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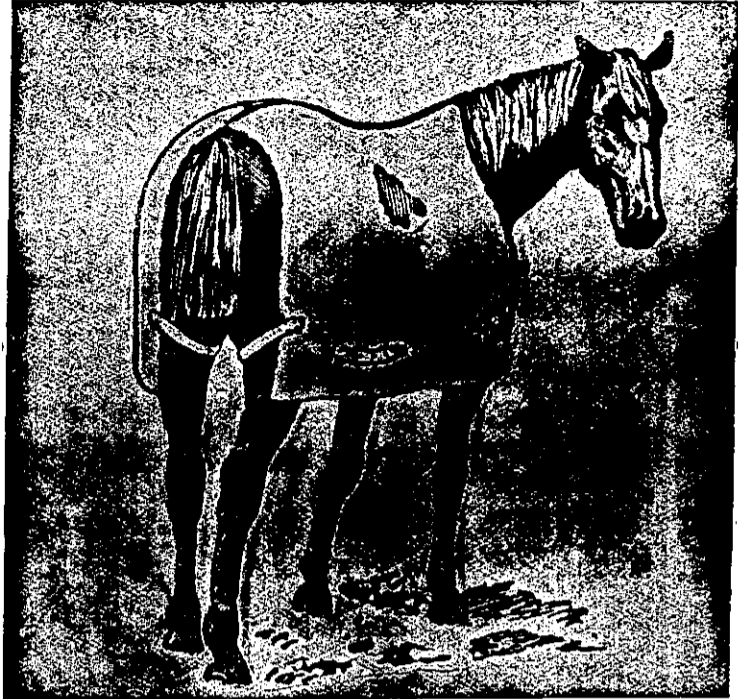
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 September 14 and 15—Ashburton County R.C. Spring
 September 16, 17 and 23—Avondale J.C. Spring
 September 20 and 21—Bangitikei R.C. Spring
 Sept. 21—Waimate B.C. Hack Meeting
 September 23 and 29—Wanganui J.C. Spring
 September 23 and 28—Geraldine R.C. Spring
 Sept. 30—Pakuranga Hunt Club
 October 4 and 5—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
 Oct. 4 and 5—Marlborough R.C. Spring
 Oct. 10 and 11—Napier Park R.C. Spring
 Oct. 11 and 12—Utaki Maori R.C. Spring
 October 11 and 14—Dunedin J.C. Spring
 Oct. 19 and 20—North Otago J.C. Spring
 Oct. 19 and 21—Wellington R.C. Spring
 Oct. 26 and 27—Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring
 Nov. 4, 9 and 11—Auckland R.C. Spring
 Nov. 4, 8, 8 and 11—C.J.C. Spring
 NOMINATIONS.
 Sept. 25—Wellington R.C. Spring
 Sept. 30—Poverty Bay T.C. Spring
 Oct. 14—Poverty Bay T.C. (special events)
 WEIGHTS DECLARED.
 September 15—Wanganui J.C. Spring
 Sept. 16—Wanganui J.C. Spring
 Oct. 2—Wellington R.C. Spring
 Oct. 14—Poverty Bay T.C. (special events)
 Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.
 ACCEPTANCES.
 September 25—Wanganui J.C. Spring
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 Oct. 10—Wellington R.C. Spring
 Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.
 Handicaps for the first day's events of the Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting are due to-morrow.
 Entries for all events (except the Trial Stakes) to be decided at the Wellington R.C. Spring Meeting close with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Whyte) at 9 p.m. on Monday, September 25.
 Nominations for the First and Second County Stakes, First and Second Hurdless, Spring, Flying, Makaraka, and Waikanae Handicaps, to be run at the spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, close with the secretary (Mr. J. Walker Bain) at 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 30. Entries for the other events close on Saturday, October 14.

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Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.
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 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1905.

THE DETERIORATION OF OUR BLOODSTOCK.
 FROM time to time it has been pointed out in these columns that the best way to prevent any deterioration in the thoroughbred stock in this colony, and the remark applies with equal force to any other kinds of horse stock, is to refrain from selling the best mares, a practice all too common in the colonies. It is even more prevalent in the Old Country, where the system has obtained to such an extent that an alarm has been raised the outcome of which has been the formation of the Brood Mare Society. This was originated by Mr. W. Phillpotts-Williams, who recently gave a lecture at the Hotel Cecil, London, on the objects of the society. He is reported to have said that: "So far, the preser-

vation of the breeds has been left to a few hunting people; that the great Continental Powers have dealt in a statesmanlike manner with the subject for many years, some of them having spent large sums annually on maintaining their national breed of horses; that in this country (England) nothing is done (by Government), the result being that when there is a call on the breeding districts in time of war there is a dangerous deficiency of good horses; that this fact was vividly brought out in the late war; that it is clear that something must be done to place us on a level with Continental Powers; that what is wanted is the formation and persistent expression of intelligent public opinion, as only when this is formed and continually expressed will the Government move in the matter; and lastly, that Government action shall be taken in connection with the 700 horse shows which are held in this country."
 Commenting on these points, "The Field" says:—"All the above is very sound, and the consideration of the subject by the Army League may be the first step towards altering the short-sighted policy of the Government, for the members of the league are mostly military men of experience, who have thoroughly realised the grave state of affairs which were brought about by the short and poor supply of horses available during the South African war. On this point statistics were given, showing how deplorably the requirements of the army in horseflesh were at first underrated, and what an extraordinary number of unsuitable horses were afterwards taken to Africa at great cost. As regards the 700 horse shows, a strong point was made by the lecturer that these, one and all, gave the agents of the foreigners their greatest chance of buying the best mares, and that they (the shows) did nothing in return towards keeping the breed in the country. What this means is that horse shows open up in every district where one is held, a market for the foreign buyer or his agent, and that not one of the executives ever tries to curtail the supply of mares, whose sale is in a great degree due to the show. This is a most difficult matter on which to form a definite opinion. It would never do to attempt to strangle sales, especially of prize stock which can command a high price, but on the other hand if some of the shows were to fall into line with Mr. Phillpotts-Williams' suggestions they might compromise by offering certain prizes for mares and fillies, with conditions as to their not being sold to go abroad. Just as the Brood Mare Society retains the ownership of all its mares, so might the horse shows give special premiums on a certain understanding, but better still would it be if Government were to offer special prizes under fixed conditions, and at a comparatively small expense this might be done all over the country. A short time ago, Sir Walter Gilbey pointed out that for the present year in France over £400,000 was voted, in various sums, towards the horse industry, and yet in England the single paltry sum of £5000 is forthcoming for the Queen's Premium sales, and this, we believe, is the revenue of a sum set aside more than 100 years ago, and does not come out of the national income. Whatever may happen in the future, it is quite certain that Government will have to face the horse problem before long, but, as Sir Archer Croft remarked, pressure must first come from the public, and the public can only become acquainted with the real state of affairs through the medium of the Press. To Mr. Williams the thanks of all who are interested in horses are due for his inception of the Brood Mare Society, as are the thanks of the general public because of his bringing before them the very short and somewhat dubious supply of army horses which would be available were another war to break out."
 Of course, in the colonies the state of affairs is not so acute, but a strong ten-

dency has been shown of recent years to dispose of good mares to foreign buyers when opportunity arises. This has been clearly shown in Australia, where the agents of Japan and the Indian Government have been making large purchases, the drafts including a great many fine mares whose loss to the colony must tell in the long run on the breeding industry. It is well that this important question should be brought home to those responsible.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS' BIG SCORE AT RANDWICK.

THE remarkable series of successes which have been achieved by New Zealand horses at the spring meeting of the Australian Jockey Club has been the general topic of conversation during the week. On Saturday Noctiform and Sungod led off by running first and second in the A.J.C. Derby, but as the pair finished many lengths in advance of their nearest opponent, it is evident that the Yaldhurst sportsman could have won with whichever horse he liked. Sungod was evidently left in to make it a truly-run race, and there is no doubt that he filled his mission admirably. It is safe to say that Mr. Stead would rather have won this event than any of the big handicaps, despite the fact that they carried more money with them. Monday proved a veritable triumph for horses bred in this colony, for not only did they win every event, but also took some of the places as well. Machine Gun demonstrated his great sprinting powers by carrying a welter weight to victory in the Shorts Handicap. Then the Yaldhurst filly Isolt opened her winning account by romping over nine other competitors in the Maiden Stakes. Next Maniopoto showed his Epsom defeat was a mistake by simply playing with the opposition in the Metropolitan Handicap, winning the big event in a canter by six lengths in the record time for Australasia. The First Steeplechase proved a peculiarly great triumph for the New Zealand contingent, in that of the thirteen starters we had four representatives in Sultana, Dingo, Up-to-Date, and Haydn, and these ran first, second, third, and fourth respectively. When the New Stakes was called on for decision, Sungod was found equal to carrying on a series of victories, and then the day was appropriately ended with the victory of Nightfall over another New Zealand-bred horse in Canteen. Truly Monday at Randwick may well be remembered as "New Zealand's Day." At the time of writing, the results of Wednesday's races have not come to hand, but it seems almost too much to expect the run of successes to continue, especially taking into consideration the unfortunate mishap to the Derby winner, Noctiform. Our representatives are scattered fairly well through the programme in Saturday's events, and with the wins already achieved, it seems probable that the bulk of the prize-money will come to New Zealand owners. It is gratifying to know that their plucky enterprise has been so well rewarded.

CONTEMPLATED DISPERSAL OF WELLINGTON PARK STUD.

At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Wellington Park Stud Company, held last week, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That the directors be, and they are hereby, authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of the whole of the property, undertaking, and assets of the company, or any part thereof, to such person or persons, company or body corporate, and at such price or prices and on such terms and conditions as the directors think fit." That this step was necessary very clearly came out in the speech by the chairman, the Hon. E. Mitchelson, who told the shareholders that since the time the company took over the stud the losses amounted to £4694 7s 5d; this after taking credit for some £5000 for stallions insured with the International Horse Agency Company. None of the insurance money had yet been paid over, the Horse Agency authorities having so far declined to recognise the liability owing to the failure of Mr. Thos. Morrin, as agent, to remit to London the insurance premiums. This matter had given the directors much concern, and it had been decided to instruct the company's solicitor to take steps to recover the amount from the International Horse Agency. Whatever loss might be contracted in this connection would be in addition to the sum already mentioned. A sum of £1934 10s 3d was standing to Mr. Morrin's suspense account, but as Mr. Morrin was a large shareholder in the concern it was not anticipated that the company would suffer a serious loss, if any, in consequence, provided they had a good sale. It was to be hoped that they would have

a good sale, and there seemed a very fair prospect of this being the case, as the yearlings by the stallion Menschikoff sold at the last sale were going on very satisfactorily, and it therefore seemed probable that the progeny by the same sire would sell well at the forthcoming sale. The company had been very unfortunate since entering on the venture, owing to having lost stock—chiefly brood mares—to the value of about £2400, in addition to which £1751 had been written off as reduction in value of mares.

It thus appears certain that the famous stud will be broken up next December. There can be no doubt that the news of this will be read with unfeigned regret by everyone interested in horse-breeding and the improvement of the colony's blood stock. Among the mares at Wellington Park, nearly all have made their names famous as dams of winners of the classical events in Australia and New Zealand. When thinking of Auckland's big stud farm, names which leap into recollection and taken at random are Zalinski, Royal Artillery, Antares, Battleaxe, Uhlán, Trenton, Canteen, Coronet, Screw Gun, Cruciform, Cuirassier, Stepiak, Enfilade, Field Battery, Siege Gun, Florrie, Forme, Lancaster, Fulmen, Havoc, Hilda, Osculator, Impulse, Machine Gun, Merganser, Starshoot, Multiform, Niagara, Strathmore, Nordenfeldt, Scotty, and a host of others. An immense number of victories have gone to the credit of equines raised at the Park, and their stake-earning capabilities has been prodigious. During the last few years a number of the big studs in Australia have been dispersed, and now Wellington Park follows the others. Under the circumstances perhaps no other step was possible, but it is none the less a subject for keen regret.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

NEXT Saturday the Spring Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club will be held, and this will be continued on the following Wednesday and Saturday. It is unfortunate that the opening day will clash with the big football match between Australia and Auckland, for this must militate to a large extent against a satisfactory attendance. There is, however, ample prospect of some good sport, so that if the weather is fine no doubt a good many sportsmen will make the trip out to assist at the fixture. To enable patrons to visit the course special trains will leave Auckland at 11.15 a.m., 11.35 a.m., and 12.20 p.m., while a train will also leave at 1.20 p.m. In addition to those there will be plenty of brakes, etc., available. If no more rain falls the track should be in very fine order, and the times should prove fast. As it is the first time the horses have been seen out since the winter recess, there is no form to guide one, and of course the two-year-olds will be making their debut. Under the circumstances it is very difficult to attempt any forecast as to results, but the following are suggested as being likely to run well:—Maiden Plate: King Paul or Lady Clare. First Hurdle Race: Inniskillen or Ranana. Avondale Stakes: Neva or Sweet Alice. Avondale Cup: Putty or Waipuna. Plunket Handicap: Nervine or General Average. Steeplechase: Swimmer or Major. First Pony Handicap: Girton Girl or Dr. Quest. Flying Stakes: Avalanche or Gladstone.

Nominations for the Manukau Hurdles, City Handicap, and Birthday Handicap, to be decided at the opening meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, close on Friday, September 9, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Summer Cup, A.R.C. Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase, to be run at the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, close on Friday, September 29, at 9 p.m.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club sports will take place at Alexandra Park on Saturday, September 30. Six events are to be decided, these being the Farmers' Flat Handicap, 1½ miles; the Hunters' Hurdles, 2 miles; the Open Handicap, 6½ furlongs; the Hunters' Steeplechase, 2½ miles; the Farmers' Hurdles, 2 miles; and the Ladies' Bracelet, 2½ miles. This makes up an interesting little programme, and it should draw a good entry. Owners should bear in mind that nominations close with the hon. secretaries, Messrs. R. B. Kinloch and B. Lewis, to-morrow (Friday) evening. The executive are working hard to make the reunion one of the most successful ever held.

Sarilla and Martyr King have come up from Gisborne to play their part at the Avondale meeting.

Twenty two-year-olds yet remain in the Avondale Stakes, so that it looks as if a good field will start.

On the form shown at Randwick, Mr. Stead must have a lot to say in the settlement of the New Zealand Cup and the classic races this season.

The money to be distributed in prizes this season at Ellerslie has been reduced by something over £1000, this retrenchment having been rendered necessary by the recent frauds by the late accountant.

The Otahuhu Racing Club will hold the annual race meeting on the Otahuhu racecourse on Wednesday, October 11. Nominations close on Friday, September 29.

The accident to Noctiform is very unfortunate for Mr. Stead, for it appeared a certainty that the Multiform colt would have won another race at the A.J.C. Meeting. The cabled account says that he injured his hock, and has been scratched for all events at the meeting.

The pictures of a big steeplechase at Aintree, now being shown at His Majesty's Theatre, are about the best ever seen in Auckland, and must prove of keen interest to racing men. The series include saddling up, going to the post, the parade, two jumps, and the finish are really most artistic.

A tremendous lot of money must have been lost in this colony when Maniopoto failed to gain a place in the Epsom Handicap, and his subsequent hollow victory in the Metropolitan Handicap makes the first day's running out to be all wrong. I am afraid if it had occurred at Ellerslie there would have been a demonstration which would have quite put the "Battleaxe incident" in the shade, and beyond question the owners would have been asked to explain.

The A.J.C. winner Noctiform was got by Multiform by La Notte, by Eiridsford from La Tosca, by Robinson Crusoe from Nightmare, by Panic, so that he lacks nothing on the score of breeding. As La Notte has also thrown Nightfall, it looks as though she was going to prove a big success at the stud.

Real Blue has produced a colt to Seaton Delaval, and Sparkling Water a colt to Hotchkiss at the Wellington Park Stud.

The big field of twenty-three have accepted for the Avondale Maiden Plate, so that the winner should take some finding.

Maniopoto's win in the Metropolitan Handicap mucks him in a 14lb penalty for the New Zealand Cup, in which he will now be asked to carry 9st 4lb.

Mr. J. W. Russell's Phœbus Apollo colt has been named Apollonaris, a rather happy effort in nomenclature on the part of mine host of the Occidental Hotel.

Such a big run set in for Maniopoto for the Epsom Handicap on Saturday that the bookmakers eventually closed down on him. On Monday, when he won, only one or two local sportsmen had stuck to him.

The only horse in the Metropolitan Handicap drawn in Tattersall's sweep by Aucklanders was Loredano, but the son of Gibraltar and Venetia did not start, although the owner was offered a nice bet about him.

A good word comes from Napier concerning the manner in which Mahutonga is standing up to his work, and all going well he will make a bold bid for the New Zealand Cup.

A rumour is current that Golder Knight is unsound, and if there is anything in the report, his early backers will hardly feel on good terms with themselves, for it requires a very sound horse to stand a winding-up preparation for the New Zealand Cup.

A rather novel race took place at Marton a few days ago, when for a stake of £50 a-side Morris, a well-known sprint runner, beat the racehorse Merry Boy over a hundred yards; fifty yards to a pole and round this pole back to the starting-point. Morris, who had a start of ten yards allowed him, was first round the pole, and won by three yards. The horse is particularly quick at swinging round on his hind legs, and has, it is alleged, won several similar matches.

The Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting will commence next Saturday.

Handicaps for the first day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting are due to-morrow.

The Rangitikei meeting will commence next Wednesday, but local sportsmen will be chiefly taken up with the second day of the Avondale meeting.

The Ashburton County R.C. Meeting commences to-day. A number of New Zealand Cup horses are in the big race, which makes the fixture of more general interest than otherwise would have been the case. Beau Seaton or Calibre may win.

G. Price is coming up from the South to ride at the Avondale meeting. McCluskey will also be seen in the pigskin, his sentence of disqualification having been removed by the local club.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club closed the season on Saturday with the customary Point-to-Point Steeplechase, this being held at Papatoitoti. The race for heavy-weights was won by Mr. C. Wallace on Pukorimu, who came in alone. A good field turned out for the light-weights, this being pulled off by Mr. F. Selby on Æsop, with Mr. Dalton on Te Akau in second place. The weather was fine and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. W. McLaughlin, H. Bullock-Webster, R. P. Kinloch, and B. Lewis.

The July issue of the German "Racing Calendar," issued by the Union Club, contains the prohibition against public betting, and warns all those who are tempted to infringe the new law that they will be summarily expelled from the racecourse. The percentage to be paid by the public or deduction from the winnings is put down at 16 2-3 per cent. instead of the old 20 per cent., and a proportion of this will be placed at the disposal of the different German societies for the purpose of breeding material. Race societies have the right under the new law to appoint and arrange for certain agents to take money for investment at the totalisator.

In England a little while back two jockeys were prosecuted by the police and fined for ill-using their respective mounts while returning to the paddock after running in a hurdle race at Sandown Park. Then the stewards of the National Hunt committee took a hand, and suspended one rider until December 1, and the other until the close of the year.

A Bombay writer, in dealing with the Totalisator v. Bookmaker question, says that although in India there is a feeling that the operations of the machine should be extended, it is improbable that the W.I.T.C. or Calcutta T.C. will ever adopt it, to the exclusion of the bookmaker.

The annual report of the Tasmanian Commission of Police states that in the past season totalisators were used at 90 race meetings, the sum of £148,626 15s being passed through the machines. The Government Commission amounted to £796 7s, and the cost of supervision to £104 18s 2d. The total retained by the clubs was £11,135 16s 6d, made up of—Commission, £9729 8s; and broken money, £1406 8s 6d.

The spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27. The programme is made up of sixteen events, the sum of £635 being distributed in stakes. On the opening day there are the Trial Handicap, 6 furlongs; the First Hurdles, 1½ miles; First County Stakes, 6 furlongs; Spring Handicap, 1½ miles; First Welter, 7 furlongs; Maiden Scurry, 4 furlongs; Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs; First Hack Flat, one mile. On the second day the events are the Second Welter, one mile; the Second Hurdles, 1½ miles; Second County Stakes, one mile; Makaraka Handicap, one mile; Second Hack Flat, 6 furlongs; Maiden Scurry Handicap, 5 furlongs; Waikanae Handicap, 5 furlongs; and Farewell Handicap, 7 furlongs. The meeting on the Makaraka racecourse is always an enjoyable fixture, and the programme is well worth the attention of owners. Nominations for the First and Second County Stakes, First and Second Hurdles, Spring, Flying, Makaraka, and Waikanae Handicaps close with Mr. J. Walker Bain, the secretary, on Saturday, September 30, at 9.30 p.m. For the other events entries are due on October 14.

TRAINING NOTES.

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THURSDAY.

The morning being beautiful and fine, the grass track was used by most of the trainers. Girton Girl was again the early bird, and skipped over six furlongs alone in 1min 21 3-5sec. Lady Anne accomplished a similar task in 1min 18 2-5sec. Sir Hector left four furlongs behind in 53sec. Kilderkin was all out in a six-furlong flutter in 1min 17sec. Gladstone had little difficulty in defeating Lady Hune over a circuit. Lycia, Apologue, and Miss Lottie were associated together in a nine furlongs' gallop. The two former finished together, while the latter was beaten off in 1min 58sec. Annette gave Vivandel a three lengths' beating over the six-furlong course in 1min 18 4-5sec all out. Austerlitz proved too slippery for Delania over five furlongs; the last three furlongs took 39 3-5sec. Contrary to expectations, Foremost left the speedy Syren behind in a four-furlong spurt in a tick under 50sec. Scotty and Major did a useful 10 furlongs in 2min 20 4-5sec, but the Cup horse could have considerably improved the time. Carl Rosa fluttered over four furlongs in 52 2-5sec. The Guineas candidate looks well. Monoform, who is still on the improve, left plenty of daylight between himself and King Paul for a five furlongs' run in 1min 3sec. Waipuna had a credit of 51 1-5sec for the last four furlongs of a five furlongs' gallop. Putty finished under a pull in front of Sir Gilead over nine furlongs in 1min 58sec. The latter was conceding a lot of weight to his chestnut rival. The pony Hurihuri sprinted two furlongs in 27sec. Neotorini scampered over five furlongs, registering 50 4-5sec for the last four furlongs. The Swimmer, Straybird, and Hakaria had a circle together, finishing in this order in 2min 6 4-5sec. Alba Rose and Waitati were all out for four furlongs in 50 4-5sec. The mare finished in front. Dr. Quest and a stable mate scampered over five furlongs in 1min 6 2-5sec. Soulfish had all the best of two companions for six furlongs in 1min 18sec. Hohoro was content with half-space work. Leonator gave Jean a 10 lengths' beating in a short sprint. Trepheine worked alone on the tan, taking it easy for five furlongs in 1min 8 4-5sec. Landlock, striding out nicely, finished up a mile in 1min 47 3-5sec. General Average had Nerve well beaten over six furlongs in 1min 17 1-5sec. Wai-kato, who looks well, spurted from the six-furlong post and left the last four furlongs behind in 52sec. Takaroa galloped down the five furlongs in the moderate time of 1min 6 1-5sec. Sonoma held Avalanche's two-year-old sister in a three-furlong flutter in 37 2-5sec. Cairrago baulked twice at the first jump of six, and after being warmed up did much better over the schooling battens. The pony Manœuvre, who is coming on nicely, left Inurangi well behind for five furlongs in 1min 5 4-5sec. After breakfast a lot of two-year-olds from the different stables were sprinted a few furlongs. Messrs. M. and N. McLean, Mr. Coe, and Mr. Price were present to see the juveniles spurted.

SATURDAY.

After the heavy rain on Friday the tracks were in a slippery state, and the grass track being closed, most of the work was done on the sand track. In the first part of the morning a heavy fog enveloped the course and obscured the view of the horses at work. Lycia and Delania jumped off at the six-furlong post, and ran the last five furlongs in 1min 6 1-5sec. The latter had a shade the best of the spurt. Scotty worked at three-quarter pace for a circuit. Girton Girl finished in front of Lady Rose in a five furlongs run; the last three furlongs took 42 4-5sec. Alba Rose spurted five furlongs, the four furlongs in 57 2-5sec. Putty and Sir Gilead put in the most sterling gallop of the morning, leaving the nine furlongs behind in 2min 3 4-5sec. Ben Deeley and Victor Cotton (the two Sloans) had the mounts respectively. Sir Gilead suffered a three lengths' defeat, ridden right out. Lord Seaton and Idol skipped over four furlongs in 53 1-5sec. The latter was beaten off. Coronation and Pukekohe were each given half-space work separately. Both Mr. Rolleston's horses look well. Waipuna looking big and fresh. As given a circuit alone (not trying to break the watch) in 2min 9 3-5sec. Gladstone worked on the tan at half-pace. Miss Rose and another ran a few furlongs together. The following also worked before breakfast:—Sir Hector, Sonoma, Annette, Austerlitz, Carl Rose, Lady Hune, Calle Iris, Neotorini, Desdemona, Hakaria, Master Delaval, Hurihuri, Sotary, and Inurangi. After breakfast some good work was indulged in. Tuesday proved too wet for any work to be done.

