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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

President, Hon. E. Mitchellson; Vice-President, Mr. H. T. Gorrie; Stewards, Hon. Seymour Thorne George...

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...

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...

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...

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...

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...

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.,

SUMMER MEETING, 1905-1906.

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 3 sovs.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, by 4 p.m. ACCEPTANCES—Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 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 Fowl Stakes (for now yearlings), 1907-8; Royal Stakes (for now yearlings), 1907-1908.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, by 12 noon. Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, by 12 noon. Trial Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Pony Handicap, Christmas Handicap. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, in morning paper. Alexandra Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles, Criterion Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Waitemata Handicap. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, in morning paper. Glasgow Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, Midsummer Handicap, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Handicap Pony Race, Maiden Handicap. MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 9 p.m. Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Handicap Pony Race. J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB

(Registered under the Auckland Racing Club and New Zealand Racing Conference.)

SUMMER MEETING, 1905.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 and 27.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won an advertised race of 25 sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, two miles. GOLDFIELDS CUP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. PONY HANDICAP, of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses 14 hands 3in and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs. FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about two and a-half miles. STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb, and of Goldfields Cup to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs. HACK RACE, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames, and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs. HAURAKI HANDICAP, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty, and Goldfields Cup or Stewards' Handicap to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs. THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES, of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, one and three-quarter miles. SECOND HACK RACE, of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames, and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs. THAMES STAKES, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Midsummer Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one mile. SECOND PONY HANDICAP, of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For horses 14 hands 13in and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs. COUNTY HANDICAP, of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Midsummer Handicap or Thames Stakes to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs. THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about three miles. FINAL HANDICAP, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Midsummer Handicap, Thames Stakes, or County Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, four furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, at 8 p.m. NOMINATIONS for: Maiden Handicap, 10s; First Handicap Hurdles, 15s; Goldfields Cup, 20s; First Pony Handicap, 10s; First Handicap Steeplechase, 20s; Stewards' Handicap, 10s; First Hack Handicap, 10s; Midsummer Handicap, 10s; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 15s; Second Hack Handicap, 10s; Thames Stakes, 20s; Second Pony Handicap, 10s; County Handicap, 10s; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 20s; Final Handicap, 10s.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1905. WEIGHTS will be declared for: Maiden Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Goldfields Cup, First Pony Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase, Stewards' Handicap, First Hack Handicap, Hauraki Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1905, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for: Maiden Handicap, 20s; First Handicap Hurdles, 35s; Goldfields Cup 2 sovs; First Pony Handicap, 20s; First Handicap Steeplechase, 30s; Stewards' Handicap, 20s; First Hack Handicap, 15s; Hauraki Handicap, 20s.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1905. WEIGHTS will be declared at 9 p.m.; and ACCEPTANCES will be received at the Club's office, Brown-street, up to 10 p.m. No acceptance will be received after that hour for: Midsummer Handicap, 20s; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 35s; Second Hack Handicap, 20s; Thames Stakes, 30s; Second Pony Handicap, 20s; County Handicap, 20s; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 30s; Final Handicap, 20s.

REGULATIONS.

All Stakes Paid in Full. Owners responsible for all penalties. Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames, or to Mr H. B. Massey, 10, High-street, Auckland. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colour of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea. All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final. In no case will tickets of admission be issued to Trainers or Jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary. The Rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to. W. H. POTTS, Secretary, P.O. Box 7, Thames.



OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING, 1905. To be held at ALEXANDRA PARK (Under the Rules of the New Zealand Trotting Association).

SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 and 6, 1905.

PROGRAMME: FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd. TRIAL TROT HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Distance, one and a-half miles. SUBURBAN TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Two miles. SPRING PONY HANDICAP of 35 sovs. Six and a-half furlongs. MANGERE TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs. One and a-half miles. LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP TROT of 20 sovs. One and a-half miles. ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP of 25 sovs. One mile. TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Five furlongs. ONEHUNGA TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs. One and a-half miles.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th. INNOVATION TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs. One mile. CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 35 sovs. One and a-half miles. EPSOM HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Six and a-half furlongs. OTAHUHU SPRING TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Two miles. PANMIRE TROT HANDICAP of 35 sovs. One and a-half miles. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Five furlongs. TELEPHONE TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs. One mile.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary at his office, Durham-street, on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, at 9 p.m.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.

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NORTHERN Wairoa RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the MANGAWHARE RACECOURSE (Under the Rules of the N.Z. Racing Conference) on SATURDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 and 18, 1905.

President: Hon. E. Matchelson. Vice-Presidents: Murdoch McLean, Esq., W. Montgomery, Esq., S. Walker, Esq. Treasurer: H. J. Vail, Esq. Clerk of Course: Mr J. W. Paton. Judge: Mr H. J. Vail. Starter: Mr T. Wells. Handicapper: Mr F. W. Edwards. Clerk of Scales: Mr S. Dell. Stewards Messrs H. J. Vail (Chairman), A. Nield, E. Fitz Henry, A. Wilson, C. G. Beckett, F. Little, J. Paton, G. Nairn, E. Brenstrom, Thos. Wells, B. H. Leak, W. J. Brown, E. Wigglesworth.

- FIRST DAY. 1. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 12s; acceptance, 13s. Distance, one and a-half miles. 2. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. 3. NORTHERN Wairoa CUP HANDICAP, of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 30s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one and a-half miles. 4. HACK MAIDEN HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 1/2 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at time of starting. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 8s. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. 5. FLYING HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Winner of Northern Wairoa Cup to carry penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 8s. Distance, six furlongs. 6. GUMDIGGERS' PURSE HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 8 sovs from the stake. Winner of Northern Wairoa Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs. 7. HANDICAP HACK RACE, of 15sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 15 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 8s. Distance, six furlongs.

- SECOND DAY. 1. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 12s; acceptance, 13s. Distance, one and a-half miles. 2. KAIPARA HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, one and a-half miles. 3. FLYING HACK HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 8s; acceptance 9s. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. 4. STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, seven furlongs. 5. HACK WELTER HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 40 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, two miles. 6. SHORTS HANDICAP, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Winner of the Kaipara Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs. 7. FINAL HACK HANDICAP, of 18 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 9s; acceptance, 9s.

NOMINATIONS for all races close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for the FIRST DAY'S RACING will be declared as soon as convenient after SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER. ACCEPTANCES for Races to be run on the FIRST DAY close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for Races to be run on the SECOND DAY will be declared at 8 p.m. on First Day of racing. ACCEPTANCES for the SECOND DAY will close at 10 p.m. on First Day of racing.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. 1. All races will be run and the meeting held subject to the N.Z. Conference Rules of Racing. 2. All protests, complaints, or objections, shall be heard and determined by the Stewards, whose decision shall (subject, however, to Nos. 117 and 118 of the Rules of Racing) be final and conclusive, and shall not be questioned in any Court of Law or Equity. 3. The Secretary Shall Decline to receive nominations and acceptances unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. 4. Each protest, complaint, or objection must be accompanied by a deposit of £2 which sum shall be forfeited if such protest, complaint, or objection be not sustained; and if regarding any matter occurring between the time when the horses are placed in the starter's hands and the weighing in must be made within fifteen minutes after the first horse passes the winning post and before protesting horse weighs in. 5. No bookmaker or other person shall bet or lay odds as a bookmaker on the Course or on, or in any stand, paddock, or enclosure, or any place in the occupation of the Club. Any person offending against this Rule will be expelled from the Ground. 6. The Stewards may alter the order of events in the Programme. 7. Age, Pedigree, and Performances of horses must be stated in nominations, and colours to be worn by riders must be stated on or before date of acceptance, and owners failing to do so will be compelled to run in colours entered by the Secretary on their behalf. 8. The Stewards may summarily reject any nomination appearing to insufficiently disclose the performances or other particu-

lars required to be stated respecting any horse, and in any case such horse or horses shall be struck out of all races; and if the nomination contains any misleading statements or any wilful omissions, the entrance money shall be forfeited to the Club. The Stewards, if they think fit, may communicate with any nominator, by telegraph or otherwise, at the expense of such nominator, requiring further particulars respecting any horse, and the reply of such nominator shall be deemed part of the nomination. 9. Under no circumstances will training of horses be allowed on the Course on any Sunday under a penalty of £2, and all so offending will be liable to disqualification at the meeting. 10. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances. 11. All persons intending to WITHDRAW (SCRATCH) horses must give notice to that effect to the Secretary one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this Rule shall PAY A FINE, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding TWENTY POUNDS, to the Race Fund. This Rule will be strictly adhered to. 12. Horses walking over will receive half the stake. 13. Winning horses are liable to be re-handicapped for subsequent events. 14. All riders not returning number cloths within fifteen minutes of termination of a race will be fined 10s. H. E. STEHR, Secretary.

