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MISS NANCE O'NEIL, WHO OPENS AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE ON SATURDAY 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, Set 10lb; geldings, Set 7lb; fillies, Set 5lb each. By subscription of 5sovs 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, Set 5lb; geldings, Set 2lb; fillies, Set 1sov. 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. Horts 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 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Guineas to carry not less than 7at 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 8 sovs each, to go to the funds. About one mile and a-half. Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 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. 7lb. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised 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 recognised 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; Pony 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 Hurdles, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 1 sov; Juvenile Handicap, 1 sov; Parnell 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; Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov; Hunt Club Handicap, Hurdles, 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 - Eping Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Birthday Handicap, 3 sovs; Onehunga 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, Shorts 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 Foal Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, Set 10lb; geldings, Set 7lb; fillies, Set 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 1,350 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 20 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 8lb; 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 Foal 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 5lb. 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 8 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs. Visitor's Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds, to carry 7at 9lb; three-year-olds, 9st. 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, Set 10lb; geldings, Set 7lb; fillies, Set 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 35 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 3 sovs each at the post, 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 6lb 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, Set 12lb; three-year-olds, Set 8lb; four-year-olds, 9st. Winners after August 1, 1905, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 8lb; of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 8 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, 8 sovs; Great Northern Foal 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, 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 Foal 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, 8 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, at the post.

Great Northern Derby, 7 sovs; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 8 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, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 1906, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS - Great Northern Foal Stakes (for now year-olds), 1907-8; Royal Stakes (for now year-olds), 1907-8.

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.

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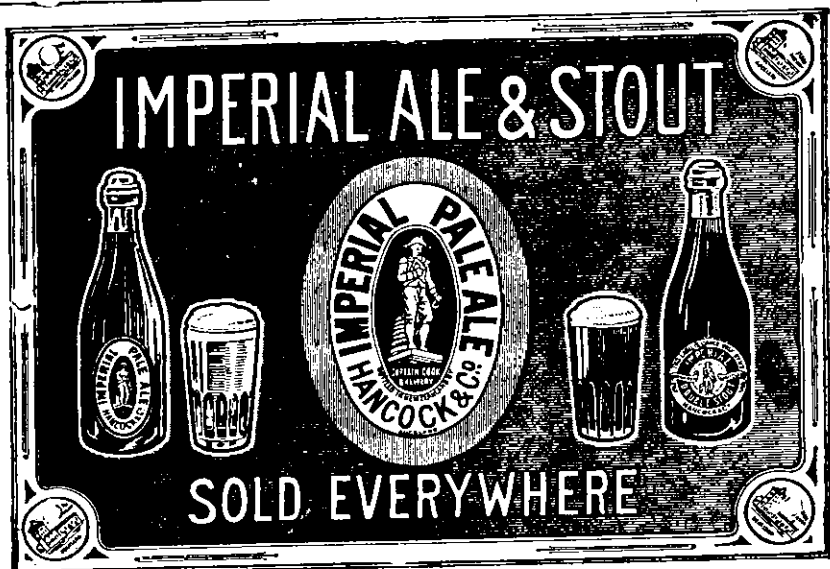
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Oct. 25 and 26—Gore R.C. Spring
October 26 and 27—Masterton R.C. Spring
Oct. 26 and 27—Poverty Bay T.C. Spring
Nov. 1 and 2—Southland R.C. Spring
November 2—Waihi Sports Club Annual
Nov. 4, 9 and 11—Auckland R.C. Spring
Nov. 4, 6, 8 and 11—C.J.C. Spring
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 26 and 29 and January 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer
Nov. 9—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual
Nov. 9 and 10—Taratahi-Carterton R.C. Annual
Dec. 7—Waitara R.C. Hack Meeting
Dec. 26 and 27—Taranaki J.C. Summer
Dec. 26 and 27—Dunedin J.C. Summer
Dec. 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Summer
Dec. 30 and Jan 1—Greymouth J.C. Summer
Jan. 1 and 2—Rangitikei R.C. Summer
Jan. 12 and 13—Whangarei R.C. Summer

NOMINATIONS.

Dec. 8—Auckland R.C. (general entries)

Dec. 22—Whangarei R.C. Summer

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

Nov. 17—Auckland R.C. (Auckland Cup)

December 12—Auckland R.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

October 29—Auckland R.C. Spring

December 1—Auckland R.C. Summer (Cup and special events)

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December 1—Royal Stakes, 1905-06, Derby, and G.N. Foal Stakes

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Entries for the following A.R.C. classic races are due to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 9 p.m.:—The Great Northern Champagne Stakes, to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, 1907, the G.N. Guineas (Spring Meeting, 1907), Thirty-fourth G.N. Derby (Summer Meeting, 1907-8), Thirteenth Royal Stakes (1907-8).

Acceptances for the first day's events of the approaching Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting close to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 9 p.m.

A final acceptance of 5 sovs for the Auckland Guineas and 2 sovs for the Welcome Stakes is due on November 4 at the post.

A final payment of 10 sovs for the New Zealand Cup is due on November 1.

Nominations for all races to be run at the Summer Meeting of the Whangarei R.C. close with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Dent, Whangarei, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, Auckland, on Friday, December 22, at 9 p.m.

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EVERY now and again a wail goes up as to the deterioration of our thoroughbred stock, and it is always certain that someone will immediately come along and suggest that the only way to "stop the rot" is to introduce the Arab. That the utter fallacy of this has been proved times out of number never daunts these would-be regenerators, who, like the prohibition lecturers, scorn the cold logic of facts and figures and confine themselves to bald assertions the truth of which it is quite beyond their power to prove. Now, concerning this very question of the alleged superiority of the Arab, it may not prove amiss to quote the always interesting Sydney writer "Milroy" on the subject. In dealing with the regard which the Japanese have for the Australian horse, he says:—

"The Japs, perhaps, know as much much about our horses as we do ourselves, certainly more than many self-constituted authorities we could name; and as they do not come here to give big prices for them from any love of the country or its laws, there must be, and is, reason for it that even the much-exalted Indian army man cannot see. Experience has taught them that the "Waler" is the best for their purposes. They have studied horse-breeding in every country, and one thing is positively certain—they are at variance with those Australians who regard the Arab as the greatest and best of all horse breeds. Through the Indians and Russians the Japanese know the full strength of the Arab, and could buy the 'desert-born' at about 60 per cent. less cost than Australian thoroughbreds. It is obviously plain why the Japanese have not followed Europe in its favour for Arabs; they have the advantage of the Russian, German, French, and Austrian experience, and therefore, have no desire to spend millions of money and waste generations in the development of an article they can get here ready-made. It has taken England 300 years to fashion the present-day thoroughbred, which is a creature of environment. Of course, there is no gainsaying the fact that the three stallions Matchem, Herod, and Eclipse, from whom every thoroughbred descends direct, were strongly infused with Eastern blood, that is to say, Turks, Barbs, and Arabs, and also the same blood predominated in many of the 50 odd mares to whom all thoroughbreds trace in the tail female line, and who, it may be said, form the "tap roots" of the various equine families. So much depends upon the strength of the first foundation of a pedigree; all through it has been a case of the survival of the fittest, and some 55 families survive out of thousands. The present-day thoroughbred no more resembles his Eastern forbears than a grub does a butterfly, either in respect to symmetry, size, activity, or vitality. The English horse derives all his qualities from English nurture, climate, and a judicious system of mating. The life-giving salts of the earth have produced an animal that would have been impossible under Eastern conditions of feeding and rearing. "About 20 years ago the deterioration bogey was rampant in England, and a breeder with more influence than brains managed to excite the widest interest in favour of the Arab as a regenerator, and so imbued the English Jockey Club with his ideas that the stewards put on races worth up to £200 and over three miles for Arabs bred in England or elsewhere. Thanks to the Duke of Portland, they did not live long in the calendar. The champion was Admiral Tyrone's Asil, but the Duke of Portland backed Iambic, the sorriest five-furlong selling plater in England, to run the Arab champion over three miles at Newmarket, allowing the Eastern crack 4.7. Iambic administered such a beating as has seldom been seen on the historic convincing ground. The Duke of Portland regarded Iambic worthless as a racehorse, and gave the horse away to a friend to use as a hack. An eminent writer on turf matters has placed it on record that three miles was absurdly out of Iambic's distance, that is, providing he ever had a distance, for he was not good enough to win a race. Shortly prior to the time mentioned there was a great race of 20 miles run at Cairo, for which all the famous Arab runners assembled, and one in particular, with an unpronounceable name, who was the pride of the desert, and probably a lineal descendant of that marvellous Arab Quida tells about in 'Under Two Flags.' However, the great Arab racer that was going to gallop all his opponents into mincemeat was badly beaten by a little English thoroughbred mare, a 14.3 daughter of See Saw. Fifty years ago in Great Britain they bred the best cavalry horses, and light trappers in the

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world from 'cocktail' stallions, a grade of blood horses not good enough to beget racehorses or compete with high-class thoroughbreds. Subsequently somebody introduced the hackney to the notice of army people, and they favoured it to the extent of recommending farmers to use this kind of stallion, and the progeny were bought up with avidity. The result is now the English army in England is the worst mounted in the world. The introduction of the Arab did not get very far after Lambie knocked the bottom out of the stamina theory, but just now there seems to be a leaning again towards the Arab or something else as an improver. These matters, like epidemics and certain forms of insanity, crop up periodically, and doubtless we are in for another dose of it after some 20 years' comparative rest.

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

Nominations for the approaching Te Aroha meeting are due next Saturday.

The St. Leger mare Sappho has produced a filly to Eton.

The well-known mare Miss Lottie has gone to Glenora Park to be mated with Soult.

The other day the pony Etu did a bolt at Onehunga, and was rather badly hurt before he was secured.

The spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club will take place to-day and to-morrow.

The Wellington R.C. put the sum of £18,320 through the totalisator at the recent spring meeting, which is £75 behind last year's total.

Mr. Stead has a certainty on in the C.J.C. Derby, for he can win it with either Noctuniform, Sungod, or Isolt. It will probably be the former.

At Wellington Park the St. Leger mare Aleger has thrown a filly to Seaton Delaval, the Hotchkiss mare Field Rose a colt to the same sire, and the Castor mare Chrysolite a filly to Menschikoff.

Scotty still continues to bear a jolly appearance, and should be very fit by November. The son of St. Leger is putting in a solid preparation.

Delania was responsible for a sound gallop on the sand track on Saturday morning, and had for company Apologue and Scotty. The trio finished in this order, and the little mare had the pair well beaten over the last furlong.

Betting members of Tattersall's Club rolled up in good numbers to bet at the Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting.

Mr. Chisnall, of Blenheim, has his pair of trotters with him, Torpedo II. and Black Rose, and is staying at the Ellerslie Hotel. They both competed at Alexandra Park on Saturday last. If Mr. Chisnall sees a likely property to suit him he may settle in Auckland.

Ben Blair is in steady work again after a long spell. The gelding started 17 times last season, only getting home on two occasions, and winning £77 10s in stakes.

The Emir incident (the horse being disqualified for carrying light weight in the Eclipse Stakes) brings to mind a similar instance that occurred years ago to the late Mr. Joe Silverberg, who backed Woodlands for a fortune to win the win the Hawkesbury Handicap. On returning to scale his rider could not draw the weight by a few ounces. Mr. Silverberg lost both the stakes and bets. It transpired afterwards that the weight was correct, but the scales, being new and stiff, caused the mistake, but too late to do poor Joe any good, as both bets and stakes had been paid away. Silverberg never had any luck afterwards.

The committee of the Auckland Racing Club are evidently strong believers in Southern talent, Christchurch for preference. The new secretary, the starter, and the handicapper pro tem. all hail from down South. Have we no local talent at all, or is it one more instance of the truth of the old saying that a prophet is not without honour save in his own country?

The spring meeting of the Te Aroha Jockey Club will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18. Seven events are to be run each day, these being as follows:—Maiden Plate, five and a-half furlongs; Handicap Hurdles, one mile and a-half; Te Aroha J.C. Handicap, one mile; Handicap Pony Race, five and a-half furlongs; Domain Handicap, seven furlongs; Hack Handicap, five and a-half furlongs; and Flying Stakes, five furlongs. On the second day there will be the Tourists' Plate, six furlongs; Second Hurdles, one mile and a-half; Te Aroha Cup, one mile and three furlongs; Second Pony Handicap, six and a-half furlongs; Publicans' Purse, five and a-half furlongs; Second Hack Race, seven furlongs; Welter Handicap, seven furlongs. In all, the sum of £305 will be distributed in stakes. Nominations close with Mr. E. O. Nash, the secretary, next Saturday, October 28, at 8 p.m. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns.

The annual sale of the yearlings from Mr. J. F. Reid's Ellerslie Stud takes place on Thursday, November 11. In all, seventeen youngsters will come under the hammer, thirteen of these being colts and four fillies. Among the former are a brother to Moscow, a brother to Boris, a brother to Indian Queen and Romanoff, a brother to Madrigal and Munjeet, a colt by Stepniak out of Whirlpool, the dam of Grand Rapids, one by the same sire out of Crossfire, a sister to Arsenal, a colt by Stepniak from Crest, the dam of Buluwayo; a colt by Stepniak from Reel, who is out of Pi-broch, the dam of Menschikoff; a colt by The Possible from Fair Nell, the dam of Loyalty. There is a filly by Stepniak from Far Away, the dam of Ailsa; also a sister to King Log, a filly by Stepniak from Ambush, a sister to Sortie, the dam of Orloff. In all, there are thirteen yearlings by Stepniak, three by Pilgrim's Progress, and one by The Possible. All the best strains of running blood are represented, so that there should be a brisk demand when Messrs. Pyne and Co. offer the yearlings.

The summer meeting of the Whangarei Racing Club will take place on January 12 and 13, when eight events will be run on each day. The programme for the opening day is made up of the Welcome Stakes, five furlongs; the First Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters; Railway Handicap, six furlongs; Whangarei Cup of 100sovs, one mile and a-quarter; Kensington Stakes, five furlongs; Settlers' Handicap, one mile; Publicans' Purse, one mile; Flying Handicap, four furlongs. On the second day the items to be considered are the Tradesmen's Plate, one mile; Second Hurdles, one mile and a-half; Summer Handicap, six furlongs; Park Handicap, one mile and a distance; Maiden Stakes, seven furlongs; Hack Handicap, seven furlongs; Stewards' Handicap, one mile; Farewell Handicap, five furlongs. In all, £470 will be distributed in stake money. Nominations for all races close on Friday, December 22, with Mr. R. J. Dent, the secretary, at Whangarei, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland.

Marvel Loch's victory in the Caulfield Cup has mulcted the Lochiel mare in a 10lb penalty for the Melbourne Cup, so that her weight is now 9.4, and it would seem we shall have to look elsewhere for the winner.

Owners should not forget that next Friday evening is the date for closing nominations for the classic races to be run at Ellerslie during the season 1907-8.

Solitary, who won the Onehunga Handicap on Saturday last, seems to like the Alexandra Park, as she cannot win a heat away from that small circle. During the two last seasons the little daughter of Recluse—Queenie has started 47 times, winning eight races, and running into a place on eleven different occasions. Solitary never gave her opponents a chance in the Onehunga Handicap. She hopped out as soon as the barrier went up, and was never afterwards headed.

The winner of the Caulfield Guineas, Lady Wallace, was bred by her owner, Mr. John Macdonald, at Margie Bunde, and, with two other fillies, Buddha and Steel Trust, was retained by the North-western breeder for his stud (says a Sydney exchange). The trio came to Sydney to be leased for racing purposes; there was no difficulty in finding a lessee for Steel Trust, but the other two were passed over. This was rather fortunate for Mr. Macdonald, as Lady Wallace won three good races as a two-year-old, and has now added the Guineas to her credit. Lady Wallace was got by Wallace—Lady Mostyn, by Neckersgat from Miss Mostyn, by Uncas.

A final payment of 10sovs for the New Zealand Cup is due on November 1.

The Masterton Racing Club's Spring Meeting commences to-day.

Acceptances for the following first day events of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting close to-morrow evening:—President's Handicap, Shorts Handicap, Pony Handicap, Flying Handicap, Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, and Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, 1sov each.

Towards the end of August E. Wheatley, who heads the winning jockey list in England so far this season, had a turn of bad luck, riding 29 successive losers.

Up to the first week in August Flying Fox's progeny had won £42,000 in stakes in France this season.

Nine horses remain in the Great Northern Guineas, but the race looks something in the nature of a gift for King Billy.

There are sixteen acceptors for the City Handicap, so that a good race should result.

Nineteen horses are still left in the New Zealand Cup, and it is anticipated that at least fifteen will start.

A good word is spoken for Quarryman for the New Zealand Cup. The Bill of Portland horse is striding along in fine style in his work.

The catalogue of the Ellerslie yearlings is to hand from Messrs. Pyne and Co. The sale takes place on Thursday, November 9, at Tattersall's Horse Bazaar, Cashel-street, Christchurch.

Quite a number of improvements have recently been effected at Ellerslie, and these will be much appreciated by visitors when the time comes for holding the next meeting.

The New Zealand mare Levant, who hurried over from the land of the Maori a few days after the success of the New Zealanders at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting reached the island colony, made her first appearance in the Hurdle Race at Wallsend on Wednesday last (says the "Sydney Mail" of October 18), and starting co-favourite with Crisis, was beaten out of a place, but on Saturday she started at the remunerative odds of 4 to 1 in a field of four, and won as she liked from Lachlan, the Lochiel gelding, who won Wednesday's race by 16 lengths.

A circular has been issued to the members of the Auckland Racing Club giving some reasons why the resolution in favour of the exclusion of the bookmakers should be agreed to at the special general meeting next Monday. It has to be honestly admitted that the reasons given are far from being conclusive, and one cannot help regretting that the case for the other side was not also stated. There would then be very little question as to which would carry the day.

The increase of bookmakers' fees made by the V.R.C. is to be contested at law in an action brought by John Coleman, a well-known Melbourne bookmaker, against the southern authorities to test the validity of the club's new by-law under which the fees were raised (says the "Sydney Mail.") The first step in the coming action was taken before Mr. Justice Holroyd last week with a motion for an injunction to restrain the club from acting under the by-law until the hearing of the action. Counsel asked His Honor to fix a day for hearing the motion, as in view of the fact of the V.R.C. Spring Meeting being close at hand, it was desirable that arguments relating to the injunction should be heard as soon as possible, and eventually it was agreed that the matter be brought up again next week. "Johnny" Coleman—everybody who knows him calls him Johnny—is a very well-known figure in Melbourne sporting circles. He is one of the oldest bookmakers down south, and is remarkable for many things, notably the shortness of his stature, the length of his magnificent beard, and his engaging manners.

The committee of the Auckland Racing Club have decided to go past the local applicants for the position of secretary to the club, and have given the post to Mr. J. F. Hartland, of Christchurch. Mr. Percival's successor has had a good many years' experience as secretary of the Christchurch Tramways. He was formerly much interested in athletic matters, having represented Canterbury in both cricket and football. Mr. Hartland, who has been on a flying trip to Auckland, has gone back to Christchurch to arrange his affairs before coming North to reside.

TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The Auckland Trotting Club opened their 1905-1906 season on Saturday last. The afternoon proved beautifully live, and this, coupled with the fact that there was a strong probability of some good sport, attracted a very fair attendance of patrons to Alexandra Park. Once out it was easily discoverable that all the arrangements for the meeting had received ample attention at the hands of Mr. C. F. Mark, the courteous secretary. The club, as usual, licensed the members of Tattersall's Club, and that body worked in harmony side by side with the mechanical dispenser of the odds. There were no sensational dividends, and the meeting went off smoothly and without a hitch, with the exception of the last race, where the leading pair galloped past the post. The club adjudicator on the race subsequently, but did not disturb the judge's placing.

The first race brought out the good field of eleven, and Next Time was made favourite, and justified the confidence of his supporters by landing their money.

Only four faced the barrier in the Onehunga Handicap, and Little Mabel, on the strength of running second in the Otahuhu Cup, was made first favourite, but getting away last the daughter of Medallion—Kilmorley remained there, and never once flattered her supporters. Solitary led throughout, and the old saying, "horses for courses," is borne out in this case, as this pony rarely wins on any other course.

In the third event, the Spring Handicap Trot, Albertorious, a warm first favourite, never gave his other opponents the ghost of a chance, and won easily.

The Middle-class Trot Handicap went to the well-backed Macquarrie, who trotted kindly throughout.

The Stewards' Handicap Trot brought out another nice field of nine. Mr. John Teddy landed the 35sovs with Young McKinney, and Colenso filling the second place.

The Pony Handicap Trot was a runaway race for the outsider, Sandfly, and Little Paul filled the second place. This brace had 38 tickets each on the machine, and paid a fair price.

The October Handicap drew another good field, and the stable quickly got in and backed the winner (Sonoma) from 4 to 1 down to even money, and after a rattling, ding-dong finish the favourite landed the stake with a very narrow margin. The mare was bracketed with Kilderkin, the Guineas winner. The half-brother to Little Mabel will be heard of later on. The small course did not suit him.

The Electric Handicap Trot, the last event on the card, brought another good field, and some good trotting (and galloping) was witnessed. Macquarrie, Kiteonitea, and the favourite, Colenso, filled the places. This brought the first day's racing to a successful close.

The second day of the Auckland Trotting Club's spring meeting was to have taken place yesterday, but the weather turned out so wretchedly bad that the committee very wisely decided to postpone the fixture till Saturday next, when it is to be hoped that finer conditions will prevail.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, October 24.

There has been very little betting on the Cup since the payment on Friday night. Nightfall still remains favourite, but backers are still in a quandary over Mr. Stead's intentions. Some contend Nightfall will be the select of the stable on the day, while others prefer to stick by one of the three-year-olds. The best solution of the difficulty is to leave Mr. Stead's horses alone and wait for the day of the race.

Sungod and Noctuniform are quoted at 6 to 1; Achilles is a point longer; Golden Knight and Ghoorka have suddenly dropped from 33 to 10 to 1; Mahutonga's price is now 12 to 1; Melodeon, Quarryman and Paritutu 14 to 1.

Ghoorka has incurred a 7lb penalty for the New Zealand Cup, his weight now being 8.1. Veneer has incurred a similar penalty, and will now have to carry 7.7.

St. Michael was heavily backed for the North Otago Cup, money being invested from the right quarter. The Auckland Cup winner will be among the starters at the Cup meeting. He ran in something like his best form at Oamaru, and if he stands up to his work during the

next fortnight he should be worth watching at the Riccarton carnival.

Armistice was scratched for the New Zealand Cup at 10.30 a.m. on October 19.

Final payments for the Cup, Derby, Oaks, and Welcome Stakes are due on Wednesday next. It is stated that Mr. Stead's stable is not very strong in the two-year-old division this year. This should make the Welcome Stakes and two-year-old handicaps more interesting at the Cup meeting. There are several smart two-year-olds running at Riccarton in addition to Kirmuir and Ivanoff, who finished first and second in the Wellesley Stakes.

Mr. J. F. Hartland, the newly-appointed secretary of Auckland Racing Club, was secretary for many years of the Christchurch Tramway Company. He is a keen follower of athletic sports, and has represented Canterbury in football and cricket matches.

Of the Cup horses trained at Riccarton, Quarryman and Golden Knight are the only two who are considered to have a winning chance.

A large contingent of North Island and Southern horses is expected to reach Riccarton this week. Up to the present, Paritutu, Douche, and Romany Girl are the only visitors who have put in an appearance on the tracks.

It is generally expected that there will be at least fifteen starters in the New Zealand Cup, and that Mr. Stead will start two, Nightfall and Sungod, reserving Nocturnal for the Derby.

Taking a line through Marvel Loch's running in the Caulfield Cup, Nightfall appears to have a chance second to none of winning the New Zealand Cup. Next to Mr. Stead's elect I prefer Golden Knight, who was one of the three—Quarryman, Golden Knight, Ghoorka—I selected to win the Cup on the appearance of the weights. Many things may happen before the horses are given their winding-up gallops, but at present I cannot sort out anything in the race that is likely to bring about the defeat of Mr. Stead's elect.

Mr. Stead had no great opinion of Golden Knight as a three-year-old, but if the horse can only produce the form he showed in private last spring he may prove equal to winning the Cup. He is galloping well just now, but there is a grave suspicion that he is not as honest as he might be.

Quarryman is galloping in fine style, and will be going strongly when others in the field have had enough. On recent form Achilles, Mahutonga, Ghoorka, Melodeon and Douche must each be given a chance. The winner, to my mind, will be either Nightfall or Sungod.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, October 24.

The recent meeting of the W.R.C. at the Hutt was expected to provide backers with a clue to the winner of the New Zealand Cup, but so far they were not much enlightened further than that Achilles, Mahutonga, Ghoorka, and Veneer gave evidence that they are fairly well and should give their admirers a good run on November 4.

I learn that Mr. J. Monk will start both Achilles and Ghoorka in the Cup all going well. Mahutonga is improving with every gallop, and with his full brother Veneer are also sure starters.

Melodeon was given a useful private gallop at the Hutt during last week, and pleased the touts. As he has gone South his backers will have a start for their money with him. The horses named, together with Mr. Stead's representative, Golden Knight and Quarryman, should provide the winner.

Golden Knight has been solidly supported in well-informed quarters during the past week on the strength of a useful gallop he put up at Riccarton lately.

The Yaldhurst trio having all continued their engagements, the public are still in a quandary as to the correct pair; but it is generally expected that Nightfall and Sungod will represent Mr. Stead in the Cup, and there seems a consensus of opinion that the best of this pair will win.

The Stewards' Handicap candidates, Solution and Chivalry, were given useful private work at the Hutt during the week, and the pair look really well. Their respective admirers are pretty sanguine that they will stretch the necks of the best of the opposition that they will be called upon to meet in the Stewards. The pair have been heavily backed in doubles, coupled with the Cup favourites, and a win for either of the pair will mean a lot of money being won in Wellington.

Mr. E. J. Watt's horses proceed South forthwith. T. Quinlivan has returned to Hawke's Bay, and will make the trip to Auckland with King Billy and Boomerang.

Stewart Waddell, with the Hon. J. D. Ormond's team, has also gone South, and the Porirua team will follow either at the end of the week or on Monday next. Messrs. W. Cutts and Murray

ton should be exceedingly lively during the next ten days.

Betting is slightly more animated owing to the declaration of the acceptances. Nightfall still rules favourite for the Cup. Golden Knight has hardened to 100 to 10, and Achilles is marketable at 100 to 12. A few hundreds were laid against Veneer subsequent to his win in the Wellington Pearce Handicap, but 100 to 7 is still on offer.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, October 24.

The continued bad weather here has the effect of making the training grounds unfit for fast work, and local mentors have to content themselves with giving their charges light tasks.

Those who are preparing their horses for the Waverley-Waitotara gathering, are getting a trifle anxious, as the time is now drawing nigh, and acceptances are set down to close on the 26th, Thursday next.

Kuroki, who can lay claim to being the champion hack around this way now, is suffering from a foot trouble, which may have the effect of hampering his chances at Masterton this week.

Valkyrie is a constant attendant on the track, and the able manner in which he gets through his tasks as compared with his racing displays must be simply heart-breaking to his connections.

With the exception of South Star, Prelude, and St. Claimer, backers had a very bad time over the Wellington meeting. These were the only winners to trouble the pencilers, otherwise they would have had a glorious time. As it was, the defeat of Gazeley, Truce, Munjista, and Signalman on the opening day, and Auratus and Regulation on the concluding day, proved a good turn up for the metallicians.

The Fordell-trained son of Handsome Jack—Muriwai, St. Joe, scored a good win in the Racing Club Handicap at Wellington, but the dividend, which was a very neat one, was not secured by any of the colt's admirers. However, after the result became known, there was a rush to take him in doubles in conjunction with his stable companion Solution for the Cup and Stewards, but to the dismay of those who secured a good price, St. Joe's name was missing from the list of acceptors for the great event. It is probable that Tilley will send the pair on to Christchurch from Wellington, and it would not be very surprising to see them annex some of the prize money. Solution, if dressed in her best, will take a power of beating in the Stewards' Handicap with 7.9.

Dave Chapman's team, which consists of Blessbok, Contingent and Flanagan, are bowling along in good style, especially the latter. The Catesby gelding ran very consistently at Otaki, and will in all probability be taken to Masterton this week, where he should prove equal to securing a win. It is likely that Mr. McMahon's pair will be taken back to the Coast shortly, where they can always pick up a few races, and perhaps Chapman will take Flanagan down for the obstacle events, in which case he would have very little difficulty in winning a fair share of them. Dave is a painstaking trainer, and his successes are always well received here, where he is very popular.

The Masterton meeting will be held at the latter part of the week, and as Mr. Pollock appears to have given satisfaction in the adjustment of the weights, a good gathering is anticipated. Wanganui will be represented by Kuraki, Submarine, Flanagan, and Bounce, and the quartette should about land some of the stake money. Should the injury to the son of Fisk fail to improve rapidly, he will not be started. The following may be worth keeping an eye on by backers:—Maiden: Alexieff and Dulcinea.

Hack Hurdles: Bounce and Makuri. Flying Hack: Red Cross and Captain Shannon. Cup: Submarine and Whakawehi. Ladies' Bracelet: Togo and Flanagan. October Hack: Silverleue and Aorangi. Publicans' Handicap: Prelude and Assayer. Dash Hack: Gawan and Contender.