TROTTING.

A trotting race is on the programme at the Ashburton meeting to-day, with a dozen acceptors.

Matters are very quiet in local trotting circles, and there is nothing doing to record.

The New Zealand Trotting Association has refused the application from R. Post for the removal of his disqualification.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, September 13.

The phenomenal record put up by New Zealand horses on the second day of the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting at Randwick is about the only thing talked about in sporting circles. To capture every race on the card is indeed an achievement New Zealanders have reason to be proud of. Those who journeyed to Sydney to see the champions run will long remember the New Zealand day at Randwick. Honours so far are with Mr. G. G. Stead, who was bold enough to take four horses of his own breeding to do battle for New Zealand against Australian champions. His Multiform colts and fillies have practically carried everything before them, the victories in each case being gained in the most decisive style. Mr. Stead's win in the A.J.C. Derby is the first gained by the Yaldhurst sportsman. Although he has won numerous important handicap events, he had not, until Saturday last, been successful in winning the Derby. That Mr. Stead has some smashers in his young Multiforms goes without saying, and present indications point to the fact that Yaldhurst will be almost invincible in the two and three-year-old classic events in New Zealand this season.

The Epsom Handicap proved a big betting race in Christchurch, Machine Gun, on the strength of private cablegrams from Sydney in the morning, being almost as well backed as Maniopot. Mr. Stead's colts in the Derby were backed by a few people who generally have their money invested on Mr. Stead's horses when they win, while Nightfall came in for strong support. Backers led off on Monday by investing on Machine Gun, a few putting all their winnings on Maniopot. Mr. Stead's trio were also backed, as also was Haydn in the Steeplechase. Altogether backers had a right royal good time.

Present interest in racing matters is confined to the doings of the New Zealanders at Randwick, and very little is heard about the New Zealand Cup and other forthcoming events.

Cup betting is at a standstill. Mr. Stead has Nightfall, Sungod, and Noctuiiform still in, and the general opinion seems to be that he can win with either one of them. On present form it certainly looks like a walk-over for one of the Multiform colts, especially as they have only to carry 7st 6lb.

So far as the classic races are concerned at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting, nothing to my mind, after glancing down the lists of entries, can deprive Mr. Stead of continuing on his victorious career.

The Ashburton meeting will be held this week, and no doubt many Christchurch sports will journey down to the grain town. Acceptances are well up to the average, and some good racing may be expected. Cup horses in Golden Knight, Bulawayo, Vencer, Beau Seaton, Calibre, Ability, General Symons, and Clanburn will be among the starters. The following are likely winners:—Hack Hurdles: Narcissus and Leaside. Fairfield Plate: Canticle. Welter: Royal

Crown. Cup: Beau Seaton, Ability. Ladies' Purse: Marginal. Spring Handicap: Heirloom. Trot: Aberfeldy.

Mr. Stead has two fine Multiform colts in Equiform and Porcelain, who have not raced yet. Equiform is in the Hawke's Bay Guineas, but whether he will start I cannot say.

M. Hobbs intended taking the Stepiak—Arline colt up to Napier to run in the Hastings Stakes, but owing to the heavy rain lately he has not been able to get the youngsters forward enough to race.

There is some talk about Golden Knight not being quite himself, and it is questionable whether he will stand a Cup preparation.

Noctuiiform is now favourite for the New Zealand Cup at 9 to 1, and Sungod is quoted at 14 to 1, and Nightfall 16 to 1.

J. McCluskey received notice on Thursday of the removal of the disqualification by the Avondale Jockey Club, and he left the same day for Auckland.

W. Brown is now a daily rider of working horses, his term of disqualification having just expired.

Rungarawa and Grand Jury, who have been located at Riccarton since the National Meeting, have returned to the North.

Martian, who has been on the retired list for some months, was among a batch of Yaldhurst horses working at Riccarton the other morning. The English-bred horse is looking very well, and is evidently being got ready to capture some classic event in the spring.

The Stepiak filly Munject is also looking in nice condition, and a similar remark applies to Eden.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, September 12.

Grey Goose (King George—Gooseander) and Concussion (Torpedo—Whaitiri) have lately been taken in hand by J. O'Neill, of Ongaonga.

Mr. L. Depelichot, manager of Mr. Gollan's station, who has been about for the last six months in England in quest of health, returned to Napier last Friday. He looks well and hearty, and says he never felt better.

There was silence still as death when the news came through anent the result of the Epsom Handicap, and it was seen that Maniopot was not in the first three, for the New Zealand representative had a large local following.

J. O'Neill, of Ongaonga, who was successful with Spark last season on the flat, has put Seaton Delaval's son to the leaping portion of the business, and his studies in his new sphere leads to the belief that he will be more than useful at the illegitimate portion of the industry.

Mahutonga is satisfactorily replying to the questions that are being put to him on the preparing grounds at Hastings, and with all going well with him in the meantime he is sure to put up a good battle in the big event of the year at Riccarton in November. The other local representatives in the New Zealand Cup are moving fairly well, but so far Mahutonga has a strong lead as regards appearances and track displays.

Rechabite was given a test yesterday, and his efforts were of such a satisfactory nature that his owner had decided to send him to Rangitikei next week, when he will throw down the gauntlet in the 'chasing events.

Hawke's Bay horses had a regal time of it at Marton last week. Lady's Link, White Squall, Operatta, Baltic, Assayer, South Star, and Columbine all hailing from these parts, and as each returned dividends, followers of the district are wearing pleasant smiles on their good fortune and discretion.

Catspaw did not return here after the Marton gathering, but has been taken on to Rangitikei, where he will assist at the spring meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club.

Additional foalings to hand this week are:—At Karamu: Chant (The Officer—Lullaby), a filly; Mount Ida (Apremont—Idalia), a filly; Total Eclipse (Hippocampus—Venus Transit), a colt; Salitaire (Eridispor—Solitaire), a colt, all to Birkenhead.

The following stud matrons are all located at Karamu at present, having been booked to Birkenhead this term:—Merganser, Brave Heart, Stepfeldt, Illusion, and Possibility.

Last week in my report of the foalings at the Hon. J. D. Ormond's headquarters Fawn should have read Film, and consequently his breeding was incorrect. Film being by Eridispor—Margaret.

Gold Seal, who is under the tuition of J. Jones at Hastings, is making good progress in his track essays, and is booked to fulfil the contracts entered into on his behalf at the Rangitikei and Wanganni meeting this month.

Tyrone, who had been giving good reports of himself over the schooling battens on the Napier Park trying-out

grounds previous to the Marton fixture, proved a frost with the colours up when asked to argue out the question at Marton.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, September 13.

Wingatui numerically is much stronger than usual in two-year-olds this season, and a dozen youngsters are at present in active commission on the tracks. The Hon. Geo. McLean has seven, Messrs. Ellis Bros. four, and Mr. J. Rutledge one. In the Hon. G. McLean's stable Aiar, a sister to Vladimir, and Hamattan, a half-sister by Stepiak to Apollodorus, are a pair of promising sorts and fairly forward in condition. None of the others call for special comment at present.

The downfall of Maniopot cost Dunedin a pretty penny, and he was almost neglected for his win in the Metropolitan. Nevertheless, everyone is apparently very pleased to hear of the extraordinary success which has attended the New Zealanders racing at Randwick since.

Vladimir has been doing a little work. His front leg, which has been treated to a blister, has fared down a great deal, but the windgall which was treated still shows out.

Ostachkoff, the three-year-old brother to Ostiak, has not grown a great deal since last year.

Juniper has been taken in hand again after a spell.

The Hon. G. McLean's colt Armamento is furnishing into a fine cut of a three-year-old, and on looks the handsome son of Lord Rosslyn and Eschopeto should give somebody a winning ride during the season. Eschopeto is a daughter of Hotchkiss and the St. Leger mare Agnes, who was one of the produce of the imported Macaroni mare Lovebird, the dam of Falconet and Leopold.

Red Gauntlet is to serve a few mares this season, and amongst them will be Emmeline (St. Clair—Lady Emma), Foray (Gipsy Grand—Sortie), and Invioha (Gipsy Grand—Emmeline).

The death is reported of the Bundoor mare Enchantress, who won the C.J.C. Oaks of 1888 at the stud. She produced nothing of note except Glenelg.

It is rumoured that the Forbury Park racecourse has been placed under offer to the Government as a site for workmen's homes.

A prominent New Zealand trainer who is at present at Randwick in order to take part in the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, sent word across that he fancied Gladstone or Emir for the Spring Stakes, Noctuiiform for the Derby, and Maniopot or Lord Fitzroy for the Epsom. Coming events cast their shadows before, and those who noted Noctuiiform was being backed for the New Zealand Cup a few days ago, put that fact and a whisper that came from Sydney together, and the sum total resulted in backing the J.C. Derby winner at 3 to 1.

Mr. G. G. Stead is deserving of congratulation on his possession of two such fine colts as Noctuiiform and Sungod, who were both bred by himself and sired by Multiform, whom he brought back from England after the son of Hotchkiss had completely lost caste with the English critics.

Mr. R. Galt, who was once a well-known owner and trainer here, is back again on a visit after an absence of 16 years in Australia.

Convoy is being ridden at Oamaru, and now appears to be walking quite soundly.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, September 12.

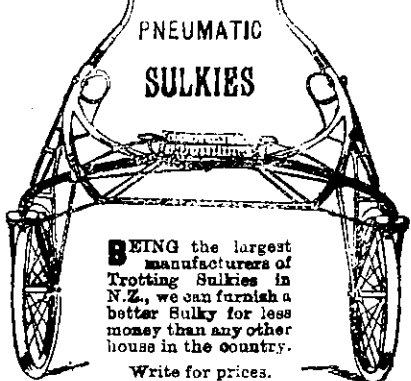
Mr. J. A. Turton, secretary of the Egmont Club, is an applicant for the position of secretary of the Auckland Club. Mr. Turton has always proved himself a courteous and efficient officer at the Egmont meetings.

There is a good deal of interest taken throughout Taranaki in the Avondale fixture. I have a fancy for Inniskillen in the Hurdles, Dr. Quest in the Pony, General Average in the Plunket Handicap, Putty and Akarana in the Cup, Full Cry and Delania in the Flying, and Lingard in the Steeplechase.

Handicaps for the Rangitikei meeting were declared last week, but as acceptances do not close till next Thursday, owners' intentions cannot be well gauged at present. King Billy and Jolly Friar read well in the Flying, Repulse and Wild Cat in the Hack Hurdles, Fancy Work and Clipper in the Willow Bank Hack, Kiatera and Rapanui in the Steeplechase. Whakawehi and St. Joe in the Spring Handicap, and Sir Percivale and Kuroki in the Rangitoto Hack.

The news of the result of the Epsom Handicap was anxiously awaited on Saturday night throughout Taranaki on account of the amount of money that depended on the Sout horse's success. At Hawera there were some good wagers

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held, and there necessarily the interest was keenest. The result must have been a sad blow to many backers, who got the impression into their heads that Maniopoto could not lose the race. According to the brief cable account, the horse seems to have failed after getting into a fine position two furlongs from home.

WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON, September 12.

The re-elected executive of the W.R.C. held their first monthly meeting on Monday last, when sub-committees for the year were appointed. The secretary drew attention to the fact that Fridal, October 20, had been declared a holiday for the celebration of Trafalgar Day, and the committee decided to alter the first day of their spring meeting from Thursday, the 19th, to the following day, Friday, the 20th, thus suiting the convenience of those holiday-makers who will be free on Trafalgar Day. The appointment of the club's stipendiary officers and other important business was adjourned for a fortnight owing to the unavoidable absence of a number of members of the committee.

The number of horses engaged at the opening meeting of the season, the Marton J.C. annual, augurs well for a successful racing season. Several Wellington-owned animals were included in those that performed at Marton. Tuono and Tekauhi each secured a second place, whilst Coxswain was third in the principal event on the opening day. Truce, owned by Mr. Mitchel, an Otaki resident, secured the Trial Plate. Truce, by Grafton—Navarine, is one of five yearlings imported from New South Wales by Mr. L. de Pelichet 18 months ago, and sold to her present owner at the Palmerston North horse fair for 150 guineas. Tuono, by Medallion—Patric, is another of the quintette. The latter brought top price at the sale, and fell to the bid of Mr. R. W. Paterson at 180 guineas. Both fillies display plenty of quality, and should pay their way this season.

The Hutt training tracks are in fair order at present, and local trainers are busy preparing their charges for the numerous forthcoming meetings. Rangatiki, Wanganui, Otaki, Wellington, and Masterton meetings follow each other in quick succession, and the trainer who cannot score a win or two must have a poor team indeed.

Messrs. W. Davis, T. Pritchard, F. Higgott, and W. Jorgenson have the most of their several charges well forward. Of these, Kudu, Hydrantfi Tekauhi, Coxswain, and Alexieff are engaged at the Rangatiki meeting on the 20th and 21st inst. Mr. Henry's handicaps for the above meeting have been declared, and from a hasty glance I should expect them to produce good fields. Kiatera is allotted a bit of weight for the Steeplechase, but those opposed to him are only moderate. The hunters, Playfair and Wi Waka look a pair that should play a prominent part in the contest. Nonette, with 9st 9lb in the principal flat event, would make hacks of any of his opponents if in his four-year-old form, but in his present condition he will probably find Ngatarua and Whakawehi a pair whom he will have to follow home.

The Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting has attracted a lot of attention during the past few weeks. On no previous occasion has so many good performers represented this colony at a Randwick meeting, and the sporting residents of this city have recently restricted their racing chat to the problem, "Can Maniopoto win the Epsom?" At the time of nomination the Soult horse was backed with Australian metallicians for some fairly large sums. The appearance of the handicap and the intimation that Maniopoto's owners had decided to send their horse to Sydney induced numbers to cable for wagers, and in Wellington alone backers would have benefited to the extent of at least £10,000 had Maniopoto proved victorious.

That excitement ran high on last Saturday afternoon goes without saying, and for an hour before the result was posted at the local newspaper office a considerable crowd waited and discussed their possibilities of success. Whilst waiting, the result of the A.J.C. Derby was posted, and the announcement was

received with applause, and many complimentary remarks were heard re Mr. Stead's sportsmanlike action in going so far to meet the crack Victorian colt Charles Stuart, with his pair of Multi-form colts. The success of Noctuiform was taken as a prelude to Maniopoto's victory, and few anticipated that the placed horses would not include his name. However, such is the uncertainty of racing, and the crowd dispersed feeling that there are no such things as "certainties" in horse-racing.

One of Maniopoto's keenest followers outside his immediate connections was so sanguine of success that although he stood to win over a thousand at liberal odds, he, on receiving reassuring odds, took a further 100 to 33, and also invested a fair sum with the local S.P. men, in addition to wagering a level 50 sovs that Maniopoto would run into a place.

Subsequent to the victory of Noctuiform in the A.J.C. Derby, there was a run on him for the New Zealand Cup, and all money up to 100 to 7 was taken. One hundred to 10 is now the best offer, and it would not be surprising to see even a shorter price accepted ere long.

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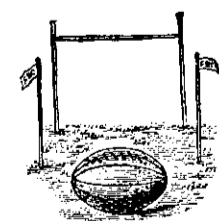
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AFTER THE RACES.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB'S MEETING

On Wednesday last, September 6, the Waikato Hunt Club held their annual meeting, and the attendance was largely in excess of last year, this being, no doubt, due to the fact of having a special train from Auckland, which picked up passengers all along the route. The train arrived punctually to time, and set down the patrons of the sport on the racecourse by 12 o'clock, and also arrived back in town to schedule time, 9.40.

The judge, Mr. James Taylor, was not called in for any close decisions, as most of the races were won without the semblance of a struggle. The two open races of the meeting were won easily by the well-treated Millie and her stable mate, the unknown and unperformed Miss Winnie, who made her debut on the racecourse for the first time. The latter has certainly the knack of galloping, and easily held her field in both races.

Mr. Chas. O'Connor was hardly so successful with the flag as he generally is with the barrier, but this was caused principally through the fractiousness of some of the performers. Patrons rolled in well from the surrounding districts, and over 100 came by train. The club had to guarantee 80, which left no liabilities in this direction. The club received altogether £50 for the betting privileges from licensed members of Tattersall's and unlicensed Waikato bookmakers. The gathering of the Waikato Hunt Club will long be remembered by the pencilers, for, as one of the number jocularly called it, the meeting was Hanon's benefit, horses hailing from this lucky owner and trainer capturing no less than seven out of eight events on the card. The stewards and all the officials were untiring in their efforts to make the meeting a success, and everything went off without a hitch. There was an absence of delays common at most country race meetings.

Six faced the starter in the Hunt Club Hurdles, in which Liberator, an even-money chance, literally ran away from the weak opposition. Flower of Gold finished second on three legs, having struck herself in the race. Baritone was a bad third.

Nine started in the Maiden Welter, where Lady Clements ruled a hot even-money favourite, but this was another runaway race for Hanon's stable, Miss Winnie winning pulling up, with Haeremai second, and the rest, a very moderate lot, nowhere. The winner started at 6 to 4.

There were only two horses backed in the Hunt Club Steeple to 2 to 1 each, these being Lady Web and Pierre. This pair were together all the way, and fought out a fairly good finish. The race was won by the superior riding of Deeble. Baritone again finished third.

The Bardowie Handicap (open) brought out a field of six, in which Kola Nip got a break at the start, but when Millie got alongside the son of Soult, the race was all over, and the little daughter of Tasman romped home in the good time of 1min 20sec, Kola Nip second, and Fieramosca third.

The fifth event, the Hunters' Steeplechase, was the first time the favourite was beaten, as Pilot, a 3 to 1 chance, just got home from Where, the favourite, by a very small margin.

The Ladies' Bracelet was a one-horse race, Liberator winning by 20 lengths pulling up. The bookmakers demanded 8 to 1 on the winner, consequently no business resulted. Two others started.

The Electric Handicap had the decent field of eight runners, but was the worst start at the meeting, the winner, Miss Winnie, getting a break, and was never afterwards troubled. Kola Nip was left at the post, and the second favourite, Celerity, ran second. Lady Clements again ran badly. The winner started an even-money favourite.

The curtain was rung down with the Maiden Steeplechase, and a poor field of four was all that faced the starter, which was won by the moderate Sol, after the favourite, Pierre, had fallen at the sod wall. The old grey, Adele, laid too far out of the race, and must have won had he kept nearer the front. This was the only race of the day in which the bookmakers got a few pounds, and they nearly all lost on the meeting.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The racing season was ushered in on this coast on Wednesday last, when the Marton Jockey Club held their annual gathering, which was a great success. The weather was beautiful, and the attendance highly satisfactory, while speculation was very brisk and the fields exceptionally large. The racing was very interesting throughout, and some excellent finishes were witnessed, and the handicapper (Mr. G. Morse) was warmly congratulated on all sides on the result of his work. The club's officials worked hard together to ensure success, and they are entitled to great credit for the excellence of the arrangements, especially the secretary (Mr. G. F. Bishop). Mr. Saywell, with the barrier, was in splendid form, and got his large fields away nicely. The sum of £11,631 was put through the machine for the two days, which is an increase of £3527 on the amount handled last year. G. Price, D. Price, and W. Young each rode two winners, while C. Jenkins, F. Hannou, E. Moran, D. Watt, W. Kemp, W. Price, F. Whitehouse, W. Galbraith, J. Boyd, and Mrs. Gaisford each scored a win.

Racing commenced with the Trial Stakes, 23 facing the starter, Compass being made a hot favourite, with Papu and Lady White next in demand. The winner, however, turned up in the Grafton—Navarine filly Truce, who was nicely handled by G. Price, and beat White Squall by half a length, paying £8 2s. while supporters of the second horse received £7 6s.

St. Lyra was installed favourite for the Trial Hurdles, Tilson and Numa also having a large following. The favourite ran very well, but received a nasty bump entering the straight, which lost her several lengths, and although she came again, could not overhaul Lady's Link, who won by a couple of lengths and paid £8 7s.

Eleven were saddled up for the Flying Handicap, the Fordell-trained Tuopona being the popular selection, while Te Kanui's chances were also favourably looked upon by a large number. Although the favourites ran up to expectations, they were no match for Marinella, who won from end to end, her supporters getting the nice price of £9 15s. Tuopona was second and Te Kanui a good third.

Ngatarua, with Jenkins up, was heavily backed for the Crofton Handicap (an open event), Assayer also coming in for a lot of support, and these two, with a rank outsider in Coxswain, fought out the finish, the Gold Reef gelding winning by a length, the favourite just defeating Coxswain by a bare head. Assayer's fanciers received £4 4s.

Fifteen numbers were hoisted for the Hunt Club Cup, Hikairoa and Jackeroo holding pride of position in the betting. John Peel, Columbine, and Haerekama being next in demand. This proved a splendid race, the favourite, Hikairoa, leading over the last jump, but Columbine and First Lesson here put in their claim, and after a splendid finish Jessica's daughter won by half a length from First Lesson, the favourite a head away third. Jackeroo ran off in the early stages of the contest, and then re-joining the chase came down at the heelp and broke his neck.

Sir Percival, Operetta, and Opiti were the best supported of the sixteen runners in the Maiden Plate, and these three fought out the finish, and although Sir Percival looked all over a winner 100 yards from home, the Merriwee filly got up at the finish and won by a neck, Apiti a fair third. The win was mainly due to Kemp's good judgment, although Moran took things rather easy on his mount.

Baltic was backed in the Hurdles as if the "race was all over bar shouting," and so it proved, for after keeping in a handy position all through, the Crack-shot gelding came away in the run home and won nicely, paying £1 12s in a field of eight.

Another favourite, in Kuroki, landed the Tutaueni Welter in very easy style, the supporters of the Wanganui representative getting a return of £2 16s for their outlay. Le Vent, with Jenkins up, was well backed, but ran nowhere.

The first event on the second day, the Shorts Handicap, saw 12 face the starter, Sir Percival and Paper being the popular pick, while Compass and White Squall were also well supported. The winner turned up in Red Cross, a daughter of Sun of a Gun—Caritas, who won easily from Apa, paying the nice dividend of £12 11s, while the second horse paid £3 5s. Later in the day Red Cross put down a hot favourite in Te Kanui in the Electric Handicap, returning once more a good dividend, viz., £8 6s. In this event Marsellaise, Tuopona, and

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Truce, who were all well backed, finished amongst the unplaced division.

The Hunters' Hurdles saw 12 go to the post, Hikairo being installed favourite, John Peel, Flanagan and Betty following in that order.

Jenkins' mount, Ngatarua, was made the medium of heavy wagering for the Marton Handicap, and the public proved right in their choice, as the son of Southerner won easily from Rustique, the Wanganui-trained Amaryllys gaining third berth.

The finish of the Ladies' Bracelet was one of the finest of the meeting, Tilson defeating a better favourite in First Lesson by a head.

Lady's Link was made a hot favourite for the Second Hurdles, Lady's Link being next in demand, with Wild Cat the best of the rest.

The gathering was brought to a close with the Final Welter, for which Kuroki was greatly fancied, Apiti and Sir Percival also coming in for solid support.

The Sir Launcelet gelding, Apiti again finishing third.

Sport in Australia.

(By "ATLAS.")

SYDNEY, September 5.

A meeting held on Saturday under the auspices of the old-established Hawkesbury Club served as an appetiser for the important spring meeting of the Australasian Jockey Club, which commences at Randwick on Saturday, and will be in full swing ere this appears in the "Sporting Review."

At Caulfield on Saturday, J. Wilson, jun., captured two races with Boabdil and Oporto. Boabdil, who won the Memphis Stakes, run under weight for age scale, in good style, is engaged in the Epsom Handicap with 8st 4lb, and the Metropolitan with 8st.