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. R. 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.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

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- SECOND DAY. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 1905. Kawan Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters. Stanley Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Four furlongs. Spring Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile. Vauxhall Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs. Second Pony Handicap of 60 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs. Cautley Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Stanley or Spring Handicaps to carry a penalty of 7lb, or both, 10lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs. Rakino Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles. Welter Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 9 p.m. FIRST DAY. Trial Handicap 1 sov, Cambria Handicap 1 sov, St. Andrew's Handicap 1 sov, Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1 sov, Cheltenham Handicap 1 sov, Melrose Handicap 1 sov, Tiri Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, First Pony Handicap 1 sov. SECOND DAY. Kawan Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, Stanley Handicap 1 sov, Spring Handicap 1 sov, Vauxhall Handicap 1 sov, Second Pony Handicap 1 sov, Cautley Handicap 1 sov, Rakino Handicap Steeplechase 1 sov, Welter Handicap 1 sov. WEIGHTS. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 4 p.m. First Day's Racing, Rakino Handicap Steeplechase (second day). MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 12 noon. Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 9 p.m. Trial Handicap 1 sov, Cambria Handicap 2 sovs, St. Andrew's Handicap 3 sovs, Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1 sov, Cheltenham Handicap 3 sovs, Melrose Handicap 1 sov, First Pony Handicap 1 sov, Tiri Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, Rakino Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day) 1 sov. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 9 p.m. Kawan Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, Stanley Handicap 1 sov, Spring Handicap 2 sovs, Vauxhall Handicap 1 sov, Second Pony Handicap 1 sov, Cautley Handicap 2 sovs, Welter Handicap 1 sov. R. WYNYARD, Secretary.

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FIXTURES—1905-06.

- Nov. 17 and 18—Te Aroha J.C. Spring
- Nov. 28 and 24—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
- Nov. 25 and 29—Takapuna J.C. Spring
- Nov. 28 and 30—Feilding J.C. Spring
- Nov. 9—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual
- Nov. 9 and 10—Taratahi-Carterton R.C. Annual
- Dec. 2 and 6—Otahuhu T.C. Spring Meeting
- Dec. 6 and 7—Woodville District J.C. Summer
- Dec. 7—Waitara R.C. Hack Meeting
- Dec. 9 and 16—Christchurch R.C. Summer
- Dec. 16 and 18—Northern Wairoa R.C. Spring
- Dec. 22—Alexandra J.C. Annual
- Dec. 26 and 27—Manawatu R.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 and 27—Thames J.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 and 27—Taranaki J.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 and 27—Dunedin J.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 and 27—Reefton J.C. Summer
- December 26 and 29 and January 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer
- Dec. 30 and Jan 1—Greymouth J.C. Summer
- Jan. 1 and 2—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
- Jan. 1 and 2—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
- Jan. 1 and 2—Vincent J.C. Annual
- Jan. 1 and 2—Rangitikei R.C. Summer
- Jan. 12 and 13—Whangarei R.C. Summer
- Jan. 29 and 30—Nelson J.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS.

- Nov. 17—Thames J.C. Summer
- Nov. 17—Otahuhu T.C. Spring
- Nov. 18—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer
- Nov. 24—Avondale J.C. Stakes and Guineas (Spring Meetings 1906 and 1907)
- Dec. 8—Auckland R.C. (general entries)
- Dec. 22—Whangarei R.C. Summer

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

- Nov. 17—Auckland R.C. (Auckland Cup)
- Nov. 25—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer
- Dec. 8—Thames J.C. Summer
- December 12—Auckland R.C. Summer
- Dec. 22—Whangarei R.C. Summer
- Jan. 3—Whangarei R.C. Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

- Nov. 17—Takapuna J.C. Spring
- Dec. 1—Thames J.C. Summer
- December 1—Auckland R.C. Summer (Cup and special events)
- Dec. 9—Northern Wairoa R.C. Summer
- December 15—Auckland R.C. Summer
- Jan. 8—Whangarei R.C. Summer

FIRST FORFEIT.

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

SECOND FORFEIT

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

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

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

Nominations for all events to be run at the Summer Meeting of the Northern Wairoa Racing Club close with Mr. H. E. Stehr, the Secretary, at Dargaville, on Saturday, November 18, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase are due to appear at noon on Friday, November 17.

Nominations for the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Spring Meeting close with Mr. F. Yonge, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the Takapuna J.C. Spring Meeting are due to appear on the 20th inst.

Entries for the Avondale Stakes, to be run at the Spring Meeting, 1906, and Avondale Guineas, to be run at the Spring Meeting, 1907, close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary of the Avondale Jockey Club, on Friday, November 24, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events (other than already closed) to be run at the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club close with the secretary on Friday, December 8, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the Summer Meeting of the Thames Jockey Club close with the secretary, Mr. W. H. Potts, Thames, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, on Friday, November 17, at 8 p.m.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS

People who are in the habit of going racing constantly are never really surprised at what may happen on the running track, because as horses are not machines their performances cannot be gauged with clockwork regularity. Now and again what seems on paper a certainty proves just the reverse, and this the glorious uncertainty of the game," contributes in no small measure to the popularity of the sport. A good instance was to be found in the race for the rich Great Northern Guineas, on Thursday last. If ever there seemed what is usually termed "a really good thing" it was King Billy in this classic event. Had he not time after time on the training track and with the colours up proved his superiority to his stable mate Boomerang? The latter last season gave both weight and a beating to the best of the two-year-olds we could send against him, so that King Billy's winning prospect looked of the very brightest, and backers were but following form when they laid odds on the Hawke's Bay representative. He not only failed them, but failed badly, for the colt never once looked the least dangerous, and although he finished in fourth place it was a long way behind the winner. A bolt in the saddling paddock did him no good, but his showing was very disappointing.

Prior to the race the opinion was generally held that Annette could not stay out a mile, especially in rather heavy going. That this idea was a fallacious one Mr Arnold's filly proved in the most conclusive manner possible, for jumping away in front she remained there until the winning post was reached. Of the eight other runners Multifid was the only one who worried the winner at all. The Multifid colt responded very gamely to the call of Taylor, his rider, but he could never reach Annette, who won by over a length. With his companion settled Boomerang made an effort to catch the leaders, but the black son of Merriwee could not reduce the gap by any appreciable amount. Annette was bought as a yearling by her present owner for the small sum of 75 guineas. She was got by Soult from Miss Annie, by Seaton Delaval from First Love, by Nordenfeldt, and is therefore a younger sister of that good mare Lady Annie.

A GREAT STALLION.

The question often arises as to which is the greatest horse that this colony has produced, and in answer to it nine people out of ten immediately give Carbine as the equine filling the bill. A good word, however, is forthcoming from Colonel Thomas B. Merry in his book "The American Thoroughbred" in favour of Sir Modred, which great horse was bred in 1879 by Mr Griffiths, of Canterbury, got by Traducer from Idalia. Writing of him Colonel Merry says:—"Sir Modred was as good as he was beautiful, and the best Herod stallion imported into America since the day the old sway-backed and white-eyed Glencoe landed in New York nearly seventy years ago." We have seldom had a better—if as good—stallion in America than the honest old bay horse that was mercifully destroyed at the Rancho del Paso in May, 1904. I say it as good for the simple reason that he is the only stallion in history to get the winners of over two hundred races in one season; and the only horse within my knowledge to surpass all others in a given year not only in the amount of

moneys won, but in the number of races likewise. Sir Modred's sons do not show up for much as sires, but his daughters are among the best in the land, one of them having produced Water Boy, the best handicap horse in America in 1903 by several pounds. Look over the pedigree of Sir Modred, and you will see that Idalia, by Peruvian, out of Usidora by Meteor, is the fifth dam of Sir Modred, and the dam of his third sire Pantaloon, whom Admiral Rous styled 'the first gentleman of Europe.' Pantaloon was a chestnut in colour, and Sir Modred of that rare tint known as claret bay, but he was a perfect Pantaloon horse in conformation, and a thorough gentleman if ever I saw one. Whether he ever got a first-class horse is open to dispute, Tournament being the only one to approach that standard. But in the matter of horses capable of winning from eight thousand to twelve thousand dollars in a single season I never saw or heard of his equal, unless it was the marvellous Lexington, who was, like Sir Modred, a Herod horse, but from the No. 12 family, while the great Maori horse was from No. 17. There are families which inbreed well, and there are others which do not. For example: Glencoe was by Sultan out of Trampoline by Tramp, from Web by Waxy. Bay Middleton was also by Sultan out of Cobweb—winner of the Oaks of 1824—by Phantom—winner of the Derby of 1811—from Filagree by Soothsayer—winner of the St. Leger of 1811—from Web by Waxy. There is no blood in the world, of the same period as Glencoe, unless it is Touchstone's, that in-breeds as well as his has done. Bay Middleton's blood never in-breeds well as a rule, and as late as 1885 the Australian stallion Maribyrnong was the only sire with two crosses of Bay Middleton to be really successful. One of these he got through the grand-dam of his sire Fisherman, and the other through Flying Dutchman, sire of his dam Rose de Florence."

