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MISS JESSIE MACLACHLAN, THE SCOTTISH VOCALIST, WHO OPENS AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE ON MONDAY NEXT.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
SPRING MEETING.

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FIRST DAY:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1905.

First race to start at 12 30 o'clock.

President's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Great Northern Guineas of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post. One mile.

Welcome Stakes of 225 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 5lb; geldings 8st 2lb; fillies, 8st 1 lb. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Manukau Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three quarters.

Shorts Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

City Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Guineas to carry not less than 7st 7lb. Winner of any handicap after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. One mile and a quarter.

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

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 1905.
 (HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY)

First race to start at 12 noon.

Spring Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Penrose Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Musket Stakes Handicap of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Birthday Handicap of 375 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. About one mile and a-half.

Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Maiden Plate Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

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

Epsom Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1905.

First race to start at 12 30 o'clock.

Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st. 7lbs. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognized Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified, during the season of 1905, by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has been in the hands of a licensed trainer since 1st September, 1905, or which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25 sovs. Hunters' races excepted. Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who are eligible as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses before the date on which handicaps appear. About three miles and a-half.

Maiden Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a-half.

Ascot Handicap of 225 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

Juvenile Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

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

Parnell Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognized Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified, during the season of 1905, by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has been in the hands of a licensed trainer since 1st September, 1905, or which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25 sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who are eligible as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses before the date on which handicaps appear. Two miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,
SPRING MEETING, 1905,
 With amounts to be transmitted to the Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 29TH, by 9 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS—Manukau Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; City Handicap, 1 sov; Birthday Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH (General Entry), by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Manukau Hurdles Handicap 1 sov; City Handicap, 2 sovs.

NOMINATIONS—President's Handicap, 1 sov; Welcome Stakes, 1 sov; Shorts Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Cup, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 1 sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Parnell Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—President's Handicap, 1 sov; Shorts Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Onehunga Steeplechase, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Cup Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, at the post.
 Auckland Guineas (subscription), 5 sovs; Welcome Stakes, 2 sovs.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Birthday Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 2 sovs; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Parnell Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR
 On or about

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, in morning paper.
 Manukau Hurdles, City Handicap.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, by 12 o'clock noon.
 President's Handicap, Short's Handicap, Pony Handicap, Flying Handicap, Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, Hunt Club Cup, Handicap Steeplechase.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, in morning paper.
 Spring Handicap, Penrose Hurdles, Musket Stakes Handicap, Birthday Handicap, Onehunga Steeplechase, Maiden Handicap, Pony Handicap, Epsom Handicap.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, in morning paper.
 Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Ascot Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, Pony Handicap, Parnell Handicap, Welter Handicap.

SUMMER MEETING.
FIRST DAY,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1905.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Trial Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

Great Northern Fowl Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1905, 2 sov forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Auckland Cup Handicap of 1350 sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the collective value of 150 sovs, 5lb; 250 sovs, 7lb extra. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 5 sovs, and a final payment of 8 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles.

Grafton Hurdles Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 375 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs, out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races after declaration of the weights of the collective value of 75 sovs to carry 3lb; of 150 sovs, 7lb; of 300 sovs, 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Fowl Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Christmas Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.

SECOND DAY:
FRIDAY DECEMBER 29TH 1905

First Race to start at 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap of 140 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Ponsonby Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Criterion Handicap of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Summer Cup Handicap of 450 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5 lb. One mile and a quarter.

Salisbury Welter Handicap of 180 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

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

Visitors' Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds, to carry 7st 9lb; three-year-olds, 8st. Fillies allowed 5lb; geldings, 8lb. Five furlongs.

Waitemata Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY:
MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

New Year's Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Thirty-Second Great Northern Derby of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription 7 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1905, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 700 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs, and a final payment of 8 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-half.

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

Maiden Handicap of 140 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at the time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

FOURTH DAY.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon.

Goodwood Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Eleventh Royal Stakes of 500 sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two, three and four year olds. Weight-for-age. Two-year-olds, 8st 12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 6lb; four-year-olds, 8st. Winners after August 1, 1905, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lb; of 500 sovs 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day, Summer Meeting, 1905, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—Upon payment of 2 sovs by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1905. All horses remaining in after the first Friday

in December, 1905, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs at the post. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a-half.

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

Auckland Plate of 275 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Weight-for-age. One mile and a-half.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,
SUMMER MEETING, 1905-1906,
 With amounts to be transmitted to the Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, by 9 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS—Auckland Cup 1 sov, Railway Handicap 1 sov, Summer Cup Handicap 1 sov, Auckland Racing Club Handicap 1 sov, Auckland Steeplechase 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Auckland Cup 5 sovs, Railway Handicap 3 sovs, Auckland Steeplechase 8 sovs.
 SECOND FORFEIT—Royal Stakes of 1905-1906—For four-year-olds, three-year-olds and two-year-olds, 2 sovs; 32nd Great Northern Derby, 3 sovs; Great Northern Fowl Stakes, 2 sovs.

FIRST FORFEIT—Champagne Stakes 1906, 1 sov; The Oaks 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, by 9 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS—Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov; Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Visitors' Plate 2 sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov; Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year Handicap Hurdles 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov; Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1 sov; Newmarket Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Plate 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, at the post.
 Great Northern Fowl Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Cup, 8 sovs.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27TH, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Cup Handicap, 4 sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, by 4 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 3 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, at the post.
 Great Northern Derby, 7 sovs; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 3 sovs.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, by 10 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES—Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 3 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 2 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, at the post.
 Royal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Plate, 3 sovs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 1906, by 9 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS—Great Northern Fowl Stakes (for now yearlings), 1907-1908; Royal Stakes (for now yearlings), 1907-1908.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, by 12 noon.
 Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, by 12 noon.
 Trial Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Pony Handicap, Christmas Handicap.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, in morning paper.
 Alexandra Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles, Criterion Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Waitemata Handicap.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, in morning paper.
 Glasgow Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, Midsummer Handicap, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Handicap Pony Race, Maiden Handicap.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, by 9 p.m.
 Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Handicap Pony Race.

WM. PERCIVAL,
 Secretary.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.
SPRING MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 20th and 21st OCTOBER, 1905.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

- October Haak Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
- Shorts Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.
- Wellington Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race or races of the collective value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs or over, 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance 5 sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

- 4. Flying handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance six furlongs.
- 5. Rimutaka Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
- 6. Wellesley Stakes of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For two year-olds. Colts 8.7, geldings 8.4, fillies 8.2. All horses remaining in after Monday, 4th September, 1905, must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on Tuesday, October 10th, 1905. (Closed). Distance, four furlongs.
- 7. Waitui Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight in handicap, 8.0. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.
- 8. Spring Hack Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

PENALTIES.

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

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

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

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

ENTRIES—For All Events excepting the Trial Stakes close at 9.0 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

WEIGHTS—Declared for First Day's Handicaps.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.

WEIGHTS—Declared for Second Day's Handicaps at 8.0 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.

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

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SPRING MEETING

TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 21st, AND WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1905.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- Maiden Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 3min. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.
- Onehunga Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
- Spring Handicap Trot of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.42 or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
- Middle-class Trot Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2.40 to the mile. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

- Stewards' Handicap Trot of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.43 to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Limit, 2.55. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.
- October Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Onehunga to receive a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.
- Electric Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

- Novel Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at time of entry. Limit, 3min. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Alexandra Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.42 to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Remuera Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
- Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Trot. The winner to receive a Bracelet of the value of 17 gns; the second to receive a bracelet of the value of 7 gns. Horses to be nominated by ladies. Riders and drivers in this race must be amateurs, and their names must be sent in at time of nomination, and be approved by the Club (must be licensed by the Association). Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.
- Innovation Handicap Trot of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won a race at better than 2.40 to the mile. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.
- High Class Trot Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.38. Placed horses at the meeting may be entered for this race. Such additional nomination must be made on the night previous to the handicaps being declared. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.
- Junction Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Remuera Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.
- Insulation Handicap Trot of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.48 to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all Events Close on FRIDAY, October 6, at 9 p.m. HANDICAPS for First Day to appear on MONDAY, October 9. For the Second Day on MONDAY, October 23. ACCEPTANCES, First Day's Events, Close on FRIDAY, October 13, at 9 p.m. For the Second Day's Events on MONDAY, October 23, at 9 o'clock p.m.

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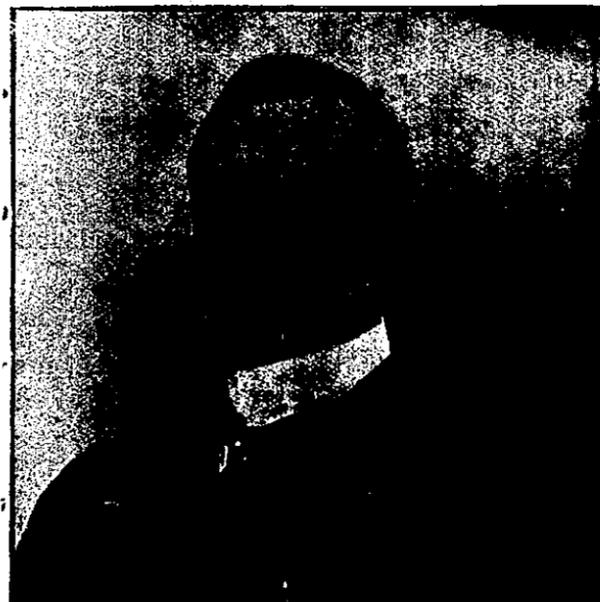
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Oct. 10 and 11—Napier Park R.C. Spring
October 11—Otahuhu Racing Club
Oct. 11 and 12—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring
October 11 and 14—Dunedin J.C. Spring
Oct. 19 and 20—North Otago J.C. Spring
Oct. 20 and 21—Wellington R.C. Spring
October 21 and 25—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring
Oct. 25 and 26—Gore R.C. Spring
October 26 and 27—Masterton R.C. Spring
Oct. 26 and 27—Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring
Nov. 1 and 2—Southland R.C. Spring
November 2—Wahi Sport Club Annual
Nov. 4, 9 and 11—Auckland R.C. Spring
Nov. 4, 6, 8 and 11—C.J.C. Spring
November 9 and 10—Winton J.C. Annual
November 9—Waipawa County R.C. Spring
Nov. 23 and 24—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
November 28 and 30—Feilding J.C. Spring
December 28 and 29 and January 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer

NOMINATIONS.

October 6—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring
Oct. 14—Poverty Bay T.C. (special events)
October 20—Auckland R.C. Spring (general entries)
December 5—Auckland R.C. (general entries)

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

Oct. 6—Wellington R.C. Spring
October 9—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring
October 13—Auckland R.C. Spring (special events)
Oct. 14—Poverty Bay T.C. (special events)
Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.
October 23—Auckland R.C. Spring
November 17—Auckland R.C. (Auckland Cup)
December 12—Auckland R.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

October 13—Auckland Trotting Club's Spring
Oct. 10—Wellington R.C. Spring
October 20—Auckland R.C. Spring (special events)
Oct. 21—Poverty Bay T.C.
October 23—Auckland R.C. Spring
December 1—Auckland R.C. Summer (Cup and special events)
December 15—Auckland R.C. Summer

FIRST FORFEIT.

December 1—Auckland R.C. Champagne Stakes, 1906, and Oaks

SECOND FORFEIT.

November 3—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes, 1906,
December 1—Royal Stakes, 1905-06, Derby and G.N. Foal Stakes

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Handicaps for the first day of the Wellington R.C. Spring Meeting are due to appear on Friday, October 6.

First payments for the W.R.C. Wellesley Stakes are due on October 10.

A further payment of 6sovs on the New Zealand Cup is due on October 20.

General entries for the Auckland R.C. Spring Meeting close on Friday, October 20 by 9 p.m., on which date acceptances for the Manukau Hurdles and City Handicap must also be made.

Handicaps for the Manukau Hurdles and City Handicap, to be run at the spring meeting of the A.R.C., are due to appear on October 13.

Nominations for all races (except those already closed), to be run at the spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Spring Meeting, close with the secretary (Mr. J. Walker Bain) on Saturday, October 14.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the spring meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club close with Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, on Friday, October 6, at 9 p.m.

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NEW ZEALAND V. AUSTRALIAN HORSES.

Now that most of the New Zealand horses which competed at Randwick have returned home and the general chorus of rejoicing at their success has subsided, it is worth while for a moment considering the respective merits of the race-horses bred in this colony as compared with those from the Commonwealth. That our representatives did really brilliantly there is no gainsaying, and it would seem that as far as this season is concerned the best from New Zealand are perhaps a little better than the champions on the other side. But it does not do to immediately jump to the conclusion, as so many have done, that the Australian racehorse is immeasurably inferior to those bred in this colony, because such a contention will not bear serious investigation. To commence with, it must not be forgotten that our champion Achilles was bred in Australia, as were Ghoorka and Red Gauntlet, both good winners last season. On this subject the well-informed writer "Milroy" has the following in a recent issue of the "Sydney Mail":—

"I have no recollection of any of our big performers going from here to race in New Zealand. I wonder how Abercorn, Melos, Dreadnought, San Fran, Wakeful, Amberite, Aurum, Abundance, Emir, Maltster, Cocos, Newhaven, Wallace, Camoola, The Admiral, Trident, La Carabine, Great Scot, Lord Cardigan, Revenue, Gaulus, Patron, Malua, Brakpan, Bobadil, Projectile, or Quiver would have got on had they been taken to New Zealand when in their best form! I fancy they would have done quite as well as the cream of Maoriland has in Australia. Though, as before remarked, only odd Australian-bred yearlings, and cheap ones at that, find their way to New Zealand, yet during the last dozen years this State has sent down two champions in Achilles and Gipsy Grand. Last season there were 34 Australian-bred horses racing in New Zealand, and they won 57 races, valued at £10,555. Against this Gladstone, a New Zealander, in Australia, won nine races worth £4294. All the other New Zealanders that ran in Australia last season won among them 15 races, worth £2292. Included among the latter is Martini, who was sired in England. His share of the spoil amounted to £637, while Grand Rapids, Dingo, and Nightfall won £1159. When discussing the relative methods of New Zealand and Australian horses, this fact should not be lost sight of; the best Australians have not been tested on New Zealand courses, while with a few notable exceptions the Maorilanders, who have succeeded, were champions in their own country.

"About the first recollection I have of New Zealand horses in Australia goes back to Calumny and Lurline, two fine Tracer mares who came across and won races in the early "seventies." Mata was, I believe, a great horse, too. Not until Martini-Henry carried off the Melbourne Derby and Cup in 1883, however, did the Maorilanders invade in anything like force. After Martini-Henry won that double nearly every New Zealand horse of note, as well as selected yearlings, was sent to Australia. For a time New Zealand was the fashion, but a few facers had the effect of cooling the ardour of exporters and buyers, after which came a lengthy lull. The introduction of Musket blood to Australia was due to the

late Hon. James White, who purchased Martini-Henry when he was a foal in the old New Zealand Stud Company's paddocks. Martini-Henry was out of Sylvia, an Australian mare, whose value Mr. White knew through her sons, Goldsbrough and Robin Hood, and it was on account of Sylvia alone that he was induced to give 1800 guineas for the foal, who came to Australia when a weaner. Though Martini-Henry carried off the great Southern double, he was not the best three-year-old in Australia, for Le Grand was his superior over any distance from six furlongs to three miles. Nordenfeldt and Matchlock, who were by Musket out of Australian-bred mares, followed Martini-Henry across the Tasman Sea, and were purchased by Mr. White. Neither lasted very long. Nordenfeldt won both Derbys, and went wrong; then Matchlock took his place, and, meeting very weak fields, won both St. Legers and the Champion Stakes. After Martini-Henry had won in Melbourne, and Sir Modred carried off the Metropolitan, and beat our best horses at w.f.a., the craze for "New Zealand blood" set in with a blaze, and all the best horses the two islands for years produced came here. Of course there were scores of failures, but Trenton (a son of an Australian mare), Sir Modred, Welcome Jack, Carbine, Cuirassier, Mitraillease, Manton, Russley, Nelson, Medalion, Maxim, The Possible, Strathmore, Zalinski, Carnage, Havoc, Lochiel, Niagara, Bonnie Scotland, Hova, Thunderbolt, Loyalty, Stepiak, and Too Soon were fine horses. Malua was better than Sir Modred, Abercorn as good as Carbine and better than Lochiel, Maxim, and Manton, three veritable champions in their country. Carlyon and Trident were masters of Nelson, and Lochiel, though still a top-notch, was not quite as good as Melos. Welcome Jack was one of the best horses that ever left New Zealand, but was never in condition here, and though Trenton at nearly level weights was beaten by Sheet Anchor in the Melbourne Cup, the son of Musket should have won that race. On the whole, honours are about easy between the two colonies."

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

Auckland Cup weights are due on November 17.

The Otahuhu Racing Club's meeting will be brought off next Wednesday.

The Possible, like Wairiki, has sufficiently recovered from a broken leg to be able to take up stud duties.

The Hawke's Bay Spring Meeting and the Marlborough R.C. Spring Meeting will be concluded to-day.

It seems as if decent hurdlers are getting scarce round Auckland. The A.R.C. only got seven entries for the Manukau Hurdle Race.

Rumour has it that Geo. Wright has purchased Lady Annie, but so far the rumour has not been authenticated.

"Father Bill" Lyons is due to arrive back in Auckland to-morrow. The genial penciller is sure of a cordial welcome.

A strong opinion appears to exist that the spring fixture of the Auckland Racing Club should be held on some other course than Ellerslie, so as to give the course every chance to be in perfect order for the summer meeting.

Among the list of horses engaged in the Auckland Cup appears the name of Achilles. We should all be very pleased to see the champion carrying silk at Ellerslie.

Nightfall appears to be the actual favourite for the New Zealand Cup, while Noctuiiform is also at a very short price. The betting is, however, of a very restricted character.

It is to be regretted that the nominations for the big events to be run at the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club should show such a big falling off, the actual deficiency being no less than 54. This is very disappointing, but is partly explained by the fact that all of Mr. Stead's nominations arrived too late. There are 31 in the Auckland Cup, 48 in the Summer Cup, 32 in the A.R.C. Handicap, 37 in the Railway Handicap, and 15 in the Steeplechase. Plenty of quality is represented, however, and there is some good material for Mr. Evett to exercise his skill upon.

Mr. H. T. Gorrie was in the judge's box at the Pakuranga Hunt Club's meeting, but was not called on to adjudicate upon any very exciting finishes, as most of the successful horses simply romped home.

The Pakuranga Club received the sum of £50 from bookmakers for betting privileges on Saturday, and there were eleven pencilers doing business.

Messrs. Kinloch and Lewis, the joint secretaries, worked very hard on Saturday to make the Pakuranga meeting go. Both are good men at the game.

A curious incident occurred in connection with the late Avondale meeting. A punter who had supported Apologue for a decent amount thought he would have a saver on Kildorkin (the winner), and asked a friend to put him on a fiver at 4's to 1. The friend thought this a good tip, and invested £40 for himself at the same price, and was all smiles after the race.

Rumour has it that the owner of Lunette had a decent win over the little mare's victory at Avondale. Some of the trade were in the know, and also profited by the knowledge.

General Average looks a bit light after his efforts at the late Avondale meeting. The big son of Hotchkiss does not like to be saddled up too often.

Old Haydn looks very little the worse for his Australian trip, and with a few weeks' spell will soon put on his New Zealand bloom again.

The Middy, who was backed in the doubles (prior to the nominations) for the Railway Handicap, has been given a few months' spell.

Fifty pounds was offered and refused for Tua Kitua after he won the Farmers' Handicap on Saturday. He is a big, upstanding horse, who should be given a chance over the battens.

Mr. Stead's nominations for the Auckland Cup, which arrived too late, were Noctuiiform, Sungod, and Nightfall. Some of the owners of the others will not be sorry that the squire of Yaldhurst "missed the bus," as it will give some of their moderate nags a better chance. The absence of the yellow and black livery in the big events will, however, not enhance the interest in the racing.

The handicaps for the Otahuhu annual fixture have made their appearance. The meeting will take place on Wednesday next, October 11. The following read to have a reasonable chance:—Maiden Plate: Blueskin or Te Papa. Hurdles: Hinemoa or The Major. Cup: Sir Gilead or Soultfish. Pony: Inspiration or Hurihuri. Railway: Lucrece or Lunette.

According to Australian files to hand, 122 men lay tote odds on the Adelaide racecourse, and do not contribute one shilling to the revenue of the club. The race club surely stand in their own light in not licensing the men to do business at their meeting. As an example the A.R.C. received something like £2600 in betting fees last season from members of New Zealand Tattersall's Club.

Mr. Ross, the contractor for the fence (round the Ellerslie course proper) from the five-furlong post to the old mile-post, has nearly completed his contract, and everything has a most workmanlike appearance on the course proper. The other side on the sand track is quite a different picture, and it seems possible the bolts are likely to do some injury to the horses in training on that track, where probably a hundred gallops take place to one on the course proper.

Four started in the Hunters' Steeplechase at Alexandra Park, and Mr. R. Johnston's Cannoneer made the pace a cracker, until the last half-mile from home, when he came a cropper and left the old plodder Boxer to canter in alone. Ngarn being half a furlong away. The latter in the early stages of the race ran round a jump, or would most likely have won the race.

Ngarn, at the opening of the betting on the Ladies' Bracelet, was an even-money favourite, but for some unaccountable reason receded, and 2's to 1 was freely laid about the winner, Lockie being an odds-on favourite, while Bryan O'Lynn was well backed at 3's to 1. The favourite was beaten after going a hundred yards, and eventually pulled up, making a most sorry exhibition for a red-hot favourite. The winner was nicely handled by Mr. Harold Cotter, who rode a waiting race. Nothing else had a chance.

The rich American two-year-old race, the Futurity Stakes, was run at Sheepshead Bay (New York) on the 26th of last month, and was won by Ormondale, who started at 5 to 1 in a field of fifteen. He had never previously won a race, but it was understood that he was being saved in order to have the advantage of a maiden allowance in the Futurity. The allowance brought his weight down to 8.5, and he cut out the six furlongs in 1min 11 4-5sec. Ormondale is the joint property of Messrs. W. O. McDonough and A. Miller, and the first-mentioned sportsman, it will be remembered, gave £30,000 for Ormondale. The result was a triumph for English blood, as Ormondale's dam, Santa Bella, is an imported mare by St. Serf. In appearance the Futurity winner is said to be as like his sire as possible, and stands over sixteen hands. It was anticipated that the value of the race would be £10,000, but it only came to about £8536. It would be somewhat curious if Ormondale should turn out a really good horse, because although one of Ormondale's first sons Orme was a top-notch, he never got another worth anything. To begin and end his stud career with champions would be something quite out of the ordinary.

Yester Lily, a filly sired by the Musket horse Trenton, won a race in August last at Copenhagen, Denmark. There are few horses whose stock have scored successes in so many different countries, inasmuch as his progeny have secured winning brackets in Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, France, America, England, Russia, Germany, and Denmark.

In an interesting review of the career of the Yaldhurst trainer, R. J. Mason, "Martindale" points out in the "Town and Country Journal" that he made an excellent start for his future career in the fact that he served five years with a veterinary surgeon. I have often thought that every licensed trainer should have such a training. In 1866 Mason started as a jockey, having mounts for Mr. E. Stafford, and took part in race meetings at Nelson and Wellington. He also rode for Mr. Henry Redwood, and for that veteran won the first Champagne Stakes at the Canterbury meeting on Wainui. I also find him as the rider of Mr. Redwood's Papapa, when that colt won the Canterbury Derby in 1873. Mason also acted as rider or trainer of those grand old horses, Lurline and Calumny for their races, which included Lurline's Dunedin Cup, and also the Melbourne Cup won by Haricot. Prior to that he had won the Derby on Manuka, and he had the mount on Kapau when he won the first St. Leger Stakes. I find Mason and Vallance as the owners in 1883 of Bundoora, when he won the Midsummer Handicap at Christchurch; also Camballo, winner of the Great Autumn Handicap; Lara, Auckland Racing Club Handicap; Salvage, Auckland Cup Handicap; and Spade Guinea, when she won the New Zealand Cup in 1886, raced in Mason's name. Mason is a shrewd business man, and it did not take him long to discover that the totalisator was not favourable to professional racing men, and, retiring from horse-owning, he took charge of Sir William Robinson's horses, and brought over that owner's team, which included Liverpool, Vanguard, Thunderbolt, and Winchester to Melbourne. With Vanguard Mason won the Great Autumn Handicap at Canterbury in 1884, and Welcome Stakes with Liverpool. In 1878 Mason purchased Yaldhurst, and in 1887 he took charge of Mr. Stead's horses, with much material advantage to that gentleman. Since then the majority of the most important races in the New Zealand calendar have been won by horses sent out of Yaldhurst. Included among these are the following:—

New Zealand Cup: 1886. Spade Guinea, Lochiel, Grand Rapids. Auckland Cup: 1874. Templeton; 1883. Salvage; 1884. Lochiel; 1901. St. Michael; 1902. Siege Gun. Auckland Derby: 1888. Sextant, Medalion, Menschikoff. Auckland Royal Stakes: 1896. Bloodshot, Gold Medalist (2), Screw Gun (2) Royal Artillery, King Log. Dunedin Cup: 1874. Lurline; 1875. Templeton; 1885. Vanguard, Spade Guinea, Gipsy King. Welcome Stakes: Hilarious, Oudeis, Liverpool, Stepiak, Bombshell; Multiform, Conqueror, Tolstol, Romanoff, Orloff, Golden Lily, Muffet. Canterbury J.C. Handicap.—1876. Guy Fawkes, Mata, Grip. Auckland R.C. Handicap: 1880. Lara. New Zealand Derby: 1873. Papapa, Cheviot, Oudeis Desmond, Maxim, Scots Grey, Stepiak, Blue Fire, Uniform, Multiform, Altair, Menschikoff, Orloff, Nightfall. Canterbury Cup: 1873. Lurline, Guy Fawkes, Maxim, Stepiak, Multiform (2), Menschikoff, Cruciform, Martian, Oaks; Enid, Ich Dien, Blue Fire, Bellicent, Motto Isorane, Cruciform, Nightfall. Champagne Stakes: 1874. Wainui, Maxim, Strowan, Blue Fire, Mannlicher, Bombshell, Multiform, Altair, Screw Gun, Formosan, Orloff, Muffet. Middle Park Plate: 1897. Maxim, Rose Argent, Strowan, Bloodshot (2), Gold Medalist, Conqueror, Screw Gun, Menschikoff, Cruciform, Machine Gun, Great Easter Handicap; Cruciform, Machine Gun, Challenge Stakes; Scots Grey, Blue Fire, Mannlicher, Multiform (3), Cruciform (2) Martian. Great Autumn Handicap: 1876. Templeton (trained); 1880. Camballo; 1896. Bellicent (dam of Isolt). Midsummer Handicap: 1883. Bundoora; 1894. Reynard Altair, Skobeloff.

Four yearlings purchased in England by Mr. William Brown reached Sydney by the Aberdeen last week (says the "Referer"), viz.: A bay colt, by Oberon (son of Galopin) from Polly Marden (Marden—Polaris); bay filly, by Sainfoin (sire of Rock Sand) from Cerasi, by Orvieto (son of Bend Or) from Cerisette, by Galopin from Cherry; chestnut filly, by Avington (son of Melton) from Lady Beatrix (dam of Lady Var), by Salisbury from Fair Lillian, by Munceaster; and a bay filly, by Uncle Mac from Sagittari, by Oberon from Mitraillease, by Stafford from Musket's dam.

Pretty Polly's three-year-old sister Adula, opened her winning account in the City of London Breeders' Foal Stakes, of 1180sovs, at Kempton Park, on August 17. She started favourite at 5 to 4 in a field of five, and eventually won by half a length after getting shut in on the rails, and having to come round at the distance. She carried 8.2, and ran the mile and a-quarter in 2min 7 3-5sec. When she first made her appearance Adula gave the impression of being particularly massive. She has fined down a lot, however, and in addition to looking very lengthy, runs up a trifle light.

It looks as if the English trainer, W. E. Elsey, will go close to accounting for 100 races this season. Up to August 12 he had scored 84 races with 49 different horses. W. T. Robinson was next, with 19 winners of 36 races, and with £28,910 to his credit, had won more in stakes than any other trainer. J. E. Brewer was eighth on the list with 13 winners of 17 races, value £9909.

In Adelaide recently a stipendiary magistrate dismissed a charge of street betting against a man because he was of opinion that no particular interpretation could be placed on the phrases, "What price Whirl?" and "Three to one." As was only to be expected, the police appealed, and the S.A. Chief Justice gave his decision on Wednesday last. His Honor was of opinion that the magistrate, in his desire to be perfectly fair, had gone a little too far. It had been laid down on eminent authority that judges and magistrates were entitled to use the knowledge they possess as men of the world in common with the general public, and that as the defendant was saying, "To invest on the Flying Handicap," and in response to an inquiry of "What price Whirl?" replied "Three to one," any man in the street would be exceedingly simple if he did not understand that this was an invitation to bet, and an inquiry as to the terms on which wagers could be entertained. His Honor was, therefore, of opinion that the magistrate was wrong in dismissing the case, and consequently upheld the appeal, fining the defendant £25, with £5 5s costs of court.

When our horses were triumphing all along the line in Australia the other day, there was a general outburst of rejoicing all over the colony. Lest we suffer too much from swelled heads, the following from the pen of the Sydney writer "Milroy" should be worth reading:—"The New Zealand record on Metropolitan day was a good one (he writes), but I recollect one perhaps just a trifle better done by a single stud, and I am bound to say there was not half so much fuss over it. I allude to the Kirkham record at the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting of 1888, when Tom Payton opened the ball by winning the first four races on the programme with four horses belonging to the Hon. James White, bred at Kirkham Stud in this State, and each winner was ridden by the stable jockey, Tom Hales. Carlyon led off by beating Nelson, the champion of New Zealand, a mile and a-half at w.f.a. in the Essendon Stakes, and Volley followed with the Ascot Vale Stakes, in which she easily beat the crack New Zealand filly, Pearl Shell. Abercorn won the St. Leger from the Australian Peer and Moorhouse, who beat the two New Zealanders Enflade and Niagara. Cranbrook, a three-year-old, made very light of the thumping impost of 8st 12lb, and won the Newmarket Handicap in a canter, numbering among his victims those two crack New Zealand mares, Spade Guinea and Mitraillease. The second day saw the blue and white banner again to the fore; the Sires' Produce Stakes was won by Volley, while Carlyon, a three-year-old, led throughout the two miles and a-quarter of the Australian Cup, and won cleverly, and the four-year-old Acme failed by a short head to give 25lb to the Tocal bred Chicago in the Bourke Handicap, but she beat Escutcheon, a highly-thought-of New Zealander, giving him 30lb. Abercorn, pulling up, beat Nelson and Enflade in the Champion Stakes, Cranbrook won the All Aged Stakes, and Carlyon the Loch Plate, thus crediting Kirkham with nine races, and Tom Hales rode 11 winners.

Boomerang was a strong order in Auckland for the King Edward Handicap at the Hawke's Bay meeting yesterday, but Mr. Watt's colt could only get second to Mystification, a four-year-old son of Apremont and Mystic.

Catspaw was served up pretty warm for the Tomoana Hack Hurdles at Hastings yesterday, but had to cry enough to South Star, a six-year-old gelding by Sou'-wester from Stella.