The Waverley-trained Auratus appears among the acceptors for the City Handicap at Auckland, and under the handy impost of 7.13 should prove a hard nut to crack. The Gold Reef gelding may find severe opposition from Waikato (7.9), while Vexation, who is partly owned by a local sport, should go very close to annexing the Manukau Hurdles.

Wanganui will not be represented in this year's New Zealand Cup, Armistice, St. Joe, and King's Birthday having dropped out. Belcher has the latter looking very well, and the son of Sou'-wester—Vamoo should not be long in scoring a win. Mr. D. Beard, of Kaurangaroa, who is a popular and straightforward sport, bred the chestnut son of Sou'-wester on his station, and it would be pleasing to see his purple jacket in the van.

The Lochiel—Consistence colt Glenulim appears to have an excellent chance of annexing a couple of heats at Waver-

prove, and having a very handy impost must go close to winning the Cup if started.

The Sou'-wester—Coyla gelding, Westward, half-brother to Fireworks, is now being trained at Waverley, and from accounts which find their way down here, the big fellow is doing good work. That he can fence he has already demonstrated, and when once he gets a bit more pace he will prove dangerous in hack hurdle events. Showman, who won a race at the Hunt Club fixture here, is another who is doing excellent work over the obstacles at Waverley.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, October 24.

Mystification left Hastings yesterday morning for Wellington, en route for Riccarton.

Mr. C. O'Donoghue has sent the four-year-old son of Apremont and Maid Marion up to the Waipukurau district, where he will be hacked about for a time.

Tyrone has evidently bid adieu to the running path, for his owner is now using Strophon's son as a hack to carry a butcher's basket. For a long time past Tyrone has been a break-up at the racing business, and association with him has cost his connections a nice amount.

Atlas White, of Waipawa, had a good time of it at the Wellington meeting last week. Two of his team, South Star and The Seer, started four times, won three races, and ran second upon the other occasion. South Star is a younger half-brother by Sou'-wester to Scallywag, and The Seer is out of Vision (Somnus—Roulette) by Turquoise. He is the property of Mr. C. Tricklebank, of Waipawa, who generally has a horse representing him at our local meetings.

Though the Hon. J. D. Ormond sent half-a-dozen horses to the Hutt to assist at the Wellington R.C. Spring Meeting, only one winning award came his way, honours being gained by Golden Gate—Roie's son, by San Francisco, that was secured by the squire of Karamu along with his dam for 240 guineas when the Sylvia Park Stud was disposed of in 1903.

Hawke's Bay horses who have made the second payment for the New Zealand Cup are Melodeon, Mystification, and Douche. Two others who figure in the last, Mahutonga and his brother, Veneer, were bred in these parts, both being foaled at Te Mahanga, but they are now owned outside of Hawke's Bay, and consequently cannot be considered local representatives.

The defeat of Sir Tristram, Gazely, Zimmerman and Mungista at the Hutt last week lost local punters a considerable amount of coin.

Owing to extreme pressure on space, a number of interesting reports from other centres have been unavoidably crowded out.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

THURSDAY.

On Thursday morning, although wet and sloppy, a lot of useful work was done. The grass track was open, and after breakfast the course proper also for the two-year-olds to spurt.

Lady Annie led off for a mile, the last six furlongs taking 1min 22sec.

Dardanus put up a taking six furlongs in 1min 20 1-5sec; this colt is greatly on the improve.

Lady Clements proved too fleet for King Paul in a six furlongs spin.

Girton Girl, all out, ran the last five of six furlongs in 1min 7sec.

Putty only spurted a few furlongs.

Gladstone finished in front of Lady Hune for seven furlongs on the tan in 1min 38 2-5sec.

Kola Nip got over the same distance on the grass in 1min 35 2-5sec.

Delania slipped over five furlongs on the tan in 1min 6 3-5sec.

Monoform took 1min 23sec for six furlongs on the same track.

Landlock had the best of Leonator for eight furlongs in the fair time of 1min 47 4-5sec.

General Average easily defeated his stable mate Nervine in a six furlongs flutter in 1min 18 4-5sec on the sand.

Sir Gilead took 1min 8 4-5sec to finish five furlongs.

Scotty and Apologue finished together for six furlongs, the time occupied being 1min 21sec.

Waipuna and Carl Rosa were together at the end of six furlongs, run in 1min 23 4-5sec.

Jean was spun out for seven furlongs in 1min 34 2-5sec.

Alba Rose finished in front of Waitati in a fast four furlongs on the sand in 51 3-5sec.

Bonomiana had the moderate Silicia tied in a knot at the end of six furlongs in 1min 22sec.

Woodmont, Bachelor, Vexation, Te Aroha, Austerlitz, Annette, Geordie, Hakaria, Discoverer, Solitary, Desdemona, and Jewellery also worked.

After the breakfast interval Waikato, under a good pull, left the mile behind in 1min 51sec on the sand.

Inurangi spurted five furlongs on the same track in 1min 8 2-5sec.

Sweet Alice, on the course proper, slipped over three furlongs in 41 3-5sec.

Hohoro, assisted by the Lena filly over the last three furlongs, finished the half-mile in 52 3-5sec; the old fellow seems very gross.

The Drudge colt and a stable mate scampeted over three furlongs on the course proper in 40 4-5sec.

Old Sol settled inspiration and another in a five furlongs flutter on the sand in 1min

Apollinaris, Romeo's half-sister and General Average's half-sister finished together for three furlongs on the course in 41 2-5sec.

Pollycaste, Lady Nannie, Bonnie Boy, Royal Shell, Frank Dodd, Currago, and a number of others also did useful work.

SATURDAY.

Saturday being fine a lot of useful work was indulged in on the sand and tan tracks. Sir Hector and Kilderkin led off with a smart burst of a few furlongs.

Girton Girl left five furlongs behind in 1min 9sec.

Te Aroha and Cyren did a similar task together.

Lady Annie had a credit of 1min 22sec for the last six of seven furlongs.

Sonoma fluttered over a few furlongs fast. Lady Clements and King Paul were content with three-quarter pace work.

Annette ran seven furlongs alone, the last six furlongs in 1min 19sec.

Delania, Apologue and Scotty were associated together over nine furlongs, and finished in this order in 2min 2sec, the latter being beaten off.

Gladstone had Landlock well beaten for a mile in the respectable time of 1min 48 1-5sec.

Pearl Necklet, by herself, could do no better than 1min 36 1-5sec over seven furlongs.

Inniskillen and The Swimmer after breakfast fast did a slow circle and then broke away for a fast gallop over the same distance on the tan in 2min 7sec.

Lady Rose seemed to tire on the same track for six furlongs.

Seabird had the best of the expensive Monoform for a mile in 1min 51 3-5sec.

Putty, not all out, did the same distance in 1min 49sec, and completed the circle in 2min 3sec.

Carl Rosa spurted five furlongs in 1min 8 3-5sec.

Gall and J. B. Williamson's teams only did half-pace work.

Geordie had Sir Gilead well in hand after going five furlongs in 1min 9 3-5sec on the tan.

Lady Hune and Desdemona were companions over the same distance in 1min 7 3-5sec on the sand.

Leonator, Jean, and Nervine were all out (in this order) for five furlongs.

Little Mabel spurted four furlongs in 53 1-5sec.

Austerlitz, Jewellery, Gladys Rose, and Woodmont also worked after breakfast.

Hohoro, blowing like a steam engine, took 1min 26 3-5sec to get to the end of six furlongs.

Waikato, looking a picture, strode over nine furlongs in 2min 4sec, but could have improved the time.

Macmanemin's two-year-olds spurted in couples; The Drudge colt shaped as good as anything.

Frank Dodd, Golden Sands, Trepine, Marjory colt, Miss Quail colt, Pollycaste, Vivandel, Apollinaris, and Ngaru also did useful tasks.

TUESDAY.

The morning being fine the grass track was open, and most of the work was done there.

Lady Clements and King Paul led off, and the former again held her stable companion for eight furlongs in 1min 48 3-5sec.

Seabird was pulling over Monoform over the same distance in 1min 50 3-5sec.

Landlock, all out, finished up the same distance with a credit of 3-5sec in his favour.

Sir Hector galloped seven furlongs in 1min 39 3-5sec.

Delania again (apparently) held Scotty and Apologue safe for a circle in 2min 6 4-5sec; they finished in this order.

Pearl Necklet, who shows improvement, did a creditable seven furlongs in a tick under 1min 35sec.

Putty took 1min 7sec to finish the last five furlongs of a mile; this horse is very fit.

Waipuna had Carl Rosa well settled in a seven furlongs bout.

Girton Girl seemed to have Lord Seaton safe over four furlongs in 55sec.

General Average, who seems to be staying much better, finished in front of a mate, and also beat Nervine home the last five furlongs.

Kola Nip bolted away with the boy, and ran seven furlongs in 1min 34sec.

Waitati and Alba Rose had little to choose between them in a four furlongs burst in 52 2-5sec.

Desdemona alone ran the same distance in 52sec.

Sir Gilead had a half-length victory over Geordie in a mile spin in 1min 47 2-5sec.

A number of others also did useful tasks after breakfast.

RICCARTON.

Christchurch, October 25.

Despite the fact that a large number of horses were away at Wellington and Oamaru work at Riccarton on Thursday morning was decidedly interesting, and several Cup horses did some smart gallops. Quarryman had Golden Vein for a companion in a mile and a-quarter gallop; the pair got away on even terms, but the Cup horse soon forged ahead, and coming away with a fine run in the last furlong beat his stable mate by several lengths. The time was 2min 14sec, and there is no doubt that Quarryman is in splendid heart just now.

Golden Knight and Calibre were associated in a gallop over a mile and a-half. The pair ran together for the first half-mile, when Calibre gained a slight advantage, and completed the first mile in 1min 47 1-5sec. Going on Calibre continued to show the way, and finished up the distance in 2min 41sec, having a two lengths advantage.

Calibre got through his task in taking style, but Golden Knight would have done much better had he been ridden more vigorously, as he is a hard horse to push along.

Stepdancer ran a mile and a-half by herself, the last mile and a-quarter taking 2min 14sec; she moved nicely throughout, and is looking really well. Black Diamond ran a mile by himself in 1min 47sec. Glenowiet sprinted half-a-mile in taking style in 49 2-5sec; a fair performance. Chryseis ran six furlongs in 1min 18sec. To-morrow dashed over five furlongs in 1min 5 2-5sec.

Tirole beat Euclid in a mile gallop, run in 1min 47sec, moving much better than he did a few mornings ago. Gay Spark was in front of Lady Wayward at the end of a mile, run in 1min 47 1-5sec. Narcissus, The Mohican and Huku took two seconds longer to run the same distance.

The smartest gallant of the morning was put up by Stronghold and Clanbattan, who from a standing start left six furlongs behind in 1min 17 2-5sec, finishing 10-12 together. Ingleneuk and Tsitshar did some sprinting. Leaside and Alexis did half-pace work. Stars and Stripes, Field Gun, and the colt by Castashore—Pleasure Seeker started together in a half-mile sprint, the two first-named finishing together in 49 4-5sec. From a racing start Snowstell beat Gallantry over the same distance, taking a second longer.

Machine Gun got over six furlongs in easy style in 1min 20 1-5sec. Golden Cairn was too

run in 52sec. Resound and Astrandente took 53 1-5sec over the same distance. Martian, Lee Enfield, Turnoil, Bonnie Brae, and Mythical were given easy tasks.

Rain during the latter part of last week left the tracks at Riccarton very heavy, and very little fast work was done on Saturday. Lady Wayward, Chryseis, and Tomorrow were companions in a fairly solid run mile, while Quarryman was going better than Gay Spark at the end of a similar distance. Golden Knight and Calibre each ran once round at a slower pace. Bagpipes, Catherine Gordon, Huku, Narcissus, and Machine Gun were among the several who did some good work.

The weather cleared up beautifully on Sunday, and on the following morning the tracks were in splendid order, very little fast work was done owing to the trainers waiting for the grass track to be opened.

On Tuesday Douche, Romany Girl, and Paritutu were out cantering. Golden Knight and Calibre went two rounds at a solid pace, the brushing home over the last half-mile. The former greatly pleased onlookers; he is coming on fast, and should easily beat Calibre on the Cup distance. Wiwaka was given some jumping over the hurdles. He is a bold fencer. Quarryman, Stepdancer, Ability, Glenowlet and To-morrow were all given half-pace exercise.

Tuesday morning broke dull and threatening, and a light southerly wind was blowing. The trial grass and plough gallops, which are in capital order, were open, and most of the work was accomplished on the latter. To-morrow was first stripped, and cantering round to the six furlongs post she ran home in 1min 8 2-5sec. Gay Spark and Quarryman traversed a mile and a-quarter in 2min 12sec, the Cup horse finishing a

length in front of his companion, who performed well. The first six furlongs were run in 1min 18sec, and the last half-mile in 34 sec; the gallop was a very creditable one.

Lady Wayward ran a mile in 1min 47sec, while Ordnance galloped six furlongs, the last five of which were run in 1min 6 3-4sec. Inglenek dashed over five furlongs in 1min 4 4-5sec, being well extended at the finish.

Golden Vein was going slightly better than Chryseis at the end of a sprint over six furlongs, which occupied 1min 19 1-2sec. Stronghold galloped a similar distance while Tirole had beaten Euclid at the end of five furlongs, run in 1min 6 4-5sec. Glenowlet was going better than Clanchattan at the end of a run over six furlongs up the back, the last half-mile of which occupied 51 1-2sec.

Speculate defeated Ts ts har over seven furlongs, the last six being run in 1min 20sec. Patty Pan dashed over half-a-mile on the grass in 51sec. Douche negotiated two circuits at half-speed. The Mohican galloped a mile in 1min 49 4-5sec. He was assisted by Huku over the last seven furlongs. Makaroff finished several lengths in front of Lee Enfield, while running six furlongs, in 1min 10 1-5sec. King Stork brushed over half-a-mile on the grass in 51 1-5sec. Leaside and Scottish Minstrel were companions in a schooling task over six flights of hurdles. The former made a faulty jump at the last obstacle, but otherwise performed creditably, while Scottish Minstrel did not fence in a finished manner, showing a decided tendency to run down the obstacles. Velodia could have defeated Quirat with ease while running six furlongs in 1min 20 1-5sec.

Stepdancer dashed over a mile from a

racing start in 1min 44 4-5sec; a smart performance, as she finished well. The Cup mare is at present in capital fettle. Czarewna brushed over five furlongs, while there was little to choose between Westwind and Culmination in a run over half-a-mile, covered in 52sec. Bagpipes easily defeated Largesse over six furlongs, which occupied 1min 20sec. Reduction ran over five furlongs in 1min 6sec. Prince Doris was fully extended over a mile and a-quarter, the eight furlongs being covered in 1min 54sec. Antigone could have defeated the Greek Maid filly in a strongly run four furlongs, which occupied 52 2-5sec. Tupara and Rongou gave an indifferent display in a schooling task over six flights of hurdles, and afterwards put in a working gallop over a mile and a-quarter.

Paritutu compassed two circuits at a solid half-pace, while the following horses were responsible for light tasks:—Ability, Hilarity, Royal Crown, Catherine Gordon, Wiwaka, Romany Girl, Somaroff, Bluestone, and King's Guest.

After breakfast drizzling rain was falling, but it cleared as the morning wore on. Most of the work was accomplished on the grass. Quickfire ran five furlongs, while Stars and Stripes easily defeated Drift over a strongly run half-mile. Bonnie Brae ran six furlongs up the back in 1min 19sec. There was little to choose between Field Gun and Lapland in a gallop over half-a-mile, which the former, who got badly away, ran in 52sec. Golden Cairn finished in front of Gallantry and Snowstell over half-a-mile run in 52 1-2sec. The latter was left several lengths at the start, and made up her leeway in good style, eventually finishing within a length of the winner. Canada, with a good weight up, was going

better than the Stepniak—Illusion colt over four furlongs up the back, which he ran in 50 1-5sec from a racing start. The Pleasure Seeker colt, who accompanied the pair, was beaten by several lengths. The San Liario—Savanna filly defeated Turnoil over half-a-mile, run in 52sec, while Amie Sout alone ran a similar distance in 53sec.

Machine Gun and Alexis were associated in a gallop over four and a-half furlongs, the last half-mile of which was run in 50sec; the former held his companion, who had his shoes off, quite safe, and finished strongly. Mythical ran half-a-mile comfortably in 52sec, being assisted by Astrandente over the last three furlongs. Resound alone took 53sec to complete a similar distance, and the Phoebus Apollo—Hilda filly defeated the Cuirassier—St. Lucia filly in a gallop over half-a-mile, run in 52sec. Prohibition galloped six furlongs, while the following horses were given light tasks:—Mango, Knastikoff and Grosvenor. Calibre and Golden Knight were out before breakfast, but were restricted to walking exercise. Blythemaids, Kirriemuir, Annie Chiel, Signalmen, Ivanoff, Pas Seul, Grand Poplar, Veneer, St. Joe, Soluton, Handsome Rose arrived from Wellington this morning.

Sport in Australia.

(By "Atlas.")

SYDNEY, October 18.

The great spring racing carnival was inaugurated on Saturday with the Guineas Day at Caulfield. The early part of the day betokened rain, but at noon the clouds began to roll by, and the racing was favoured with sunshine, and a large and representative gathering assembled on Caulfield Heath, which was in good racing order, but, unlike the Metropolitan meeting at Randwick, when the betting was all in favour of the book-makers, a circumstance for which they were no doubt devoutly thankful for, because many of them had experienced a severe shaking in Sydney. Unlike the Sydney gathering, however, there were few New Zealanders in evidence, and the contests were almost entirely confined to Australian horses. The big field of 24 contested the Iolo Welter, which was a promising opening, but the quality of the performers was not much, the winner turning up in Thackeray, a 14 to 1 chance, with the favourite (Japhet) second and Purser third. More interest was evinced in the following event, the Debutant Stakes of 1150sovs, as all are anxious at this season of the year to get a glimpse of the two-year-old form. Seventeen well-bred youngsters faced the starter, and Oriole, on the strength of recent good form, was made favourite at the short price of 2 to 1, while Gapon figured at 4 to 1, the next in demand being Ebullition and Arcturus at 10 to 1. Gapon, I may mention, is a New Zealand-bred colt, and to the extreme respect in which anything with a tinge of New Zealand in it, I suppose he owed his exalted position in the betting, but he failed to maintain his countryman's reputation, although I hear he has been doing wonderfully good work on the track. The real issue at the finish was between Ebullition and Lady Evelyn, the former, who is by Simmer out of Carabolic, winning by two lengths, while the favourite, Oriole, was two lengths further away third. This led the way to the always interesting Caulfield Stakes, one mile one furlong. This event is looked upon as a guide to future weight-for-age races, and seven high-class animals saddled up for it. The New Zealand-bred Gladstone was at once the favourite, and started at 5 to 4 on, while Emir started at 5 to 2, with 10 to 1 on offer against Torah and 12 to 1 Marvel Loch. The last-named led until near the distance, where Torah put in his claim and won comfortably by two lengths, with the favourite a length behind Marvel Loch, Roller fourth, Warroo fifth, Emir sixth, and Canteen last. The time was 1min 56 3-4sec. The winner finished up like a racehorse, and was at once installed favourite for the Caulfield Cup. Neither Gladstone or Emir ran up to their previous public form. A dozen started for the Ringwood Steeplechase, which was a tolerably easy thing for Sweeper, with Adviser and Albemarle in the places. Then came the Caulfield Guineas, which found ten three-year-olds at the post. The Guineas is looked upon as a guide for the V.R.C. Derby, and notwithstanding his defeat at Randwick, Charles Stuart, who is reported to have improved since then, was made favourite at 2 to 1, while Scotland was supported at 9 to 2, Lady Wallace at 6 to 1, and Pius at 8 to 1. The running proved that the A.J.C. Derby had been a true-race race. In that event Noctuiiform and Sungod ran first and second, with Lady Wallace third. Now, with the two New Zealanders out of the way, Lady Wallace won by two lengths from Dantzic, who was followed home by Scotland, Charles Stuart fourth, and Pius fifth. Time, 1min 45 1-2sec. Eighteen started for the Toorak Handicap, and Sylvan King was served up a warm favourite at 4 to 1, with Debuture at 7 to 1, Red Streak 8 to 1, Overdale, Billingsgate and Medallist 10 to 1. A real good race saw Dandalla, by St. Swithin—Themis, 7.13, win by a head from Overdals, 8.11, second, and Medallist, 7.5, third.

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Achilles	50	100	125	40	50	40	25	100	150	50	66	80	125	100	80	80	200	200	200	200
Mahutonga	100	150	200	80	100	80	80	150	250	80	125	100	200	200	125	125	250	250	250	250
Nightfall	20	50	50	25	50	25	40	80	125	40	66	50	100	100	66	66	125	125	125	125
Quarryman	100	150	200	100	125	100	100	200	300	100	150	125	200	200	150	150	300	300	300	300
Paritutu	100	150	200	100	125	100	100	200	300	100	150	125	200	200	150	150	300	300	300	300
Melodeon	80	125	66	50	80	33	66	125	150	50	100	33	150	150	100	100	200	200	200	200
Bulawayo	150	250	300	100	150	100	125	250	400	125	200	150	300	300	200	200	400	400	400	400
Ghoorka	80	125	150	50	80	50	50	125	200	66	100	80	150	150	100	100	200	200	200	200
Golden Knight	80	125	150	50	80	50	50	125	200	66	100	80	150	150	100	100	200	200	200	200
Noctuiiform	50	80	100	25	50	25	40	80	125	33	66	50	100	100	66	66	125	125	125	125
Sungod	50	80	100	25	50	25	40	80	125	40	66	50	100	100	66	66	125	125	125	125
St. Joe	150	250	300	100	150	100	125	250	400	125	200	150	300	300	200	200	400	400	400	400
Mystification	200	300	400	150	200	150	150	300	500	150	250	200	400	400	250	250	500	500	500	500
Veneer	200	300	400	150	200	150	150	300	500	150	250	200	400	400	250	250	500	500	500	500
Calibre	400	600	800	300	400	300	300	600	1000	300	500	400	800	800	500	500	1000	1000	1000	1000
Douche	150	250	300	100	150	100	125	250	400	100	200	150	300	300	200	200	400	400	400	400
Blythe Maid	300	400	500	250	300	250	25	400	600	250	400	300	500	500	400	400	750	750	750	750
Stepdancer	200	300	400	150	200	150	150	300	500	150	250	200	400	400	250	250	500	500	500	500
Ability	400	600	800	300	400	300	300	600	1000	300	500	400	800	800	500	500	1000	1000	1000	1000

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Achilles	9 8	33	100	100	66	75	66	33	100	200	66	100	125	100	150	150	150	200	300	300
Mahutonga	9 2	50	125	125	66	75	66	50	100	200	66	100	125	100	150	150	150	200	300	300
Nightfall	8 12	20	50	75	33	33	20	33	50	150	33	50	66	50	100	100	100	125	200	200
Quarryman	8 7	66	150	150	66	100	50	40	125	250	50	150	125	100	150	150	250	350	350	350
Paritutu	7 12	100	200	200	100	150	100	125	200	350	100	150	150	150	150	200	200	300	500	500
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Veneer	7 0	200	350	350	200	300	200	300	300	750	300	300	400	500	600	600	600	800	1250	1250
Calibre	6 10	200	350	350	200	300	200	300	300	750	300	300	400	500	600	600	600	800	1250	1250
Blythemaids	6 8	500	800	800	500	600	500	600	750	1250	600	750	900	600	1000	1000	1000	1250	2000	2000
Ability	6 7	500	800	800	500	600	500	600	750	1250	600	750	900	600	1000	1000	1000	1250	2000	2000
Stepdancer	6 7	350	500	500	350	500	350	500	600	1000	500	600	750	500	800	800	800	1000	1500	1500

Prices subject to Market Alterations.

The Hawkesbury Spring Meeting on Saturday was a miserable failure. The fields were small, the weather inclement, and the attendance wretched, a circumstance not to be surprised at seeing that so many of our sportsmen were away in Melbourne.

Saturday's racing at Caulfield caused a considerable alteration in the betting for the Caulfield Cup, and Torah at once went to the position of favourite at 5 to 1. On Monday Boabdil came into the betting, and was backed to win £10,000, commencing at 100 to 5 and closing at 100 to 10.

Rupert Clarke was on the point of scratching Emir for the Caulfield Cup, although the stable had backed him for a substantial sum. On second thoughts, however, the sporting baronet determined to let the public who had backed Emir have a run for their money.

Maniopoto appears to be shaking off the cold he has been suffering from, and his owner thinks he will be all right by Melbourne Cup day.

On Monday Torah looked bright and well after his Caulfield Stakes victory.

The acceptance for the Caulfield Cup (33) is considered very satisfactory, but several no doubt have been left in for sweep consideration. A cut of the sweep was offered to the owner of F.J.A., but he declined to accept.

Three New Zealand-bred horses are left in the Caulfield Cup, namely, Maniopoto, Grand Rapids, and Canteen.

Two New Zealand-bred horses at present racing on this side were returned as winners on Saturday. At the Wallsend meeting the Natator mare Levant won the Hurdle Race, while at the Queensland Turf Club's meeting Elspeth appropriated the Novice Handicap.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUBS SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS; one mile. Colts 8.10, geldings 8.7, fillies 8.5. Multifid, Master Delaval, King Billy.

WELCOME STAKES; five furlongs. Colts 8.5, geldings 8.2, fillies 8.0. Conductor, Mignon, Sweet Alice, Cyrenian, Sappho colt.

MANUKAU HURDLE RACE; one mile and three-quarters. Inniiskillen, Hakaria, Vexation.

CITY HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter. Seely, Gladstone, Putty, Auratus, Waikato, Boomerang, Geordie, Waipuna.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

NOVEL TROT. One mile and a-half. Prince Trxie, Huon Leal, Porangi, Andy Brown.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP TROT. One mile and a-half. Young McKinney, Logan, Duke C., Baxter, Stranger, Albertorious, Lady Love.

REMUERA HANDICAP. Six and a-half furlongs. Solitary, Gladys Rose, Mataura.

LADIES' BRACELET TROT. One mile. Le Rosier, Macquarie, Miss Dunmore, Olive (late Jessie), Next Time, Huon Leal.

INNOVATION HANDICAP TROT. One mile. Le Rosier, Torpedo II., General Election, Empress, Olive (late Jessie).

Table with columns for race name, horse name, and odds. Includes High-Class Handicap and Junction Handicap.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

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POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Table with columns for race name, horse name, and odds. Includes First Hurdle Handicap and Spring Handicap.

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MASTERTON RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Table with columns for race name, horse name, and odds. Includes 12.30 p.m. Hack Hurdle Race and 1.5 p.m. Flying Hack Handicap.

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HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

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NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

SPRING HANDICAP, seven furlongs. Lady Hume, Loch Erne, Le Beau, Annette, Waipuna, Jewellery, Lady Clements, General Average, Carl Rosa, Rookby, Landlock, Akarana, Nervine, Southmaid, Austerlitz, Crece, Te Aroha, Avalanche, Delania, Geordie, Auratus, Pearl Necklet, Delania, Geordie, Calle Iris, Bonomiana, Master Delaval, Waikato, Full Cry, Trephine, Lurekone, Boomerang, Multifid.

PENROSE HURDLE RACE, two miles. Lingard, Wairaka, Inniiskillen, Hakaria, Imagination, Cuiragno, Vexation, Loch Fyne, MUSKET STAKES HANDICAP, four furlongs. Momi, Conductor, Cambrian, Primo, Menschikoff, Marjory colt, Mignon, Looor, gana, Inglis, Sweet Alice, Cardoon, Lady Frances, Apollinaris, Azoff, Queen's Scarf, filly, Saga, Le Mascotte, Lady Moth colt, Little Mary, San Francisco, Lady Moth colt, Inniiskillen, Major, Hiemoa, Nor-west, Swimmer, Straybird, Bachelor, Briganm.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter. The Lark, Kola Nip, Kereru, King Paul, Lady Clements, Tai Kitua, Hiro, Lady Clare, Southmaid, Whakahini, Franklin, Leonator, The Raven, Maui, Monoform, Seabird, Silicia, Shrewsbury, Pukekohe, Vexation.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs. Legerite, Hurihuri, Conspire, Solitary, Girton Girl, Lady Nannie, Forth, Merry Delaval, Orange and Blue, Little Mabel, Kilderkin, Sonoma, Luresome, Marisa, Gilead, Gladys Rose, Storyteller, Galvanic, Dr. Quest, Moira Ma Chree.

EPSON HANDICAP, six furlongs. Annette, Waipuna, Lady Annie, Hohoro, General Average, Carl Rosa, Landlock, Nervine, Gweniad, Millie, Te Aroha, Vivandel, Dardanus, Monoform, Alba Rose, Waitati, Bonomiana, Waikato, Lady Rose, King Billy, Multifid, Certainty, St. Claimer, Lovelink.

HUNT CLUB CUP. Ngaru, Sol. Aesop, Terence, Pierre, Baritone, Pilot. HUNT CLUB HURDLE RACE. The Scotchman Flower of Gold, Ngaru, Aesop, Mozart, Sol. Terence, Pierre.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. The Scotchman, Star of the South, Royal Shell, Kereru, Lady Clare, Liberator, Hiemoa, Whakahini, Frank, Dodd, Sir Alberton, Mauku, Seabird, Imagination, Cuiragno, Leo Feve, Te Papa, Loch Fyne, Lerida.