The capable but unlucky horseman, J. Montgomery, has had his full share of misfortune. A few weeks back he had his nose broken in a fall in a hurdle race at Canterbury, and in the hurdle race on Saturday he was again among the unfortunates.

The coursing season at Kensington was wound up on Saturday, but little or no interest was evinced in the fixture. How the club can make coursing pay is a puzzle to me.

The Kalgoolie Jockey Club's annual meeting was a great success from a financial point of view. During the four days of the meeting the totalisator turnover was £76,550.

In the billiard match between James and F. Smith, 3000 up, the former won by over 200 points.

In Rugby football South Sydney continue to lead the premiership contests, Glebe being a point only behind them.

Ford and A. Towns, brother of the ex-champion, have been matched to row on the Hunter River in ten weeks' time for £200 a-side. Ford will be trained by Stanbury. I hear Towns has approached Stanbury with the view of having another match with him.

ACCEPTANCES.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

AVONDALE CUP; one mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Avondale Cup race.

FLYING STAKES; six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Flying Stakes race.

AVONDALE STAKES; four furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Avondale Stakes race.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE; three miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Handicap Steeplechase race.

MAIDEN PLATE. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Maiden Plate race.

FIRST HURDLES. Two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the First Hurdles race.

PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Pony Handicap race.

PLUNKET HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Plunket Handicap race.

SECOND DAY.

AVONDALE GUINEAS; one mile.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Avondale Guineas race.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP, of 2000 sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the New Zealand Cup race.

HANDICAPS.

RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

12 noon. FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Flying Handicap race.

1.30 p.m. PUKEROA HACK HURDLES; one mile and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Pukeroa Hack Hurdles race.

2.15 p.m. WILLOW BANK HACK RACE; six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Willow Bank Hack Race.

3 p.m. RANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE; about two miles and three-quarter.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Rangitikei Steeplechase race.

3.45 p.m. SPRING HANDICAP; one mile and a distance.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Spring Handicap race.

4.45 p.m. RANGITIKEI HACK HANDICAP; one mile.

Table with columns for horse names, jockeys, and odds for the Rangitikei Hack Handicap race.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

CITY HANDICAP. BIRTHDAY HANDICAP. MANUKAU HURDLES HANDICAP.

SUMMER MEETING.

AUCKLAND CUP. RAILWAY HANDICAP. SUMMER CUP HANDICAP. AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP. AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE.

Nominations for the above Events close on FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 1905 at 9 o'clock p.m.

Full Programme in Next Issue. WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report as follows on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Table with columns for odds and horse names for the New Zealand Cup.

CUP AND STEWARDS'

Table with columns for odds and horse names for the Cup and Stewards' race.

Mr A. Bradshaw reports the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Table with columns for odds and horse names for the New Zealand Cup.

P A K U R A N G A HUNT CLUB. HUNT SPORTS. (Under Rules of Racing). To be held at ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM. On SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1905.

- PROGRAMME. 1. FARMERS' HANDICAP FLAT RACE, for trophy value 10 sovs. Nomination, 5s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. 2. HUNTERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, for trophy value 10 sovs. Nomination, 10s. Distance, two miles. 3. OPEN HANDICAP FLAT RACE, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 50s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs. 4. HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, for trophy value 15 sovs. Nomination, 10s. Distance, about two miles and a-half. 5. FARMERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, for trophy value 15 sovs. Nomination, 5s. Distance, two miles. 6. LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP FLAT RACE, for trophy value 10 sovs. Nomination, 10s. Distance, two miles and a-quarter.

For Further Particulars See Posters. NOMINATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 15. R. B. KINLOCH and B. LEWIS, Hon. Secretaries.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS. AVONDALE RACES.

16th, 20th, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1905.

In connection with the above, Special Trains will leave Auckland for Avondale at 11.15 a.m., 11.35 a.m., 12.20 p.m., returning leaving Avondale at 5.40 p.m., 6.0 p.m., and 6.13 p.m. These Trains will only stop at Newmarket and Mount Eden.

A Train also leaves Auckland for Avondale at 1.20 p.m.

The usual 3.20 p.m. Auckland Train will leave Helensville at 4.25 p.m., Henderson 5.49, Avondale 6.25, arriving Auckland at 7.4 p.m.

The usual 5.10 p.m. Henderson Train will not leave Auckland till 5.30 p.m., Mount Eden 5.53, Avondale 6.15, arriving Henderson at 6.40 p.m.

Return Fares from Auckland, Newmarket, and Mount Eden, to Avondale, including admission to Course, 2s. Rail only (on production of Members' Tickets), 1s.

BY ORDER. TURF RESULTS

THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following are the results of the principal events run at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, at Randwick, Sydney, September 9:-

THE A.J.C. DERBY, a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added. For three-year-olds. One mile and a-half. Mr G. G. Stead's ch c Noctuidiform by Multiflorum-La Notte (L. H. Hewitt) 1. Mr G. G. Stead's b c Sungod (H. Jones) 2. Mr J. McDonald's br f Lady Wallace (Hickey) 3. Other starters: Jargoon, Binnia, Charles Stuart, Pius.

Betting: 2 to 1 against Charles Stuart, 5 to 2 Lady Wallace, 3 to 1 Noctuidiform. Won in a canter by eight lengths, Sungod being half-a-dozen lengths in front of Lady Wallace.

THE EPSOM HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile. Mrs J. C. Smith's b g Sleeper, by Metal Sleep, 6yrs, 7.4 (N. Godby) 1. Mr J. A. Mayo's br g Rosemead, 7.3, 4yrs (Connolly) 2. Mr J. McGill's b h Truce, 4yrs, 8.2 (Thomas) 3. Betting: 3 to 1 against Maniapoto, 6 to 1 P.K. and Famous, 7 to 1 Lord Fitzroy, 10 to 1 Machine Gun, 12 to 1 Warroo and Sleeper.

Won by two lengths, a head between second and third. Time, 1min 39sec. THE SPRING STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 600 added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a-half.

Mr F. E. D. Clarke's br h Emir, by Wallace-Emmie, 5yrs, 9.5 (R. Lewis) 1. Mr S. Green's ch m Gladstone, 5yrs, 9.0 (N. Godby) 2. Mr G. G. Stead's ch m Nightfall, 4yrs (L. Hewitt) 3. Betting: 3 to 1 against Emir, 7 to 2 Nightfall, 4 to 1 Gladstone. Won by half-a-length, Nightfall being three lengths away third, and Grand Rapids last. Time, 2min 34sec.

SECOND DAY-SEPTEMBER 11.

THE SHORTS, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 250 sovs added. Six furlongs. Mr D. J. Price's br h Machine Gun, by Hotchkiss-Rubina, 5yrs 1. Mr G. A. Schneider's br m Lady Brockleigh, 6yrs 2. Mr E. A. Sheil's bk m Airloch, 5yrs 3. Fourteen horses started. Betting: 3 to 1 against Hollette, 5 to 1 Handsome, 8 to 1 Machine Gun. Won easily by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 14sec.

THE SPRING MAIDEN STAKES, a sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, with 250 sovs added. Special weights. One mile and a quarter.

THE METROPOLITAN, a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, with 2000 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 300 sovs, and the owner of the third 150 sovs out of the stake.

THE FIRST STEEPCHASE, a handicap sweepstakes of 6 sovs each, with 300 sovs added. About two miles and a-half.

THE NEW STAKES, a sweepstakes of 6 sovs each, with 300 sovs added. One mile and a furlong.

THE SQUATTERS' HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 8 sovs each, with 400 sovs added. One mile and a-quarter.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING. FIRST DAY. There was fine weather on Wednesday for the first day, and a large attendance.

TRIAL STAKES.—Truce 1, White Squall 2, Paper 3. Scratched: Onyx, Sir Percivale, Stripper, Vanity, Nukutahi, Almandine, Forest Vale, Wind, Ngarara, Spikie.

TRIAL HURDLES.—Lady's Link 1, St. Lyra 2, Catspaw 3. Scratched: Hakarau, Levent. Won fairly easily. Time, 2min 59 sec.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Marinella 1, Tupono 2, Tekainui 3. Scratched: Truce. Won easily. Time, 1min 18sec.

CROFTON HANDICAP.—Assayer 1, Ngatarua 2, Coxswain 3. Scratched: Tikarawa, Lovelink. Won by a length, a head separating the second and third horses.

HUNT CUP.—Columbine 1, First Lesson 2, Hikairoa 3. Scratched: Old Gun, Jackaroo fell and broke his neck.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Operetta 1, Sir Percivale 2, Aplit 3. Scratched: Forest Vale, Nukutahi, Dalny. Won by a head.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Baltic 1, Moetoropuku 2, Katerina 3. Scratched: Terecelt, St. Lyra, Flanagan, Lady's Link, Tilson Lerida, South Star.

TUTAENUI WELTER.—Kuroki 1, Fancywork 2, The Ruler 3. Scratched: Amaryllis, Wild Cat, Claremont, Clipper, Onyx Nigger, Spring Gun.

SECOND DAY. There was a large attendance at the races on Thursday. The totalisator investments for the two days totalled £11,531.

terina, Black Squall, Tyrone, Katoa, Hakarau. Won easily. Time, 3min 2sec. Dividends: St. Lyra £3 10s, Lady's Link 6s, South Star £6 11s.

FINAL WELTER.—Sir Percivale 1, Kuroki 2, Aplit 3. Other starters: Ruler, Electric Gun, Fireball. Won easily. Time, 1min 34sec.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 and 27, 1905. SPRING MEETING.

MAKARAKA RACECOURSE. President, J. W. Nolan. Vice-President, J. Clark. Hon. Treasurer, L. T. Symes.

FIRST DAY. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1905. To start at 12.45 p.m. 1. TRIAL HANDICAP, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake.

2. FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any Hurdle Race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra.

3. FIRST COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waiau and Waikanae.

4. SPRING HANDICAP, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra; of 100 sovs, 10lb extra.

5. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 60 sovs or upwards. Seven furlongs.

6. MAIDEN SCURRY, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight 8st. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs.

7. FLYING HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs or upwards after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra; of 100 sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs.

8. FIRST HACK FLAT HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. One mile.

SECOND DAY. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1905. 1. SECOND WELTER HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 60 sovs or upwards. One mile.

2. SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles.

3. SECOND COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waiau and Waikanae. One mile.

4. MAKARAKA HANDICAP, of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. One mile.

5. SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Second Welter to carry 3lb penalty. Six furlongs.

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.

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.

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 settling 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 Samoa 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.

After a very satisfactory settling Fynes resumes duty and manages to pull off a big case in the Law Courts, after which a pleasant day is spent at Asot. Then Straight, Sam Player and Fynes conspire how to gain possession of the Fortuna Filly, and thus get even with Rolfe.

CHAPTER XX.—(Continued.) "That's because I don't go in for them; but I know that I can win that race if I want, and I do want!"

"Well, then, sir; which is it to be—Balham or La Carmagnole?" "Which do you think, Sam?"

lofty elm trees, and their large-limbed foals galloped about and raced together to their hearts' content.

There was a colt foal, the brother to Samoa, and the very image of him, and Sir Robert was very proud of this one.

Then there was a sister to Helvellyn and a half-sister to Phantom City, besides brothers and sisters to the crack two-year-olds, so that the running blood did not look in any danger of being lost.

All the mares were big, roomy animals, for Sir Robert would not breed from a little one, however good she might herself have been; and the consequence of this was that the foals all had plenty of bone and substance.

When they had inspected the stallions, of which there were two, Tahiti, the sire of Samoa, and Shadowland, the father of Phantom City, the stud groom wanted to ask some questions of Sir Robert concerning the management of the farm, and so Delia was left alone with the trainer.

"Well, Miss Delia, and how is Mr. Fynes?" asked John.

"Oh, Dash is very well—he says he has had a good many cases brought to him since he appeared in that libel. Oh, Mr. Straight, I am so proud of him!"

"So you ought to be. He is a fine young fellow; but what I want you to do is to write to him and tell him to go to Alexandra Park next Saturday, without fail; as I want to see him there particularly."

"Alexandra Park! Why, I did not know that you ever went there?" said Delia, interrogatively.

"I don't, as a rule; but I am going there this time."

"What is it for?" asked Delia. "Is he to back anything there?"

"No, I don't expect so; but we have other fish to fry besides backing horses. I suppose your young Dash told you about Hamilton Rolfe buying the filly that I wanted for Sir Robert?"

"Yes. I wish you could pay the beast out!"

"Well, my dear, that is just what we are going to do. Rolfe is going to run the filly at Alexandra Park, and we are going, first to beat her, and then to claim her."

"Oh, Mr. Straight, how splendid! How I wish I could be there!"

"I wish you could, my dear; but I will call in here on my way home after the races and tell you what has happened."

"But why do you want Dash to be there?" asked Delia.

"Because I want to buy the filly for him, and I should like him to see her first."

"Is Dash going to own horses, then?" asked Delia, excitedly.

"Yes; I think he might do well with this one, and that's why I am going to get her for him."

"Oh, what fun it will be! I must be there to see it. Could you not manage to take me?"

"How can I take you? Sir Robert would be furious at your going there, and rightly too, alone!"

"I shall go there all the same," said Delia, with determination; "and if you won't look after me, I must look after myself."

"I shall tell Sir Robert what you say," said John.

"You would not be such a sneak!" replied Delia.

"No, I would not; but I do hope you will not go. It is no place for you."

"I shall, though!" she said.

Further conversation on this topic was stopped by the return of Sir Robert, so Mr. Straight was obliged to allow Delia to have the last word; a thing which all women love.

"Will you stop and have some supper with us, John?" asked Sir Robert. "The drive will be much more pleasant in the moonlight."

"Oh, yes; do stay!" chimed in Delia.

"Well, I have nothing particular to take me home now, as the horses will all be done up for the night by the time I get back, anyhow; so I shall be very glad to stay."

And so John stayed to supper, and Sir Robert drove him home in the evening in the four-wheel dog-cart, with Delia snugly wrapped in a rug on the back seat, and Vic on her lap.

There was a brilliant full moon which lighted up hill and dale with its mystic, dreamy radiance, throwing bars of black shadow from the trees across the gleaming chalk-white road, and making the dew on the branches glitter like strings of diamonds.

Along the moss-grown oak palings of Wellesley Park the bald-headed coots roosted in a solemn row, and they ruffled their feathers and gave shrill cries as the trap rattled by; and then they passed through the sleeping village of Cottingham, and on to where the lighted windows of the trainer's house flashed a cheerful welcome and a suggestion of humanity, in striking contrast to the great weird solitude of the silver downs which lay behind.

The Stud Farm was about a quarter of a mile from the house, and consisted of a comfortable homestead standing close to the road in the midst of a large garden, and with paddocks on either side fenced with high and stiff wooden rails; then, in the rear there were two rows of boxes built of wood and tarred, and farther away a group of stallion boxes.

In the paddocks the mares were feeding on the rich grass in the shade of the

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

The Auckland "reps." visited the Thames on Saturday, where it was proved to them that the victory scored by the team from the mining district at Alexandra Park the other day was no fluke. The teams in Saturday's match on the Parawai ground were as follows:—

AUCKLAND (blue and white): Fullback, R. Magee; threequarters, Gerrard, O'Meara, Twiname; five-eighths, Todd; half, Young; wings, Tyler, Doran; forwards, Herring, Dunning, Francis, McGuire, Trevarthen, Marshall, Eaton.

THAMES (blue and black): Fullback, Duffy; threequarters, Quarterman, Newdick, J. Houghton; five-eighths, Winder; half, A. Houghton; wings, McCollum, Baker; forwards, White, McKeown, McDuff, Dunlop, Autridge, Dobson, Hayward.

The play was of a very even nature for a considerable time, but eventually the Thames forwards took the ball into Auckland's territory, when Auckland was penalised, and Duffy kicked a goal. Auckland instantly rallied, and some good play by Tyler and Francis was ended by the latter getting a try, but his attempt at goal was feeble. In the second spell the game was mostly confined to the forwards, and was not of a very interesting nature. Eventually Young made a run, and passing to Gerrard, the latter scored, but the Auckland custom of missing the goal was most faithfully adhered to. Thames then rallied, and a strong attack followed, during which Newdick potted a goal from the field. Auckland attacked strongly at the close, but could not break through the Thames defence, the latter thus winning by 7 points to 6. A large number of Aucklanders made the trip to the Thames to witness the game.

The Australian touring team met Taranaki and Wanganui combined on Saturday at Hawera, and managed to inflict defeat on the local men by 18 points to 13. Australia led off by Wickham kicking a goal from a mark. Then Ryan scored a try for the home team, which was not converted. Next Hardgrave kicked a goal from a free kick. Gascott was the next to score for the combined, but Hardgrave failed to convert the try, and the score read: Combined, 10; Australia, 4. The latter rallied, and B. Smith crossed the line, but for once in a while Wickham failed with his kick. McLean put the scores level with a try, and this was promptly converted. Soon after McLean scored again, but the kick at goal failed. A rally by the Combined gave them a chance, and Hardgrave kicked a penalty goal. The game was fast up to the close, just before which Colton scored, and the game ended with the Australians five points ahead—a well-deserved win.

On Saturday next there is certain to be a big muster at Alexandra Park to witness the match between the Australians and Auckland. The former have been showing greatly improved form in their recent matches, and the result ought to be very close. On form Auckland should win, but the fine place-kicking by Wickham is a factor not to be overlooked in summing up the visitors' chances.

The New Zealand football team has arrived in England after a good trip, and on Saturday commence their tour with a match against Devon county, which should be defeated. In fact, the visitors should have a big chance in all their earlier matches, for it is not till the tour is well on that they will be called upon to tackle any of the "snags." The programme to be gone through is as follows:—September 16, against Devon county; September 20, against Cornwall; September 23, against Bristol; September 28, against Northampton; September 30, against Leicester; October 3, against Middlesex; October 7, against Durham; October 11, against Hartlepool; October 14, against Northumberland; October 19, against Gloucester; October 21, against Somerset; October 25, against Devonport Albion; October 28, against Midlands; November 1, against Surrey; November 4, against Blackheath; November 6 or 7, against Oxford; November 9, against Cambridge; November 11, against Richmond; November 18, against Scotland; November 25, against Ireland; December 2, against England; December 6, against Cheltenham; December 9, against Cheshire; December 13, against Yorkshire; December 16, against Wales; undated, against Glamorgan; December 23, against Newport; December 30, against Swansea.

The City District Club will play the Wednesday Union representative team next Wednesday, when a good game should result.

It is said that "Scobie" McKenzie intends giving the game best after the match against the Australians next Saturday.

A team from the Auckland Referees' Association will play a match against a junior representative team at Alexandra Park before the big match starts.

The Australian touring team scored their first win in the colony last week, when Hawke's Bay and Matawatu were defeated by 7 points to 5.

The Paeroa Druids came up to Auckland on Saturday and tackled the local Druids on the Metropolitan Ground, but were defeated by 8 points to nil.

The Australian Rugby team arrived from New Plymouth on Sunday morning, and were met by the officials of the A.R.U. In the afternoon they were driven round the suburbs, and on Monday they left for Rotorua.

Waihi beat Karangahake on Saturday by 11 points to 4.

Hawke's Bay was beaten by Poverty Bay on Saturday by 9 points to 6 after a close game.

The match between Wellington and Otago at Dunedin resulted in a draw after a somewhat uninteresting game, in which neither side scored.

The "socket" match at Kingsland on Saturday between Auckland and Taranaki was to a considerable extent spoilt by the bad state of the ground, and the match might well have been played on the Domain. The result was a draw, each side scoring a goal, Forshaw doing the trick for Auckland, and Scholefield putting it through for the visitors.

The Corinthians have returned from their Taranaki tour, having won both matches played. The Aucklanders defeated Waitara by 6 goals to 4, and Taranaki by 2 goals to nil.

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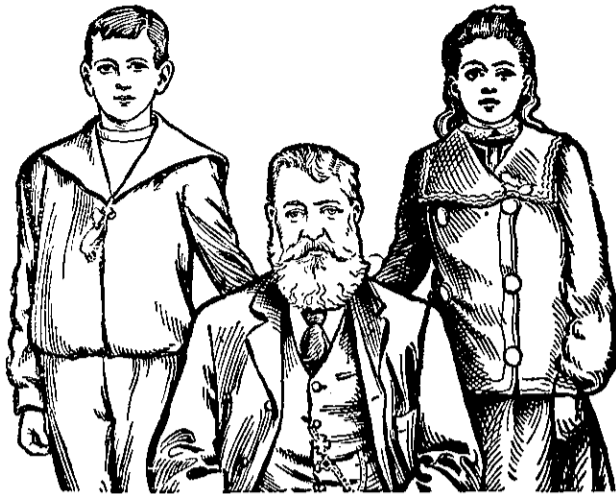
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CYCLING.

The New Zealander, R. Arnst, has won the fifty miles road championship of New South Wales, doing the distance in 2hr 58min 53sec.

G. A. Olley covered 855½ miles, from Land's End to John o' Groats, in 3 days 20 hours 15 minutes, beating the unpaced record by 1hr 10min. The previous best was 4 days 7 hours 25 minutes, accomplished by Dr. F. W. Wesley, of Nottingham, last year. The route taken by Olley was via Exeter, Bristol, Gloucester, Worcester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Kendal, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Perth, Blair Atholl, Inverness, and Wick. He set himself to beat the record by 15½ hours, but was delayed by a heavy storm.

The cycling race from Launceston to Hobart resulted thus:—A. Hardman, 1; J. Jones, 2; J. Doyle, 3. Only a length separated the three. In sixteen minutes the nine other men had finished. Hardman's (scratch) riding time was 8hr 21min 41 1-3sec, and his was also the fastest actual time. He will represent Tasmania in the Melbourne-Warrnambool race. Hardman fell during the trip owing to a slight collision.

The ten miles Australian championship, under the League, was held at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and the result was a win for G. H. Horder, with J. Megson and B. Goodson second and third respectively. It was a great struggle home. The time was 23min 44s. Owing to some irregularities the stewards have declared it no race, and will re-run it later in the season.

The finish of the great Dunlop Road Race from Timaru to Christchurch (105 miles) is thus described by "Rover" in the "Canterbury Times":—"Faint echoes of cheers a long way up Lincoln Road were the first intimation the watchers at the racecourse received that the leader

was actually nearing the end of his long, toilsome, and wearisome journey. The people had waited patiently for hours. They had been on the tip-toe of expectation ever since about 4.30. The echoes of cheers from Lincoln Road soon became more distinct. They were taken up by the crowds that lined the approaches to the gates, and shortly after that a mud-bespattered rider slowly and laboriously came along the grass lawn to the entrance to the course. From head to foot he was encased in an armour of mud. His features were quite unrecognisable. He might have been any one of the 170 who started. The scratch man was evidently wanted by the public, and on all sides of the balconies the cry was "It's Jack Arnst." The mud, however, had not obliterated the figures on his back, and "217" showed plainly enough as the rider entered the track, and it was then known that O'Connor had scored a noted victory. There was a stipulation that competitors should go once round the course, which was in a very bad condition for cycling. He rode for a short distance on the track, through heavy mud, and then gave it up, and, getting off his machine, carried it along on the side of the track. But that time he was accompanied by a large crowd of enthusiastic admirers, who cheered him repeatedly. He walked all round the track with his machine, sometimes carrying it on his shoulders, and sometimes pushing it along. When he neared the winning-post he seemed to be utterly spent. He leaned forward until he stooped, and he wobbled at each step. No sooner had he passed the post than his machine was wrenched from his hands, and he was raised shoulder high above the crowd. In response to the hearty cheers he languidly raised his hand and lifted his cap. The caked mud on his face cracked as he smiled a tired, muddy smile. He was hurried into the dressing-room, but emerged soon after, and was taken quickly away in a motor-car. Sir Joseph Ward announced O'Connor's victory from the stewards' stand. "I have very much pleasure," he said, "in announcing that P. M. O'Connor, No. 217 on the programme, has come in first in this road race. (Cheers.) The time occupied is 6hr 47min to the gate. On your behalf, and also on behalf of myself, I desire to convey warm congratulations to O'Connor for the feat he has performed, and the meritorious work he has done on a day such as this. It is a feat in itself. I think I am right in tendering to O'Connor the warm appreciation of cyclists throughout the whole colony upon the splendid time he has put up. (Cheers.) I hope that he may go on winning road races in New Zealand, and still more in other countries." (Cheers.) Sir Joseph Ward called for three cheers for the winner, and they were given heartily. Considerable time elapsed after O'Connor's arrival before

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The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

The Inflammable Liquids Bill is viewed strongly by the motor section of the public (says the Sydney "Mail"), especially clause 9, which states that "no one, even a storekeeper, will be allowed to store more than nine cases of kerosene, and this only provided he keeps no other spirit on the premises. If by chance he has any of the latter, even half a pint, then only two cases of kerosene can be kept. Further, it is stipulated that he must not in any case have more than three gallons of naphtha or benzine. This restriction is especially severe on motorists. To buy benzine separately entails a loss to the purchaser, and if one is compelled to buy the oil retail by the gallon, then 25 per cent. extra at least must be paid. It may be here remarked that a penalty of £100 is to be imposed on anyone breaking these regulations. There are other instances in which the bill will be roundly condemned, and if it becomes law as it stands at present, it will do automobiles a great deal of harm, and also block motor-boating.