Owners of trotting stock would do well to bear in mind that all nominations for events to be decided at the spring meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club close with Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, tomorrow (Friday) at 9 p.m. The programme, which appears in another column, is a very good one, and no doubt when it is made up the list of entries will be found to be lengthy. Handicaps for the first day are due next Monday.

The spring meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will take place at Alexandra Park on Saturday and Wednesday, October 21 and 25.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

The morning opened bleak and cold, with a nasty southerly wind blowing right across the course, and the work before breakfast was of a most moderate character. Macmanemin's large team only did moderate work, and the only fast gallop was between King Paul and Lady Clements. The pair jumping off at the six-furlong post on the sand ran a ding-dong go, the former finishing a couple of lengths to the good in 1min 24sec. Sonoma, Kola Nip, Idol, Solitary, Lord Seaton, Golden Sands, Vivendel, Putty, Carl Rosa, Hakaria, Annette, Leonator, Gladstone, Landlock, Pearl Necklet, Little Mabel, Lord Hune, Jean, Seabird, Bonomiana, and We Tottie all did from half to three-quarter-past work. After breakfast, with a strong wind blowing, the tracks dried up a lot, and Waipuna on the sand put in a round at half pace, and continued on for another circuit nearly at top, carrying a bit of weight, in 2min 30 2-5sec. Takaroa easily beat a companion in a four-furlong spurt in 56sec. Hohoro, the same distance, blowing a bit, took 1 4-5sec longer. Apologue had an easy round, and then broke away for another nine furlongs, which he accomplished in 2min 7sec. Silicia and The Swimmer were associated together for a circuit.

Our Illustrations.

Among the illustrations appearing in this issue are some snapshots taken at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, showing the lawn and saddling paddock. Also pictures of the Pakuranga Hunt Club's Meeting at Alexandra Park. Two well-known sportsmen in Mr. J. O. Evett (the handicapper) and Mr. Hankins (the starter) are also shown.

The opening of the bowling season at Mount Eden was an event in which much interest centred, and a good group of the players is given, together with an excellent portrait of Mr. Oliver Nicholson, the popular president of the club.

Among other pictures will be found a fine portrait of Miss Jessie MacLachlan, the Scottish cantatrice, who makes her bow to an Auckland audience next Monday at His Majesty's. "The Modern Milo" has also been the subject of general comment and admiration during the week, so that two of her more beautiful representations should prove interesting. Cruickshank, the caricaturist, another favourite with Opera House audiences, is also shown, as is the latest portrait of Sir Henry Irving, the grand old man of the stage.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, October 4.

The betting market has been at a standstill during the past week, the bulk of the money for investment just now going over to Hobart for Tattersall's sweeps. I was informed to-day that the Christchurch agents will put up a record this year.

Rumours about Golden Knight being unsound have turned out to be incorrect, as the horse is, I understand, going along all right in his Cup preparation. He will be ridden by J. McCombe.

Calibre, another Cup horse in Mr. Hobbs' stables, is doing all that is required of him. He won the Geraldine

Cup, one mile and a-quarter, the other day, with 8.10 on his back, and beat Clanburn (7.12), Ability (7.5), and Thunderer (6.7). Calibre on recent form must beat Clanburn and Ability in the Cup if he doesn't beat anything else.

King's Guest, the four-year-old gelding by Bill of Portland—Madowla, has been showing much improved form lately. He won a minor handicap at Geraldine, beating some fair performers in Stepaside, Grandstand, Bocastle and Jolly Roger.

Veneer, the full brother to Mahutonga, won his first race in Canterbury at the Geraldine meeting last week. Veneer has been racing in this part of the colony since the National meeting, but prior to winning the Spring Handicap at Geraldine has failed to catch the judge's eye. Veneer is being trained for the Cup, but whether his owners will consider him good enough to face the starter I cannot say.

M. Hobbs has been having a turn of fortune's favours lately, several horses in his stables scoring at recent meetings. He has three New Zealand Cup horses in work—Golden Knight, Calibre, and Veneer—besides some very promising youngsters.

The victories of Multifid and Petticoat at Wanganui have again set sportsmen talking about that great racehorse Multifid, whose success at the stud is already assured.

The Stepniak—Arline colt Makaroff won two sprint handicaps at Geraldine in convincing style. It was fully intended by Mr. H. Friedlander to send the colt to compete in the Hawke's Bay Guineas, but owing to wretched weather experienced last month, the trip had to be abandoned, as the colt was not considered forward enough. He has come on fast during the past fortnight, and

be as good as the other Yaldhurst Multifid forms.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, October 4.

The following foalings have occurred at Mangatarata Station during the past week:—Seraph (Albany—Helena), a colt, Julia (Ingomar—Sylvia), a colt, Hinenuitepo (Carlyon—Namoia), a filly, Maid Marion (Forester—Ata), a filly, all to The Possible.

The Possible has quite recovered from the mishap that laid him aside a few months back, and is now able to resume stud work, though he will only be used for a few of his owner's mares.

Mahutonga still keeps on downing the opposition that are associated with him in his track work, and this without any apparent effort on his part.

The owners of Asteroid who reside here did not participate in the good dividend she paid at Wanganui, they inclining to the chances of one of her stable pals for the affair.

Rechabite has been bleeding at the nose of late after his work, and consequently it does not look as if his owner had made a good spec. in securing him.

Mr. C. O'Donoghue is having Maid Marion's four-year-old son by Apremont hacked about. He is a good stamp of a gelding, possessed of plenty of freedom and quality.

The latest additions to the hurdler ranks in these parts is Gold Dust, who shows a great deal of aptitude in his new departure.

TARANAKI.

NEW PLYMOUTH, September 30.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Taranaki Jockey Club was held on Friday night. The committee declined



Mr. J. O. EVETT (handicapper), and Mr. HANKINS (starter).

gave his owner two nice wins at Geraldine.

Black Diamond scored a double win at Geraldine, scoring in the Belfield Handicap on the first day and the Stewards' Handicap on the second.

L. H. Hewitt, who had just returned from Australia, rode Black Diamond in both races—two mounts, two wins was Hewitt's record at Geraldine.

Mr. Stead's horses Nightfall, Noctiform, Sungod, and Isolt, fresh from their Australian victories, returned to Yaldhurst on Friday last, Mason coming over with them.

Machine Gun, who is a strong fancy for the Stewards' Handicap in well-informed quarters, has returned from Australia. He is looking in splendid fettle.

Acrasia, a Melbourne Cup winner, has come over from Australia to visit Multifid. Three mares by Bill of Portland also came over on a visit to the Yaldhurst sire.

The annual sale of Elderslie yearlings will take place at Tattersall's, Christchurch, on November 9. There are thirteen Stepniaks among the lots to be offered, and three by Pilgrim's Progress.

The next payment for the New Zealand Cup is due on October 20. It is expected that there will be a big weeding out, the presence of Noctiform and Sungod in the race with 7.6 being quite sufficient to frighten some owners, who are dissatisfied with the new Cup conditions.

Gold Crown and Calibre have each incurred a 5lb penalty in the New Zealand Cup, their weights now being 8.2 and 7.1.

Sir G. Clifford's horses Cannie Chiel, Glenowlet, Gay Spark, and Clanchattan failed to run up to expectations at Wanganui. Cannie Chiel in particular showing very poor form.

Cuneiform will be heavily backed by Christchurch sports for the Hawke's Bay Guineas, in which he will have to meet Mr. Watt's colt King Billy, also Sir Tristram. The race between the trio should be interesting, but I favour the chance of Cuneiform, who is reported to

to recommend Henry A. Jury for a jockey's license. Gentlemen rider certificates were granted to Messrs. H. and L. George, a trainer's license to E. Vine, and jockey licenses to J. Barlow and W. Telford. The programmes of the Waitara and Opunake clubs were passed. Mr. D. Laing was elected a member of the club. Mr. A. Wood, of Hastings, was appointed starter out of six applicants, and Mr. J. Chadwick handicapper out of five applicants. The committee thought that Mr. Chadwick might personally secure the club good nominations. Several minor matters were attended to by the committee.

The success of Mr. Dan O'Brien's horses, Multifid and Grenade, at Wanganui, was well received here, as the owner is looked upon as a genuine sport. It is to be hoped that the rose and black stripes will be carried home in the van in more events this season, as not much luck has been attached to them for a long time.

Speculation over the Wanganui meeting was pretty brisk throughout the district, and I think that honours were pretty equal between punters and layers.

Mr. A. Champion seems to be having a bad run of luck with his horses lately, and it is about up to him to register a win or two.

Judging by the number of horses in training in this district this season, I think the district clubs, which rely on local nominations for the early meetings, will not have big nominations. The number and class of horses in Taranaki has been steadily going down in this district for some seasons, the reason no doubt being that the men with the money do not care to become owners.

J. Barbour, the rider of Uhlan when the Cuirassier horse won the Auckland Cup, has not ridden for some time, but he evidently intends to take on the game again, as he has been granted a license by the Taranaki committee. He must scale a decent weight now.

Waiwera received fair support here for the Hurdles on the first day at Wa-

nganui, but he was missed by the majority of punters on the second day, when the Gipsy King gelding scored a long-due win.

The committee appointed by the Opunake Club to ascertain if a new course could be made nearer the town than the present one, sent in a report the other day. The committee was instructed to report again to a full meeting of members. Personally, I think the club would be acting wisely if they secured a course nearer the town.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, October 3.

The Porirua stable was strongly represented at the Wanganui meeting, but only annexed one race—the Spring Handicap. This was effected with the aid of the useful Gold Crown. Ghorka, Flamen, Aorangi, Marguerite, and Devonia also ran, but with the exception of Aorangi failed to pay a dividend. With the exception of the latter the team returned to Porirua on Saturday. Aorangi and a couple of two-year-olds, Moscow, by Stepniak—Coronal, and a filly by San Fran—Maud (Mahutonga's dam) have gone to Hawke's Bay to fulfil their engagements there.

Frank Higgott captured a couple of small races with his Multifid filly Petticoat. The latter is a cast-off from the Yaldhurst stable. She has the gift of galloping, and in both her races gave none of her opponents a chance. Petticoat is a neat filly, and should prove profitable to her owner. Shrapnel Shell, in the same stable, was somewhat overweighted, and failed badly in both of his efforts.

Sir Geo. Clifford's team, consisting of Cannie Chiel, Glenowlet, Gay Spark, and Clanchattan, all claiming Clanchattan as their sire, displayed very poor form at the meeting. The older horse has probably seen his best day, but Glenowlet was unable to extend King Billy, and the colts Gay Spark and Clanchattan would have to show improved form to win even a hack race. H. Cutts took the quartette back to Riccarton at the conclusion of the Wanganui meeting. Sir Geo. Clifford's colours will thus not be seen out at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

Several Cup candidates were seen out at the Wanganui Spring Meeting. Gold Crown, Melodeon, and Boomerang displayed the best form, but backers were not sufficiently impressed with them to accept the odds on offer. Several backers who have wagers about Paritutu for the Cup are anxious to unload, although it is understood that Mr. George's horse is a sure starter.

Mr. J. R. McDonald, the well-known Manawatu horse-owner, was present at the Wanganui meeting, having just returned from Australia. He saw the Randwick meeting, and solidly supported the Yaldhurst horses in their engagements. Mr. McDonald was not one of Maniopot's admirers; he thinks him a useful handicap horse, but not up to weight-for-age form. He mentioned that Maniopot compared unfavourably with the Yaldhurst horses. Maniopot, being of a nervous, excitable temperament, sweated freely prior to his races. This no doubt militated against his chance of success, and caused Mr. McDonald to leave him severely alone in his engagements.

With a few notable exceptions, the Australian horses seen out at Randwick were, in Mr. McDonald's opinion, a very moderate lot; horses of the class of Achilles and Mahutonga would tower above those racing in the Commonwealth stables. Asked as to the prospects of the New Zealand horses in the Melbourne Cup, Mr. McDonald replied that he would like nothing better than to see Mahutonga fit and well at the post for the big Melbourne Handicap. He considers that there are no Australian horses whose form has been exposed that could trouble Mahutonga over a two-mile course with his Melbourne Cup impost.

At the time of writing reliable information leads me to believe that Mahutonga will not leave these shores. His connections are, I understand, of the opinion that it would be unjust to the horse to send him to Melbourne thus late in the day. Mahutonga is doing capital work at Hastings, and will be given a run in the King Edward Handicap at the Hawke's Bay meeting. Should he prove victorious he will incur a penalty for the Melbourne Cup. On the other hand, should he be defeated by the weak opposition he will meet there, it will be evidence that he is lacking in condition. Viewed in this light the prospect of his competing in the Melbourne Cup would appear to be somewhat remote.

During and since the Wanganui races Nightfall has come in for considerable support for the New Zealand Cup. After 200 to 30 had been accepted, 100 to 20 was closed with, and nothing better than that price is now on offer. Astute backers are loyally supporting the Yaldhurst mare in preference to the colts. Mahutonga and Achilles are nominally quoted at 9 to 1. Melodeon has hardened somewhat since Wanganui, and is marketable

at 100 to 7 (taken). Paritutu is quoted at 100 to 6 (offered). The double, Cup and Stewards, is the medium of considerable speculation pending further developments.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, October 4.

In order to advertise their new track, the Tabuna Park Trotting Club are giving away a purse of 20sovs for a horse that can go to the best mark under 2min 23sec in a race or trial at their spring meeting. In addition, the rider or driver will receive a gold medal valued at 5sovs. The record for the old track was about 2min 23sec, and the formation of the new course should permit of that mark being improved upon.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club's programme for the forthcoming spring meeting shows an increase of 120sovs prize-money over the amount given away at last year's.

In a discussion which took place last week as to whether interest in racing was declining, more than one present stated that they would give a pound any day to see again such a race as that which took place in the principal handicap on the second day of the Ashburton meeting. It will be remembered that in a note in reference to the meeting it was remarked that not more than a second elapsed between the second and last horses (in a field of nine) passing the post.

Foalings at Elderslie to date include Stepka (St. Leger—Stepfeld), colt to Gipsy Grand, Fairymaid (Alteng—Titania), colt to Stepniak, Armitera (Hotchkiss—Armillia), filly to Stepniak, Britomart (Gorton—Lady Gertrude), colt to Stepniak, Belle Clair (St. Clair—Drone), filly to Stepniak, Gitanella (St. Clair—Gitania), filly to Stepniak, Arline (St. Clair—Drone), filly to Stepniak, Couronne (Gipsy Grand—Coronal), colt to Stepniak, Rosella (Seaton Delaval—Roie), filly to Stepniak, Far Away (Bill of Portland—Happy Land), filly to Stepniak, Shepherdess (Fitzdonovan—Io-lanthe), colt to Stepniak, Madder (Gossoon—Madras), filly to Stepniak, Ranea Nuna (St. George—Watersprite), filly to Stepniak, Combe (Tasman—Cobweb), filly to Stepniak, Lady Dalrymple (Pilgrim's Progress—Kate Dalrymple), filly to Saint Ilario, Coronal (Medallion—Corolla), filly to Stepniak.

Veneer and Ability are two of the longest-striding horses the writer has seen about lately, and if they could be muscled up more and made to stride quicker without loss of length in the stroke, they would be more entitled to rank as New Zealand Cup horses.

J. McGuire, who was severely injured whilst riding last season, was in the saddle in several races at the Ashburton and Geraldine meetings. His fall evidently has not lost him his nerve, as at both places McGuire was in the thick of the fray when on the back of anything capable of footing it with the opposition.

Regiment was taken up to Geraldine for the four-furlong race at the second day of the meeting, but he gave an indifferent display of form. He drew one of the outside positions at the barrier, was slow off the mark, and ran wide until the home turn, where he was hopelessly out of a chance of victory.

King's Guest carried 9.8 and won the Squatters' Handicap on the first day of the Geraldine meeting, but with 10.5 up he did not appear to get going properly in the Shorts Handicap, for which he was made a strong favourite.

Clanburn ran a good race in the Geraldine Cup, but did not act so well over the shorter journey attached to the Spring Handicap. The Clanranald gelding is a great finisher, but he is generally finishing well when the finish is finished.

The handicaps for the first day of the Geraldine meeting were compiled by Mr. Chadwick, and the adjustments for the second day were put together by Mr. J. E. Henrys. On both days some fine racing was witnessed, and close finishes were of common occurrence.

The following mares have arrived at the Elderslie Stud on a visit to Stepniak:—Mr. J. Buckley's Novices (Neckersgat—Trapeon), Hermosa (St. Leger—Lady Evelyn), and Miss Niente (Far Niente—Trilby); Mr. G. F. Moore's Mantelpiece (Manton—Mantle), and Impetuous; Mr. Friedlander's Certificate (Avontes—Makesure), Portia (Bill of Portland—Happy Land), Gladisla (sister to Glad-some); Hon. G. McLean's Ventalero (Lord Rosslyn—Komuru); Mr. Sewell's Luciana (St. Leger—Katipo); Mr. J. F. Buchanan's Corsetlet (Cuirassier—Rubina); Mr. R. Allen's Walda (Perkin Warbeck II.—Chiara); Mr. Phazayn's Good Intent (Captain Webb—Bonnie Idee); Mr. Cain's Aileen (dam of Kremlin), and mare by St. Clair—Eileen; Mr. Hazlett's Irish Girl (St. Clair—Lady Gertrude); Messrs. McGovern and Hardy's Waimate Maid (Artillery—Miss George); and Mr. J. Wren's Australian mare Melodious, the dam of Wallace.

The Westmere horse Rosemere ob-

tained first prizes at the Dunedin and Oamaru horse parades, which were held last week.

The horsemanship of F. Thomson at Geraldine is well deserving of a word of praise, particularly for his effort on Akaroff, the second time the Arline colt scored in that race. Thomson handled his mount with the patience of a vet., and his final call on his mount was well timed and judiciously made with hands and heels.

After landing from Sydney L. H. Hewitt did not dally long before he found his way to the racecourse. He reached Christchurch shortly after nine a.m. on Thursday last, and catching the second express to the South he appeared on the Geraldine track when about half the first day's programme was over. The last race furnished him with a winning ride on Black Diamond, and with the same mount he captured the first race on the second day's card, and immediately afterwards left for Christchurch. In fact, it was a case of here again, won again, and off again before many patrons of the meeting realised he was on the ground.

Calibre showed a "reversal" of his Ashburton form when running at Geraldine last week at Ashburton. He ran badly the first day, and won nicely the second day, whilst at Geraldine he reversed by winning on the first and running like a cur on the second day. The son of Light Artillery has evidently a will of his own or else the track and weight conditions must suit him before he will display his best galloping powers. Vladimir is working away on the tracks without showing any signs of soreness.

Black Diamond is a horse which, prior to the Geraldine meeting, the writer did not entertain a great deal of respect for, but with Hewitt in the saddle the son of Reflector galloped with plenty of vim, and won like a tradesman. A continuation of that form should result in making him a winner again before long.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club has appointed Mr. C. O'Connor as starter for their first meetings, while Mr. R. L. Absolum will act as judge, and Mr. Selby measurer for ponies.

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PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB'S SPORTS

The weather cleared up in good time on Saturday, and it did not therefore militate against the success of the annual sports meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club. The track at Alexandra Park was a little heavy, but surprisingly good considering the amount of rain which had fallen during the week. The attendance was quite up to the average, and although fields ruled small, the racing was full of interest. Mr Hanken acted as starter, and was successful in getting his fields away on even terms. Good work was done by the secretaries (Messrs. Rankoch and Lewis), whose arrangements were quite up to date, and everything accordingly went off without a hitch.

Racing commenced with the Farmers' Flat Race, one mile and a-quarter, and of the five starters Cannoner was made an even-money favourite. Pukerimu was the first to begin, but he was soon passed by the favourite. Half a mile from home Tua Kitua, on whom Mr. F. Selby had the mount, which had been left at the post, caught the field, and heading them at the bend won easily by two lengths.

There were four runners in the Hunters' Hurdles, two miles, and the Fabulous gelding Aesop was considered such a good thing that punters had to lay 6 to 4 "on." The favourite and Mozart were together most of the journey, but in the home stretch Aesop came away, while Bryan O'Lynn, coming with a late run, got into second place.

Jean was supported so solidly for the Open Flat Race, six and a-half furlongs, that the Lord Rosslyn mare touched even money. Fortication was quickest to move of the five runners, and with the favourite was in advance for two furlongs, when Lord Seaton went to the front, and holding his own all the way home, won in a canter by five lengths from Blueskin and Te Papa.

The Hunters' Steeplechase resolved itself into a chapter of accidents. Of the four starters Bachelor, who was an even-money favourite, ran off at the first jump. Cannoner at one time had a big lead, but lost his rider, and old Boxer, who plodded steadily along throughout, came home alone, this making Mr. Selby's third winning mount at the meeting.

Odds of 2 to 1 were laid on the ability of Pukerimu to win the Farmers' Hurdle Race, and in this punters showed that they had correctly solved the problem set them, for the son of Insomnia, with Mr. Wallace in the saddle, led all the way and won without an effort by fifty yards.

The concluding event was the Ladies' Bracelet, two miles and a-quarter. Lockie was made a 2 to 1 on favourite, but failed badly. Lancet made play for most of the distance, but when it came to the business end of the trip the St. Ives gelding Ngaru went to the front, and finishing strongly won by five lengths from Lancet, with Bryan O'Lynn in third place.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

WANGANUI, October 3.

The stormy weather which was experienced for the past couple of weeks continued right up till noon on the opening day of the Wanganui Spring Meeting, and in consequence the attendance on that day was not up to the usual. However, Friday being a perfect day saw a very large crowd present, and speculation was very brisk, although the sun put through the machine for the gathering, viz., £13,583, shows a decrease of £606 on last year's meeting. The fields throughout were exceptionally large, and the racing interesting and exciting, once more testifying to the excellent qualities of the handicapper (Mr. G. Morse). The secretarial duties were, as



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usual, carried out by Mr. F. Moffatt in his best style, while all the officials did a fair share of work. The starting of Mr. Chevannes on the first day was much below his usual form, but improved somewhat on the second day.

A smart three-year-old filly by Multiform—Bloomer, appropriately called Petticoat, annexed a double in taking style, and should not be long in making her way to the fore in open company.

The handsome son of Merriwee—Indian Queen, King Billy, was also responsible for a dual win, and the resolute manner in which he races augurs well for his future career.

Another double winner was Catspaw, who proved himself well adapted for the lepping game by winning both hack hurdle events in fine style. The big son of Sou'-wester was steered by the popular and clever Sloanite, Clarence O'Neill, and his splendid horsemanship and excellent judgment helped in no small degree to the success of the powerful brown horse.

C. Jenkins and F. Davis rode two winners, while F. Lund, L. Miller, H. Carmont, T. Wilson, V. Cotton and G. and D. Price each secured a win.

Racing commenced with the Spring Handicap, Paritutu being the only defection. St. Joe was the popular fancy, with Gold Crown and Lass o' Gowrie evenly supported, and these two filled the places, Gold Reef's son winning by a length, with Whakawehi a good third. The favourite got away badly at the start, and finished fourth.

Thirteen faced the starter for the Maiden Hack, Petticoat being at once installed favourite, with Apa and Glenullin next in demand. The public once more proved right in their judgment, as the three three-year-olds finished in that order. Jenkins rode the daughter of Multiform and gained his second consecutive victory. A three-year-old colt by Stepniak—Fana called Nova put in a good run and secured fourth place.

Makaroff and Glenowlet declined their engagements in the Guineas, the public at once rushing Marguerite, who had the services of Jenkins. However, the two Merriwee colts, King Billy and Boomerang, looked in great buckle, and good judges predicted a struggle for supremacy between this pair, and so it proved, as the Porirua representative was done with two furlongs from home, and after a good finish the brown son of Indian Queen defeated his stable companion by a length.

St. Lyra was made favourite for the Hurdles, for which all the acceptors faced the barrier, Comfort, Waiwera, Miss King and Pushful also being in good demand. The favourite got to the front half a mile from home, and her victory was loudly proclaimed, but the St. Leger mare struck the second last hurdle and unseated her rider. A great race then ensued between Comfort and Kohnuni, and when the former had got to the front near the post, the neglected Valima came along with a rattle and won by a head. St. Lyra caused some amusement by giving chase, and catching the field at the last jump, raced home, riderless, a winner. She then pulled up and walked proudly back to the paddock.

The large field of fourteen started for the Hack Hurdles, Catspaw being better backed than Numa and Sleepwell. The favourite and Wild Cat made the running for the greater part of the journey, when the latter cried content, and Catspaw going on, won easily from the rank outsider, Hokio, on whom George Powell rode one of his best races, with Bounce third and Numa a neck away fourth. The second jump proved disastrous to Cassiopea, Sleepwell, Wild Duck, and Land o' Cakes.

Pushful and Glenullin were scratched for the Putiki Hack, Aorangi, with Jenkins in the pigskin, being made a hot favourite out of the sixteen starters, the local Kuroki also having many admirers. This was a slashing race, and Wilson brought Kuroki along in splendid style at the finish and beat the favourite by half a head. Probably had the Petroleum mare Silverlone got anything like a decent run, she would have just about won. An outsider in Aureole got third berth, with Captain Shannon fourth.

Jolly Friar was the favourite tip for the Flying Handicap, Glenowlet, Black Reynard and Solution being also well supported. The winner turned up in the Multiform colt Multifid, who galloped in great style and won from Black Reynard, with the consistent Regulation in third place.

Ballarat was the only withdrawal from the opening race on the second day, King Billy at once being installed favourite, Glenowlet, Marguerite and Multifid also being well supported. The son of Merriwee won all the way, and was followed by the Clanranald filly, with Marguerite third. The latter pulled up slightly lame.

The Merriwee filly Devonia was the

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only defection from the Moutoa Hack, Marseillaise being made a slightly better favourite than Aorangi, while Captain Shannon also had a large following.

The seven acceptors weighed out for the Brunswick Hurdles, Pushful and Valima being almost equal favourites, Miss King and Midia being well backed.

The public pinned their faith to Catspaw in the Aramoho Hurdles, for which thirteen went to the post.

Lass o' Gowrie was withdrawn from the Wanganui Handicap, Melodeon being a slightly better favourite than St. Joe.

The Fordell-trained Apa was the only defection from the Railway Hack, the top weights, Petticoat and Sedgewood, holding pride of position in the betting.

The concluding event, the Marangai Handicap, saw seven go to the post, Boomerang being favourite, with Paritutu and Auratus evenly supported.

Sport in Australia

(By "Atlas.")

SYDNEY, September 25.

After the bustle of Metropolitan week a calm has come over the sporting community, but it will not be for long, as almost immediately the sporting mind will be exercised in the effort to solve the problems presented by the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup.

F. Jones, who rode Maniopot in the Metropolitan, will steer him in his Melbourne engagements, arrangements having been made with R. Mason to that effect.

The Randwick trainer, T. Payten, will take his departure for Melbourne this week with Roycroft, Elvo, Scot Free, Possum Jack, and possibly Lord Fitzroy and three two-year-olds.

S. Fielder had a bit of bad luck on Saturday, when a good-looking gelding by Metal from The Shock, which he had recently purchased, broke a blood vessel and pegged out.

The well-known Melbourne trainer, A. Ferguson, has been engaged to train for J. H. Henning, of England.

spring meeting on Saturday, and notwithstanding that it came so quickly on the heels of the A.J.C. gathering, it was a success. Out of the half-dozen that sported silk for the Hurdle Race, Paragon (10.6) was made favourite at 5 to 4, but he was all out to beat Macklin (10.8) by a head.

The Eastern Suburbs Bicycle Club decided their 20 miles' open road race on Saturday in the presence of about 4000 spectators. In addition to a bicycle valued at £12 10s, presented by Mr. Alick McNeill, several other valuable trophies were presented.

In Melbourne the Australasian 25 miles' road championship was run off, and resulted in a win for W. F. Hawley, of Victoria, after a hard tussle with R. W. Morgan, of Victoria, and J. Arnst, of New Zealand.

The Automobile Club will hold a big gymkhana on the agricultural ground, Moore Park, on November 18. The feature of the meeting will be the witnessing of the finish of the great motor reliability contest from Melbourne to Sydney, which starts on Tuesday, November 14, from the Victorian capital, and finishes in Sydney five days later.

Mr. Alick Gray, who has made himself famous as the inventor of the starting machine, which has found such general favour all over the world, has displayed his inventive genius in a new direction. This time Mr. Gray has devoted his attention to the rabbit. It is a big jump from the rabbit to the horse, but nevertheless the new invention is full of promise for utility reasons.

Betting was quiet at Sydney Tattersall's on Monday. For the Caulfield Cup Marvel Loch was easier, but £2000 was taken about Distraction at 100 to 7, at which the horse was firm.

The programme for the Australasian amateur championship has been drawn up as follows:—First day, November 11: Championship events—100yds, 440yds, one mile running, one mile walk, high jump, putting the shot, and 120yds hurdles, 120yds handicap, one mile handicap, and one mile walk handicap.

The City Tattersall's Club held its events—220yds, half-mile, three miles running, three miles walk, 440yds hurdle, long jump, pole vault and throwing the hammer; handicap events—100yds, 440yds, 880yds, and two miles.

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THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Ross and Bradshaw, Wellington, report the following quotations on the:—

Table with columns for odds and race names like Paritutu and King Billy, Nightfall and Munjeet, etc.

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

Table with columns for odds and race names like Nightfall and Machine Gun, Achilles and Chivalry, etc.

ACCEPTANCES.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP, OF 2000 SOVS. Two miles

Table listing horses and jockeys for the New Zealand Cup, including Achilles, Mahutonga, Nightfall, etc.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

2 p.m.—HAWKE'S BAY GUINEAS. One mile. Colts, 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Hawke's Bay Guineas, including Gay Spark, King Billy, etc.

HANDICAPS.

OTAKI RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

11 20 a.m.—FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otaki Flying Handicap, including Kremlin, Regulation, etc.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Te Hiwi Memorial Stakes, including Kuroki, Maui, etc.

2 30 p.m.—DEMONSTRATION HANDICAP. One mile.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Demonstration Handicap, including Gold Crown, Kremlin, etc.

8 10 p.m.—FIRST HACK HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Table listing horses and jockeys for First Hack Hurdle Handicap, including Bounce, Repulse, etc.

8 55 p.m.—STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Stewards' Hack Handicap, including Togos, Bonheur, etc.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Welter Hack Handicap, including Kuroki, Monarque, etc.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin Spring Meeting, including Wonderful, Huku, etc.

BARBWOOD WELTER HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Barbwood Welter Hack Handicap, including Bill Perkins, Paparoa, etc.

MOSGIEL HANDICAP. One mile.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Mosgiel Handicap, including Vladimir, Convoy, etc.

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Four furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Juvenile Handicap, including After, Eskine, etc.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Electric Handicap, including Petrovna, Ailsa, etc.

TAIOMA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Taioma Hack Handicap, including Bill Perkins, Cuirassette, etc.

OCTOBER WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for October Welter Handicap, including Regiment, Caque, etc.

OTAHUHU RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

MAIDEN PLATE. Seven furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otahuhu Maiden Plate, including Celerity, Fortification, etc.

HURDLE RACE. One mile and a-half.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otahuhu Hurdle Race, including Hinemoa, Major, etc.

