the coming elections:—Bay of Islands, Mr. R. M. Houston; Kaipara, Mr. J. Stallworthy; Marsden, Mr. R. Thompson; Grey Lynn, Mr. George Fowlds; Waitemata, Mr. Cecil Clinkard; Parnell, Mr. F. Lawry; Franklin, Mr. W. W. McCardle; Thames, the Hon. J. McGowan; Manukau, Mr. R. D. Stewart; Ohinemuri, Mr. H. Poland; Waikato, Mr. H. J. Greenslade; Bay of Plenty, Mr. J. Foster; Auckland East, Mr. F. E. Baume; Auckland West, there is to be no selection here; Eden, no candidate yet in the field; Mr. Gray states that the candidate for Auckland Central will shortly be announced, while as regards Auckland West, a neutral attitude will be taken. As yet no candidate has been selected for Eden.

At a meeting of the presidents, secretaries, and other members of the Auckland, Whangarei, Parnell, Onehunga, Devonport, Northcote, and Birkenhead branches of the Liberal and Labour Federation, held in Mr. George Higgins' rooms on Friday evening last, it was decided to form an advisory board, consisting of the presidents and secretaries of the branches of the Federation throughout the provincial district of Auckland. This was done for the purpose of promoting and assisting the Liberal cause. Mr. Wm. Johns, of Parnell, was elected chairman.

The following have been appointed registrars of electors in the city and suburban electorates for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections:—Auckland Central, Mr. E. H. Montgomery; Auckland East, Mr. Lyons; Auckland West, Mr. Ralfe (clerk of the Magistrate's Court); Grey Lynn, Mr. R. H. Irwin; Waitemata, Mr. J. B. Webster; Eden, Mr. J. D. Culpan; Parnell, Mr. H. B. Massey. A conference was held on Friday after-

noon with Mr. Mansfield, who explained the new system of balloting. A house-to-house canvass of the city electorate is to be made.

Mr. Gray has received a telegram from the Premier intimating that Mr. Cecil Clinkard, who was recently selected as the result of the poll of the various branches of the Waitemata electorate as the Federation's candidate to oppose Mr. E. W. Alison, M.H.R., has been definitely accepted as the Government candidate for the Waitemata seat.

Mr. Moss, in the course of his remarks on the land question last week, said that the Land Commission had dodged his district as if they were afraid of catching the plague. He denied the statement, which he said had been so often made, to the effect that he had stood in the way of the Paeroa leaseholders obtaining the freehold. First of all, he said, they were told that the Commission could not find time to go to Paeroa, but eventually they were told that the Commission would go to Te Aroha, and two or three witnesses from Paeroa went there to give evidence. The Commission, in its report, stated that it was "of opinion that the case was worthy of inquiry!" He had questioned the Government on the subject five times last session, and on each occasion had been told that the matter was under consideration, but nothing had been done. The people of Paeroa had to exist on the "humbug of hope." He had repeatedly asked the Government to lay on the table the papers relating to the purchase of the land, but they had not done so. Mr. Moss also referred to the inaction of the Government in regard to the failure to enforce the Act passed in 1903, providing for the distribution of the gold duty, notwithstanding the promise made by the Premier that he would see the Minister for Mines in regard to the holding of an inquiry. The Te Aroha titles, he said, were also in a miserable condition, but as no one could tell what the Government policy was, no one could tell what was the best thing to be done.

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A petition was presented recently from Messrs. Pullan, Armitage and Co. and a large number of other residents of Auckland setting forth that the license fees for vehicles enforced by the local bodies and other authorities in the immediate vicinity of Auckland are inequitable. The petitioners ask that an inquiry be made into the matter with a view of passing an Act codifying the various powers now possessed by county and borough councils and road boards, placing the license fees on an equitable basis, and making one payment extend over a distance of at least ten miles.