THE WELLINGTON HANDICAPPER AND THE RACING CALENDAR.

In the last issue of the "Weekly Press" appears an extraordinary article in which the Wellington Racing Club is attacked for appointing Mr. Pollock as handicapper in place of Mr. Chadwick, while Mr. Pollock and Mr. Shannon, who were candidates for the position, are accused of a breach of good taste and other misdemeanours. "In season and out of season Mr. Chadwick's work has been condemned by these seekers after office. They have plainly advocated a change of handicappers by their hostile criticism, and that advocacy has been successful, and one of the men now occupies the position formerly held by Mr. Chadwick. A man has a right to do what he chooses in endeavouring to obtain preferment for himself in open competition, and neither Mr. Pollock nor Mr. Shannon is to be blamed for trying to obtain a position for himself or for others considered open for application. I do not know whether journalists are of different material to handicappers, but after a fairly lengthy knowledge of gentlemen of the former profession I am happy to say I cannot call to mind any case in which the good taste and the dignity of the Fourth Estate have fallen so sadly as in this affair. We have seen Mr. Chadwick slaughtered like some poor ox driven to the abattoirs, and the question arises whether handicappers should be allowed to contribute to the Press if they cannot refrain from attacking the work of their fellow-craftsmen. My own view is that handicappers should handicap and that newspaper men should confine themselves to literary work. The dual positions are not compatible, and the sooner newspaper proprietors recognise this the better it will be for both journalism and the Turf." Such sweeping allegations against two gentlemen, who have records of much good work, should not be allowed to go unchallenged, especially as it appears on the Racing Calendar, and the matter affords one more argument in favour of the official organ being kept quite separate from any newspaper. The first man to exclaim against such an article must surely have been Mr. Chadwick himself, and on reading it no doubt the thought occurred: "May heaven save me from my friends." Both Messrs. Pollock and Shannon have done a great deal of handicapping, and their work has come in for much praise. It is simply ludicrous to say that because they write for the papers they cannot be allowed to handicap. If this was so Mr. Chadwick would also suffer, as he has for years been a contributor to the "Weekly Press," the very paper, in fact, which now makes the above quoted absurd accusation. Apart from this the article also censures the Wellington Racing Club for making the appointment, and this will appear to most people to border perilously near to impertinence, for surely the Wellington officials are competent to appoint who they think fit. As to the question of good taste, we would ask if it is fair or in good taste for the editor of the

New Zealand Racing Calendar to attempt to prejudice officials of clubs for or against any handicapper for publishing such an article? There can be only one answer to such a question.

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The spring meeting of the Waihi Hack Racing Club will be held on November 25.

Nominations for the Thames meeting are due to-morrow.

The Takapuna Jockey Club's Spring Meeting takes place on November 25 and 26.

Messrs. F. Earl, M. McLean, W. Somers, A. Gordon, and T. Sinclair have been appointed a judicial committee by the A.R.C. stewards.

Noctiform has won the treble—the New Zealand Cup, C.J.C. Derby, and Canterbury Cup.

Notwithstanding that Scotty had only 2s. tickets on the tote in the City Handicap, punters are willing to accept 100 to 7 the same horse for the Auckland Cup.

Macmanemin had Te Aroha in the pink of condition on the opening day of the A.R.C. meeting, and I never remember seeing Lottie's daughter look so well. Under the circumstances her double win did not come as a great surprise.

Mr. Chadwick's handicaps worked out very well on Saturday, and there were some very close finishes for Judge Lusk to adjudicate upon.

Solution was in great form at the C.J.C. meeting, and there was no fluke about her two victories.

Old Dingo got second in the Cup Steeplechase on the concluding day of the V.R.C. meeting. As he was giving Rear-guard, the winner, 18lb, the performance was not a bad one.

Sweet Alice ran very disappointingly in the Welcome Stakes, for which she was considered something in the light of a "moral." The speedy daughter of Soult was a long way below her Avondale form, and was wisely not pulled out on the second day.

The Takapuna Jockey Club will have a double totalisator for the spring meeting on the 25th and 29th inst. The events on which it will be operated on the opening day are the St. Andrew's and Cheltenham Handicaps, while on the second day the races will be the Stanley and Spring Handicaps.

Considering the amount of rain that has fallen during the past month, the newly-formed track on the course proper at Ellerslie was in good racing condition.

Gladstone demonstrated that she has lost none of her brilliancy by her dash of pace in the concluding stages of the Flying Handicap on Thursday last at Flemington.

There was a curious coincidence on the second day of the A.R.C. meeting. Out of eight races, on seven occasions the horse who was No. 4 on the programme ran second, the only one to break the sequence being Major, who finished out of a place in the Steeplechase.

The A.R.C. Spring Meeting was the quietest ever held at Ellerslie, and in this respect more resembled a garden party. The babel of voices from the ring no longer enlivened the outer enclosure, and there was an absence of sound which at first seemed curious to patrons who have been accustomed to noise and bustle for so many years.

Prior to the City Handicap being run on the opening day of the A.R.C. meeting, there were sinister rumours afloat as to the three horses figuring at the top of the list, these being Scotty, Gladstone, and Putty. All these ran wretchedly, and their riders were promptly called before the stewards, but the explanations offered were accepted. At the same time a strong word of caution was administered, but this seems a curious procedure. If the riders were blameless, then there was no need of the caution; but if they were guilty a caution was not the proper punishment.

As a marked contrast to track form Lady Clements (who always beats her stable mate, King Paul, badly) cannot win a heat, while King Paul accounted for the Maiden Plate on Saturday last.

When Mr. Watt sent King Billy and Boomerang North to compete at the A.R.C. meeting, it looked a certainty that they would not go away empty-handed, yet such was the case, the running of the Merriwee colts being very disappointing. It is said that King Billy twisted a plate during the running of the Guineas, and as he broke away from his attendant and had a preliminary canter in the saddling paddock, this may have in a measure accounted for his poor display. Boomerang appeared to have lost all his speed.

Geordie may be accounted the unlucky horse at the A.R.C. meeting. On the opening day the judge gave the verdict against him by a short head in the City Handicap, although many people thought he had won by a neck; while on the second day, in the Spring Handicap, he was beaten by Carl Kosa by half a head. Conway had the son of Seaton Deaval looking in capital order.

The Onehunga Steeplechase proved one of the most interesting seen at Ellerslie for many a long day. Half a mile from home it seemed as though The Swimmer would win, but Hinemoa, who had been making most of the running, drew away, and she was in front up to the last hurdle, where old Nor-west challenged her, while The Swimmer also put in a claim. Nor-west, staying out the last little bit the best, won by two lengths, while The Swimmer beat the pony on the very post by a neck. The winner is a great favourite in Auckland, and he came in for plenty of applause on returning to scale.

Grenade, the winner of the Birthday Handicap on the second day of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting, started 15 times last season, and only won two races—the Maiden Handicap and the Stewards' Handicap, at Taranaki. Out of fifteen starts he went to the post twice each day on five occasions.

The programme of the summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will be found in this issue, and as usual with this up-to-date club, the bill of fare is a decidedly good one. The meeting will take place on December 27 and 30, and January 6. The prize money has been fixed on the most liberal scale, the sum of £1585 being distributed in stakes. The items on the opening day are the Maiden Trot, one mile and a-half; Pony Trot, one mile and a-half; Pony Cup, one mile; Auckland Trotting Cup, two miles; Middle-class Trot, one mile and a-half; Great Northern Trot, one mile; Telephone Handicap, five furlongs; and St. Helier's Trot, one mile. On the second day the programme will consist of the Second Maiden Trot, one mile; Ladies' Bracelet Trot, one mile and a-half; Christmas Handicap, six furlongs and a-half; Summer Trotting Cup, two miles; Tramway Trot, one mile and a-quarter; Epsom Handicap, five furlongs; and Dash Trot, one mile. The concluding day's events will be the Trial Trot, one mile and a-half; Second Pony Trot, one mile; New Year Handicap, six furlongs and a-half; President's Trot, two miles; Park Trot, one mile and a-half; High-class Trot, one mile and a-half; Grandstand Handicap, five furlongs; and Electric Trot, one mile. Owners should bear in mind that nominations for all events close with Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, on Friday, December 8, at 9 p.m. There should be a very hearty response to the invitation.