DASH TROT. One mile.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otahuhu Dash Trot, including Specialist, Harold Abdallah, etc.

OTAHUHU CUP. One mile and a-quarter.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otahuhu Cup, including Sir Gilead, Calle Iris, etc.

POWY RACE. Five furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Otahuhu Powy Race, including Hinemoa, Inspiration, etc.

LABOUR DAY TROT. One mile and a-half.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Labour Day Trot, including Logan, Lay Love, etc.

RAILWAY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Railway Handicap, including Sir Gilead, Calle Iris, etc.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

CITY HANDICAP one mile and a-quarter. Jewellery, King Billy, Boomerang, Zuleika, Scotty, Delania, Waipuna, Gladstone, Waikato, Landlock, Grenade, Putty, Georgie, Auratus, Apologue, Heroism, Lovelink.

MANUKAU HURDLE RACE.—Cuiragno, Inniskillen, Hakaria, Cavalry, Loch Fyne, Vexation, Lady Clare.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.—Jewellery, King Billy, Boomerang, Zuleika, Scotty, Gladstone, Waikato, Grenade, Putty, Auratus, Apologue, Trepigne, Puhipuhi, Heroism, Sir Gilead, Master Delaval.

SUMMER MEETING.

AUCKLAND CUP two miles.—Melodeon, Jewellery, Boomerang, Zuleika, Scotty, Waipuna, Mahutonga, Gladstone, Achilles, Ghoorka, Flamen, Gold Crown, Putty, Master Delaval, Georgie, Apologue, Trepigne, Puhipuhi, Quarryman, Gay Spark, Paritutu, Alexis, Mobility, Sir Tristram, Lyrst, Heroism, Rose, Madder, General Average, Sir Gilead, Bulwayo, Armistice.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Ailsa, King Billy, Starshoot, Boomerang, Lady Annie, Hohora, Moniform, Foremost, Gladstone, St. Bill, Kola Nip, Landlock, Poris, Marguerite, Achilles, Exmoor, Carl Rosa, Annette, Dardanus, Alba Rose, Waitati, Austerlitz, Noteorini, Avalanche, Puhipuhi, Canticle, Euclid, To-morrow, Stronghold, Glenowlet, Sir Tristram, Mobility, Medalist, Certainty, General Average, Ingenuek, Gaucho.

SUMMER CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Ailsa, Riviera, Pearl, Necklet, Melodeon, Boomerang, Starshoot, King Billy, Jewellery, Lady Annie, Zuleika, Moniform, Foremost, Scotty, Delania, Mahutonga, Waipuna, Loch Erne, Gladstone, Lucia, Landlock, Achilles, Flamen, Exmoor, Ghoorka, Gold Crown, Waikato, Putty, Master Delaval, Georgie, Apologue, Avalanche, Puhipuhi, Canticle, Euclid, Quarryman, Clanchattan, Gay Spark, Alexis, Paritutu, Mobility, Sir Tristram, Lyrst, Heroism, Certainty, Rose, Madder, General Average, Lovelink, Armistice, Gaucho.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Riviera, Melodeon, Boomerang, Starshoot, King Billy, Jewellery, Zuleika, Moniform, Scotty, Mahutonga, Loch Erne, Gladstone, Armistice, Lucia, Achilles, Flamen, Ghoorka, Gold Crown, Waikato, Putty, Master Delaval, Apologue, Quarryman, Gay Spark, Alexis, Paritutu, Mobility, Sir Tristram, Lyrst, Rose, Madder, Sir Gilead, Bulwayo.

SUMMER STEEPLECHASE.—Liberator, Hautapu, Inniskillen, Waikara, Dingo, Hakaria, Swimmer, Kiaters, Leeside, Comfort, Nor-west, Pharos, Brigham, Loch Fyne, Vexation, Princess of Thule.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.—Ailsa, Starshoot, King Billy, Boomerang, Cuneiform, Porcelain, Savoury, Munjeet, Eden, Delaware, Beresina, Apollodoris, Arment, Solution, Chivalry, Petrovna, Inglenek, Gaucho, Jolly Friar, To-morrow, Stronghold, Glenowlet, Bonnie Brae, Veneer, Vladimir, Master Alix, Ballarat, Boris Red Gauntlet, Crichton, Canticle, Alexis, Kremlin, Mobility, Sir Tristram, Medalist, Achilles, Exmoor, Machine Gun.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST HURDLE RACE.—Lady Raven, Rechabite, Hikaeroa, Inspan, Local Option, Artilleryman, Roseplot, Romany Girl, A.B.N.

FIRST COUNTY HANDICAP.—Cinque, Tiromai, Sarilla, Gatenby, Meripere, Hauti, Casino, Probiada, A.B.N., Melton Hall, Bruiser.

SPRING HANDICAP.—Waimori, Benefactor, Taura, Hiki, Minerve, Faro, Heywood, Kaipetipeti, Te Uku, Romany Girl, A.B.N., Fukapa.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Dalny, Gold Seal, Martyn King, Minerve, Soutina, Waipai, Casino, Kaipetipeti, Probiada, Flag, Tukapa.

SECOND HURDLE RACE.—Lady Raven, Rechabite, Hikaeroa, Inspan, Morpeth, Local Option, Artilleryman, Roseplot, Motu, Kaha, Romany Girl, A.B.N.

SECOND COUNTY HANDICAP.—Cinque, Tiromai, Meripere, Hauti, Casino, Kaipetipeti, A.B.N., Melton Hall, Reay, Ladylike.

MAKARAKA HANDICAP.—Waimori, Benefactor, Taura, Gold Seal, Hiki, Sarakoff, Minerve, Soutina, Faro, Heywood, Kaipetipeti, Woodfield, Te Uku, Romany Girl, A.B.N., Tukapa, Ladylike.

WAIKANAHE HANDICAP.—Dalny, Flag, Kitchenmaid, Gold Seal, Martyn King, Gatenby, Soutina, Heywood, Flyer, Waipai, Kaipetipeti, Probiada, Ladylike, Casino.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

After declaration of first forfeit the following remain in the Jackson Stakes, 1905, to be run at Autumn Meeting:—

Mr T. H. Lowry's blk f Sweet Helen, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Lady Helen, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Lady Helen, 2yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Lissadurn.

Messrs Ellis Bros.' br c Chamelion, 2yrs, by Multiford—St. Quida.

Messrs Ellis Bros.' c c — 2yrs, by Obligado—Emanucline.

Messrs Ellis Bros.' br c Ostchakoff, 3yrs, by Stepiak—Miss Betty.

Mr E. J. Watt's br c Merriman, 2yrs, by Merriwee—Palaver.

Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Indian Queen.

Messrs Allen and Hobbs' b f Aimce Scott, 2yrs, by South—Hotcherine.

Messrs Allen and Hobbs' br c Ivanoff, 2yrs, by Stepiak—Arline.

Messrs Allen and Hobbs' br c Field Gun, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—Gannet.

Mr Norman Banks' b or br f Mignon, 2yrs, by South—Lady Emmeline.

Mr J. Monk's c h Achilles, 6yrs, by Medalion—Nereid.

Mr R. T. Turnbull's c c Boris, 4yrs, by Stepiak—Shepherdess.

Mr J. H. Prosser's b f Marguerite, 3yrs, by Stepiak—Huguenot.

Mr G. G. Stead's br c Sungod, 3yrs, by Multiford—Otterden.

Mr G. G. Stead's c c Noctiform, 3yrs, by Multiford—La Notte.

Mr G. G. Stead's b c Cuneiform, 3yrs, by Multiford—Bluefire.

Mr G. G. Stead's b c Porcelain, 3yrs, by Multiford—Saucer.

Mr G. G. Stead's b f Isolt, 3yrs, by Multiford—Bellicent.

Mr G. G. Stead's br c Seal Rock, 2yrs, by San Francisco—Miss Gladys.

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Mr G. G. Stead's br c Huascar, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—St. Elym.

Mr M. M. Ellerton's br c Grand Circle, 3yrs, by Gipsy Grand—Coronal.

Hon. W. W. Johnston's br c Moscow, 2yrs, by Stepiak—Coronal.

Mr Geo. Palmer's br c Knastikoff, 2yrs, by Stepiak—Anubis.

Mr Geo. Palmer's br f Apollonia, 2yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Cuiralba.

Mr Freeman Holmes' b c — 2yrs, by Stepiak—Illusion.

Mr C. W. Wallis' br g Uenuku, 2yrs, by Stepiak—Rainbow.

Mr Geo. Hunter's br f Mungista, 2yrs, by Stepiak—Madder.

Mr Thos. F. Fenton's m c — 2yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Vivandiere.

Mr Thos. F. Fenton's br f — 2yrs, by San Francisco—Campania.

Mr Thos. F. Fenton's c f — 2yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Problem.

Mr W. Ryan's br f Momi, 2yrs, by Hotchkiss—First Love.

Mr W. Lyons' c f — 2yrs, by Menschikoff—Cressy.

Mr G. F. Moore's br c Fontenoy, 4yrs, by Haut Brion—Rufine.

Mr G. F. Moore's blk f Colleen, 3yrs, by Gossoon—Miss Nora.

Mr G. F. Moore's br c Sweet Simon, 3yrs, by Cyrenian—Ma. M. Rosette.

Sir George Clifford's c c Signalman, 4yrs, by Clanranald—Weatherer.

Sir George Clifford's c c Stronghold, 4yrs, by Clanranald—Safeguard.

Sir George Clifford's b f Glenowlet, 3yrs, by Clanranald—Medowla.

Sir George Clifford's c c Golden Cairn, 2yrs, by Clanranald—Golden Crest.

Sir George Clifford's br f Kirriemuir, 2yrs, by Clanranald—Madowla.

Sir George Clifford's c f Snowstell, 2yrs, by Clanranald—Safeguard.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Zimmerman, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Solitaire.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Cantor, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Guitar.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Ideous, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Mount Ida.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's c c Golden Gate, 2yrs, by San Francisco—Role.

Mr James Quigley's b c — 2yrs, by Cuirassier—Annabelle.

Mr A. McFarlane's b f Frisco Maid, 2yrs, by San Francisco—Waitemata.

Mr W. Foss' b c Master Delaval, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania.

Mr Wire Tokena's br c Martello, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington.

Mr C. Weal's b c Conductor, 2yrs, by Cyrenian—Melodia.

Mr E. W. Allison's br c Foremost, 3yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Forme.

Mr E. W. Allison's c c Moniform, 4yrs, by Hotchkiss—Formo.

Mr J. Goodwin's b or br c Volume, 2yrs, by Sylvia Park—Tottie.

Mr Geo. Smith's b c Montpellier, 2yrs, by Explosion—Keepsake.

TURF RESULTS

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB'S SPORTS.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club's annual sports were held at Alexandra Park on Saturday afternoon under very favourable conditions. There was a very good attendance, and though the fields in most of the races were small the events were nevertheless keenly contested. The following were the results:—

FARMERS' HANDICAP FLAT RACE. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr Huia Roberts' Tua Kitua, 4yrs, 11.0 (Mr F. Selby)..... 1

Mr R. C. Wallace's b g Pukerimu, 6yrs, 12.0 (Mr Wallace)..... 2

Mr W. Austin's ch g Terence, 12.0 (Mr McKenzie)..... 3

Other starters: Cannoner 11.0, Charlie 11.0.

Won easily by two lengths.

HUNTERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Mr F. Selby's ch g Aesop, by Fabulous—Anteros mare, aged, 11.10 (Mr F. Selby)..... 1

Sir R. D. Sinclair Lockhart's b g Bryan O'Lynn, 10.7 (Mr Crowther)..... 2

Mr F. Selby's b g Mozart, 11.4 (Mr Parker)..... 3

Other starter: Larcet.

OPEN HANDICAP FLAT RACE. Six and a-half furlongs.

Mrs E. A. Gall's b g Lord Seaton, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Letty, 3yrs, 7.12 (Deeley)..... 1

Mrs J. Montgomery's ch g Blueskin, 8.0 (Seats)..... 2

Messrs Walters and Smart's br m Te Papa (late Tauranga), 7.7 (Towers)..... 3

Other starters: Jean Fortification.

Won easily by about five lengths.

HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About two and a-half miles.

Mr C. Selby's b g Boxer, aged, by Hippocampus, aged, 12.7 (Mr F. Selby)..... 1

Mr H. Cotter's br g Ngaru, 12.0 (Mr H. Cotter)..... 2

Other starters: Bachelor, Cannoner.

Boxer came in by himself.

FARMERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Mr R. C. Wallace's b g Pukerimu, by In-somnia—Painter mare, 6yrs, 12.0 (Mr Wallace)..... 1

Mr W. Austin's ch g Terence, 12.0 (Mr F. Selby)..... 2

Mr C. G. Rutherford's br m Matepha, 10.7 (Mr Crowther)..... 3

Won easily by twenty lengths.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP FLAT RACE. Two miles and a-quarter.

Miss Cotter's b g Ngaru, by St. Ives—Spray, 12.4 (Mr Cotter)..... 1

Miss Kinloch's ch g Lancaet (late Clyde), 12.4 (Mr Kinloch)..... 2

Miss Betty Lockhart's b g Bryan O'Lynn, 11.7 (Mr Crowther)..... 3

Other starter: Lockie.

Won easily by five lengths.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting was held on Thursday in fine weather, though rain threatened in the morning, which militated to some extent against the attendance. The racing was excellent throughout. The amount put through the machine was £6315, being £655 less than the first day last year. The results were as follows:—

SPRING HANDICAP. One mile.

Mr J. H. Prosser's br h Gold Crown, by Gold Reef—Nymph, 5yrs, 8.12 (C. Jenkins)..... 1

Mr A. Laing's br m Lass o' Gowrie, 6yrs, 7.12 (D. Kemp)..... 2

Mr W. Murray's br g Whakawehi, 4yrs, 7.12 (McKinnon)..... 3

Other starters: Shrapnel Shell 8.4, Armistice 7.13, Submarine 7.10, St. Joe 7.6, Contingent 6.13, Bowman 6.13, King's Birthday 6.7.

Won by a length. Time, 1min 47 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 17s and £1 6s.

MAIDEN HACK RACE. Six furlongs.

Mr F. Higgott's b f Petticoat, by Multiford—Bloomer, 3yrs, 8.12 (C. Jenkins)..... 1

Mr F. Preston's b g Apa, 3yrs, 8.7 (W. Price)..... 2

Messrs Alexander and Gray's br c Glenullin, 3yrs, 7.7 (V. Cotton)..... 3

Other starters: Matariki 8.2, Balgownie 8.2, Gargyle 8.2, Snip 8.2, Perchance 7.7, Alexief 7.7, Nova 7.7, Blue Diamond 7.7, Napier 7.7, Hapuka 7.7, Kareroa 7.7.

Won comfortably by four lengths. Time, 1min 18 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 10s and £1 4s.

THE WANGANUI GUINEAS. One mile.

Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy, by Merriwee—Indian Queen (F. Davis)..... 1

Mr E. J. Watt's blk c Boomerang (G. Price)..... 2

Mr J. H. Prosser's b f Marguerite, (C. Jenkins)..... 3

Other starters: Clanchattan, Gay Spark, Mobility.

Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 47 4-5sec. Dividend, £3 2s.

KEHEHU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Mr J. Harle's b m Valma, by Vanguard—Ultima, aged, 9.0 (L. Miller)..... 1

Mr T. H. Lowry's br g Comfort, aged, 10.18 (J. O'Connell)..... 2

Mr W. Davis' br g Kohunui, aged, 9.6 (H. Telford)..... 3

Other starters: Pushful 11.6, Miss King 10.11, Waiwera 10.10, St. Lyr 9.0.

Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 3min 52 2-5sec. Dividends, £9 11s and £1 3s.

GONVILLE HACK HURDLE RACE. One mile and five furlongs.

Mr A. Wilson's br h Catspaw, by Sou-wester—Katie Ferguson, 6yrs, 9.9 (C. O'Neill)..... 1

Mr F. Atkins' b g Hokio, aged, 9.0 (Powell)..... 2

Mr A. Reside's b g Bounce, 6yrs, 10.11 (McGregor)..... 3

Other starters: Sleepwell 10.10, Valkyrie 10.10, Cassiopea 10.9, Wild Cat 10.7, Numa 9.10, Throble 9.6, St. Amelia 9.4, Flanagan 9.3, Land o' Cakes 9.0, Wild Duck 9.0, Ellady 9.0.

Won comfortably by four lengths. Time, 3min 14sec. Dividends, £2 19s and £20 4s.

PETIKI HACK HANDICAP. One mile.

Messrs Lind and Smith's ch g Kuroki, by Fiske—Satellite, 6yrs, 8.11 (P. Wilson)..... 1

Hon. W. W. Johnston's b g Aorangi, 3yrs, 7.12 (Jenkins)..... 2

Mr W. Elliott's ch g Aureole, aged, 7.12 (Williams)..... 3

Other starters: Amaryllis 9.0, Benmore 8.7, Captain Shannon 8.5, Silverlens 8.2, Grenade 8.2, Barca 8.2, Loiret 7.10, Tupono 7.6, Lady Warwick 7.6, Clairmont 7.5, St. Cyress 7.0, Mereshot 7.0, Rosalinda 7.0.

Won by half-a-length. Time, 1min 48sec. Dividends, £5 15s and 17s.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr D. O'Brien's br c Multifid, by Multiford—Heriot, 3yrs, 7.6 (D. Price)..... 1

Mr J. S. Thane's blk g Black Reynard, aged, 8.6 (G. Price)..... 2

Mr J. Casserley's b m Regulation, aged, 8.7 (A. Oliver)..... 3

Other starters: Kremlin 9.6, Solution 8.13, Auratus 8.13, Jolly Friar, 8.3, Melodeon 7.12, Glenowlet 7.12, Prelude 7.6, Blessbok 6.9.

Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £7 10s and £1 13s.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's spring meeting was held in beautiful weather. The amount put through the ma-

chine on Friday was £6889, being £41 ahead of last year's second day. The total for the meeting was £13,583, being £606 behind last year. The results were as follows:—

OWEN HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Mr E. J. Watt's br c King Billy, by Merriwee—Indian Queen, 3yrs, 8.7 (F. Davis)..... 1

Sir George Clifford's br f Glenowlet, 3yrs, 7.11 (V. Cotton)..... 2

Mr J. H. Prosser's b f Marguerite, 3yrs, 7.10 (C. Jenkins)..... 3

Other starters: Jolly Friar 8.2, Multifid 8.1, Prelude 7.4.

Won easily by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 3 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 5s and 19s.

MOUTOA HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Mr D. O'Brien's b c Grenade, by Grafton—Grafton, 4yrs, 8.0 (V. Cotton)..... 1

Hon. W. W. Johnston's b g Aorangi, 3yrs, 8.5 (C. Jenkins)..... 2

Mr J. Green's ch m Mereshot, 6yrs, 7.0 (S. Reid)..... 3

Other starters: Kurcki 9.7, Benmore 8.5, Marseille 8.5, Captain Shannon 8.1, Aureole 8.1, Barca 7.13, Glenullin 7.6, Tupono 7.3, Lady Warwick 7.3, St. Cyress 7.0.

Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £12 11s and £1 1s.

BRUNSWICK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr J. O'Driscoll's b g Waiwera, by Gipsy King—Starwater, aged, 10.7 (F. Lind)..... 1

Mr J. B. Adeane's b g Pushful, aged, 11.4 (H. Fairbrother)..... 2

Mr F. Tully's m m Midia, aged, 9.8 (H. McGregor)..... 3

Other starters: Comfort 11.4, Miss King 10.8, Valima 9.13, Kohunui 9.8.

Won easily by two lengths. Time, 3min 23 4-5sec. Dividends, £8 1s and £1 4s.

ARAMOHO HACK HURDLE RACE. One mile and a-half.

Mr A. Wilson's br h Catspaw, by Sou-wester—Katie Ferguson, 6yrs, 10.11 (C. O'Neill)..... 1

Mr A. Reside's b g Bounce, 6yrs, 10.12 (McGregor)..... 2

Mr W. H. Ballam's b g Flanagan, aged, 9.0 (Walls)..... 3

Other starters: Sleepwell 10.9, Wild Cat 10.6, Hokio 9.7, St. Amelia 9.0, Land o' Cakes 9.0, Fairwind 9.0, Tambowie 9.0, Terida 9.0, Wild Duck 9.0.

THE FORTUNA FILLY.

(By HOWEL SCRATTON.)

CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)

"I think it would be the best way," answered Dash, and so it was agreed. While they were watching the horses being got ready for the first race, they were joined by John Straight, his cheery face beaming with pleasure.

"I have just had a talk with Joe Tritton," he said; "and he tells me your filly goes like a smasher. I hope she will turn out to be one!"

"Yes. I came in the train with him to-day, and he is going to buy Berncastle Doctor to lead her in her work."

"Hum," said John Straight, "the old Doctor will do well enough for that, but when it comes to trying her, you will want a clock that will really tell you the correct Greenwich time."

"But I suppose it is hard to get a reliable trial horse?" asked Dash.

"You leave it to me," chuckled old John; "I can find you something to try with when the time comes," and he smiled knowingly.

"What can you get for us?" asked Delia.

"I should ask Sir Robert to let me lend you one of our good-class horses, and you will be able to find out exactly what sort of a chance you have got. But there is plenty of time to think about that."

"Is there anything that you fancy to-day, Mr. Straight?" asked Delia.

"Yes," he answered, "I think Phaeton will win; he is in the last race."

"Thank you, we will back him."

Phaeton won the Molecombe Stakes, as John Straight had anticipated, and then the delightful meeting came to an end, and carriages, char-a-bancs, and omnibuses hurried helter-skelter down the hill towards Chichester, leaving the great rolling downs and the lovely race-course to pass the next twelve months in a solitude only to be broken by the occasional intrusion of a stray shepherd or a wandering golfer."

Sir Robert and Lord Thistleton started for Aix-les-Bains the next week, and spent a month there, having their daily morning baths and *massage a l'eau* in the hot spring water, and driving out in the afternoon along the shores of the beautiful Lac de Bourget, or being carried in the cog-wheeled mountain railway to the summit of the mighty Mont Revard, from which can be obtained a view of the great snow-covered mass of Mont Blanc, forty miles away, but towering over the intervening mountains, like a great hulking schoolmaster playing football in a team of little boys. Then they would spend the evening at the theatre, or the Villa des Fleurs, and toddle off to bed at a respectably early hour.

Dash went to Brighton on the Tuesday following the Goodwood meeting, travelling by a mid-day train which enabled him to reach the racecourse just in time to see Berncastle Doctor run. Tritton thought highly of the horse's chance, but the opposition, which was limited to four horses, was of notoriously poor quality, and so odds of six to four had to be laid on the Doctor.

While Dash was in the ring, laying such sixties to forty as he could, the race was started, and he would not be able to see any part of it, for the ring is so placed that its occupants might as well be at Timbuctoo as on the course, for all the view they get of the racing.

However, Dash knew the horses were coming, from seeing that everyone in the stand had glasses up, and presently there was a shout of "The Doctor wins! the Doctor rolls in!" and above the heads of the bookmakers, who were standing against the rails, the black cap of Berncastle Doctor's jockey, who was wearing Tritton's colours, could be seen to flash by, and there was the thumping of feet as the horse galloped past the winning-post.

Dash ran to the paddock to meet his horse coming in, and Tritton remarked, "That is all I wanted to know. The old horse is still in form, and your filly is sure to win a good race."

Dash jumped into a cab and hurried to the station, for he wanted to catch the 3.40 train to town, so as to get to chambers before Twiterton left.

In the meantime Mrs. Baines had taken Delia with her to Scotland, and after a few days at North Berwick, they went on to St. Andrews, where they took rooms at the Grand Hotel, overlooking the celebrated golf links, and the beautiful bay, with its long grey sands flecked by innumerable white gulls, stretching away with its fringe of bent-grown dunes to where the surging quicksands mark the mouth of the river Eden.

Mr. Twiterton and Dash also went to the City by the Sea as soon as the commencement of the Long Vacation released them from attendance at the Courts, and the month of August slipped pleasantly away; what with a strenuous round of golf between the men in the morning and a foursome with the ladies over the new course in the afternoon, and then putting on the ladies' links after tea, until the light faded out of the sky, and it was time for dinner.

September came, and the Doncaster meeting, and a glance at the pages of Ruff will tell that Samoa won the St. Leger in gallant style, and then the party re-assembled at Oakwood for partridge shooting.

Dash heard regularly from Tritton, and the news of the Fortuna filly was very encouraging, for she had done as well in her training as anyone could wish. She had been contemptuously treated by the handicapper, for her two public appearances could not command any respect from him, and she had been allotted the bottom weight, of six stone, in the Cambridgeshire, in which race Helvellyn was set to carry eight stone eight; his Hunt Cup failure having brought him down in the scale.

CHAPTER XXVI.

THE ROMAN CAMP.

Dash went down to Poledown on a Friday night early in October to see his filly tried on the following morning.

John Straight had been as good as his word about supplying the trying tackle, and Phantom City had arrived at the Sussex training stables the day previous.

His departure from Cottingham had been duly observed by the "correspondents" of that stable, and notice of his having left his own quarters, and of the arrival of an unknown chestnut horse at Poledown were chronicled in the training intelligence of the sporting press.

Delia, not ignorant of the proposed trial, was staying with Mrs. Vasher Baines at the Marine Hotel at Gatherstone, and it had been arranged that Dash was to go straight to the hotel after the trial, to report upon its results and to have breakfast with the ladies there.

Dash reached Gatherstone late on Friday evening, and a small pony cart met him and conveyed him to Poledown, where he found Joe Tritton waiting to receive him.

After a supper of kidneys and bacon, with a glass of whisky and apollinaris water, Mr. Tritton produced some cigars, and trainer and employer sat down in a couple of arm chairs to discuss the future.

"My principal difficulty has been to get a good jockey for the filly," said Joe Tritton, "for it is hard to find a boy who has had any experience in big races, and can do the weight, who is not retained; however, I was lucky enough to be able to engage young Pat Rooney; he rode Flannigan's Pride when he won the Royal Hunt Cup, and he is about as good a boy as one could want."

"I saw him at Kempton," answered Dash; "but he was all over the place then."

"Oh, yes; a little boy on a big yawning horse is not infallible, but he has grown a good deal stronger since then, and besides, our filly does not want such a deal of riding."

"All right, I should think the boy would do very well; at any rate, he is determined," Dash said.

"Yes, he is determined, and he does not know what fear is—he has no nerves!"

"How are you going to try them tomorrow?" asked Dash.

"Well, I thought of setting the Phantom to give a stone. I don't expect to beat him at that, but if the filly gets within a length or so, it will be pretty good business."

"I suppose that would be putting Phantom City in the Cambridgeshire at about seven stone six?" asked Dash.

"Yes; or seven—he might win with that, but if she happens to beat him, I should think you had a pretty good thing. Have you backed her at all yet?"

"Yes," said Dash, "I have had a commission out to take up the long shots. My agent, Mr. Nuthall, got a little money on at forty to one and a thousand to thirty, and he has backed her quietly to win about thirty thousand pounds. I think the money averages a little over twenty-five to one."

"A very nice little bet, too!" remarked the trainer. "And I see she stands at twenty to one to-day."

"I have arranged to write to Nuthall one word, 'Go,' if she wins her trial, and he is to continue backing her."

"Very good; and I hope it may be 'go,'" said Tritton, pouring out a glass of whisky.

Dash joined him in a nightcap, and then went to the neat little bedroom which he was to occupy, and dreamed of the Fortuna filly and Delia all night.

The next morning they were up betimes, and after having had a look at the horses in their stables, which were comfortable, but old-fashioned buildings, Mr. Tritton and Dash walked on to the down which was just at the back of the house, and went to a spot on the edge of the ride, where the galloping ground was overshadowed by a high conical hill, on the summit of which there was an ancient Roman camp, to see the trial for the Cambridgeshire.

Meanwhile, at Gatherstone, Delia had had a sleepless night, thinking of the impending trial which was to take place only five miles away, and at a quarter to six she could bear the suspense no longer, so, determining to see the trial herself, she jumped from her bed and dressed in a suit of tailor-made tweeds, with a short skirt and well-fitting little jacket. Then, having stuck a tau-o'-shanter on her head with many pins, she sallied forth from the Marine Hotel and started off on foot for Poledown.

When she had gone three miles she began to think that perhaps there might be some short cut, and meeting a carter going to his work with a pair of farm horses, she asked him the nearest way to the training grounds.

After some difficulty she was able to make the man understand what she wanted, and, scratching his head, he said,

"Yew go in at this ga-ate, and keep right along the hedge till yew git to the clump o' trees. Then turn up by the big hedge and go on till yew come to planta-ation, then yew cross Roman camp and go down the path to the hill, and yew will be there in no time."

She thanked the carter, and followed his instructions, which turned out to be perfectly correct; and after floundering about in deep ruts for some time, she reached the plantation and was soon in the Roman camp.

There was a high mound round the camp, with a deep foss outside, and a smaller mound beyond, hanging right on the edge of the steep side of the hill.

Delia walked along the inner mound and looked around her.

Behind she saw the low misty country, at the edge of which the still sleeping town of Gatherstone rested beside a sparkling sea which shone with the countless facets of a newly-cleft piece of marble, and the morning sun was just breaking through his fleecy blanket of clouds. All around in front of her was down-land, tumbled in great masses of wide-spread rolling verdure as far as the eye could see.

On the left, ranging above the little village, was the long, narrow, flint-built house of Poledown, with its nest of stabling beside it; and below her she saw a string of horses, walking like so many ants along the valley, and she descried the two figures of Tritton and Dash, making for the brow of the rising ground in front of her, and she recognised Dash, even at the distance that he was away, and guessed who the other was.

She looked for a path by which to descend, but she could see none, and the side of the hill was very steep, so she walked a little farther along the edge of the dyke, and suddenly came upon a man lying flat on the ground with his head just over the chalk bank, and a pair of large race glasses held to his eyes.

He heard her footfall, and turned to see who was approaching, and started as he saw Delia.

"Miss Ashingdon!" he exclaimed. "Good morning, miss; of course you don't know me, but I know you well enough."

"I have never seen you before!" exclaimed Delia.

"That is very likely, but I saw you at Kempton, and again at Alexandra Park, the day John Straight claimed my filly."

"I don't know what you mean; I suppose you are speaking of the Fortuna filly; but I did not know she belonged to you!"

"Oh, yes, she did, in a way. I ran her there; my name is Beale—William Beale, of Epsom, and I entered the filly at the Palace just to oblige a man who turned out to be a dead wrong 'un afterwards. But the horses are coming—I came here on purpose to see what was going on when I heard from my correspondent that Straight had sent Phantom City here, and I must not miss the trial!"

He fixed his glasses intently on three little dots which were making their way out of the hollow at a very smart pace.

"That other chestnut leading. I suppose that's the Doctor?" he muttered.

Delia, who could not distinguish much that was going on, was glad to have Beale's help in reading the race to her.

"Lor!" he exclaimed, "the Doctor can't live with them; see, they have passed him, and he is tailed off already!"

Delia did see that one horse was a good distance in the rear.

"The bay is going wonderful well!" he said again. "She holds the Phantom all right. Look! she is coming right away from him!"

And there was no doubt now, for Delia could see, even without glasses, that the bay filly had gone clean by the chestnut horse and was galloping past the two figures on the hill, several lengths in front.