"When are you going to resign?" was a question bearing on the voucher incident which was asked of Mr. Fisher in the course of his remarks at the meeting held by the New Liberals at Petone last Friday night. Mr. Fisher's reply was as follows:—"There is as much a prospect of my resigning as there is of the sun not coming up in the morning." (Cheers.) The Voice: "Stick to your word and resign." Mr. Fisher: "The people of this colony have been under the impression that there was only one man in the country who could fight, but we are going to let you know there are half-a-dozen. We are not going to let things slide." (Interjectors, "Let you slide," "Go and resign," and boo-hoing.) "There has been a fair amount of interjection about the voucher. I did not come here to discuss the voucher tonight, but to discuss politics. No public man in the House with the evidence in his possession that I had could have failed to take up the attitude that I took up. (Cheers.) Under the same circum-

stances I would do exactly the same again." (Renewed cheering, and a voice, "And get beat every time.")

Mr. Massey recently presented a petition from a large number of residents of Ngaruawahia and surrounding districts asking for the construction of a traffic bridge over the Waikato River at Ngaruawahia. It is stated that the frequency of the passage of trains over the railway bridge renders the construction of a traffic bridge desirable.

The Tasmanian Budget contains the remark, "Economise as we may, we shall be debarred from attaining a more satisfactory financial position through the un-Federal spirit which has been displayed, and the incapacity for work shown by the majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament. The remedy rests with the States themselves, who should choose representatives who study their interests." The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Nicholls) has tabled a motion to the effect that the reflections on the capacity of Federal members in the Budget Statement are improper, and should be withdrawn.

Mr. Coleman Phillips, a political candidate, at Carterton: "If the clergy would interfere in politics then they must expect to be roughly handled, and they would be sorry they ever left their pulpits."

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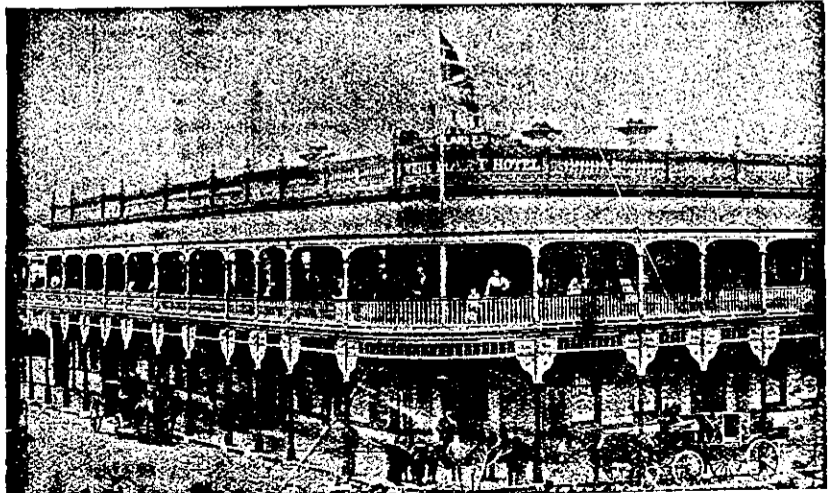
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The Public Works Amendment Bill (Mr. Feldwick) was recommitted in the Legislative Council last Tuesday, and the following new clause inserted on the voices:—On the petition of the majority of the owners owning not less than two-thirds of the frontage of any unformed road of not less than 66ft in width, which had for five years or upwards prior to the year 1900 been used as a public road, the local authority may form the same and apportion the cost thereof amongst the whole of the owners in proportion to the frontage held by them respectively, and may recover the amount apportioned as if the same were a rate. The Bill was reported as amended.

The Auckland Cemetery Bridge and City Borrowing Bill, the Auckland Hospital Accounts Amendment Bill, and the Paeroa Domain Loan Validating Bill, passed through the Local Bills Committee last week. In the Hospital Bill the measure, as reported by the committee, contains the substitution of 63 for 21 years, as the maximum period for which the reserves may be leased. The Auckland Waterworks Loan Sinking Fund and Borrowing Act Amendment Bill, and the Auckland Harbour Board and Devonport Empowering Bill, have passed through the Local Bills Committee of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Harding is asking whether the Government will this session bring down a Bill to clearly define the position of the local body carrying out the elections under the Licensing Act. He points out that the Hobson County paid all the expenses at the last election. They apportioned the expense amongst the local bodies interested. The Waitemata County resisted the claim. The stipendiary magistrate decided in favour of the Hobson County, but the Waitemata County Council appealed to the Supreme Court, and that Court reversed the decision of the stipendiary magistrate. The Hobson County have therefore now no means of collecting the amounts owed them by the various local bodies.