ASCOT HANDICAP. Gladstone, Waipuna, Lady Annie, Jewellery, King Paul, General Average, Landlock, Zuleika, Southfish, Avalanche, Apologus, Auratus, Delania, Scotty, Putty, Geordie, Sir Gilead, Waikato, Heroism, Pukekohe, Puhipuhi, King Billy, Boomerang, Multifid, Grenade, Lovelink.

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Le Mascotte, Momi, Saga, Conductor, Cambrian, Primo, Menschikoff, Marjory colt, Turbine, Mignon, Loongana, Banglet, Sweet Alice, Queen's Scarf, Cardoon, San Francisco, Lady Moth colt, Lady Frances, Cyrenian, Sappho colt, Rawhiti, Lady Cressy, Apollinaris, Azoff, Little Mary.

WELTER HANDICAP. Lady Hume, Loch Erne, The Lark, Le Beau, Kola Nip, Lady Clements, General Average, Hiro, Rookby, Zuleika, Akarana, Southmaid, Nervine, Southfish, Franklin, Leonator, Apologus, Auratus, Monoform, Sir Gilead, Geordie, Calle Iris, Bonomiana, Waikato, Pukekohe, Blackfish, Grenade, Master Delaval, Lovelink, Trephine, Heroism.

PARNELL HANDICAP. Desdemona, Annette, Woodmount, Takara, Hohoro, Carl Rosa, Jean, Landlock, Lucrece, Black and Gold, Nervine, Millie, Te Aroha, Austerlitz, Vivandel, Dardanus, Pearl Necklet, Monoform, Syren, Alba Rose, Waitati, Certainty, Bonomiana, Lady Rose, King Billy, Boomerang.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP. Galvanic, Legerite, Hurihuri, Conspire, Solitary, Girton Girl, Lady Nannie, Forth, Merry Delaval, Orange and Blue, Little Mabel, Kilderkin, Marisa, Dr. Quest, Moira Ma Chree, Gilead, Gladys Rose, Shrewsbury, Storyteller.

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FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Messrs Masters and Seaton's b f Prelude, by Merric England-Prologue, 3yrs, 7.0 (Reed), Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Sir Tristram, 3yrs, 7.10 (Gallagher), Mr Hikaka's b g St. Claimer, 4yrs, 7.8 (Olliver), Exmoor 9.4, Other starter: Exmoor 9.4, Won by a bare length. Dividend, £3 10s.

RIMUTAKA HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr W. Hume's b g Matakokiri, by Saracene-Lethe mare, 6yrs, 7.11, carried 21b overweight (Hewitt), Hon. W. Johnston's b g Aorangi, 3yrs, 8.2 (Jenkins), Mr E. J. Watt's ch c Gazeley, 3yrs, 7.3, carried 31b overweight (A. Oliver), Other starters: Perdita 7.13, Grand Poplar 7.9, Flotilla 7.0, Pat 6.7, Waikakaho 6.7, Balmam 6.7, Baskakho 6.7, Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 22 3-5sec. Dividends, £6 3s and £2 5s.

WELLESLEY STAKES. Four furlongs. Sir George Clifford's b f Kirriemuir, by Clanranald-Madovla, 8.2 (Cotton), Messrs Allan and Hobbs' br c Ivanoff, by Stepniak-Arlene, 8.7 (Hewitt), Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Zimmerman, 8.7 (J. Gallagher), Other starters: Knastikoff 8.7, Mungista 8.2, Kurawaka 8.2, Won handsomely by three lengths. Time, 52 4-5sec. Dividends, £4 and £1.

WAINUI HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr J. Monk's blk h Ghorka, by Lochiel-Fiancee, 6yrs, 10.5 (Jenkins), Mr J. Casserley's b m Regulation, aged, 10.3 (Fahey), Mr A. J. McWilliams' blk m Kudu, 6yrs, 8.6 (Pritchard), Other starters: Annie 10.2, Clambun 9.3, Vener 9.3, Wind 8.9, Nonen 8.2, Won by six lengths. Time, 1min 39sec. Dividends, £3 13s and £1 2s.

SPRING HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr C. Tricklebank's b g The Seer, by Turquoise-Vision, 4yrs, 8.0 (Lowe), Mr W. E. Bidwell's b g Aberration, 4yrs, 7.4 (Reed), Mr A. Boyle's br m Pas Seul, 3yrs, 7.5 (Raymond), Other starters: Petticoat 9.2, Tuce 8.1, Kaiuku 6.11, Waikakaho 6.7, Devonia 6.7 (carried 21b overweight), Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1min 8 4-5sec. Dividends, £9 10s and £2 1s.

SECOND DAY. The weather was fine overhead for the second day's races, but a strong north-westerly wind blew all day and made things rather uncomfortable. The course was still heavy. The attendance was well up to the average. The totalisator returns for the day amounted to £8328, making £18,320 for the meeting, as against £19,305 at last year's spring meeting. The results were as follows:

PETONE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Mr A. White's ch g South Star, by Sou'wester-Stella, 6yrs, 10.12 (Hercock), Mr W. Kingston's b g The Dauber, aged, 9.5 (Pritchard), Mr D. Rutherford's b m Graduated Tax, 6yrs, 9.13 (O'Neill), These were the only starters. Won very easily by several lengths. Time, 3min 3sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

TARARUA HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr G. Penfold's br m Flotilla, by Torpedo-Brainy Clink, 4yrs, 7.4 (Olliver), Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f Perdita, 3yrs, 7.11 (Gallagher), Mr W. Hume's b g Matakokiri, 6yrs, 8.9 (Hewitt), Other starters: Aberration 7.9, Grand Poplar 6.13, Won by a head. Time, 1min 38 1-5sec. Dividend, £4 9s.

PEARCE HANDICAP. Nine furlongs. Messrs Baxter Brothers' b g Vener, by Quilt-Maude, 4yrs, 6.8, carried 6.13 (Raymond), Mr J. Monk's ch h Achilles, 6yrs, 9.7 (Jenkins), Mr C. W. Wallis' ch g Mahutonga, 5yrs, 8.13 (Buchanan), Other starters: Signalmn 7.13, Shrapnel Shell 7.4, Flamen 6.9, Blythemaide 6.8, Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 5 3-5 sec. Dividends, £13 4s and 13s.

HUTT PARK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr J. Monk's blk h Ghorka, by Lochiel-Fiancee, 6yrs, 8.12 (Jenkins), Mr W. McKenzie's ch m Hinurewa, 6.7, carried 6.9 (Reed), Mr E. J. Watt's ch g Starshoot, 4yrs, 7.11 (Buchanan), Other starter: Regulation, Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 37 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 4s.

SPRING TRIAL STAKES. Six furlongs. Mr A. Boyle's br m Pas Seul, by Soult Parera, 3yrs, 7.10 (Hewitt), Mr H. Rooney's b m Grand Poplar, 3yrs, 7.10 (Buchanan), Mr H. McManaway's ch g Sir Percivale, 4yrs, 8.11 (Moran), Other starters: Armamento 8.1, Martello 8.1, Grand Circle 8.1, Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1min 23 4-5sec. Dividends, £1 19s and £3.

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Four furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Golden Gate, by San Francisco-Rose, 8.2 (Gallagher), Mr C. D. Kennedy's ch c The Squatter, 7.9 (Olliver), Mr W. J. Jorgensen's b f Strathallan, 6.10 (Wilson), Other starter: Frisco Maid 7.4, Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 53sec. Dividend, £1 10s.

RUAHINE HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Messrs G. and M. Lasherwood's b g Galahad, by Sir Lancelot-Auray, 4yrs, 7.5 carried 7.8 (Buchanan), Mr C. Tricklebank's b g The Seer, 4yrs, 8.8 (Lowe), Mr W. Hume's Matakokiri, 6yrs, 8.9 (Hewitt), Other starters: Maui 9.0, Flotilla 7.11, (including 7lb penalty), Waikakaho 6.11, Won by a length. Time, 1min 23sec. Dividends, £8 19s and £1 2s.

NAINAI HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr Hikaka's b g St. Claimer, by St. Clements-Faulterer, 4yrs, 7.4 (Reed), Mr R. T. Turnbull's ch c Boris, 4yrs, 8.9 (Hewitt), Mr J. Monk's br g Exmoor 6yrs, 9.0 (Jenkins), Other starters: Ballarat 8.10, Medallist 8.3, Coxswain 7.1, Kudu 6.10, Hukaka 6.7, Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 7sec. Dividends, £3 19s and £1 5s.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Auckland Trotting Club's Spring Meeting, extending over two days, was inaugurated at Alexandra Park, Epsom, on Saturday afternoon, under particularly favourable circumstances, the course being in tip-top order, and the weather overhead beautifully fine. There was a large attendance. The following were the results:—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mr W. A. Scott's b g Next Time, aged, 8sec (owner) 1 Mr E. Mines' ch g Porangi, aged, 11sec (G. Wood) 2 Mr J. Baker's b m Gory Lass, 8sec (J. Baker) 3

ONEHUNGA HANDICAP. Six and a-half furlongs. Mr W. Gall's ch m Solitary, by Recluse—Queenie, aged, 7.7 (Brown) 1 Mr E. Hussey's br m Gladys Rose, aged, 7.9 (Deley) 2 Mr A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, 6yrs, 7.12 (McLrod) 3

SPRING HANDICAP TROT. Two miles. Mr W. Kaama's b h Albertorius, by Albert Victor—Dulce, 5yrs, 16sec (Duncan) 1 Mr Hendriksen's b g Weary Willie, aged, 18sec (Hendriksen) 2 Mr F. H. Ridder's b g Logan, aged, 4sec (S. Hamilton) 3

MIDDLE-CLASS TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half. Mr W. May's b g Macquarrie, by Huon Junior, 9sec (May) 1 Mr C. Baker's br g Kiteonetea, aged, 13sec (J. Baker) 2 Mr B. Armitage's b m Miss Rue, 16sec (W. J. Greenwood) 3

STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT. One mile and a-half. Mr J. Teddy's br h Young McKinney, by McKinney—Kate Brady, 4yrs, 7sec (G. Duncan) 1 Mr G. Herbert's b g Colenso, aged, 22sec (owner) 2 Mr A. Milne's b g Sir Robert, aged, 20sec (Lloyd) 3

PONY TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mrs K. Winter's b g Sandy, aged, 14sec (J. Greenwood) 1 Mr F. Brady's br g Little Paul, 6yrs, scratch (owner) 2 Mr A. Milne's b m Mangonui, 5yrs, 9sec (Lloyd) 3

OCTOBER HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr J. Thorpe's ch m Sonoma, by Seaton Delaval—Maratea, 5yrs, 9.10 (Speakman) 1 Mr A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, 6yrs, 7.12 (Deley) 2 Mr W. Gall's ch m Solitary, aged, 7.8 (Towers) 3

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mr W. May's b g Macquarrie, by Huon Junior, 5yrs, 18sec (owner) 1 Mr C. Baker's br g Kiteonetea, aged, 23sec (J. Baker) 2 Mr G. Herbert's b g Colenso, aged, 15sec (owner) 3

THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

THE V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

The following were the results of the principal races:—

THE ECLIPSE STAKES of 300 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr J. McMaster's ch m Marvel Loch, by Lochiel—Marvelette, 5yrs, 8.13 (Hood) 1 Mr Jas. Wilson's (jun.) b or br h Boabdil, by Boabdil—Circle, 4yrs, 8.4 (Truscott) 2

THE CAULFIELD CUP, of 3000 sovs; 2500 of the said sum to go to the first horse, 350 sovs to the second, and 150 sovs to the third. Handicap. One mile and a-half.

Mr J. McMaster's ch m Marvel Loch, by Lochiel—Marvelette, 5yrs, 8.7 (Hood) 1 Messrs J. Samuel and J. Burton's b h Warroo, by Positano—Alga, 4yrs, 7.11 (Clayton) 2

potto, 12 to 1 Emir, 10 to 1 Warroo, Rosemead and Plus. Marvel Loch won by two lengths from Warroo, who beat Torah by four lengths. Emir was fourth; then came Overdale, Proccador, Elvo, Harmony, Dantzig Marmont, and Rosemead, the back division consisting of Napoleon, Position, and Troytown. Time, 2min 35 3/4sec.



ANNUAL SALE OF THE ELDERSLIE YEARLINGS.

PYNE AND CO. have received instructions from J. F. REID, ESQ., to SELL by AUCTION, at TATTERSALL'S, CHRISTCHURCH, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, at 11 a.m.,

HIS ANNUAL DRAFT OF YEARLINGS, particulars of which are as follows:— CHESTNUT COLT (brother to Moscow), by Stepniak, dam Coronel (sister to Gold Medallist), by Medallion—Corolla, by St. Albans, etc.

BAY COLT (brother to Boris), by Stepniak—Shepherdess, by Fitz Donovan—Iolanthe, by Maribymong, etc.

BROWN COLT (brother to Indian Queen and Romanoff), by Stepniak—Ranee Nuna, by St. George—Watersprite, by Traducer, etc.

BAY COLT (brother to Madrigal, Rose Madder, Rubia, and Munjeet), by Stepniak—Madder, by Gossoon—Madras, by Chester, etc.

BROWN COLT, by Stepniak—Whirlpool (dam of Grand Rapids and Scylla), by St. George—Watersprite, by Traducer, etc.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by Stepniak—Far Away (dam of Ailsa and Eden), by Bill of Portland—Happy Land (dam of Hova), by Musket—Atlantis (dam of St. Leger), etc.

BAY or BROWN COLT, by Stepniak—Firecross, by Patrol—Crossfire (sister to Arsenal, and dam of Loug Tom), by Goldsbrough, etc.

CHESTNUT COLT, by Stepniak—Crest (dam of Bulawayo), by Medallion—Ich Dien, by St. George—Ravenswing, by Apremont—Idalia (dam of Sir Modred, etc.)

BAY COLT, by Stepniak—Decoy, by Medallion—Siren, by St. George—Ravenslion—Siren, by St. George—Watersprite, by Traducer, etc.

BROWN FILLY (sister to King Log and Tolstoi), by Stepniak—Fairmaid, by Albany—Titania, by Malton, etc.

BROWN COLT, by Stepniak—Reel, by Medallion—Pibroch (dam of Menschikoff), by Lochiel, etc.

BAY COLT, by Stepniak—Tempest, by New Holland—Tornado, by Gang Forward, etc.

BROWN FILLY, by Stepniak—Ambush (sister to Sortie, the dam of Orloff), by Vanguard—Fairmaid, by Albany, etc.

BAY COLT, by The Possible—Fair Nell (dam of Saracen, Loyalty, and Bonnie Scotland), by Apremont—Idalia (dam of Sir Modred), by Cambuscan.

CHESTNUT COLT, by Pilgrim's Progress—Neva (sister to Scylla and half-sister to Grand Rapids), by Stepniak—Whirlpool, by St. George, etc.

CHESTNUT COLT, by Pilgrim's Progress—Poltara, by Stepniak—Tempest, by New Holland, etc.

CHESTNUT FILLY, by Pilgrim's Progress—Taurida, by Stepniak—Fallacy (grand-dam of Menschikoff), by Sledmere, etc.

CATALOGUES are in course of preparation, and will be ready shortly. PYNE AND CO., Auctioneers, Christchurch.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the KENSINGTON RACECOURSE (Under A.R.C. Rules.)

on FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 and 13, 1906.

Patron: Mr F. Mander, M.H.R. President: Mr R. Thompson. Vice-Presidents: Drs. Hall and Sweet, Lieut.-Colonel Goring. Judge: Mr R. Thompson. Clerk of Scales: Mr H. Stuart. Clerk of Course: Mr W. Clotworthy. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evelt. Secretary: Mr R. J. Dent. Treasurer: Mr H. S. Hill. Auditor: Mr W. A. M. Bain. Committee: Messrs A. R. Crane, J. N. Dalston, J. S. Dent, H. S. Hill (Chairman), A. G. McKenzie, J. B. McInnis, J. W. McGregor, D. McLeod, L. W. Nelson, S. Rawnsley, jun., J. Slater, H. Stuart, A. G. McKay, and H. Goodson.

FIRST DAY.

12.30 p.m.—WELCOME STAKES HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

1.15 p.m.—FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles; about 3ft 6in in height.

2 p.m.—RAILWAY HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

2.45 p.m.—WHANGAREI CUP HANDICAP, of 100 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs, and the third 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £3. One mile and a-quarter.

3.30 p.m.—KENSINGTON STAKES HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

4.15 p.m.—SETTLERS' HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have been owned and located in any County north of the Waitemata County three months prior to date of entry. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. One mile.

5 p.m.—PUBLICAN'S PURSE HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. One mile.

5.30 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the

stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Four furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

12.30 p.m.—TRADESMEN'S PLATE HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. One mile.

1.15 p.m.—SECOND HURDLE HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. About one mile and a-half. Over six flights of hurdles; about 3ft 6in in height.

2 p.m.—SUMMER HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. Six furlongs.

2.45 p.m.—PARK HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 25s. One mile and a distance.

3.30 p.m.—MARSDEN STAKES, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.

4.15 p.m.—HACK HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 20 sovs at time of entry. Other conditions same as Settlers' Handicap. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.

5 p.m.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d. One mile.

5.30 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

(Stakes Paid in Full.)

PENALTIES.

FLAT RACES.—The winner of any Flat Race, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. Horses handicapped at 8st 10lb or over to carry only half the above penalty. (Applies to Whangarei Meeting only.)

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all races close on Friday, 22nd December, 1905, at the Secretary's Office, Whangarei, and with Mr H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for the first day's races will be declared on or about Wednesday, 3rd January, 1906.

ACCEPTANCES for first day's races, close at the Secretary's office, Whangarei, and at Mr H. B. Massey's High-street, Auckland on Monday, 8th January, 1906, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for second day's races declared on Friday, 12th January, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for second day's races close on Friday, 12th January, 1906, at the Secretary's office, Whangarei, at 10 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All nominations made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards (see Rule 45 in Rules of Racing).

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, with entrance money enclosed, giving the name, age, description and pedigree of horses, and the colours of riders (unless registered).

Any owner failing to declare his colours at time of entry will be fined 2 sovs unless the colours are registered.

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

The Committee reserve the right to re-arrange programme. R. J. DENT, Secretary.



TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 17th and 18th NOVEMBER, 1905.

President: W. H. Herries, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-Presidents: Messrs F. Pavitt, T. Gavin, F. Pilling, R. L. Somers, Dr. Keemy, J. W. Anderson, S. L. Bygrave. Judge: T. Gavin, Esq. Handicapper: Mr F. W. Edwards. Starter: Mr M. O'Meagher. Clerk of Scales: Mr T. Stanley. Clerk of Course: Mr P. Parr. Treasurer: Mr J. B. Johnson. Stewards: Messrs N. Ferguson, J. Rowe, P. O'Meagher, Jas. McNicol, W. H. Windsor, J. P. Gordon, A. F. Thomas, A. W. Edwards, J. W. Shaw, F. Bradley, F. Walker, N. Honiss, F. Tonge, W. Manson, and E. B. Walker.

FIRST DAY.

1. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, of 20sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race over 25 sovs in value at time of starting. Distance, five and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.

2. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Distance, one and a-half miles; over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

3. TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.

4. HANDICAP PONY RACE of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3in and under. Distance, five and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s 6d. Ponies not holding A.R.C. Certificate for season 1904-5 to be measured by Club before starting.

5. DOMAIN HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.

6. HANDICAP HACK RACE, of 12 1/2 sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised flat race 10 sovs in value at time of starting. Distance, five and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s.

7. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 10s.

SECOND DAY.

1. TOURIST PLATE HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.

2. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. Distance, one and three-quarter miles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s.

- 3. TE AROHA CUP HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 25s.
4. SECOND HANDICAP PONY RACE, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, six and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s 6d. Same conditions as Pony Race.
5. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. Distance, five and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 10s.
6. SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE, of 12 1/2 sovs; second horse to receive 50s from the stake. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Race.
7. WELTER HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 7s 6d. Minimum weight 8st.

CONDITIONS.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary at Te Aroha not later than 8 p.m. SATURDAY, October 28th. WEIGHTS to be declared on Monday, November 6.

ACCEPTANCES to be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, November 11th.

HANDICAPS for Second Day's Races to be declared at 9 p.m. on November 17th. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Races to be in the hands of the Secretary, on or before 10 p.m. on November 17th.

The age, pedigree, colour of horses, and performances must accompany Nominations. In the event of horseowners not complying with Rules they will be subject to disqualification by the Stewards.

All protests must be made in writing to the Secretary within 10 minutes after the race, accompanied with £2, which will be forfeited to the Club if the protest is dismissed. The Stewards' decision to be final.

The colours of riders must be sent in with entries. Jockeys not riding in colours entered will be fined £1.

No Nomination or Acceptance to be received on any pretence whatever after the hour named, or without being accompanied by the necessary amount of cash. The attention of owners is particularly called to this rule.

All winners after publication of weights are liable to be re-handicapped.

In no case will tickets of admission be issued to Trainers or Jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary. E. O. NASH, Secretary.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING 1907.

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKE 1907.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.

Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and the horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 8lb. By subscription 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1906, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1907, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 1905. No money is required at time of nomination. Six furlongs.

SPRING MEETING, 1907.

THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS, 1907.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.

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SUMMER MEETING, 1907-8.

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

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THE FORTUNA FILLY.

(By HOWEL SCRATTON.)

CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued.)

Lord Thistleton and Sir Robert came into the Paddock after the first race, in high spirits and laughing like a couple of schoolboys; for the Newmarket air always acted as a tonic to the old associates, who had seen more meetings on the wind-swept heath than they would care to count.

"I wish I had been there to hear it!" laughed Sir Robert. "Tell me again, Thistleton, old fellow!"

"Why, I was in the weighing-room with Phil Stokes, and there were some jockeys dressing in the other room, and we overheard what they said. You know Jim Price suffers a good deal from tender feet, and finds it very difficult to waste in consequence. Well, it seems that he had just taken off his walking boots, for we heard young Benny Miles, the light-weight, exclaim,

"By Jove, Jim, your feet do *pen*. (Pen is short for 'pen-and-ink,' which is the rhyming slang for 'stink,' you know.)

"Yes," said Jim, "but I can't help it; I have tried everything I can think of, but it is no use!"

"Didn't you never try *washin'* the blighters?" asked Benny, and Price threw his boots at him as he rushed out of the room. Even old Stokes could not help laughing!"

And the two old gentlemen went away arm-in-arm to look at the horses, chuckling as they went.

John Straight and Joe Tritton were in the farther paddock, and they raised their hats as the two gentlemen joined them.

"How are ye, Tritton?" asked Sir Robert, cheerily. John he had seen earlier.

"Very well, thank you, sir. I have to thank you for so very kindly lending me a trial horse, too, Sir Robert. I don't know what I should have done without him."

"Oh, very glad; very glad!" Sir Robert replied. "I hear that you have a pretty good filly?"

"Yes, sir; if she bears out what Phantom City told me about her, she will win this race to-day."

"Well, I am glad to hear it. I should like to see Helvellyn take the race, of course; but it is always pleasant to see new blood successful. I hear that this Mr. Chambers is quite a young man?"

"Oh, yes; only about twenty-six. He has not owned horses till this year."

"Well, well. I wish him luck!" cried Sir Robert, as he moved away.

The second race had been run, and Dash and Delia did not attempt to disguise their nervousness. Dash kept getting down from the carriage and hurrying to the paddock, where he would look at the filly for a few minutes, and then bolt back to Delia to tell her that she was still all right.

Twitterton was almost as excited as the others, and Mrs. Baines chattered incessantly.

But at length the horses were saddled and mounted, and made their way on to the course.

It was a splendid sight to see these thirty of the world's best animals going down to the post to do battle for the greatest handicap of the season.

Delia clapped her hands as the bonny bay filly came dashing down the course, with little Pat Rooney in her new cap and jacket, sitting very still upon her.

"Oh, is not she lovely!" exclaimed the ladies with one voice; "and what pretty colours they are!"

Then came the great Helvellyn, with Leicester Gatling on his back—a magnificent specimen of the thoroughbred horse. He cantered down with thundering strides.

Presently, they were all assembled at the starting-post, and in a few minutes the rainbow line of silken jackets was seen to dart suddenly forward and the horses were on their way.

Onward they came, up and down the gradients of the course, along the rolled track, which looks greener than the rest of the heath on account of the attention which is paid to it to keep it in order.

For some time, even almost until they had reached the bushes, Delia could not see the Fortuna filly's colours, but she could see that Helvellyn was out by himself on the far side, going strongly and well.

Although he was her father's horse, she felt sick to see him there, and her own favourite not in the first flight.

At length she saw Rooney's red cap

behind some horses on the near side, and he was evidently looking for an opening to come through. As they descended the hill into the dip the front rank separated, and Rooney got his chance.

He steered for the opening, and as the field passed the carriage, Rooney let the filly out, and she sailed past her neighbours in the smoothest manner possible and was level with Helvellyn, but wide apart.

"She wins! Fortuna filly wins!" screamed Delia, not caring what anybody thought of her. "Go on, Rooney! Go on!"

Whether this advice reached Rooney or not, he certainly did not neglect to act in accordance with it, and the beautiful filly breasted the hill like a hare and passed the winning-post three lengths in advance of Helvellyn, who was second.

Mr. Twitterton threw his hat into the air, and shouted "Hooray" with all his might, and Dash would have done the same, but his emotion deprived him of the power of speech.

"Be quiet, John!" said Mrs. Baines, "how can you behave like that? Why don't you run to see the winner come in? Delia and I will follow!"

At these words Dash suddenly recovered his faculties, and shouting, "Come on! come to the paddock!" he jumped out of the carriage and ran through the carriages and round the back of the stands to the gate of the Birdcage, and his filly was just coming across from the course gate to weigh in as he reached the weighing-room door.

Dash leaned upon the rail of the unsaddling enclosure, and looked at the beautiful mare who had made it possible for him to indulge the most cherished desire of his heart, and a great gulp of gratitude was in his throat, but his pale face and slightly trembling lip did not betray a tithe of the agitation which was consuming him.

Lord Thistleton and Sir Robert came out of the Jockey Club stand.

"Hard luck, old man, being beaten when it looked as if Helvellyn had the race at his mercy at the Bushes."

"I am not at all surprised," answered Sir Robert. "John Straight asked me to lend them Phantom City to try this filly. It seems that she belongs to a friend of John's—I don't know him, but I think he is quite a young fellow—and she won a good trial with the old horse; so we knew there was danger in that quarter; but here is old Stokes, grinning all over his face—I told him we were afraid of this filly, and, by the look of him, he must have backed her!"

"Hullo!" cried Sir Philip Stokes. "I backed first and second on your tip, Bob! I am sorry they did not finish the other way about, though!"

"This is a good filly," answered Sir Robert, "and it was asking Helvellyn too much to expect him to give her twenty-six pounds. I don't believe any horse in England could do it!"

"They say the owner won a pile of money on her," remarked the judge, "and I hear that it is almost his first appearance on the turf. Fancy having the luck to win a Cambridgeshire to begin one's racing career!"

"He is a friend of John Straight's, I must be introduced to him," said Sir Robert. "I want to congratulate him on his good fortune!"

"There's Straight, with Helvellyn," cried Lord Thistleton, "let us ask him to introduce us."

"John!" said Sir Robert.

"Yes, sir," answered John. "I want to congratulate your friend, Mr. Chambers; you had better introduce me to him. I was so near owning this filly myself that I take great interest in her."

John Straight's face twisted into a comical smile, as he said, "You know that 'Mr. Chambers' is only an assumed name, but I think I had better call him by it, as he may prefer not to have his real name known."

"All right, where is he?" asked Sir Robert.

"There he is, over there in a grey overcoat, leaning on the rail," answered John, pointing to Dash, who had his back to them.

"Come on, then; I want to speak to him. You do the honours, John."

Mr. Straight went up and touched Dash on the shoulder, and he instantly turned round and was face to face with Sir Robert, Lord Thistleton, and Sir Philip Stokes.

"Dashwood Fynes!" they exclaimed, in chorus. "Why, how the devil Surely you are not Mr. Chambers?"

"Yes, indeed I am, though, Sir Robert," replied Dash.

"And you are the owner of the Fortuna filly?" ejaculated Sir Robert.

"And you have jolly near broken the ring!" exclaimed Lord Thistleton.

"And you had the impudence to humbug me in my own Court yesterday, so that you should be able to get here to-day!" said Sir Philip Stokes. "I don't

know what the young men at the Bar are coming to!"

Just then Mr. Twitterton came up, with Mrs. Baines and Delia.

When Delia saw her father talking to Dash, she knew that the cat was out of the bag, so she went boldly up to them.

"You here, Delia? Whatever are you doing here?" demanded her father.

"I came with Mrs. Baines; we wanted to see the Cambridgeshire run."

"And did you know that this enterprising young gentleman was the owner of the winner?" asked Sir Robert.

"Oh, yes, dad," she said, taking her father's arm coaxingly, "I planned it all with him."

"You planned it with him? Pray, what have you to do with planning things with him?"

"Only that he had not much money, and we thought if he bought a racehorse and won a race with it, he would get some; and now he has won it, and he will never bet any more!"

"I expect he will have enough work to do now to keep him pretty busy at Chambers," put in Mr. Twitterton.

"Oh, by the way, Twitterton, I see that you have been granted silk—let me offer my congratulations!" said Sir Philip, heartily.

"Thanks—yes; and so Fynes will step into my junior practice."

"Well done, Fynes," said the judge.