"There!" said Whispers, "I knew it! I knew she was a real good mare. What a cruel bit of luck it was our losing her! But never mind that now. She will win the Cambridge, and I must get a bit on her as quick as I can!"

Delia ran round the old fortification to where she thought that Dash would come up on his way to Gatherstone, and she had not left Mr. Beale far behind when another man's voice fell on her ear, and this time it was a not-unknown one.

"Who on earth would have expected to see you here, Miss Ashingdon!"

She turned and saw Hamilton Rolfe, and quickened her steps.

Rolfe was beside her in a moment. "I suppose you are here on the same errand as I am, to see the filly tried?" he said.

Delia looked at him fearlessly and said, "Mr. Rolfe, after the way you behaved last time I saw you, I would rather not speak to you again!" and she turned her back on him.

"Don't be a silly little fool!" he cried, seizing her by the wrist. "Providence has put you in my path to-day! I told you once before that I meant to marry you. Now, on those solitary downs, I tell you so again!"

Delia tried to free herself, but he held her like a vice.

"Let me go!" she cried. "Dashwood Fynes is coming, and I hope he will kill you!"

"Don't try to frighten me with your Dashwood Fynes! If he comes near me I will throw him down the cliff!"

Delia made one more violent effort to free herself, but, finding it useless, she dug the nails of her disengaged hand into the cheek of Hamilton Rolfe with the fury of despair, and the blood flowed down his face in three long red stripes.

"You little devil!" he cried. "I'll kill you, if you don't do what I tell you!"

"Dash!!!" screamed Delia, and almost before the name was out of her lips, her lover appeared on the edge of the wall and took in all that it was necessary to know at a glance.

He darted down the ditch and up the other rampart, where Delia was standing in the grip of her adversary, and seizing Rolfe by the neck he hurled him to the ground.

"Kill him, Dash! Kill him!" screamed Delia.

"I will kill him, never fear!" answered Dash, between his teeth.

Rolfe had risen to his feet and Dash rushed at him and sent two fearful blows, right and left, into his blood-stained face, and the bully reeled, but tried to hit back.

Again Dash sent his left right on to Rolfe's right eye, and closed it; but he was not satisfied, and rained blows upon him till he fell a battered heap on the ground.

"Get up, you blackguard!" cried Dash.

Rolfe looked at him through his bruises and blood, but made no sign of resuming the combat.

"He's foxing!" declared Mr. Beale, who, attracted by Delia's cries, had joined the party.

"I'll soon teach him to fox!" cried Dash, beside himself with passion. "Get up, I say, you scoundrel, or I'll pick you up myself!"

Still Rolfe declined to accept the invitation so pressingly offered, and, whether it may be considered a sportsmanlike action, or within the rules of fighting or no; as a faithful chronicler's first duty is to set down what actually occurs, it must be recorded that Dash lost his patience, and seizing the prostrate Rolfe by the back of the collar, raised him up into an erect position before him and proceeded to kick the hinder portion of his person with a force and precision which would have been the envy of an international footballer.

While Dash was thus busily engaged, and Delia stood pale and trembling after her struggle, what time Mr. Beale was dancing round in a frenzy of excitement, shouting "Give it him, governor, give it him!" yet another person had stolen unnoticed upon the scene, and waited patiently till Dash, exhausted with his efforts, threw his bruised and beaten antagonist upon the ground.

Then he stepped forward; a short, thick-set, laughing-faced man of about thirty-five; and walking up to Rolfe, where he lay upon the turf, placed his hand on his shoulder and said,

"I am a detective officer from Scotland Yard; my name is Inspector Renard, and I hold a warrant for your arrest, Hamilton Rolfe, for forgery. Here is my warrant," and he produced the paper which contained the authority of the sovereign for the arrest of his prisoner, and neatly adjusted a pair of handcuffs on Rolfe's wrists.

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"I don't want any handcuffs! I'll go quietly," said Rolfe.

"I think you'd better have them," remarked the inspector, drily; "you might change your mind about going quietly if you did not have these bracelets as a kind of Mizpah between us."

"What's the forgery about?" asked Whispers. "Is it anything to do with Colonel Goring?"

"Yes, the very case!" said the inspector. "Forging a power of attorney to sell his securities. The crime was committed in July, but the colonel only came back to England last week, and did not discover it till then."

"I am on in this scene!" said Whispers, jubilantly. "That scoundrel there came and asked me to forge the papers for him before he mucked up courage enough to do it for himself. I can be a witness to that."

"Thank you; I will take your name, please," replied Inspector Rennard, taking his notebook from his pocket.

"William Beale, Muley Eddis, Epsom. I am a tout, I am, and I'm not ashamed of it; and I don't set up to be over particular, within a shade, but when a black-guard like that, calling himself a gentleman, comes and asks me to do his dirty work for him—why, that is outside my line of country; and I shall be glad to speak against him."

"Very well; you will be called to give evidence in a day or two before the magistrate, and when he is committed for trial we shall want you again."

"I never thought I should want to go to the Old Bailey," said Beale, "but I shall enjoy it this time. Good day, I have some messages to send off," and Whispers, taking off his hat politely to Delia, went down the hillside to the telegraph office at Poledown.

Delia and Dash walked back through the plantation towards Gatherstone, and by the time they got to the Marine Hotel Delia had so recovered her composure that Mrs. Baines did not observe that there was anything the matter with her; and not till she had heard the whole story of the morning events did she realise what danger Delia had been in.

"Never mind Rolfe," exclaimed Dash. "I must have a telegraph form. Here, waiter, bring me a form."

The paper was brought, and he wrote—

"Colville," London.
"Go."
"Fynes."

And handed it to the waiter to be sent off.

"Now," he said, "we will have breakfast! I am very sorry to be so late, Mrs. Baines, but we have explained how we were delayed."

"Yes," said Mrs. Baines "and I only wish I had been with you to see that man get a thrashing. I hope he will get seven years, now!"

"I hardly expect you will see him about again before that time!" answered Dash.

"Oh!" cried Delia. "I hope I shall never set eyes on him again. It frightens me to think of him!"

"Let's forget all about him and talk about the Fortuna filly; I am very anxious to hear all about the trial," said Mrs. Baines.

And so Dash and Delia gave an account of the gallop, and how the filly had done a great deal more than was expected of her, and how they were going to back her to win a fortune.

CHAPTER XXVII.

"THE ROYAL EDWARD" CLUB.

It was the Monday before the Cambridgehire, and Dash had accepted Walter Nuthall's invitation to lunch with him at one of the chief betting clubs, the "Royal Edward," and to receive a report of the progress of the Fortuna Commission.

The "Royal Edward" is an imposing edifice, situate in an elevated position at the corner of one of the streets which run down to the Strand, and from its upper windows commanding a view over the housetops of South London right away to the hideous towers of the Crystal Palace.

Dash walked up the wide steps, and the swinging doors were pulled open by a hall porter in livery, which made him look exactly like a postman, and asked for Mr. Nuthall.

"Henry," said the postman, addressing a tall, heavy-shouldered man, who was evidently a sort of assistant porter, and who, in lieu of a coat, wore a waistcoat with black calico sleeves, and silver buttons. "Henry, go into the billiard room and tell Mr. Nuthall that a gentleman wants him."

Henry shuffled off down a narrow passage from which the sound of many voices came with an echo of the ring, for the settlement was in progress.

Dash looked round him, and found that he was standing in a circular hall which reminded him of nothing so much as the Temple of Vesta; and he laughed as he thought of his friends, the bookmakers, as the virgins who tend the sacred flame on its altar. It had marble pillars and an arched and domed roof, while the floor was tessellated with coloured tiles. There was a little glass case in which the hall porter was wont to sit, and through the window of which he handed their letters to members and delivered messages.

The hall was crowded with portman-teaux, travelling bags; rugs, and hat boxes, for most of the members were going to Newmarket as soon as they had transacted their business at the club.

(To be continued.)

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

The fifth match played by the New Zealanders was against Leicester, and the cable states that twelve thousand people assembled to witness the game. At the first it seems to have been fairly even, but after that the visitors came with a rush and fairly run over the Home team, who were defeated by 28 points to nil. Smith, Wallace, Abbott, Tyler, and Mynott (2) obtained tries, while Wallace was in good form, converting five out of the six. The Leicester fifteen, who were outclassed, were unable to score.

Yesterday afternoon the New Zealanders were down to play Middlesex, and the news as to the result should come to hand this morning. It will probably be found to be a more even game than any yet played.

The fourth match played by the New Zealanders in England resulted in yet another hollow victory. Northampton was the victim this time, being beaten by 32 points to nil, the score being made up of eight tries, four of these being converted. Mynott (2), Hunter (3), Stead, Harper, and Tyler were the try-getters.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (September 30):—The Taranaki representative team did not uphold their reputation this season. They played seven matches, winning two and losing five. They scored victories over Hawke's Bay and Wairarapa, and were defeated by Auckland, Australia, Wellington, Manawatu, and Wanganui. In the match against Australia three Wanganui men were included.

CRICKET.

There is plenty of vitality in cricket in Auckland judging by the interest shown at the annual meeting of the Auckland Cricket Association, which took place on Friday evening. The report was a lengthy one, and dealt exhaustively with last season's doings. The balance-sheet for the year showed that the expenditure had been £641 19s 4d. The biggest item on this side of the sheet was £521 19s 4d, expended in connection with the Australian team's visit. The receipts amounted to £816 12s 2d, included in which was £108 14s 9d, brought forward from last year, and £606 4s 9d, derived from the Auckland-Australia match. The club subscriptions amounted to £31 10s, and the registration fees £20 12s. The balance for the year was thus £175 6s 1d. It was decided to request the incoming committee to consider the advisability of sending a team to Sydney to play a number of clubs there with a view of gaining experience. It was decided to obtain the services of a coach for the association, and if funds permitted to have a second one for school boys and juniors. On the motion of Mr. D. Hay it was decided to do away with the giving of caps to winning teams, school teams being excepted. It was agreed that in future professionals engaged in playing for the colony be remunerated. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. Earl; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. H. McKinney, V. E. Rice; hon. secretary, Mr. Dinison; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Hay; management committee, Messrs. F. J. Ohlson, D. Hay, J. Watts, N. Williams, Plummer, and Froude; vice-president New Zealand Cricket Association, Mr. F. Earl; delegates to Cricket Council, Messrs. J. Young and H. C. Ridley; hon. auditors, Messrs. E. R. Fraser and F. McNeil. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. H. B. Lusk for his services as secretary during the past year. Mr. E. C. Beale (Eden) moved the following motion, which, after considerable discussion, was passed:—"Rule No. 23 to be altered to read as follows. Only members of district clubs who have resided within the boundaries of their districts not less than four months prior to October 1 in each year, shall be qualified to play for such districts, provided always that the Management Committee shall have power to grant permission to any member who has changed his residence after May 31, from one district to another, to play for the district into which he shall have so moved upon being satisfied. (a) That such member has bona fide changed his place of residence. (m) That the district club from within whose boundaries he has so moved, and the district club into whose boundaries he has so moved have both consented to his playing for such latter club."

BOWLING.

OPENING OF THE SEASON.

MOUNT EDEN GREEN.

The bowling season was ushered in on Saturday last by the Mount Eden Bowling Club. The president and Secretary Rankin, with a few members of the club, were at it early on the green arranging flags, etc., and also making preparations for the reception of the representatives of sister clubs and the host of friends who were invited to take part in the function.

The flagstaff and pavilion were gaily decorated with flags, and comfortable seats were placed in convenient positions for the lady visitors.

Much comment was made re the excellent state of the rinks, the grass completely covering every inch of the green, and much praise was meted out to Green Superintendent S. G. Burns and Caretaker Williamson on the truthness and keenness of the green at this time of the year. It may not be out of place to mention here that, in course of conversation with the green superintendent in reference to the perfect state of the turf, he informed me that it was nothing more than studying the necessary grasses for the volcanic soil, and in keeping up a supply of cultivated turf for the purpose of repairing the ends of the rinks that become much worn. If this is the secret, then Mount Eden green certainly shows the benefit of such treatment; it looked a picture, and some of the players declared it "drew" beautifully on "both hands" and played like a billiard table.

About half-past two the president (Mr. O. Nicholson), in a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks, addressed the bowlers and friends, and extended to them the heartiest welcome of the club. He stated that the club was in a flourishing healthy condition, and had a large membership. The wife of the president having bowled the first "jack" of the day across the green—which was a fair-lengthed "head"—the rinks were declared opened for play with three hearty cheers.

The tables of the tea-room, presided over by Mrs. Nicholson, assisted by Mesdames Robertson, Brimblecombe, and others, were artistically decorated in the club's colours—blue anemones and yellow daffodils—and evergreens forming a pleasing part of the delicate combination.

A draw was made, President v. Vice-Presidents, in which the former won by 238 to 233.

Among the visitors who took part in the game was Sir E. O. Gibbes, who is up from Wellington on a visit and the presidents and three members of all sister clubs, including representatives from Thames and Rotorua.

While some of the games were very keenly contested, it happened, as it often does when the teams are taken haphazard from the ballot, that one or two of the rinks were exceptionally strong, while their opponents were suffering from the chance of luck. Still, everyone seemed to have a good time, and notwithstanding the fact that the "refreshment room" of this club was abolished at the annual meeting, I am thankful to say that a "wee drap" of the "crater" (thanks to someone) was there for those who so desired it.

During the afternoon a first-class string band supplied a programme of appropriate music.

Mr. Murdoch McLean, president of the Auckland Bowling Association, thanked the Mount Eden Club, on behalf of the visitors, for the pleasant and hospitable afternoon's enjoyment, and after the usual cheers for the entertaining club and the ladies, the band played the National Anthem, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful openings of this suburban club.

The president (Mr. Oliver Nicholson) is occupying that position for the third year in succession, and it speaks volumes for the good feeling and fellowship that exists in this club when the members unanimously agree to retain their president for such a lengthy term.

The Mount Eden Club was formed in 1896 and formally opened in 1897. Mr. Jno. Kneebone was the first president, and the club has been exceedingly fortunate in its appointments to that position ever since, but none has been more popular than the present one, a photo of whom appears in this issue.

Rocky Nook opens on Saturday next, October 7, Onehunga on October 14, and Carlton on October 28.

Mr. A. M. Myers, our worthy Mayor, is spoken of as the new president of the Auckland Bowling Association.

Vice-President Oliver Nicholson was to have filled the chair, but unfortunately business prevented him from so doing this season.

Sir O. E. Gibbes, of Wellington, played in the president's rink, and showed that he has not forgotten how to "draw a shot."

R. R. Ross was in great nick. The winter's rest has not taken any of the sting out of his play. He picked-out as easy as one shelling peas.

D. Clerk, his opponent, played a real good game, but R.R.'s smashers were too telling.

W. Culpán proved too strong for Hegman's quartette; the former had that old veteran Walton in the lead.

An exciting finish was that between M. McLean and O. Nicholson's rinks. The latter had the strong lead of 20 to 6 on the 15th head, but in the closing six heads McLean's team put on 12 points to their opponents' 2, thus losing a hard-fought game by 18 to 22.

I don't know whether A. Coutts has been exercising on the winter green, but his running shots were very true on Saturday, and materially helped Ross to his win.

Mount Eden Bowling Club establish a record—certainly as far as Auckland is concerned—in opening their green in September month. It was a decided record as far as numbers and hospitality were concerned.

We wonder what the "Prohibs." will say to the locker business. It certainly has a more cheery and hospitable look with it.

J. Bouskill and S. Hanna, as his third, had a keen and interesting game against Fred. Court's team. Things are always jolly and happy where Sam is, and he found a sociable mate who not only cuts a good letter on a stone, but can also "cut" a shot bowl off the jack.

Geo. Martin was as keen as mustard, and his shooting as true as a hair. The skip had only to ask George to "crack the head up" and it was as good as done. Carlton's winter green training has improved Martin's play a great deal.

Secretary Rankin had everything running as smooth as glass, and to his efforts a large amount of the success of the gathering was due.

What caused the explosion in Willy T.'s locker, and why the serious look on the face of his clubmate whose locker ad-joins? Thereby hangs a tale.

Auckland Club have eight new members posted on the board for election.

Carlton also have a large influx of members this year. This is one of the most convenient greens to reach by the train service in the city, and you are always sure of a hearty welcome.

The Auckland executive will have a meeting this week to decide as to the opening date. Some time in November will probably be chosen, as the new green looks splendid and keeps as dry as a bone.

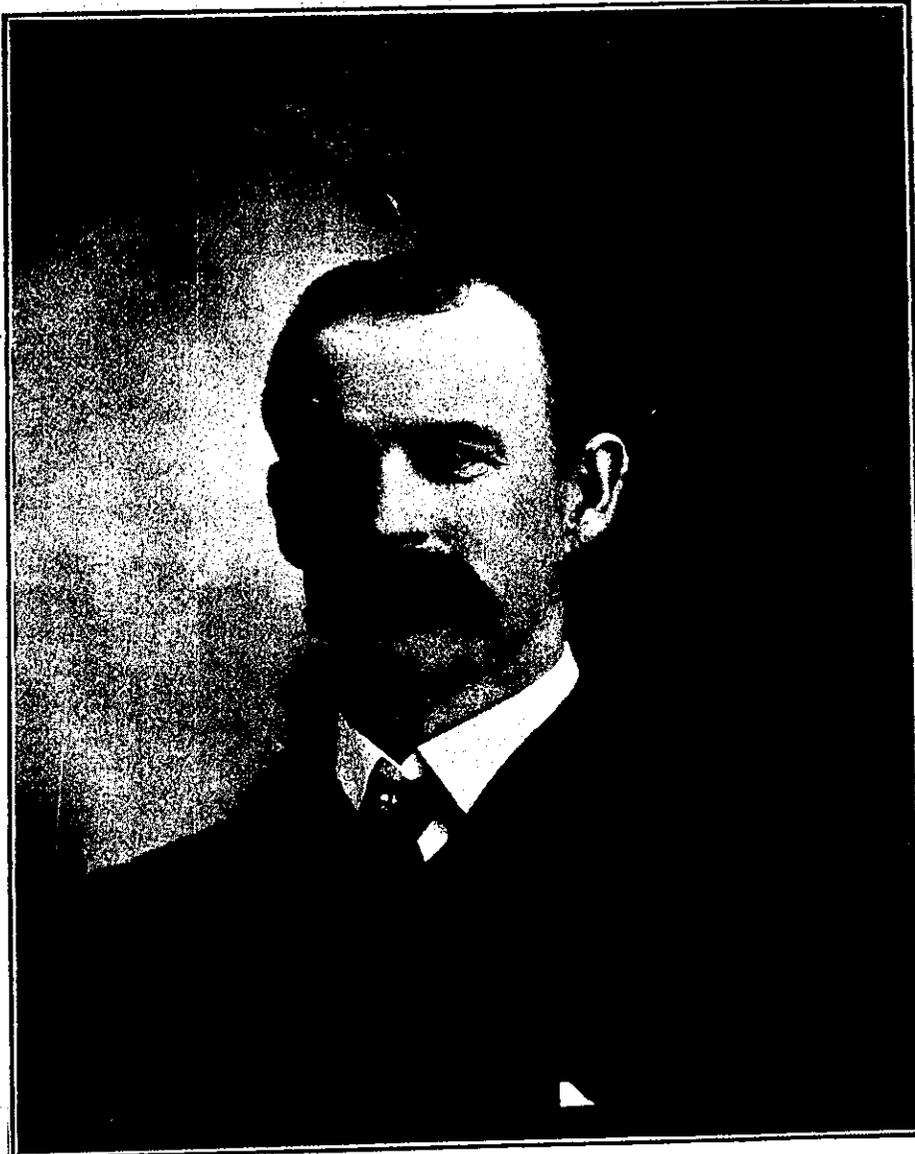
McMaster's rink fairly raced away from James' four. C. Hudson, who was in particularly good form, played a sterling game at third for the skip from Grey Lynn, and added—with Pooley's leading—greatly towards the win.

J. Buchanan, who played such a consistent game on the end for Ponsobny last season, started the season as fresh as a daisy, in fact, could not go wrong, and beat the Onehunga skip (McIntosh) by 25 to 11.

The popular Harrison, of Devonport, had a day out, and with the assistance of Martin beat the Carlton president by 32 to 7. Unfortunately for W. Fletcher, he had the worst of the draw, and had no chance from the start.

Some really good play was shown in the rinks skipped by Messrs. Laxon and Brimblecombe. The support received by both skips was good, and it was a toss up as to which skip would lie the shot at the finish of a head.

When one gets Geo. Tutt on his card he is sure of a good drawing and placing man, and George showed no exception. This when playing third to Easton.



Hemus. photo.
MR. OLIVER NICHOLSON, President of the Mount Eden Bowling Club.

W. T. Court (Thames) knows the game, and he gave his opponent (W. P. Baker) no chances to catch him napping. His directions and position bowls were well planned.

The favourite Carlton winter green was open on Saturday last. There were four rinks going, and some exceptionally fine play was witnessed.

The annual meeting of delegates to the Auckland Bowling Association was held in the rooms of the Auckland Amateur Sports Club, His Majesty's Arcade, on Thursday, Mr. Murdoch McLean, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance of delegates. The annual report stated that it was proposed to hold a tournament, as usual, about the season of Easter. The matches would consist of champion fours, pairs, and singles, and it was hoped that many of the country clubs would take part in these contests, as they offered one of the few opportunities of town bowlers meeting their country friends in competition. The statement of accounts showed receipts to be £76 13s 11d, and expenditure £67 4s 10d, leaving a credit balance of £9 9s 1d. The chairman referred to the withdrawal of the Remuera Club from the clubs affiliated to the association, which was to be regretted, and he trusted that the club would at an early date see its way to again become associated with the governing body. A new scheme had been prepared for the conduct of the pennant competition, which it was hoped would meet the views of all concerned, and brush away the difficulties that had to be contended with in the past. The report and accounts were adopted. The president then outlined the scheme formulated by the Match Committee for future pennant competitions. This provides for two competitions (A and B grades), the present pennant to go to the A grade, and a new pennant to be purchased for the B grade contest. Club Match Committees will classify their members in A and B grades, and no player having played in the A grade will be allowed to take part in the B grade in the same year. The following is the basis under which the clubs would play:—Clubs of 100 or over to play four A, four B, and one first-year players' teams; clubs of 80 and under 100, four, three, and one; clubs of 60 and under 80, three, three, and one; clubs of 40 and under 60, three, two, and one; clubs under 40, two, two, and one. The club having the greatest number of wins in either grade will be declared the winners, and each club shall play each club for the pennant. The president moved the adoption of the scheme. Messrs. Laurie (Carlton), W. Gorrie (Auckland), Haselden (Rocky Nook), spoke against the suggested innovation, while Mr. Miller (Devonport), Mr. Bouskill, and the secretary (Mr. Os-

mond), favoured the proposal. Messrs. Mahony and Langsford (Ponsobny) drew attention to the fact that delegates had been instructed how to vote, and therefore their hands were tied. It was ultimately agreed that consideration be postponed to enable the scheme to be referred to clubs in order that they might instruct their delegates how to vote. The election of officers resulted as under:—Vice-president, Mr. R. Mitchell; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. B. Osmond, auditor, Mr. G. F. Brimblecombe.

ATHLETICS.

Interest in athletics in Auckland would appear to be quite dormant, if not actually dead. Time was when the annual meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club would have drawn a packed "house," and the voting for seats on the committee would have been very spirited. The reverse of the picture is to be seen now, more's the pity, and the annual meeting on Thursday last actually lapsed for want of a quorum. Even the committee was not fully represented, and of outside members there were but three. This does not augur well for any probability of holding a sports meeting in No-

vember. It is probable that the annual meeting will be held next Thursday, when some decision will be come to in the matter. The annual report to be presented expresses regret that interest in amateur athletics, which for some seasons past has been steadily on the wane, shows no sign of improvement. After touching on the performances at the Shrubbs-Duffey carnival in April, the report states that the profit on the meeting amounted to £90 12s 5d, the balance of which, after refunds had been made to debenture-holders, was forwarded to the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, according to the agreement entered into for the pooling of profits or losses. The balance from the Auckland gathering saved the tour from financial failure, as far as the New Zealand visit was concerned. Although the club was unable to grant financial assistance to competing members, Auckland was represented at the New Zealand championship meeting in Christchurch by L. B. Todd, who ran third in the 120yds hurdles championship. At the club's spring carnival P. Smith succeeded in winning the Victor Ludorum for cycling events, and at the meeting on April 1 E. G. Dickenson and F. Barton tied on points for the trophy. In the run off Dickenson won, thus securing the Victor Ludorum for pedestrian events.

The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

A Royal Commission has been appointed to report upon the working of the British Motor Act, which was brought into existence in 1903, and will expire with this year. The points the commission will report upon are:—1. The working of the Motor Car Acts of 1896 and 1903. 2. The law and practice in relation to motor cars in the principal foreign countries. 3. What amendments, if any, should be made in the Acts and regulations under them. 4. The injury to the road alleged to be caused by motor cars. 5. Whether any, and if so what, additional charges should be imposed in respect to motor cars, and how any money thus raised should be applied. British motorists express great satisfaction at the appointment of the Royal Commission, as it is thought that investigation will result in more equitable regulations coming into operation.

Professor von Herkomer, R.A., recently offered a challenge trophy for a motor car competition at Munich. The distance to be covered was 573 miles, which occupied three days. There were 79 competitors, and 34 finished in perfect condition. Five Daimler cars represented Great Britain, and one was driven by a lady, Mrs. Mauville, who on her arrival in Munich was presented with a laurel wreath. No other teams made such a good show as did the British machines in the hill climb or in the speed test.

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AQUATICS.

(By "THE KEEPER.")

The Laphorne sails for the new cutter Rawhiti are due early next week. In the meantime the vessel will be given a spin or two under cruising canvas. I understand she will carry a trysail on the voyage across the Tasman Sea.

Mr. W. Evers, who has resigned the position of captain of the Waitemata Boating Club, has been made a life member.

The following is the text of the address recently presented to Mr. C. P. Murdoch:—

Auckland, September 21, 1905.

Dear Sir,—On this the occasion of your re-election as Commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, the members desire you to accept the accompanying purse of sovereigns as evidence of the very high esteem in which they hold you, and also as a small token of their appreciation of your kindness in again consenting to sacrifice your personal convenience and accept office in response to their requisition. They also desire to take this opportunity of congratulating you on having been the first Commodore of the Squadron, to which position you have been unanimously re-elected for five successive years, showing that the members have gratefully appreciated the self-denying zeal and unflinching tact which you have displayed in navigating the Squadron to the safe and prosperous waters in which it now finds itself. Trusting that you may long enjoy health and strength to take a leading place in the cruises and councils of the Squadron, and wishing you every prosperity and happiness.

We are, on behalf of the members, yours faithfully,
Alex. Alison; Vice-Commodore; John Alexander, Rear-Commodore; J. C. Macky, Chairman of Committee; F. E. Jackson, Chas. Seagar, Committee.

Things are very busy just now amongst the Ponsonby yachtsmen. A Sunday morning visit to their haunts discloses any amount of active preparation. Masts and booms are being scraped and varnished, a coat of paint administered here and there upon hulls where the work is more forward, and hosing down and scrubbing upon others.

Sunday morning's weather was tempting enough to coax out several of the small centreboard boats, but the warning that was written in the sky was amply justified by a stiff nor-west breeze and a massing of heavy cloud banks in the afternoon. There is plenty of time yet before making a start for the season.

Buckridge's boat, the Kia-Ora, still lies high and dry under the cliff at Stanley Bay. This little craft, in which the ill-fated voyage round the Horn was attempted, looks staunch enough to meet any weather. Her chief fault, however, seems to lie in the fact that she is too short, and no doubt to meet a good Cape Horn breeze in a boat of her size would be to experience something in the hair-raising line.

In the old Matangi, lying near her, there is a good sample of the old school of yacht. She looms up above one like a three-decker, and in her day has carried many a rollicking crew on voyages full of keen, sportsmanlike adventure.

CYCLING.

The last of this season's big road races, viz., from Warrnambool to Melbourne, took place on Saturday. There has been very bad weather in Victoria recently, and the roads were in a bad state. The fine field of 154 started, and the winner turned up in W. Hawley, who was pitchforked into the race with a 25 minutes' handicap, considering that on the previous Saturday he had won the 25-mile championship of Australia. He finished ten minutes ahead of R. Finlay and E. J. Turner, both Victorian riders, on the 50 minutes' mark. The time was 7hr 52min 26sec, which is 31sec shorter than J. Wright's time last year, but is a good deal slower than J. Arnst's record.

Of the competitors from this colony, Neilson did best, but he could get no nearer than eighth. R. Arnst fell and injured his arm, and there were a good many other casualties.

The Australasian 25 miles' cycling road championship was decided at Campbellfield, Melbourne, on Saturday week, and the result was a win for W. F. Hawley, of Victoria, who just defeated R. W. Morgan, also of Victoria, and J. Arnst,

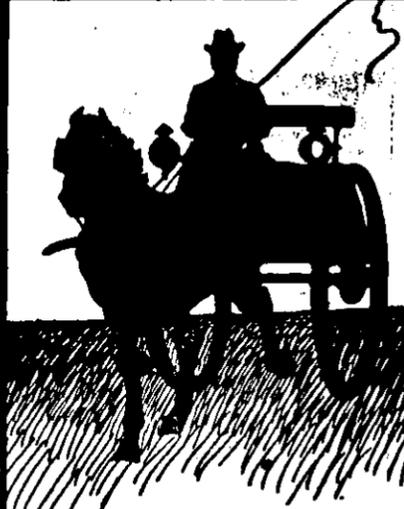
of New Zealand. The time was 1hr 12min 58sec. In describing the race the "Sydney Mail" says that on turning for home Arnst's chain snapped. He availed himself of an offer made by a bystander, but he lost 100 yards. Hagney also met with an accident. After about 300 yards of the race had been run, a cart was met with three horses tethered to the tail-board, and, as the racing men swept past, the horses became frightened, and spread over the road. In endeavouring to avert a collision the competitors rode in all directions, and as one of the men turned sharply to the side of the road, his back wheel touched Hagney's machine, throwing him heavily to the metalled roadway. At first it appeared he was seriously injured, but Mr. M. McGillicuddy, honorary medical officer of the League of Victorian Wheelmen, who was standing at the spot where the fall occurred, found no bones broken, or serious injuries sustained. Hagney, however, was covered with dust, and bled profusely from a number of superficial cuts about the face and arms. At a later stage, O'Connor broke his pedal, and was thrown with great violence on his head. His face and scalp were severely cut about, but no alarming injuries were sustained.

The phenomenal sales of the present season's cycles in the Old Country have prompted curiosity as to the total output for the year. This has been computed by one statistician at 300,000; according to the financial editor of the "Daily Mirror," the estimate is under the mark. Coventry alone accounts for 180,000, and, accepting the figures previously quoted for other towns mentioned, making the 300,000 allowed for, there still remain other centres, where, in the aggregate, from 40,000 to 50,000 other machines have been produced.

Major Taylor has, according to American papers, renounced riding. He was suspended for alleged breach of contract. The French authorities offered to have the sentence removed if he would pay them 1000 dollars, which they stated was one-fifth of what they had lost through Taylor's non-appearance. Taylor refused, and says he will race no more.