The Christmas meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, which is for hacks only, takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27. A good programme has been prepared, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns. Entries for all events will close with the secretary, Mr. Russell Fleetwood, at New Plymouth, on Monday, November 20, at 9 p.m.

If Monoform is worth anything, he should have easily won the Maiden Plate on Saturday, for he was well treated with 8.2 in such moderate company, and had an artist like Mark Ryan in the saddle. In the concluding stages Ryan slipped the whalebone into the big chestnut in good earnest, but, although he made a fairly good run, Monoform could never get up to King Paul, who gave him 12lb and an easy beating. I am afraid the time has arrived when the son of Hotchkiss may be regarded as an out and out duffer.

The local bookmakers all did fair business over the Melbourne Cup at S.P. on the day of the race. The winner, Blue Spec's name, was never written, while on the other hand Maniopototo was laid at a 5 to 1 limit at the finish.

Leonator, who won the President's Handicap, was secured for 40 guineas at a show two years ago. This horse should have a promising future before him.

The Drury Racing Club's meeting will take place on December 28.

The Cambria Park Stud possesses a very promising young brood mare in Miss Annie. Her first foal, Lady Annie, by Soult, has won a number of races, including the A.R.C. Railway Handicap last Christmas. Her second production was the result of mating with Hotchkiss, a filly which has now grown into a very handsome mare, and has this season been mated with Soult, her owners having decided to put her to the stud untried, as her mother was. Miss Annie's third foal was a sister to Lady Annie, and is known as Annette. Her two runaway races at Avondale last autumn and her sterling performance in the Auckland Guineas last week stamp her as more than useful. The mare was next mated with Cyrenian, and produced Cambrian, her first colt. That this colt was unlucky to lose the Welcome Stakes was clearly shown by the manner in which he settled the field on the second day in the Musket Stakes. Again mated with Cyrenian she produced an exact repetition of Cambrian in colour and marking, and as this last colt is well grown, has a robust constitution and never experienced any of those little accidents and troubles to which the equine baby is so liable, he promises to excel the previous productions of his mother. For a young mare to have the only three of her progeny that have been trained returned as winners at the one meeting is worthy of comment.

The general opinion of those people who witnessed the Welcome Stakes was that Cambrian should have won. They were not far out according to the result of the Musket Stakes.

A short price was taken before the New Zealand Cup—Mr. Stead the Cup, Derby, Oaks, and Mr. Massey for the Franklin electorate. The punter looks as though he has a certainty on.

The general opinion of experts was that one of the most unlucky horses on the first day of the A.R.C. Meeting was the pony Lucrece in the Flying Handicap. She was bumped all over the course, and she got third.

Pylades, by winning the Welcome Stakes at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting, makes the third occasion that the "Leonard" family have captured this fixture, viz., Val Rosa, 1899; Idas, 1901; and Pylades, 1905.

Pylades, the winner of the Welcome Stakes, is by Menschikoff—Marjory, and is a nice cut of a two-year-old.

The Te Aroha J.C. hold their annual meeting on Friday and Saturday next. All the races have filled well, and as Mr. Edwards has carefully compiled the poundage there should be some close finishes. Quite a number of sports have wired for rooms so as not to miss this favourite meeting, where the average sport can combine the double pleasure of racing and the baths. The following horses should be hard to beat:—Maiden: Lady Clements, Kola Nip, or Lord Seaton. J.C. Handicap: Certainty, King Paul, Franklin. Flying: Lucrece, Discoverer, Desdemona. Domain: Lucrece, Lord Clements, Lunetta. Hurdles: Liberator, Lord Clare, Lingard. Hack: Lord Clements (if started), Te Papa, Frankton.

News comes from America of a lightning-like performance by Rosebun, who cut out the six furlongs in 1min 11.35sec. Of course the tracks must be fast, as about 80 days' racing takes place upon them.

Mr. G. G. Stead's Noctiform had 2826 tickets invested on the machine in the New Zealand Cup. Four furlongs from home that large amount looked in jeopardy, as the horse appeared to have no chance.

In England recently Sir Tatton Sykes purchased the dual Cambridge winner, Hackler's Pride, from Capt. F. Forester for 5000 guineas. The daughter of Hackler and Comma was bought for stud purposes.

M. Michel Ephrussi's colt, Finasseur, the winner of the French Derby and Grand Prize, has met with an accident that has brought his racing career to a close.

Blue Spec, winner of the Melbourne Cup, was bred by Mr. A. Hooke, and as a yearling was bought by Mr. J. A. Mayo for 45 guineas. He won a couple of races for the latter, but failed so often when well backed that his owner tired of him, and sent him up to auction, when he was sold to his present owner, Mr. P. A. Connolly, for 155 guineas.

Mr. J. Chadwick has been appointed to adjust the handicaps at the approaching Takapuna meeting.

Handicaps for the Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase are due to appear at noon on Friday.

Members of the sporting community and others who take an interest in trotting races, should notice an advertisement of Messrs. Triggs and Denton, trotting gear specialists, Christchurch, appearing in another part of this issue. They have just received a shipment of the McMurray and Prudden Co.'s up-to-date racing sulks. These sulks are admitted to be the fastest built, and are used by all the best drivers here and in Australia. Triggs and Denton are sole agents, and inquiries should be addressed to them early.

AFTER THE RACES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

OPENING DAY.

On Thursday last, King's Birthday, the Auckland Racing Club commenced the spring meeting. The weather conditions were far from satisfactory, for a strong south-west breeze brought up driving showers, and these became more frequent as the day progressed, until with the last race steady rain set in. Grave doubts were expressed as to whether the newly-formed track would stand the strain of racing, and to help at the preliminary canters were dispensed with, and the course rolled after every race, the result being that it was not damaged at all. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Plunket were present during the afternoon, while the general attendance was about up to the average. During the afternoon the sum of £9891 was put through the totalisator, a slight advance on the amount handled on King's Birthday last. For the first time the book-makers were excluded from the course, and the fact of there being no one to call the odds made it seem a very silent meeting to those who have for so many years been accustomed to hearing the battle cries of "2 to 1 bar one," "I'll lay on the field" of the knights of the pencil. Mr. Lusk occupied the judge's box, and gave his decisions promptly, although he had one or two close things to adjudicate upon. Mr. O'Connor's starting was satisfactory, although he has been seen to more advantage. Some of the horses were, however, very refractory.

The ball was opened with the President's Handicap, and of the thirteen starters Seabird was made a strong favourite. Lenoator, who was not much fancied by the public, immediately set out to make the running, and he showed the way down the back and into the straight. At the distance Seabird came at him, but despite Ryan's determined efforts, the Ben Godfrey mare could never quite get up, and she suffered defeat by a short head, with Hero three lengths off third.

When the Great Northern Guineas came on for decision, punters were not long making up their minds as to which was most likely to score, for King Billy was fairly rushed, and he went to the post an odds-on favourite. He ran very badly, however, and never once made an effort to go near the leaders. Annette, as usual, jumped away smartly, and she led from Multifid round the course. At the distance Multifid made an effort to catch her, but although he brought her to the whip, could never reach the speedy daughter of Soul and Miss Annie, who won by over a length. Boomerang, who alone of the others made any serious attempt to join the leaders, ran two lengths further off third, the favourite being a bad fourth.

On her Avondale form Sweet Alice seemed to have a great chance in the Welcome Stakes, and she was accordingly very strongly supported, going out a hot favourite, while of the others Mignon and Loongana were most fancied. There was a considerable delay at the post owing largely to the fractiousness of Sweet Alice, but eventually Mr. O'Connor got them away to a very fair start. Inglis immediately took up the running, and showed the way into the straight. At the distance Cambrian was just in front of a bunch, and it looked as though he would score but Pylades finishing on the rails with great determination, beat him home by three-quarters of a length, with Loongana close up third, and the others straggled out.

Vexation's great run at Avondale after being left at the post was not forgotten by speculators, who came very strongly for the daughter of Linstock in the Manukau Hurdle Race. Following her usual

custom Lady Clare set out to make the pace, her nearest attendant being Iniskilena. Soon after passing the stand Vexation went into second place, and these two drew out from the field. At the back Hakaria, who had been running last, went up into third place, but making a faulty jump fell back. Lady Clare turned into the straight two lengths ahead of the favourite, with Hakaria coming fast. The leader swerved at the last hurdle, and Vexation putting in a determined challenge, beat Hakaria home by over a length, with Lady Clare two lengths off third.