"I should think this is the greatest day of your life!"

"There is one thing that I want more than either practice at the bar or winning the Cambridgeshire," Dash said quietly, while Delia, who knew what he meant, blushed violently.

"What is that?" asked Sir Robert.

"I should have thought you had enough to make you happy for one day."

Dash took Delia's hand, and said simply,

"I want Delia—I want your consent to her being my wife—everything else is nothing to me!"

"Bravo!" cried Lord Thistleton.

"Well spoken, my lad—go on, Bob; give him your consent—don't keep him in suspense on a day like this!"

Sir Robert took Dash's hand and shook it warmly. "Lord Thistleton is right," he said. "It is not often that a young man wins a Cambridgeshire and a wife on the same day, but you can have her!"

Delia pressed her father's arm, and said, "Thank you, dad!"

"There is another secret which I think ought to be made known," said Sir Philip Stokes. "I don't think Twitterton ought to keep his news from us on a day like this!"

"No; I agree with you," said Twitterton. "I think I ought to tell you that I have the great happiness to be engaged to be married to the charming lady next to me."

"Mrs. Baines!" exclaimed Lord Thistleton. "Oh, well, next to marrying you myself, I would like Twitterton to marry you—let me congratulate you both!"

"Come along, let us all go back to London and finish up the day with a dinner at the Carlton!" cried Sir Robert. "I feel as if I should like to have all the most indigestible kickshaws they can give us, just to celebrate this great day."

"Bravo, dad, and we must have Mr. Straight and Mr. Tritton, too; and, of course, our commissioner, Mr. Nuthall!"

"Yes, you had better find Nuthall, Dashwood, and invite him; and you go and tell Tritton, John," said Sir Robert.

"I am sorry, but I know Joe Tritton will not be able to be one of the party," said John Straight. "I made an appointment for him to call on Lord Vange in the evening, to arrange to take over his horses; and he could not break it, even for the pleasure of joining your party."

"Very well; you will come, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes; I shall be delighted. I feel as if I had had a good share in bringing about this marriage, for I was in Miss Delia's confidence the whole time!"

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself for not telling me, then! But come along, let us go to our traps. We will meet at the station—Lord Thistleton and I must call at our rooms first to tell the servants we are going to town; John, we can give you a lift."

And so they separated for the time being, and as the fly which carried Dash and Delia, with Mr. Twitterton and Mrs. Baines, left the racecourse, poor old Gravy was amongst the crowd, twanging his guitar and singing the song which he had sung in the train, going to Epsom.

"It's your beauty," he said, "I admire, not your pelt; though, of course, if it's handy to find on the shelf, I could do with a bit of cold mutton myself. For I'm feeling quite fagged out and jady!"

"Poor old chap," said Dash. "Here, Gravy! I want you!"

The minstrel stopped singing, and approached the carriage, doffing his tall hat.

"Here's a fiver for you," said Dash.

"And here's another!" cried Mr. Twitterton; "for the sake of auld lang syne!"

"Thank you, gentlemen, thank you—And thank you, beautiful ladies!" cried the singer, overjoyed. "Good luck to the Fortuna filly!"

The carriage drove away and soon reached the station, whither Sir Robert had sent a messenger to engage a reserved carriage; and the happy party reached London in good time to assemble at the Carlton at eight o'clock for the best dinner the hotel could offer them.

Then when the dessert had been put upon the table, Sir Philip Stokes raised his glass and said, "I propose the health of the two happy pairs, coupled with the name of the winner of the Cambridgeshire—by the way, she must have a name—what is it to be?"

"Delia promised to tell us after the race," said Mrs. Baines.

"Very well, Miss Ashingdon, I call upon you to name the filly, and I will couple that name with the toast!"

Delia blushed. "I thought of a name for her," she said, "but I don't know whether it is a good one."

"What is it? Let us hear the name!" said Sir Philip.

"It is 'True Love,'" answered Delia, red to the roots of her hair.

"Coupled with True Love!" concluded Sir Philip exultingly.

"True Love!" exclaimed the men, as they raised their glasses, and the ladies shyly echoed the word.

THE END.



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CRICKET.

(By "YORKER.")

The opening of the season on Saturday was favoured with an ideal day for cricket. Throughout the afternoon the sun shone clear and bright, and but for the softness of the ground it might almost have been a midsummer's day. There was present, too, a gentle breeze, which added to the pleasure of the game.

On the Domain, where the bulk of the matches were being played, the sight was a particularly pleasing one. The bright green turf, studded with white-flannelled cricketers from end to end, the beautiful budding oaks which surround the ground, and the clear blue sky overhead, formed a picture that could hardly be surpassed.

Accustomed to the beauties of the country which we live in, the native eye is apt to take these things as a matter of course, and it is left to our visitors to remark upon and wonder at the beauty of our city's surroundings. So it is with cricketers. Foreign teams who visit us, both English and Australian, tell us our ground, for picturesqueness, is unsurpassed in the world, and I look forward to the time when the same may be said of the actual playing qualities of the wickets themselves. From a cricketer's point of view the ground has been sadly neglected of late years, and it is very pleasing to see that the City Council have decided to effect considerable improvements between this and next season. Water pipes are to be at once laid down for all the pitches and for draining purposes a sum of nearly £400 has been voted. To a ground which was once a raupo swamp, good drains are absolutely essential, and, wisely spent, this sum will go a long way towards permanent improvements.

On the afternoon of Trafalgar Day I had the pleasure of watching for a short time the practice at the Grammar School nets, and was naturally struck by the improvement shown by many of the boys. Doubtless the effect of last year's coaching. Boys whom one couldn't help asking the names of were Mulgan, Sisam, Taylor, and Johansen. The first two are senior boys, whose batting shows a considerable amount of finish. The latter two are somewhat younger, and have naturally not so much power at their command. Their style, however, is very correct, and they give promise of developing into first-class bats. Sisam is also a very fair break bowler.

The two senior matches played on the Domain were—Parnell v. Grafton, and Ponsonby v. Eden, the other senior game, City v. North Shore, being played on the latter's own ground.

Of the Domain games, the chief interest centred in the Parnell-Grafton match. The teams on each side were much the same as last year. Parnell have lost Mason, but benefit by the inclusion of Howell, the Christchurch left-hand bowler, and Forster, a Ponsonby player of last season, replaces Stenson on the Grafton side. Otherwise there is little alteration.

Winning the toss, Mr. Fred. Murray, who again captains Parnell, decided to send his men to the wickets, Philson, who ended up the season so well last year, and R. B. Lusk being sent in to face the bowling of St. Paul at one end and A. E. Sloman at the other. Though easy, the ground was soft, and the batsmen opened very cautiously. Sloman and St. Paul both kept a good length, and it was some time before the first 10 runs appeared. Lusk was batting rather "streakily," and was fortunate in being missed off St. Paul in the second over, but Philson, on the other hand, was playing sound cricket and watching the ball very closely. From the first to last of his innings of 44 runs he played really well, and made several very pretty cuts and square off drives. With practice this young player has a good season in front of him. With 20 on the board Hay made a chance in his bowling, putting the big man, Kallender, on in place of Sloman. The change had the desired effect, for though the deliveries of the new bowler were at first somewhat erratic, he managed to get a fast one on to the bottom of Lusk's stumps, who retired with 14 to his credit.

Sale, one of last year's reps., was the next man in. He played correct cricket and helped Philson to raise the score to 85 before D. Hay, who had gone on at Kallender's end, got a fast off break into his wicket. The gem of Sale's innings of 16 was a beautiful pull to the leg boundary off C. Hay, who was put on at the pavilion end.

Next to come was Oliffe, the sturdy little Parnellite, who has justly earned the reputation of being the best all-round man in the province. A safe bat on any wicket, and an excellent bowler that does a little to help him, it is a wonder to all Aucklanders how he came to be left out of the last New Zealand team.

With Oliffe at one end and Philson going strong at the other, the score increased steadily, until the board showed 90 for two wickets. Several changes were tried in the bowling, with no result. Once Philson gave a sharp chance to the wicket-keeper, which was not accepted, otherwise his contribution of 44 was faultless, and on returning to the pavilion, caught in the slips off Sloman, was loudly applauded.

Robinson, a very promising junior, filled Philson's place, and in making his 16 runs showed that he was capable of making some very nice off drives. His forward strokes are very good, clean, and powerful, and with a little attention to back play he may develop into a top-notch. At present he is a little weak in this department, but he is quite a young player, and the straightness of his style is quite out of the ordinary.

The two remaining batsmen who helped to add to Parnell's score of 166 for six wickets were Murray and R. Barry. The former started off with a leg hit for four in his usual vigorous if unorthodox style, but succumbed before he had got fairly going. Barry is still in, and batting well. Altogether, Parnell's display was as good as I have seen at the opening of a season. It is true that the Grafton trundling is not of a very deadly order, but for the most part they kept a real good length, and Sloman and St. Paul both deserved more wickets than they got.

Oliffe was next to Philson in the matter of runs, and his 42 was compiled in his usual business-like manner.

In the Eden-Ponsonby match the scoring was not nearly so good. Eden went first to the wickets, but, unlike Parnell, made a poor start, and were all dismissed by Ponsonby for 143. The only really bright spot in the Eden side was a characteristic innings by W. Stenson. In making his 40 (not out) he hit out merrily, one of his well-known leg hits landing well over the Parnell-Grafton wickets. Elliott, too, played a useful innings of 37, stubbornly defending his sticks, while his companions gracefully retired one by one at the other end.

Starting their innings Ponsonby have lost two wickets for a small number of runs, and with the newly-arrived Stenson in their bowling ranks, I do not expect to see Ponsonby top the Eden score unless the wicket next Saturday is a particularly good one.

At North Shore the scoring was pretty poor, each side almost getting an innings during the afternoon. City batted first and only succeeded in making 102, while North Shore have nine wickets down for 114.

For City Hemus made more than half the runs, 49 out of 97, and all cricketers will be pleased to see the young Cityite do so well after his operation for appendicitis. Apparently he has fully recovered, and we wish him a successful season.

For Shore Haddon, I hear, made 33 in real good style. I am glad to see that he has returned from Sydney, to help the Shoreites once more. Prime also played a useful innings of 37 not out. Hussey was the most successful bowler on his side, taking seven for 25, a really fine performance. This player has a nice overhead delivery, and on his day is a most useful man.

I am glad to see Bob Neil out again for City. If he could only regain anything like his old form with the ball he would be invaluable in the Auckland team when they make the trip South this year. With practice he is also one of our soundest batsmen.

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BOWLING.

(By "THE SKIP.")

OPENING OF THE ONEHUNGA GREEN.

Under the most favourable circumstances the above club opened its season on Saturday last. The officers of the club had laid themselves out to make this the "opening of openings" as far as the Onehunga green was concerned, and in this it must be said that they more than succeeded.

The boundary of the green was gaily decorated with bunting, kindly lent by the Northern S.S. Co., and the arrangement of the same was admirably carried out by Captain Neale, harbourmaster at the port of Onehunga.

Extensive improvements have been carried out, entailing great expense. The belt of trees at the western end of the rinks have been cut down, and a suitable fence erected, along which are permanent seats for the convenience of onlookers of the game. A croquet lawn has also been laid down for the use of the ladies.

Another step of advancement this flourishing club has made is the accepting of a tender for the building of a caretaker's cottage, the cost of which is to be £190. Mr. A. Robb is the architect and Mr. Jeffrey the builder.

The rinks of the green were completely covered with a fine mat of grass, and the green superintendent, Mr. W. D. McLean and caretaker Mr. Lloyd Quentary, are to be complimented in having the same in such a high state of perfection. The green was originally laid down by Mr. Heron, of Remuera, and he was congratulated on the test his work had stood for the past three seasons.

The Onehunga green was founded in 1901 by Mr. C. C. Fleming, who was the first president, but during this season no play took place, the management preferring to give the new rinks a chance to consolidate. Unfortunately and deeply regretted by the club, Mr. Fleming did not live to see the club opened for actual play, and the Rev. G. Brown succeeded him as president. Mr. M. H. Wynyard next occupied the position from the end of 1902 to 1904. The present president of the club is Mr. F. Court, a well-known and popular bowler, a gentleman who has plenty of leisure time to devote to the ancient and noble game, and one who enters into the sport with thorough earnestness. We give in this issue a photo. of Mr. Court, and bowlers throughout the North Island will recognise one who has taken part in many tournaments held under the auspices of the N.B.A.

Close on three o'clock Mr. Court addressed a few words to the visiting bowlers appropriate to the occasion, and extended to one and all the heartiest wel-

come of the club. He briefly referred to the improvements in and around the club's property, and also to the advancement the club had made generally. His little grandson was then asked to do the time-honoured custom of throwing the "jack." Thus was opened this popular green for the season of 1905-6.

The officers of the club are as follows:—President, Mr. F. Court; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. H. Wynyard, S. Bradley, D. Neilson, Jno. Neil, W. D. McLean; committee, Messrs J. Robb, J. N. Rishworth, H. Davies, G. Vause, E. B. Wright, C. J. Schnauer; hon. sec., Mr. J. Shaldrick; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. N. McIntosh.

The match, President v. Vice-Presidents, ended in a win for the former, the scores being 159 to 151—majority for president, 8 points.

During the afternoon the Onehunga Town Band—a newly-formed institution under the leadership of Bandmaster Hulse, enlivened the proceedings with a choice selection of music.

In a prettily-decorated tea room, adjacent to the pavilion, a sumptuous afternoon tea was set out for the host of invited guests, and as the afternoon was particularly warm, the efforts of the ladies were much appreciated. The tables were presided over by Mesdames F. and W. T. Court, Buchanan, Shaldrick, White, and the Misses Neilson and Hills, assisted by other lady friends.

Good wishes and congratulations were forwarded to the club from Messrs. M. H. Wynyard, W. D. McLean, and — Burton, Te Aroha Bowling Club. These were duly posted on the notice board at the pavilion.

At the close of the day's play the president made known the result of the game as stated above, and trusted all had had a pleasant outing.

Mr. W. Culpin (Auckland Club) responded on behalf of the visitors for sister institutions, and stated he was pleased to see the Onehunga Club improving to such an extent each year, and was sure at the rate they were going, their club would soon be second to none in Auckland.

The usual "three times three" for Onehunga Club, the visitors and ladies, brought to a close the most successful gathering this club has had the pleasure to celebrate.

Onehunga opening a pronounced success.

Secretary Shaldrick was a host in himself in the way he attended to the pleasure and comfort of the visiting bowlers.

That F. Court is a popular president may be gathered from the hearty good wishes and congratulations he received.

The holders of the "Cock o' the Walk badges" at Onehunga have already received two challenges to defend them. The teams are:—Robb, Rishworth, Neil,

McIntosh (skip); Neilson, Vause, Bradley, G. Brown (skip). The present holders are:—Shaldrick, W. T. Court, G. B. Wright, F. Court (skip).

President F. Court did not keep his end of the plank up against Hodgson (Rocky Nook), the latter's team winning by 21 to 16. You see Fred. wanted to see everyone enjoy themselves.

D. Clerk had revenge with his club-mate, J. Laxon, for the loss at Rocky Nook, winning by 28 to 23. Stevenson, on the lead, and Hegman as third, played good games for the winner, while Edmiston and Rev. Beatty as second and third, materially assisted Laxon.

Cottle and J. J. Holland had a real good game on their rink, the result being in doubt all along the line. The exchange of play was very interesting at times. The latter skip won by 21 to 13.

On No. 1 rink J. M. Lennox met J. Neil, and although the teams were very evenly matched, Neil managed to trail "kitty" on one or two occasions, which helped him to his win of 19 to 16.

What will the Remuera boys say to George Court, and why did Hull advise him to go home by the back gate of the green. I think Ranson and Hull were determined you should not win, and you know they had Sam. Hanna to help them, too, to say nothing of Burns on the end. Why all that jubilation when they scored 6?

G. Brimblecombe, who was so successful in skipping in the Edin badges last season, met a tough nut in W. Culpan, who was ably backed up by Surman as third man. Was B— joking when he asked "Where is our nearest bowl?" I noticed his opponents were laying 4. Nothing like breaking it gently.

The closest and keenest-fought game was that between Lambert and Rankin, the scores ending 18 all. The play throughout in this rink was remarkably good. The teams were as follows:—Fletcher, Kerr, C. Laurie, Lambert, v. Buttler, Johnston, Buttle, Rankin.

J. Bodle's four had an easy win against the four skipped by W. Murray, the scores being 24 to 14.

At a special meeting of the Mt. Eden Club to consider the proposed scheme for playing pennant matches, it was decided that the club would not support the "A and B" grading system, but were in full sympathy with the number of rinks competing being in proportion to that suggested by the Association. Thus, instead of four "A" and three "B" teams, there should be seven teams; and so on, in proportion to membership. At the same time it was suggested that the match committee of any club should have the right to change its players as often as it deemed fit.

Handicaps of players in Mount Eden Club is posted on the board. Entries for competitions close on Saturday, November 4.

Carlton open the season on Saturday next. Many thanks for kind invitation.

Devonport's opening, postponed from last week, will also take place on the 28th.

Owing to bad weather the formal opening of the Whangarei green was postponed till to-day (Thursday). The rinks are in first-rate condition. Our correspondent says the members are looking forward to meet some of the visiting teams that come their way in the summer. He says the Ngapuhi teams only beat them on the last head, and they want their revenge.

What was Walker doing to let C. C. Baker get 8 in on the ninth head at Mt. Eden? Was it the want of position bowls?

Here is a game worth recording:—Adams, Little, Coe, Davis (skip), 23, v. Choyce, Pollard, Dr. Coates, Sneddon (skip), 25.

Davis' team opened with 6 on the first head, adding 1 and 3 on the second and fourth heads to their opponents' 2. The score standing four heads, 10 to 2, in favour of Davis. At the seventh head it read 12 to 7, but at the 14th head Sneddon's team had made up lost ground and led by 16 to 15. At the 17th head Davis again forged in front, the scores being 19 to 17 in his favour. On the 18th and 19th heads Sneddon's team put



MR. FRED. COURT, President of the Onehunga Bowling Club.

on 3 and 5 against Davis' 4 on the 20th head. It is evident the play then ceased, for the 21st head is not recorded.

I am pleased to see that A. F. Hooper, the well-known dentist and popular bowler, has recovered sufficiently to again play bowls. In fact A.F.H. is looking better now than ever.

A. Robins skipped a team against one led by C. H. Jones (Ponsonby), and succeeded in getting home by 20 to 18. At the 17th head Jones' team were leading by 18 to 15, but in the last four heads the winners put on 1, 1, 2, 1, thus getting home by 2 points.

I hear that Brightwell (Wellington) has added another win to his credit on the Mount Eden green. Ask R.R. what he thinks of the Mercer-Brightwell combination.

I have had the following card forwarded for publication:—Wilkin, Monk, McStay, Martin (skip), 14, v. Miller, Myers, Wilson-Smith, McGowan (skip), 24. The footnote says, "Does driving pay?" Yes, when you get them.

President Bouskill, of Rocky Nook, met a team skipped by Wakerly, with Manson as third, and, with the assistance of genial Secretary Bryden, won a hard-fought game by 19 to 15.

Our Paeroa correspondent writes:—"The bowling green of the district was opened for the season on Saturday last, there being a good muster of players, and the rinks were in first-rate order. Mr. A. Forrest, in a neat speech, welcomed the visitors, and he deputed Mr. Nicholas to throw the jack in accordance with time-honoured custom, the green being declared open for play with hearty cheers. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. It is hoped that exchange visits will be made with sister clubs in Auckland."

Kayes and Rathbone had a real good go skipping at Rocky Nook, the game ending 24 all. The teams were composed as follows:—Jenkins, Hutson, Paterson, Kayes (skip), v. Casey, Bouskill, jun., Waite, Rathbone (skip).

I hear Geo. Cutler is still keeping up his form of last year as a skip. On Saturday at Rocky Nook he brought his team home against one skipped by J. H. Harrison to the tune of 23 to 13.

The official opening of the Mount Albert green is to take place some time in November. The members of the club took advantage of the beautiful weather of Saturday last and indulged in a friendly roll up. The rinks this season show a marked improvement on anything yet obtained by the club, and the members one and all expressed themselves as well satisfied with the care the green superintendent had bestowed upon the rinks.

barquentine took 40 days going over as against the Aldebaran's 8½ days coming this way. No doubt Captain Schulze would steer a northerly course to endeavour to avoid the prevailing westerly breeze. Soon after the start last Wednesday the light southerly failed, and the worst wind on this coast, a strong nor-easter, sprang up, but instead of seeking refuge at Kawau, the 40-footer was kept at it, and when last seen was footing it right merrily. News of her arrival in Port Jackson will be keenly awaited.

The Home Bay Sailing Club have drawn up their programme for the ensuing season's racing as follows:—November 11: Opening day, in conjunction with association. November 25: General handicap race, all club yachts, for trophy presented by Mr. C. QJ. Parr, and special race, open sailing boats, for trophy presented by Mr. C. H. Palmer. January 6: First series class races. February 3: Second series class races. March 3: Third series class races. April 7: Cruising race.

The Ponsonby Regatta Committee have not been idle lately, and plenty of offers of support have been pouring in. I am told the fixture is going to "knock spots off" anything done in the past.

The St. George's Rowing Club will hold the annual "At Home" on Saturday next. This is always a very popular fixture, and with a fine afternoon there is sure to be a big muster. Afternoon tea, a band, trial fours, tub races, greasy boom, and other assorted attractions are promised. The following crews have been selected to compete in the trial fours by Messrs. B. S. Finn, A. G. Busby, and J. W. Winks, the selection committee:—No. 1: V. Dunn, H. Steele, R. Laird, H. Peacock. No. 2: T. Richards, S. A. Grant, W. Flower, R. Tait. No. 3: B. Totton, R. Bach, J. Robertson, J. Taylor. No. 4: E. Stone, E. Noonan, H. Brassey, P. Palmer. No. 5: H. Hume, A. E. Tattley, F. Innes, Rackstraw. No. 6: P. Steele, H. Harper, W. Sommerville, Horrocks.

I have to thank Mr. A. H. Quinn, hon. secretary of West End Rowing Club, for a card of invitation to the West End Rowing Club's "At Home," which takes place next Saturday. Trial fours for trophies donated by Mr. T. Peacock will be held, and for these there will be very keen competition. Afternoon tea is to be dispensed to the strains of a string band.

The smart little yawl Wanderer, just completed to the order of a Nelson owner, has been shipped South by Logan Bros. She should prove an ideal cruiser and just the type of boat for Nelson.

The opening day for the New Zealand Power Boat Association has been fixed for the 9th of November.

Two well-known speed launches, the Union and the Slim Jim, are already afloat, and have been cutting about the harbour in great style.

There are rumours of something phenomenal in the speed line being seen about the 25th of November.

Everything points towards an early summer, so that yachtsmen and all those who seek their pleasure on the water should be in for a really good time this season.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REEFER.")

The weather was perfect for the opening of the rowing season on Saturday, and there was a very good turn out of boats, the absentees being the North Shore R.C., whose boats were not ready, and the Waitemata B.C. Mr. A. Marriener, on the launch Waitiri, was in charge of the proceedings, which took the form of the customary procession of boats up and down the harbour, and the evolutions were watched by a large number of people on the wharf.

The burgee of the Sydney Motor Boat Club is a red propeller on a white background.

A very fast launch is being built in Sydney. She is to be 35ft l.w.l., with a beam of 5ft over all, and to be fitted with a four-cylinder 60 h.p. high-speed engine. Her owner, Mr. C. H. Relph, expects a speed of 23 knots, but I should much doubt whether he will obtain it.

Thus "the Sketch" on the joys of motor boating: No dust and no police, as keen a sense of speed at fifteen knots as on a car at forty, and not a tithe of the anxiety.

Mr. A. H. Pittar, the well-known intercolonial yachtsman, writes me that he intends coming back to Auckland to reside in March next.

Judging by the experience of the Pelotas, there is some probability of Rawhiti making a long trip of it to Sydney. The

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Saturday last was an ideal day for cruising, and the alluring aspect of the harbour caused many envious glances to be cast by yachtsmen still ashore at the few sails that dotted the harbour.

The little Kia Ora was out for a trial run on Saturday, and looks very trim. She is a very low sailer, though, and makes no pretensions at being more than a staunch sea-going boat. Captain Warwick seems confident of carrying out the idea of sailing round the world in his diminutive packet.

All the yachts hauled up at the North Shore are commencing to put on a spick and span appearance now. Their sides glitter with fresh paint, and their masts and gear are also being rapidly got into order in readiness for the 25th of November.

The New Zealand Power Boat Association is now an established fact, and promises to become a power in the land in a double sense. I learn on good authority that the association does not intend to be in any way antagonistic to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. In fact, they have already expressed their willingness to place the Power Boat fleet at the disposal of that body for their opening day. This shows a proper spirit, and proves that the new association is a live one in every respect.

Many members of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron are enrolled as members of the new Power Boat Association.

The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

A few English motorists are adopting the expedient of applying locks to their tonneau doors to prevent chauffeurs from taking their "girls" on unauthorised trips, the idea being that the necessity for climbing into the tonneau in an undignified manner will prevent, or, at least, check, the practice. It may be that the young women who are affected by English chauffeurs are too dignified to climb over the sides of a tonneau, but the tonneau of a colonial car that would remain empty under such circumstances would have to possess extremely high sides.

ATHLETICS.

An invitation to attend the annual sports of the King's College is to hand from the hon. secretary. The gathering will take place at the Domain on Thursday, November 2.

The Wellington Athletic Club sports take place on Saturday, November 4.

The Northern Boxing Association has just been registered. Its officers are:— Patron, His Worship the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. Arthur M. Myers); president, Mr. Murdoch McLean; vice-presidents, the Hon. T. Thompson, M.L.C., Messrs. W. F. Massey, M.H.R., A. Kidd, M.H.R., F. Lawry, M.H.R., J. H. Witheford, M.H.R., A. Hanna, F. E. Baune, M.H.R., J. D. Fisher, A. Hamilton, T. Craig, E. Anderson, M. Foley, T. T. Masefield, C. rey, M. O'Connor and C. Hesketh; committee, Messrs. A. Hamilton (chairman), M. Foley, C. Halstead, T. B. O'Connor and A. E. Streetter; honorary medical officers, Drs. Sharman and Brockway; honorary secretary, Mr. R. A. Keenan. A tournament on a huge scale is at present in the wind.

The Auckland Boxing Association intends holding a series of contests on November 22 and 25. The contests will be for bantam-weights (under 8st 2lb), feather-weights (8st 2lb to 9st), light-weights (9st to 10st), and middle and heavy-weights (over 10st). Entries close with the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Cross, Victoria-street, on November 16.

FOOTBALL.

The New Zealanders played their eleventh match on Saturday, it being against Somerset. They won by 22 to 0, tries being secured by Mynott (2), Seeling (2), and Wallace. The latter player converted two into goals, and Gillett kicked a penalty goal.

The match against Gloucester resulted in yet another walk-over, the New Zealanders winning by 44 points to nil. So one-sided have been the games so far that much of the interest taken in the tour has departed. In the latest match the try-getters were Glen, Smith, Deans (3), Seeling (2), Wallace (2), and Hunter. Wallace converted six into goals, Gillett adding another.

The New Zealand team have now won 11 matches. They have scored 407 points, which is made up by 55 goals, 42 tries, and two penalty goals. Only seven points have been registered against them.

The New Zealanders were down to play Devonport Albions yesterday afternoon. This club some seasons ago was a very powerful one, and even now may be expected to give our boys a better game than they have had as yet.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes (October 20):—A special meeting of the management committee of the Taranaki Union was held last Friday night, when the principal business was the consideration of Hardgreaves' case. This player left the Taranaki touring team at Wellington prior to the match there, and went back home. The manager, Mr. D. Malone, reported on Hardgreaves' alleged bad conduct. The committee stated that they were pleased to learn that Hardgreaves' conduct had not been so bad as was reported by "the man in the street," advised him not to do it again, and allowed him to depart with nothing stronger than the lecture and caution.

CYCLING.

(By "PETROL.")

The Auckland Cycling Club opened the season on Saturday with a run to Cornwall Park. Time was when cyclists were a very numerous body in Auckland, but with the introduction of the trams their number has greatly decreased, so that Saturday's muster of a hundred and fifty was a very creditable one. Afternoon tea was partaken of at the Park, and a short programme gone through, the results being as follows:—The most original costume: J. Hawkins 1, A. Bennett 2. The most comical display: Messrs. Baker, Mackay, and Dudley, "The Darktown Savoley Band." Best decorated lady's bicycle: Miss Maberley 1. Best decorated gentleman's bicycle: Mr. R. Price 1. The sports programme included a hill-climbing contest, which was won by D. Ireland, with R. Maberley second, and C. Piper third. There were 20 starters. A slow race was held, and after much amusement, was won by V. Sutherland. After a speech by Vice-President T. H. Giles, a return was made to town in good time.