The Grand Prix de Hanover, which attracts riders from all parts of Europe, was won by Dickentmann, who, it will be remembered, toured Australia with Robt a couple of years ago.

The ten miles' championship of Australia took place at Sydney on Monday evening, and gave rise to a fine finish. Pye and R. Arnst dashed home together, but the New Zealander had to be content with second place, Pye winning by a yard in 23min 28 3-5sec.



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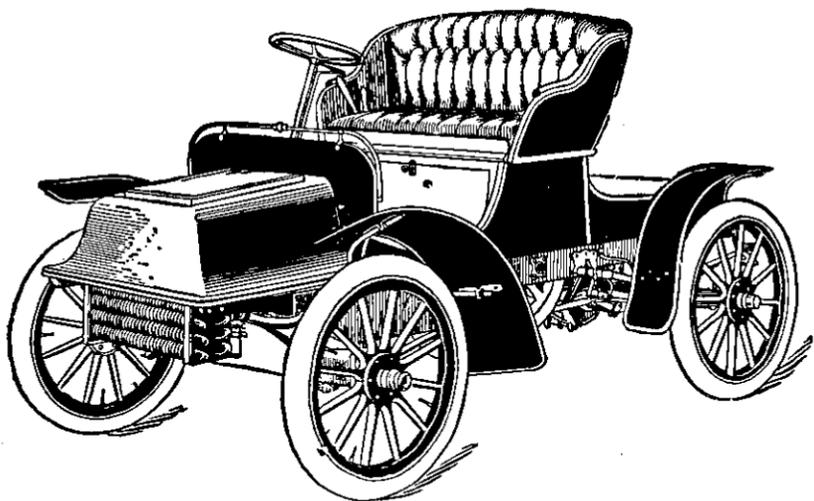
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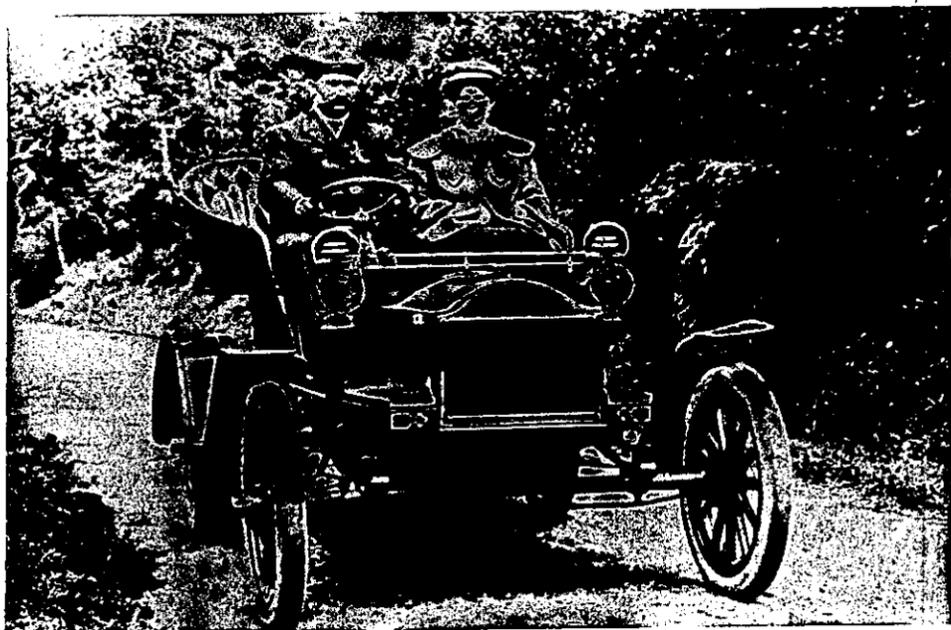
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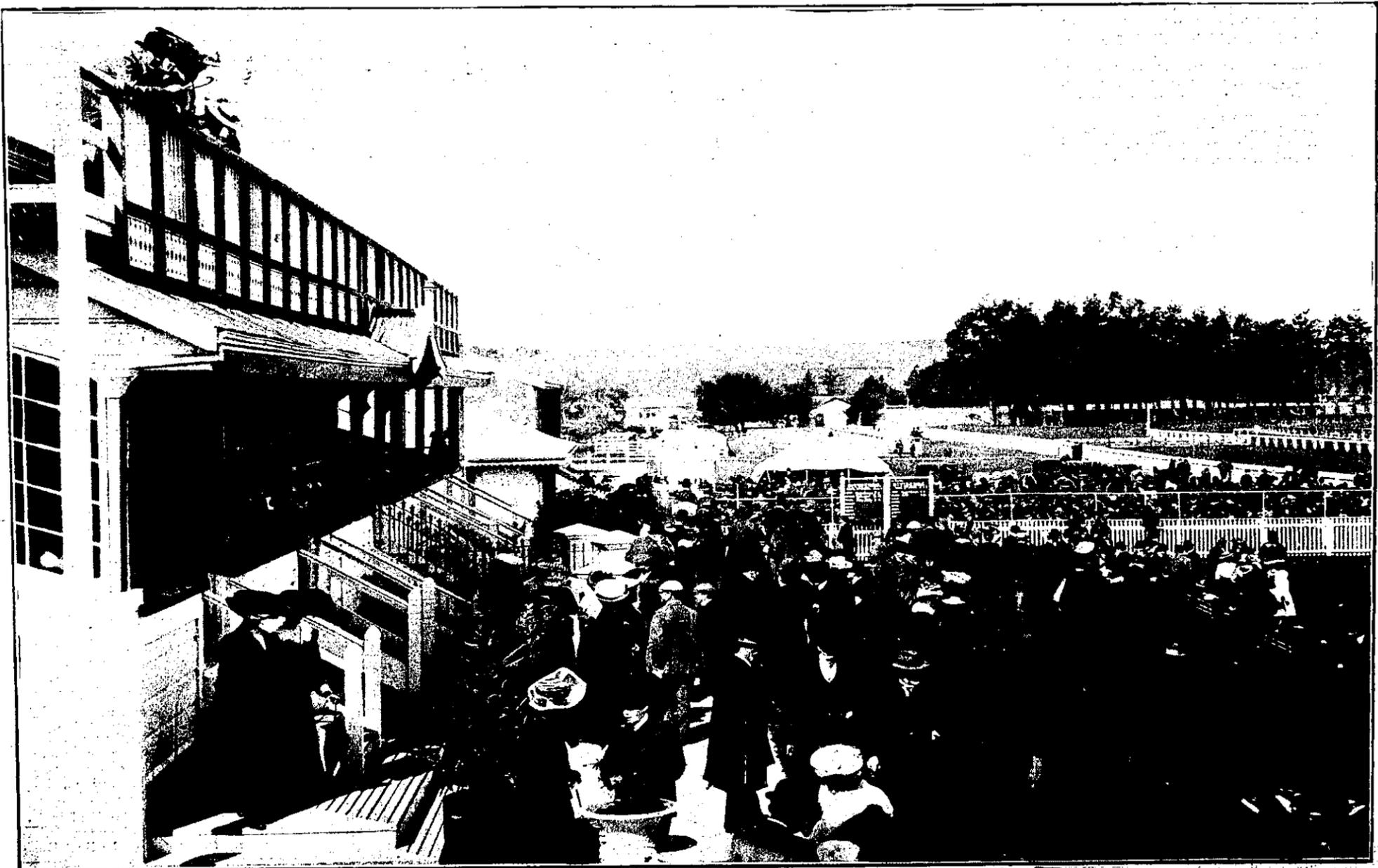


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The Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.

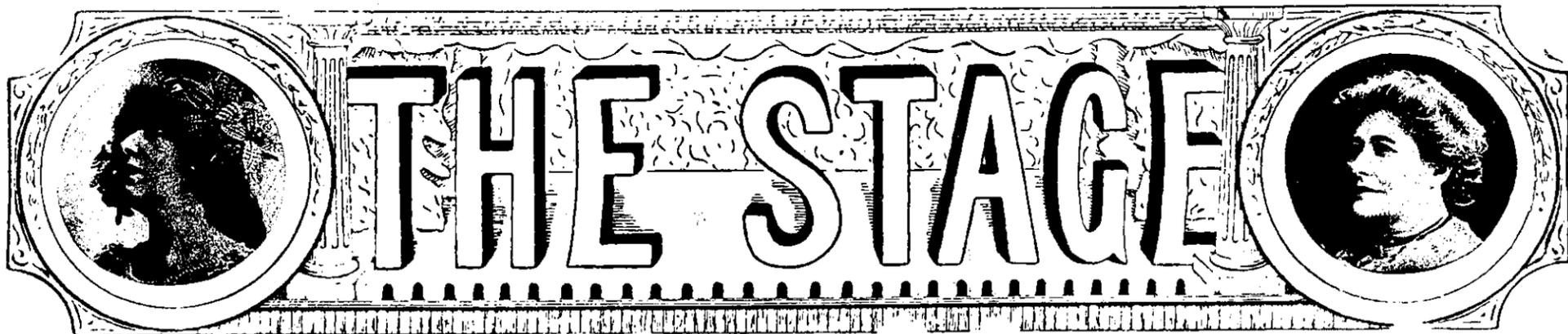


IN THE SADDLING Paddock.



Newham, Wanganui, Photo.

THE LAWN FROM THE MEMBERS' STAND.



THE STAGE

(By "FOOTLIGHT.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**THE WATKIN MILLS CONCERT COMPANY.**

The exceedingly inclement weather experienced on Monday evening was no doubt in a large measure the reason for the thin house which greeted Mr. Watkin Mills and his concert company at His Majesty's. The audience, however, made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers, and nearly every item was encored. The first item was the duet between Mr. Mills and Mr. Harold Wilde, "Watchman, What of the Night?" (Sargeant), which proved to be perhaps the best on the whole programme. Mr. Mills gave a fine rendering of Gounod's "She Alone Charmeth My Sadness," but earned far more enthusiastic applause for his singing of Bevan's "Peg Away," a charming little bit of optimistic poetry. He also got all there is out of Hill's "Tangi," which appears to many as being somewhat over-rated. A far more enjoyable selection was Hunter's "The Wedding of Shon Maclean," a rollicking, humorous song given with great dash and animation.

Miss Gertrude Lonsdale's first item was Ruth's song, "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" (Gounod), giving as an encore "The Happy Song" (Del Regio). Her fine contralto voice was heard to more advantage in L. G. Lemon's ballad, "My Ain Folk," although one missed the Scottish accent. The encore item, a dainty German love song, proved very acceptable.

Miss Edith Kirkwood, the soprano, was recalled for a pleasing rendering of "Caro Nome," from Rigoletto, and earned hearty plaudits for the pretty songlet, "I Know a Lovely Garden." Finden's "A Fleet of Cloud Boats," and the old Irish song, "The Ninepenny Fidel," also found much favour.

Mr. Harold Wilde, the tenor, was perhaps slightly overweighted when attempting the Grail song from "Lohengrin," but completely won his way with his singing of Lohr's charming "The Little Irish Maid." Goring Thomas' "The Willow" was another item which called for applause.

M. Edouard Parlovitz showed much skill as an accompanist, but should break himself off the somewhat irritating habit of having a run up and down the scales before every item. His two selections, Chopin's "Sherzo in B Flat Minor" and A. Rosenthal's "Irish Rhapsody" were very well received.

The second half of the programme was devoted to the Liza Lehmann song cycle, "The Daisy Chain," every number coming in for keen appreciation, all the members working well together in the quartettes and other numbers.

During the week the programme has been changed, and large audiences have been the rule. To-night and to-morrow will be the last occasions on which this talented company can be heard in Auckland.

MISS JESSIE MACLACHLAN.

Next Monday we shall have an opportunity of hearing for ourselves Miss Jessie Maclachlan, the Scottish balladist, whose fame has preceded her. She comes with a great reputation as perhaps the greatest exponent of Scottish minstrelsy who has reached our shores. She has just completed a lengthy tour of Canada, the States, Australia, and Tasmania, where she has sung before most enthusiastic audiences. At Dunedin the fair songstress met with a grand reception, there being an immense attendance at the official welcome by the Mayor. In replying to the hearty greetings of the Dunedinites, Miss Maclachlan said it was one of the proudest moments of her life. As far as mileage went, they were 12,000 miles away from dear old Scotland, but as far as her feelings were concerned she was at that moment in her native Argyleshire. She thanked them for their presence there on behalf of not only Jessie Maclachlan, but on behalf of the lyrics of Scotland. She was proud indeed to find at this distance from the Old Land hearts beat as warmly and truly as if they had never left the land of brown heath and shaggy wood. It was a great thing for Scottish people coming out from the Old Land to find

these societies flourishing and bringing forward memories of and keeping alive the characteristics of Scotland, and the old feelings that used to belong to the grandmothers and grandfathers whose descendants they were. She thanked them for their presence there and for their beautiful gift, but, above all things, she thanked them for the kindly feeling which prompted them to give a partial stranger such a kindly, such an enthusiastic welcome. She thanked them also on behalf of those associated with her in her visit, and thanked her brother and sister artists of Dunedin for entertaining them that evening. The programme for Monday evening contains many old favourites. Miss Maclachlan will sing Bethune's "The Auld Scots Sangs," "Cronin," "Blue Bonnets," "Killarney," a Gaelic Waulking song, and "Rule Britannia." Mr. John McLinden, a gifted 'celloist, will give a number of fine selections, so that lovers of beautiful music are evidently in for a treat.

THE MAGIC KETTLE.

Owing to the impossibility of obtaining dates at the theatre, the Auckland season of Professor Andrews and the Magic Kettle will be limited to two performances, which will be given at His Majesty's Theatre next Saturday afternoon and evening. Of the performance

raw, juicy steak placed on the kettle for a moment or two becomes so hard as a brick. The power of the air forces a wooden plug from an empty iron tube like a shot from a gun. Then the kettle changes its magic tactics. Placed on a block of ice it begins to boil, and with the volume of steam issuing from its spout does what it is quite justified in doing—blows its own trumpet. By way of a little by-play the Professor lit a cigar at the escaping vapour and it broke out into a flame, and then filling a glass of liquid air he wished the audience luck and swallowed it—and there was nothing the matter with the Professor. Just how all this is done is a mystery. At the conclusion of the performance the kettle was handed round for inspection, and was found to be coated with a covering of snow. Professor Andrews explained that it contained about 740 feet of ordinary atmosphere, the liquid air being about 300 degrees below zero. It costs about £5 to fill the kettle for each performance, and a special plant with its engineer is now stationed in Wellington for the manufacture of liquid air. With the company is Alma, a clever magician and sleight-of-hand artist. Perhaps his most marvellous illusion is "Uda, Goddess of the Air," which must be seen to be believed. The English Pierrot Entertainers provide plenty of

voice calling for loud applause. As an encore she sang "Poor Wandering One," a song in which she always scores heavily. Miss Elsie Brown, whose bright, attractive voice always wins the favour of the audience, sang another of her dainty little coon songs, for which she was loudly applauded. Our old friend Sam Wilson then proceeded to convulse the audience, he and Mr. Frank King keeping up a running fire of comicalities that livened up proceedings to some purpose. A newcomer in the person of Miss Viola Price, a trim little Scottish lassie, next sang a lively song and danced a fling that set everyone jiggling from stalls to gallery, and she got a vociferous recall.

The second half commenced with a song by Mr. Frank King, entitled "Jolly Fine Company." Mr. King's voice was heard to good purpose in this, and the house demanded an encore. The next item consisted of what is probably one of the finest acts ever seen in Auckland. In this the Modern Milo posed as several of the best-known of the ancient goddesses, including that masterpiece of sculpture, the Venus de Milo, and the more recently-discovered Brown Venus. Apart from being a most unique series of tableaux, the separate poses of the figure constituted a most refined delineation of ancient art. Indeed, looking at the beautiful form of the Modern Milo one found it hard to believe that the statue itself was not standing before one, the only indication that such was not the case being the slight swaying of the figure inseparably connected in the mind of the art student with the life class of the art school. It would be indeed difficult to pick out the best pose of those represented. That of Hebe was particularly fine, as was also the representation of the "Venus de Milo" and "Brown Venus." The latter pose especially showed that the Modern Milo has a figure quite as fine as anything that has ever been handed down to posterity by ancient sculptors. The Modern Milo should on no account be missed by lovers of the artistic and beautiful. During the intervals in this series of tableaux Cruickshank, the caricaturist, drew lightning sketches of several well-known Auckland men, whose portraits received quick recognition, and were the outcome of much amusement and applause. Another first appearance was that of Miss Malvena Moore, who danced and sang in a most sprightly and attractive manner. Leonard Nelson, who next appeared, came in for a great ovation, and was recalled times out of number. Following him the Rollos, in their original Irish musical comedy, "The Hungry Visitor," caused considerable amusement, and sent the house off in high good humour. Crowded houses have been the rule during the week.



THE MODERN MILO AS "PSYCHE."

the Napier "Daily Telegraph" says that Professor Andrews does not take his kettle seriously. From the moment of his entry on the stage he proceeds, with its assistance, to play practical jokes with the audience. One obliging gentleman lends his hat and another his handkerchief. The handkerchief is not clean, and the Professor proceeds to wash it. The kettle is lifted steaming from the hob, the hat is filled with liquid air, the handkerchief is dipped in it and comes out clean and dry, and there is nothing the matter with the hat. An india-rubber ball is placed in a cubicle, the contents of the kettle are poured on it, and in a second or two it is taken out and smashed on the floor as brittle as glass. There is nothing the matter with the cubicle. Fresh blooming flowers are given a whiff of the air, and in an instant are transformed to a state of frozen beauty. It is wonderful. The Professor proceeds to make ice-cream. He has all the ingredients ready to hand, and the cream and the sugar are boiled on liquid air and in a moment dished up cold. The audience testified that, after it was down, there was nothing the matter with the ice-cream. They could also testify that a glass of whisky after being treated by the liquid air process, was harder than the glass that held it. Freezing under the liquid air system is a matter of lightning changes. A piece of

fun, the Trinity Choir boys, the Misses Elsa Dwyer and Elsie Peerless, vocalists, and Messrs. N. G. Gehde and F. H. Stokes, pianists, also contribute to the programme. The entertainment is one which, from all accounts, should certainly be seen.

OPERA HOUSE.**FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.**

A packed house greeted the rise of the curtain at the Opera House on Monday evening. The opening chorus by the company, entitled "At the Seaside," went splendidly, and then the Valmore Sisters led off with a double song and dance item, "The Great Big Wheel," which was well received. Mr. Fred. Stanbridge sang "Go to Sea," a good song splendidly rendered, for which he received an encore. Mr. Chas. Moody sang "I Didn't Want Asking Twice," to such good purpose that the audience recalled him vociferously, when he gave "Knick, Knock," in which the number and power of the knocks was fairly bewildering. For this he was again called out, when the "referee" was once more subjected to a terrible grumbling, which pleased the audience immensely. Miss Beatrice English was heard to full advantage in "A May Morning," her fine

West's Pictures and the Brescians brought the four weeks' season to a close on Saturday last, splendid business having been done right through. In fact, it is quite safe to assert that all records for the theatre have been broken in this respect. The company is now playing a round of the country towns, but will return to His Majesty's on October 14, when, in addition to pictures not yet exhibited, new films of local subjects and views of Rotorua will also be shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Hodges are giving a concert in the Choral Hall on Monday in aid of the Orphan Home, Parnell. Many of our best-known artists are giving their services in the good cause, and it is to be hoped the attendance will be large.

The Westminster Glee and Concert Party are due here on November 14. This company's last tour round the world established a world's record in respect to concert-giving. The party travelled 62,000 miles in 547 days, visited 219 towns, gave 390 performances, and made 13 sea journeys; their repertoire consisting of 19 pieces, all of which were performed from memory. It is two years since these singers were last in New Zealand, and their return will be awaited with much interest. The present combination left London in April of last year, and have just completed successful tours through South Africa, India, Burmah, and China.

Professor Andrews and the Magic Kettle will only be seen twice in Auckland, and the date is next Saturday, afternoon and evening. Don't forget it.

Mr. John F. Sheridan, the inimitable "widow," and his musical Comedy Company, will commence a tour of the colony in December. We still have exceedingly pleasing recollections of the last tour, and shall look forward to seeing the genial punter again. The expedition will be under the direction of Mr. Allan Hamilton, and our old friend, Mr. George Buller, one of the most popular men on the line, will be in advance. From him I learn that the dates for the tour will be as follows:—Invercargill, December 13 to 18; Dunedin, December 26, 1905, to January 20, 1906; Timaru, January 22, 23, 24; Ashburton, January 25 and 26; Christchurch, January 27 to February 8; Wellington, February 10 to March 10; Gisborne, March 14, 15, 16, 17; Napier, March 19 to 24; Masterton, March 26, 27, 28; Palmerston, March 29, 30, 31; Wanganui, April 2 to 7; Hawera, March 9; Stratford, March 10; New Plymouth, March 11 and 12; Auckland, April 14 (Easter Saturday) to May 12.

My Taranaki correspondent writes (September 30):—The Watkin Mills' quintette party appeared at New Plymouth on Friday night, and had a most enthusiastic reception. The programme was excellent throughout, encores being frequent. There is no doubt that Mr. Mills has hit the public taste in his concerts.

Mr. Reginald Ford is going to start a lecturing tour through Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Edwin Geach will manage the tour, and Mr. Ford is to tell us all about Antarctica.

Mr. P. J. O'Brien, well-known through this colony, has severed his connection with theatrical affairs and accepted the position of Sydney representative for Messrs. Chandler and Co., American advertising agents.

The Auckland Dramatic Society will produce "The Schoolmistress" on October 23, 24, and 25. The cast will be a very strong one.

The Auckland Orchestral Society have a concert on this evening at the Choral Hall, when Herr Wielaert will conduct. The programme to be submitted is a very good one.

It looks as if Auckland will be the only one of the big cities in New Zealand which has not tendered a public welcome to Miss Jessie Maclachlan.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt is going to play a season in the Argentine Republic.

The following list, handed to me by Mr. Fuller, will give an idea of the magnitude of John Fuller and Sons' New Zealand vaudeville circuit, and where the various artistes were playing on Saturday, September 23:—

Dunedin (Athlone Theatre).—Florrie Ranger, Trevor, Cora, and Alton, Will Stevens, Tozillo and Lipman, Kitty Stanley, George Pagden, Stella Ranger, Ted Anderson, Jas. Opie, Stewart and Sterling, Bob Hall, Lillian Barrington, Ivy Leslie, Eileen Murray, Lavinia Tyson, Harry Marshall, John Fuller, jun. (manager).

Christchurch (Opera House).—Cleopatra, Bonita and Carlos, Prince Olrac, Diamond Duo, Ward Lear, Gertie McLeod, Ted Stanley, Cecile Stephano, Fred Rivenhall, Alma Lyndon, Cissie Whitford, Mabel Lynne, Wallace Ascot, Stewart trio, Olive Fitzsimmons, Walter Fuller (manager).

Wellington (His Majesty's).—The Modern Milo, Cruickshank, Driscoll Brothers, Chas. Howard, Celia Mavis, Nellie Power, Bob Lloyd, Viola Price, Ivy Goodwill, Scott and Beresford, Flo Western, Malvina Moore, Jeannie Johnstone, Ben Fuller (general manager).

Auckland (Opera House).—The Rollos, Beatrice English, Elsie Brown, Leonard Nelson, Chubb's Pictures, Charles Moody, Goldie Collins, Sam Wilson, Valmore Sisters, Florrie Leigh, Fred. Staunbridge, Frank King, Frank Crowther, John Fuller, sen. (manager).

The programmes are constantly changed and the artistes kept on the move. The item for travelling expenses alone last year totalled £2150.

Writes my Christchurch correspondent:—"Heigho! hear the wild winds blow!" We unlucky dwellers in the City of the Plains have been hearing nothing else lately. It's fine enough for theatre-going now, but what a time we've been having! Howling, tearing winds, and rain in sheets and cataracts. However, the Bros. Macmahon have no reason to grumble at the patronage extended to their show at the Theatre Royal. Packed houses have been the order of the night ever since the season started. The second production, "The French Spy," afforded Miss Fitzmaurice Gill some fine opportunities for showing what she can do, and she availed herself to the full of them. That good actor (and good fellow) Chas. Blake, has a telling part in this piece. On Thursday and Friday that soul-harrowing production, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was the attraction. This venerable drama divides the honours with "East Lynne" as an "emotional" piece, and when the salt tears are not chasing each other down the cheeks of the anguished audience over the woes of Uncle Tom and the departure for the Golden Shore of Little Eva, their faces are irradiated with smiles at the funnyisms of Topsy or fierce with indignation at the brutality of Legree. I must say the Fitzmaurice Gill Company does this weepful drama with credit to themselves and golden results to the treasury. The season is panning out a very big success. "Cleopatra," with her snakes and alligators, is proving a tremendous draw at the Opera House, and Bonita, the champion lady



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rifle shot, is another special attraction. But the present bill is like a raised pie by a first-class chef—good all the way through. . . . Jessie Maclachlan, who is only giving three concerts here, might have stopped a fortnight, and would probably have made money all the time. Rarely have the auld Scotch songs been rendered here as she renders them.

Edna May, the young American girl who for the past few years has been one of the most popular actresses on the London stage, has returned to New York. Miss May's father is a letter-carrier of Syracuse, N.Y. Seven years ago she was a chorus singer. While London failed to take "The Belle of New York" seriously, Edna May made such a tremendous hit that she appeared in it for 700 performances.

Miss Mabel Lane, who it will be remembered was brought from England by Mr. J. C. Williamson to create the parts of the Mother of Hur ("Ben Hur"), Madge Larabee ("Sherlock Holmes"), Hugete ("If I Were King"), and other important roles, has just terminated her contract with that gentleman, and is taking a well-earned rest.

Mr. Norman E. Aitken, of 4, Charlotte-street, Wellington, forwards me a batch of postcards showing the Modern Milo in many favourite poses. They are well got up, and have been selling like hot cakes.

A New York paper states that a German inventor has devised a theatre to insure safety in case of fire. According to a description of his plan the pit may be removed in bloc, with the boxes and the partition walls, by means of rollers underneath the floor running on rails continued "to a suitable length outside the theatre." While this "removal" is being accomplished people in the balconies are to be liberated by exits through "window doors" opened automatically all at once, leading to suspended galleries lowered to the street by the same mechanism that actuates the movable pit. The inventor claims that by these means a theatre may be emptied in thirty seconds. But why go to all this wholly unnecessary expense? Surely there are any number of actors available who might be thoroughly relied upon to empty the most crowded theatre rapidly, and on quite reasonable terms, too.

Mr. Frank King and little Goldie Collins, who have been prime favourites at the Opera House for a long time past, left for the South on Tuesday afternoon by the Mokoia.

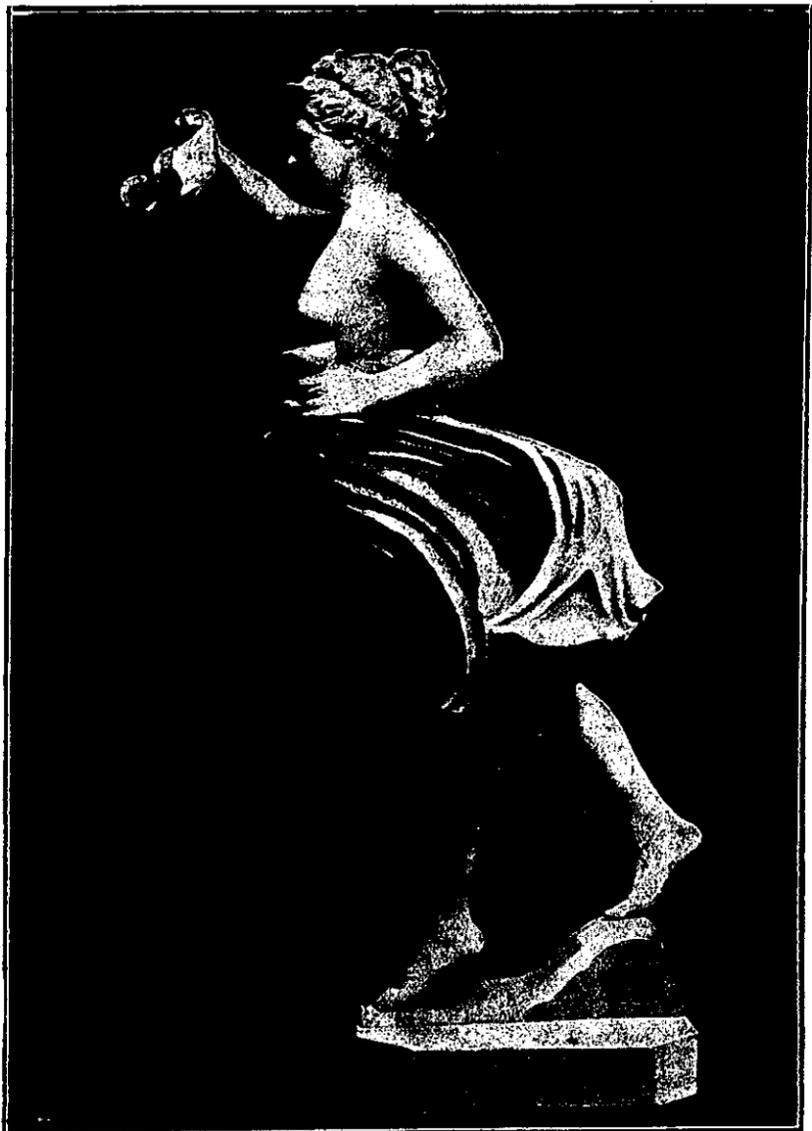
In an age of records "The Modern Milo," of course, has a record. She has been photographed over 500 times. As she is still young and conservative of her splendid beauty and physique, the record is still a-making. As a set of "Milo" postcards is the correct thing with collectors, one is safe in prophesying that "The Milo" photograph will achieve a greater circulation than that of any heretofore popular beauty.

The following artistes were at the Sydney Tivoli last week:—Les Brunin, Tom Dawson, Diamond and Beatrice (Charles Diamond and Beatrice), Stave, Payen and Mdlle. Lucie, Little Olga Pennington, Bella Perman, Les Warton, Maud Fanning, Maud Perman, Fanny Powers, Freida Niemann, Harry Rochefort, Harry Hart, Irving Sayles. The latest biograph pictures show the Australian cricketers in England and the surrender of Port Arthur.

Miss Decima Moore was married in London last month to Major Frederick Gordon Griggisberg, of the Royal Engineers. Sir A. Conan Doyle was best man.

Mr. Julius Knight and Miss Rose Musgrove had quite an affecting meeting in Melbourne last week (writes Mr. George Tallis). When the former arrived from the West the first person he called upon was the latter, in order that they might enjoy the pleasure of mutually comparing notes regarding their respective illnesses. It will be remembered that they both suffered a severe attack of typhoid when in Sydney some months ago, and even when in hospital touching little messages of commiseration passed from one to the other. As soon as they met both doffed the wigs that supplied the place of hair shorn from them in the days of fever, and entered upon a spirited argument as to which could show the better crop. That subject exhausted they turned to the details of their sick bed days, discussing such all-absorbing topics as weight-making, appetite, and the rest of it, to the exclusion of all other subjects. Altogether the interview was a protracted one, and it was some time before any other of his admirers had an opportunity of bidding Mr. Knight welcome to Melbourne.

