

tiquette to behave in the way the speed launch did. No doubt it is very nice to have a very fast launch at one's command, but that is no reason why she should have been made to destroy the orderly formation of the other vessels taking part by cutting about and wheeling in circles round the slower craft. If Slim Jim's helmsman could have heard the comments of the spectators on the wharf he would doubtless have acted differently.

The Devonport Yacht Club promises to be one of the best conducted clubs on the Waitemata. Already there are some 80 financial members. The first race will take place on Saturday.

The committee of the Ponsonby Regatta are leaving no stone unturned to score a success on the 9th prox, and present indications point to the regatta beating the record. Mr. H. C. Jones is the secretary.

The Power Boat Association intends making a big display on the occasion of the opening of the season by the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron on the 25th inst. With a fine afternoon the harbour should present a very pretty sight on that occasion.

CYCLING.

(By "PETROL.")

W. E. Samuelson, of Salt Lake City, arrived in Sydney by the Sonoma the other day. He is one of the leading all-round riders in the world. Last year he won about £400. He intends following the Australian racing circuit.

The handicaps for the big Austral Wheel Race have been issued. Lawson is on scratch, McFarland on 10yds, Farley and Pye on 30yds, S. E. Gordon, G. R. Morgan and D. J. Walker on 40yds, and the limit men are Byrne, Colvin, and Parkin on 340yds. The distance is two miles, and the prize is £500 for the winner. The total money to be competed for is £650.

"I have been racing for close on 20 years all over the world and in every class of contest, from a quarter-mile flying dash to a six-day grind, competing in a different town every other day, but I must confess that the Parisian race managers have, to use a slang phrase, 'got 'em all skinned' in the way of race promoting, and the 24 Hours' Bol d'Or is the most memorable race of my life." Such were the words that old-time American racer Nat Butler uttered to the Parisian correspondent of the "Sportsman" within half an hour of the finish of the race in question. M.M. Breyer and Coquelle determined to run the Bol d'Or race to a finish on September 23 and 24, no matter under what conditions, and they succeeded. A start was made at Buffalo at 5 p.m. Saturday, but before a quarter of the 24 hours had expired down came the rain. A brief conference, and then the speaker announced. "Race will be continued, Velodrome d'Hiver (winter track), at 11.30 this evening." Then came a unique spectacle, as, no sooner had the Neully clock chimed 10—the race terminating at 9.53—than 6000 spectators, the Bol d'Or competitors, officials, pressmen, to say nothing of over 100 teams of tandem pacers, managers, etc., commenced to make tracks for the Champ de Mars, situated over the Seine, and half an hour's drive in the speediest taximetre. What a sight in the training quarters, big-powered automobiles down to the humble human-propelled tricycle carrier all loading up for a hasty removal to the new scene of action. One of the competitors insisted in riding across Paris in his racing costume and on his racing mount—I refer to Jean Fisher, who said to me, "I'm paid to ride it out, and I'll not break my contract." In less than an hour's time the lights of my indoor track were in full flame and the building well packed, and punctually at 11.30 p.m. Constant Huret, who was unable to reach the Buffalo for the second and final stage of the contest through his car breaking down, fired the pistol for the second and final stage of the contest amidst terrific applause. The contest throughout furnished many surprises, as two of the most fancied candidates, viz. Pottier and Petit-Breton, failed to finish the course, although the first-named put in some marvellous riding during the first part of the race. The ultimate winner turned up in little Arthur Vanderstuyft, of Antwerp, who rode magnificently, and beat all previous human-paced records, covering 943 kilometres 666 metres, as against the previous best of 852 kilometres. Dortignacq, who finished second, is certainly a coming champion, and sure to make a name for himself in the near future.

FOOTBALL.

The match between the New Zealanders and Cambridge University proved one of the best of the tour so far. In the first half our boys had six points on the slate, Deans and McGregor having scored tries. In the second spell the same two players scored again, Cunningham converting one try, and the match accordingly resulted in a win for New Zealand by 14 points to nil.

On Saturday last the New Zealanders tackled Richmond, a team which has had a good record in the past. The home team would appear to have put up a fairly good fight, but were eventually beaten by 17 points to nil. Tries were secured by Hunter (2), Stead, Deans, and Wallace, but the latter was not in good form with his kicking, as he only converted one.

Yesterday the visitors were to have met Bedford, which should have proved a fairly easy victim. On Saturday next the first international match will be played, this being against Scotland at Edinburgh. Immense interest will be taken in the result throughout the colony, but judging by their performances to date our representatives should not have much to fear.

The match against Cambridge University was a fairly good one, being very fast for the most part. After a very even first spell Deans and McGregor scored in the last few minutes. The second half was almost a repetition. McGregor and Deans getting over, Cunningham converting one of the tries.

The New Zealanders' record to date is 18 matches played, and all won. In all, 570 points have been scored for to but 15 against—a remarkable record indeed.