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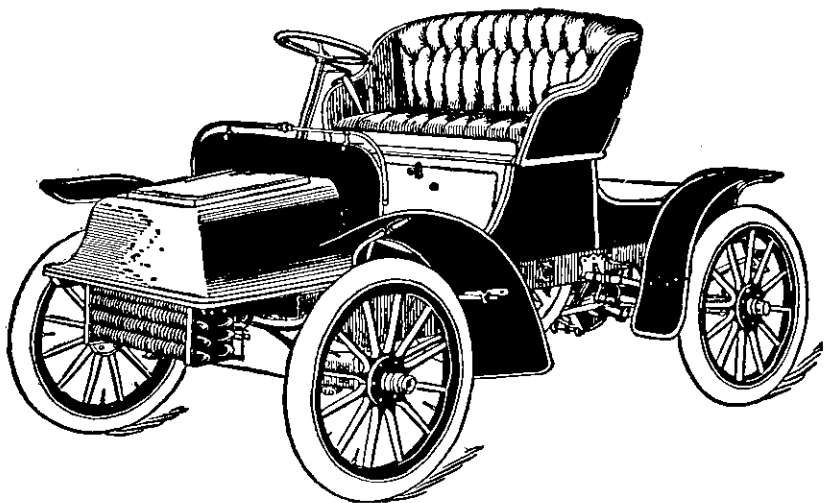
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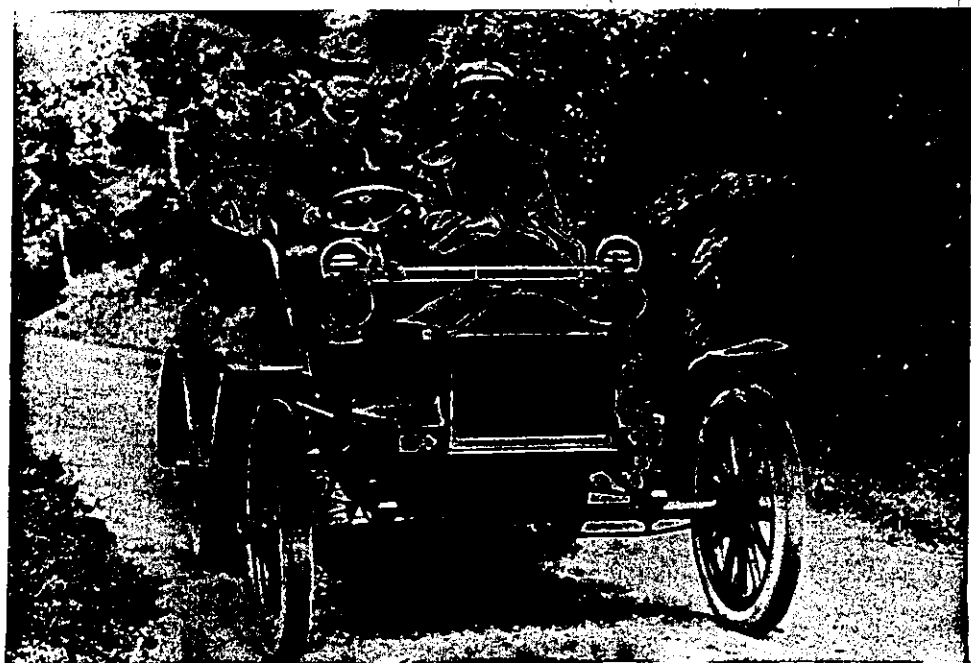
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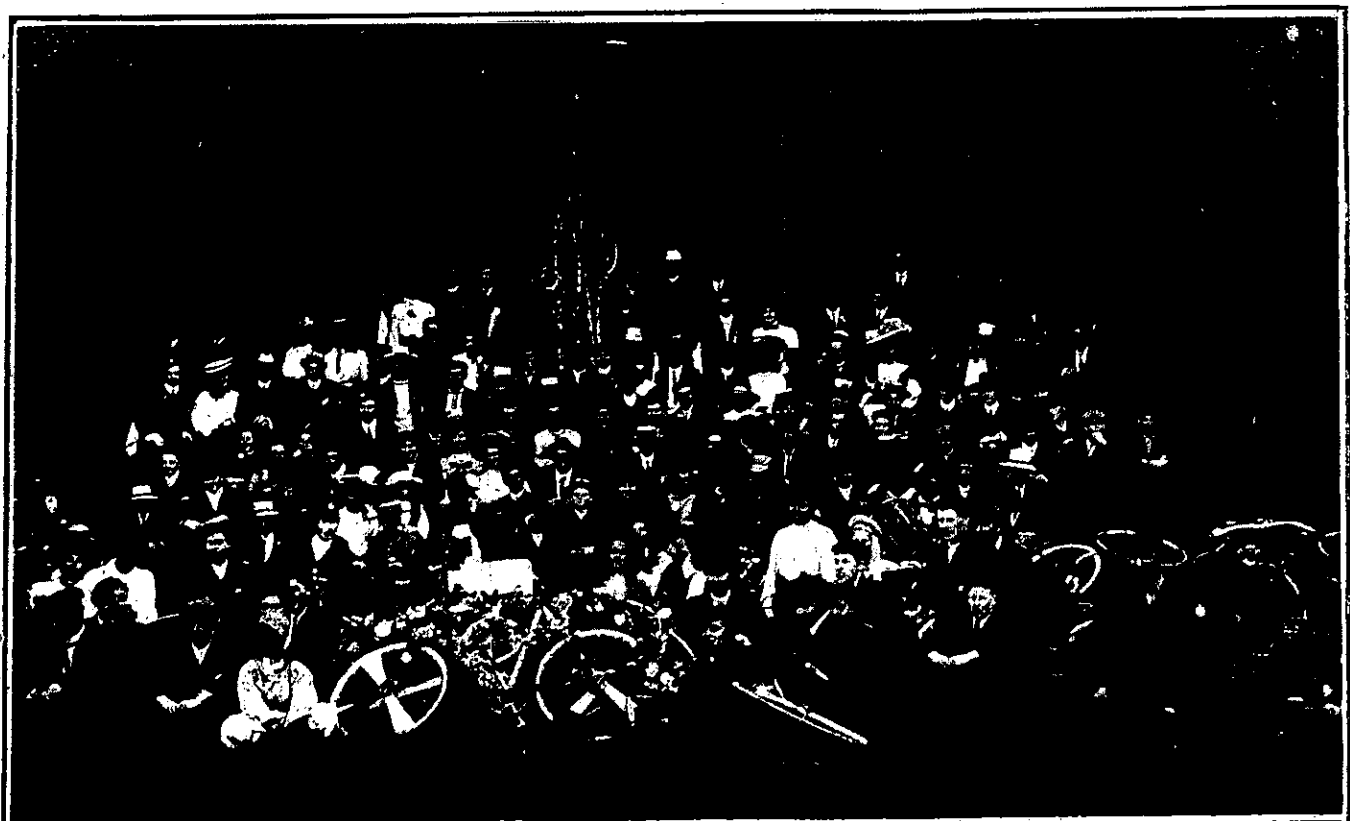
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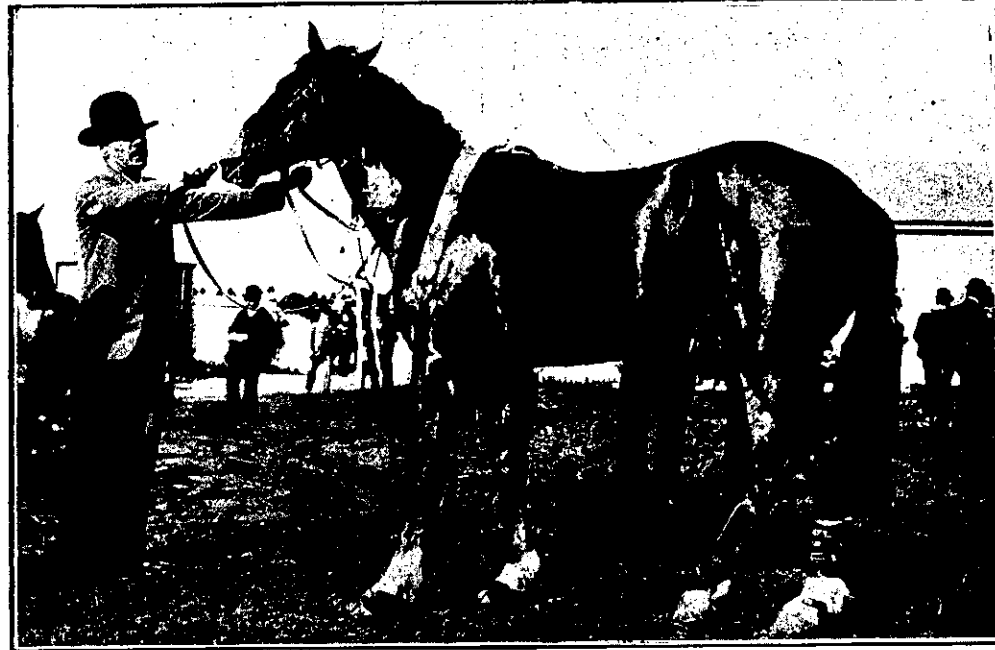


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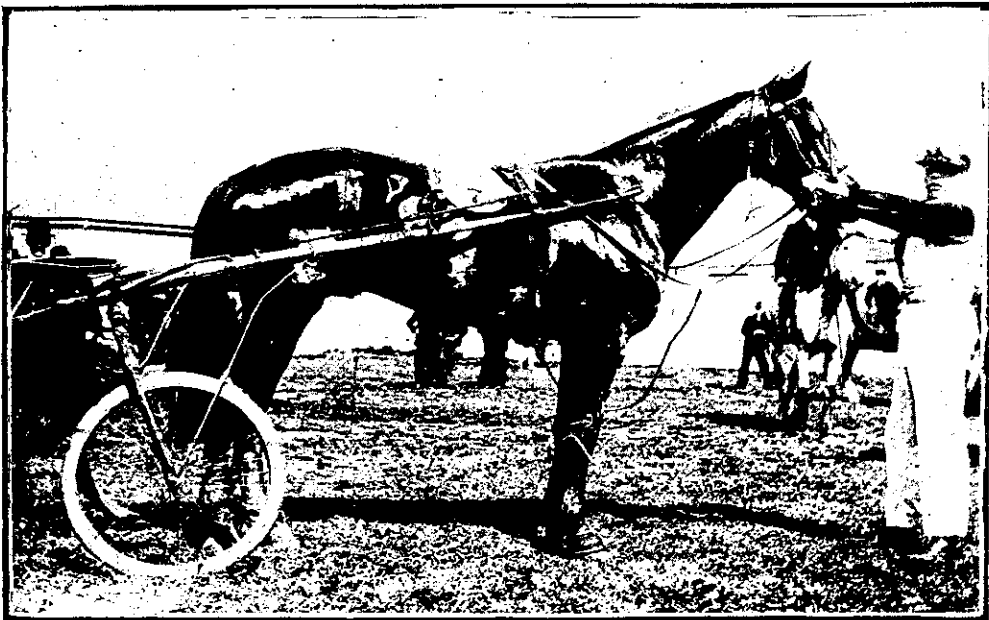
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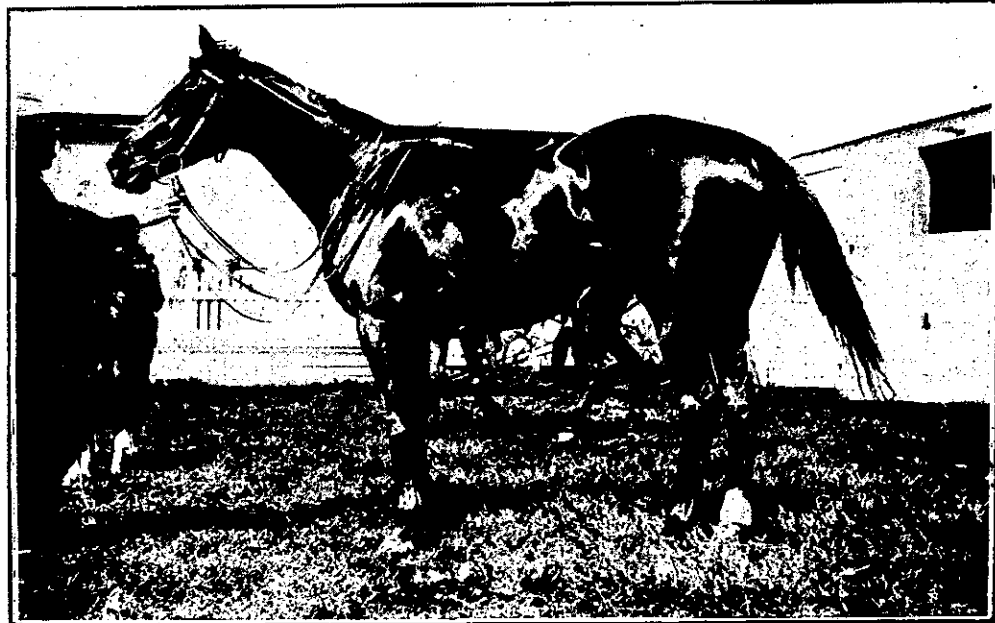
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THE STAGE

(By "FOOTLIGHT.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**NANCE O'NEIL.**

His Majesty's Theatre is certain to present a brilliant appearance on Saturday evening when the curtain is raised on Sudermann's fine drama "Magda," with which the eminent young tragedienne, Miss Nance O'Neil, signals at once her reappearance and the inauguration of a farewell season. Four years have elapsed since Miss O'Neil was previously in Auckland, and now, having under Mr. J. C. Williamson's direction completed a short and highly successful tour of the principal Australian cities, she is on the eve of her return to America, where important engagements have to be fulfilled. The season in this city will last just fourteen nights, but as quick changes are to be the rule, playgoers will see Miss O'Neil in practically every play of her present repertoire, and as she is said to be supported by a very fine company, the theatre should, and probably will, be crowded nightly. When visiting us on the former occasion, Miss O'Neil's Magda was looked upon as a very brilliant impersonation, and she is said to now give an even more satisfying study of the complex character. When in August last she appeared in the part in Melbourne—where, by the way, she has always been a pronounced favourite—the "Argus" was warmly commendatory, as follows:—"Miss O'Neil's magnetic, eager personality deals convincingly with the temperament of the excitable, highly-strung, nervous creature. She passes through each successive scene with all the wanted grace and dramatic power of her masterful individuality, stately in action, artistically suggestive in pose, and rhythmical in movement. She speaks with her beautiful hands and arms quite as much and quite as powerfully as with her voice in portraying emotion. . . . and no shadow of exaggeration is exhibited beyond the ordinary requirements of vivid dramatic tragedy. The actress enters into the character body and soul, her personification replete with master strokes of colour and emphasis that work up each scene to its spirited and powerful climax. Miss O'Neil, who has become slighter in physique, completely mastered her audience, drawing equally tears and applause. The final curtain was raised again and again in answer to enthusiastic demands, and flowers in profusion were handed her." "Magda" will be played on the first three nights, and then for a similar period "Elizabeth, Queen of England," will be presented on an elaborate scale.



THE MILKMAID SEXTETTE, AT MRS MALCOMSON BOULT'S EXHIBITION OF DANCING.
W. H. Bartlett, photo.

"THE SCHOOLMISTRESS."

Although the three nights' season of "The Schoolmistress" may not have turned out a financial success, yet the Auckland Dramatic Society can justly soothe themselves with the reflection that dramatically there was but little to cavil at. The plot of Pinero's farcical comedy is so well known as to make the telling unnecessary. Suffice to say it is full of amusing situations from end to end, while the dialogue is very bright. After the manner of plays of the kind, everybody is called upon to try to deceive everyone else with wildly improbable tarradiddles, and the least-wished-for people have the usual knack of turning up at moments when their absence is essential. The raising of many a hearty laugh is the sole object aimed at by the dramatist, and the members of the Auckland Dramatic Society worked very hard to extract all the humour with which the piece bristles. The cast was as follows:—The Hon. Vere Queckett, Mr. H. J. Herbert; Rear-Admiral Ar-

chibald Rankling, C.B. (H.M.s. Pandora), Mr. Randolph Eagleton; Lieutenant John Mallory, Mr. G. E. Bagnall; Mr. Saunders (Mr. Mallory's nephew of the training ship Dexterous), Mr. Hector McQuarrie; Mr. Reginald Paulover, Mr. J. W. Saunders; Herr Otto Bernstein (a popular composer) and Goff, Mr. Thos. Gresham; Tylor (a servant), Mr. A. Saunders; Jaffray, Mr. A. Featherstone; Mrs. Rankling, Miss Hettie Basten; Miss Dyott (principal of Volunni College for daughters of gentlemen), Miss Pauline Dempsey; Dinah, Miss Victoria von Meyern; Gwendoline Hawkins, Miss Blanche von Meyern; Ermytrude Johnson, Miss May Templeton; Peggy Hesslerigge (an artied pupil), Miss Winifred Smith; Jane Chipman, Miss Ella Basten. Miss Pauline Dempsey made a decided success in the title role, her acting all through being consistently good. The parts of the four "vexing girls" were most capably filled, although there was too much clinging to each other. Miss Winifred Smith per-

haps carried off the honours, although she rather spoilt what would otherwise have been a capital piece of work, by speaking far too loudly. Miss Hettie Basten made too much of a burlesque of the part of Mrs. Rankling, and this remark also applies to the Jane Chipman of Miss Basten. As Admiral Rankling Mr. R. Eagleton was really excellent, and to him was due in no small measure the fun of the evening. Mr. Herbert had a good deal to do as the Hon. Vere Queckett, and as a dude of the impossible school got through with very considerable credit. Mr. Bagnall was somewhat colourless as Lieut. Mallory. Mr. McQuarrie took every advantage of a small part, and Mr. Gresham had but little to do as Herr Bernstein. Mr. Saunders was fairly effective as Reginald Paulover, and the other characters were capably filled, although one could have wished that the make-up of Mr. A. Saunders as Tylor did not so irresistibly suggest the near approach of the 5th of November. The piece was exceedingly well mounted, all three sets being nicely arranged, while the stage management of Mr. Thomas Humphreys left nothing to be desired. A special word of praise is also due to the orchestra, which, under the baton of Mr. S. Jackson, provided some remarkably well-rendered selections from some of the most popular operas.

WEST'S PICTURES AND THE BRESCIANS.

This company concluded a phenomenally good season at His Majesty's on Saturday. During the five weeks' season just over 60,000 people has visited the theatre. In all, forty performances, including matinees, were given, so that this works out at rather more than 1500 persons to every performance, an average which would make some managers turn green with envy. Perhaps the biggest house was on Friday last, when the Trafalgar celebrations were on. On that evening the theatre was one seething mass of humanity—every particle of sitting and standing space being occupied, while the audience overflowed into the space usually reserved for the orchestra. In fact, when the sliding roof was removed, one expected to see more faces peering over the top. The company left for Gisborne immediately after Saturday's performance, the s.s. Tarawera having been specially detained with that object. After the Gisborne season Palmerston North will be visited.



MISS QUEENIE BOULT, ready for the Eastern Snake Dance, at Mrs. Malcomson Boulton's Dancing Exhibition at His Majesty's.
W. H. Bartlett, photo.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

There was a very large audience at the Opera House on Monday evening, when Saturday's usual change of programme was continued. The company opened the ball with the "Midshipmite," which went with a rollicking swing, and then the Valmore Sisters appeared in a new double song and dance item, "Sousa Girl," for which they were applauded and recalled. Mr. Chas. Moody, who always sings a good song, caused much amusement with his "Good-night, Mr. Green!" Mr. Sam. Wilson finished it up for him by gently assisting him to his hat. A vociferous recall brought Mr. Moody once more before the footlights, when a parody on "The Honey-suckle and the Bee" fairly broke up the house. "Knick, knock" finally quietened the audience and made way for Miss Malvena Moore, who danced and sang "Rosie Who." Mr. Sam Wilson, who next appeared, was as funny as ever, and kept the house in roars of laughter with his song of a ship. He followed this up with a little ditty about the tram service, and the audience were very loth to let him go. Miss Elsie Brown, who sings coon songs very charmingly, sang "Honey," for which she received hearty applause. Miss Cecile Stephano sang "The Last Muster," her fine voice being heard to good advantage. Miss Viola Price, whose turn finished off the first half of the programme, was as dainty and graceful as ever in her Scotch dances. She was vociferously applauded and recalled until the sword dance was given in fine style, when the curtain was rung down.

The second half commenced with an original burlesque by Bob Scott and Kitty Beresford, entitled "Rebellion." This was the cause of much hilarity, and the sketch was concluded with a part song by the two, who appeared in Japanese costumes. The Misses Cecile and Lulu Stephano appeared next in a duet, which they sang very harmoniously. Recalled, they gave a fine rendering of "Whisper and I Shall Hear," which came in for hearty applause.

Cleopatra, the snake enchantress, who appeared next, gave a most weird exhibition of snake-charming. Attired in orthodox Oriental costume she entered a small wire-netted enclosure, consisting of a low fence some two feet in height. On the fence she next commenced arraying a fine variety of snakes of different sizes in fantastic array, with which she performed most picturesquely. Big snakes and little snakes of various deadly species coiled and wound themselves around her body and peered into her face in a somewhat startling fashion. The exhibition was a splendid one, and proved her possessed of a fine nerve, and exercising full control over her weird-looking pets. To finish up with she introduced three healthy-looking specimens of the Saurian tribe, who squirmed about uncannily under her manipulation.

Prince Olrac, the fire king, who followed this unique performance, made a

hearty supper of flames of fire, chewed hot sealing wax with evident gusto, and had a hot time generally.

Bonita, who is described as a "Champion Lady Rifle Shot" and child of the plains, fully justified her first title by her deadly precision with either rifle or revolver. Small round discs were shot down with the greatest ease and skill, and the difficult feat of shooting over the head and shoulder by the aid of a diminutive looking-glass no larger than a penny, was performed most successfully. Finally, this clever little shot picked off a row of discs balanced on the head of Carlos, the human target, picked out her name with a rapidly-discharged repeating rifle, and then shot down small discs from the front of the dress circle with the utmost precision. Bonita uses the well and favourably-known Winchester repeating rifles for her shooting, having selected them specially from the company's works in America. The ammunition used is the U.M.C. 22 short, loaded with black powder. Miss Elsie Brown, who sang another of her coon songs, was the recipient of considerable applause, and recalled sang "By the Watermelon Vine" very sweetly. The evening's entertainment concluded with a display of trick cycle riding by the "Melvas," whose last week was announced. The riding was very good indeed, the bicycle being handled with the utmost confidence and skill, and the performance was much appreciated and applauded.

On Saturday a special Cleopatra matinee is announced, when the same performance will be given as at night.

The Black Family of musicians would appear to have run across a streak of bad luck recently. During the recent tour of the Waikato the amount of rain which fell was simply remarkable, and this, of course, affected the financial results. A worse mishap was to follow, for the other day, when Miss Black was standing in the Arcade, the glass from a broken window fell from above, the result being that the left wrist was so badly cut as to prevent the talented violinist from playing for another six weeks. A tour of the Tauranga district was to have been undertaken, but this has been reluctantly postponed. The Black Family have made themselves very popular in Auckland, and much sympathy has been expressed for Miss Black in her misfortune. By the way, I don't know whether I am betraying a professional secret when I say that when the accident occurred some skin-grafting became urgently necessary, and Dr. de Clive Lowe, who performed the operation, took the skin from his own arm. Bravo, doctor!

The pupils of Mrs. Malcolmson Boulton will give exhibitions of fancy dancing at His Majesty's Theatre this (Thursday) and Friday evening. Quite a number of dances have been arranged, and the effect of some of them is said to be very beautiful. Miss Queenie Boulton, whose portrait appears in this issue, will give a gaiety dance, a skirt dance, and an Eastern snake dance. All the dances, it is



THE DRISCOLLS, who appear shortly at the Opera House.

of interest to note, have been invented by Mrs. Boulton. During intervals in the dancing Mrs. Boulton will give a reading from Kipling's "Flag of England" and "Parting of the Columns."

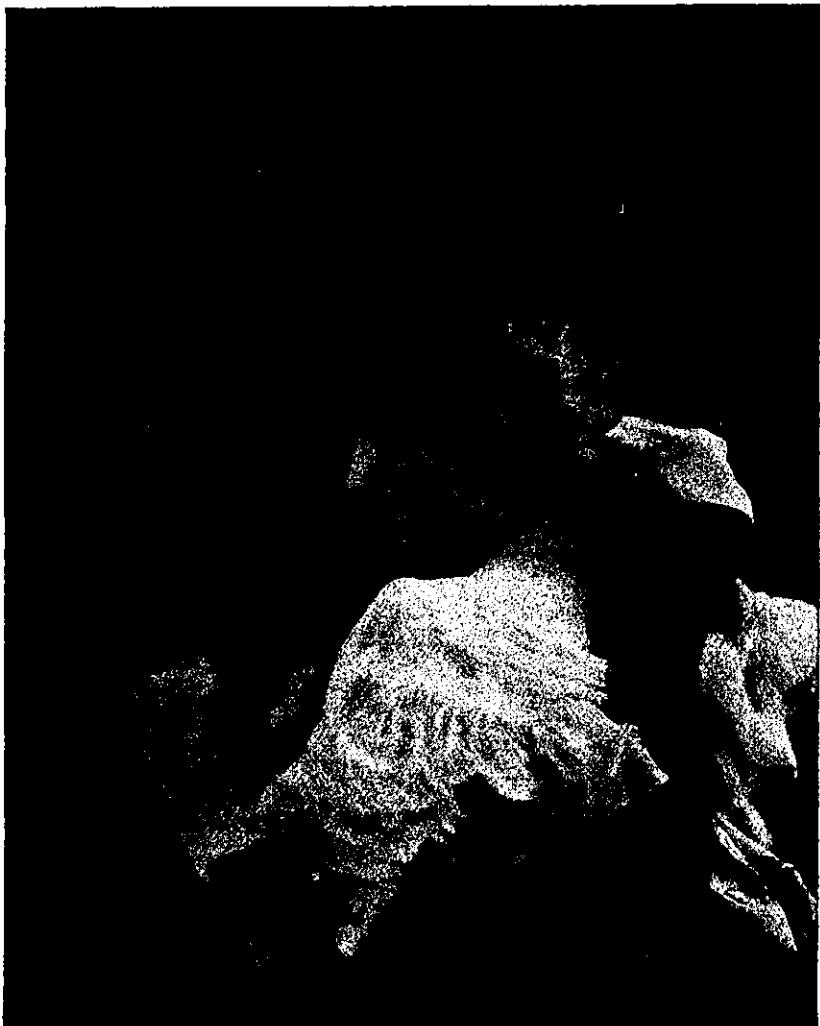
Mr. Watkin Mills and his English quartette, in conjunction with the Auckland Choral Society and the Liedertafel, will give the oratorio of "Elijah" at the Choral Hall to-night. Mr. Mills and his party leave for San Francisco by the Sierra on Friday.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Those who were so fortunate as to attend the opening performance of the Nance O'Neil Company at the Theatre Royal are to be congratulated. Such acting as the star exhibits in "Magda" is not often witnessed in New Zealand. We have seen Miss O'Neil in this impersonation before, but her present rendering of the part is far and away superior to her former one, and there can be no question, however critics may have differed in the past, as to the merit of this actress, that she is now one of the greatest artistes the colony has seen. Mr. McKee Rankin is also entitled to the warmest praise for his splendid acting as Colonel Schwartz, and the two principals are supported by a company of very fair ability. On Friday night "Trilby" attracted another fine house, and afforded Miss O'Neil another opportunity of displaying those histrionic powers for which she is becoming famous. Surely Du Maurier himself could not have desired a better exponent of "Trilby." The part has often been "murdered" on the boards of our old Royal, and it has occasionally received fair interpretation at the hands of visiting stars of larger or smaller magnitude. But it has been reserved for Miss O'Neil to show us "Trilby" as her Creator drew her. As for Mr. Gaston Mervale's Svengali, this character might also have walked straight out of the book. Of course Mr. Mervale was the original Svengali so far as colonial representations go. His performance of the weird hypnotist is simply masterly. You Aucklanders will soon have Miss O'Neil and her clever company with you, and should seize every possible opportunity of seeing her act. The local season ends on Wednesday, and there is a change of bill nightly. I popped into the Opera House the other night, more especially to see "Ajax," otherwise known to fame as "the flexible Marvel." Flexible he certainly is. He appears to have no more backbone than a jellyfish or some of our prominent politicians. He ties himself into knots, and one's only fear as one watches him is that he may forget how to "undo" himself. Seriously speaking, he is about the most remarkable contortionist we have ever

had here. Fred. Rivenhall (who has since departed for the South) was in grand form, and was compelled to respond to the usual number of encores. The Diamond Duo (who have also left us) contributed a very acceptable song and dance, and the Rollos appeared in one of their really funny sketches. The lady, by the way, sings very well indeed. Miss Jennie Johnson (an old favourite) is back once more, and sang as charmingly as ever. The Opera House is becoming increasingly popular with amusement-seekers. . . . Jessie MacLachlan returns on Tuesday to farewell Christchurch. She will only give two concerts. . . . On October 26 the Christchurch Amateur Opera Company commences a seven-night season, the attraction this time being "The Gondoliers." The dresses have been made expressly for this production, and the orchestra and chorus will be unusually strong. If the company acquits itself as well as it did in "The Mikado" some time ago, we shall be more than satisfied. . . . The Westminster Glee and Concert Party are doing well at Canterbury Hall.



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Messrs. John Fuller and Sons have acquired the remainder of the lease (seven years to run) of the Theatre Royal, Wellington, for £2000. Their intention is to occupy it at the end of this month, reserving His Majesty's (probably to be re-named the "Athenaeum") for letting purposes. Messrs. Fuller now own four New Zealand theatres and lease two.