One of those unforeseen but nevertheless awkward predicaments that seem unavoidable happened to the Gilbert and Sullivan Company on its way across from Adelaide to Fremantle. When well out to sea the awful discovery was made that the music box, with all the scores of band parts, had been left behind on the Adelaide wharf, and the life of the assistant stage manager, in whose care the box is always left, became forthwith a burden to him. All he could do was to creep about the unfrequented parts of the ship trusting that no members of the company would meet and abuse him. For an opera company without its music is just about as ill-equipped for action as a soldier without his cartridge box, and what was to be done when Perth was reached and rehearsals began was a problem. Fortunately Mr. Henry Bracy is a man of resource, and he contrived to get together a full enough score of "The Gondoliers" to begin operations, and the wandering box arrived before it was necessary to change the programme. But it was an unpleasant episode while it lasted, especially for the assistant stage manager.



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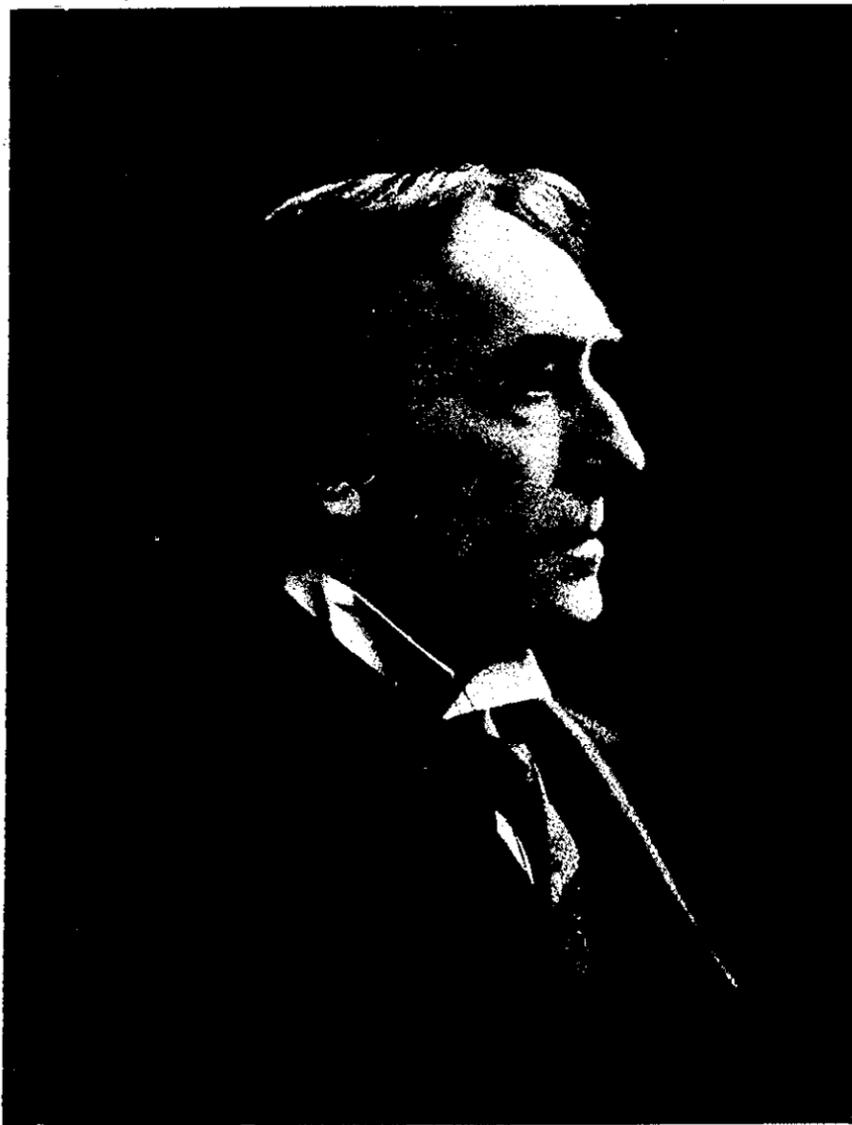
The last week of Miss Nance O'Neil's season finished on Friday last, 29th inst., and she and her company have arrived in this colony, where they are undertaking a short season in Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland, stopping a fortnight in each place. During the Sydney season, box office returns show that the two most popular plays were "Trilby" and "Marie Antoinette." The latter, which she added to her repertoire during the Melbourne season, proved one of the most successful roles interpreted by her, and should suffice to carry her through the United States when she stars the part there next year.

The Royal Comic Opera Company are so well forward with their rehearsals of "Veronique" that they may now be said to be word and note perfect in their parts, and it remains only to add the finishing touches. Meanwhile "The Cingalee" shows no sign of failing in public favour, and the introduction of some additional humorous business by Miss Rose Musgrove, Messrs. George Lauri, Claude Bantock, and W. S. Percy last Saturday evening, added still further to its attractiveness.

A new set of films has arrived for Mr. J. C. Williamson's biograph company, and as they are "extra special," some being in colours and others giving a representation of several scenes at Port Arthur actually taken on the spot, it has been decided to show them first in Sydney and Melbourne before taking them out on the long round usually covered by the enjoyable entertainment.

The Knight-Jeffries Company were accorded an enthusiastic welcome back to Melbourne when they opened at the Princess Theatre in "His Majesty's Servant." Mr. Julius Knight was naturally the point round which the applause centred, his recent illness adding a touch of sympathy to the customary appreciation of that popular actor's efforts. Miss Maud Jeffries, Miss Florence Hamer, Messrs. Harry Plimmer, Arthur Wontner, and the rest of the company, however, shared fully in the cordiality which marked the evening.

One of the successes of the Bernhardt season at the Coronet Theatre, London, last June was a new version written by the famous actress herself, of "Adrienne Lecouvreur," a play that has for the past twenty years been considered one of her most attractive interpretations. The Australasian rights in the original version which is by M.M. Scribe and Legouve, are held by Mr. J. C. Williamson. Remembering how well Miss Tittell Brune acquitted herself in "L'Aiglon"—a character that was essentially Madame Bernhardt's, Mr. Williamson is considering the possibility of adding



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"Adrienne Lecouvreur" to the young American actress' repertoire. The part is a fine one, and should suit Miss Brune's temperament. Another Bernhardt character—"La Tosca"—will be seen by Sydney playgoers first in the course of Miss Brune's season there, Mr. Williamson having postponed the piece which it was originally intended to produce in Brisbane, while "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" will also be done for the first time in Sydney by Miss Brune some time during the same season.

Miss Nance O'Neil's New Zealand tour commences at the Wellington Opera House to-night. Only Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland will be visited.

Martin Harvey in July last gave his 1000th performance of "The Only Way," first produced at the Lyceum in 1899.

Mark Hambourg's tour of South Africa was a great success in every way. Packed audiences and enthusiasm were the rule everywhere, and as a result, it is likely the famous pianist will return to Africa. The farewell concert was given in Cape-town on September 2.

Mr. Norman Partridge, who toured New Zealand with Mr. George Musgrove's Shakesperian Company plays Neils Finsen in the Drury Lane production of Hall Caine's drama "The Prodigal Son." Mr. Partridge is also under-study for Mr. George Alexander.

The Comedians de Mephisto are playing the very douse with the audiences at Harry Rickards' Melbourne Opera House (writes "Peter Quince.") Their entertainment is the most startling of the kind ever seen here. The company numbers three, and the diabolical triumvirate fairly astound their beholders, making their eyes the tools of the other senses. Middle Talma is a money-spinner of an uncanny kind, although of decidedly prepossessing appearance. The sex has the reputation of making the money go, but Middle Talma not only makes the coins fly, but she causes them to appear in such extraordinary fashion that she may be said to coin the air. Messrs. Le Roy and Bosco are pastmasters of the black art. Coins are too trivial and too small for them. They deal with human beings, and with all kinds of live stock. Men and women are made to "become air," like the witches in "Macbeth." They come like shadows, so depart. They materialise out of the empty void, and "return to the barren womb of nothing." Fowls, rabbits, et hoc genus omne, are produced from no one knows where, and they increase and multiply until the stage is a seething mass of cackling live stock. And all through these mystic and unmistakably material manifestations there is a continuous current of fun pervading the whole performance, until the audience are left in a mixed state of amusement and amazement. Take Le Roy, Bosco and Talma for all in all, we have not looked upon their like before. Their performance is bewildering and indescribable.

The Steele-Payne Bellringers were at Bundaberg at latest advices. Of their performance the "Bundaberg Mail" says:—Never did audience leave at the termination of an entertainment more genuinely delighted with the high and sustained merit of a performance than on that occasion. Throughout the evening encores were the unvarying rule, in fact, the third recall followed many numbers. Though primarily announced as bellringers, an element that enters largely into the programme submitted—and no one who has heard what delightful music the members are capable of extracting from the bells would wish to see the proportion reduced in the slightest degree—all the needed variety to make a most entertaining and delightful performance is introduced in the way of vocal and instrumental numbers.

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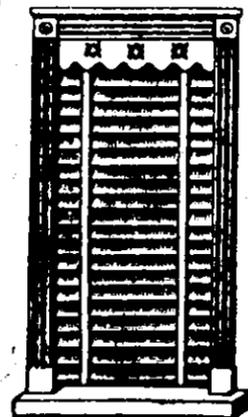
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The most effective scenes in the performance of "Queen Elizabeth," which will shortly be seen in Auckland, were the Throne Room of Act III., and the signing of the warrant for the execution of Essex in Act IV. Miss Nance O'Neil, it must be confessed, sacrifices historical accuracy in order that she may show off her personal charms and her declamatory power in these scenes (writes "The Don.") Queen Elizabeth was well advanced in years when she boxed the man she loved on the ears with a "God's death! Go and be hanged!" That was in June, 1598, and while Burleigh was still alive. After the death of the Queen's chief adviser in August, 1598, Essex was sent to Ireland. He was back at Court in September, 1599. A faint flicker of tenderness was still lingering in the bosom of the aged Queen—yet now hatred was strangely mixed with old love. The downfall of the favourite was inevitable. The Queen, now close on seventy, and without a single true-loving creature in the world on whose bosom she might rest her grey, old head, hesitated to strike at Essex. For more than eight months Elizabeth wavered between rancour and pity. Thrice she made out the warrant for the committal of Essex to the Tower, and thrice she revoked it. It was not till the 9th of February, 1601, that the gates of the Tower were shut up in Essex. The day after the condemnation of the lover on whom her soul had once hung in raptures, Elizabeth signed the warrant for his execution. She signed it with a firm hand, putting an elaborate flourish around her name. Six days after the trial the Earl's head was struck off. The official report of the execution of her favourite was brought to the Queen while she was playing the spinet. Elizabeth affected joyousness, and launched out into a merry tune. Following the bad example of the constructor of the play, Miss O'Neil presents the Queen in full vigour of health and passion at the time of Essex's execution. The hair of the Sovereign is flaming red when she signs the death warrant, and there is nothing in look and manner to indicate that Elizabeth was then nearing the last milestone of her magnificent career. For all that the Throne Room scene was splendidly effective, from the dramatic standpoint, and the outburst on receiving the news of the Earl's death was thrilling in its nervous force and emotional intensity. Although wholly at variance with the historical chronicles Elizabeth's declaration of her love for Essex after his execution and the imperious dismissal of the courtiers who had plotted against the man "whose shoes they were not fit to touch" were the finest features of the performance.

It is arranged that Miss Eileen Castles will join Mr J. C. Williamson's Repertoire Company at the end of the year.

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Of Madame Maggie Sterling, who commenced her Australian tour in Melbourne on September 21, a Melbourne exchange says that since leaving Melbourne six years ago she has applied herself wholeheartedly to her art, has spared no pains to equip herself thoroughly at all points, and has reaped a just reward in the flattering references invariably made to her by discerning critics in London and elsewhere. A brilliant future has already been prophesied for her by the "Times" and other newspapers have consistently remarked upon her cultivated methods, her rich and full contralto, and her sympathetic treatment of all she undertakes. Judging by her work during the past season, nothing musical comes amiss to Miss Sterling. She has toured the United Kingdom with Madame Bluevelt's concert party, creating quite a furore of enthusiasm in Scottish towns by her singing of old Border ballads. She has taken part in oratorio under the conductorship of the veteran Hans Richter, Sir Hubert Parry, Coleridge Taylor, and others. And, finally, she has done a great amount of general recital work, wherein her songs have ranged from examples of the old Italian School of Caccini and Scarlatti, to the ballads of modern composers, like Ellen Wright and Ethelbert Nevin, and taking in the heavy music of Gluck and Massenet, Schumann, Dvorak and Brahms. The Australasian party of which she is the head will be completed by Miss Ethel Sinclair, the winner of the Clarke Scholarship, and a brilliant young violinist, and M. Adolphe Borachke, a solo pianist, trained in the same school as Mark Hambourg, and possessing extraordinarily well-developed powers of execution.

"His Majesty's Servant" has a charm for the English-speaking playgoer, in that it deals with the time of the Stuarts. Somehow or other the British race is fond of Charles the Second. He wasn't a very good King, and there is no doubt that he was a highly immoral scamp, but in spite of his weaknesses and his vices, he is popular. I sometimes think (writes "Peter Quince") that his posthumous popularity is due to that historical sentence which he is reported to have used upon his deathbed—"Don't let poor Nelly starve." He was a rip, and Mistress Eleanor Gwynne was a demirene, but Charles thought of the orange girl when

he was dying, and his last words were for the woman—or, rather, one of the women—he had loved. In "His Majesty's Servant" the action of the piece opens with the escape of Charles the Second after the Battle of Worcester, and in that escape he is assisted by one Geoffrey Mohun, an actor of the King's Company. The plot of the piece turns on one of the numerous conspiracies to set Charles Stuart on the English Throne. Geoffrey Mohun, the hero, is played by Mr. Julius Knight, and in Lady Lettice Fairfax Miss Maud Jeffries has a prominent and sympathetic part to portray. Miss Florence Hamer represents Damaris, the evil genius of the lovers. The play is in four acts, and is full of life and absorbing interest from beginning to end.

Fitzgerald Bros.' Circus is at present in China, and is due in Calcutta at Christmas.

Miss Maud Beatty is now in Manila.

The Tittell Brune Company open in Sydney on October 14.

Mr. George Lauri is working up for introduction into "The Cingalee," a burlesque of Thurston, the magician, in his principal tricks. Mr. C. Bantock is cast for the parts of all the disappearing ladies.

Mr. George Stephenson's Musical Comedy Company are appearing in Perth in "The Chinese Honeymoon" and "The Skirt Dancer."

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, after a long silence, is engaged on a play, in four acts, which will be produced by Mr. Frohman at the Hudson Theatre, New York, early in October.

Les Brunin, a team of French trick billiardists now appearing at the Sydney Tivoli, are the absolute originators of their acts, and the costumes and effects necessary to the portrayal of same are valued at 10,000 francs (equal to £400).

Mr. George Elton (son of "Billy" Elton), who toured New Zealand with the now disbanded Hawtrey Comedy Company, is in the cast of "Lucky Miss Dean," which is at present being played at the Criterion Theatre, London.

The Broughs made their first appearance in Australia in 1885 under the management of the triumvirate in "Iolanthe," with the Royal Comic Opera Company. Brough was the Lord High Chancellor, and Mrs. B. played the Fairy Queen.

Kyrle Bellew was lately seen at the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York, in an all star revival of Oliver Goldsmith's fine old English comedy of "She Stoops to Conquer."

Miss Maud Jeffries considers Katusha in "Resurrection" and Marianne in "Herod," a poetic play by Stephen Phillips, produced in London by Beerbohm Tree, two of the finest acting parts she has ever had.

Henrietta Watson will shortly appear on the variety boards in a sketch written for her by Will Gourlay.

The house where Juliet lived in Verona, made famous in the plays of Shakespeare, was sold by auction just before the last mail left for £136.

The Frasettis, who recently toured New Zealand under the management of Mr. Harry Rickards, was appearing at the London Coliseum on August 19.

Balfe, in the public mind, is usually associated with "The Bohemian Girl" (says the "Theatre"), but, as a matter of fact, he was the composer of over 40 operas, some of which in these degenerate days of musical comedy would well bear revival. "Satanella," albeit by no means the strongest of his works, contains some lovely melodies, notably "The Power of Love" and "The Glorious Vintage of Champagne," but is handicapped by a libretto almost beneath criticism. This does not apply, however, to "The Rose of Castille," "Falstaff," "The Siege of Rochelle," "The Enchantress," "The Bondman" and "Il Talismano," of which two versions exist, one in Italian the other to English words, the title of the latter being "The Knight of the Leopard." Almost all these works would be new to an Australian audience, and such as have been heard here were given so long ago that they would be invested with the charm of novelty for most people.

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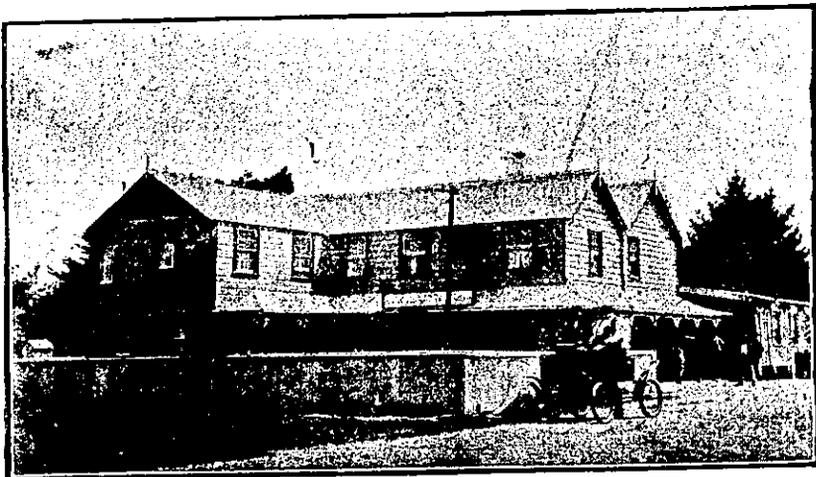
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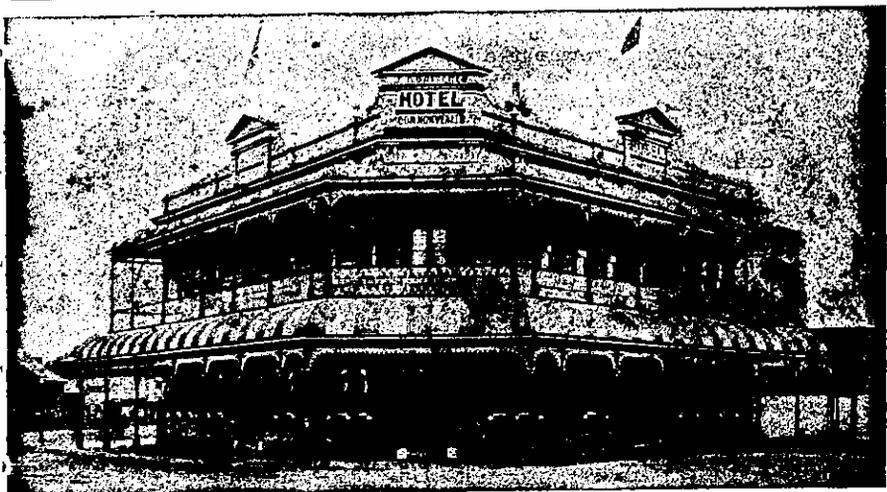
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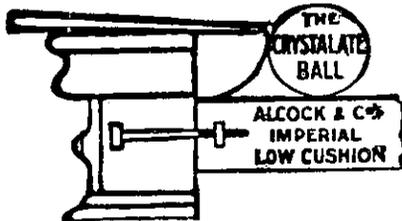
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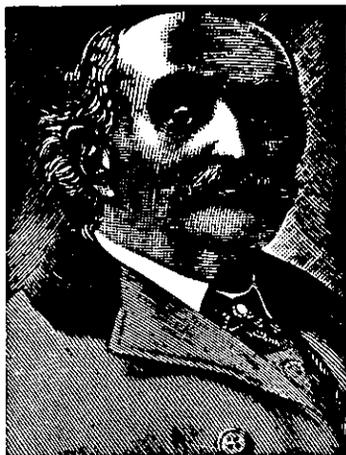
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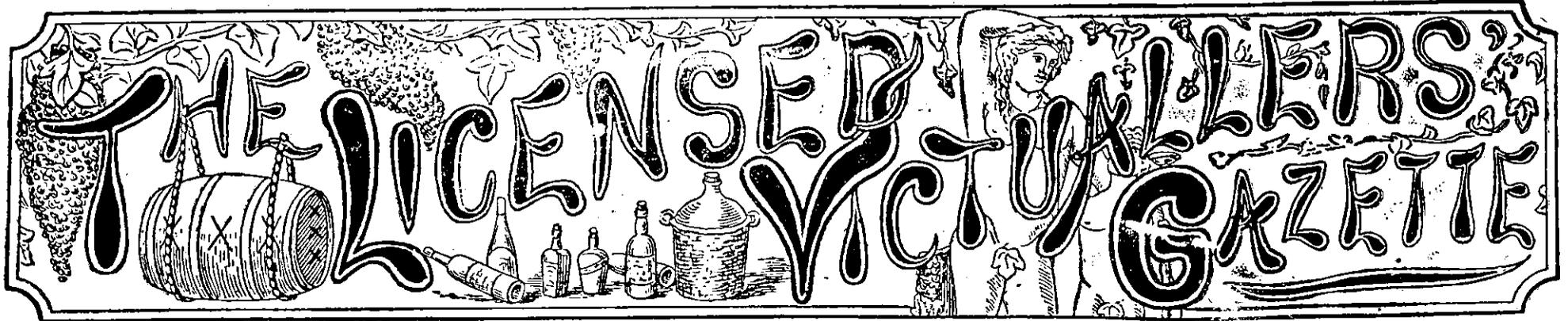
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TEETOTAL AGITATORS.

THAT the ways of the professional teetotaler are tortuous and littered with mendacity is an axiom known to all who have condescended to enter into controversy with him. The stock-in-trade of the ordinary prohibitionist agitator appears to consist of a vivid and somewhat prurient imagination, combined with an imperturbable impudence that only the ignorance and mental deficiency of his immediate followers render possible. It is also true (says the Australian "Brewers' Journal") that the fanatic, be he teetotaler or any other extremist, is eternally jumping at conclusions conjured up in his small, overwrought brain, and his action founded thereon becomes the more unscrupulous and unreasonable in exact proportion to his educational status. Your supposed-to-be-cultured agitator thus becomes more dangerous than the ordinary rauter.

The number of untruths uttered since the inception of the prohibitionist agitation are uncountable, and point distinctly to the fact that the zealots are callous to a degree as to the means they use to attain their ends. Thorne, in his "Heresies of Teetotalism," tells of "a brother from New York State who entertained us with the account of an incendiary society organised in that State to burn down distilleries and other buildings." And Mr. Thorne further on says that what struck him most was, that those present (all teetotalers) took no exception to the code of morality implied in the statement. It is therefore probable that to members of the Victorian Alliance the utterance of a "rousing whid" is, as confessed by the president, "not such a terrible thing."

In Melbourne recently a certain dry-throated beauty from New Zealand gave vent to the following remarks about the trade:—"We have given the liquor traffic every opportunity to make itself respectable. We have given certain persons only the right to trade, and have hedged it round with restrictions. In spite of all, it is bad, it is lawless, it is filthy. Then it comes along to us and it pleads it should not be hurt." A pretty good sample of blackguardism that, and yet the creatures who make such statements are blindly followed by a certain section of the community who hang on their every word as gospel.

At the Palmerston North S.M. Court recently, a man was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for throwing a glass full of beer at a barman at the Central Hotel. The assault appears to have been quite unprovoked, and the barman was badly cut about the head with the shattered glass.

Liquor and license were burning questions in Wellington even in 1858, remarks the "Post." Two petitions appear in the proceedings of the sixth session of the Provincial Council, held in that year. In those days, it appears, anyone could sell up to two gallons of alcoholic liquors without a license; and twenty-three licensed victuallers petitioned in protest. The other petition came from ninety-six people of different views with the names of James Buller (Wesleyan minister) and Joshua Smith (Primitive Methodist minister) in the forefront. They called attention to "the alarming amount of intemperance prevalent in this town," and asked that no more licenses be granted, "and for the more effectually closing public-houses on the Sabbath." The petitioners assert "that there is in this town alone, which, according to the census taken a few months ago, contains 2012 persons above the age of 15 years, 22 houses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and three more in the immediate neighbourhood."

The great resort in Wellington for members of the profession is the new "Zealandia Private Hotel," Cambridge Terrace, corner of Courteney Place, where many members of the company now performing at the Theatre Royal are now staying. The house is up-to-date in every way, and trams for all quarters start from the corner close to front entrance. The centre of the town can be reached on foot comfortably under ten minutes. Mrs. Bushett, the lessee, is an ideal hostess, who understands the happy combination of hotel and private life.

Mrs. Berghan's hotel, Mangonui, was the scene of a meeting last week of a large number of residents interested in the reorganising of the local cricket club. A special vote of thanks was passed during the evening to Mrs. Berghan, who has generously handed over a piece of ground on her property for the laying down of a concrete pitch.

At the Federal Hall, Wellesley-street, on Saturday evening, a large audience assembled to hear Mr. J. Dixon Ward's anti-prohibition address. Mr. Ward first dealt with the Scriptural side of the question, and then went on to point out how dismally the efforts of prohibitionists had failed in the various American States that had been misled by their statements. Life insurance societies frequently made a difference, and had a temperance section and a general section. The New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department adopted that system for a number of years, and in the returns the sections were divided up till 1896. He was informed that, until 1896, when the sections were amalgamated, no policy-holder in the temperance section ever received a bonus, while the others did. It was absolute fact that the mortality tables proved, beyond the shadow of doubt, that the general section was the longer lived. The average life in the temperance section was 41.7 years, and in the other section 49.4 years. (Applause.) This principle was not confined to New Zealand, for the British Medical Journal published particulars of an exhaustive inquiry, and proved that moderate users of alcohol lived longest. The figures published in the London "Daily Telegraph" showed the average ages as: Moderate drinkers, 63 years 13 days, and total abstainers, 51 years 21 days. Thus, by compelling abstinence the prohibitionists not only robbed men of their privileges, but also of portion of their lives. (Laughter and applause.) Referring to the often-repeated opinion (of the injurious effects of alcohol) given by Sir Frederick Treves, the lecturer said Sir F. Treves was, after all, a surgeon, and not a physician, and went on to point to many eminent physicians, such as Dr. Thomas Dutton, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Sir James Paget, and Dr. A. Wilson, in contradiction of Sir F. Treves' opinion. The opinions of the best thinkers of the world and the whole evidence was against the principle of local option.

Mr. Ward then dealt with the alleged prosperity of Ashburton, and pointed out how distorted the statements made by the prohibitionists were. He instanced Hamilton as a town which was going ahead faster than Ashburton, to show that the progression of Ashburton was not due to prohibition. Not one shilling of the prosperity of Ashburton was due to no-license, for no-license had decreased the hotel values by £9000 a year, so that over £18,000 worth of property had been confiscated in Ashburton. If they decreased, by law, the rental value of a man's property, they confiscated portion of his capital, so that £18,000 worth of property in Ashburton had actually been confiscated. By doing this the prohibitionists were committing a breach of the commandment which said, "Thou shalt not steal." If it was wrong for an individual to steal, it was wrong for a majority to steal the property of a minority. (Applause.) The modern rendering of the commandment, according to the prohibitionists, was: "Thou shalt not steal, except from a brewer or publican." Sir John Logan Campbell had donated a-quarter of a million worth of property to the people of this city. (Loud applause.) (A voice: Got it out of beer, and laughter.) No, he did not get it out of beer, but out of general merchandise, long ago. This great gift, said the lecturer, had been given by Sir J. Logan Campbell to the people of Auckland for all time, and the donor kept for himself only his shares in a business, which happened to be a brewery. Now the prohibitionist proposed to confiscate what little Sir John had left. (Applause.) Thou shalt not steal, said the prohibitionist, except from a brewer or publican. (Loud applause.) The Government of New Zealand had imported, at great expense, an expert to build up the wine industry, which the prohibitionists would destroy.

That industry would settle the very best class of citizens on the land, and result in the very high and profitable cultivation of the country for vinegrowing, and it would, or should, take its place amongst the most important of New Zealand industries. The German indemnity of 200 millions was paid by the small French vinegrowers in a few weeks. (Applause.) He also spoke of danger that would be caused by prohibition, through driving tourist traffic from the colony. In conclusion, he called upon the people, in the name of their hope for prosperity and success in the future, to vote against the unrighteous law of prohibition, and to see that, election after election, a smaller vote was cast for no-license, until the provision was wiped off the Statute Book. (Applause.) After having answered several questions, the lecturer was accorded a vote of thanks for his address.

LICENSING AND COMPENSATION.

THE ENGLISH LAW AT WORK.

No temperance experiment in the Empire is being watched with keener interest by reformers than the Balfour Licensing Act passed last year by the Imperial Parliament (says the "Launceston Daily Telegraph.") Though denounced by extreme teetotalers and by many Anglican bishops as a concession to the "Drink Trust," it is generally regarded as a distinct advance on previous legislation. The Act is now in full operation, being administered in England by the bench of justices in each licensing area. Already experience has been gathered which should prove valuable to Australian reformers and legislators. Under the Balfour Act the justices, as the compensation authority, have to collect and administer a fund obtained by a levy on every tenant or licensee of a licensed house, based on a sliding scale, which has been summarised by a correspondent of "The Manchester Guardian" as follows:—

- Under £15 annual value, levy £1 a year.
- Under £50 annual value, levy £10 a year.
- Under £100 annual value, levy £15 a year.
- Under £500 annual value, levy £50 a year.
- Over £500 annual value, levy £100 a year.

In the case of brewery companies controlling a number of houses, the levy has worked out to about 2 per cent. on share capital. The money is distributed amongst houses selected by the justices for closure in accordance with a somewhat involved plan. Each year a certain number of houses is selected for closure by a committee of the bench of justices. The list is made known, and the license-holders affected appear personally or by representative, and debate it with the whole of the justices in open court. Sometimes further consideration is necessary at another meeting. Finally, the justices decide the conclusive composition of the closure list, and refuse renewal of the licenses affected. They thus reach the compensation stage of the proceedings, when two sets of valuations come before them—one prepared by their own valuers, and the other by the claimants for compensation. In the city of Bristol, where the year's work under the Act is complete, eleven houses were scheduled for closure. The licensees claimed £11,500; the official valuer estimated compensation at £6165—a difference of £5335, or 46 per cent. There was a dispute, and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue have been asked to adjudicate. In Warrington £3000 was claimed for one house in a leading thoroughfare—monopoly value. The corporation owned the site. The compensation granted was £2210, out of which the tenant received only £70. In Bolton three official valuers were necessary. The claims have not all been settled at time of writing. They include a number of small houses and two big ones, both belonging to the municipality; the rent of each alone is £200 a year. Only one case is on record as yet in which the claimant's and justices' estimates of compensation were identical. In Manchester, in a large number of cases, the claimants accepted the justices' compen-

sation proposals. In this great midland centre two-fifths of the houses to be closed belonged to private persons, the remainder being owned by brewers.