M. Thery, the hero of the Gordon-Bennett motor race, is resting from his fatigues. He has made up his mind to race no more. He has been a careful man, and his victories have brought him quite a comfortable little fortune. According to a London journal, he cannot be worth less than £10,000.

The Automobile Club of Australia has decided upon its badge. On the top is a motor car being driven by a motorist with wings, and beneath is a ribbon on blue with the letters A.C.A. in red. It is not quite clear whether the intention has been to depict the motorist as an angel or a scorcher.

Many novices in motor-cycling fail to appreciate the importance of having a suitable gear on their machines. Occasionally one notices a high-powered machine under-g geared, or too low, and a small-powered machine geared too high. Now, it is quite possible to get very good work out of a 2 h.p. machine if geared about one to six, which will give a maximum of about 24 miles per hour, or a steady 17 average; but with a one to four gear this machine would probably be a failure, because, although on the dead level, it might do well over 30 per hour, it would stick on anything in the shape of a hill. On the other hand, a 3½ or 4 h.p. machine geared one to six would be a mistake. It would be uneconomical in petrol and oil, and always prone to overheat on the level, as the engine would always be running at a high speed for a slow rate of travel. For machines of this power a gear of one to four or one to three and a-half will be found the best all-round gear, even for a heavy rider and steep hills. If the machine is not equal to the task, it is clear the engine cannot be developing anything like its full power. There are, of course, hills that a 2 h.p. single-gear machine, with heavy rider, will not go up. In the Dunlop motor-cycle contest, held from Sydney to Melbourne last February, a 2 h.p. motor with a moderate gear established the best performance, notwithstanding a 13th rider was up in the saddle.

Some sound advice is given purchasers of motor cars by "Auto" in Melbourne "Punch." The amateur who proposes to buy his first motor car finds himself launched into a stupefying atmosphere of rivalry, bewilderment, contradictory opinion and opposite advice. At first the task he has set himself seems a pleasant and simple one. He has a friend, perhaps, who owns a motor car, and is loud in his praises—why should he not get one of the same make? Just at this point he should remember that it is his own money that he is going to spend, and not that of his friends. Few men will be disposed to resign entirely to the judgment of others the spending of a good sum of money in a vehicle in which one intends to travel oneself. Mention of the make he fancies will cause some of them to implore him to have nothing to do with the car in question, and each will probably recommend another make. The advice of friends is too often worthless, owing to any one of fifty reasons, and our advice to an intending buyer is to arrive at his decision gradually, and after personal investigation of all the suitable cars in the market. Our buyer will find that the advertisements of the different agents are full of claims that the particular car they offer is the best

in the market. Every man who has a car to sell will claim that in his car perfection has at last been attained, for it is not to be expected that any agent will acknowledge that it is second to any other car, for he would be foolish to thus run down his judgment in handling it. Each car advertised is claimed to be the most reliable car known, and records are given in support of the claims. The wisest course for the buyer to pursue is to keep in clear view the essentials and to indulge his own individual freedom of choice between two or more makes which embody the essential features of a satisfactory automobile. The essentials must be sharply separated from the non-essentials. A motor car is a thing of price, and its purchase should not be completed without a careful study of all the cars in the market. The buyer of an automobile should get down to practical facts when buying, for it is expensive to do it afterwards. The ability of a motor car in proportion to its cost—in other words, what it will do and the manner of its doing it—determines its actual value, and what it is wanted for makes its value to the owner. The use to which it is proposed to put a car is an absolutely essential consideration in the choice of a motor car. Ability must be considered, both in comparison to its cost and its use. If the power is greater than the purchaser has any use for, it is not good value for his money. If the car is wanted for practical daily use and enjoyment, the question is—What is its all-round ability in proportion to its cost? What load will the car carry besides itself? What is its ability on hills? What is its speed on the level and on slight grades? Can it run at good speed on rough roads, with safety and comfort to its occupants, without injury to the car? How easy is it to operate and ride in? Is it quiet, comfortable, simple, stylish, and enduring? Finally, what is its price? Actual demonstration is the only way to answer these questions and disclose the real value of a car. No buyer of ordinary intelligence will finally decide on his selection before personally testing the merits of several makes of cars.

During the visit of the Japanese legation to England, it was stated by one of the secretaries that, owing to the war, there was a great scarcity of horses in Japan, and he anticipated motor vehicles of all kinds will have a very good market there. In proof of this he stated that Prince Arisugawa devoted some attention to motoring, with the result that he purchased a 30 h.p. Darracq car.

The "Motor World" is of the opinion that France, by withdrawing from any future Gordon-Bennett races, has possibly killed international speed contests, and says it is an open secret that most of the other competing countries do not think the game worth the candle. The "Autocar" puts forward the suggestion that the Gordon-Bennett contest be decided in the Isle of Man next year. While admitting the idea to be well conceived, the "Motor World" advances what it considers to be a better one. What reason, it asks, is there to prevent the famous trophy being transferred to a reliability or a touring event? It suggests that such a race should be international in character, and feels convinced that the results obtained would prove of greater benefit and interest to the motor trade, while being more of a pleasure trip to those participating.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REEFER.")

The annual general meeting of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron will take place on Thursday, September 21. The flag officers will be the same as last year, but the following, in addition to sitting members, have been nominated for seats on the committee:—Messrs. W. S. J. Clarke, Chas. Seager, C. H. Smith, Hugh C. Wright, and Captain Moorhouse.

The spell of fine weather recently experienced has caused work on the yachts to be pushed on with, and already several are talking of getting afloat. True, some of the days have looked very tempting, but perhaps it would be safer to bide a wee.

A cable states that the twelve kilometres international swimming race has been won by Paulas, a Frenchman, Burgess, Holbein, and Miss Kellermann being next. It was a very plucky act on the part of the young Victorian swimmer to tackle so long a race as seven miles, and a victory for her would have caused much enthusiasm.

The annual report and balance-sheet of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron is to hand from the hon. secretary, Mr. P. H. Cole. This shows that there are 258 members belonging to the club, while the fleet consists of 37 cutters, four yawls, and 17 power launches. Receipts amounted to £321 and expenditure to £309, there being a small profit of £16 for the season. This is a satisfactory state of affairs, for of course there is no desire to make money out of the Squadron's affairs. The assets are given at £506 and the liabilities £15.

The time put up by the Sydney swimmer, Kieran, in the 500yds championship at Leeds, viz., 6min 7sec, is a new world's record, being 3 3-5sec faster than that established by Kieran at Bronte Baths on February 18 this year. This performance is a most satisfactory one (says the "Town and Country Journal.") It not only shows that Kieran is a wonderful swimmer, but that the timekeepers in Sydney are reliable, a belief not shared by many swimming critics in England. Out here it was known they were not wrong; but the times put up at different carnivals were so much faster than those in England that the people in the Old Country could not believe they were correct. Now they can scarcely do otherwise. Kieran has given the English record a big bump. The previous best time in England was 6min 25 2-5sec, and was done by Billington on July 14, 1902. The Sydney wonder has set the English crack something to do to beat the new record.

Kieran has justified the action of Sydney enthusiasts in sending him to England. He was beaten in the mile mainly because he was not at his best owing to the short time he had to train, in the five miles because he was wrongly advised to "stick to Jarvis," instead of being allowed to keep closer to Billington; and in the King's Cup Competition because he was not fitted for such a competition, which was of a life-saving character. These are the only contests in which Kieran has failed to secure first place.

anything else happened, and then Humm came along, and shortly after him Bell, and later on the others. In several instances there were comparatively close finishes, and the progress round the muddy course was watched with great interest. The order of arrival would have been altered in some cases had not a stipulation been made that competitors should go round the course, as some were beaten on the track by those who reached it shortly after them. The following the order of arrival of the first eighteen to finish:—P. M. O'Connor (Cricklewood), 45min, 4hr 47min; A. Humm (Spreydon), 35min, 5hr 12min 9sec; F. H. Bell (Fairlie), 43min, 5hr 15min 1sec; G. Smith (Riccarton), 50min, 5hr 25min 13sec; W. A. Bennett (Highbank), 45min, 5hr 27min 25sec; G. N. Langford (Temuka), 42min, 5hr 37min 43sec; O. Neilson (Dannevirke), 23min, 5hr 29min 18sec; C. H. Butterfield (St. Albans), 50min, 5hr 34min 56sec; H. Lloyd (Wanganui), 23min, 5hr 36min 25sec; H. Henderson (Palmerston North), 5min, 5hr 37min 51sec; P. Watson (Papanui), 50min, 5hr 39min 51sec; W. Walsh (Papanui), 30min, 5hr 40min 14sec; A. Birch (Fendalton), 35min, 5hr 46min 46sec; W. Rennie (Invercargill), 23min, 5hr 49min 16sec; R. Jones (Napier), 17min, 5hr 53min 36sec; H. E. Mehrtens (Spreydon), 25min, 5hr 53min 36sec; G. Carr (Makikihi), 42min, 5hr 55min 25sec; B. Prestney (Rangiora), 30min, 6hr 0min 10sec.

We all know what an important factor the wind is with cycling. A wind that retards a man at his best to 10 miles per hour will allow of more than double the pace being made if running before it, and, what is more, with less than half the effort. It is a curious fact that the best times are always made in road races (over an out and home course), when the riders have the advantage of the wind on the outward journey. That I have repeatedly noticed (writes "Fortis"), and the explanation seems to be that the racer is better fitted to tackle harder work when he is thoroughly warmed, when his circulation is perfect, and when he is perspiring at every pore. He is full of running, and, besides, has dropped into his stride, which enables him to gauge to an ounce the exact pressure required to maintain a certain pace.

GOLF.

Miss M. Richmond and Mr. D. MacCormick won the mixed foursomes of the Auckland Golf Club on Saturday with a net score of 86, Miss Bramwell and Mr. H. B. Lusk being close up with 88. Twenty-six couples competed.

The Napier Golf Club's tournament was concluded on Saturday. In the final for the ladies' championship Miss Scott (Dunedin) beat Mrs. Perry (Napier) by four up and three to play. The final for the men's championship saw H. Kawhi (Napier) in splendid form, and he played a grand game, getting four up on J. Harold (Wanganui) at the eighteenth hole. In the second round Kawhi maintained his lead, and at the fifteenth hole won by four up and three to play. The ladies' final bogey was won by Mrs. A. A. Kennedy, with Miss E. Davis second, and Miss Todd third. The men's final bogey handicap fell to H. J. Smith, G. S. Pearce being second and F. L. Gordon third. In the mixed foursomes Miss N. Rutledge and H. J. Smith won, Miss Gorrie and A. A. Kennedy being second and Miss Gould and J. F. Jardine third.

BOWLING.

The Carlton Club's winter green has been wonderfully popular this season, and on several occasions the rinks have had to be overlapped, and even then would-be players have had to go without a game. Even on Wednesday the green has been nearly full, and it has certainly proved a boon to lovers of the ancient game.

The council of the Northern Bowling Association having circualised the clubs on the subject, has ascertained that the affiliated clubs are almost unanimous that the annual tournament should be held in Wellington next January, and that it should be played as at Auckland, viz., inter-club matches, limited to two rinks from each club, and that the competition should be divided into convenient sections in order to curtail play on the first three days.

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According to Lloyd's "Shipping Gazette," the biggest merchant steamer in the world is still, apparently, the White Star liner Baltic, of 23,876 tons, for the Amerika, the new boat of the Hamburg-American Company, is returned at the round figure of 23,000 tons. The Cedric (21,035 tons) and the Celtic (20,904 tons) are also combine ships, like the Baltic, and some people might suggest that their British register is open to qualification. But even the Hamburg-American and Norddeutscher Lloyd Companies are not free from association with the International Mercantile Marine Company. The Carmania, the new Cunard boat, which at least is genuinely British, is put at 20,000 tons, with her sister ship, the Coronia, a little below that figure. There are, in truth, only seven ships of 20,000 tons and upwards, and of these Great Britain boasts the four already named; the United States two, in the shape of the Dakota (20,714) and the Minnesota (20,718); and the Germans the Amerika. Their next biggest ship is the Kaiser Wilhelm II. (19,360). France has no 20,000-ton ship, her largest steamer as yet being La Provence, of 15,000 tons, which is of considerably greater dimensions than the two other liners of the Transatlantic Company which exceed 10,000 tons. Belgium is still content with one vessel above the last-mentioned limit—the Vaderland, of just over 12,000 tons. Denmark's two big ships are just over 10,000 tons apiece, but three of Holland's four are considerably larger. Looking at the fact that there are now seven vessels of or exceeding 20,000 tons, it seems difficult to realise that seven years ago the Kaiser Wilhelm, of 14,349 tons, was the biggest merchant steamer in existence. Things have advanced a good deal since then, and no one can say with certainty that such steamers as the Baltic and the Amerika at all represent finality.

At the annual meeting of the Ponsonby Cruising Club, the annual report and balance-sheet, which were read and adopted, showed the club to be in a very sound position, it having a credit balance of £43 2s, with assets valued at £75. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Wilson; commodore, Mr. A. Braund; vice-commodore, Mr. D. Patterson (re-elected); rear-commodore, Mr. Theo. Payne; treasurer, Mr. J. Boonstra; secretary, Mr. W. Wilson (pro tem.); assistant secretary, Mr. E. Whaley

(pro tem.); auditor, Mr. J. Harvey; committee, Messrs. S. Chatfield, A. Hewson, A. Cook, J. Braund, A. Thompson, W. Scott, A. Clare, R. Reid, A. Carlaw, F. Blomfield, F. Stonex, and C. H. Palmer; sailing committee, Messrs. W. Wilson, A. Clare, J. Braund, W. Scott, and S. Chatfield; house committee, Messrs. W. Scott, E. Bain, and F. Carter. The rules of the newly-formed West End Yachting Association were adopted, the following gentlemen being elected to represent the club:—Messrs. A. Thompson, A. Braund, S. Chatfield (handicapper).

The Ngaruawahia Regatta Committee has passed the following resolution with reference to the finding of the council of the N.Z.A.R.A. in the West End appeal case:—"That this committee, in the interest of rowing, views with concern the unjust decision given by the N.Z.A.R.A. in the case of West End's appeal against the decision of the umpire in the Open Junior Race at the last Ngaruawahia Regatta, after his decision had been almost unanimously upheld by the A.R.A., and while paying the prize money to West End do so under protest, both against the ruling of the council and the unsportsmanlike behaviour of the West End Club in making the appeal; that this committee still upheld their umpire's action in disqualifying the West End crew on the grounds of either deliberate fouling or gross carelessness on the part of their coxswain." Fairly straight talking, this.

It has been decided to revive the historic national games of Greece. The meetings will be held every four years, commencing in 1906, and athletes of many countries are to be invited to take part. The Athens Central Committee, of which the Crown Prince of Greece is president, is desirous of seeing Great Britain well represented, and with that object in view a British committee has been formed. The movement has the approval and support of many distinguished British people, including the Duke of Argyll, who has consented to become honorary president of the British Committee, and the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Jersey, Lord Alverstone, and Mr. A. J. Balfour, all of whom are vice-presidents.

CRICKET.

The long tour of the Australians in England will be brought to a conclusion with the present match against the rather weak South of England team.

Big hitting always delights the spectators, and they must have had plenty of it in the following match. Writing from Gravesend to the "Sportsman" on July 25, a correspondent stated:—"Surely the following must be very nearly a record. Yesterday Gravesend were playing Hillside, and during the actual time of playing, namely, five hours and 25 minutes, 751 runs were scored. Hillside made 349, and Gravesend went in at 4.15, and at 6.25, namely, two hours and 10 minutes, their score was 402 for three wickets, and 200 was on the board before a wicket fell, the score being made up as follows:—Captain Jones 114, L. H. W. Troughton 95, Lieut. Harrison 97, F. H. Stevens 68 (not out), P. P. Lincoln 11 (not out), extras 17: total 402." There is at least one instance of a greater number of runs being made in one day, points out the "Referee." On October 28, 1904, 849 runs were scored in the Sydney Church of England Grammar School v. Nowington College match, at the North Sydney Oval, the duration of play being 6 hours 10 minutes. O. H. Deau, it will be remembered, made 412 in 3½ hours on that occasion.

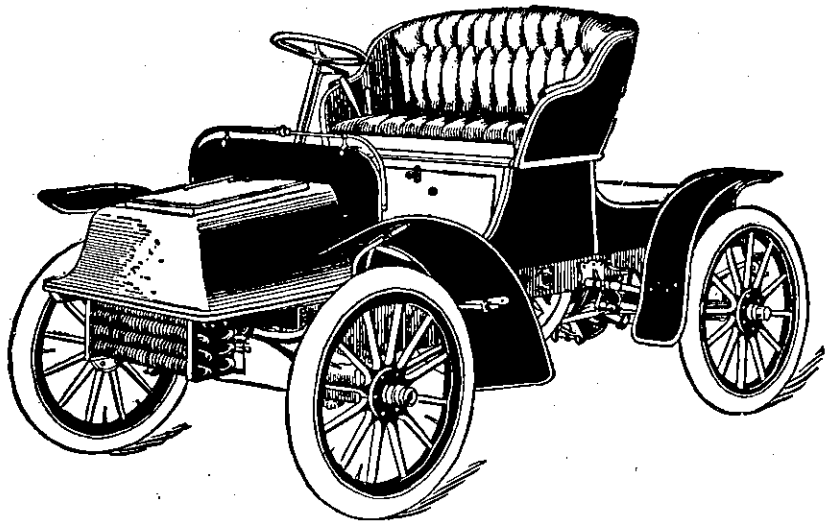
The cabled intimation that D. R. A. Gehrs intends to remain in the Old Country and settle in Glasgow came as a surprise to his father, Police-Corporal Gehrs, who, according to the Adelaide "Register," had received no notification from his son that he contemplated such a step. The young cricketer, who is a mechanical and electrical engineer, holds the diploma of the South Australian School of Mines and Industries, and has probably had an offer whereby he might gain a wider experience and become more proficient in his calling.

The match between Mr. Thornton's eleven and the Australians, one of the chief features of "the Scarborough week," had to be abandoned owing to rain when things were looking very promising for the visitors. The Home eleven, which was almost an All England team, batted first on a difficult wicket and put together 282, towards which Jackson contributed a finely-hit 123,

which included 13 fours. Bosanquet made 28, Thompson 24, Maclaren 22, Tyldesley 19, and Hunter 17 (not out), but none of the others distinguished themselves. The Australians did much better, Hill playing a splendid innings of 181, which included 24 fours, and with Laver put on 101 for the ninth wicket. Armstrong made 48, Laver 43, Darling 31, and Cotter 23. When rain set in Thornton's team had 176 on the slate for five wickets. Of these Spooner had made 59, Tyldesley 37, Jackson 31 (not out), and Denton 23.

The racing man is generally accused of being always on the lookout for a "sure thing," but, after all is said, every member of the community is doing the same thing in some shape or form. There is one class of investment we all like to be certain about, and that is insurance, and from all accounts it would seem that the policy-holders of the Equitable Insurance Society have dropped across something good in that particular line. There is a saying so old that it may have been originally uttered by Noah during his famous cruise, that "'tis an ill wind which blows no one any good," and this is ever so true of the Equitable Society. Recently it may be remembered that owing to irregularities in administration certain of the directors were called upon to resign. Now this, which at first sight appeared to be a severe blow to the society, has in reality turned out to be a blessing in disguise. In the first place it has brought about the mutualisation of the society, a step which must immensely benefit the policy-holders, and it has also caused a rigid examination to be made as to the society's investments, securities, funds, etc. This has been conducted by the highest authorities in America, and has been of the most searching description, and the result has been to show the funds are intact, the investments absolutely sound, and all contracts to policy-holders fully and safely guaranteed. There is only one logical deduction to be made from these recent happenings, and that is that if with the somewhat faulty administration in the past, the Equitable has become such an immensely strong organisation, giving such splendid results, what must its future be now that those errors have been rectified, all leaks stopped, and the society placed upon a mutual basis? Truly the policy-holders would seem to have struck a good thing.