A Stockton despatch to the San Francisco "Examiner" says:—"A melodrama not on the bills was enacted in the box office of the Unique Theatre, Sunday afternoon, the heroine being pretty Miss Norma Thornton, who appeared at the Novelty Theatre last week, and the 'villain' was Sam Strauss, editor of the 'San Joaquin County News,' a weekly publication. Saturday evening the 'News' appeared with an article in which the act of Miss Thornton was 'roasted.' Sunday afternoon Miss Thornton snatched the eyeglasses from the nose of Strauss and planted a right-hander on his countenance. She followed it up with other blows in the face and body. When she finished he apologised on his knees."

A timely protest has been made in print against the greedy and idiotic clamour for encores at concert performances. Good-naturedly complied with by vocalists and musicians, until patience ceases to be a virtue, the open-mouthed groundlings demand as a right what should be regarded as a special privilege. It is a taint on the music halls, where every "turn" includes at least two numbers, and the noise of the encore fends serves to fill the brief interval for a quick change of costume.

Said the Armidale "Chronicle" of 11th inst.:—"A walking crank in the person of Albert Gran, a leading member of J. C. Williamson's Tittell Brune dramatic organisation, passed through Armidale some days ago, en route from Brisbane to Sydney. Albert was a trifle behind time, and as he has to reach the metropolis by 14th inst., it is probable that he will complete the journey per train."

Mr. John Glendinning, whose portrait appears in this issue, and who is leading man in the Miss Nance O'Neil Company, was born at Whitehaven, Cumberland. Mr. Glendinning began his stage career in 1880 with a stock company of some note at Greenock, Scotland, which at one time included Henry Irving in its ranks, and after a short period he became leading man to Mr. Walter Bentley. Then, when Mr. F. R. Benson founded his new well-known Shakespear-

ian company, he engaged the young actor for Iago, Mercutio, and parts of similar calibre, after which he dropped into melodrama. He was with Mr. Bland Holt's company in "Taken from Life" and similar pieces, and after leaving that manager he created Jack Dudley in "Hands Across the Sea" for the first time upon any stage at Manchester (1887), being cast for the part by the author, Henry Pettitt. In "The Silver Shield" (Grundy), at Liverpool, Mr. Glendinning was the Tom Potter with Miss Florence Gerrard as leading lady, an actress who visited Sydney after her marriage with Mr. H. E. Abbey. On tour he was one of the first to play Wilfred Denver, David Kingsley ("Harbour Lights"), and Ned Drayton ("In the Ranks"), but he then joined the Kendals in comedy. This was in May, 1889, when he appeared as George Desmond in "A White Lie," with Mrs. Kendal as Mrs. Desmond, Mr. Kendal having chosen the light comedy part (Molyneux) of the play. The brief cast included Mr. Arthur Dacre and Miss Minnie Terry, the latter in a child-character. At the end of the London season of that year Mr. Glendinning went with the Kendals to America, opening with them at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, and has remained there since, with the exception of a three years' tour in England (1896-99) with a company of his own. The actor's experiences in the United States have included four years' engagement under Mr. Charles Frohman, during which he was leading man, with Miss Annie Russell, an actress in treaty with Mr. J. C. Williamson for a tour of Australia. He was the Laird in the first production of "Trilby" on any stage, with Miss Virginia Harned in the name-part, and Mr. Wilton Lackaye as Sven-gali. When Mr. Beerbohm Tree began to take the piece in hand for London he first visited America, and very closely studied the original company. In 1889

Mr. Glendinning returned to New York as leading man with our one-time visitor, Miss Olga Nethersole in "Sapho," "Tanqueray," and "Camille," and he has also played Armand to the Camille of the famous Clara Morris. Last year Mr. Glendinning was in Jones' new comedy, "Joseph Entangled," as Hardolph Mayn, with Miss Hilda Spong as his wife. The popular Sydney girl of 1894 now draws a very high salary and, in Mr. Glendinning's opinion, may fairly be regarded as one of the best comedy actresses in America. The actor next took up farcical comedy, appearing at the New York Lyceum in a wonderfully clever piece by Augustus Thomas, enjoying the title of "Mr. Leffingwell's Boots." A strong cast included Miss Fay Davis and Miss Margaret Illington (Mrs. Daniel Frohman). This year, until he caught the midnight train to join Miss O'Neil for Australia, Mr. Glendinning was in his old part of the Laird. The programme he brings with him shows that it was a "tenth anniversary revival of 'Trilby' with the original cast at the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York." After the brief tour of New Zealand Mr. Glendinning will join his son Ernest in San Francisco, where that young artist is engaged at the Alcazar Theatre.

Miss Tittell Brune evidently made the very best of her recent holiday writes Mr. George Tallis, and according to her letters she absolutely revelled in the Australian bush conditions in which she found herself on Yandilla station in Queensland. "I do so want every moment I can spend in this glorious place," she wrote to one friend, "it is such a beautiful world up here. I have long rides over the country in the sun glow, and great restful hours of perfect quiet, sometimes swinging under a dear old tree with only the note of a wee bird to break the silence." And in the same letter she says: "If people could only see me here, embracing the pure air and singing and

laughing for the mere joy of living, perhaps they would then really know me." At first the reaction from the feverish and strenuous career of an emotional actress to the complete change of scene and occupation told on Miss Brune, and she paid the penalty with a few sleepless nights, but later the full benefit of the rest was plainly apparent, and when her holiday was over Miss Brune went back to her work fresh and invigorated. There was no doubt as to the warmth of the welcome she received when she opened in "L'Aiglon" in Sydney last Saturday.

The Royal Comic Opera indulged themselves one day recently with dreams of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. A burst waterpipe was the cause of it all, for in the mud and shingle which was carelessly laded out into the gutter by the men engaged in repairing it, a keen observer noticed some gleams of gold. In less than a minute most of the company were on the spot, feverishly collecting beautiful looking nuggets and having their expectations of a good crushing raised higher and higher by frequent assurances from alleged miners whom they bailed up. Quite a heated discussion arose as to the propriety of taking out miners' rights and prospecting Exhibition-street forthwith. Mr. George Lauri and Mr. Claude Bantock, with commendable fortitude, called a preliminary meeting of shareholders on the footpath, and had themselves elected to the position of chairman, secretary, and treasurer with full power to act. Then the property man arrived and announced that he wanted the bucket he mixed his bronze paint in. At that point a promising mining development petered out. "The Cingalee," which came to an end at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, last Friday (October 20) holds at least one record, although in actual run it did not eclipse "The Orchid," "The Country Girl," "Florodora," or "Paul Jones."

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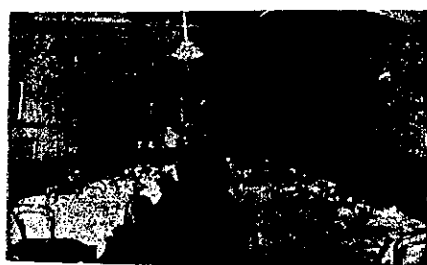
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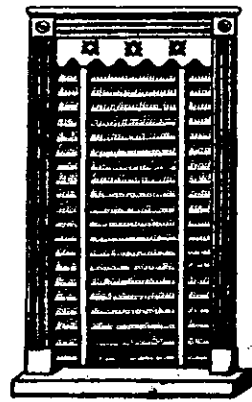
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But during show week more money was taken for the six nights than for any previous week's business in the whole of Australasia—a circumstance which at any rate gives "The Cingalee" a distinction all its own. To-night (Saturday, October 21) "The Orchid" will be revived for a few nights to be followed by "The Country Girl" for an equally short season.

A dangerous experience befell Miss Florence Young in New York recently, which very nearly settled the question of her returning to Australia. She and a party of friends were out on the Hudson, when the boat capsized. They were all rescued, though, with some difficulty, and the whole of them spent an unpleasant night away from home. They returned to the city by train next morning, little the worse for their experience.

On Saturday, 21st, the Knight-Jeffries Company entered upon the last six nights of their farewell season at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, after an excellent week's business with the double bill, "Comedy and Tragedy," and "David Garrick." "The Silver King" was played on Monday and Tuesday, "A Royal Divorce" at both performances (afternoon and evening) on Wednesday and Thursday and the last night will be devoted to "The Lady of Lyons." In addition, the company will assist Mr. Julius Knight in the representation of "Everyman" at the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday afternoon and Saturday evening. Short seasons at Bendigo and Hobart intervene before the final New Zealand tour is entered upon.

Mr. J. C. Williamson has recently purchased the Wallace colt Arcturus, which ran at the opening day of the Caulfield Spring Meeting. His ambition is to win the V.R.C. Derby and the Melbourne Cup, and Arcturus will make that effort for him next year.

There will be some little delay in the production of "Utopia, Limited," by the Gilbert and Sullivan Company, owing to the necessity of waiting for costume designs, etc., to reach here from London.

"Merely Mary Ann," which will be the first "new" piece done by Miss Tittell Brune during the season upon which she has just entered at Her Majesty's, Sydney, exhibits Zangwill in his happiest vein as a blender of laughter and tears. A lodging-house slavey, his heroine, worships a young musical composer, for whom she would do anything he commanded. A good fairy bestows a fortune on her, and she leaves her undesirable surroundings, parting from her Lancelot in a sadness which almost forces her to give up her newly-acquired riches. But later they meet again, and naturally everything turns out "just right."

The engagement is announced (says the "Referee") of Mr. Claude R. Bantock (of the Royal Comic Opera Company, and youngest son of Dr. Granville Bantock, of London), to Ada May, third daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Cale, formerly of Ballarat.

According to a recently issued report there are within the County of London 354 places of public entertainment, which accommodate 400,000 persons. Of these forty-three only are licensed by the Lord Chamberlain, and the remainder are licensed by the County Council.

Mrs. Brown-Potter is repairing her recent losses by touring the seaside towns of England with a small concert company.

One of the latest "turns" introduced to the English Music Hall stage from America is Miss Madge Fox, who is appearing at the London Palace. She is billed as the original "flip-flap" girl, a performance being a special kind of dancing at which she is supposed to be unrivalled, and for which she gets a big salary.

Miss Florence Young is returning to Australia by the Sonoma, which left San Francisco on Thursday, October 12. In a recent letter, she declares her voice to be much benefited by the rest and change, and she will rejoin Mr. J. C. Williamson's Opera Company, either the Royal Comic or the Gilbert and Sullivan.

Some years ago, as the result of persistent agitation, several London theatres abolished cloakroom and programme fees. The habit of tipping is so strong, however, that the concession was little valued by the body of the public. Mr. Tree has made His Majesty's a "no-fee" house, but has lately hinted that, unless the public support his policy by discontinuing tipping, he will go back to the old plan, thereby benefiting the treasury to the extent of about £2000 a year.

The grave of Robert James Heir, one of the leading actors in the early days in Australia, who died in 1868, is in the Campbelltown Cemetery, on the Bluff Hill, Invercargill, New Zealand. At a meeting of the committee of the Australasian Dramatic and Musical Association, held at the Princess' Theatre recently, the chairman (Mr. Henry Westley) read a letter which had been received by Miss Nellie Stewart while in New Zealand from the Mayor of Invercargill. In this communication it was pointed out that the wooden memorial erected over Heir's grave was in a state of decay, but the borough council, while spending money in tidying and improving the cemetery, could not afford means to attend to the graves. The committee considered the matter, with a view of renovating the headstone and fence of the grave.

No song has been sung more frequently throughout the British Empire during the present month than "The Death of Nelson." Its composer was one John Braham, a Jew, born in London in the year 1774. On some of the programmes of the time the name is spelt Abraham; and that, no doubt, was its original form. Braham was the most eminent tenor singer of his time. He had a marvellous voice, with a compass of 19 notes. He made his name by singing in opera, principally at Covent Garden and Drury

Lane, and it was his habit to write his own songs. "The Death of Nelson" originally formed part of a three-act comic opera entitled "The Americans," produced at the Lyceum Theatre on April 27, 1811. The piece on the whole was a comparative failure, but of the music "The Times" reported:—"The music of the piece is good, Mr. Braham, the composer, being better acquainted than any man with what Mr. Braham, the singer, can accomplish. The chef-d'oeuvre of the evening was a song on the death of Nelson. The burthen, 'England expects every man this day to do his duty' . . . would have insured success and popularity to a much worse composition." It will come as a shock and a surprise to many to be told that some of the most characteristic bars of this air, that has so strongly appealed to British patriotic sentiment, are "cribbed" from a French tune. The melody sung to the words,

"'Twas in Trafalgar's Bay
We saw the Frenchmen lay,"

is almost identical with the opening phrase of Mehl's "Chant de depart," written in 1794. But, not content with helping himself to another man's tune, Braham did not hesitate to appropriate the first two and last two of the following lines, written in memory of the famous Duke of Cumberland, who died in 1765:—

"O'er William's tomb, with silent grief
opprest,
Britannia mourns her hero now at rest,
Nor tears alone, but praises, too, she gives,
Due to the guardian of our laws and lives;
Nor shall that laurel ever fade with years,
Whose leaves are water'd by a nation's
tears."

Braham was much respected in his private life. He was an excellent talker, and could tell a good story. He died in 1856.

The London Stage Society, with a membership of nearly 1200, closed its sixth season with a capital fund in hand of some £400. Six notable plays were produced with success during the year; and 149 plays, of which 131 were by English writers, and 18 translations of foreign plays, have been submitted to the council during the past season. All of these have been read and considered.

In China there is an association of 30,000 actors, every one of whom knows fifty plays, and is prepared to act any of them at an hour's notice. Each actor is obliged to study the stage for three years as a supernumerary; then for a year he is taught responsible parts; and then he graduates, and dedicates his life to his profession. The salary of a Chinese leading actor is £450 a year, which is really worth ten times the money when the habits and prices of the Chinese are taken into account.

Misfortune has followed persistently in the wake of the Japanese theatrical company from Tokio, who began touring England a few months ago with "The Geisha's Revenge." The death of the manager in London caused a stoppage of funds, and the company arrived in York from South Wales in penurious circumstances. It was subsequently disbanded, and the actors and actresses were dispersed in various parts of the country when the latest mail left.

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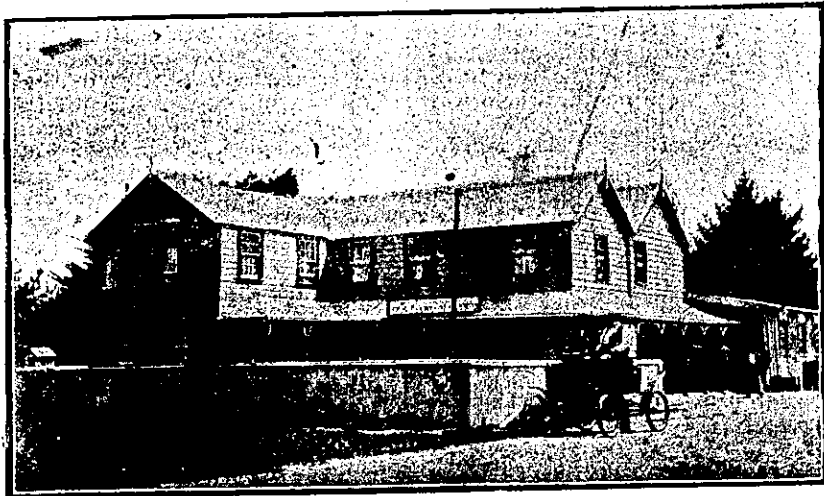
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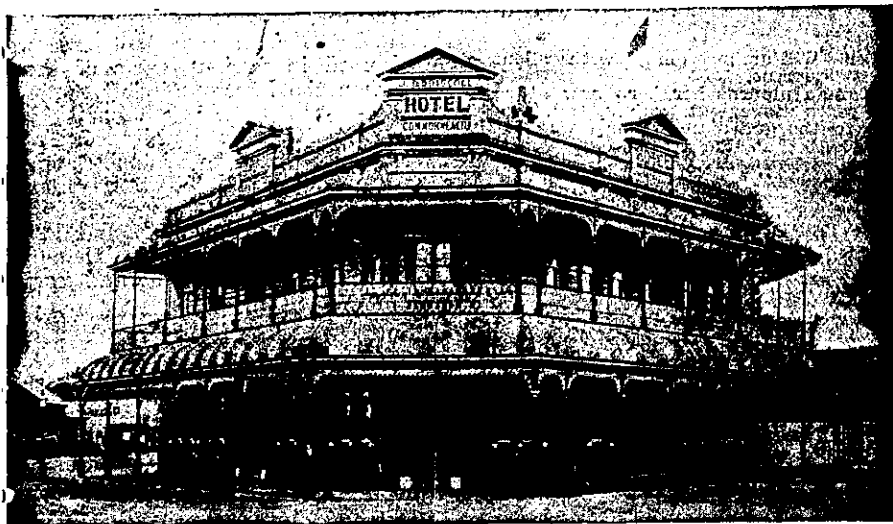
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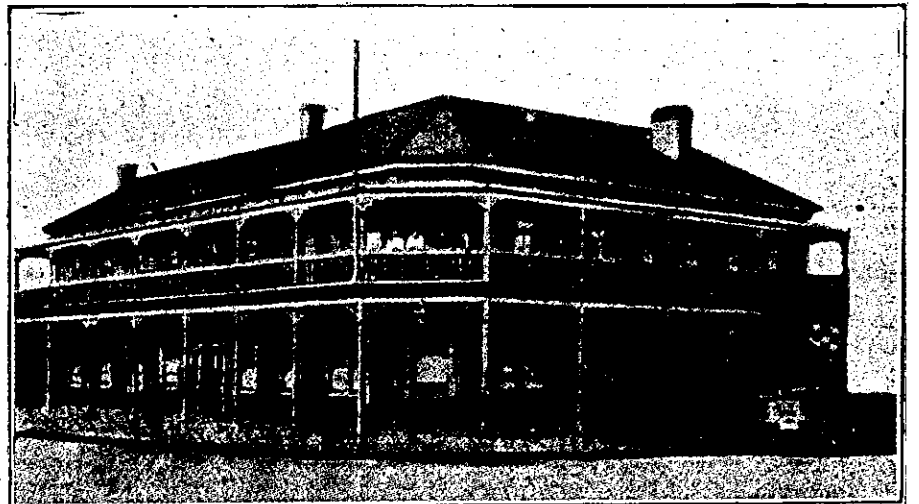
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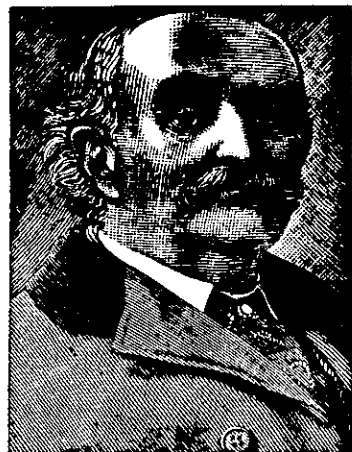
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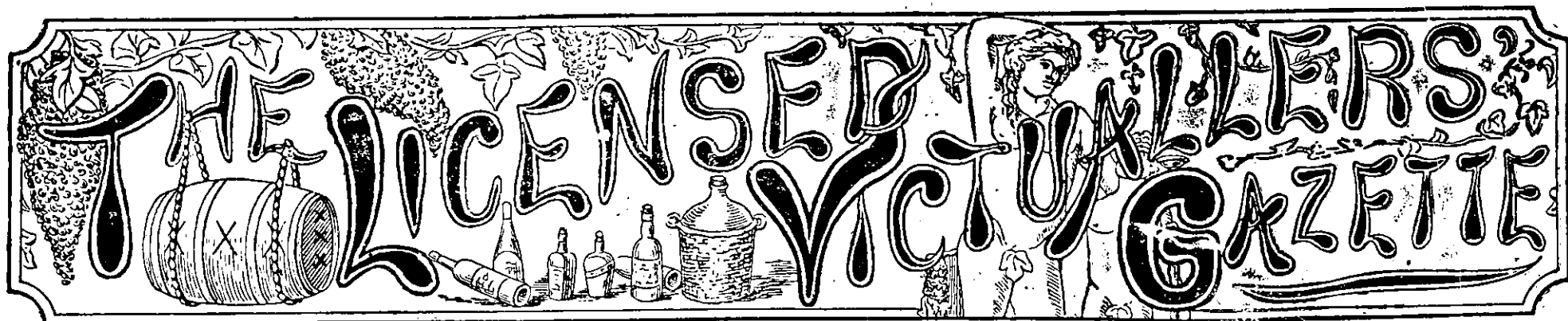
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TESTS OF SOBRIETY.

The London "Pall Mall Gazette" has recently been criticising the tests of sobriety that are in vogue at the present time. Many of these tests are ludicrous enough, and some of them may be effective in certain cases; taken as a whole, however, they are not much to be relied upon.

Pointing out the injustice of some of these methods the writer says: "The fact that an inhabitant of Cork, when asked to repeat the words, 'Our British Constitution,' could get no nearer to the truth than 'our brittle consolation,' did not, and quite rightly, cast any reflection upon his sobriety in Ireland, but it would certainly have got him five shillings or seven days in any London police court." This is where the injustice of the system comes in; such a case is about as fair as expecting a Chinaman to say "Rule Britannia" without murdering the words. The old-fashioned test of setting a man to walk a chalk line is by no means a fair one either, for there are plenty of perfectly sober people who would find it hard work to walk such a line without wobbling.

A man who would certainly lay himself open to suspicion being the individual recently discovered in one of the London streets at two o'clock in the morning, kissing a pillar-box and asking it to come home. Another incident of a doubtful nature was that of a citizen who was discovered in the early hours on guard beside his friend, who was reposing in the doorway of an empty house. A curious passer-by, attracted by the vigil, asked, "What's the matter with him? Drunk?" And the loyal friend (we insist upon his loyalty, because without it the story would have no moral) indignantly retorted, "Drunk he blowed. Didn't you see 'im move 'is 'and?"

Such cases as these may be beyond the pale of a word test, but there are a thousand and one cases where verbal tests are too unfair to be considered. A man with a slight brogue, for instance, might, and probably would, be completely cornered with an ordinary, everyday English word or sentence. Any foreigner, too, would be put altogether at sea with the most simple test in our language. This in itself should be sufficient to condemn such a practice. A really drunk man is easily discerned, but it is when an individual is hovering on the border line between sobriety and drunkenness that the difficulty of conviction becomes fully apparent. Some of the tests recently applied to a suspected man in a London Police Court consisted of making him attempt to walk on a crack in the floor, reading a portion of the Parliamentary news in a daily paper, stand on the right foot and put the ball of the left foot on the calf of the right leg, and finally throwing the eyes up. The prisoner failed at the "one-leg test," as no doubt a good many people would who never touched liquor on any occasion. The magistrate, however, imposed a fine. This strikes one as being a very grave injustice, and renders anyone liable to be sentenced for not being able to balance the body on one foot. Tests of this sort are a farce, and should be dispensed with as too unfair for use in any British court of justice. The "L.V. Gazette" suggests that the use of the name of the admiral of Russia's late Baltic fleet would be just as fair as the words generally in vogue, and this word, as everyone knows, has been a poser to three-quarters of the world's population. However, it is high time that some reasonable test was imposed, and surely it should be an easy matter to differentiate between a drunk man and a sober one.

the challenge by Mr. Isitt during one of his recent addresses, is not going to take place. Mr. Thomson claims that Mr. Isitt was not sincere in his challenge, and never intended to debate.

The prohibition fanatics are still wailing dismally throughout the land, and assisting themselves liberally to the cash of the foolishly credulous. When will the fleeced ones gain a little bit of common sense, and turn from the oily tongues of the slanderers?

Of about 40 passengers who reached Napier recently by the Tangaroa from Wairoa, quite a number had difficulty in obtaining sleeping accommodation on their arrival. After pacing the town for some time, a mother, daughter, and her child were located in one single-size bed, and two men of the same family in another bed in the same room. Should there be further reduction carried at the next licensing poll, not to mention notice, it will not be very inviting to outside people visiting this or any other town in similar circumstances.—"Napier Daily Telegraph."

"The publican, speaking broadly, is a sly grog-seller," said the Hon. (?) Woolley in a recent speech. "He studies the policeman on his beat and the magistrate on his bench, with a view to corrupt practices. If the front door is watched he keeps the side door open, and so sells on Sundays and election days." Happily the publican is too much of a gentleman to speak broadly about Woolley and his kind. Were he to do so he could vent some truths that they would not like to hear even whispered.

Our Taranaki correspondent writes:—The so-called American orator, Mr. J. G. Woolley, has been addressing meetings in Taranaki in favour of no-license. At New Plymouth he gave two addresses, and on each occasion Mr. J. Paul, the local brewer, had a few words to say from the liquor trade standpoint. Mr. Paul certainly had the better of the deal, judging impartially. In the course of his remarks Mr. Woolley, in laboured language pictured the woes, etc., caused by the liquor trade in America, whereupon Mr. Paul asked him why he did not stay in America and remedy the evils, instead of coming to New Zealand to tell us what to do. On the first night Mr. Woolley showed himself far from a temperate man. He was subjected to a slight interruption, and at once threatened that if he was annoyed in such a manner he would give orders to have the interjector evicted. A short time after another interjection was made, whereupon Mr. Woolley gave orders to "Throw that man out." No one was thrown out, but the members of the audience afterwards refrained from raising his hair.

The Red Lion Inn, Hampton, which in the days of Henry VIII. was a favourite place of call for that monarch's hunting parties, is now being pulled down, and will be rebuilt on up-to-date lines. The house was patronised by Pope, Swift, Bolingbroke, Colley Cibber, Quin, Peg Woffington, and Kitty Clive, who dined there on their boating excursions to Hampton, and in more recent days the summer visitors included such celebrities as Michael Balfe and Mme. Vestris. It is also stated that the hostelry was the scene of the famous drinking bout between Addison and Pope. The house stands at the corner of Thames-street, and within a mile of Hampton Court Palace.

INTOXICATING "TEMPERANCE DRINKS."

The London "Licensing World" has been giving some attention to the constituents of certain popular "temperance" drinks. The result of its investigation justifies the remark that there is something intensely comical in the attitude of the teetotaler, who holds up his hands "in holy horror and pious grief"

at those who assuage their thirst with cider, lager, or even the popular "four ale," while he himself "swigs" away at herb beers or botanic beverages. No wonder he frequently becomes hilarious over his "temperance" drinks, for, as the recently issued report of the British Government Laboratory shows, those drinks contain a very appreciable amount of alcohol. No less than 78 per cent. of the samples analysed contained 4 per cent. of proof spirit, while others ranged from 6 to 8.8 per cent. Many of the light German beers which are becoming so popular contain less than 2 per cent. of alcohol which the law permits in all "non-intoxicating" drinks; and it is funny to find the latter consumed and even recommended by the advocates of total abstinence, while the former are condemned as coming under the category of the "cursed drink." The teetotal advocate would point to the consumer of herb beer as a wise man, who knows how to appreciate the value of wholesome "temperance" drinks; but he would be considerably surprised to learn that the harmless-looking botanic beers often contain a larger percentage of alcohol than the ales sold over the counter of the wicked publican.

ARISTOCRATIC INNKEEPERS.

In an extremely interesting and rather novel chapter, Mr. Baring-Gould traces the evolution of the Baring-Gould inn from the guest house kept by the manor-

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WHISKY STATISTICS.

The stock of whisky in warehouse in Scotland at the close of the last financial year was 121,773,039 gallons, an increase during the past twelve months of 381,000 gallons. On the other hand (writes the London correspondent of the "Glasgow Herald") stocks in England were reduced by 630,000 gallons, and Ireland by one and a-half million gallons. In the past decade stocks in England have increased nearly one million gallons, in Scotland they have increased 87 per cent., and in Ireland they have been reduced by 500,000 gallons, with the net result that the total quantity in bond in the United Kingdom is 165 millions; ten years ago it was 108 millions. In the interval the quantities of British spirit required annually for home consumption and exportation have increased from 34 millions to 40 millions, and for methylation from 3½ to 5½ millions. Since 1884 stocks in Scotland have been almost quadrupled; in Ireland the increase has been 50 per cent.; and in England they are just twice the size. In 1884 our home consumption and exportation amounted to 31 millions, or three-fourths of our present figures. An increase in the number of factories in Scotland did not result in an increased output; on the contrary, the quantity of liquor made was nearly two millions of gallons less. This is due to the action of grain distillers in reducing production. The decrease in the manufacture of Irish alcohol was 1,200,000 gallons. In England there was an increase of 460,000 gallons owing to greater demand for industrial spirit. Ten years ago, when the duty on spirit was reduced to 10s. 6d. consumption increased in that year by one and three-quarter millions of gallons; in the following year by one million; in 1897-8 by three-quarter million; in 1898-9 by 1½ millions; and in 1899-1900 by nearly 4½ millions. On March 6, 1900, the duty was increased to 11s. per gallon, and since that date there has been, with the exception of 1901-2, a steady decrease. The quantity retained last year for home consumption, 33,157,944 gallons, is the smallest since 1897-8, and as regards consumption per head it is the lowest since 1894-5. If

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The proposed no-license debate at Dunedin between the Rev. F. W. Isitt and the Rev. W. Thomson, arising out of

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the whisky trade is not prospering, what is to be said with regard to colonial and foreign spirits? The quantity sent into consumption, 6,912,492 gallons, was the head, smallest since 1865, and the rate per head, one-sixth of a gallon, has not been so little since 1850. This trade, if not an increasing one, was certainly not decreasing prior to the increased duty of March, 1900; but since that time it has, with the exception of one year, continued to decline. The whisky export trade is, however, rapidly increasing. It has almost touched seven millions of gallons, or twice that of a dozen years ago. In that period the quantity of British spirit used for industrial purposes has increased from three millions to five and three-quarter millions of gallons.—"L.V. Gazette."