The principles guiding valuation for compensation purposes may be illustrated by a couple of examples taken from Manchester's experience. The value of property adjacent to or in close proximity to the public house or hotel to be closed is used as being of assistance in assessing its value after the license is withdrawn:

- (a) A beer house and adjoining dwelling houses fronting a main Manchester tramway. The market value of the former was 24½ years' purchase of the rent, equivalent to a return of 4.1 per cent., whilst the market value of the adjacent houses was 8½ years' purchase equal to 11.7 per cent.; the difference is the monopoly value, which in this case is larger than the average. In both cases deductions from the rentals would have to be made, which are too technical to be quoted here, and which would, to some extent, but not materially, modify the figures. In many cases the difference is much less; in others it is greater.
- (b) A public-house, fully licensed, in a side street; rent £45, without chief rent. In this case the market value was only sixteen years' purchase of the rental, equivalent to a yield of 6.2 per cent. Adjoining small weekly houses, the type of the district, were of ten years' purchase market value, but from the latter chief rent, rates, and so on have to be deducted.

Until the end of 1905, when the official statistics for the whole of England will be available, it is not possible to estimate what the gradual method of extinguishing licenses under the Balfour Act will cost "the trade" annually. The foregoing will be sufficient to show that the Act is being worked on business lines. The "trade," which in a measure benefits by the reduction in the number of licensed houses, has to pay the compensation to those of its members who are dispossessed by what, with all its defects, is on the whole an impartial tribunal. The lower valuations of premises once licensed as public-houses will affect the rates slightly, but otherwise the public purse will not suffer.

A LOST ART.

(By G. R. Barnett-Smith in "The Wine Trade Review.")

Looking at the pictures of our forefathers seated round the festive board it is easy to conjure up the discussion which took place at the different banquets over this or that particular glass of wine.

One has only to notice the almost fatherly care with which the butler handles the decanter to feel assured that he takes an intelligent interest in the wines which he has charge, and is proud of the fact that they are appreciated.

Turn again to those old canvases of the jolly monks. Notice the smile of satisfaction on the face of one of the monks, on whom has devolved the not unpleasant task of looking after the cellar, as he holds a glass of wine to the light of a candle in the corner of the cobwebbed vault. The fine, brilliant condition of the wine is already enough to gladden the heart of the true connoisseur before lingering over the exquisite aroma and finally the delicate flavour. Such indeed is a pleasure to one who has the palate, the inclination, and the knowledge to discriminate.

Anyone can swallow a glass of liquid such a process requires no education, no special knowledge. But these are essentially necessary in order to properly appreciate one of the finest products of Nature, and to thoroughly enjoy the wines of different countries. The present-day host, with few exceptions, knows little about his cellar, and cares less. In many cases it is too much trouble to see that the claret or Burgundy is in good condition. If the wine should be sold as is most likely to be the case in the winter, the order is given to put the bottle for a few minutes in some hot water "to take the chill off." Such a sudden change in temperature is enough to upset the internal mechanism of a bottle of gingerbeer, let alone the delicate nature of a fine claret or Burgundy.

Then, should the wine be badly de-
 anted, mine host says, "Take this stuff
 way and bring in a bottle of cham-
 agne," because here at least he feels on
 safe ground, as given one of the fashion-
 able brands, his guests know the pecu-
 liary market value of what he is giving
 heb, relieving them of the necessity of
 tasting the wine or of troubling them-
 selves as to its quality.

Thus for want of a little knowledge,
 ut more for want of a little trouble,
 he fashion of drinking some of the very
 best and purest of wines has gone out.
 Now very different a claret or Burgundy
 tastes if brought up from the cellar and
 allowed to stay in the room in which it
 is to be consumed for at least twelve
 hours, but better still twenty-four hours
 previously!!

Naturally, no amount of careful hand-
 ling will make a good wine out of a cheap
 -called wine; but, on the other hand, a
 ne wine is improved beyond all knowl-
 edge by proper and careful treatment,
 whereas it may be entirely spoilt for want
 of a little trouble and attention. Men
 nowadays will often discuss the peculiar
 merits of certain brands and vintages of
 champagne and cigars, but an intelligent
 palate in wines and the cultivation of
 palate appears to be a lost art.

THE VINTAGE OF 1905.

The "Wine Trade Review" states that
 reports received from the various wine-
 growing centres appear to indicate that
 as a whole the European vintage will be
 somewhat short in quantity, but gener-
 ally of satisfactory quality. From Bor-
 deaux the vineyards are reported to be
 in splendid condition, having suffered in
 only a slight degree from cryptogamic
 and other diseases. It is anticipated
 that the gathering will be commenced at
 an early date, and in a general way this
 is regarded as being favourable to qual-
 ity.

In the champagne country considerable
 damage has been done during the past
 months by storms and hail, but more
 recently the conditions have improved,
 and it is anticipated that there will be a
 good average yield. A correspondent at
 Reims states that the vintage in Bur-
 gundy is likely to be more satisfactory
 than was expected a month ago, the vines
 having escaped serious damage from the
 great heat that was experienced a little
 time back.

From Cognac it is reported that oidium

and mildew have made their appearance
 in certain places, but for the most part
 the vines are in excellent condition, and
 a good crop is anticipated, although it
 will not approach the great quantity ob-
 tained last year.

The Oporto correspondent states that
 heavy thunderstorms have caused serious
 damage locally, while excessive heat, fol-
 lowed by rains and comparatively cold
 nights, has told against the proper and
 regular progress of the grapes, with the
 result that cryptogamic diseases are at-
 tacking the vines, especially in the higher
 altitudes. The vintage will be late, and,
 while it is estimated that the Douro will
 produce only half as much as last year,
 it is more than probable that, owing to
 the irregular season, the quality will not
 be high.

A much better report comes from
 Spain. A correspondent at Jerez-de-la-
 Frontera states that there is a very
 good show of grapes, that the vines are
 singularly free from disease, and that if
 everything goes on favourably for the
 next few weeks an abundant vintage may
 be expected. In Germany the quantity
 will be short—according to some reports
 very short indeed—but there is hope in
 regard to the quality.

HOME NOTES.

(London "L.V. Gazette," August 18,
 1905).

Are corporations responsible for the
 payment of costs incurred by the bor-
 ough licensing justices in fighting man-
 damus cases in the King's Bench Divi-
 sion and the Court of Appeal? This is
 a question that has been engaging the
 attention of the Birkenhead Town Coun-
 cil in connection with the Birkenhead
 cases, and after a discussion lasting over
 three hours the Council, with the view
 of putting an end to the deadlock which
 has arisen between the Finance Commit-
 tee and the justices, passed a resolution
 by 21 votes to 12 ordering the commit-
 tee to pay the costs in dispute, amount-
 ing altogether to about £700, forthwith.

What the ratepayers will say to this,
 especially after the opinion expressed by
 a well-known King's Bench counsel whose
 advice had been sought by the Finance
 Committee remains to be seen. His
 communication, which was read at the
 meeting, was to the following effect:

"The borough fund is a statutory
 fund, and can only be applied towards
 the payment of such things as are ex-

pressly authorised by statute. I am not
 aware of any statutory provision which
 authorises the costs in question to be de-
 frayed out of the borough fund. I am
 of opinion that the Corporation may be
 restrained from making any such pay-
 ment."

Whatever may be said to the contrary,
 there can be little doubt that the Fi-
 nance Committee practically made ac-
 knowledgment of its liabilities in advanc-
 ing £300 to the justices on account in
 connection with these cases. The chair-
 man of the committee, however, insisted
 that this money was advanced not out of
 the borough fund, but out of money in
 the hands of the borough treasurer. Fur-
 ther, he contended that the passing of
 the resolution would not relieve the
 deadlock since all orders for payments
 by the Finance Committee must be
 passed by three of the members, and in
 the event of payment being challenged,
 those signatories were liable to sur-
 charge. Surely, however, the Town
 Council would never have instructed the
 committee "to pay the costs forthwith"
 if they had not the power to enforce
 their order being carried into effect.
 This, however, does not get over the diffi-
 culty with the ratepayers.

We have heard a good deal lately about
 the trader's right to bottles. There was
 the case at Southampton a short time
 ago when the judge laid it down that if
 the bottles were embossed with the name
 of the firm the purchaser had no right
 or title to them, no matter what he might
 have given for them. Several cases have
 since cropped up in Scotland, and in each
 an interim injunction has been granted
 restraining their use by the purchasers
 while damages have also been claimed.
 The surprising thing is that well-known
 brewery firms and aerated water manu-
 facturers should have posed as innocent
 people in connection with this matter. A
 trader's right to the exclusive use of his
 own bottles is recognised throughout the
 country. Evidently none of the firms
 proceeded against could have studied the
 provisions of the Merchandise Marks Act
 or the litigation would never have taken
 place. In one case it was sought to
 make out that the use of the bottles must
 have been accidental, not intentional,
 and it was urged that if interdict were
 granted it might injure the firm. In
 any event if it were granted it ought to
 be "granted on caution." The sheriff,
 in granting the interim interdict, very
 properly refused to entertain any such

suggestion. There would be no neces-
 sity to go to the expense of embossed
 bottles if they were no protection to the
 Trade.

In the face of the unsatisfactory, not
 to say disastrous, reports presented by
 some of the English brewery companies,
 the shareholders of Mitchell and Butler's,
 Limited, may well congratulate them-
 selves on the result of the year's trading
 which permits of the payment of a divi-
 dend on the ordinary shares of 20 per
 cent. At the same time they must not
 lull themselves into a sense of false se-
 curity. In order to meet the demands
 for compensation under the new Licens-
 ing Act, this company will be called
 upon to pay something like £10,000 per
 annum, and the chairman—Mr. Henry
 Mitchell—frankly told the shareholders
 at the meeting on Monday that they must
 regard this amount as a permanent and
 fixed charge upon the earnings. And
 yet there are people who will persist in
 calling this Act a "brewers' endowment
 scheme!" This contribution practically
 means 2 per cent. of the dividend on the
 ordinary shares, and the amount will
 have to be provided out of next year's
 and future profits. To-day the £5
 shares which are quoted on the Birming-
 ham Exchange at 15½ give a return of
 about £6 7s 6d per cent. The conver-
 sion of these shares will be proceeded
 with at an early date.

"British growers can supply the brew-
 ers this year, and the foreigner can keep
 his hops at home." This is the remark
 made by a correspondent in connection
 with the hop crop, which, judging from
 the various reports published, is likely
 to prove an excellent one, alike from the
 point of view of quantity and of quality.
 It is quite possible that growers and mer-
 chants will be willing to accept lower
 prices, but this does not mean—as some
 people seem to think—that beer will be
 cheaper. Beer, in fact, is quite cheap
 enough, and neither the public or the
 Trade would be benefited by any altera-
 tion in the present retail price. What is
 greatly desired by the Trade is a relief
 from the heavy taxation which they have
 borne ever since the outbreak of the
 South African war, and it is hoped that
 the Chancellor of the Exchequer will see
 his way clear next year to take off the
 extra duty.

A good deal is heard on this side about
 colonial preference, but it should be dis-

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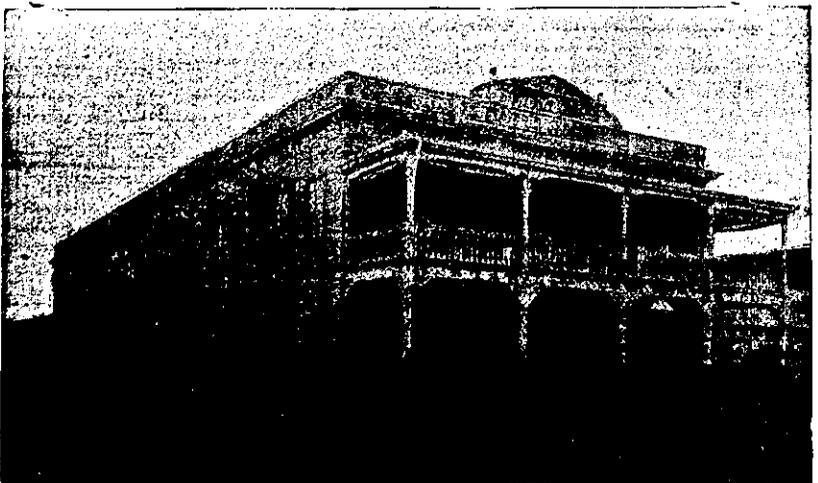


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tinotly understood that there is nothing of a sentimental character about the offers now being made by "England's sons beyond the seas." Take Canada's offer, for instance, to admit Cape wines into the Dominion at the rate of 25 cents per gallon. Why the Cape, which is producing little more than is needed for its own consumption, and not Australia, which is cultivating a large export trade, not only with this country, but with the Continent of Europe? The Canadian Finance Minister replies: "Because Australia does not give us the benefit of any preference, whilst South Africa does." New South Wales, which produces large quantities of wine, formerly had a preference with Canada, but after the Australian colonies were united into a Commonwealth the tariff conditions were changed and the preference ceased. But when all is said and done, the preference granted to South Africa is nothing very considerable; it is simply to allow the wines of that country to enter Canada up to 40 per cent. of proof spirit at a duty of 25 cents per gallon, under which French wines of 26 per cent. or less are now admitted.

That the resolution passed by the Leeds City Council in favour of appealing to Parliament on behalf of the licensing justices for power to close public-houses and clubs earlier at night and open them at a later hour in the morning would raise a storm of opposition is only what might have been expected. The local licensed victuallers' association may be expected to deal with this matter in no half-hearted way, and they will receive support from a large body of the ratepayers. Meanwhile the executive of the Wakefield district branch of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union, representing fifty-two clubs and a membership of over 10,000, have entered a strong protest against any alteration of the licensing laws which will give to justices power to interfere with club hours of opening and closing, and each member of Parliament representing any portion of the area of the branch is to be approached with the view of ascertaining his attitude on the question.

The Trade as a body must regret to find that there have been so many prosecutions of late for permitting betting on licensed premises. It is time that some warning was issued. One can excuse the inexperienced license-holder, but it is difficult to understand a publican who has long been in business running the risk of a conviction. A bookmaker, of course, is quite at liberty to enter any public-house, and should he use the bar for the purpose of paying debts made and lost elsewhere, that is not using the house for "the purpose of betting with persons resorting thereto," but where a professional betting man conducts the business of ready-money betting in the bar to the knowledge of the licensee, the licensee is guilty of an offence under the Licensing Act of 1872, and the bookmaker may be prosecuted under the Betting Act of 1853. No Trade Protection Society could defend any licensed victualler who deliberately broke the law in this connection, and should any license-holder know of a bookmaker who uses the bar of his house for the purpose of betting with the customers, the sooner he is warned off the premises the better. While the trade can boast of its friends, it is not without its enemies.

All who travel over the Continent of Europe, either for pleasure or business, are well aware of the keen competition that exists amongst the hotel proprietors, especially at the various seaside resorts. The system of touting, however, now so prevalent, is likely to receive a check by a recent decision of the Havre Commercial Court. On the arrival of an Englishman at Dieppe who had booked five bedrooms for himself and family at one of the leading hotels, he was met by the interpreter of a boarding-house, the proprietor of which had also received notification of the visit of a traveller of the same name. This interpreter, it appears, was formerly employed at the hotel in question, and although it is said that he well knew he had to look after a single visitor, he made himself known to the Englishman and his family of five, and conducted them to the boarding establishment. An action for damages was instituted by the proprietor of the hotel against the boarding-house keeper, and judgment was given in his favour, the judge remarking:

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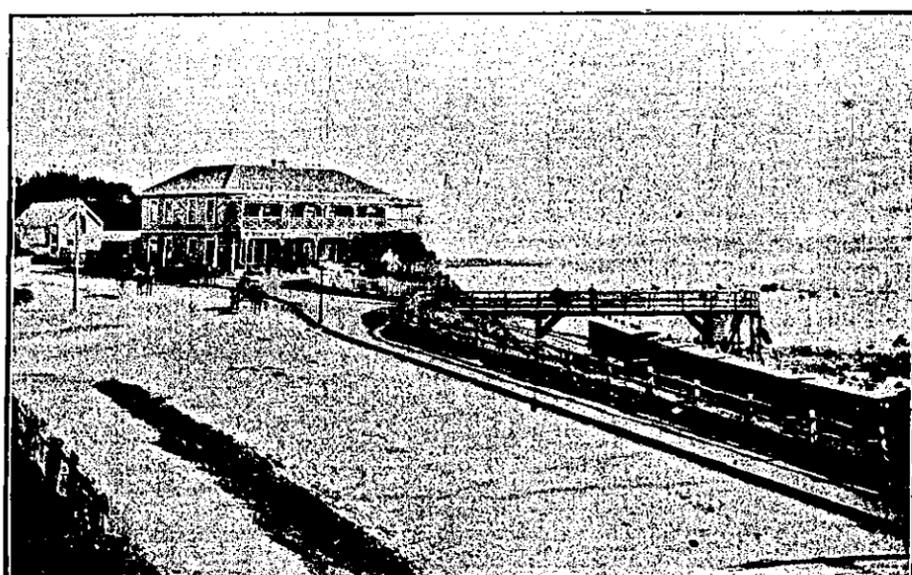
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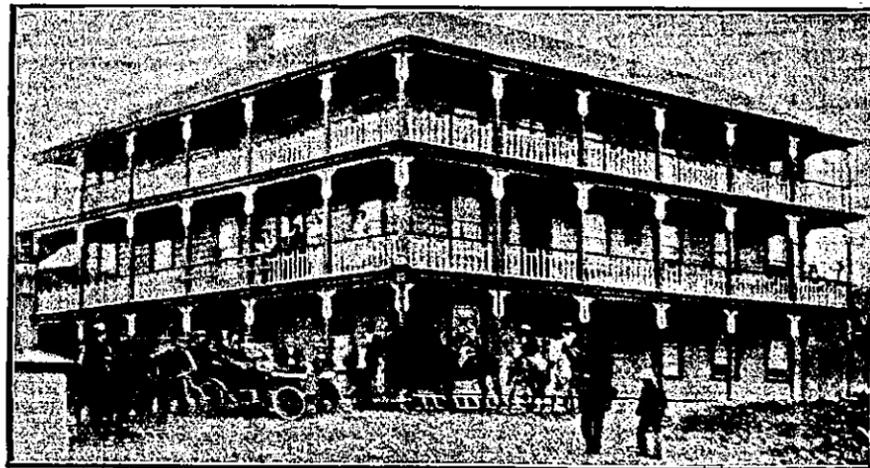
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PARS ON POLITICS.

The Opposition candidate (Mr. Murdoch McLean) for the Parnell electorate at the forthcoming general elections addressed a large meeting of electors at Cairns' Hall, Ellerslie, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Charles McKinney occupied the chair. The candidate, who was received with applause, said that he was in sympathy with the workman, and was not a mere talker, but practical. Auckland, he submitted, had not had a fair share of the public expenditure as regards railways and other public works. The present proposed expenditure upon the Helensville Northward line was £30,000, which, the Minister said, was all that could be expended. This was insignificantly small as compared with the enormous sums which the Government was spending upon experimental lines in the South. The Otago Central was an entirely unnecessary line, and the present allocations for it, and to the Midland line, were made for no other reason than to keep the present Government in office. The Main Trunk line had already been 20 years under construction, and the Government promised to complete it within three or four years, but he was confident that at the rate they were now going it could not be completed for six years to come. No business firm, he submitted, would carry on their work in such a manner, and to illustrate this he had only to contrast the expedition with which the Tramways Company had carried out the construction of their lines, and the instalment of the necessary plant. Touching upon the question of public buildings, Mr. McLean declared the present Police Court buildings in Auckland were disgraceful, while the railway station was obsolete, and yet the Government had lately spent £100,000 in providing Dunedin with a fine, new, handsome railway station! The private tender for the construction of the Dunedin railway station was £44,000, so that, therefore, the Government had spent more than double the original estimate. He claimed as planks in his platform: Justice for Auckland district, efficiency and economy in public works expenditure, freehold land tenure, and the satisfactory settlement

of the native lands question. He contended that the public works were carried out in an obsolete manner, and that money was wasted through inefficient supervision. The engineers should be first-class men, and should receive higher salaries than they received at present. Freehold was the only satisfactory form of tenure, as it was only by that means that the best could be got out of the soil. Upon the land question the Premier had propounded no policy, and a large sum had been spent upon the Land Commission, with no beneficial result. For his own part, he thought that the tendency of the present Government was to pass too many Acts. What did a law-abiding country like New Zealand, he asked, want with 200 or 300 Acts every year? Mr. McLean also spoke on the Native land question, and at the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded him.

The following verses, appearing in the "Australasian" on Mr. Bent, would rather aptly apply to one of our own leading politicians:—

Though running on to eighteen stone,
I'm nimble as a flea,
The genus *Pulex irritans*
Is slow compared to me.
I buzz about the universe,
From Beersheba to Dan,
And people say as I pass by,
"There goes a busy man."

If I've a meeting to address,
I never keep it long,
I touch on public questions,
Then sing a comic song.
A tenor's voice at fifty-five,
Is not the flute of Pan,
But people all allow, for that
I'm such a busy man.

In every little country town,
They all want my falsetto,
Yet some a year or so ago
Would give me a stiletto,
That's when the railway strike was on,
And I beneath their ban,
Yet even then you will admit,
I was a busy man.

At seven o'clock I'm amiable
And meek as any mouse;
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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The Premier was interviewed as he was leaving Dunedin for the North. He gave some idea of the party's intentions in regard to Southern seats at the forthcoming election. Mr. Hanan will have the party's support for Invercargill, and Mr. McNab for Maitaia. It is not intended to run anyone for Wallace, and as both Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Gilfedder seem determined to stand for Wakatipu in the Government interest, no "hall mark" is likely to be given. In Otago Mr. Daniel Stewart has been approved for Clutha; Mr. A. Marshall for Taieri, and Mr. J. A. McPherson for Mount Ida. It goes without saying that the supporters of the Government in the present Parliament for other seats will continue to have the support of the Liberal party.

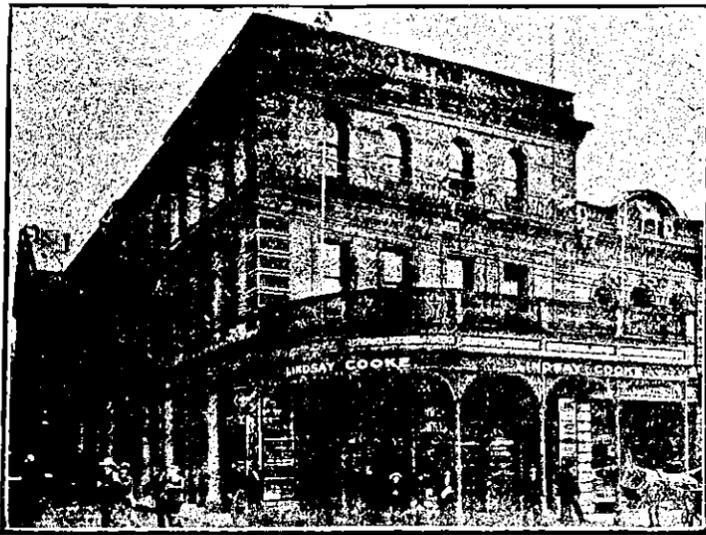
The Premier, in an interview at Dunedin, said he thinks the session will close about October 20. Referring to the police he said that changes were contemplated as the outcome of the report of the Commission, but the officers to be transferred would not lose their positions. Legislation, he said, would be necessary to enable Supreme Court judges to act as a Commission of Inquiry into the effectiveness of the Audit Department.

The Premier, who passed through Christchurch on Monday night on his journey from Dunedin to Wellington, stated in an interview that no definite steps had yet been taken in reference to the continuance of the South African subsidised steam service. He had been informed at Dunedin that as the old war supplies had now been finished in South Africa, and things had reached their normal level, large importations into that country could be looked forward to. Re-

ferring to the Anglo-Japanese treaty, Mr. Seddon said New Zealanders would respect Japan so long as she remained within her zone and New Zealand got what was in our zone. He also stated no steps had yet been taken to invite a member of the Royal Family to be present at the opening ceremony of the exhibition. The matter was yet premature. He could give no information as to whether the exhibits from foreign countries would be on a large scale. Since the meeting in Christchurch no further action had been taken as to the harvester trust. He understood a petition for presentation to Parliament was being largely signed, and the workers intended making representations on the subject very shortly. Mr. Seddon emphatically stated that the Electoral Bill would be passed into law this session.

Mr. Bolland has asked the Minister for Education to place a subsidy of £ for £ on the Supplementary Estimates, not to exceed £100, for the purpose of assisting the Mount Eden District School Committee to construct a swimming bath in the school grounds, on condition that the committee collect £100 by voluntary contributions.

A correspondent, writing to the Wellington "Post," makes the following remarks in the course of some comments on the native land question:—"Our Premier is very fond of telling the Maoris in 'earful accents that he is their father, and they are his children, and he will save them from the rapacity of the pakeha Maoris, while the Native Minister has elevated the 'taihoa' policy to a sublime art. Simple matters, such as the allocating of certain areas set apart for landless natives in the South Island many years ago by the late Sir A. J.



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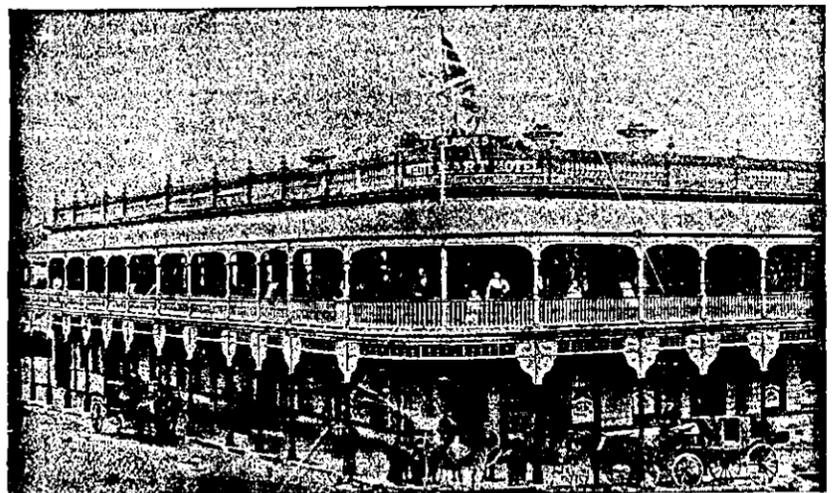
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In conversation at Gisborne last week, Mr. Ngata, who is a candidate for the Eastern Maori seat, said he was opposed to the latest development in Maori land legislation, the Maori Land Settlement Bill. He stated that the Maori councils had not demanded that any measure should be passed to tie up their lands. He had found among the settlements a unanimous desire to throw them open. If the old Act were to remain in force, the natives on the East Coast thought an amendment should be passed permitting extended leases of native lands. The natives would speedily lease. Mr. Carroll, he said, had jumped from the optional to compulsory system.

A meeting of the supporters of Mr. E. W. Alison, M.H.R., in connection with the forthcoming contest for the Waitemata seat, was held in the Zion Hall, Birkenhead, last Thursday night. The meeting was a thoroughly representative one, and the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character. Amongst those present was Mr. C. E. Button, who occupied the chair. Mr. Button referred to the services of Mr. Alison in the House, and to his efficient representation of the electorate since his election three years ago. A very strong committee was formed, with Mr. Thompson as chairman, and Mr. B. T. Hawkins as secretary.

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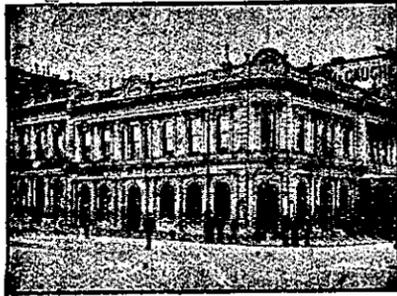
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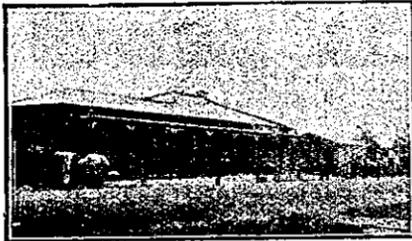
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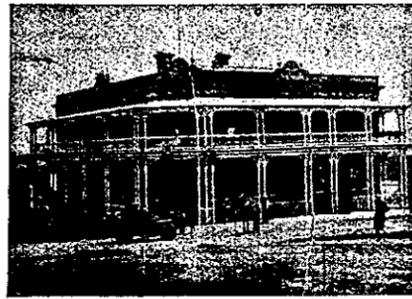
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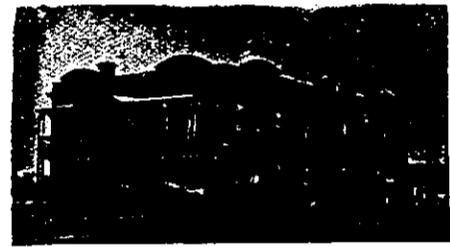
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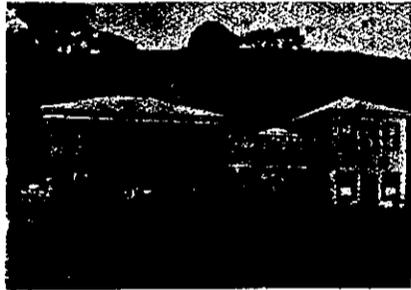
J. T. McHUGH Proprietor.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PAEROA.

J. H. MOORE Proprietor.

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



MASONIC HOTEL, WHANGAROA.

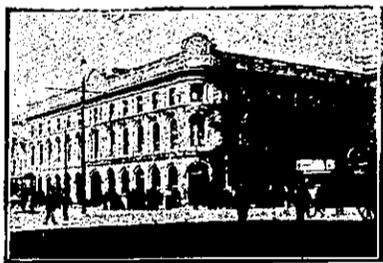
C. GOTHARD Proprietor.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-Class Accommodation for Visitors, Tourists, and Commercial Travellers. Plunge and Shower Baths. Paddock, Horses for Hire. Oil launch. Billiards. A magnificent place for a holiday. Tariff, 6s per day.

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T. HYLAND Proprietor.

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



THAMES HOTEL, CORNER OF QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

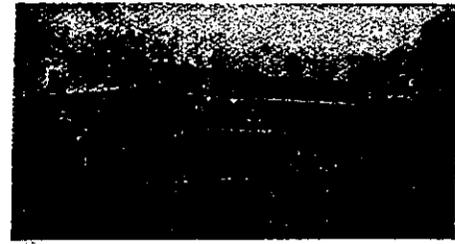
Commercial and Family Hotel. First-class Accommodation. Day and Night Porter. Terms Moderate. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Telephone No. 369.

E. LUKS Proprietor.



BRIDGE HOTEL, KAUKAPAKAPA. WALTER DYER Proprietor.

Excellent Accommodation for Travelers and Visitors. Billiard Room.



WAIHI HOTEL, WAIHI.

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

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J. MORRISON Proprietor.

TARIFF, from 8/6 per day.

HUKERENUI HOTEL, HUKERENUI. THE TERMINUS OF THE RAILWAY.