A fine field of fifteen went out to try their luck in the Shorts Handicap, and so well did the bay mare look that punters were soon satisfied that Te Aroha was the pick of the basket, and backed her accordingly, the next in demand being Avalanche. After some delay the field got away to a good start, the brilliant colours of Certainty immediately showing out in advance, and attended by Klondyke she led down the back and into the straight, where the field closed up. Te Aroha put in a strong claim, and lasting better than the others won by over a length from Nervine, who beat Certainty on the post, with Desdemona fourth and Hohoro fifth.

There were eleven runners in the City Handicap, and for it Geordie was considered a really good thing, the only other to be seriously supported being Delania. Owing to the misbehaviour of Landlock at the post it was some time before Mr. O'Connor could get them straightened up. Ultimately a good start was effected, Landlock taking up the running from the favourite, with Waipuna next. Turning into the straight the favourite was in the van, and at the distance he looked like winning. Waipuna came at him in the most resolute fashion, but appeared to have just failed to get up. The judge decided otherwise, giving the race to Waipuna by half a head, with Delania half a length further off.

The Pony Handicap was a very one-sided affair. Girton Girl was made favourite of the ten runners. Directly the barrier rose Storyteller streaked away, and nothing ever had a chance with her, the daughter of Leolantis fairly bolting with the race, coming in ten lengths ahead of Gladys Rose, who just beat Girton Girl in the last few strides.

The concluding event was the Flying Handicap, fourteen horses going out to compete, and of these Te Aroha was a slightly better favourite than Nervine and Lucrece. Millie and Austerlitz made most of the running, but with heads turned for home Te Aroha joined the issue, and a good race home saw the Seaton Delaval mare win by half a length, with Lucrece over a length off third.

SECOND DAY.

Beautiful weather favoured the second day's racing of the Auckland Racing Club, and as a result there was a good attendance of the public. The Governor and Lady Plunket were again present, and they were able to witness some interesting racing. Speculation proved brisk, the sum of £10,130 10s going through the machine.

There being only two absentees from the Spring Handicap, this left a nice field of fourteen. Punters were in a quandary which to go for, but eventually most money was forthcoming for Landlock. There was a long delay at the post, Warkato and Landlock being the chief offenders. When eventually the barrier rose, Carl Rosa was immediately seen in front, and closely attended by Kookby and Landlock he led down the back and into the straight. At the distance it seemed he would win fairly comfortably, but in the last bit Geordie, on the inside, and Jewellery, on the outside, both challenged, but Val Rosa's brother just lasted long enough to win by a head, with Jewellery less than a length off third.

The Penrose Hurdle Race proved one of the poorest ever seen at Ellerslie. There were but four starters, Hakaria meeting with rather better support than Vexation. At the start Loch Fyne stumbled, Burns coming off. Vexation took up the running from Hakaria, with Inspiration tailed off. Half a mile from home Hakaria went to the front, and Vexation falling two hurdles from home Hakaria was left to canter in a hundred yards ahead of Inspiration.

There were no absentees from the Musket Stakes, all ten two-year-olds going to the post. The popular fancies were Loongana, Pylades, and Cambrian. Without much delay a very fair start was effected, Loongana and Cambrian being the smartest to move. Cambrian led into the straight, and running home as straight as a gun barrel, won by two lengths from Inglis, who just beat Loongana by a head on the post.

The Birthday Handicap, the big event of the day proved a great disappointment, for but five were found willing to

take on the contract, this being about the poorest in point of numbers and class that have ever competed for the big handicap. Boomerang and Zuleika were the only two to be supported, and they carried the bulk of the investments. They got off the mark to a capital start, Grenade immediately taking up the running from Boomerang, and so they ran past the stand. At the top end Zuleika dashed into first place, but Grenade was soon in charge again, and he led into the straight from Zuleika, with Boomerang making a hopeless effort to join the leaders. Taking no chances Kemp kept the whip going on Grenade all the way home, Mr. O'Brien's outsider winning by three lengths from Zuleika, who was a similar distance in front of Boomerang, with Puhipuhi a bad last.

There were six runners in the Onehunga Steeplechase, The Swimmer being made a better favourite than Hinemoa. The race proved a decidedly interesting one throughout. Brighton started to make the running at a great pace, but he soon shot his bolt, and Hinemoa then took up her customary role of pace-maker. After going half the distance the only ones left with any chance were Hinemoa, Nor-west, Major, and The Swimmer. Hinemoa just led at the double, but down the back The Swimmer went up to her, and they climbed the hill together. Coming down the pony drew out a couple of lengths, and as they came on to the course proper it seemed she would win. With heads turned for home Seiby brought Nor-west with a big run, and the old fellow answering gamely to the call won by two lengths, The Swimmer beating Hinemoa by a neck for second place.

A field of ten contested the Maiden Plate, most money being forthcoming for Hiro, but Monoform, Silicia, and The Lark also met with strong support. Directly the barrier rose Lady Clements set out to make the pace, Monoform being in second place until displaced by Silicia, and then King Paul. As they turned into the straight nine of the ten were in a bunch, Tnakitua being tailed off. Coming up the straight King Paul drew away, and although Ryan rode Monoform home for all he was worth, he could not get within striking distance of the leader, who won easily by two lengths, with Silicia two lengths further off third.

A field of a dozen carried sick in that popular event, the Pony Handicap, Luresome being in better demand than Storyteller, with Girton Girl also well backed. That the public had correctly summed up the position was shown by these three running home in the exact order of favouritism. Luresome was in front at the distance, and stalling off a late run by Storyteller, won by over a length, Girton Girl, who failed in the last hundred yards after looking dangerous, being a length further off third.

King Billy was most fancied of the eleven runners in the Epsom Handicap, but Lady Annie, Multifid, and Landlock were also well backed. Certainty dashed off in front, and her crimson colours could be seen in the van as the field reached the straight. At the distance Lady Annie took charge, and coming on she won by a length from Multifid, who was the shortest of heads in front of King Billy, with Certainty in fourth place.

THIRD DAY.

Very pleasant conditions prevailed for the concluding day of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting, and there was a fairly good attendance. The track was in excellent order, and the racing was interesting. Results were as follows:—

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE.

Pierre (Mr. H. Tonks), 12.0..... 1
Ngaru (Mr. P. Neagle), 12.7..... 2
Pilot (Mr. C. Ring), 11.0..... 3
Won comfortably by four lengths, Pilot a good third. Esop and Baritone both fell. Time, 8min 42sec. Dividend, £3 14s.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.

Lady Clare (Deeble), 10.7..... 1
Seabird (McIntosh), 10.11..... 2
Te Papa (McGregor), 9.6..... 3
Won by a length. Time, 2min 56sec. Dividends, £1 19s and £1 7s.

ASCOT HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.

Landlock (Sparkes), 7.3..... 1
Delania (Deeley), 7.6..... 2
Zuleika (Ferguson), 7.6..... 3
Landlock led all the way and won by two lengths. Time, 2min 10sec. Dividends, £5 4s and £1.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, four furlongs.

Loongana (Deeley), 8.4..... 1
Conductor (Sparkes), 7.10..... 2
Turbine (Wilson), 7.2..... 3
Won easily by two lengths. Time, 51sec. Dividends, £2 16s and £1 15s.

PONY HANDICAP, seven furlongs.

Lady Nannie (Deeley), 7.1..... 1
Little Mabel (Brady), 6.9..... 2
Hurihuri (Kemp), 6.11..... 3
Won without pressure by two lengths. Time, 1min 30.4-5sec. Dividends, £3 12s and £5 9s.

PARNELL HANDICAP, six furlongs.

Hohoro (Cress), 9.3..... 1
Nervine (Cotton), 7.4..... 2
Te Aroha (Deeley), 8.9..... 3
Won without the whip by a length. Time, 1min 15.3-5sec. Dividends, £8 3s and £1 11s.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES, two miles.

Sol (Mr. M. Wells), 11.7..... 1
Mozart (Mr. C. Selby), 10.7..... 2
Ngaru (Mr. P. Neagle), 12.7..... 3
Won very easily. Time, 4min. Dividends, £2 6s.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Zuleika (Marchant), 10.0..... 1
Monoform (Ryan), 8.7..... 2
Lovelink (Towers), 9.0..... 3
A good race, Zuleika winning by over a length. Time, 1min 42sec. Dividends, £5 11s and £1 11s.

CANTERBURY J.C. SPRING MEETING.

(BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.)

THIRD DAY.