COOKERY FOR LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

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

FRUITS.

When ripe the pear cannot be improved by any kind of cooking or preserving, but when green it is only fit to be stewed or baked, as otherwise it would be most unwholesome. The best pears for baking purposes are rather acid than sweet; in the process of cooking part of the acid is changed into sugar. To bake them, rub half-a-dozen or more large hard pears with a soft cloth; put them on a buttered baking tin into a slow oven, and let them bake gently for five or six hours. When tender they are done enough, and will be found excellent if eaten with sugar.

To stew pears, pare, core, and halve eight or ten good-sized pears, leaving the stalks or not, according to taste. Put them into a tinned saucepan, with six ounces of loaf sugar, six cloves, six whole allspice, three-quarters of a pint of water, and a glass of port, and let them boil as gently as possible until they are quite soft without being broken. Lift them out, put them on a glass dish, and when the syrup is cold strain it over them. It will take from two and a-half to three hours to stew them. A little custard or Devonshire cream served with them is a great improvement.

Pears with rice make a very agreeable dish, prepared in the following manner: Have ready four or five good baking pears, which have previously been cored, halved, and stewed until quite

tender, with three pints of water, four ounces of sugar, and a flavouring of vanilla. Wash six ounces of the best California rice in two or three waters, put it into a saucepan with a quart of milk, some white sugar, and a few drops of essence of vanilla, and let it simmer gently for an hour. Turn it out upon a hot dish, and lay the pears upon it. Boil very quickly the syrup in which the pears were stewed, in order to thicken it, and pour it over the rice.

The blackberry is a delicious fruit, which does not meet with the recognition to which its merits entitle it. If it were rarer it would be more appreciated, but as it grows wild everywhere it is treated with something very like contempt. There is as much difference, however, between the wild blackberry and the cultivated blackberry as there is between the wild strawberry and the garden strawberry. I cannot understand why fruit-growers should so neglect the blackberry, or bramble. When planted in good loamy soil it yields an astonishing crop of fine berries. Moreover, it ripens at a time when most other berries are over, so that it has an additional market value. Blackberries and apples make an ideal combination, and may be prepared as follows: Put into a saucepan one pound of blackberries, one pound of apples, the juice and rind of a lemon, and half a pound of loaf sugar. Stew till the fruit is soft, then rub through a sieve, and add half a pint of good custard. Mix together, pour into custard cups, and put little heaps of whipped cream on top.

We now come to plums.

A favourite dish is damson or green-gage pudding. Line a buttered mould with good suet crust. Fill it with the fruit, picked and washed. Add a little moist sugar, put a lid of the crust on the top, and fasten the edges securely. Tie the pudding in a floured cloth, put it into boiling water, and boil till done enough, which will take from two to two and a-half hours, according to size. As soon as the pudding is turned out of the basin cut a hole in the top to allow the steam to escape. Serve sugar with it.

Damson tart is another universally popular dish, which may be made in the following manner: Line the edges of a tart dish with a crust, either puff or short, according to taste, and pile the dish high with damsons, laying a small cup in the bottom to prevent the juice running over. A pint and a-half of damsons will require four ounces of moist

sugar, and it should be equally placed amongst the fruit in the dish. Roll out the cover, put it on, and ornament the edges neatly. Bake the tart in a moderate oven for thirty to forty minutes, and cover the top with a buttered paper if the crust seems inclined to take too much colour. Sprinkle with sifted sugar, and serve with sugar and cream handed round.

A compote of damsons or greengages is thus prepared: Boil half a pound of loaf sugar with a pint of water for a quarter of an hour. Remove the scum as it rises, put in the fruit, and simmer gently for another quarter of an hour, or until the plums are tender but unbroken. Care must be taken not to let the plums break, or the appearance of the dish will be spoiled. Lift them out singly with a spoon, and put them into a glass dish. Let the syrup cool a little, then pour it over them. They should, of course, be eaten cold.

"PUBLIC-HOUSES FOR BABES."

This is a headline that will come as a shock to the "Ironsides" of Tennyson Smith and the Isitt Brigade in New Zealand. Yet a children's public-house was opened in London last Monday, and proved an instantaneous success. Its clientele is recruited from the juvenile population of Hoxton and Shoreditch, and their appreciation of "our pub" (as they have already christened it) is such that the proprietor is arranging to open others. "Shocking!" Not a bit of it. The children's "pub" was the result of a happy inspiration born of an honest attempt to run the houses for their elders on a plan which ought to meet with the warm approval of everyone. Less than a fortnight ago an enterprising licensed victualler decided to reopen the old "Britannia"—a public-house just off the City Road, at one time a rendezvous for the prize-fighting fraternity of the district—on the principle of "no drink without food." For a halfpenny patrons could buy a sandwich, and for another halfpenny a quarter of a pint of ale. They could have the sandwich without the beer, but not the beer without the sandwich. The good news that a large sandwich could be bought for a halfpenny soon became known to the enterprising youngsters of the neighbourhood, who flocked to the "Britannia," and, planking their coppers on the zinc counter, demanded to be served. The law does not actually forbid eatables or

non-alcoholic drinks being served to children on licensed premises, but the proprietor felt he could not encourage them to frequent a public bar. The obvious way out of the difficulty was to establish a special public-house for the youngsters. To transform an adjoining house into an "infants' sandwich bar" was the work of a day or two, and within a few hours of its doors being opened hundreds of small clients were busily munching halfpenny or farthing sandwiches at its long, low counter. Inside the babies' "public-house" is distempered in a cheerful shade of blue, while outside are posted elegant placards, setting forth in large type some of the delectable dainties which can be purchased within for a farthing. Farthing sandwiches are a speciality in the babies' bar. These contain beef, pressed mutton, cheese, or eggs, flavoured with a sprinkling of mustard and cress, and are daintily wrapped in white tissue paper. Polished taps on the counter denote the presence of ginger beer, which is specially brewed each day for the patrons of the "Halfpenny House." Mr. Pond, who is running the "Britannia" and its annexe, intends to start 350 houses in various parts of the country on the "no drink without food" principle, and where the locality seems to demand it he hopes to cater for children also.—"N.Z. Times" London correspondent.

RATIONAL TEMPERANCE.

Is it not remarkable that countries where total abstinence flourishes are precisely those where there is most drunkenness? One is justified in asking the question: Does total abstinence lead to drunkenness? This may seem paradoxical, but strong arguments may be advanced to prove this contention. I would only refer to the middle and higher classes of society, among which I have principally lived before coming to settle in Australia, and the fact is that in France, Belgium, etc., where the very words of "total abstinence" are never heard of (except in the advice which a medical doctor may occasionally give to a patient), I have seldom known a man given to drink; and it was at the age of thirty, when I had just left my country for these shores, that I saw for the first time in my life a well-dressed drunken woman—on my landing at Circular Quay, in Sydney. My first impression was that the poor lady was overtaken by a sudden fit of illness, and I went to her

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assistance, when in a moment I discovered the disgusting truth, and left her. After me, a policeman rendered her the assistance she required, and took her away in a hansom cab. Yet, in my country, where such a thing is never seen, all our ladies, girls, and boys drink wine or beer at meals, except at breakfast. They get as much of it as they like, and no one feels inclined to drink to excess. The consumption of tea at meals is unknown, and if a cup of coffee is partaken of, it is only after the meal. To this, gentlemen, and even some ladies, may add a little drop of brandy. All those chemical so-called temperance drinks, of which the consumption is so great in Australia, are unknown in our family life. The real temperance drink is wine, and the bottle is there to further dilute the table wine. Superior wines only are drunk neat. These perfume the dining-hall, stimulate conversation, sharpen repartees, cause merriment, but drunkenness—never! Any gentleman or lady that would forget him or herself, and be seen drunk, would have only one thing to do—go and get buried!

Extremes are always objectionable, even in temperance. Some years ago I was travelling in Queensland, where I received the hospitality in a family of a gentleman whom I had known in Melbourne. He was a total abstainer. At meals there was but water and tea to drink. There were two grown-up sons. At night after dinner and some conversation with the family, on the verandah, the youngest son invited me to his bedroom to have a look at some illustrated papers. I thought it rather strange that he should have taken me away from the company of his father, mother, and sisters, but the invitation was given in such a manner that I could not refuse, and, after having begged to be excused, I went with him to his bedroom. "I suppose, Mr. Van, that you would not mind a drop of something stronger than tea? You know, our governor is very strict, and we have to get it on the sly." I had a drop with him of something stronger than tea, very much stronger, indeed, judging by the fact that, after having taken several drops, his reasoning faculties became confused, and I retired. The next day I had a similar experience with his brother. It is not quite plain that if these big boys had been differently educated, and had been given wine at meals, they would never have dreamt of hiding whisky in their dressing-table among their underwear?

I once visited a Government college in New South Wales, and passed through the dining-hall at mealtime, when I saw about 40 big boys with tumblers of water at the side of their plates. I was not familiar with Australian ideas and customs at that time, and it positively shocked me, and I could not help thinking: No wonder they go for the whisky bottle when they get a chance.

I maintain that parents and Governments who bring up children and boys and girls in this rigorous manner incur a very grave responsibility, as it is unquestionably the cause why so many, later on, indulge to excess in the use of spirits. Of course, among the youths so brought up I am satisfied that there are a large number who will remain strict abstainers all their lives, but would these be worse off if they had been given different habits, and consumed wine at meals, as is done in France? Their constitution would probably gain by it.

If the Australians could be made a wine-drinking people, what a great thing it would be for the cause of temperance, and what a great national rural industry, giving employment to thousands, could be built on it?

I would like to see these ideas propagated by the formation of a "Rational Temperance League."—C. Van de Velde, in "Australian Vigneron."

THE USE AND ABUSE OF ALCOHOL.

Dr. Thomas Dutton, the author of "Indigestion, Clearly Explained, Treated, and Dieted," contributed to a recent number of the "Archives of the Rontgen Ray and Allied Phenomena," an interesting article on the alcohol question. He says that the intemperate language, the extravagant and oftentimes foolish statements indulged in by writers upon this topic, must be, to all concerned with this search for truth, a cause for sincere regret, inasmuch as palpable exaggerations cannot tend to inspire the lay mind of the more sober-thinking public with greater confidence in, or deeper regard for, professional opinions which are so manifestly contaminated by personal bias as to be utterly unworthy of consideration.

Rabid teetotalism, even in writing for the medical press, has not always stopped short at the truth. With puerile disregard for the mental capacity of the reader, the advocates of these self-dubbed "temperance" principles have fondly imagined that dogmatic assertion, when

backed by the cumulative force of assiduous reiteration, is tantamount to proof. By these means have they striven to bias judgment and convince all that "alcohol produces a decline in the economic value of the organism by actual change in cell-constitution"—a statement which is quite untrue where the alcohol taken is pure, and consumed only in moderate quantities.

"All admit (he proceeds) that an excess of alcohol does harm; so likewise does an excess of meat, sugar, or even water. The danger here lies in the abuse, and not in the proper use, of the articles in question, and it is irrational to claim that their use must on this account be abandoned. Experience leads me to believe that beer is the best drink for persons under the age of 40 years, wine after 40, and that spirit should only be taken when required or ordered. I have great faith in sound, pure beer as a beverage for growing boys and girls, as well as for working men; it seems to stimulate appetite, regulate the bowels, and promote healthy growth. If living in a wine country, I should order some variety of light wine instead. I have

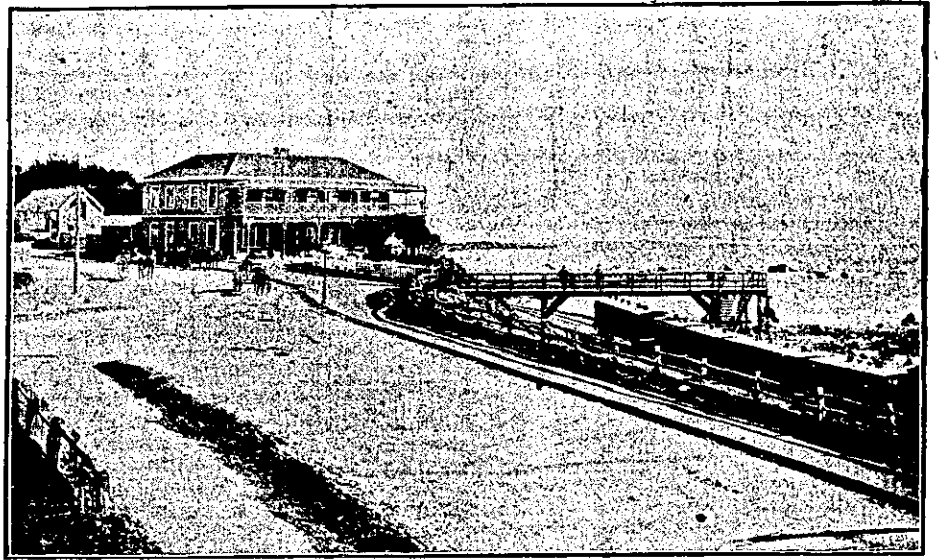
not found that children who are allowed beer take an excess of it when they attain to adult years; on the contrary, most of the drunkards I have called upon to treat have been brought up on strict abstinence lines.

"I was much struck by a chance remark made by a very old (85 years) patient of mine. She said: 'It is strange that when I was young all my friends partook of wine for dinner, and one seldom heard anything about indigestion, stomach complaints, or appendicitis; now my friends are all water-drinkers, and they all suffer from these complaints. It is my opinion, doctor, that wine is an antiseptic and germ-killer, hence the freedom from the complaints I have mentioned of those who take wine.' I believe my patient is quite correct in her surmises, and that wine—more especi-

ally the red wines—have a germicidal action upon pathogenic micro-organisms."—"Wine and Spirit Gazette" (Harper's Weekly).

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PARS ON POLITICS.

Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., sat at the Magistrate's Court yesterday, to hear objections to names being retained on the Auckland West, East, and Central rolls. The first list dealt with was that for Auckland West. There was no appearance of any objector, and accordingly some 280 names were ordered by the Court to be struck off. For Auckland Central there were objections to 800 names, and these were struck off. Mr. McVeagh appeared on behalf of Mr. G. Higgins to oppose an objection raised against his name being retained on the Auckland Central roll. The registrar for Central stated that he had received an objection by W. J. Bell, an elector, to the name of Mr. Higgins being on the list, as he did not reside in the Central district. The registrar heard the evidence of Mr. Higgins, who explained that he had lived in the Central district for several years. The registrar expressed himself satisfied, and the Court accordingly ordered that the name be retained. On the application of Mr. E. H. Lyons, 1000 names were struck off the Auckland East list. Any person who was struck off the lists may, if he satisfies the registrar that he is eligible to vote in such electorate, have his name put on the supplementary roll.

The chief inspector of machinery, reporting to the Minister for Marine, states that the recent advent of the oil engine, the perfection of the gas engine, and the introduction of the electric motor, have greatly aided to build up small manufacturing works during recent years. Boilers are now being worked in New Zealand at as high a pressure as 300lb to the square inch. A large number are carrying 150lb, and very few boilers are carrying less than 100lb pressure. Fifteen years ago a pressure of 100lb per square inch on a land boiler was a very rare thing. Greater care has now to be exercised in making annual inspection and surveys than was required in former years, owing to these higher pressures. In regard to ships and steamers, it is reported that the provisioning of boats, begun last year, has

been completed, so also has the provisioning of rafts. To prevent the removing of provisions between surveys from the tanks, in which these provisions are kept in the boats and rafts, the lids of all the tanks were sealed up with a light strip of sheet brass, soldered at the ends to the tank, and stamped by a surveyor.

Sir Joseph Ward's solicitors have served the "New Zealand Times" and the "Evening Post" with a writ claiming £5000 damages from each paper for the publication of an advertisement of Mr. Braund, of Colonial Bank fame, calling a meeting, on the ground that the advertisement contained matter of a defamatory nature.

Mr. J. M. Shera, a candidate for the Parnell electorate, addressed a meeting in St. Mark's Hall, Remuera, on Tuesday evening. In the course of his remarks Mr. Shera said that he approved of the increase to 10s a week of the Old Age Pensions. To assure finance for the pensions he suggested that the territorial revenue should be set aside. Speaking of the expenditure on the Mapourika trip, he said that if members had realised the state of the finances they would not have gone on that trip, or asked the Land Commission to trot around the country. Then there was £20,000 voted for the Christchurch Exhibition, but he believed £40,000 more would yet be voted. About that exhibition there was a lust for high society, and they were going to try and get some of the old nobles of England, and even Royalty, to be present, so that there would be more decorations. "The folly of this thing," said Mr. Shera, "should be put down with a loud voice, and as one man." He did not believe in exhibitions; they were injurious to commerce, and to our industries, and they did no good except to hotel caterers. All that was given by the Government to the Auckland Exhibition, including the expenditure on the Rotorua Court, was under £700. He then spoke at some length on the Land question, and in conclusion referred to the scandalous way in which the question of the Parnell tunnel had been put aside by the Government. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Shera for his address.

Mr. Morgan, the Independent Liberal candidate standing for the Parnell electorate, addressed a meeting in the Newmarket Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. F. Bennett, the Mayor of Newmarket, opened the meeting. There was a moderate attendance. Mr. Morgan, who received an uninterrupted hearing, spoke for about an hour and a quarter. He condemned party politics, and said that one thing he wished to see accomplished was the opening of the political arena for the working man. A vote of thanks and confidence, moved at the conclusion of the meeting, was carried by acclamation.

Mr. C. J. Parr addressed a meeting of lady electors on Tuesday afternoon in the Ponsonby Hall, and was given a good hearing, nearly 200 ladies being present. Mrs. Bedford occupied the chair. Mr. Parr said he had been advised to come out as an Independent Liberal, as that would be a good way of catching votes from both sides. He declined the suggestion. So long as the party system existed, a man must take one side or the other. Who ever heard of an independent on a field of battle? The candidate said he was with the side which was fighting to restore to Parliament and the people the control of the country. Fourteen years of absolute power was not good either for Mr. Seddon or the country. Extravagance and abuses were bound to creep in under so long a reign. He instanced numerous cases of extravagant and wasteful expenditure of the public moneys. The money wasted on the Land Commission would have given Auckland an up-to-date technical school, or duplicated the Parnell tunnel. Mr. Parr said a pressing problem for parents was what to do with our boys. He was sorry to see dozens of promising young fellows leaving their native country to seek work in America and elsewhere. This should not be. There must be a screw loose somewhere when New Zealanders had to go abroad to get employment. The Opposition advocated a live land policy and the development of our unrivalled natural resources, which would mean employment for all. Taxation on the necessities of life should be reduced. The cost of living was higher now than

ever, and it was pressing hardest upon the workers. The question for them was how to get the benefit of any increase of wages in face of high prices. That question Mr. Seddon had declined to tackle. Mr. Parr said, with regard to education, the State should aim at co-ordinating the primary, secondary, and university systems, and making them free to all. He thought there should be uniformity in books, and that the State should provide books for the pupils at cost price. At the conclusion of his address the candidate was accorded a unanimous vote of confidence.

Mr. R. French, who is contesting the Eden seat as an Independent Liberal, addressed a meeting of electors in the Mount Roskill Hall last Tuesday evening. He announced himself as an Independent, Temperance, and Liberal candidate. He criticised the present Administration, and spoke in favour of the increase to Old Age Pensions. He also favoured the abolition of barmaids. A vote of thanks was tendered to him at the conclusion of the meeting.

The railway classification list was laid on the table of the House by the Minister for Railways just before the House rose on Saturday. Mr. Massey reminded the Minister of the promise given early in the session to make a statement regarding the betterment of the condition of the railway service in regard to the hours worked by engine-drivers, firemen, and guards, and the wages paid in the lower grades of the service. He said he thought the Government should make an announcement before the end of the session in regard to their intentions respecting this important matter. Sir Joseph Ward replied that he would probably submit his proposals on this subject when the Supplementary Estimates were brought down.

A return presented to the House the other day showed that the total daily cost of Parliament exclusive of statutory expenses, which do not vary with the length of the session) is about £110 per sitting day. The other statutory an-

LETTERS FROM WOMEN.

From Miss B. McIntyre, 33 Simmons Street, South Yarra, Vic., 5th September, 1903.

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From Mrs Annie Harris, of Charlton, George Street, Norwood, S.A.

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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 and ropy. 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

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From Mrs R. L. Head, Vine Cottage, Second Street, Port Pirie, S.A.

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From Mrs A. Frenz, Piper Street, South Broken Hill, N.S.W., 14th January, 1903.

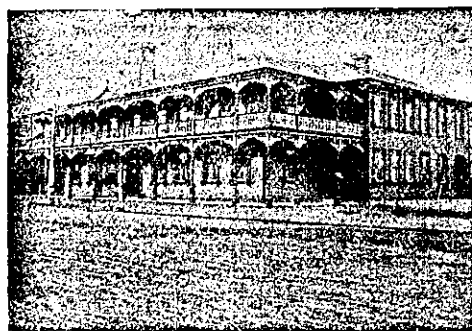
"A few years ago, when in Victoria, I suffered excruciating pains in my body, especially in the chest and left side around the heart. I consulted three doctors: one said I had a tumor in my side, another that my heart was affected, and the other something else. Medicine was prescribed for me by one of 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."

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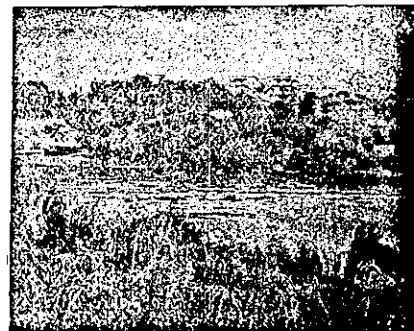
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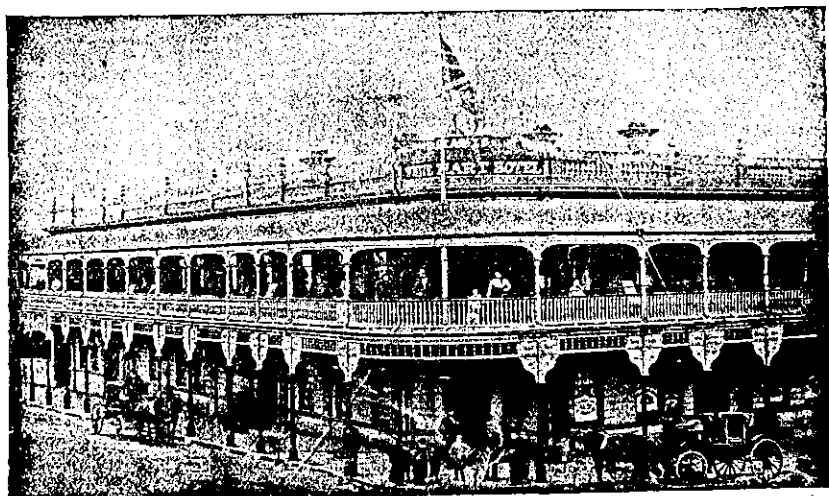


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And the heavy man a-steerin'
He is swearin' 'ard and low
As the lugger falls to loo'ard
With the wind a-droppin' so
Ho, it's time they got to moorings,
For the crew won't do it's "graft,"
And they're fighting in the fo'cse,
And they're singing chancies aft—
Playing "Bully in Our Alley"
On a whistle and guitar,
And a-wearin' out the steward
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Yes, it's time we paid 'em off,
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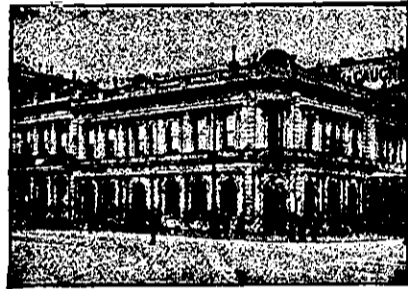
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C. F. WIGLEY (late Steward on the s.s. Taniwha), Proprietor.
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Excellent Cuisine.
This interesting Pleasure Resort is about two hours' drive from Waihi, and three and a-half from Tauranga.
Livery and Bait Stables in conjunction with the Hotel.

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CORNER OF PITT-STREET AND KARANGAHAPE ROAD, AUCKLAND.

D. NORDEN,
FOR MANY YEARS PROPRIETOR OF THE PRINCE ARTHUR HOTEL,
Desires to intimate to his many friends and the public that he has taken over the above Popular House, where he will be pleased to afford every comfort and convenience to patrons.
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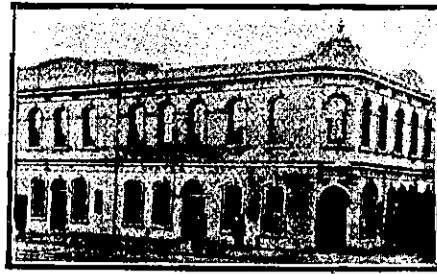
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EDWARD QUINN (late of Gisborne)
Has taken over the above Hotel.

Everything up to date.

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TO SUFFERING YOUNG MEN.—A reverend gentleman having been an unfortunate sufferer from boyish folly for years, was cured in a remarkable manner after doctors had failed. He will send the cure free to anyone. Write to Mr AMOS WINTER, P.O., Berwick, Victoria.



ANCHOR HOTEL,
QUEEN-STREET, AUCKLAND.

J. T. GRAY PROPRIETOR.
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept in stock.
Good Accommodation for the Travelling Public.



SETTLERS' HOTEL, WHANGAREI.
The above Hotel is within two minutes' walk of the Railway Station and Town Wharf. First-class Accommodation. Baths and Every Convenience. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits, Ehrenfried's Beer on draught. Charges Moderate. Good Stabling and Paddock for Horses. Sample Room and First-class Billiard Table.
D. McLEOD Proprietor

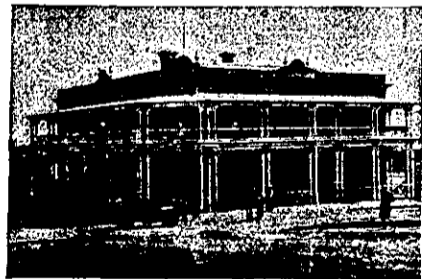
PUKEKOHE HOTEL,
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WALTER REID, Proprietor.
The nearest Hotel to the Ostrich Farm. Horses and Buggies on Hire.
Cook's Coupons Accepted.



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KAITIAI, MANGONUI.

C. MOLLOY, Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hostelry, begs to inform the travelling public that Every Accommodation is now afforded.
Stables, Paddocks, and Plenty of Feed for Horse and Owner.
The Best of Wines, Spirits and Beers.



KAIPARA HOTEL, HELENSVILLE.

H. PRISTON PROPRIETOR.

The Sporting House in Helensville. First-class Accommodation, and the best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits.

KAUKAPAKAPA HOTEL,
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H. B. MELTON PROPRIETOR.

A delightfully situated resort for Tourists and Visitors.
Spacious Billiard Room and every convenience.

CITY CLUB HOTEL,

SHORTLAND-STREET,
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PROPRIETOR.

WINES, ALES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST BRANDS ONLY.



STAR HOTEL, OTAHUHU.

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The Best Wines, Spirits, Beers, and Cigars. All the Comforts of a Home, and a good Table Kept. Charges Reasonable, and Civility the Rule of House. Commodious Stables, Good Paddocks. Billiards.



KARANGAHAKE HOTEL,
MAIN-STREET, KARANGAHAKE.

Centrally situated. Coaches stop at the door. Spacious and well-lighted Rooms, Dining-room capable of accommodating 80. Speight's Dunedin Ales also Campbell-Ehrenfried's. Central Hall for Concerts, etc., is the largest in the town. Hotel and Hall lighted by Acetylene Gas.
A. MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

AURORA HOTEL,
VICTORIA-STREET, AUCKLAND.

MR. SAMUEL SARAH
Has taken over the Management of this Hotel.

Every Convenience for Boarders.
First-class Billiard Room.
Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept.

S. SARAH PROPRIETOR.

STERLING HOTEL, WAIHI.

Mrs E. H. PILLING desires to inform Travellers and the Public generally that she continues to carry on the business which was so ably done by her husband, Mr E. H. Pilling, and trusts that his old and numerous friends and acquaintances will not fail to visit the Sterling Hotel, where they will always find a friendly welcome as of yore. Commercial, Sportsmen, Theatrical Companies, and those connected with the Mines specially catered for with reasonable terms of 6s 6d and 4s 6d per day, and special reductions by the week for a term.
Telegrams: "Pilling," Waihi. Box No. 56.

MRS. PILLING PROPRIETRESS.



PAEROA HOTEL, PAEROA.
Directly opposite Railway Station and Nearest Hotel to Steamers to and from Auckland.

This new and commodious Hotel is replete with every modern convenience for the travelling public.
FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.
Hot, Cold and Shower Baths.
Terms Moderate.
E. F. MORIARTY
(Late of Northern Wairoa), Proprietor.

MASONIC HOTEL,
CAMBRIDGE.

JAMES SINCLAIR PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of Best Brands. First-class Accommodation for Travellers.

TAURANGA HOTEL, STRAND,
TAURANGA.

Under New Management.
T. R. NIXON
(Late of Carpenter's Arms, Auckland).
Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above popular House, where he will be pleased to meet old and new Patrons. Extensive alterations and improvements have been effected, and Visitors will find every comfort and convenience. Tariff moderate. Wines and Spirits of best brands only. Night Porter in attendance.