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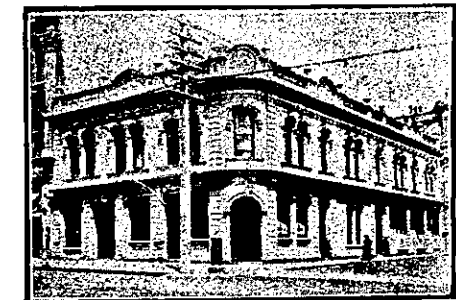
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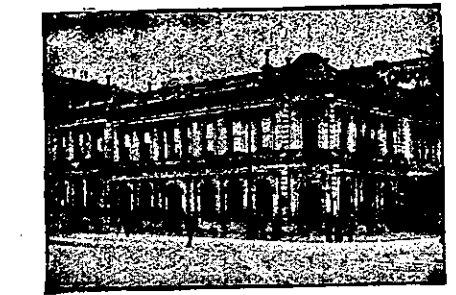
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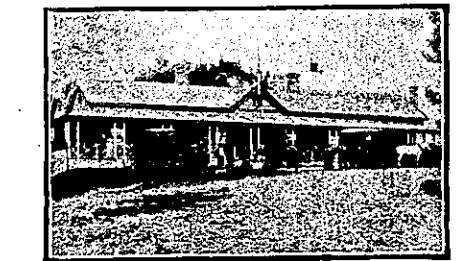
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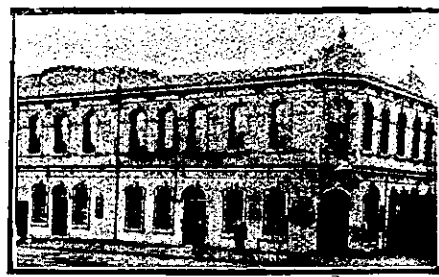
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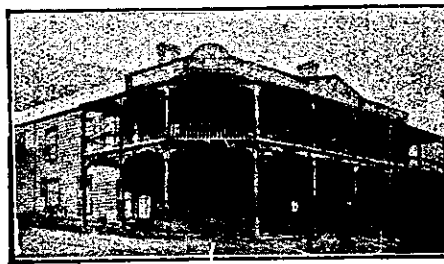
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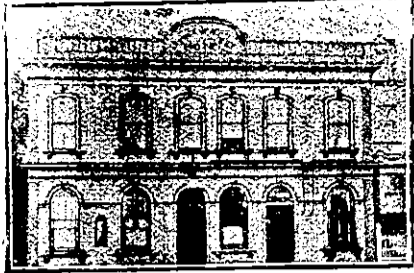
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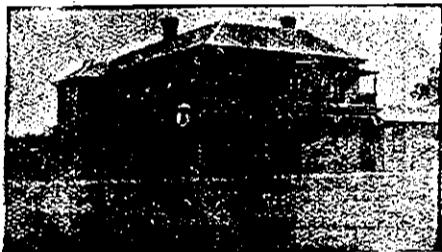