Fine in the morning, a cold wind at noon, a hailstorm at two o'clock, and steady rain during the remainder of the afternoon, represents the mixture served up on the third day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting. Those who came without coats or umbrellas had a bad time, the rain keeping them in the stand until the train time. Speculation also suffered, especially in the last three races, when the ground in front of the totalisator was a sea of slush.

The racing, considering the adverse conditions, was very good. The Suburban Hurdles first claimed attention, Waiwera and Miss King receiving most support in a field of eight. Error was first to show out, and passing Cutts' he was leading Scottish Minstrel by three lengths, Miss King and Catherine Gordon being at the head of the others. At the mile post Miss King ran past the leaders, and piloted the field to the six-furlong post, when she was joined by Waiwera. This pair ran on together to the last hurdle, when the mare came away and beat old Waiwera by a length. Scottish Minstrel was 10 lengths further away third, just in front of Catherine Gordon.

A fine field of 11 two-year-olds faced the starter in the Spring Nursery Handicap. The Clanranald—Madowla filly Kirriemuir struck the eye as the most racy-looking youngster, and she was sent out a strong favourite. The Yaldhurst colt Huascar was also well backed. The race is easily described. Kirriemuir shot out at the start, and after leading all the way, beat Lady Landon by three lengths, Stars and Stripes filling third position, half a length behind the Seaton Delaval filly. Lapland was fourth and Huascar fifth.

The Canterbury Cup resolved itself into a match between Mahutonga and the Cup winner, Noctuniform. The race was run in a blinding hailstorm, the pair being sent on their two and a-half mile journey a few seconds after a tremendous peal of thunder. The colt led for the first six furlongs, when Mahutonga ran up to him and showed the way to the half-mile post. Noctuniform drew up again in a few strides and was in front, finally winning by nearly 100 yards. Mahutonga as of no use whatever to the colt, and in the last half mile his rider wisely refrained from punishing the horse, whose task was a hopeless one.

By the time the Jockey Club Handicap came on for decision, the rain had made the course very heavy, and riders returned covered with mud. There were eight starters, Vladimir being sent out a better favourite than Sir G. Clifford's pair, Signalman and Chryseis, and Achilles. Crichton led for a furlong, when he was passed by Chryseis, who at once set out to make the pace a cracker. The filly led to the distance, when she was joined by Signalman, with Vladimir, Sir Tristram, Apollodoris and Crichton handy. Signalman was in front with a furlong to go, and despite a strong run by Vladimir beat him by a neck, a similar distance separating Vladimir and Chryseis. Then came Apollodoris, Crichton and Sir Tristram. Achilles was never in the hunt, he and Convoy being the last to finish.

The Avon Welter brought out a field of fourteen, Lady Wayward being sent out a warm favourite. Heavy rain fell during the progress of the race, and the two horses to get away at the start, Makaroff and Speculate, were never caught, the former winning easily by three lengths, with the favourite third two

lengths further away, a head in front of Blythemaids.

The Oaks Stakes attracted a much larger field than usual, six fillies facing the barrier. Nothing had a chance with Isolt, who, after Petticoat had piloted the field for six furlongs, went to the front, and won in an easy canter by six lengths from Vardo, who was three lengths in front of Tsikihar, with Carevna fourth, Marguerite fifth, and Petticoat a bad last.

The next two races—the Ashby Handicap and Electric Plate—were run in very heavy going. In the former event, six furlongs, Pas Seul was sent out favourite in a field of ten. After running in front for two furlongs Ingleneuk lost her rider. Berisina was leading at the distance post, prominent of the others being Zetland, Pas Seul, Ailsa, and To-morrow. A little further on Medallist put in a strong run, and gradually wearing down the leaders, beat Berisina by half a length, Zetland being a similar distance away third. To-morrow was fourth and Pas Seul fifth.

The Electric Plate was the medium for some spirited betting. Cuneiform had a slight call over Machine Gun when the numbers went up. Glenowlet hopped away smartly, and came on to the course proper well clear of Cuneiform and Machine Gun. At the distance Cuneiform drew alongside Glenowlet, and quickly settling her, drew away and won fairly easily by a length from Machine Gun, who was half a length in front of Glenowlet, with Master Alix fourth, Chivalry fifth, and Volodia last.

CONCLUDING DAY.

Racing on the fourth day was conducted on soft going, while climatic conditions interfered greatly with the enjoyment of the spectators who braved the elements and journeyed to Riccarton. It was indeed a bad winding up to what at the outset promised to be a highly successful gathering. The favourites prevailed in three (the Cressy Welter, Jubilee Cup, and Pioneer Handicap) out of eight events, but on the whole backers had a rough time, and bore a gloomy aspect at the conclusion of the racing.

Proceedings commenced with the Port Cooper Hurdles, a strong favourite being made of Tupara, while Scottish Minstrel in the soft going was considered to have a chance second only to the son of Hotchkiss. This pair never had a chance when it came to racing in the last half mile. At this stage Narcissus and Catherine Gordon were in front, but once in line for home the top weight, The Mohican, despite his steadier of 11.13, soon overhauled the leaders and won comfortably by three lengths from a rank outsider in Wi Waka, who defeated Narcissus by a similar distance for second place.

The Cressy Welter attracted a field of twelve starters, the public at once sorting out the Soult filly Pas Seul (Hewitt) as a really good thing. The start proved disastrous to Golden Vein and Carevna, both of whom got badly away. Lee Enfield began quickly, and he led round the turn from Mango and Vardo. At the turn for home Cross Battery was in the lead, and a little later Mango and Vardo retired beaten. Pas Seul came through from the distance, and quickly settling Cross Battery, won cleverly by a long neck. Baggipses was close up third, and Makaroff fourth.

The Members' Handicap brought out a fine field of fourteen horses, including several who raced in the Stewards' Handicap. Sir G. Clifford's pair, Quarryman and Chryseis, were installed favourites; the Yorkshire filly Eden, who ran badly on the second day, receiving more support than the others. At the start Vladimir, as usual, gave a lot of trouble, but when the barrier went up he was fairly under way and making the pace a merry one to the half-mile post. Quarryman was his nearest attendant, and then came Alexis and Master Alix. At the distance Quarryman, and Vladimir were together, but Solution coming through with a brilliant run, soon overhauled them and won a splendid race by two lengths from Master Alix. Vladimir was third a length away, followed by Quarryman and Orliff.

The Pioneer Cup was contested by 13 two-year-olds, of whom Kirriemuir was considered the pick. Zimmerman played up at the post, and eventually got badly away. The race was an easy one for Kirriemuir, who, after being with the front division for a couple of furlongs, drew away and won easily by three lengths from Stars and Stripes. Field Gun was third just in front of Gallantry.

The Jubilee Cup proved an easy thing for Isolt, who won easily by three lengths. A great race for second place took place between Mahutonga and Signalman, the judge being unable to separate the pair. Machine Gun was the only other starter.

The Randolph Handicap saw a North Island sportsman, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's, colt Sir Tristram gain a popular

win from Beresina, who tired badly over the last two furlongs. Chivalry, who found the heavy going too much for him, was third, just in front of Ballarat.

The Fendalton Handicap is generally recognised by backers as the recovery stakes, but it invariably proves disastrous to them. This year's race proved no exception to the rule, a rank outsider in a field of fourteen winning from the favourite. The winner, Makaroff, a three-year-old colt by Stepniak—Arlene, had run well on the first and third days, but in the Cressy Welter on the fourth day he could only get fourth in a field not by any means as strong as in the Fendalton Handicap. Makaroff is, however, a smart colt, and he won the Fendalton Handicap, coming at the right end and defeating Gay Spark by a length, Lyrst being third two lengths away just clear of Stepdancer and Blythemaids.

WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA MEETING

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club's annual hack fixture eventuated on Thursday under most unfavourable climatic conditions, but notwithstanding the attendance was up to the usual good standard, and no doubt had the weather been more inviting there would have been a record attendance. Speculation was very brisk, the sum of £5266 being handled by Messrs. Naylor and Spriggins in their customary efficient style, which is an increase of £340 on last year's amount. The fields were large, and Mr. Chavannes got them away punctually and effected some excellent starts. The racing was interesting and exciting throughout, and the splendid finishes only go to add further proof of the splendid work done by Mr. G. Morse in the capacity of handicapper. The officials all worked hard, both individually and collectively, and the success attained is in a great measure due to their efforts and those ably put forth by the popular and painstaking secretary, Mr. A. E. Mathieson, and his assistant, Mr. E. Symes. Jackson and O'Brien each rode two winners, and Barlow, McNamara, Matthews, and Murtagh one each.