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

QUEEN'S FERRY HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

A. BACH

Begs to notify that he has taken over the above favourite Hostelry. His trade principle is to keep nothing but the very best, and to aim at the comfort of his patrons.

NEWTON HOTEL, KARANGAHAPE ROAD, NEWTON, AUCKLAND.

HARRY DYER..... PROPRIETOR.

MR H. DYER has pleasure in announcing to his friends and the general public that he is now in possession of this well-known house. Wines and Spirits, as usual, of the Best Brands.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM. GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS. Bathroom and Every Convenience.

HARRY DYER..... PROPRIETOR.



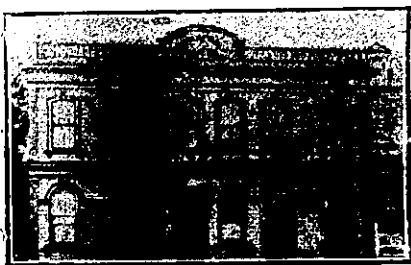
CRITERION HOTEL, PAEROA. JOHN EDWARDS..... Proprietor.

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Commodious and well-lighted Sample Rooms. Reading, Smoking, and Billiard Rooms. The Cuisine under superintendence of a thoroughly competent chef. Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., of the Best Quality Only. Coaches meet trains and boats at all hours. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention.

QUEEN'S HOTEL (CORNER OF SYMONDS-STREET AND KHYBER PASS.)

Mr. VICTOR CORNAGA begs to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular Hotel. The Hotel is being renovated and re-furnished throughout, and will be found replete with all modern and up-to-date conveniences.

VICTOR CORNAGA, QUEEN'S HOTEL, Symonds-street and Khyber Pass.



PRINCE OF WALES' HOTEL, HOBSON-STREET, AUCKLAND. S. F. HEDLUND.

Every Home Comfort for Visitors. Charges Moderate.

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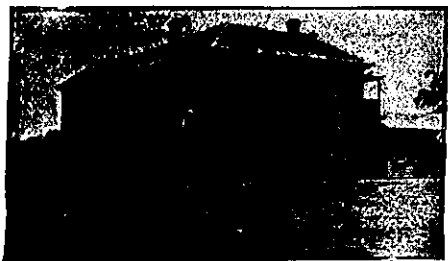
EVERY COMFORT FOR BOARDERS AND TOURISTS.

BEST WINES AND SPIRITS ONLY KEPT.



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MARKET HOTEL, AUCKLAND. 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.

MAUNGATUROTO HOTEL, MAUNGATUROTO. T. HYLAND..... PROPRIETOR.

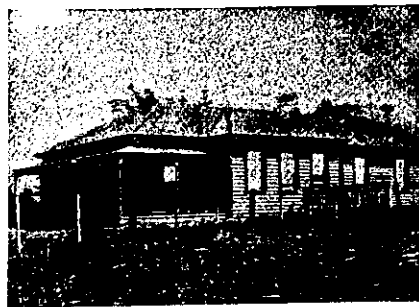
Having taken possession of this Hotel, I shall be pleased to see all my old friends and customers. First-class Accommodation for travellers. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands.



THAMES HOTEL, Corner of QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

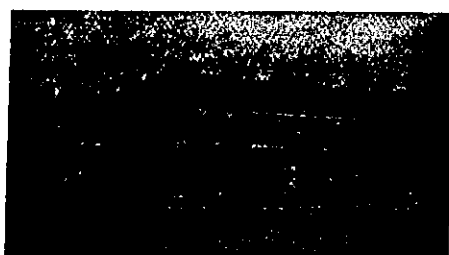
Commercial and Family Hotel. First-class Accommodation. Day and Night Porter. Terms Moderate. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Telephone No. 369.

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.

Telegrams: "Meyer, Waihi." Box, 24.

H. E. MEYER..... Licensee.

ROYAL HOTEL, VICTORIA STREET, AUCKLAND.

J. MORRISON..... Proprietor.

TARIFF, from 5s 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. D. 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.



WAVERLEY HOTEL, QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

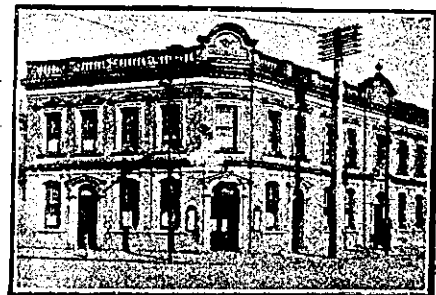
Near Railway Station, Tram Terminus, The Wharf, and 'Bus Stands. First-class Table d'Hote. Conveyance meets Steamers and Trains. Tariff, 7s. per day; £2 2s. per week. Telephone 870.

This Hotel has a beautiful view of the Harbour. MAURICE O'CONNOR... Proprietor.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

THE SPORTING RENDEZVOUS.

J. W. RUSSELL..... PROPRIETOR.



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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

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

NEWMARKET HOTEL, NEWMARKET.

J. GILLANDER..... PROPRIETOR.

Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.

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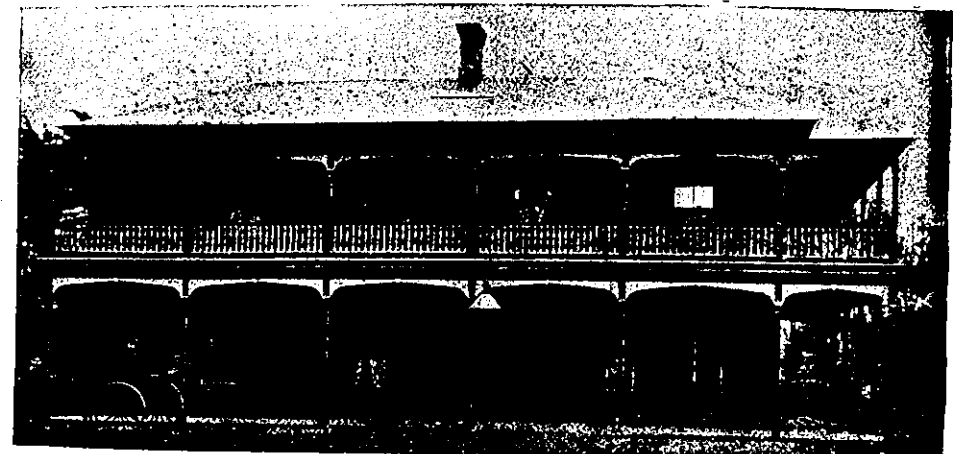
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Harp of Erin Hotel, ELLERSLIE.

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.

AUCKLAND PROVINCE - Continued

STAR HOTEL,
 KARANGAHAPE ROAD NEWTON
 (Opp. Pons-onby Reservoir.)
 FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES
 AND SPIRITS.
 T. W. WATTS Proprietor.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WHANGAREI.
 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.
 E. R. O'CONNOR Proprietor.

BRITISH HOTEL,
 CORNER OF
 QUEEN ST. AND DURHAM ST.
 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,
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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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HOHOURA,
 MANGONUI COUNTY.

Every Accommodation can be had here.

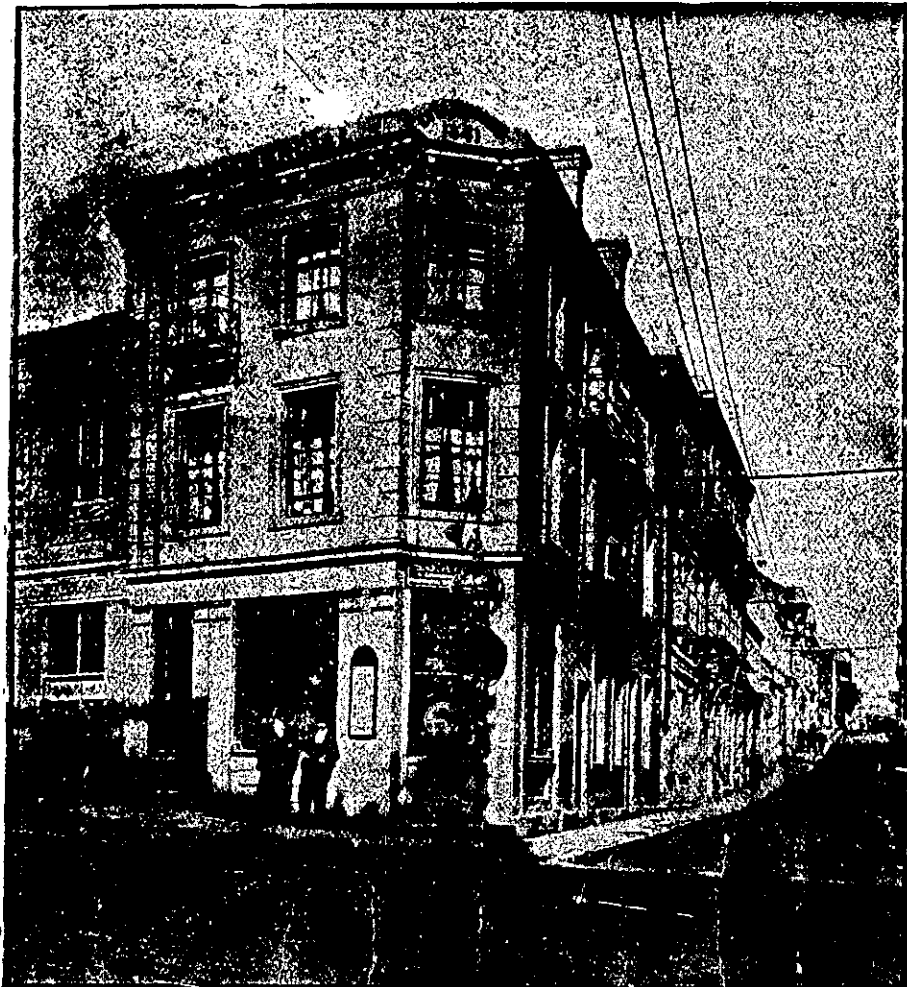
CHARGES MODERATE.
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Don't Forget—

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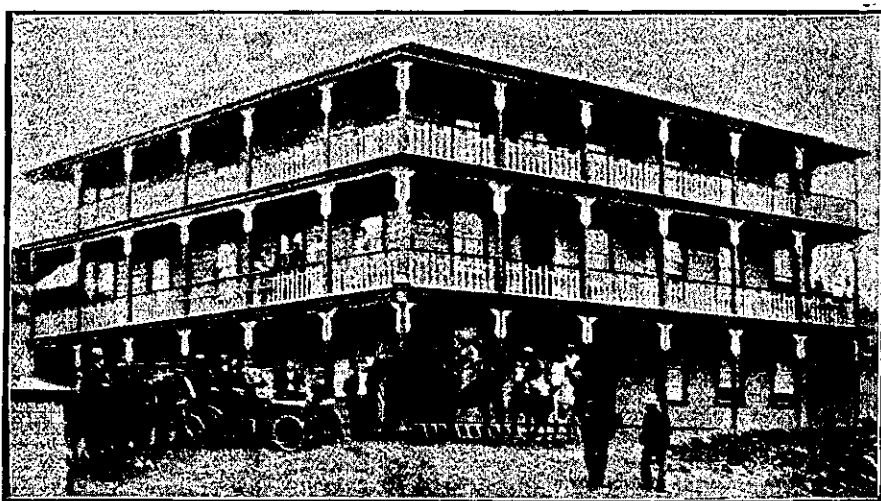
RISING SUN HOTEL,
 KARANGAHAPE ROAD.

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.



Kidd's Commercial Hotel

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 SHORTLAND & HIGH STREETS.



THE JUNCTION HOTEL

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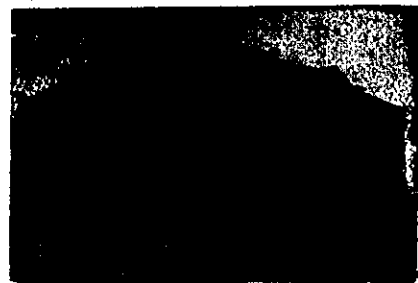
G. MARSHALL, PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to acquaint the numerous friends of the above well-known favourite and spacious hostelry, that he has become lessee, and hopes by strict attention and civility to customers, to merit a continuance of the liberal support accorded to the house in the past.

Wines, Spirits, and Beers of the First Quality.

Billiards. Buggies, etc. Sample Rooms.
 The Best of Accommodation. A Good Table kept.
 CHARGES MODERATE.

HAIG & HAIG
 Three Star
 SCOTS WHISKY



HOBSON HOTEL,
 Corner of
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 Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.
 M. FOLEY Proprietor.



ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL,
 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.

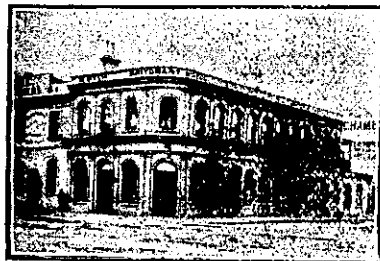


WHANGAREI HOTEL,
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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the travelling public.

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.



BRITOMART HOTEL,
 CUSTOM-STREET.

BEST WINES, SPIRITS AND ALES KEPT.

W. J. BAKER..... PROPRIETOR.



IMPERIAL HOTEL,
 FORT STREET, AUCKLAND.

A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and Telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone Exchange. Sample Rooms. Private Bar. Thos. Cook & Son's Coupons accepted.
 T. PEARCE Proprietor.

AUCKLAND PROVINCE—Continued.

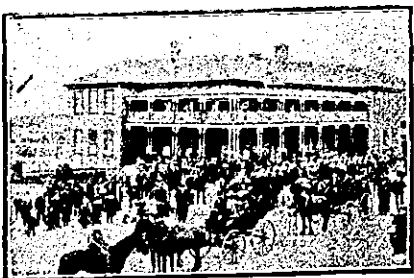


JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM.

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

WINES, SPIRITS & BEERS—BEST ONLY.

Give me a Call— J. COTTERALL Proprietor.

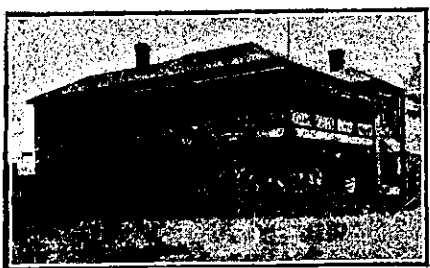


PALACE HOTEL, THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.

OFFERS SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS, FAMILIES AND VISITORS.

COMMERCIAL SAMPLE ROOM. TELEGRAMS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLOURS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS.

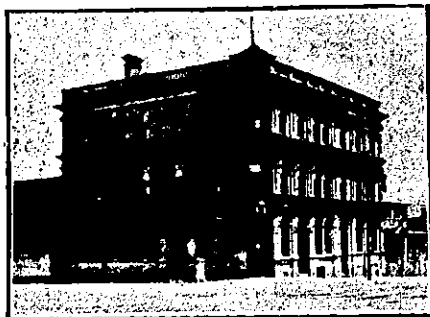
TARIFF: 35s per Week, or 6s per Day. THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



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.

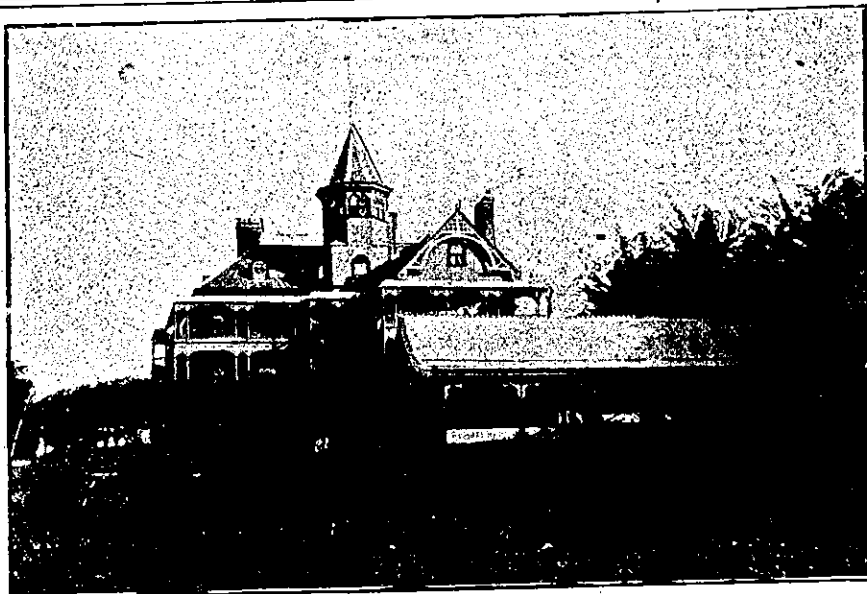
WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry) Will be glad to welcome old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.

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.

BUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY. L. B. HARRIS Proprietor.

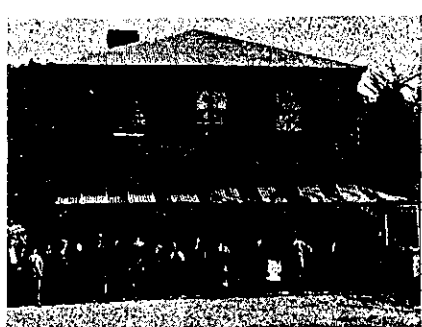
This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

H. S. BOOKER Proprietor.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, 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 Lyceum Hall, which is also lighted up with electricity.

OWHARO A HOTEL, MAIN-STREET, WAIKINO.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

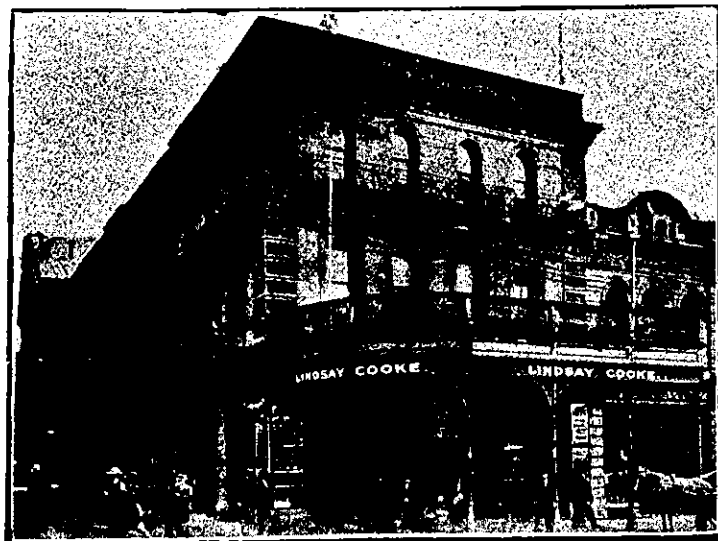
RALPH MONTGOMERY (late manager of the above Hotel) has taken it over of his own, and trusts to see all his old patrons. Extensive additions are now being made, and when complete the Hotel will be second to none in the district. Don't forget to call on RALPH MONTGOMERY.

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.



METROPOLITAN HOTEL, QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

LINDSAY COOKE Proprietor.

The new proprietor has much pleasure in announcing that this popular House has been thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout, and now offers accommodation equal to any other in the colony. Entirely New Stock of Wines, Spirits, and Ales have been laid down, and the Cuisine is Unexcelled.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

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

ROBERT HUNT (late of Marton), Proprietor.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL, CURA-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.

K. J. HODGINS Proprietor.

WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON.

The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Hotel lighted with electric light throughout. Spacious Well-lighted Sample Room.

S. J. GIBBONS Proprietor.

BARRETT'S NEW HOTEL, LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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

J. J. KELLY Proprietor.



RUTLAND HOTEL, WANGANUI.

F. O. 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 photography.

CHASEY'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. SCRIMGEOUR Proprietor.

China & Glassware.

We hold the most up-to-date Stock of Lines required by Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants, Boarding Houses, etc. We quote Special Prices to the Trade.

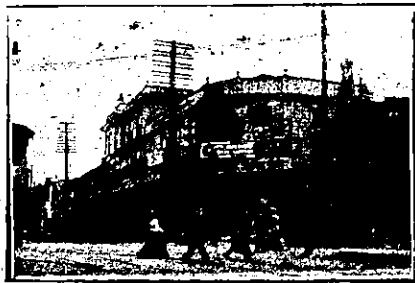
We make a Speciality of Wedding Presents, New Epergnes, Pots and Pedestals, Vases, Ornaments.

HIRE.—We hire, for special occasions, China, Glass, Cutlery, etc.

TANFIELD, POTTER & CO., RETAIL, 242 Queen St.

Wholesale Dept. Lorne St.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



ALBERT HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

M. 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 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.

CLUB HOTEL,

LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

First-class accommodation at a moderate tariff.

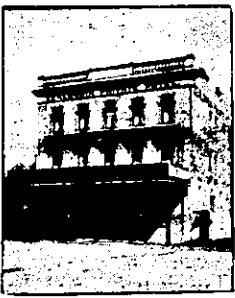
Every attention and all home comforts

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

E. SHERATT ... Proprietor

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 Wines, Spirits, and Brandies. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 3 p.m. for One Guinea. Upstairs and Billiard-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, PETONE, WELLINGTON.

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

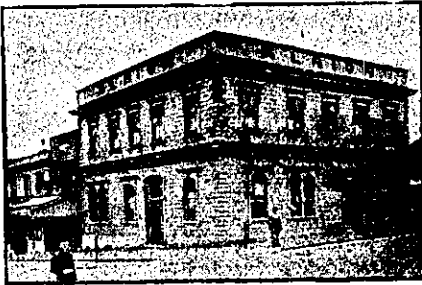
Excellent stabling, loose boxes, and paddocking.

JOHN PYKE - - - Proprietor.

THE NEW RAILWAY HOTEL, OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION, PALMERSTON NORTH.

J. HURLEY Proprietor.

Forty-five Rooms, 4 Bathrooms (hot and cold water), newly-furnished throughout. Up to date in every respect. First-class Table. Best Liquors only. Terms Moderate.



ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI.

(Opposite the Courthouse and Public Library).

PETER HARTSHORN

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

PETER HARTSHORN ... Proprietor.



SIDDELEY'S FEDERAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

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

CHAS. SIDDELEY'S ... 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 189. 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. McFALRANE 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 guarantee 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 5 minutes (per tram) to the heart of the city.

Lit up by electricity, hot and cold baths, smoking, reading, and ladies' sitting rooms, piano, lofty bedrooms, spacious dining room. First class table.

Trams stop at the door.

Tariff from 4s per day. Special arrangements for Families and Permanent Boarders.

GEORGE COKER (Late of the Wairarapa). PROPRIETOR.

CENTRAL HOTEL WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf).

A. M. GOW (late of Dunedin).....Proprietor

ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT

MODERATE CHARGES.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

IMPERIAL HOTEL, DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

JAMES SMITH..... PROPRIETOR.

This popular house of call is under entirely new management, and is one of the most centrally situated hotels in New Plymouth. Guests may depend on being called to meet early trains, a porter being kept for that purpose.

Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public.

Terms, 6s 6d per day.

TELEPHONE 123. Box 83.



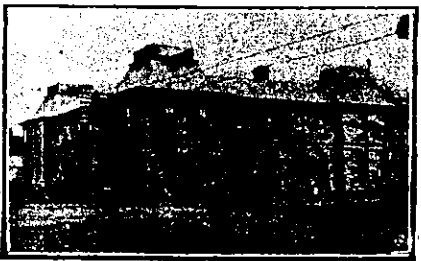
MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA

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, HAWERA

A. J. JURY ... Proprietor.

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

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

MANCHESTER and ST. ASAPH STREETS,

CHRISTCHURCH.

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

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

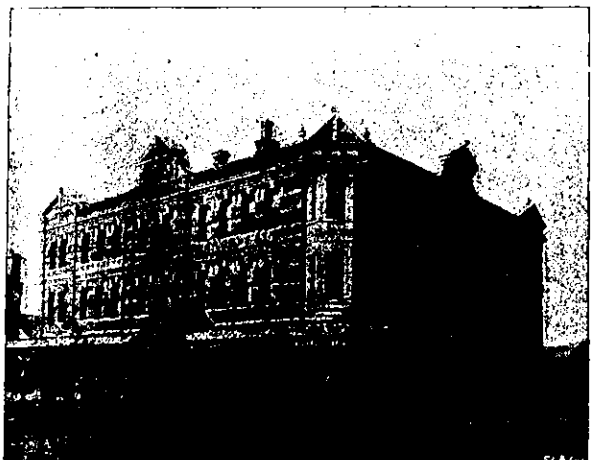
Within Five Minutes' Walk from Christchurch Railway Station.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM. 30/- PER WEEK.

Comfort, Cleanliness, and Civility Guaranteed.

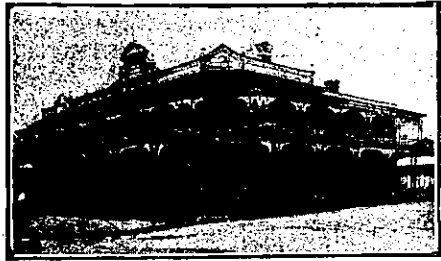
Letters and Telegrams Received promptly.

TELEPHONE 747.



Decorative advertisement for THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant, located at the corner of Devon & Egmont Streets, New Plymouth. Includes details about the building, amenities, and contact information for Arrowsmith, Proprietor.

TARANAKI—Cont.



RED HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-ST., NEW PLYMOUTH. EDWIN 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. CHAS. A. HARRISON.....PROPRIETOR.

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

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

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

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

TOMMY KNOWLES ... PROPRIETOR.

CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

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

THE NEW "TROCADERO" TEMPERANCE HOTEL, REGMONT-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH (One Minute from Railway Station). Every convenience provided for the Travelling Public. Meals, 1s. Beds, 1s 6d. Meals served on arrival of trains and steamers. New building with brick walls. Complete fire escapes. Commodious and airy bedrooms and sitting-rooms. Hot, cold, and shower baths. Terms: From 4s 6d per day; weekly as per arrangement. HALE & CO., Proprietors.

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA.

MRS TODD begs to announce that she has purchased Mr McLennan's interest in the above hotel, and that she intends to run it on up-to-date lines. The house is being thoroughly renovated, and patrons may rely upon getting comfortable rooms. Only the best wines and spirits are kept in stock. First-class table: tariff, 4s 6d a day.

MRS. TODD (late of Railway Hotel, Palmerston, PROPRIETRESS.

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

Under Entirely New Management. Specially adapted for the Convenience and comfort of the Travelling Public. Commodious and Airy Bed and Sitting Rooms Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths. The Kitchen is under the supervision of an experienced Chef. Terms, per Day, 4s 6d; per Week, 20s. Permanent Boarders, 18s.

MRS M. JONES, Proprietress (Late of Queen-street, Auckland).

INGLEWOOD COFFEE PALACE (2 Min. from Railway Station).

C. BENNETT PROPRIETOR.

36 Bedrooms, Commercial, Smoking, and Sitting Rooms. Large Dining Hall, Hot and Cold Water Baths. Excellent Cuisine. Terms, 4s 6d Per Day. Boarders as per arrangement.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

TARADALE HOTEL, TARADALE (NEAR NAPIER.).

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

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WOODVILLE (CLOSE RAILWAY S.).

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

HAWKE'S BAY—Cont.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

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

WINES, SPIRITS and BEER OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. FELLOW Proprietor.

RAILWAY HOTEL HASTINGS.

PERCY MARTIN - Proprietor.

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

E. J. WARREN.

(Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels).

AS 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. Robjohns' Prize Ale on draught. Ward's, Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.



TROCADERO PRIVATE HOTEL, MANCHESTER STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

One Minute's Walk from Railway Station.

R. O. 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.

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.

Where to Stay in Christchurch!

STOREY'S TERMINUS HOTEL

(Opposite Christchurch Railway Station.)

MANAGER .. 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.

NOTICE.

If you are interested in Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, or Bicycles in any way, you cannot afford to without the "New Zealand Motor and Cycle Journal," 3s 6d per annum, posted to any address New Zealand. Write to us, ARTHUR CLEAVE & CO., Proprietors, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

CANTERBURY—Cont.



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.



THE GLADSTONE 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.

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.

BLLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLLENHEIM.

Is Central, Popular, and Convenient, does a Commercial Business; has Splendid Appointments; Hot and Cold Baths; one of Alcock's Match Tables; and is the House selected by the N.Z.C.T. Club. Moderate Tariff. J. PENNEY PROPRIETOR.

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. 1304.

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

CHICK'S PRIVATE HOTEL,

MOUNT-STREET, PORT CHALMERS.

Best of Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff. Cuisine a Speciality.

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.

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.

GISBORNE.

ORMOND HOTEL, ORMOND.

The best way to spend a holiday is to take a ride or drive to Ormond, and a hearty welcome is always awaiting you at the ORMOND HOTEL. Accommodation excellent and all the appointments first-class.

ONLY THE BEST LIQUORS.

GOOD STABLING.

C. NEENAN Proprietor.

GREYMOOUTH.

WAVERLEY HOTEL GREYMOOUTH.

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. Batten.

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.

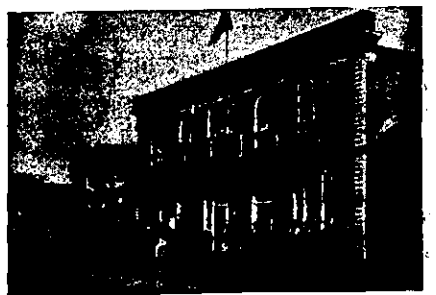
This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff.

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.