Having secured the Freehold of the above convenient Hotel, the proprietress is now making extensive and permanent alterations, so as to comfortably accommodate the Travelling Public who use it. Free House, and Liquors of the Best. A Good Table kept, and Charges Moderate.

M. E. KEATLEY Proprietress.

THE TOWAI HOTEL, TOWAI.

On the Main Road to or from Whangarei. The Proprietor of the above well-known and old-established Hotel, having recently acquired the lease, begs to notify the general public that when they call in all their wants will be especially attended to. Wines, Spirits, and Beers, a Good Table, and something for the horse. Charges reasonable.

D. FORSYTH Proprietor.

MACKAYTOWN HOTEL. Situate on the Road between Paeroa and Karangahake.

MR W. WOODWARD, late of the Pacific Hotel, Thames, desires to inform the public of Thames and Ohinemuri Districts that he has taken over the proprietorship of the above well-known and popular hostelry. The Dining-room will be under the control of Mrs Woodward, which is a sufficient guarantee of its efficiency. Don't forget to give "Rock" a call when passing.



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Near Railway Station, Tram Terminus, The Wharf, and 'Bus Stands. First-class Table d'Hote. Conveyance meets Steamers and Trains. Tariff: 7s. per day; £1 2s. per week. Telephone 870. This Hotel has a beautiful view of the Harbour. MAURICE O'CONNOR Proprietor.

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THE SPORTING RENDEZVOUS.

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CARLTON CLUB HOTEL, NEWMARKET.

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

EPSOM HOTEL, EPSOM (Opposite Alexandra Park).

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

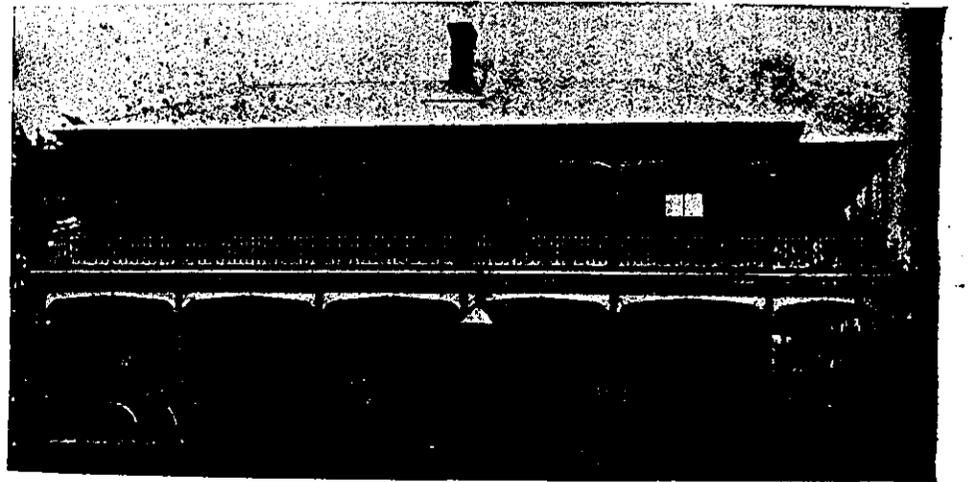
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Best Brands of Wines and Spirits

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Harp of Erin Hotel, ELLERSLIE.

GEORGE WRIGHT, Proprietor.

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

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(Opp. Ponsonby Reservoir.)

FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES
AND SPIRITS.

T. W. WATTS Proprietor.



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W. T. BRAY

Having taken over the above Hotel, has increased the accommodation and renovated the Premises throughout. Customers can rely on Every Comfort and Attention. THE BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK. Ample Sample Rooms for Commercial Travellers. Good Billiard Table. Stable Accommodation Superior to anything North of Auckland.



VICTORIA HOTEL,
VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Visitors. Splendid Billiard Table and Appointments.

T. B. O'CONNOR ... Proprietor.

BRITISH HOTEL,
CORNER OF
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THOS. BUXTON ... Proprietor.
FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES OF THE
BEST BRANDS.

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

PAPAKURA HOTEL,
PAPAKURA.

Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Your old friend Thos. McEwin has taken over the above Hotel and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accommodation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs. THOS. McEWIN Proprietor.

The Farthest North.

JOSEPH EVANS, JUNR.
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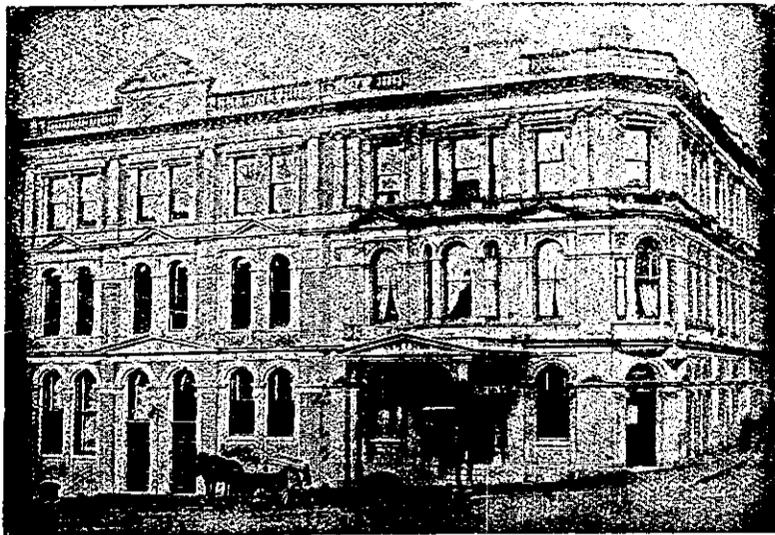
CHARGES MODERATE.
LIQUORS OF THE BEST.

Don't Forget—

Joseph Evans, Junr.
Proprietor.

RISING SUN HOTEL,
KARANGAHAPE ROAD,

J. McKEANE, so long and favourably known at Panmure in connection with hotel-keeping, wishes to announce that he has taken over the Rising Sun Hotel, Karangahape Road, where he hopes to see all his old and new friends, who may pass his way. Superior accommodation for boarders. Tel. 1717.



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VICTORIA STREET EAST, AUCKLAND.

J. W. SPEERS Manager.

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Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.

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Corner of
HOBSON AND VICTORIA STREETS,
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Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.

M. FOLEY Proprietor.



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NEWMARKET.

CHRIS. LEEK Proprietor.

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

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

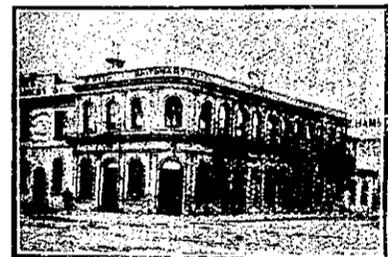


WHANGAREI HOTEL,
WHANGAREI.

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

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

Best Wines, Ales and Spirits Kept in Stock. SAMUEL McMAHON Proprietor.



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BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES KEPT.

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

AWKLAND PROVINCE *Continued.*



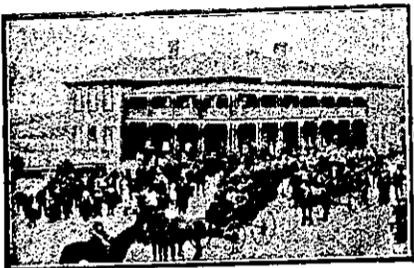
JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM.

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

WINES, SPIRITS & BEERS—BEST ONLY.

Give me a Call—

J. COTTERALL Proprietor.



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OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS.

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HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS.

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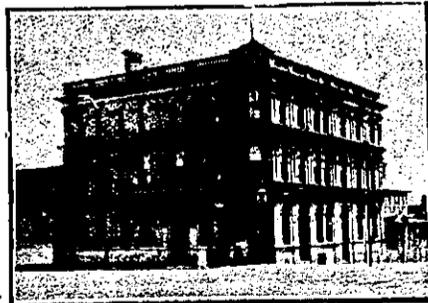
THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



OHAEAWAI HOTEL, OHAEAWAI BAY OF ISLANDS.

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

Begs to state that having got the "Corner" into thorough working trim, no effort will be spared to Cater for Visitors of all Classes. Suffice to say that Cleanliness, Civility, a Good Table, and Moderate Rate shall be a Strict Rule as heretofore. Best Wines and Spirits Only Kept. Ehrenfried's XXXX Beer on Draught. The Best of Beers. First-class Stabling, Paddocking and Billiards.



CITY HOTEL, CORNER OF VICTORIA AND HOBSON STS, AUCKLAND.

WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry)

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

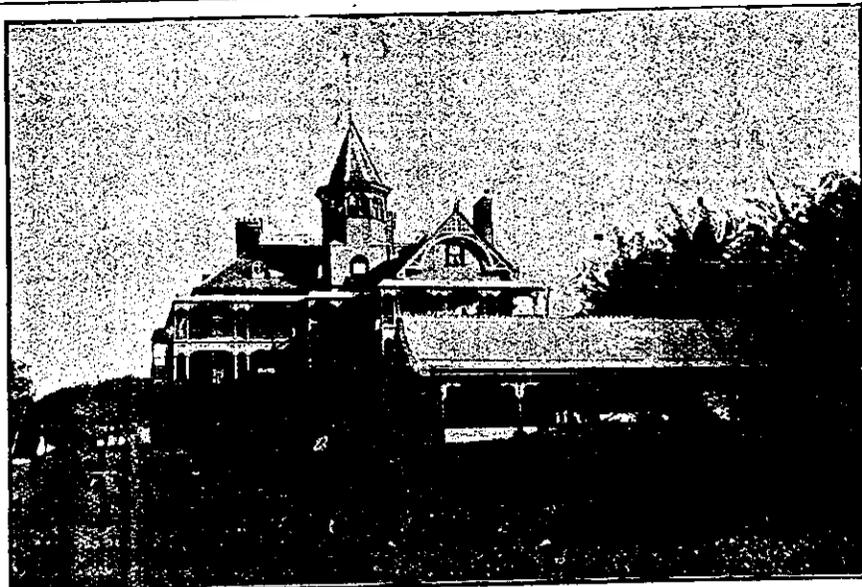
MANUKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF, QUEEN-ST, ONEHUNGA.

This Hotel is directly situated on the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for travellers either leaving or arriving from Wellington and the South via New Plymouth. Good accommodation and table. Only the best brands of liquor kept. Stabling, Boating and Fishing Parties arranged. T. MICHAELS Proprietor.

HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY.

L. B. HARRIS.....PROPRIETOR.

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



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

H. S. BOOKER Proprietor.



RAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGAHAKE
Across the Bridge.

MR P. CROSBY Proprietor.

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

OWHAROA HOTEL,
MAIN-STREET, WAIKINO.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

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

S. W. BUCK,

SUFFOLK HOTEL,
PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

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

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only. Billiards.

S. W. BUCK Proprietor.

LETTERS FROM WOMEN.

From Miss B. McIntyre, 33 Simmons Street, South Yarra, Vic., 5th Sept. inter, 1903.

"I have taken Warner's Safe Cure and Safe Pills when suffering from extreme weakness and prostration, caused by general debility, followed by loss of appetite, headache, depression of spirits, and constipation. I was obliged to give up work temporarily. The suffering I endured and the terrible condition I was in, can only be known by those women who have undergone the same experience. I then heard of Warner's Safe Cure and Pills, and had only taken a few bottles of the former, and a few of the latter, when I was completely restored to health and my usual vigour."

From Mrs Annie Harris, of Charlton, George Street, Norwood, S.A.

"About seven years ago I contracted a severe internal complaint and was in a very critical state. The doctor attending me told me that if I lived I should be a sufferer all my lifetime. His treatment was quite useless in giving me relief. After two or three years I got tired of paying doctor's fees for no benefit, and hearing of Warner's Safe Cure I gave it a trial. I took, in all, five bottles, and am thankful to state that I am perfectly cured. The medical man was genuinely surprised at such a wonderful result. I am now as well as it is possible to be, and give Warner's Safe Cure the whole credit for accomplishing what doctors deemed impossible. Hoping that ladies, suffering as I did, will profit, I am writing to you now. My mother considered that her life was saved by the use of Warner's Safe Cure in a somewhat similar complaint."

From Mrs M. A. West, 89 Duke Street, Burnley, Vic., 17th February, 1903.

"For several years I was prostrated by a disease the doctors could give no name to. I was treated by some of the leading physicians in England, but not one of them gave me any hope of recovery. The symptoms were extreme nervousness, loss of appetite, great depression of spirits, chronic pain in my back and head, general weakness, loss of flesh, and my urine was thick andropy. As the doctors could do nothing for me it was decided that I should go to Australia, in the hope that the change of climate would benefit me, though our family physician said that I might not live out the voyage. However, I started, accompanied by my husband. I was very ill all the way over, and landed in Australia in a very weak state. I was again treated by a doctor, but gradually got worse, and began to think that death would be a relief. At this time an old lady advised me to try Warner's Safe Cure. As a last resource I did so

After taking the third bottle I began to improve in health, getting stronger and brighter each day, greatly to the surprise of myself and friends. All pain and weakness left me, my appetite returned, and in a short time I was quite cured. I gained several pounds in weight, and, thanks to Warner's Safe Cure, I am now in good health."

From Mrs R. L. Head, Vine Cottage, Second Street, Port Pirie, S.A.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to tell you of the great and lasting benefit I derived from the use of Warner's Safe Cure, for I feel that, but for that medicine, I should now be in my grave. I had been suffering for a very long time from a complaint common to women of middle age. I was losing flesh at an alarming rate. The doctors could do nothing for me, and I commenced to use Warner's Safe Cure, with a very forlorn hope. Greatly to the surprise of myself and friends I began to improve in health from the first bottle. I continued to take the medicine, and gained health and strength every day. In a few weeks I was up and about my household work, and am now quite stout and in good health."

From Mrs A. Frenz, Piper Street, South Broken Hill, N.S.W., 14th January, 1903.

"A few years ago, when in Victoria, I suffered excruciating pains in my body, especially in the chest and left side around the heart. I consulted three doctors: one said I had a tumor in my side, another that my heart was affected, and the other something else. Medicine was prescribed for me by one of them, which I took for some time. I then came to Broken Hill, and still continued to take the same medicine, but all to no purpose, for I was getting worse and weaker all the time and became so low that I thought I was going to die. I had read about Warner's Safe Cure, and decided to give up the doctor's medicine and try the former. The first bottles I took gave me so much relief that I continued the treatment, in conjunction with Warner's Safe Pills, getting better and stronger each week. My appetite returned, I could eat and sleep well, and all bodily pain left me. I have gained in weight, and am now quite cured."

When the kidneys and liver are working inefficiently the blood becomes laden with uric acid and biliary poisons, and, as a consequence, we suffer from Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Indigestion, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Anaemia, Debility, Blood Disorders, Gravel, and Bladder Troubles. Warner's Safe Cure cures all these disorders speedily and permanently, simply because it restores the kidneys and liver to health and activity. The marvellous vitalising effect of the medicine is purely natural.

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 to 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.

ROBERT HUNT (late of Marton), Proprietor.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL
CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

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

S. J. FLEWELLYN ... Proprietor.



CENTRAL HOTEL,
QUEEN-STREET, MASTERTON.

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

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The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Hotel lighted with electric light throughout. Spacious Well-lighted Sample Room. S. J. GIBBONS ... Proprietor.

BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL,
LAMBTON QUAY,
WELLINGTON.

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

J. J. KELLY Proprietor



RUTLAND HOTEL, WANGANUI.

F. C. FABER ... Proprietor.

THE HOME OF THE TOURIST.

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

CASEY'S FAMILY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT.

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

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

Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes. JOHN YOUNG..... Proprietor

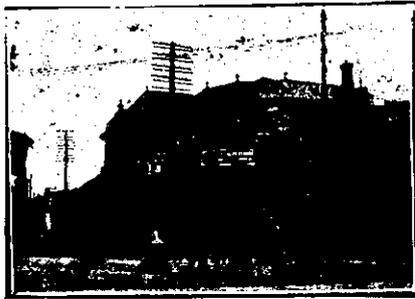
Patronised by His Excellency the Governor.

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

The appointed house for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, Wellington, also, Cook's Tourist Travellers.

All Appointments up-to-date. A. C. SCRIMGOUR Proprietor.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



ALBERT HOTEL, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR D. P. BARRETT Has pleasure in intimating that he has taken over the proprietorship of this well-known Commercial and Family Hotel, and trusts that his long experience in first-class hotel-keeping will add to the comfort of visitors. Suits of Rooms and all first class Accommodation for Tourists and Boarders. Excellent Table kept.

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff.

Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table Ample Stabling and Paddockings. Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.

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



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

First-class Accommodation. Good Table. All Up-to-date conveniences. Terms Moderate. Tel. 1053.

JOSEPH ROSS ... Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

R. J. WALTERS ... Proprietor.

First-class accommodation for visitors and the travelling public.

Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept.

First-class Billiard room

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First-class accommodation at a moderate tariff.

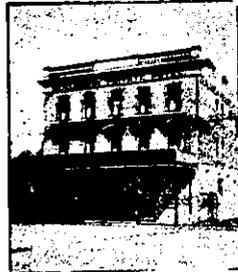
Every attention and all home comforts

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

E. SHERATT ... Proprietor

ZEALANDIA PRIVATE HOTEL, CAMBRIDGE TER., WELLINGTON.

(Opp. Clyde Quay School). Tel. 1656.



First-class Accommodation for Boarders and the Travelling Public.

GOOD TABLE. MODERATE TARIFF.

Baths: Hot, Cold and Shower.

Trams to all parts of Town and Suburbs at corner.

This New and Commodious Building comprises 45 Rooms, and its Accommodation is equal to any in Wellington.

MRS E. BUSHETT Proprietress.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

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

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading brands of Whiskies, Wines and Brandies. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for One ... Upstairs and dining-room under supervision of Mrs Devine.

Up-to-date Billiard Room, under capable management. W. DEVINE (Late of Marton Hotel).....Proprietor

CALEDONIAN HOTEL, OPPOSITE BASIN RESERVE, WELLINGTON.

Trams Pass the Hotel every few minutes.

I beg to announce that the house, which has only lately been rebuilt and refurnished, is now open to the travelling public. Good table kept at a reasonable tariff. None but the best brands of Wines and Spirits stocked, and only Speight's best draught Ales on tap.

GEO. A. ALLEN, Late of the Albert Hotel, Wellington, Proprietor.

PRINCESS HOTEL, TERRACE END, PALMERSTON NORTH.

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

C. J. BARFORD .. Proprietor.

GRAND NATIONAL HOTEL, PETER'S, WELLINGTON.

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

Excellent stabling, loose boxes, and paddocking.

JOHN PYKE - - - Proprietor.

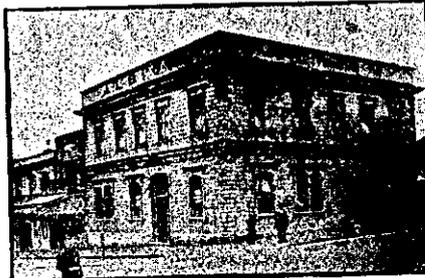
MAVANNES' VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

THE TOURIST'S HOTEL.

Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars.

Night Porter kept.

Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.



ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI.

(Opposite the Courthouse and Public Library).

PETER HARISHORN

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



SIDDELEY'S FEDERAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

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

CHAS. SIDDELEY ... Proprietor.

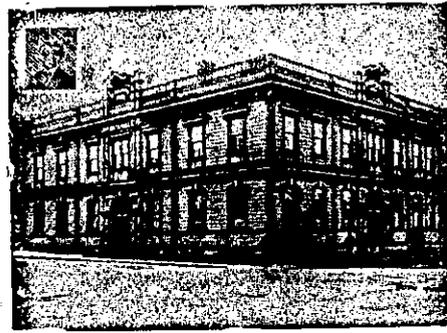
RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION), MARTON JUNCTION.

W. CLARKE .. Proprietor.

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

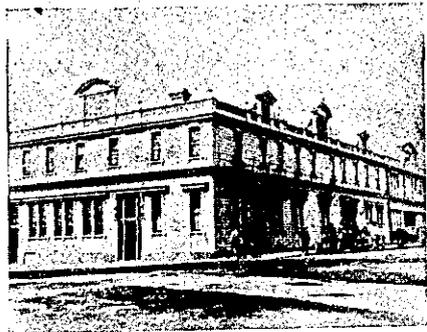
Good accommodation for the travelling public; also good stabling.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



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

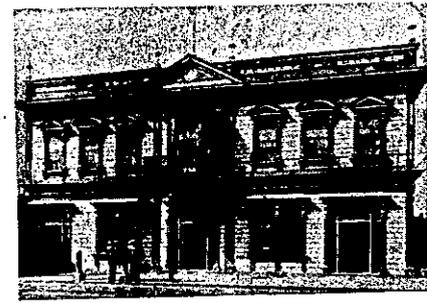
This commodious and well furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Mr Bennett's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night Porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams promptly attended to. P.O. Box 138. Telephone 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'Hotel daily from 12 to 2, and meals at all hours for travellers.

W. H. BLEASEL ... Proprietor.



PROVINCIAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

ONLY THE BEST OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.

W. TUCK ... Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL PRIVATE HOTEL, FEILDING.

Recently opened. Has been built in the most up-to-date style, and offers superior accommodation, together with the comforts of a home.

Excellent Cuisine.

Hot, cold, and shower baths.

Moderate Tariff.

R. McFARLANE ... Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

T. CHILDS ... Proprietor

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

WELLINGTON—Continued.

WAIRARAPA HOUSE, 51, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON

SITUATED in the quietest and healthiest part of Wellington, yet only minutes (per tram) to the heart of city.

Lit up by electricity, hot and cold baths, smoking, reading, and ladies' sitting rooms, piano, lofty bedrooms, spacious dining room. First class table.

Trams stop at the door.

Tariff from 4s per day. Special arrangements for Families and Permanent Boarders.

GEORGE COKER (Late of the Wairarapa), PROPRIETOR.

CENTRAL HOTEL, WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf)

A. M. GOW (late of Dunedin).....Proprietor

ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUEUR KEPT

MODERATE CHARGES.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

IMPERIAL HOTEL, DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

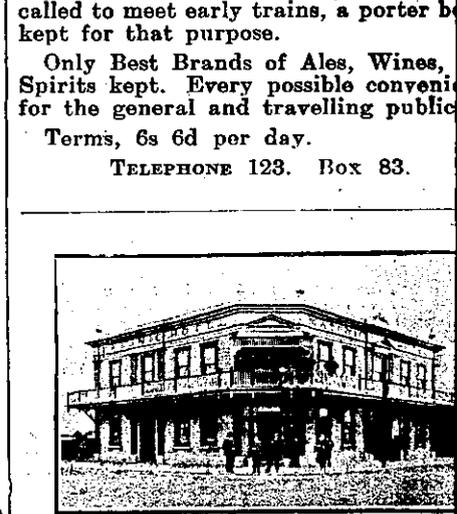
JAMES SMITH.....Proprietor

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, Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public

Terms, 6s 6d per day.

TELEPHONE 123. Box 83.



MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA

This hotel combines all the conveniences of 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, HAWKESBURY

A. J. JURY ... Proprietor

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

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS, CHRISTCHURCH.

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

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

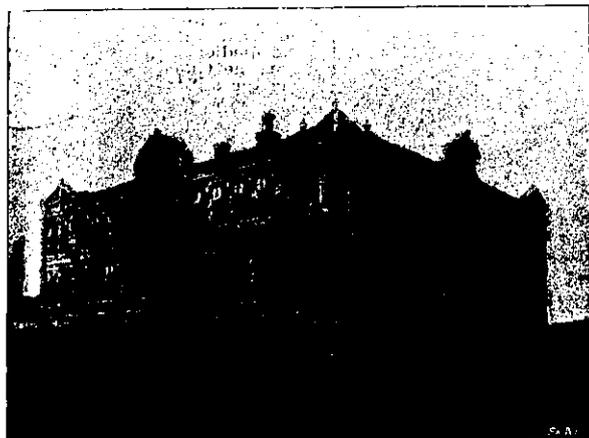
Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM. 30/- PER WEEK.

Comfort, Cleanliness, and Civility Guaranteed.

Letters and Telegrams Receive prompt attention.

TELEPHONE 747.



THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks. (Recognised as the Leading Unlicensed Hotel in Taranaki.) The above is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Laffy and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Dressing-rooms, Spacious Dining-room, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Convenient and Commodious Sample Rooms. THE PROPRIETOR IS UNDER AN EXPERIENCED CHEF. TERMS: Per Day, 4/6; Per Week, 22/.

TARANAKI—Cont.



DEVON HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-ST., NEW PLYMOUTH. OWEN WHITTLE.....PROPRIETOR.

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

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

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

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

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

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.

CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

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

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

Every convenience provided for the Travelling public. 12 Beds, 1s 6d. Meals served on arrival of ships and steamers. New building with brick walls. Complete fire escapes. Commodious and airy bedrooms. 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 JUBILEE-STREET, STRATFORD. Under Entirely New Management. Specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of Travelling Public. Commodious and Airy Bed and Bath Rooms. Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths. Kitchen is under the supervision of an experienced Cook.

Terms: 2s per Day, 4s 6d; per Week, 20s. Permanent Boarders, 18s. M. JONES, Proprietress (late of Queen-street Auckland).

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE

TARADALE HOTEL, TARADALE (NEAR NAPIER).

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

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

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

C. T. GRAY .. Proprietor.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA. Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public.

WINE, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. B. BELLOW .. Proprietor.

RAILWAY HOTEL, HASTINGS.

W. R. MARTIN - Proprietor.

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

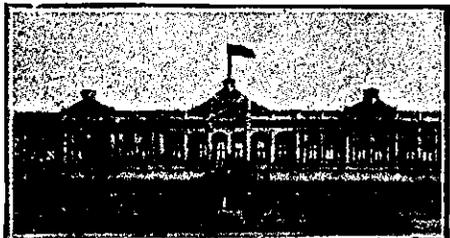
HAWKE'S BAY—Cont.

E. J. WARREN.

(Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels).

HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which 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 John's Prize Ales on Draught. Ward's Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wine and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.



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

R. C. DAVID, PROPRIETOR.

First-class Accommodation for Permanent and Travelling Public.

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

CRITERION HOTEL, TIMARU.

WILLIAM TOBIN (late of the Timaru Hotel) has leased the above Hotel, and will be glad to receive Friends and Visitors to Timaru. First-class Accommodation. Well-appointed Billiard Rooms. Hot and Cold Water Baths.

The Best Brands of Spirits and Ale in Stock. Terms Reasonable.

Theatricals Privately Catered For.

WM. TOBIN .. PROPRIETOR.

CLUB HOTEL, TIMARU.

Close to Railway Station, and offering Excellent Accommodation to Travellers.

Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths.

Best Brands of Liquors Stocked. Moderate Tariff.

E. WARD, Proprietor.

WALLINGFORD HOTEL, TEMUKA.

J. REILLY (late of the Criterion Hotel, Temuka).

First-class Accommodation for Travellers and Boarders. Baths, Hot, Cold and Shower. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales. Good Billiard-room. Free Stabling. One minute's walk and first house from Railway Station.

MASONIC HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH.

VISITORS to above Hotel will find a comfortable HOME, with Moderate Tariff.

EDWARD POWER, (Late Dunedin) Proprietor.

THE GLADSTONE HOTEL, OFF PAPANUI ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH.

AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE.

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

H. PIPER .. Proprietor.

Where to Stay in Christchurch!

STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL

(Opposite Christchurch Railway Station.)

LICENSEE .. F. W. MILLWARD.

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

SPEIGHT'S PRIZE ALES ON DRAUGHT.

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

Tariff .. 8s per Day .. £2 2s per Week



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

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

D. COLLINS .. PROPRIETOR.

CANTERBURY—Cont.



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

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 PRINCE STREET, DUNEDIN (3 Min. from Post Office).

MRS WAITS .. PROPRIETRESS.

Ideal Home for Families, Tourists, Visitors, and Commercial.

TARIFF FROM 4s 6d. PER DAY.

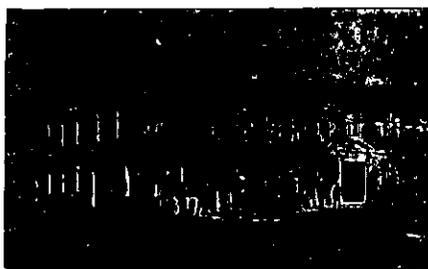
Permanent Boarders special arrangement.

Electric Tram stops at door. Metropole Express meets Trains and Steamers. Tel. 1804.

BOWLING GREEN HOTEL, CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS, DUNEDIN.

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

NOTED HOUSE FOR THE BEST WINES & SPIRITS



BRANSON'S HOTEL, DUNEDIN.

A HOUSE NEWLY BUILT.

NEWLY FURNISHED.

PERFECT IN ALL PARTS.

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CALEDONIAN HOTEL, WALKER-STREET, DUNEDIN.

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

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

CHICK'S PRIVATE HOTEL, MOUNT-STREET, PORT CHALMERS.

Best of Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff. Cuisine a Speciality.

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

IMPERIAL.

MRS PARKER, Proprietress.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, MACLAGGAN-STREET, DUNEDIN.

JOHN COLLINS.....PROPRIETOR.

(Late of Al Hotel, Pelichet Bay.)

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

SOUTHLAND PROVINCE.

DESCHLER'S COMMERCIAL, FAMILY AND PRIVATE HOTEL.

BEK-STREET, INVERCARGILL.

Lately re-built and newly furnished throughout.

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

RAILWAY HOTEL (OPPOSITE R.S.) INVERCARGILL.

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

THE NEW CLUB HOTEL, BLUFF.

C. SUTHERLAND .. PROPRIETOR.

Lighted throughout with Electric Light.

A New Town Hall has lately been erected by the above Proprietor.

GREYMOUTH.

WAVERLEY HOTEL, GREYMOUTH.

This hotel is centrally situated, and offers the comfort of a home.

Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Ales.

MRS E. GILMER .. PROPRIETRESS.

NELSON.

MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourist and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr H. Baigent.

The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and all the Rooms are being refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

HOKITIKA.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA.

Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the best accommodation at a moderate tariff.

Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procurable. Cuisine excellent, under the personal supervision of Mrs Woolhouse.

TARIFF—5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.

MRS N. M. WOOLHOUSE, PROPRIETRESS.

REEFTON.

ROXBOROUGH'S RAILWAY HOTEL, REEFTON.

A Really First-class Hotel. The Comfort and Convenience of Visitors is studied in every way. The Table is maintained at a Standard of Excellence, therefore Guests can be certain of obtaining the Best Menu in Reefton. Splendid Sample Room. Hot, Cold and Crescent Showers Available. The Best of Wines, Spirits, and Ales procurable. Telephone No. 26. J. ROXBOROUGH .. Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff.

Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM.

R. DUNPHY .. Proprietor.

WESTPORT.



EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT. H. McMASTER .. PROPRIETOR.

(Late Chief Steward White Star Line and N.Z. Shipping Company.)

Recently Refurnished and Renovated throughout. This Hotel will be found to offer every Modern convenience to Commercial Travellers and Visitors. Night Porter kept. Cuisine a Speciality. Two Alcock's Billiard Tables. Six Sample Rooms. Good Stabling. Speight's Beer always on Draught.



GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT.

DAVID LEECH .. PROPRIETOR.