Racing commenced with the Hurdle Handicap, Weary Bill being favourite, while Throstle and Land o' Cakes were also well backed. After a fine race, in which Westward looked like bringing off a surprise until he struck a hurdle severely, the favourite won easily from Cassiopea and Iseult, the latter making a good showing in her initial attempt at the illegitimate game.

Compass was installed favourite for the Flying Handicap, but never once did he flatter the hopes of his supporters, the winner turning up in the well-bred Lualla, who was also well backed, while The Clipper gained second berth.

Eleven went to the post for the Morton Memorial Maiden, Glenuilin being a hot favourite, Ebb Tide also having a large following; but after a semblance of a struggle the son of Lochiel—Constance won easily from Gleam, who put in a fine run from the home turn and finished like a racehorse.

Interest was next centred in the Cup, half-a-dozen arriving at the barrier, Starina being made a slightly better favourite than Aureole and Immolation, and the son of Daystar fully justified the confidence reposed in him by winning nicely at the finish. Had St. Cyress been ridden with anything like judgment he may have gone to gaining a situation.

The Prince of Wales' Handicap enticed eight competitors out, Recreation, Present, Lualla, and Claremont being all well supported. This proved a great race, and after a most exciting finish the son of St. Cyr, Claremont, won by a head from the outsider, Star Rose, with Showman a similar distance away third.

The large field of nineteen faced the starter for the four furlongs flutter, the Wilson Stakes, such speedy customers as Captain Shannon, Truce, Jean, Cyrene, Snap, Tambourina, Federation, and Sedgmoor being amongst the starters. Captain Shannon jumped away with the lead and was never troubled, winning by a couple of lengths from Tambourina, who paid £10 18s for second place.

Glenuilin was the popular selection for the Momohaki Stakes, Starina, Aureole, and Immolation also finding numerous admirers. The favourite, however, came away in the straight and won easily from Starina, who ran a good, honest race.

Eleven weighed out for the final event, the Jackson Memorial Stakes, Captain Shannon, Truce, and Jean being heavily backed, and the former put in a splendid run in the straight and cut down the speedy Tambourina, who got a big break at the barrier, while Sporting Queen, who ran well, was close up third. Amongst the unplaced division was Jean, Truce, Moreshot, Bagatelle, and Swop. With the finish of this event the curtain was once more rung down on the most successful gathering yet held under the auspices of our popular country friends.

INTER PROVINCIAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, November 15.

The Dunedin horses which were raced at Riccarton did not bring much grit to the mill, and their followers were not on pleasant terms with themselves at the conclusion of the meeting. The form of Vladimir, although not good enough to return him a winner, was full of merit, and under better track conditions he would have been more dangerous in his races.

Mr. S. Nettlefold has purchased the Stepniak—Ambush filly Beresina from Mr. G. G. Stead. The filly goes into D. J. Prince's stable.

Golden Knight, the disappointing son of Wallace and Aura, is to be thrown out of training, and will probably be used on a few mares. When he scored in the Maiden Plate last season the son of Aura ran a particularly brilliant mile, but he appears to have developed too much sense to make a good racehorse.

Vladimir was stood behind his field when at the post for the Members' Handicap, but when the barrier rose he got away to a moving start, and after getting out in front it looked odds on him staying there. Quarryman, however, quickly got to him, and after the pair had disputed the lead until close to home the pace told, and Solution and Master Alix gave them the go by.

Zetland, the son of Obligado and Lady Zetland, who possessed a rare turn of speed as a three-year-old, was amongst the runners at Riccarton last week after a year's absence from the scene. He looked bright and healthy, and as he gave a glimpse of his old form he should be heard of again as a winner.

J. McComb's ev'l star has evidently been in the ascendant lately, as he did not score a win at Riccarton, but there's comfort in the reflection that a bad horse can be taken to the track, but a regiment of jockeys cannot make some of them win there.

The two-year-old sister to Vladimir did not run as well at the Cup meeting as what might have been expected from her track and public form at Wingatui. She was, however, running prominently in her race on the last day, when she was chopped out and had her chance spoiled.

Prig's form at Riccarton was very disappointing to those who had seen his form at Lyndon, Oamaru, and Gore. At the last-named place, extravagant as the statement may seem, he was apparently the equal of Vladimir over a mile, but whereas the latter improved the former must have gone right off to be only capable of the indifferent form he displayed at the Cup meeting.

Ailsa will not return to Wingatui after the New Zealand Cup meeting, but goes into Prosser's stable at Wellington. The Wallace filly could be ill spared from our list, as we have not too many horses in training at headquarters.

It is rumoured that Bulawayo may go into a Riccarton trainer's stable to be prepared for future engagements.

The number of fines which were imposed on bookmakers for trespass at Riccarton during the National could easily be construed into an invitation for them to stop away from the Cup meeting, but they were there just the same, albeit somewhat subdued in their demeanour. The writer questioned one or two as to whether they had been warned off, but the reply was in the negative, so it is probable that the club have decided not to continue their hard policy towards the metalicians.

Hewitt has been condemned for his handling of Noctuniform in the Cup, but it was probably through riding to orders that caused him to get into the bad position in which he got when rounding

Cutts' corner. His mount was going very strongly when running past the stand, and it would have been a much better policy to let the colt stride along in front of his field. It is noteworthy that Hewitt nearly lost this year's Cup where he stole a march and won last year's race on Grand Rapids. When on the Gipsy Grand gelding Hewitt put in a break just as he dashed round Cutts' corner, and the bit of ground won there was not to be despised at the finish. Hewitt was, it will be remembered, castigated for losing the Wanganui Cup on Orloff, who was beaten by a narrow margin by old Mars, and then again when Ibez beat Cruciform at Randwick.

TARANAKI

NEW PLYMOUTH, November 14.

The annual meeting of the Waverley-Waitotara Club was held on November 9, and, as usual, attracted a large attendance from New Plymouth and Waitara on the north to well beyond Wanganui, on the south. A sum of £5266 was machined by Messrs. Neylon and Spriggins in an expeditious manner, being £340 more than last year.

Mr. J. Chadwick has notified the Taranaki Club that, owing to being appointed temporary handicapper at Auckland, he will be unable to attend the Taranaki Christmas meeting.

Had Paritutu won the N.Z. Cup his connections would have made a good win, as a good deal of money was taken about the Castor gelding's chance. It was hard luck for Jervey George to meet such a crack colt as the winner.

WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON, November 14.

The Taratahi-Carterton annual race meeting is usually a favourite outing for local followers of racing. The elements, however, are exceedingly unkind to the Wairarapa officials, and for the third year in succession the races have been conducted in inclement weather. This year was, if anything, worse than its predecessors, and the course and enclosures was ankle deep in slush. There was a goodly attendance, and speculation was brisk under the circumstances.

Several Wellington-owned horses took part in the events on the programme, but only one stake fell to a local owner, Hatley, by Saracen—Makura, annexing the Grandstand Welter Handicap from a moderate field. Hydrant made a good bid for the principal event, but he is only a "little 'un," and his weight and the heavy going hampered him, the ex-hack Kuroki (a fine cut of a gelding) scoring an easy victory, while The Workman mare Fancywork ran a good third. Clanburn, a horse recently purchased by Mr. W. Smart, owner of Shrapnel Shell, ran in the Cup race, but was never prominent, and finished sixth. The Horowhenui gelding Rapids also ran badly.

Gavain, the property of a popular steward of the Masterton Racing Club, had no trouble in capturing a couple of sprint events. The same owner's mare Dulcinea, by Bonnie Scotland—Minnie Palmer, also won a double. There was, however, not much merit in their wins, as class was but poorly represented at the meeting, Jeanne d'Arc and Jolly Friar being withdrawn owing to the heavy state of the course. Tekarawa, by Merrie England, was another double winner. This horse was laid aside 18 months ago owing to some ailment, but he is rapidly getting into form, and gave a couple of good displays at the Taratahi meeting. His owner, "Mr. Seton," is a plucky bettor, and no doubt the S.P. men would get a bit of a knock over Tekarawa's victories.

The C.J.C. carnival has again come and gone, and one of the most remarkable features in connection with the meeting has been the success of horses from the stables of Mr. G. G. Stead and Sir Geo. Clifford. The former, in addition to winning the New Zealand Cup, Jubilee Cup, and Electric Plate, the last-named five events being classic and weight-for-age races. Sir Geo. Clifford's victories were the Epsom Welter Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap, Spring Nursery Handicap, Jockey Club Handicap, Pioneer Handicap, and Juvenile Plate, special weights. Each sportsman thus won half-a-dozen events, but where's only one handicap (the New Zealand Cup) fell to Mr. Stead, no less than five of the richest handicaps were won by Sir Geo. Clifford's representatives.