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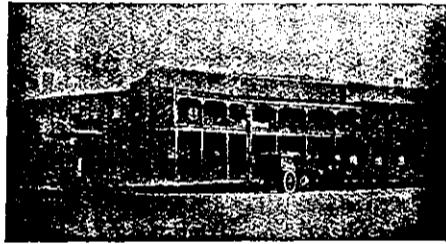
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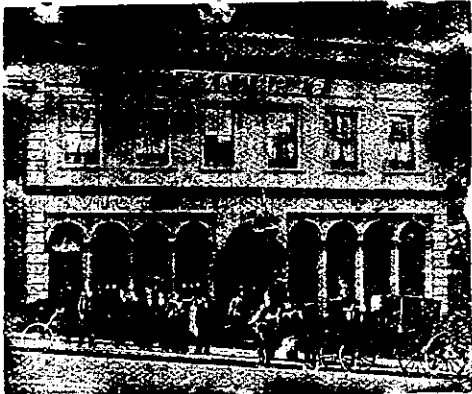
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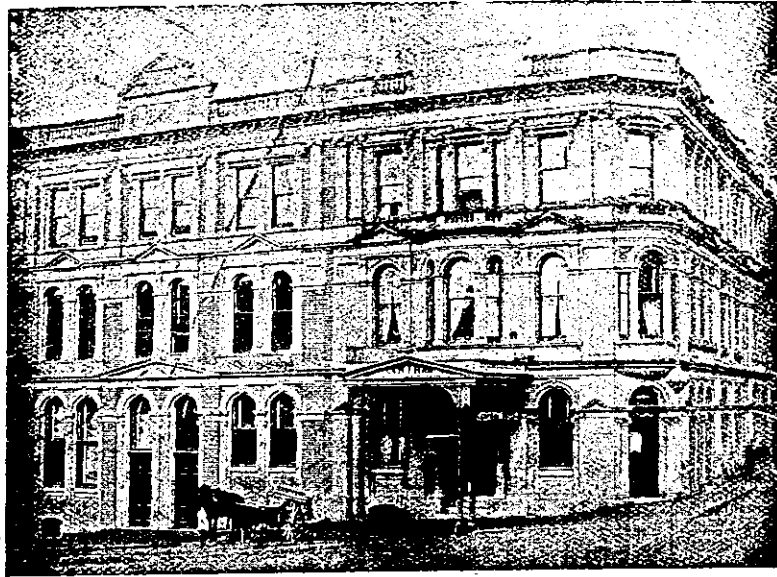
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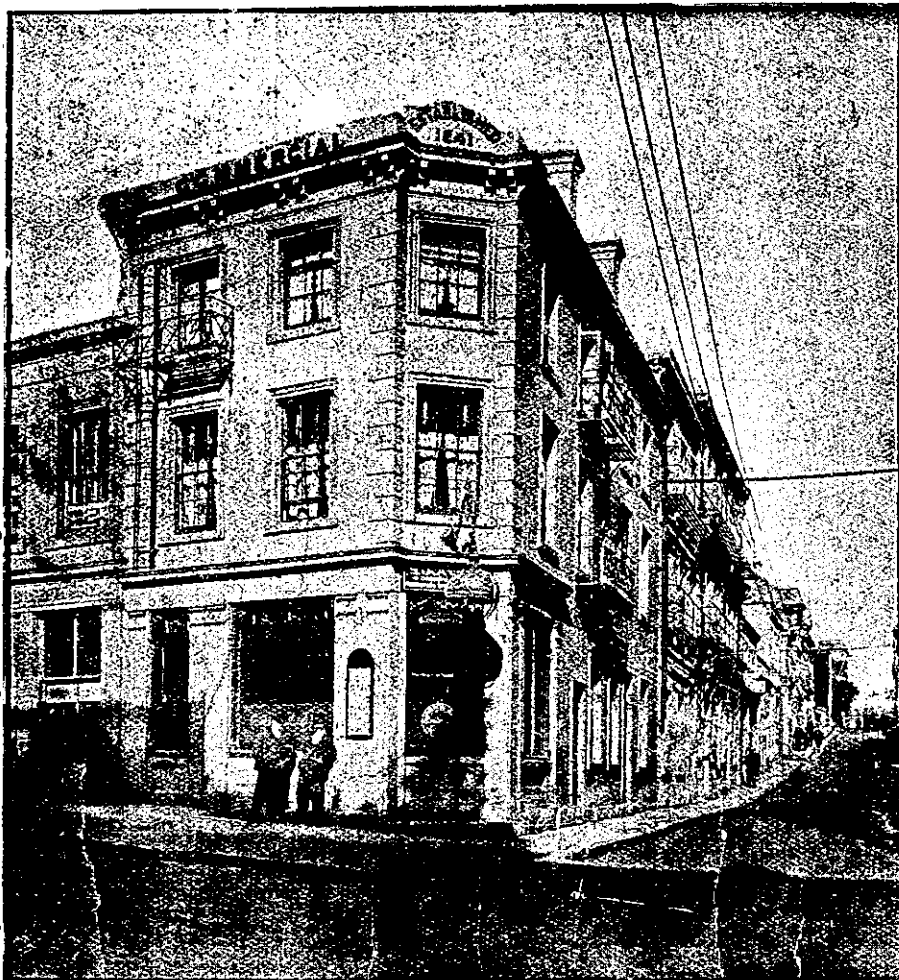
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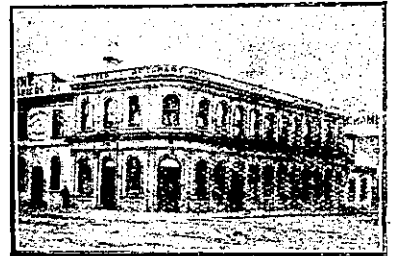
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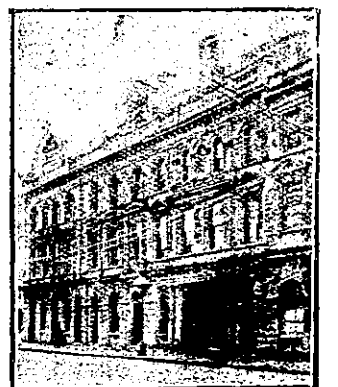
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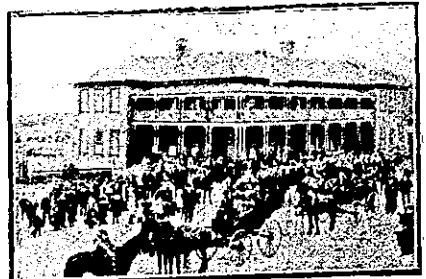