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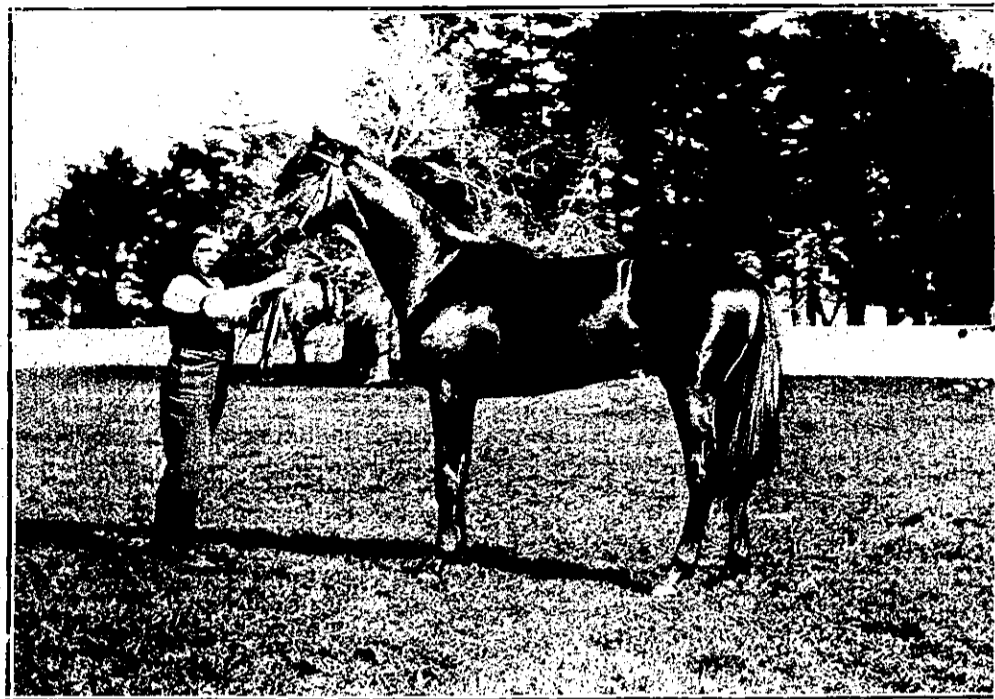


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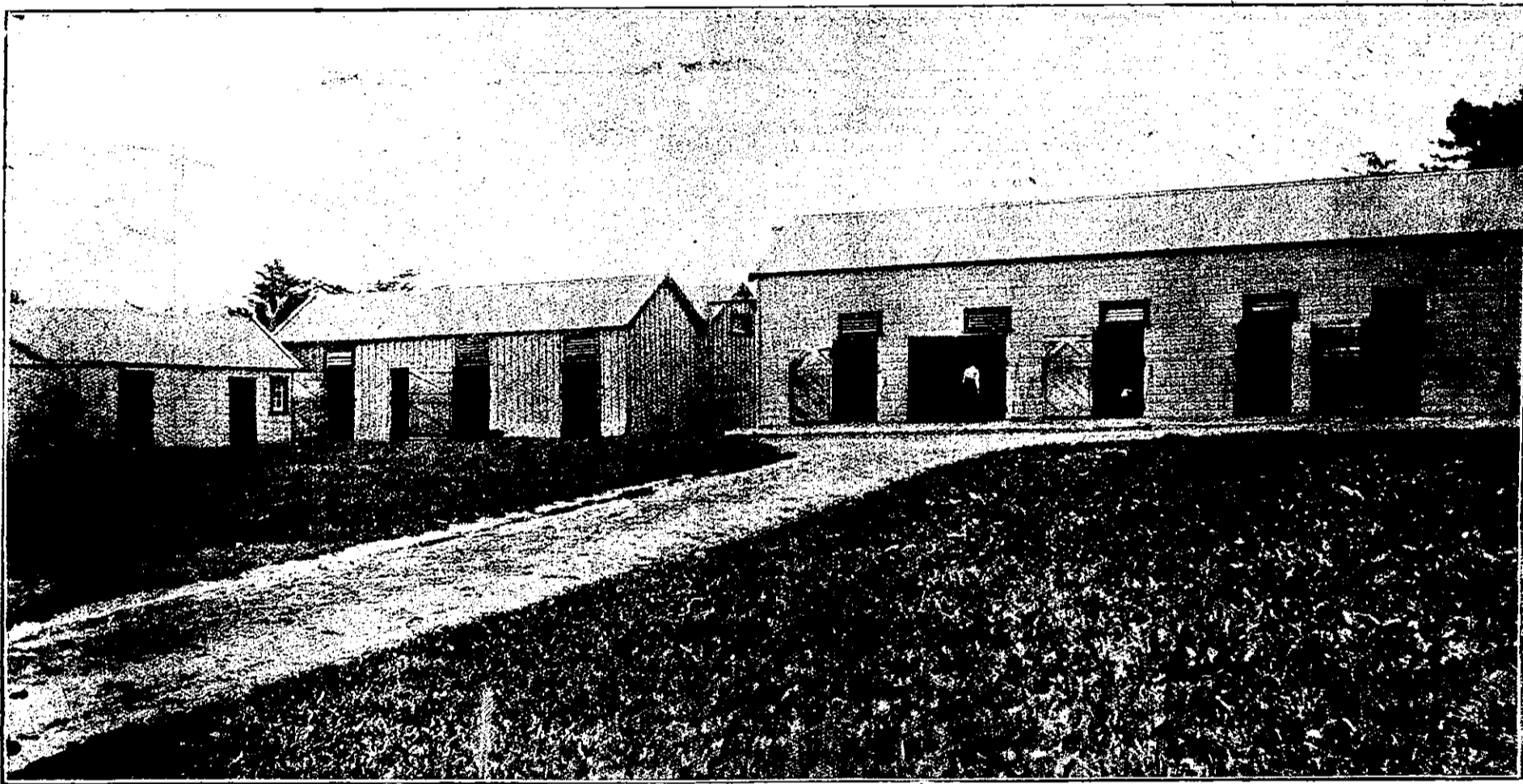
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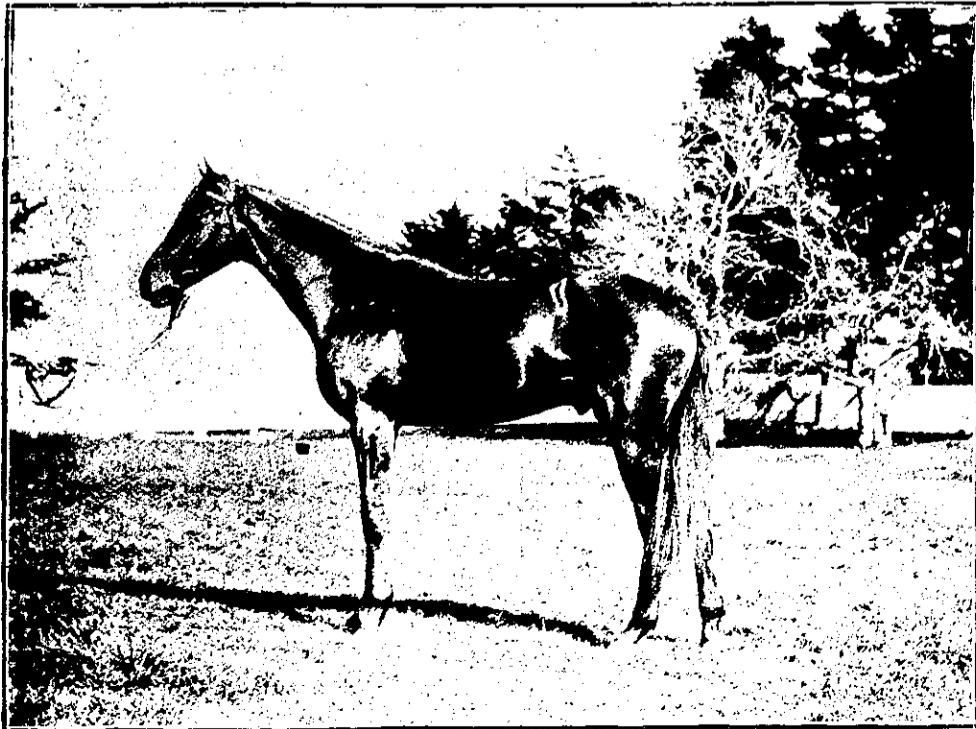
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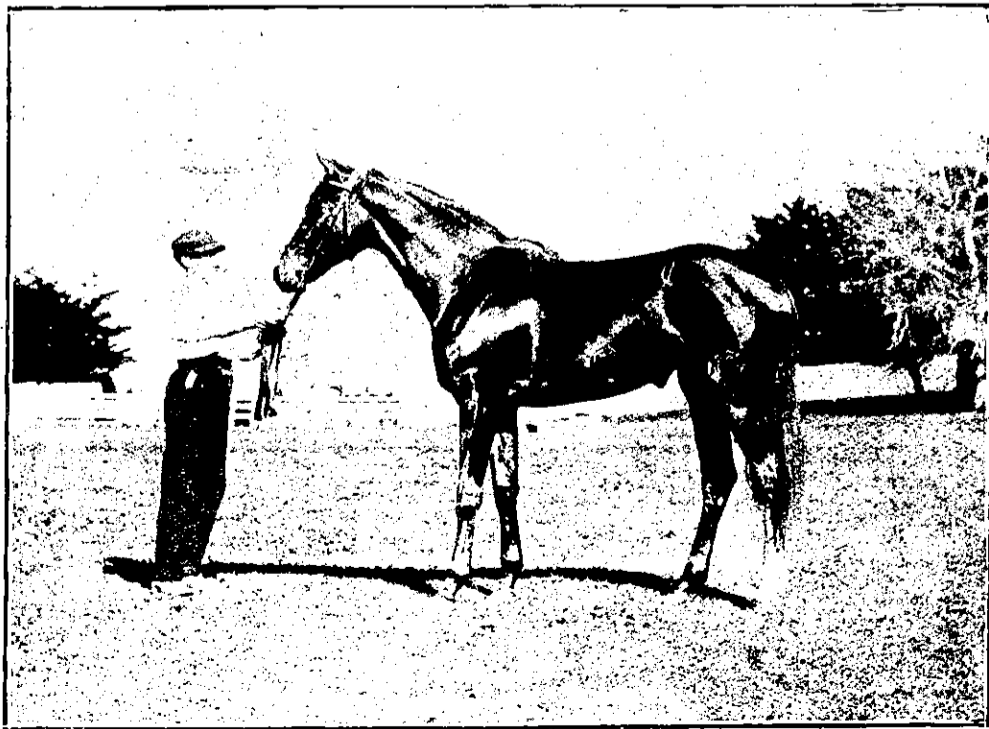
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THE STABLES.



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BR F NEVA (Menschikoff—Queen Cole).

THE STAGE

(By "Footlight.")

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

That Fuller's Entertainers are not losing their hold on the affections of the theatre-going folk in Auckland was shown on Saturday by the number of people who paid the Opera House a visit, for the house was a very large one indeed. After the opening chorus Miss Kitty Stanley led off with the ballad "Sometimes." She was followed by little Goldie Collins with a song and dance, "My Rainy Daisy." Then Mr. Fred Stanbridge, who made a first appearance, scored a great success with a stirring rendering of "The Deathless Army." Mr. George Pagden gave a comic song, "Do, Ray, Me," and Miss Elsie Brown, another first-nighter, pleased the audience with the coon ballad, "Way Down in My Heart." Mr. Charles Moody raised a laugh for "They were all Doing the Same," and then Mr. Sam Wilson, a great favourite with Opera House audiences, created a lot of fun with his budget of conundrums, gags, etc. The first portion of the programme was concluded with the song and dance, "Pretty Little Zulu Queen," by the Sylvan Sisters. Mr. Frank King, who is always worth listening to, gained much kudos for a fine rendering of his own original song, "The Burglar's Sunshine," in which he was assisted by little Jessie Dobbs. Miss Beatrice English, who possesses a fine soprano voice, was heard to great advantage in Tosti's "Good-bye" and Vainka's song. Mr. Leonard Nelson has become an immense favourite, and he was recalled time after time until he must have been pretty well exhausted. Among other songs were "Story of a Tin Tack," Miss Elsie Brown's contributions, "Valley of Kentucky," and "Always in the Way," were heartily applauded, the pictures accom-

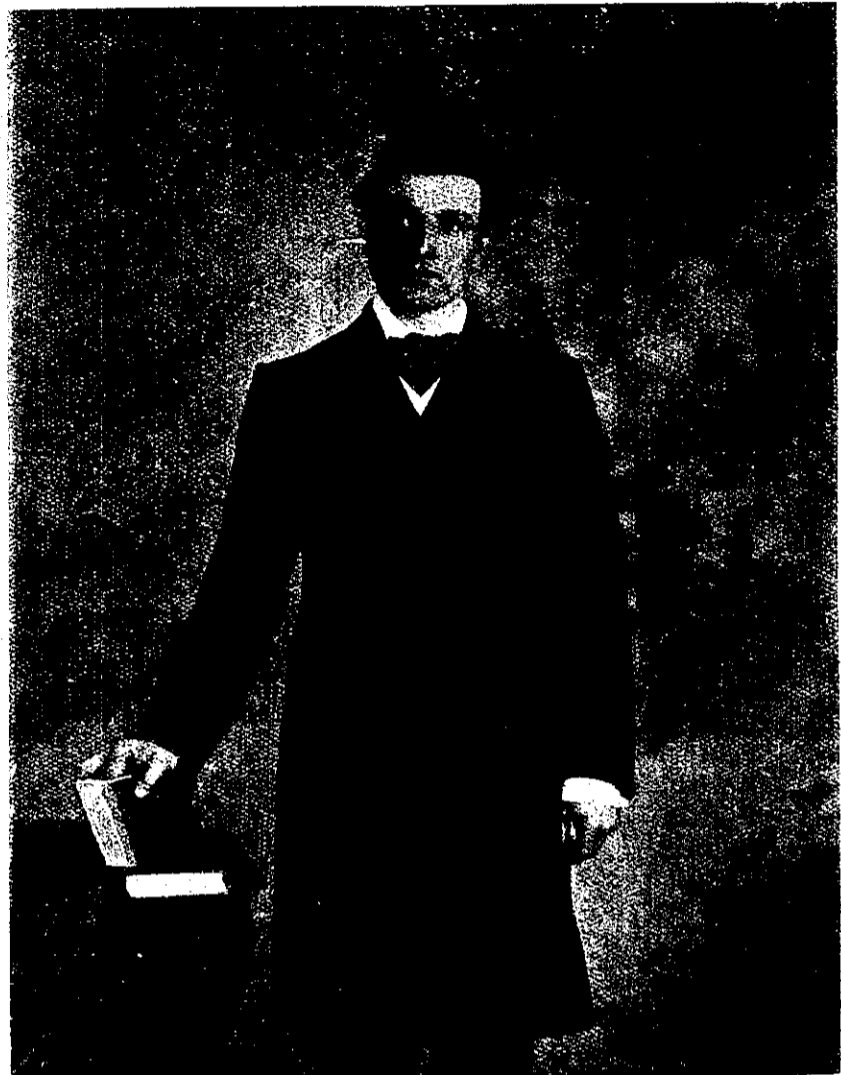
panying the songs being excellent. Ted Trevor, Fred Alton, and Little Cora gave some clever acrobatic feats, but some of the audience considered that the one which appears to carry with it considerable risk to the little girl might perhaps be better omitted. The three are certainly skilful acrobats. A number of biograph pictures conclude a good entertainment, which is well worth a visit.

Next Saturday the new artists to appear are "The Rollos" (Charles and Laura), who are described as the greatest musical sketch team that has ever visited Auckland, and the Valmore Sisters, serios and dancers.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

WEST'S PICTURES AND THE BRESCIANS.

An immense audience greeted the change of programme at His Majesty's on Monday, and there is no doubt that the entertainment is proving exceedingly popular. The new series of pictures are even finer than those shown during the first week. The Falls of Clyde are first shown, and then an exceedingly good view from the railway running past Conway Castle is thrown on the screen. Next came a series of pictures illustrating the life of a Newcastle pitman, while the views of one of the big English steeplechases is about the finest thing of the kind yet seen here. Most interesting and instructive also is the excellent series entitled, "A Visit to the London Zoo." This shows elephants, giraffes, hippopotami, rhinoceros, camels, lions, cheetahs, alligators, lizards, snakes, flamingos, toucans, eagles, vultures, bears, seals, deer, monkeys, and many other animals, birds, etc., and gives a fine idea as to why the Zoo is one of London's most favourite pleasure spots. Every picture is shown with the utmost clearness, and must prove a capital lesson in natural history for the young folk. Quite



MR. T. L. LAX, the Clever Pianist of West's Pictures and the Brescians.

a number of comic studies are given, the best of these being perhaps "An Interesting Story" and "The Children and the Lions." All are, however, so fine that it is hardly fair to pick out any for special mention, for the list is stuffed full of good things.

The Brescians commenced their part of the programme with selections from "The Bohemian Girl." Then came the part-song, "Good-night, Beloved," which was exceedingly well rendered. Miss Domenica Martinengo earned a well-deserved recall for "On the Banks of Allan Water," giving as an encore "At Home in Dear Old Scotland." Miss Antonina Martinengo sang "Yes, If You Like," and then united with her sister in a charming rendering of "The Keel Row." Miss Sara Hendy, who accompanied herself, was heartily applauded for her dainty rendering of "A Country Wedding Song," and "If No One Ever Marries Me." Miss Adelina Martinengo, who has become a great favourite, created the utmost enthusiasm with a fine rendering of selections from "La Traviata." Another highly popular performer is Mr. Fred Mills, whose comedy items created roars of laughter. His songs were "A Kind-of-a-sort-of-a-feeling," "The Old Bassoon," and "Am I on the Way," and the audience was very loth to let him go. Mr. Ruddall Hayward was hardly heard to advantage in "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and perhaps the audience would have preferred something in lighter vein. A plantation melody, exceedingly well done, concluded the musical portion of the programme. There can be no doubt that the entertainment at His Majesty's is one which is well worth a visit, for amusement and instruction are so well blended that it must appeal to old and young alike. As instancing the popularity of the entertainment it is stated that no less than 11,000 people visited the theatre last week, and on Saturday alone, when a matinee was given, the visitors numbered 3700—a record for the theatre.

concerning the new farcical comedy, "The J.P." An interesting budget gives information about some of the leading members of the company, included among whom is Miss Lloyd, whose portrait appears in next issue.

The Westminster Choir Boys are due here on November 14.

Miss Nance O'Neil's season at His Majesty's will extend from October 28 to November 13, after which she will leave for the States.

The new farcical comedy, "The J.P.," will be seen here on December 11, the season lasting five nights.

The Christmas dates at His Majesty's have been booked to the Brough-Fleming Company.

The Watkin Mills Company open in Auckland on October 2.

According to the "Referee," the Greenwood Family have lately completed an extended tour out West, playing Bourke, Wilcannia, and White Cliffs to crowded houses. They returned to Hillston for the show, and are now in the Parkes-Forbes district. The country papers speak in the warmest praise of the refinement and excellence of the productions, and consider "the company is undoubtedly one of the most popular on tour."

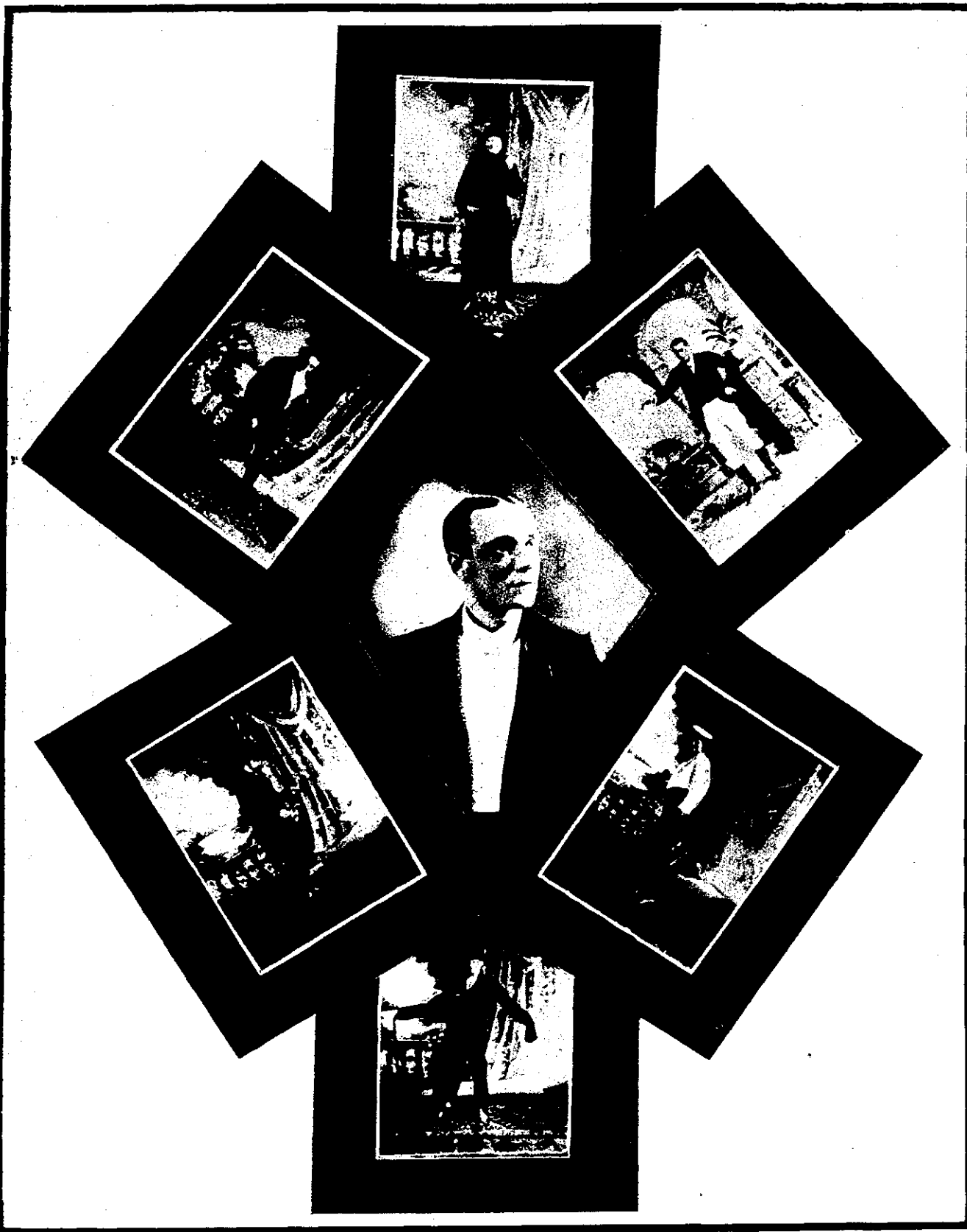
A London correspondent writes to the "Catholic Press" that Miss Amy Castles will probably sing at a number of the Boosey popular concerts in the early part of next winter. Mr. Boosey made overtures to her when she was on a visit to friends in London, and she has provisionally accepted an engagement to appear under his direction in November.

The Opera House in Vienna has engaged as baritone a sub-lieutenant of the 67th Infantry Regiment, of Roumanian origin, named Victor Madincea. He is said to have a wonderful voice.



MISS WINIFRED FRASER, as Phoebe in "Quality Street."

From Mr. G. Homan Barnes, business manager for Messrs. Meynell and Ginn's Strand Comedy Company, comes newspaper cuttings, playbills, photos, etc.,



MR. LEONARD NELSON, at the Opera House.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—The Thursday Pops appear to have popped. But the moving spirit in that enterprise, Mr. W. H. Corrigan, has now organised a new show—"Corrigan's Popular Entertainers," who opened at the Theatre Royal last night to a very good house. The star turns are provided by the Melias, trick cyclists, who, by the way, gave an open-air performance on Thursday at Christchurch railway station, when they succeeded in steering their fiery, untamed bikes down a long flight of wooden steps leading from an overhead bridge on to the street. A big crowd witnessed this daring performance with much interest. Then there are the Mahers, Irish speciality performers; Dalso, the magician; Milford Haven, vocalist; Peterson, monologist; Post and Bloy, banjoists; Lionel Broad, "lion comique," and Misses McDonald, liliputian dancers. Popular prices of admission rule. Good luck to you, Corrigan; may your shadow never diminish. Fuller's show is going stronger than ever. Fred. Graham and Nellie Dent made a last appearance last night. They will be missed. To-night the Stewart Trio, "Musical Marvels," make their bow to an Opera House audience. The Fullers manage to keep the ball rolling all the time.

Miss Decima Moore, whose wedding with Major Guggisberg will shortly take place, is the youngest of a family of ten clever people, which includes Madame Bertha, Miss Jessie, and Miss Eva Moore. It was in "The Gondoliers," at the Savoy, that she made her debut on the stage, having previously won the Victoria Scholarship for singing at the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music. Miss Moore played at the Savoy for a considerable time, and since then has been in numerous musical plays. The young lady visited Australia with the Gaiety Company, headed by Madame Monkhouse.

One of the chief charms of the entertainment of West's Pictures and the Brescians is the general all-round excellence of the show, and not the least contribution is the beautiful accompaniment contributed by Mr. T. M. Lax, the solo pianist. This gentleman's efforts are impromptu, and vary according to his mood and the subject on the screen, but the effect of the pictorial gems are immensely enhanced by the running obligato of interwoven melody given out by the clever fingers of this really brilliant artist.

The copyright of "The Ticket-of-Leave Man" has just run out, and the play, consequently, is on the free list. "The Ticket-of-Leave Man," which was adapted by Tom Taylor from the French "Leonard" of Edouard Brisbarre and Eugene Nus, was first produced at the London Olympic in May, 1863.

Among the artistes at present disengaged in London are Miss Rose Deering, Miss Kate Bishop, Miss Sophie Harriss, Miss Alice de Winton, Miss Beatrice Selwyn, Miss Henrietta Watson, Miss Pollie Emery, Mr. Austin Melford, Mr. T. Wigney Percival, and Mr. J. L. Shine.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt had a tussle with a tiger during her recent visit to Liverpool. She made an excursion to Mr. Cross' celebrated menagerie, and was about to caress a fine tiger which is undergoing training when the animal suddenly thrust out its paw and tore a magnificent feather stole from the actress' neck. Madame Bernhardt at once made a grab for the costly article of attire, and, after much pulling and tugging, succeeded in wresting it almost entire from the tiger's grasp. The incident proved very amusing to Madame Bernhardt, who later bought three chamelons and a fine tiger cat.

Mr. West is at present at Rotorua, where he hopes to obtain views of Maori life, geysers in action, etc., with a view of adding them to his biograph pictures.

Two companies—Stephenson's and Sheridan's—commence a New Zealand tour at Dunedin on December 26 (points out "Pasquin.") As both are playing musical comedy, and certain to clash with their productions, one or other should endeavour to alter dates.

The Devonport Amateur Operatic Company have now given their comedy and operatic performance three times, and the receipts have amounted to £23, £19, and £26, on the last occasion (Tuesday) the Foresters' Hall being packed to the doors. The one-act comedy, "My Lady Help," was rather well done by Miss Ivy Wynyard and Messrs. S. Walker and E. Glenister, and they were warmly applauded. "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden," by twelve ladies and gentlemen was so cleverly executed that it compared very favourably with the original chorus when "Florodora" was first produced. Much amusement was caused by Miss Wynyard and Mr. E. Glenister in their duet, "Reuben and Cynthia," Miss Freda Hunter contributed a most effective rendering of "Soldiers in the Park," while Miss E. Alexander gave a pretty exhibition of skirt dancing. The Misses I. Wynyard, Bartley, and Fogerty pleased the audience with the quaint trio from "The Mikado," "Three Little Maids from School." Mr. H. T. King was vociferously encored for the comic song, "That Would'nt Do For Me," and a really capital evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion with the policeman's chorus, "When the Foemen Bares His Steel." The whole production reflected very great credit on those responsible, and is, I understand, to be repeated in some of the other suburbs.