The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

English files to hand recently state that Mr. James Gordon Bennett, who gave the famous cup for competition, has arranged to hand the trophy over to the Milan Automobile Club, in Italy, for a tourist competition. This is construed as a protest against the way in which the Club de France had managed the competition. Indeed, international dissatisfaction was generally expressed in connection with the management of the last race.

It appears (says the "Field") that some doubt still prevails about the future of the Gordon Bennett Cup, and Mr. Gordon Bennett has denied many of the statements on the matter attributed to him by a Paris paper. Count de Dion now points out that Mr. Bennett has not notified the Automobile Club de France of any change in the rules, and as the cup is in fact vested in this club, he could scarcely make a change without their consent. The French club are in an awkward position now, as they realise that if the Gordon Bennett Cup passes away from them they will lose control over a contest which commands much more attention than any race they might be able to establish. Earlier in the year, however, they professed that they had done with the Gordon Bennett Cup, and that they would race for it no more. Now they are changing their attitude, and what the upshot of the whole affair will be no one can say. It is highly probable, however, that the Gordon Bennett Cup will be offered for some form of reliability trial, and the French Club may end by organising this, although they are most anxious to give greater prominence to events instituted entirely by themselves.

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BOWLING.

(By "THE SKIP.")

Mount Albert Bowling Club opening their green on Saturday next, November 18. I have to thank Secretary Harrison for his cordial invitation. The train leaves Auckland at 1.20 p.m., Newmarket 1.30, Mount Eden 1.35, and Kingsland 1.40, arriving at Mount Albert at 1.50, thus allowing visitors plenty of time to reach the green at "Ferndale." A train leaves Mount Albert for Auckland about 5.15 p.m.

We give in this issue snapshots taken at the Grey Lynn Bowling Club's opening. The one of the president's wife bowling the first jack is rather unique, from the fact that she is the first lady photographed in the act of bowling at an opening ceremony. Mr. Geo. Baildon, the president, whose photo. appeared in our last issue, is a son of the well-known builder, and follows the profession of his father. He is also a successful bowler, having won the championship of his club last year.

The fourteenth annual report of the Northern Bowling Association of New Zealand shows a very satisfactory state of affairs. During the past season four clubs joined the association, bringing the roll of clubs affiliated up to the creditable number of 41, with a representation of over 2000 members—the strongest association numerically in the Australasian colonies. The balance sheet, too, shows the association to be in a flourishing way, the amount to credit being £73.

The annual tournament of the Northern Bowling Association is to be held in Wellington, commencing on Monday, January 8, 1906, when the champion flag, for two rinks from each club, is to be competed for.

In order that members of clubs who are not picked for flag competition, or who are unable to take part, consolation pairs and singles are to be played concurrently with the big event. Programmes of events have been forwarded to club secretaries.

It is anticipated that a North versus South Island return match will be played on Friday, the 12th January, after the finish of the other matches—best out of two games. The Southerners are expected to send a strong representation.

Rankin and Young had an extremely interesting game at Mount Eden in a fours. At the 7th head the scores stood 10 to 2 in favour of the secretary; at the 14th head 12 to 11; at the 17th head 20 to 13, a six being scored at this head. But here Young and his team put in a strong claim, and added 2, 1, 2, 2, thus making a tie—20 all. Myers was leading in tip-top fashion, and was closely pressed by W. P. Baker. McGowan and La Roche, as thirds, were well on the job, the latter showing to advantage. The teams were as follows:—Myers, Wilson-Smith, McGowan, Rankin (skip), 20, v. W. P. Baker, J. O. Brown, La Roche, Young (skip), 20.

Jim Pooley is making a name for himself in the way of small scores. Skipping against Brimblecombe, he allowed his opponent to put up 21 to 9. Jim had the bad luck to draw a novice in the lead.

To hear the rounds of applause on the rink in which Garland and Esam were skipping one would have thought it was a pennant or championship. At the 19th head the scores were 18 all. In the final heads Garland's four added two singles, thus winning by two points. To individualise the players would be difficult, as one and all played first-class bowls. The teams were composed—Kissel, Dacre, Dr. Coates, Garland (skip), 20, v. Gill, Dunlop, Tutt, Esam (skip), 18.

What went wrong with Harry on Saturday? In a match, three a-side, Gib. Mackay skipped his team home by 22 to 15. Surman had that good drawing hand Walton to help him, but A. Jones proved to be equal to the occasion, and materially assisted Mackay to his win.

An interesting game was that between Mahony, Culpan, Baker, C. C. Brookes (skip), 19, v. Blakiston, Robinson, Martin, Mercer (skip), 15. The first mentioned went off with a strong lead, and had 10 to 4 at the 7th head; 12 to 11 at the 14th head. At the 17th head Mercer had a lead of three, the scores being 15 to 12. In the last fours heads the winners added 1, 1, 2, 3.

Mahony and Blakiston led well, the former having the advantage. Culpan and Robinson played average games as



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