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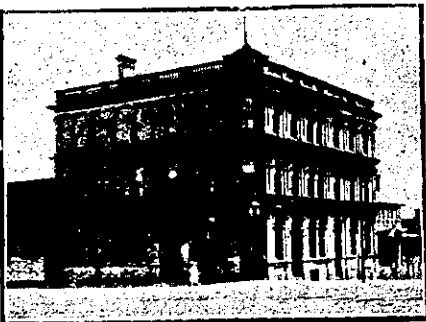
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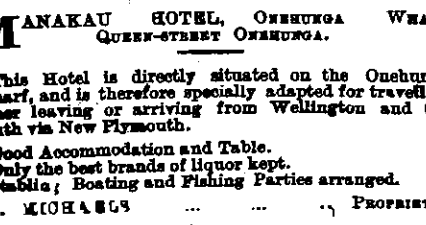
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THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.
FRANK PILLING.....Proprietor.
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Bears to state that having got the "Corner" into
thorough working trim, no effort will be spared to Cater
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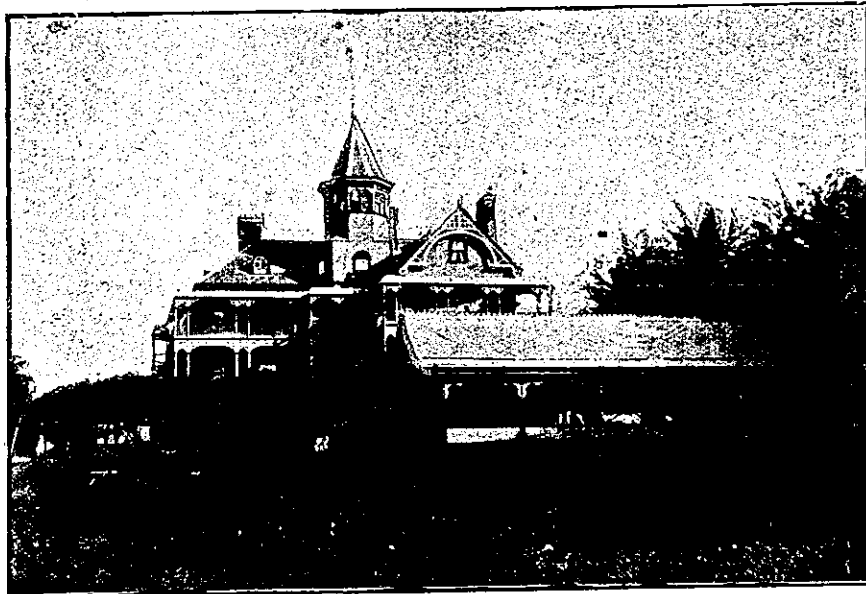
CITY HOTEL (CORNER OF VICTORIA AND
HOBSON-STREETS, AUCKLAND.)
WALTER STIMPSON
(Late of the Queen's Ferry)
Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the
above Popular House.
The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to
be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is
thoroughly modern.



MANAKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF
QUEEN-STREET ONEHUNGA.
This Hotel is directly situated on the Onehunga
Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for travellers
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Good Accommodation and Table.
Only the best brands of liquor kept.
Stables; Boating and Fishing Parties arranged.
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This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato.
All make stay at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards
from the Station.
First-class Accommodation and excellent table.



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

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Main-street, Waikato.

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above Hotel) has taken it over on his own, and trusts to
see all his old patrons. Extensive additions are now
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second to none in the district.
Don't forget to call on
RALPH MONTGOMERY.

S. W. BUCK.

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WELLINGTON PROVINCE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL,
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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
provinces. 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 meals, 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 favour-
ably 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
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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. RODGINS.....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
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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 proxim-
ity 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 pub-
lic, 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
seating, writing and smoke rooms are replete with
every convenience. The greatest care is taken to main-
tain a reputation for home comfort. Dark rooms for
photographers.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



ALBERT HOTEL, 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. Suits of Rooms and all first class Accommodation for Tourists and Boarders. Excellent Table kept.

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, WELLINGTON.

First-class Accommodation. Good Table. All Up-to-date 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, Confectionery. 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

CHERRY'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.

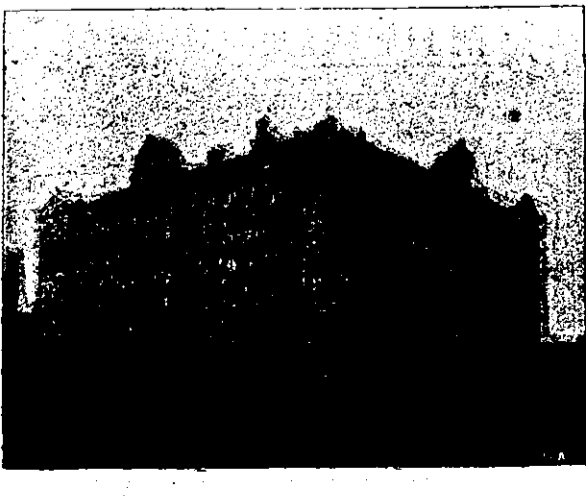
CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

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

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 Guinea. 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 BASIN 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. O. 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.

MAVANNES' VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

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



ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI.

(Opposite the Courthouse and Public Library). PETER HARTSHORN 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. Telephones. PETER HARTSHORN ... Proprietor.



SIDDELES' FEDERAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

Opposite the Up-river Piers and Wharves and Boat-sheds. Three minutes' walk from Railway Station and Post Office. The beautiful and well-laid-out Montea Gardens across the road. First-class accommodation at reasonable tariff. Patrons can rely on Wines, Spirits, etc., being A1. Stock only Best Brands. Dedin and Local Beer always on tap. CHAS. SIDDELES ... 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.

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 188. Telephone 84.



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. McFARLANEProprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

T. OHILDS ... 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 wines 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 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.

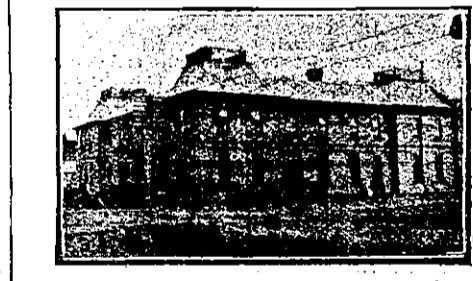
IMPERIAL HOTEL, DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

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. TELEPHONE 123. Box 83.



MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA

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



EGMONT HOTEL, HAWERA

A. J. JURY ... Proprietor. The Proprietor (late of the Okaiawa Hotel, a 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 liquors, to retain their patronage.

THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant. CORNER OF DEVON & BOMONT 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 is every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Lofly and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Drawing-rooms, Spacious Dining-room, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Convenient and Commodious Sample Rooms. THE ABOVE IS UNDER AN EXPERIENCED CHEF. TERMS: Per Day, 4/6; Per Week, 22/. ARROWSMITH, PROPRIETOR.

TARANAKI—Cont.