Professor Andrews and his "Magic Kettle" are appearing at the Theatre Royal at Napier.

The Taylor-Carrington Company appear at Whangarei on Friday in "Arrah-na-Pogue," "Erin-go-Bragh" and "Barnes, of New York" are to follow.

Hugo Heerman, the violinist, will be heard this evening at St. Andrew's Hall, the only one available. The programme will include Mendelssohn's concerto for the violin.

The Auckland Dramatic Society intend giving three performances of "The Schoolmistress" at His Majesty's on October 23 and following evenings.

Mr. Claude Waite, advance manager for the Brough-Fleming Company, courteously forwards me playbills, newspaper cuttings, etc., re the production of "The Walls of Jericho" and "Quality Street" in Sydney. The dramatic critics unite in a chorus of approval of both pieces, and it is very evident Aucklanders are in for a treat when this clever dramatic organisation reaches this city. A portrait of Miss Winifred Fraser, who is with the company, appears in this issue.

Miss Jessie Maclachlan, the Scottish singer, will be heard at Her Majesty's Theatre on October 9. Of her season in Sydney the "Sunday Times" says that she is the "Scottish Queen of Song." Miss Jessie Maclachlan charmed large audiences at the Town Hall at each of the series of three concerts with her rendition of favourite songs of her native country, while the few English and Irish ballads which included in the lady's repertoire proved no less gratifying to those unfamiliar with the sentiments underlying several of the Scottish items. As a singer of national songs, and particularly those of Scotland, local concertgoers have certainly not had the pleasure of hearing Miss Maclachlan's equal. The gifted songstress, who, by the way, is a thorough mistress of platform "business," and possesses a congenial vivacity, which has been equalled by Madame Albani alone, and it is for this reason, as much as for her well cultivated voice and perfect enunciation, that she is enabled to strike a chord in the breasts of her listeners with such remarkable effect. Last night the great hall could not accommodate all the intending patrons, and numbers had to be turned away. At the conclusion of the concert there was a scene of enthusiasm such as has seldom been witnessed. Evidently Aucklanders are in for a treat.

After the New Zealand tour of Mr. Watkin Mills and his concert company, Mr. Mills, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Lonsdale and Mr. Edouard Parlovitz, will sail for America. Miss Edith Kirkwood and Mr. Harold Wilde will return to Sydney to catch a mail steamer for London.



MISS CORA TREVOR, now appearing at the Opera House.

Miss Bertha Fanning and Miss Annie Perry both returned to Sydney from London on the 31st ult. The contralto came out by the German liner Seydlitz, and Miss Perry by the P. and O. Himalaya.

When Miss Nance O'Neil was in Sydney before we regarded Magda as her master impersonation (says the Sydney "Mail.") Its revival on Saturday confirmed this impression. In Sudermann's pitilessly, and almost painfully, powerful drama, the American actress can be pronounced "great" in the full significance of the term. From her first entrance she holds her audience. There is some attempt this time to relieve the gloom of the inevitable tragedy by accentuating the low comedy of the card players. But it remains tragedy and gloom, and over it all Magda as Miss O'Neil presents her rides as the very spirit of the storm. All her regal dignity, her emotional sentiment, are concentrated on her Magda. It is a thing to be seen certainly, as a triumph of histrionic art and personality. Whether it will be enjoyed is another matter. For in this battle of conditions and types there is conveyed a terrible lesson. Sudermann gives us the narrow, yet sincere, Christian in the old Colonel Schwartz, whom Mr. McKee Rankin impersonates with a realism that is harrowing. In the Counsellor we have the clever hypocrite and sycophant ready to adopt Christianity as a convenient garment. In Magda there is revolted woman, passed through the fire and torture of life's hardest phases to all the eminence the world can give her, and defiantly glorying in the path that she has trodden. And in the Pastor there is, or rather there is intended to be, a type of manly Christian, uniting humanity in all abounding charity. Unfortunately, this part of the pastor appears to be a specially difficult one to play, and we have not yet seen it played ideally. Mr. Glendinning plays conscientiously, but he does not suggest the influence the Pastor is supposed to wield. Mr. Robson, on the other hand, ideally portrays the self sufficient counsellor, Von Keller. These four are the people who count, Miss Marbury has "moments" as Magda's sister. Miss Allen as the mischief-making spinster Franziska sufficiently meets the conditions. Miss Bloodgood like Miss Marbury, is handicapped, to Australian audiences, by ultra-American suggestion in a German part. Mr. Mervale makes nothing of Lt. Max, Mrs. Bracy is acceptable as Frau Schwartz. Mr. Friend and Mr. Geo. Majeroni have the small parts of the General and the Professor. Saturday's audience was deeply moved by the production.

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Miss Florence Lloyd, who has come out to play lead in "The J.P.," which farcical comedy will be seen in Auckland, gave a Melbourne "Herald" interviewer the following points on her stage career:—"A manager said to my father, who was on the stage before me, 'We want a child at once,' and my father said, 'Well, you had better have Florrie,' so I went and goosed at the footlights. Then, after that, I was in Gilbert and Sullivan's Children's Company. I was Isabel in 'The Pirates of Penzance.' They were awfully good to us. Then I remember I was Tiny Tim in 'A Christmas Carol.' One has to have a license now to play under the age of fourteen, but I had no license. From the age of eleven up till 22 or so, I was never without an engagement. That must be a record, I think. If Fred Leslie had lived I should have had all the principal boys' parts at the Gaiety. I was going to play Don Juan when he died. It was to be a splendid production. Then under the new management, all the parts were given to little girls. There was no scope for tall girls like me. I was very tall, even then, though I was quite a kiddie, you know. Miss Lloyd belongs to a very well-known theatrical family. In fact, by her marriage with Captain A. H. Walker-Leigh, who, it may be remembered, distinguished himself in the South African war, two very notable stage genealogies are united. As she herself puts it, "I was evidently destined for the profession. My father and mother were both professionals. My sister, Violet, is at the Gaiety, and my brother at the Vaudeville now. Una and Decima Moore are closely related to my husband." "I suppose your home is in London?" "Oh, yes. The long runs are in London, and one naturally settles there. Then they are improving London so much. They have made a beautiful large new crescent from the old Gaiety Theatre almost to the Law Courts. I am very fond of London. Speaking of long runs, I sup-

pose you know what a tremendous success 'The Earl and The Girl' was. You have had that in Australia, haven't you? Before that I was in 'The Catch of the Season,' and 'Blue Bell in Fairy Land,' and heaps of other things that Hicks and Frohman put on at the Vaudeville. 'The J.P.' was at the Strand Theatre. 'You have been a long while on the stage; are you not getting tired of it?' 'Tired, not at all. I just love the work. I think if you are born with the proper sort of susceptibility or nervousness, or whatever it is, and with the proper sort of feeling for the life, and get good parts, you can't help getting fond of it.'

Miss Maggie Stirling is travelling from London on the Aberdeen, and had a hearty send-off, says a Sydney paper. A farewell reception was given by her at the Savoy Hotel prior to their departure at which a large number of well-known Australians were present, including the Agents-General for Victoria and Western Australia, Mr. Percy Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roberts, Miss Kate Rooney, Mr. J. Longstaff, and Miss Ethel Sinclair. The latter Victorian violinist will appear with Miss Stirling. She studied at the Royal College of Music as Clarke Scholar, and is said to be a clever player. The tour, which is under the joint management of Messrs. Nevin and John Tait, will start at Melbourne on September 19.

The alterations at the Empire Theatre are being proceeded with rapidly, and the directors have no doubt of being able to reopen the theatre about October 2 (says a Home paper). Quite £40,000 is being spent on the improvements and decorations, and the directors state that the Empire will be not only the most luxuriously comfortable and beautiful theatre in London, but the first music-hall in the world. It is intended to make a great function of the opening ceremony, when, in addition to the new

ballet composed by Mr. Sydney Jones, a programme of quite a new character will be submitted. The ballet, the scene of which will be laid in France, will possess a military element, and during the entire run Mr. Sydney Jones will conduct. Mlle. Genee will, of course, be the premiere danseuse, and Mr. Fred Farren will be responsible for the arrangement of the dances.

During the theatrical season of 1904-1905 His Majesty continued that patronage which he has for years extended to the theatres, exhibiting by his choice of plays the widest possible range of interest. Since the beginning of the season in September last the King, says the "Mail," has witnessed the performance of no fewer than seventeen plays in London. In addition to all these plays His Majesty "commanded" "A Man's Shadow," with Mr. Tree and his company, to Windsor on November 17, and two nights later Mr. Lewis Waller, with his company, appeared by Royal "command" at the Castle in "Monsieur Beaucaire." In the autumn the King heard two operatic performances by the San Carlo Opera Company at Covent Garden, and for the grand opera season just concluded he again took the Royal and omnibus boxes, in which he was frequently seen. The Alhambra, the Hippodrome, the Palace, and the Coliseum have also been visited since November last, and when His Majesty was in Paris in May he witnessed performances of three plays. To have found time to extend this welcome patronage to the theatres speaks much for the King's desire to encourage the drama, says the "Mail's" compiler, and the example may help to bring about that general prosperity desired by those interested in the welfare of our playhouses.

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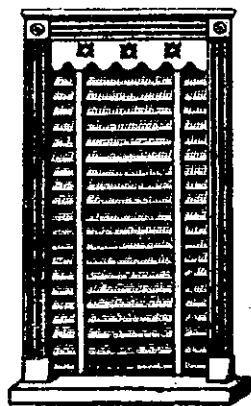


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There can be little doubt that "The Cingalee" will equal, if it does not excel, the records made by "Florodora" (writes Mr. George Tallis), "The Country Girl," "The Orchid," and others of Mr. J. C. Williamson's latest successes in musical comedies. It opened to an audience that crowded Her Majesty's Theatre in every part on Saturday, August 26, and the returns of the first week's business have only once been exceeded—when "The Darling of the Gods" was staged by the Knight-Jeffries Company in Melbourne some time ago. The recent revival of the same piece in Adelaide and the West, and its prospective production in Melbourne, adds point to the comparison. Good as the first week's returns were, however, there is every probability that they will be exceeded by those of the present week, for the Royal Agricultural Show has brought thousands of country visitors to Melbourne, and the natural inference is that they will spend their evenings in pleasure-seeking.

The success which has attended the production of "The Cingalee" wherever it has been staged, gives point to the contention made public some time ago by Mr. George Edwardes. That famous entrepreneur declared that musical comedy—or what passed for musical comedy—was doomed, and that in a very short while the public would be demanding something with a better plot and a better musical scheme—in other words, a return to the light opera of other days with modern improvements. "The Cingalee" represents the compromise between the new and the old, partaking in its humour of the musical comedy and yet possessing a more distinct plot, and a very much better class of music than has hitherto been the case. But the shining examples of the new order of things has been "Veronique" and "The Little Michus," both of which have been quite the rage in London since their appearance there. Each of them will in turn be submitted to Australian playgoers, the first-named as soon as "The Cingalee" has exhausted its popularity. Indeed, although that popularity is long yet from its zenith, rehearsals of "Veronique" have already begun, and all those who have had the opportunity of hearing it, even in its present preparatory stage, are loud in their praise of its refinement and its musicianly compositions.

A record was the result of Mr. Andrew Mack playing "Jack Shannon" in Sydney for the final week of his ten weeks' season there. The singing comedian and his company are now paying a short visit to Brisbane, and on its conclusion they leave for San Francisco, where Mr. Mack is due for a prolonged stay.

The tour of the Knight-Jeffries Company in West Australia is being brought to a conclusion with a visit to Kalgoorlie, where the season has been a uniformly successful one. The company leaves almost immediately for Melbourne again, where they will play their farewell season at the Princess Theatre. "His Majesty's Servant" will, as stated, be the

premier attraction of the five weeks' visit, but succeeding it will be "The Darling of the Gods" and "David Garrick." All three, as well as others of the extensive repertoire, will be played during the New Zealand season which is to complete the career of the organisation.

The Orient liner Ormuz, which arrived in Sydney on September 9, had on its passenger list Miss Susie Vaughan and Mr. Douglas Gerrard. As already announced, they come under Mr. J. C. Williamson's engagement, and will take up their work in leading parts with the Tutu-Brane Company. The first piece in which they will appear will be "Merely Mary Ann," which is to be done in Sydney in the forthcoming season there.

It is not probable that the double bill, "Trial by Jury" and "The Sorcerer," which the Gilbert and Sullivan Company are now rehearsing, will be done by them during their present tour of Adelaide and West Australia. The seven pieces in their repertoire will all be new to those centres—that is, as far as the present company is concerned—and with the comparatively short visits arranged, they should more than suffice to fill the different theatres at every performance. Consequently Mr. J. C. Williamson has decided to reserve the new piece until the Sydney season, which it is at present proposed to undertake at the Criterion Theatre early in November.

Miss Nance O'Neil has made a success of "Marie Antoinette" in Sydney, and the part will rank as perhaps the best of all the new characters assumed by her during the present trip, and quite equal in power to her Magdo. How great the emotional strain is upon her may be judged from the fact that she felt herself unequal to the tax of a matinee performance, and therefore "Ingomar" was staged on Wednesday afternoon, the tragedy keeping the bill that and subsequent evenings.

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There is trouble in London again over the theatrical agent question. This is a branch of the profession notoriously bad and unfair. Of course, there are honest and fair agents, but there are also—well, others. The London County Council has been talking of licensing these gentlemen and fixing charges and commission. Result, dire dismay in the ranks. In New York the powers that be have already stepped in, and in addition to regulating the conduct of agents, have fixed their fee at two dollars per deal. And quite enough, too.

J. J. Dallas, who has come to Australia under engagement to Messrs. Meynell and Gunn for the forthcoming tour of "The J.P.," has won great renown in comic opera, his greatest hits being in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Haddon Hall," in which he played McCrankie, and in "The Vicar of Bray." As might be expected, Mr. Dallas has appeared in a big number of successful pantomime characterisations.

Madame Melba has received a fee of £1000 for singing four songs at a party at Clivedon, the English country house of Astor, the American millionaire. Mr. Astor is said to have paid the same fee to Paderekski, a year or two ago, for similar services.

Some of the profits and losses of the past London season make interesting reading. The five nights' run of "Lady Ben" is said to have cost the producer, Miss Darragh, the sum of £3000, quite a costly experiment, while the loss of nearly double that sum was the net result of "What Pamela Wanted." "The Beauty and the Barge" yielded a profit of not less than £20,000, while upwards of £25,000 has been netted by "The Walls of Jericho" up to date. "The Catch of the Season" is another big money maker. Its profits up to date are quoted at £12,000. "The Talk of the Town" is said to have been a financial failure to the tune of £10,000.

"Die Musik" gives an interesting summary of the contents of programmes for twelve months of 190 musical societies in Germany, 10,885 works were performed, of which 5085 were by composers whose copyright has expired, and 5800 by those who still possess copyright. The totals come out as follows:—Beethoven, 1039; Brahms, 797; Schubert, 770; Schumann, 562; Liszt, 461; Hugo Wolf, 449; Wagner, 417; Mozart, 389; Bach, 352; Chopin, 312; Richard Strauss, 306; Berlioz, 235; Mendelssohn, 230; Haydn, 178; 178; Weber, 167; Tchaikowsky, 155; Saint Saens, 142; Handel, 112; Grieg, 109. The rest fall below 100 a-piece.

His Majesty's, Sydney, from September 30 to October 14, will be occupied by Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's Strand Comedy Company, who have come out here to play a 20 weeks' Australasian season of "The J.P.," a successful farce, which they are producing by arrangement with Mr. J. C. Williamson.

More than one member of the profession has made the assertion that a Dunedin theatrical audience is hard to please (says the "Otago Witness.") In fact, some have gone as far as to express the opinion that the artist or company giving satisfaction to the full will pass muster in any part of the world. Not that we are better critics than, say, our Australian or American cousins, but we want too much for our money. Overhauling some old papers the other day (writes a correspondent), I came across a programme of the initial concert given in Dunedin by the De Murska Concert Company, on April 26, 1876. The charges for admission will, I believe, open the eyes of some of the rising generation. A circle ticket cost 10s, stalls 5s, pit 2s 6d. Box, lower tier, £3, upper tier, £2. The old Queen's Theatre was crowded at these prices, and the audience, it is believed, considered the attraction fully worth the money paid. Perhaps the people had more money in those days. Speaking of De Murska, "What a voice! It was one of phenomenal range, beautiful flexibility and quality. In opera scenes this Hungarian nightingale, who was then described as the greatest living vocalist of her day, and the only legitimate successor of Jenny Lind, gave evidence of possessing undoubted originality, versatility, and magnetic power of delineation. She was forgiven much for her voice. Her temperament, her love of a menagerie, her Teutonic pronunciation in 'Comin' Thro' the Rye,' and other slight peculiarities were placed aside by her admirers. And yet, after all, this cantatrice died of a broken heart and in indigent circumstances. This through no fault of her own. Associated with De Murska were Rosnati the great tenor, who died in Milan in 1884; Susini, the basso from Covent Garden, and who in his younger days was considered to be the coming successor of Lablache. He was run over by a cab in London in 1884. Giammosa was the flautist of the company, and Maestro Strauss Illa (Jack Hill) was the accompanist.

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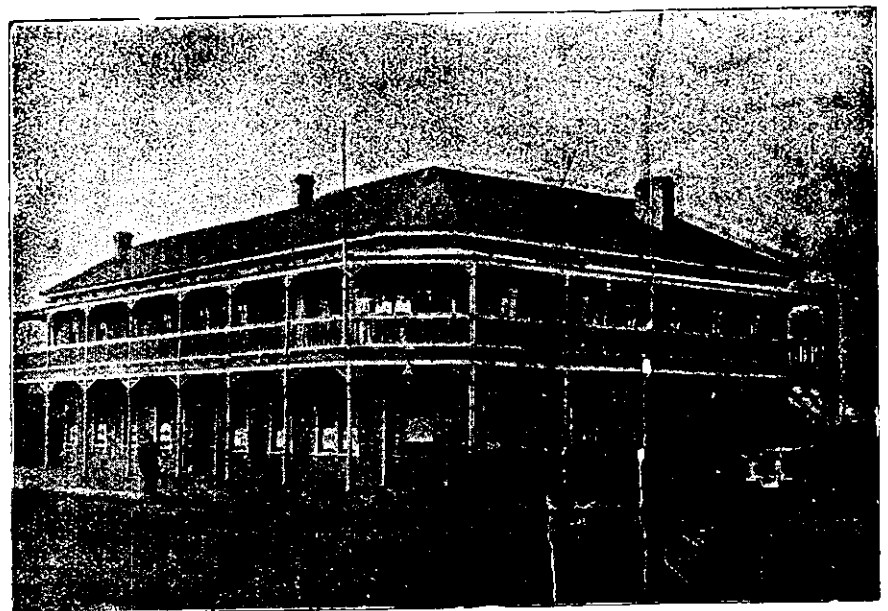
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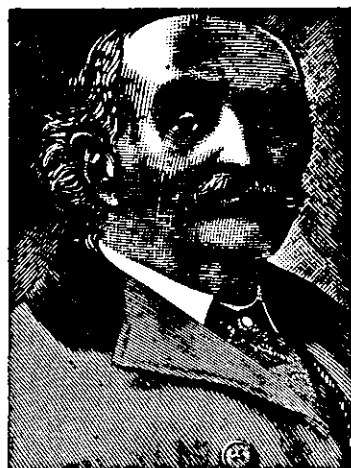
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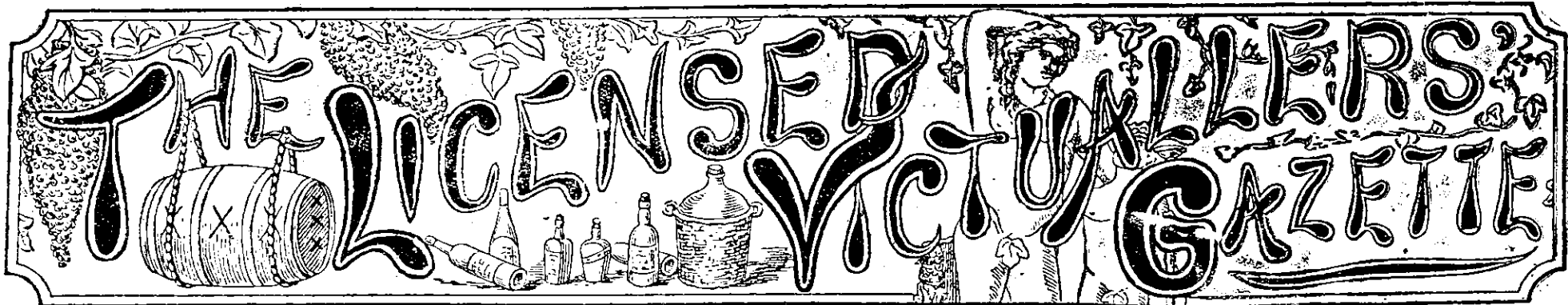
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Now that the talk and noise of prohibition is rampant throughout the land, and all sensible and moderate people are feeling sick to death of the nauseating methods and arguments of the anti-liquor fanatics, it is a genuine relief to go back through the pages of some of Dickens' works and live in the hearty atmosphere of the days of our forefathers again. In those days Inns and Hostleries, and the Jolly Hosts who presided over them, were looked upon in their true lights, not as a deadly evil to be swept away at all costs, but as the pleasant and welcome patrons of every traveller who journeyed abroad. What genuine traveller plodding wearily on his way in storm or sunshine has hailed with joy the sight of the homely Inn peeping through the gaps in the trees, or showing up like a veritable ark of refuge at the end of a long stretch of heavy road?

In a strange country, or even a day's journey from home, the one place where a traveller may be sure of a hearty welcome, though he may be unknown to anyone, is at an hotel. What greater comfort can there be, or more harmless pleasure, when there after a tiring day, than sitting before the cheerful blaze of a fire and sipping good Ale or Wine, whilst the storm howls without and the good house trembles before its fury? Yet these pleasures are nowadays condemned by a miserable crowd of fanatics, by whom anything but cold water or tea is designated poison, and whose boasted godliness and methods of living are enough to make their forefathers (if they ever had any) come to life again and strangle them. What even this country would be without its hotels passes comprehension. Imagine if you can the weary traveller by road or rail crawling into an accommodation house, or shelter, where all the old customs are missing. No cheery host to greet him on the threshold, no hurrying of porters to relieve him of his burdens, no refreshing glass of liquor to take the stiffness from his limbs, instead a half-hearted greeting and the task of carrying his own baggage to a severely furnished room, finishing up with a pull at the water bottle. All honour, then, to the man who presides over bar and parlour, whose first thought is for the comfort and welfare of his guests, who dispenses good liquor and who is content to live and let live without thirsting to ruin other people as his avowed enemies are doing at the present time.

We all know that drink is an evil when carried to excess, and no man knows it better than the publican; but in all reason we would have the prohibitionist remember that there are far greater evils than drink to be contended with, evils that the blotting out of the public-house would rather aggravate than relieve. The moderate use of wine and other liquors conveys a blessing—not a curse—upon humanity, and the man who knows not the pleasure contained in a good glass is missing one of the best things of life and is a fool unto himself.

The hotels of Napier were closed on Thursday last during the funeral of the late Dean Hovell.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (September 11):—Mr. G. Tisch, who was mine host of the Terminus Hotel for many years, but is now living retired, is a candidate for the Taranaki seat at next election. Last Tuesday Mr. Tisch delivered an address in the Theatre Royal at New Plymouth, and created a most favourable impression.

Licensed victuallers are evidently in for troublous times (writes our Sydney correspondent). The Government appear to be leaning to the teetotal fad-dists, led on by the Rev. Boyce, and in the new Licensing Bill local option without compensation is provided for, and from the composition of the House it is my opinion that it is likely to be carried. Meanwhile large posters in the city invite signatures to a petition urging Parliament not to pass the Government proposition.

The spacious billiard room of the Club Hotel, Palmerston North, has just been completely renovated, and patrons of the game will find that everything possible has been done to cater for their comfort. Mr. Harry Evans, lately returned from the Old Country, will act as marker.