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

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

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

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

TARANAKI HOTEL,
BROUGHAM-ST., NEW PLYMOUTH.
H. J. JULIAN (late Railway Hotel, Inglewood), Proprietor.

All Wines and Spirits stocked of the best Quality. Twenty-year-old Guaranteed Liqueur Whisky a Specialty. Paul's XXX Ales.

BREAKWATER HOTEL,
MOTORUA, 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.

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One minute from Railway Station. Every convenience provided for the Travelling public. 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.

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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, 15s.
MRS M. JONES, Proprietress (late of Queen-street Auckland).

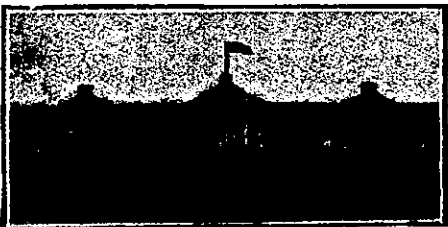
HAWKE'S BAY—Cont.

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. R. F. John's 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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STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL

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LICENSEE .. F. W. MILLWARD.

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

SPEIGHT'S PRIZE ALES ON DRAUGHT.

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

Tariff .. 8s per Day £2 2s per Week.



THE NEW CLARENDON HOTEL,
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CORNER OF OXFORD TERRACE AND WORCESTER-STREET
(One minute's walk from General Post Office.)

Recently Re-built. Superior Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. All Modern Conveniences. Splendidly Situated.

D. COLLINS ... PROPRIETOR.

CANTERBURY—Cont.



THE CARLTON HOTEL, NORTH BELT AND PAPANUI ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH. Proprietor. F. DAVY.....

This old established Hotel, containing 26 rooms, being recently re-built in brick and stone, offers special advantages to Tourists, Travellers, and others, who will find all the comforts of a home at this fine hostelry. The House is within eight minutes' walk from Cathedral Square. Trams pass every twenty minutes. Ventilation throughout has been made a special feature in the construction of this House. Numerous Fire Escapes. Hot Cold and Shower Baths. Cuisine a Specialty. Tariff Moderate. Only the Best Brands of Liquors Dispensed. Ward's XXX and XXXX Ales Stabling—Commodious Stalls and Loose Boxes Groom in charge. Letters and Telegrams receive Prompt Attention. Telephone.

OTAGO PROVINCE.

METROPOLIS PRIVATE HOTEL, 225, PRINCE'S STREET, DUNEDIN (8 Min. from Post Office).

MRS WAITS ... PROPRIETRESS.
Ideal Home for Families, Tourists, Visitors, and Commercial.

Tariff From 4s 6d. PER DAY.
Permanent Boarders special arrangement. Electric Tram stops at door. Metropole Express meets Trains and Steamers. Tel. 1804.

BOWLING GREEN HOTEL,

CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS, DUNEDIN.

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



BRANSON'S HOTEL,
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A HOUSE NEWLY BUILT. NEWLY FURNISHED. PERFECT IN ALL PARTS.

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ST. ANDREW' STREET.
CHAS. B. M. BRANSON Proprietor.

CALEDONIAN HOTEL,
WALKER-STREET, DUNEDIN.

W. H. SKITCH having purchased the above commodious Hotel, which has recently been renovated, is now prepared to make provision for Country Travellers.

Hot and Cold Showers,
Terms—4/6 per Day; 20/- per Week.

CHICK'S PRIVATE HOTEL,

MOUNT-STREET, PORT CHARLES.
Best of Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff. Cuisine a Speciality.

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

of Liquors at the

IMPERIAL.

MRS PARKER, Proprietress.

GLADSTONE HOTEL,

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JOHN COLLINS.....PROPRIETOR.
(Late of Al Hotel, Pelichet Bay.)

The most centrally-situated Hotel in the City. First-class Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Boarders. Suites of rooms for families. Charges moderate. A Special Feature: 1s Lunch from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, cold, and shower baths. The very best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.

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ESK-STREET, INVERCARGILL.

Lately re-built and newly furnished throughout.

Within two minutes' walk of Railway Station Post and Telegraph Offices. Sample Rooms. P. Box 40. Telephone 300.

RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE R.S.)
INVERCARGILL.

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

THE NEW CLUB HOTEL,
BLUFF.

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