The local Pump Party is very hopeful of carrying "no license" at the next poll in November (writes our Christchurch correspondent). "Blessed is the man who expecteth nothing, for he shall not be disappointed." I am afraid the Pump Party is going to be disappointed very badly. Same time, it must be admitted the liquor people are very anxious. We run a lot of hotels to the square mile in this flat city, and the question is: If "no license" should happen to be carried here, what is to become of all these places? Temperance boarding-houses? Pooh! the supply would far exceed the demand. Even your rabid prohibitionist rarely (or never) puts up at a "temperance" boarding-house if he can help it. He knows too much.

A Wanganui exchange remarks that as a proof of the sobriety of the people of that town, not a drunken person had been charged with drunkenness for the space of a fortnight. Yet the cry is still "down with the publicans."

There was imported into New Zealand last year 34,338lb of unmanufactured tobacco, valued at £1632, on which £2617 duty was paid; 2,004,241lb of manufactured tobacco, of a value of £167,424, on which the duty amounted to £338,509 13s 1d; 71,414lb of cigars, valued at £26,652, the duty being £23,920; 242,773lb of cigarettes, of the value of £60,936, on which the duty was £85,643 16s 9d; and 1891lb of snuff, valued at £245, on which £581 17s 6d had to be paid.

In Parliament recently the Premier informed Mr. Harding that it was not intended to bring down a Licensing Act Amendment Act this session. The statement was made in answer to a question as to whether the Government would introduce a Bill to define the position of the distributing local body in connection with the expenses of licensing elections.

Mrs. Kennedy's hotel, Inglewood, seems to be much in favour for social functions. On the evening of August 30 a meeting of South African contingents was held there to consider the question of holding a reunion of the men who had represented that district in the late war.

A case was decided in Sydney recently which, although in itself of no particular importance, illustrates how thoroughly the principle of law runs through our legal system, which presumes innocence until guilt is proved. A man was proceeded against for having allegedly sold liquor on his premises on a Sunday. The constable's evidence was that he had seen four men leave the defendant's hotel, and shortly afterwards a boy, who had a bottle of beer in his possession. He stopped the boy and took him back to the hotel, and he there admitted in the presence of the defendant that the latter had supplied him with the beer. The defendant denied the statement. The boy subsequently pleaded guilty to being found leaving the hotel with beer in his possession, but was not called in support of the summons. The magistrate fined the defendant, who appealed. His Honor, Mr. Justice Pring, said:—"There was no evidence of delivery, and according to the Crown's contention, it came to this, that if there was a case of suspicion against any person he might be charged with the offence, and if he did not choose to go into the box and dispel the suspicion in the mind of the magistrate, he must be convicted. That was a complete reversal of the elementary principle of law, that no man was to be condemned unless he was proved to be guilty." The appeal was allowed with costs.

An inn, said to be more than 500 years old, is being demolished at Little Ealing, and during the operations the workmen are said to have discovered a secret chamber, lavishly furnished in oak. The house was formerly kept by Dick Turpin's grandmother, and the idea is that the notorious highwayman was in the habit of concealing himself in the secret chamber when closely pressed by his pursuers.

Residents in the King Country should be having a particularly dry time just now, as the Railway Department absolutely refuse to carry alcoholic liquors of any kind, and the boats on the Wanganui River dare not infringe the law for fear of losing their packet license, says the "Waikato Argus." The police, with two witnesses, are said to be empowered to search any likely-looking passengers' luggage or goods, and therefore the introduction of liquor is fraught with considerable danger. Nevertheless there is liquor to be obtained, or at least something similar in its effects, for at Taumarunui on Saturday two men were arrested for drunkenness, one of whom had got that far that he had to be taken to the police station in a wheelbarrow.

The report of the quarterly meeting of the Auckland Licensing Committee unfortunately came to hand too late for publication in this issue, so will appear next week.

LICENSING COMMITTEES.

MANUKAU.

The quarterly meeting of the Manukau Licensing Committee was held at the Onehunga Courthouse last week. Mr. J. Rowe presided, and Messrs. D. Neilson, H. Westney, jun., D. McLennan, and A. R. Harris, members of the committee, were present. Sergeant Twomey officiated as clerk of the Court.

Transfers: An application was made for the transfer of the license of the Victoria Hotel to Mr. A. W. Hamer. The police reported that this house had been kept unsatisfactorily of late, but that since Mr. Hamer had taken it over there had been an improvement. The application was granted.

Hibernian Hotel: An application was made for the transfer of the license of the Hibernian Hotel from Mr. J. Graham to Mr. Thomas Christian Christian. Mr. McVeagh appeared in support of the application, which was granted.

OHINEMURI.

At the quarterly meeting of the Ohinemuri Licensing Committee at Paeroa last week, the members present were:—Mr. R. S. Bush, S.M. (chairman), and Messrs. Cock and Franklin. The police reports were in all cases favourable, and the application for the transfer of the license of the Waitekauri Hotel, at Waitekauri, from Mary Ryan to Arthur Kerr was granted.

WAIRARAPA.

The quarterly meeting of the Wairarapa Licensing Bench was held at Carterton on Tuesday, September 5, Mr. W. P. James, S.M., being in the chair. The other members present were:—Messrs. W. Udy, A. O. Considine, G. W. Deller, and G. A. Fairbrother. Inspector Ellison was also in attendance.

The police reports upon the Taubere-nikau and Featherston hotels were very satisfactory, but not so the Morrison's Bush and Foresters' Arms Hotel, Greytown.

A report on the Club Hotel, Martinborough, was mainly with reference to a cesspit. Suggestions had been made to the licensee by the Health Department, and these were being carried out.

Club Hotel, Carterton: It was reported that the licensee was allowing Mr. Bacovitch to be on the premises after the license had been granted. When the license was granted it was understood that Mr. Bacovitch (who is part owner) would leave. Mr. Pownall: He went out. Mr. James: Yes, but has returned! Mr. Pownall: But you granted a 12 months' license. The Chairman: That's the pity of it; we have given up our power and advantage has been taken of it. Mr.

Pownall replied that he thought the difficulty would be got over shortly. The licensee was quite willing to fulfil the wishes of the committee if possible.

WAIRAU.

At the quarterly meeting of the Wairau Licensing Committee held last Thursday, the license of the hotel at Picton was cancelled because the owner had failed to effect the repairs ordered at the annual meeting; but the cancellation was suspended so that the owner might have another opportunity.

HOME NOTES.

("I.V. Gazette," July).

With London full of visitors from all parts of the world, and with the holiday season at its height, it might have been expected—especially when the recent tropical weather is taken into consideration—that we should have heard fewer complaints about the long-continued depression in the Trade. Apparently they are as numerous as ever. The West End hotels have been well filled during the London season, but with very few exceptions the hotelkeepers at the various seaside resorts find that their visitors make little or no demand upon their cellars. There are plenty of holiday folk about, but they are enjoying themselves in a more economical manner. The fact is they have not the money to spend; consequently they have to "cut their coat according to their cloth" and await brighter times. Meanwhile the Trade, overburdened with taxation, continues to suffer.

Compared with the corresponding period of 1904, there is a diminution in the value of wine imported during the first six months of this year of over £50,000. Messrs. Southard and Company may well ask in their June circular, "What is to be the future of the wine trade?" The wonderful value which has been placed before the consumers by the distributing firms having failed to increase the consumption, this firm queries whether high quality and higher prices might not do better. It is all very well to argue that the classes who drink wine are those who can afford to pay for it, and are always willing to pay a long price if they can secure the best possible article. This may, and doubtless does, hold good so far as the best brands of champagne are concerned, though here again many consumers are unwilling to pay at the fashionable West End hotels and restaurants nearly double the price charged for the same article at their clubs. Clarets and burgundies might become much more popular if only good sound wine could be depended upon for a moderate figure. In very many instances prices are practically prohibitive, and the introduction of the "wine list" only too often leads to an order for a modest "whisky and soda" or a bottle of lager beer.

With its thirty establishments spread over the United Kingdom, the Bodega Company is in a position to judge of the extent of the depression. They have not suffered as much in decreased takings as some of their competitors, but it is quite clear, from what the chairman said at the recent meeting, that the dividend of 5 per cent. for the year has only been maintained by effecting economies. There has been a total saving of over £4000 compared with the previous year. The policy of closing businesses that are unproductive is undoubtedly a right one. When the Cafe de Paris on Ludgate Hill was bought by the company they wished to turn it into a wine shop—make a popular Bodega of it in fact. But the city licensing authorities insisted that the restaurant part of the business must be maintained—that food and drink, in fact, must be sold together. The place has been given a fair trial, but it has not come up to expectations. It has therefore been closed, and there will, it is said, be no application for the renewal of the license.

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Christopher Lee, of the Globe Hotel, St. Helens, on the success of his appeal to

the Liverpool County Quarter Sessions against his recent conviction for selling beer to a drunken person. However careful a license-holder may be in the conduct of his business, a slip of this kind is ever likely to occur, but it is ridiculous to suppose for one moment that a licensed victualler would imperil his license and run the risk of losing his money and his living by serving a pint of beer to a drunken man. Mr. Lee has been connected with the Trade for sixteen years, and for four years has been the licensee of one of the largest and best houses in St. Helens. When a party of four entered his hotel it was discovered that one of the number was "in drink." Mr. Lee not only refused to serve, but took the drink away from the others as soon as possible. What more could he have done? In this case the fault evidently rests with the police. It was stated in court that the drunken man in question was ordered out of two other public-houses. If this was so, why did not the police, as soon as they saw the party enter the Globe, draw the landlord's attention to the condition of one of them and not wait until the beer had been drawn and placed on the counter in order to secure a summons?

When a licensed house is burned down, what becomes of the license? Prior to the passing of the Licensing Act of 1904 the question had not assumed the importance that it has to-day, when the grant of a new license carries with it "a monopoly value." In May last the Hercules Inn, Newport, was reduced to ashes by fire, and when a temporary structure was erected on the site the Saffron Walden magistrates granted Messrs. Watney, Combe, Reid, and Company, the owners of the old house, authority to sell. When application was made before the Bench last week for a license, Mr. F. B. Sutthery opposed on behalf of the Essex police, submitting that when the premises were burned down the license was dead. Counsel for the brewers contended that, although the Hercules had been destroyed, the premises were there, and the application for a new license to have effect on those premises. The Bench came to the conclusion that in common justice the license must be granted. But in a case of this

kind why should not the old license have been renewed?

Judging from the meetings of the Portsmouth and Gosport Licensed Victuallers' Association and the Portsmouth and District Wine and Beer Retailers' Association, the Trade in that part of the country is waking up to the importance of organisation. Both are in a more flourishing condition as regards membership than for some time past; in fact, during the past half-year no fewer than 60 members have been added to the roll of the latter society, bringing the total up to 265. It may be that this great desire on the part of the Trade to join forces is due in a measure to the activity of the borough police, who have, it appears, paid no fewer than 27,000 visits to the houses of Portsmouth during the past year. Still, it is satisfactory to note that there have been but two or three convictions obtained, showing that the license-holders in the town are fully alive to the importance of their own interests. Portsmouth is now one of the very few country towns that has a claim upon the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, the local association having, on the occasion of Sir John Brickwood's presidency, contributed a sum of £53, which entitles it to twenty votes.

TAVERN SIGNS.

HOW THEY ORIGINATED.

Old English tavern signs easily fall into categories and periods. Thus the "Blue Lions" and "Green Dragons" frequently encountered date from the days of chivalry, when heraldry furnished the earliest signs. But more interesting than these are the examples filtered through the popular speech.

Thus the pelican and her young, belonging to an ancient coat of arms, are familiarly known as "the Hen and Chickens." And the swan and portcullis of another family masquerade as "The Goose and Gridiron."

From the days of Popery comes "The Cat and Wheel," which is to be referred back to St. Catherine and her wheel. "The Pig and Whistle" has a longer lineage, deriving its significance from "rga," a cup, and "wassail," to which the cup invites.

The "Rising Suns" and "Half Moons" are long-forgotten reminders of Apollo and Diana, but who shall say whence comes the "Drum and Monkey" and the

"Cow and Snuffers," and "Cat and Mutton," and "Lamb and Lark," and such combinations as the "Hon and Razor?"

Following the heraldic signs are the painted rebuses. The dominant family of the country, as we know, is usually immortalised in the name of the inn. With the "Markis of Granby" and his like we are all familiar. But the reading was not always so obvious.

The painted "Hare and Bottle" was to be understood as referring to the Harbottle family. "The Hand and Cook" stood for the Handcocks. "Two Cocks" intimated the Cox family. "The Maggie and Goat" is to be translated into Pigot, the lord of the manor.

"The Bolt and Ton" discloses the prominence of the Boltons. Many of these families are effaced in the counties, but the echo of their greatness remains in the tavern signs.

The most amusing of these old signs are those corrupted from the French signs introduced at the time of the Conquest. Thus "The Iron Devil" must be translated back to "L'Hirondelle" and "The Bag o' Tails" into "Bagatelle."

"The Cat and Fiddle" comes down from "Le Chat Fidele." "The Cat and Bottle" indicates "La Coquine Bou-teille" filtered through the rustic speech of the time.

Another interesting perversion is "The Goat and Compasses," which is the later rendering of "God encompasses us"—the Puritan watchword of Cromwell's days.

"The Hole in the Wall" in London is supposed to relate to days when food was secretly conveyed to prisoners by removing bricks in the wall. But who can translate or deduce the meaning of "The Sugar Loaf and the Coffin," or the story of "The Miller and the Dove?"

"The Boar's Head" is celebrated in "Henry IV." "The Mitre" in Fleet-street suggests the days of Johnson, as does "The Turk's Head," where his literary society used to meet.

"The Spotted Dog" belongs to Eugene Aram. "The Bell" at Edmonton is in-

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separably connected with John Gilpin's ride. From "The Bell" in Castle Yard Clarissa Harlowe was abducted. The "Maypole Inn" belongs to Barnaby Rudge and Dickens. "The Three Jolly Pigeons" we have encountered before in "She Stoops to Conquer," and Addison has introduced us to "The Devil's Fair."

On Oxford-street is an inn for which Hogarth painted the sign facetiously known as "A Man Loaded with Mischiefs," indicated by a man carrying on his back a woman and a monkey. Hogarth, Morland, Holbein, Correggio, and Horace Vernet are known at different times to have painted tavern signs. Sometimes this was done out of pleasure, but more often from necessity.—"New York Sun."

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The reason of this, in many cases, is that roasting causes loss in weight, and the grocer does not wish to lose by waste. It would be much better, however, for the sake of his own good name, if he were to charge a little more for the article and win the favour of those of his customers who appreciate a good cup of "the fragrant berry's juice."

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roaster should be used over charcoal, coke, or gas. To have it fresh, with its full aroma, proceed as follows: Fill the roaster half full with green coffee, then shut it. Place it on the fire, which should be neither too fierce nor too slow, and keep it turning constantly, taking care to watch its progress by occasionally opening the little door of the roaster. As soon as it becomes a bright dark-brown colour, it is done. Now turn it into a flat wicker basket whose sides are slightly turned in, and shake it vigorously until all the shucks have blown away, the berries remaining clean and intact.

In small establishments, where the roaster would be too large for their requirements, one may do as follows:—Put as much as is wanted of the green berries into a steel frying-pan, kept for this purpose only. Put this pan on a slow coal or gas fire, and shake it continually until it has attained a dark brown colour. Then spread it on a clean sheet of paper and let it cool before putting it in the canister. It is preferable, however, to roast only enough to be used at once, and to grind it as soon as roasted. In this way we get the perfect coffee of the epicure. Coffee-grinders are to be had of all sizes and prices, from two shillings upwards, according to the requirements of the establishment.

Never on any account use tin coffee pots, but always china or porcelain ones. Tin always gives a bad taste to the coffee. Coffee that remains a few hours in a tin pot becomes undrinkable, and has a metallic taste.

Coffee, being an infusion, should never be boiled. Nothing is more injurious to the stomach than boiled coffee.

To make black coffee, or cafe noir, which is usually taken after dinner, put eight ounces of coffee, well roasted and freshly ground, in the filter of a china coffee pot. Then add in small quantities two quarts of boiling water, pouring slowly through the filter just sufficient at a time to thoroughly moisten the coffee. The water must be boiling during the whole of the time in which it is being added. Two quarts of boiling water will give about a quart and a half of good coffee.

To make coffee with milk, or cafe au lait, which is generally served for breakfast, make the coffee as in the preceding recipe. Boil the required quantity of milk, and pour it into cups along with the coffee. As a rule, half coffee and half milk is the right proportion.

Never shake the coffee pot to make the liquid pass through more quickly. The hot water ought to pass through the thickness of the coffee and thus extract its essence and aroma, coming through clear and bright; but if stirred up to hasten its filtering it will be thick and discoloured.

It should be remembered that one sort of coffee alone will not make a good beverage; two or three kinds are therefore generally mixed together. The most esteemed and the dearest is old Mocha, the beans of which are small and yellow, very shrivelled, and unequal in shape. Then comes the Java, having a large bean of a dull colour and excellent flavour. Then follows the Mysore, a middle-sized closed bean, in taste resembling the Mocha. Next again is the Porto Rico, excellent to mix with the Mysore, to which it imparts a dark colour. All the South American kinds make good coffee if mixed with half quantities of Mocha, Java, or Mysore.

Chicory should never be added to coffee, unless one's customers do not appreciate the genuine article or are not willing to pay for it. It may be used in cheap coffee shops where price is the main consideration, but never in any establishment that has a reputation to maintain. I am quite aware that in coffee-drinking countries chicory is much used, but there coffee is drunk in large quantities at all hours of the day, and a cheap beverage is a necessity. The better classes on the Continent much prefer to drink it unadulterated.

Finally, I would say, avoid all expensive complicated coffee-making machines, of which there are many in the market. The simplest plan is the best, and, by closely following the directions I have given, my readers will be able to serve a cup of coffee that will delight their customers, and will bring both fame and profit to their establishments.

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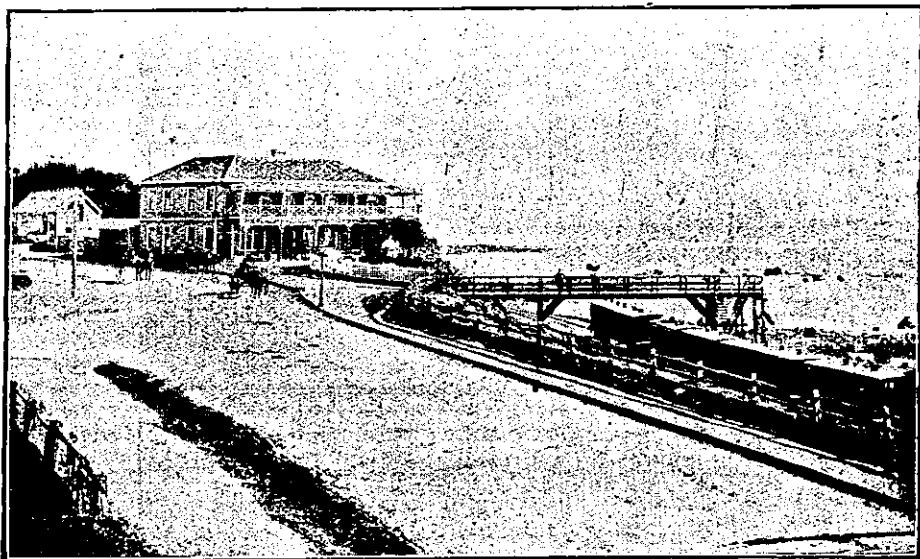
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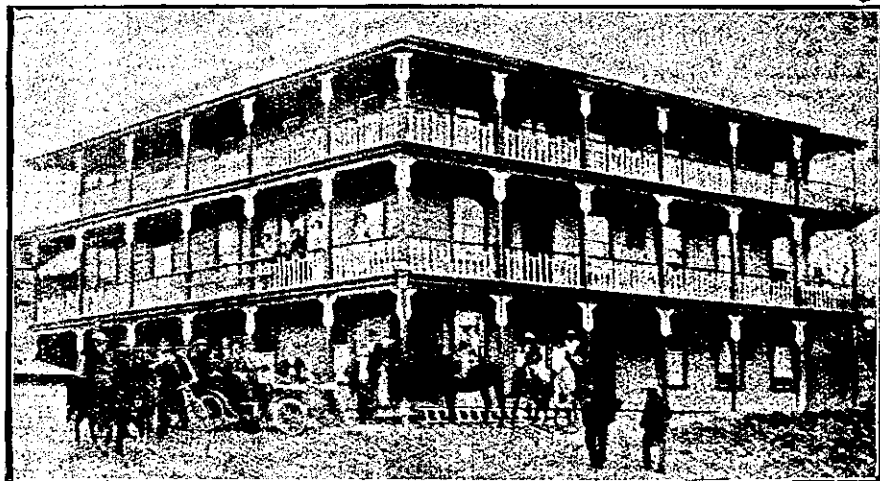
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PARS ON POLITICS.

The Leader of the Opposition last Friday night referred to the item on the Lands Estimates, "Expenses of Royal Commission on the land tenure of the colony, £1,000," and asked what portion of the Commission's expenses the item represented. He reckoned that each member of the Commission received about £500. It was the most wilful and wicked waste of money he had ever heard of. He moved to reduce the item by £1, as an indication that the Government should lay before the House a return showing in detail the cost of the Commission. The Minister said he could not give the amount, even approximately. It might, he said, in answer to a question, cost £15,000. Mr. Buchanan said the information must be known within a few pounds, and it should be given. Mr. Massey's motion was lost by 27 votes to 19.

Speaking on the subject of the claims of old soldiers on Saturday morning, Mr. Massey urged that the Government should take more active steps to investigate and deal with these claims. The colony should not remain in the debt of these old soldiers, who were too independent to ask for the old age pension, and who only asked for the money to which they were justly entitled. Mr. Herries said it was time that the Government appointed a Commission to inquire into the claims of these old soldiers. Mr. Lang said that unless the Commission was more satisfactory than the last one, it would be of no use. The last inquiry, which cost £2000 or £3000, was never heard of by many claimants until it was too late, and the only claims which had been recognised in consequence of it were so strong that they could have easily been substantiated without it. He considered that when the Petitions Committee submitted a favourable recommendation in regard to a claim the Government should act in accordance with such recommendation.

At a meeting of the Liberal and Labour Federation (Auckland branch) last week, it was reported that Mr. W. A. Thompson, a candidate for City West

electorate, had withdrawn. Mr. Thompson, who was present, stated that a week ago he had no intention of withdrawing but he found that, if he were elected, his business independence would be lost, and he would become a political loafer. He was sure no member of the Federation would like to see a member of it in the House under these circumstances. He had not withdrawn in favour of any one, but any candidate that the Liberal party selected, not a tied candidate, but one advocating an advanced and liberal policy, he would support in a quiet way. He did not approve of Mr. Richardson's name not being put on the ballot papers. The Chairman reported that 593 ballot papers had been sent out for each district, the ones for Auckland East containing the one name, F. E. Baume; those for Auckland West, the names, T. T. Masefield, C. H. Poole, and W. A. Thompson, and those for City Central the names, A. Kidd, A. Rosser, and J. H. Witheford. He also expressed the thanks of the branch to Messrs. Patterson and Thompson for retiring, and thus leaving the issue clear. Messrs. Rainey, Reeves, and Gulliver were appointed scrutineers, and, after the count, the result of the selection ballot was returned as follows:—City Central: Kidd, 435; Rosser, 18; Witheford, 50. City West: Masefield, 479; Poole, 15; Thompson, 17. City East: Baume, 511; against, 2. Informal votes, 14. The president stated that the results would be forwarded to the Premier, and the Premier's opinion would be known next day.

The State Treasurer of New South Wales, in his Budget statement, says the current year will be the severest financially that State has yet had to encounter. The process of administrative reform during the past year have exhausted the channels of economy. They must economise or tax. On last year's Estimates the Departmental economies effected amounted to £163,000, and the year closed with a surplus of £187,000. The estimated receipts for the coming year are £11,327,000, and the expenditure £11,407,000. He hopes to save £80,000 by Departmental economies, and £50,000 by legislation. The loan expenditure for the past year was £3,633,000, of which £1,500,000 was spent on works, and the balance on renewals and repayments.

A petition signed by some 200 natives in the North Island was presented to the House on Tuesday by Mr. Hone Heke, protesting against the proposed native land legislation of the Government. The petitioners state that a report has reached them that the Government are drafting a Bill for the confiscation of their unutilised lands, and they ask that the measure be abandoned. They state that the Government have been the authors of restrictions placed upon their lands in the past, and that such policy on the part of the Government is the cause of their lands lying idle, it having, they assert, debarred them from being taken up under lease by Europeans who wished to do so. The petitioners further state that they have made many requests to the Native Land Court to individualise their titles and subdivide their lands, but their requests have not been complied with. It is also pointed out that the Government Department which lends money to farmers is not available to Maoris. For these various reasons it is urged that the proposed Bill be abandoned.

As the outcome of the visit of the New Liberal party to Nelson, a petition is being circulated there for public signature, addressed to the House of Representatives, stating that as many elements of uncertainty exist in connection with the recent investigation by the Auditor-General in reference to the existence of the voucher which Messrs. Larcombe, West, Willis, and Lundon swear they saw, handled, and discussed, these elements of uncertainty should be removed by the immediate appointment of a judicial tribunal, before which a full and unrestricted public inquiry may be held, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, to examine witnesses upon oath, and the parties to appear personally or by counsel.

A special meeting of the Auckland branch of the Independent Political Labour League was held at 23, Palmerton Buildings, last week, to select candidates for the City Central and City East electorates. The final selection resulted in Mr. J. Aggers being chosen for City Central and Mr. R. F. Way for City East. It was decided to communicate with all the unions in these electorates asking them to do their utmost

to secure the return of the pledged Labour candidates. It was also decided to send a copy of the league's platform to all announced members standing in the other electorates of the Auckland province, asking them to set forth in writing whether they will support it. The replies will be dealt with at next meeting.

The annual report of the Commandant (Major-General Babington) on the defence forces of the colony was presented to Parliament by (Mr. Seddon) the Defence Minister, last week. The Commandant gave vent to some free criticisms of the present state of the colony's defences. A decision on many important recommendations submitted, he considered as urgently required:—The state of the mounted corps, with the exception of one district, is reported to be satisfactory. Application has been made to England for 16 15-pounder batteries, to complete the armament of the field batteries. The shooting of the field artillery was not as satisfactory as it should be, and more ammunition should be supplied for practice. The garrison artillery volunteer companies were efficient, but the shooting was indifferent. The shooting of the infantry had improved, but more instruction was needed in this as well as in scouting duties. The field hospital and bearer corps were still undermanned, and the medical equipments and attendance of medical officers at parade were not satisfactory. The equipment of the cadet corps was far from complete, and the capitation should be increased. The position of rifle clubs should also be improved. He would submit proposals for improving the schools of instruction. The establishment of a supply and transport corps is advocated. The quality of the ammunition supplied by the Colonial Ammunition Company continues to be satisfactory, "but," adds the Commandant, "I am still of opinion that steps should be taken to establish an ammunition factory in the colony, to render it less dependent than it now is." General Babington strongly urges better organisation and equipment, and the keeping of a trained staff for headquarters in each district. The idea that a man who can shoot is sufficiently trained is, he points out, an exploded one. His scheme for the reorganisation



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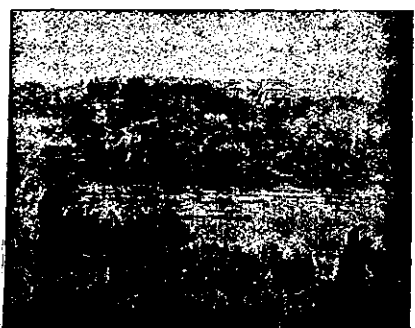
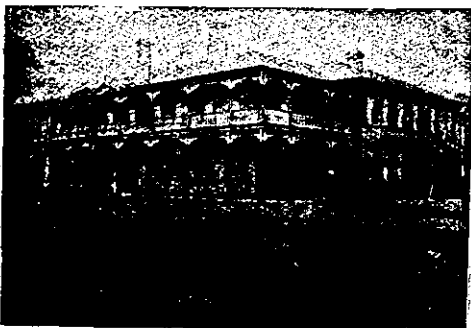
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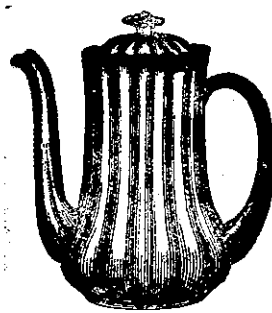
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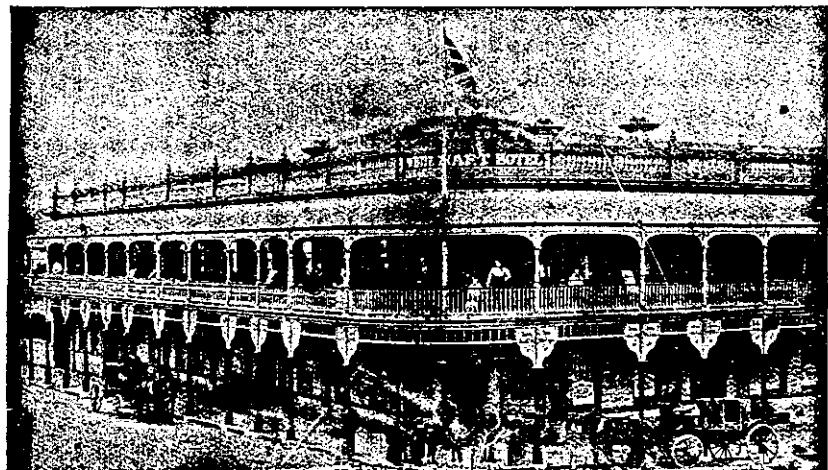
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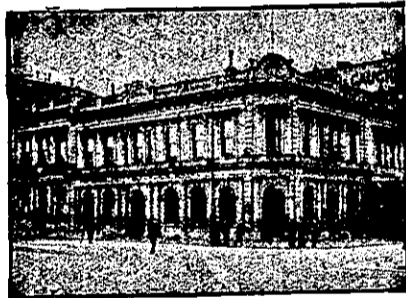
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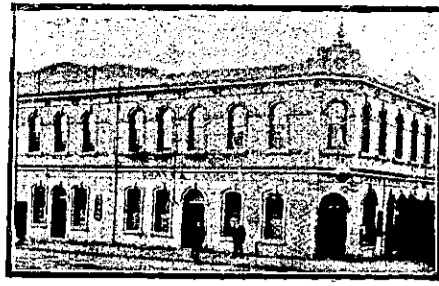
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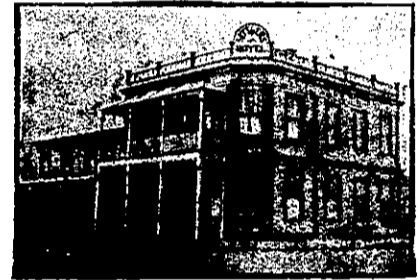


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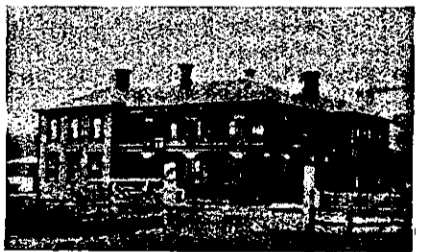
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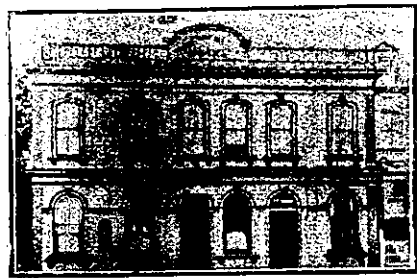
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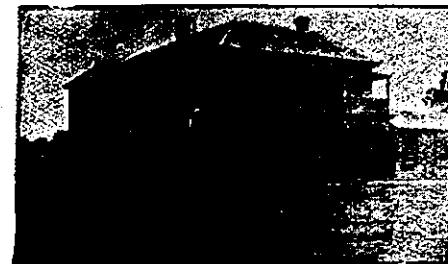
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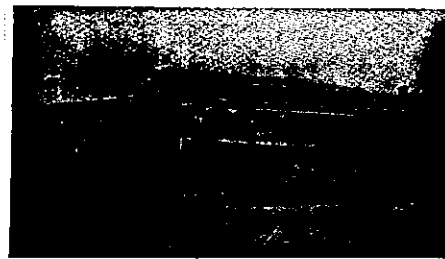
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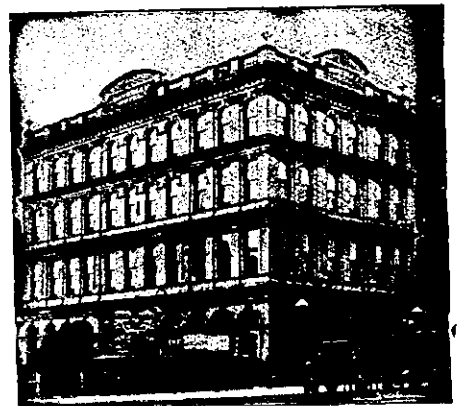
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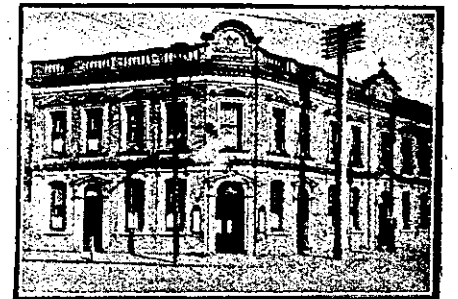
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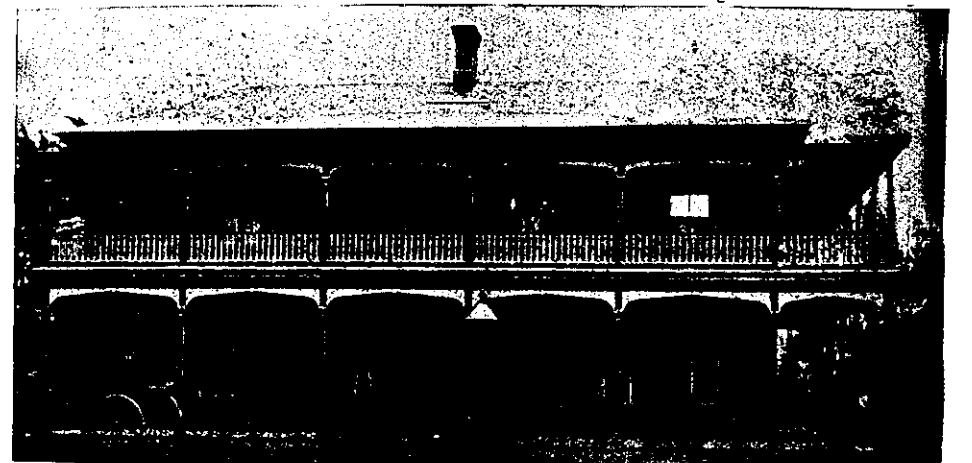
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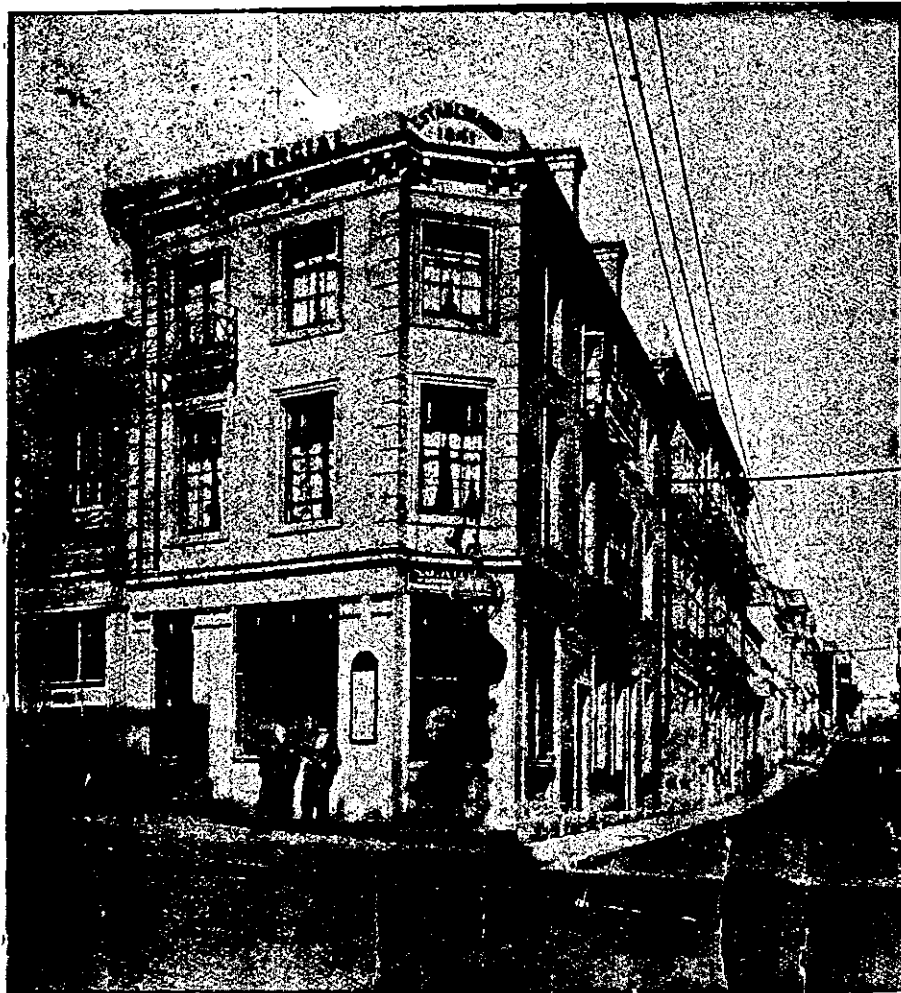


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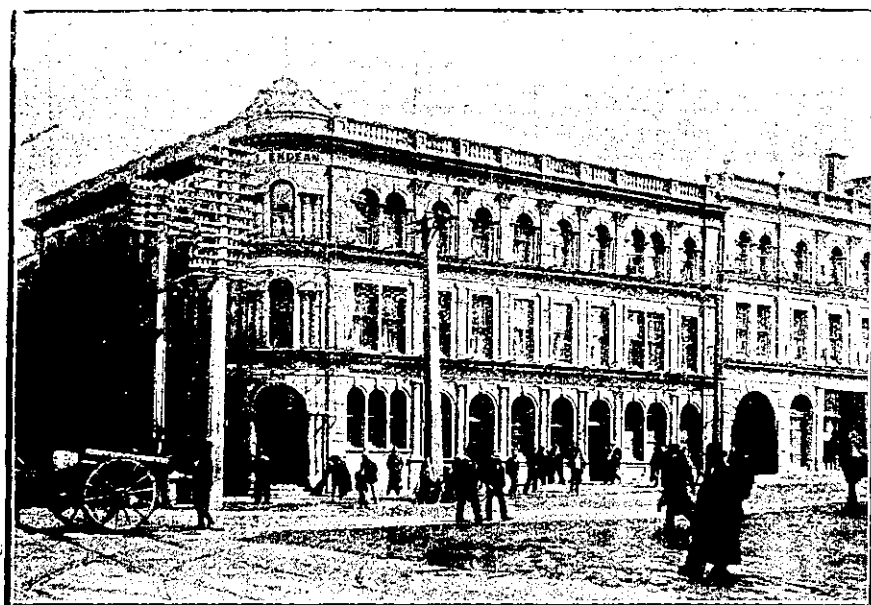
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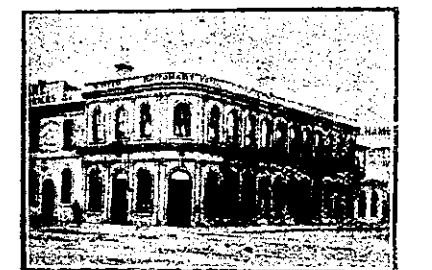
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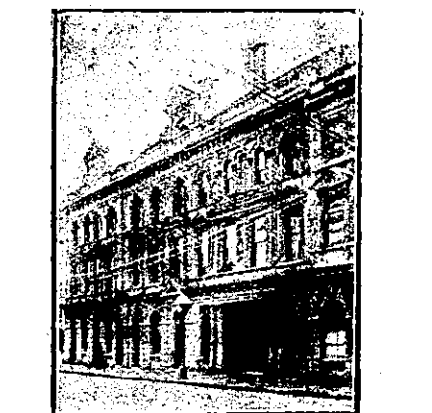
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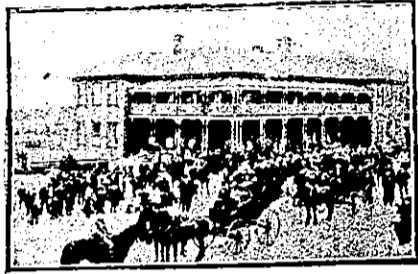
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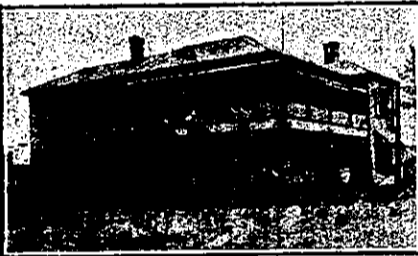
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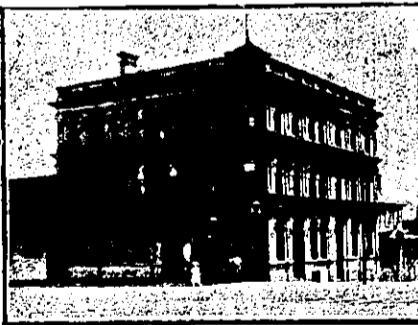
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Will be glad to welcome Old and New Friends at the above Popular House.

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

MANAKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF

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

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



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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.

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

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Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only Billiards.

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WELLINGTON PROVINCE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

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

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C. GIBSON.....Proprietor. The Criterion Hotel, which has been long and favourably known, offers special inducements to the travelling public.

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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.

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BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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

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WELLINGTON—Continued.



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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 Paddock.

Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.

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Trains remain at Station to enable Passengers to obtain Refreshments.

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First-class accommodation at a moderate tariff.

Every attention and all home comforts

Wines Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Quality.

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WELLINGTON—Continued.

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Trams Pass the Hotel every few minutes.

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GEO. A. ALLEN,

Late of the Albert Hotel, Wellington, Proprietor.

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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.

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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.

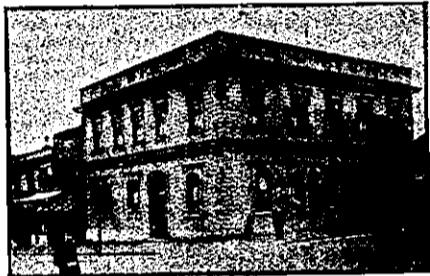
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PETER HARTSHORN ... Proprietor.



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

CHAS. SIDDELLS Proprietor.

RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION), MARTON JUNCTION.

W. CLARKE .. Proprietor.

All trains stop sufficient time at station to enable passengers to obtain refreshments.

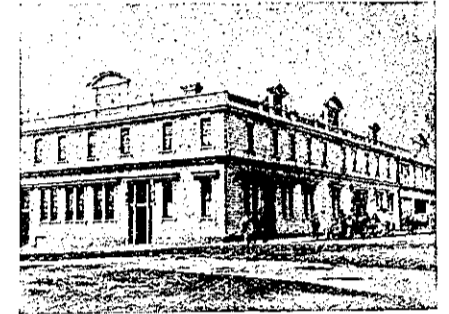
Good accommodation for the travelling public; also good stabling.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



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

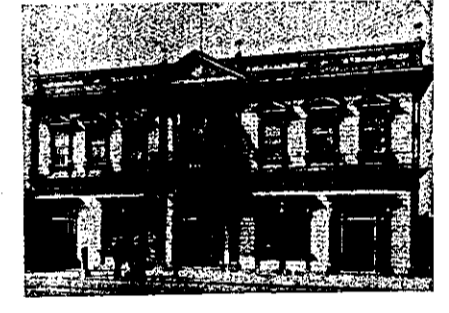
This commodious and well furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Mr Bennett's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the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

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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.

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T. CHILDS Proprietor

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

WELLINGTON—Continued.

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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.

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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.

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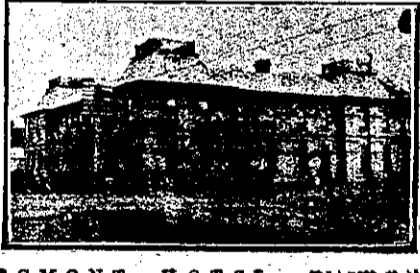
MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA

This hotel combines all the conveniences of a first-class House, together with a moderate tariff.

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.

Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Brands

J. A. SMYTH.....Proprietor



EGMONT HOTEL, HAWERA

A. J. JURY Proprietor.

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

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS, CHRISTCHURCH.

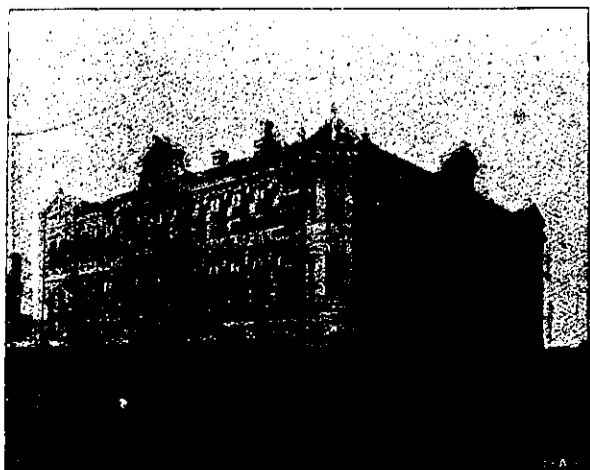
Visitors to Christchurch should secure accommodation at the Leviathan. It offers all the advantages of an up-to-date home, and is furnished throughout in such a manner as to provide the Best Accommodation for Boarders, Visitors, and Travellers.

PRIVATE ROOMS FOR LADIES. Hot and Cold Baths, Fire Escapes, etc.

Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

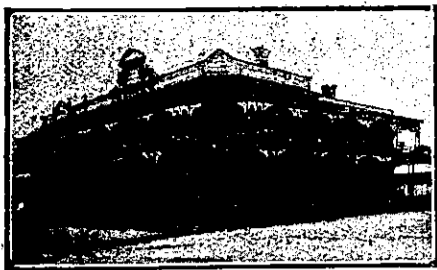
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TARANAKI—Cont.



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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAVERLEY. CHAS. 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 XXXX Ales.

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.

CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

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

THE NEW "TROCADERO" TEMPERANCE HOTEL, EDMOND-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH. One minute from Railway Station.

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

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA.

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

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

THE "TROCADERO" PRIVATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT.

CORNER OF EAST ROAD AND JULIET-STREET, STRATFORD. Under Entirely New Management. Specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Travelling Public. Commodious and Airy Bed and Sitting Rooms. Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths. The Kitchen is under the supervision of an experienced Chef.

Terms per Day, 4s 6d; per Week, 20s. Permanent Boarders, 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 is 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. Rob Johns' Prize Ale on draught. Ward's Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.



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First-class Accommodation for Permanent and Travelling Public.

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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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SPEIGHT'S PRIZE ALES ON DRAUGHT.

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



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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.

F. DAVY..... Proprietor. This old established Hotel, containing 26 rooms, being recently re-built in brick and stone, offers special advantages to Tourists, Travellers, and others, who will find all the comforts of a home at this fine hostelry. 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.

METROPOLE PRIVATE HOTEL, 226 PRINCES STREET, DUNEDIN (3 Min. from Post Office).

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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, DUNEDIN.

A HOUSE NEWLY BUILT. NEWLY FURNISHED. PERFECT IN ALL PARTS. GO TO..... ST. ANDREW STREET. CHAS. B. M. BRANSON Proprietor.

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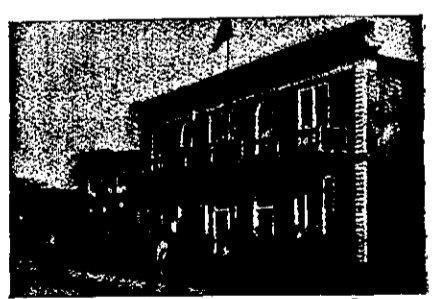
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