Representatives from the Porirua stable were singularly unfortunate, inasmuch as not a horse trained in the stable succeeded in running into a place during the meeting. Followers of the stable were fairly sanguine that a race or two would come their way, as when the team were shipped South they were said to be all in the very best of health. Prosser's luck, however, seemed to be clean out.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond gained a couple of well-deserved wins with Medallist and Sir Tristram, whom Stewart Waddell had in capital form. Zimmer-

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The Stewards' Handicap was expected by students of form who, from the appearance of the handicaps, declared her to be the best-treated animal in the race.

Harry Goodman's many Wellington friends were pleased to hear of his getting a win with Master Ajax. The latter horse ran the race of his life.

TURF RESULTS

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY. The meeting was commenced on King's Birthday in showery weather. There was a fairly good attendance, and the sum of 29891 was handled on the totalisator.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP. One mile. Mr L. Coleman's ch g Leonator, by Leontas-Natator mare, 4yrs, 7.7 (Ryan) 1

GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS. For three-year-olds. One mile. Mr F. W. Arnold's b f Annette, by Soult-Miss Annie, 8.5 (Ryan) 1

WELCOME STAKES. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Mr A. Lennard's ch c Pylades, by Menschikoff-Marjory, 8.5 (Sceats) 1

MANUKAU HURDLE RACE HANDICAP. One mile and three-quarters. Messrs Williamson and Currie's br m Vexation, by Linstock-Vanity, 6yrs, 9.9 (Towers) 1

CITY HANDICAP. One mile and a quarter. Mr J. Muir's br g Waipuna, by Soult-Folly, 5yrs, 7.5 (Towers) 1

SUTHERLAND'S NEW HALL, BLUFF. Has accommodation for over 700. Lighted throughout with electricity. Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Rooms. The stage is 40 x 20; height of proscenium, 14 feet.

PONY HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr P. James' b m Storyteller, by Leontas-Fairy Tale, 6yrs, 6.12 (Brown) 1

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr W. Davies' b m Arona, by Seaton Delaval-Lottie, 5yrs, 7.12, including 5lb penalty (Deeley) 1

SECOND DAY. The weather was fine and the attendance good for the second day's racing. The sum of £10,180 10s was put through the totalisator.

SPRING HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr A. Lennard's b c Carl Rosa, by Seaton Delaval-Vieux Rose, 3yrs, 7.5 (Sceats) 1

PENROSE HURDLE RACE HANDICAP. Two miles. Mr W. Foss' blk g Hakaria, by Reynard Vienne, aged, 11.12 (W. Wilson) 1

MUSKET STAKES HANDICAP. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs. Mr F. W. Arnold's br c Cambrian, by Cyrenian-Miss Annie, 8.9 (Ryan) 1

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP. One and a-half miles. Mr D. O'Brien's b h Grenade, by Grafton-Grafin, 4yrs, 6.9 (Kemp) 1

ONEHUNGA STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. About three miles. Mr F. P. Selby's b g Nor-west, by Soult-wester-Betty, aged, 10.13 (Mr C. Selby) 1

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MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP. One and a-quarter miles. Mr J. Johnson's b g King Paul, by St. Paul-Coalscuttle, 4yrs, 7.0 (F. Davis) 1

PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr W. A. Scott's b m Luresome, by Seaton Delaval-Lissadun, 5yrs, 7.9 (Deeley) 1

EPSON HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr B. Armitage's b m Lady Annie, by Soult-Miss Annie, 5yrs, 8.5 (Julian) 1

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

CONCLUDING DAY. Heavy rain fell early, but the weather cleared in time. The attendance was good under the circumstances.

PORT COOPER HURDLE RACE. Once round and a distance. Mr G. M. Aynsley's b h The Mungan, by Mauser-Auchterless, 5yrs, 11.10 (A. Cullen) 1

MEMBERS' HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr A. Doyle's br f Lass Seal, by Soult-Pareia, 5yrs, 8.9 (Deeley) 1

PIONEER HANDICAP. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Sir George Clifford's b f Mirriemur, by Linnamud-Madwin, 5.5 (V. Cotton) 1

JUBILEE CUP. One mile. Mr G. G. Stead's b f Isolt, by multiform Helicent, 8.9, including 4lb penalty (Hewitt) 1

SEYMOUR HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr H. Nurse's ch m Orkan, aged, by Euroclydon-Lady Lear, aged, 6.9 (S. Reid) 1

RANDOLPH HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Sir Tristram, by Sir Lancelot-Thame, 3yrs, 7.5 (D. Price) 1

FENDALTON HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter. Mr H. Friedlander's b c Makaroff, by Stepiak-Arlene, 3yrs, 6.7 (Jones) 1

Mr H. Friedlander's b c Makaroff, by Stepiak-Arlene, 3yrs, 6.7 (Jones) 1. Sir George Clifford's br c Gay Spark, 3yrs, 7.7 (Cotton) 2

Won by a length. Time, 2min 14sec. Dividends, £34 10s and £1 6s.

THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

The following were the results of the principal events: THE FLYING STAKES. Weight seven furlongs.

OAKS STAKES. One and a-half miles. Mr J. East's br f Lady Wallace, by Wallace-Lady Mostyn (Godby) 1

CARNIVAL HANDICAP. One and a-quarter miles. Mr E. Frazer's b c Jargon, by Positiono-Jacinta, 3yrs, 7.7 (Colley) 1

CONCLUDING DAY.

V.R.C. HANDICAP. One and three-quarter miles. Mr D. James' br h Aurate, by Bill of Portland-Auraria, 6yrs, 6.10 (Andrews) 1

C. B. FISHER PLATE. Weight-for-age. One and a-half miles. Mr J. J. Macken's b or br h Tartan, by Lochiel-Colours, 5yrs, 9.4 (J. Barden) 1

CUP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles. Hon. W. Pearson's br g Rearguard, by Firelock-Bustle, aged, 9.5 (Glennon) 1

ACCEPTANCES.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Table with columns for race name, horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Maiden Plate, Hurdle Handicap, and Pony Handicap.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP; ONE MILE.

Table with columns for horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Certainty, Ott man, Admiral Hawke, Le Beau, and Agrapus.

PONY HANDICAP; FIVE AND A-HALF FURLONGS.

Table with columns for horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Stepney and Solitary.

DOMAIN HANDICAP; SEVEN FURLONGS.

Table with columns for horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Desdemona, Fortis, Lunetta, Lucrece, and Agrapus.

HACK HANDICAP; FIVE AND A-HALF FURLONGS.

Table with columns for horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Lady Clements, Haeremai, Te Papa, Te Mata, Bromide, Fortification, Huphias, Frankton, Fabianus, Sir Alberton, Freebird, and Mystery.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP; FIVE FURLONGS.

Table with columns for horse name, jockey, and odds. Races include Desdemona, Merry Lad, Lunetta, Probi-da, and Lucrece.

Sport in Australia.

(By "ATLAS.")

SYDNEY, November 8.

The great spring carnival of the V.R.C. was commenced on Saturday last in fine but gusty weather. The attendance was large and thoroughly representative, there being visitors present from every State in the Commonwealth and New Zealand. The big programme was opened with the Maiden Plate, one mile, the small field of five being attracted. Paraloeh was favourite at evens, but Elysium was solidly supported at 2 to 1. The race was between this pair, Elysium winning by a nose, with Alsyke third. The rich Maribyrnong Plate, a sweep of 25sovs each with 1200sovs added, five furlongs, was the next item on the card. It attracted a field of thirteen, and Oriellet and Port Arthur were equal favourites at 3 to 1, the next best backed being Ebullition at 6 to 1. Punters had made a pretty fair estimate, as Oriellet won by two lengths from Ebullition, with Port Arthur third. Although beaten, Ebullition was not disgraced, as he carried a 10lb penalty, and so far is the best two-year-old of the season. The big field in the Hotham Handicap, one mile and a-half, was reduced to ten, the Melbourne Cup candidate Aurate going out favourite at 5 to 2, while Demas was at 3 to 1. The second favourite again came to the fore, winning easily from Panama, who was second, and the favourite (Aurate) third. This paved the way for the V.R.C. Derby, the field for which was unusually large, ten going to the post. Lady Wallace, who had been favourite since the A.J.C. Derby, remained so to the end, and the closing price being 5 to 4, while Scotland was at 3 to 1, Thackeray 7 to 1, and the at one time much fancied Charles Stuart at 8 to 1. The pace was made pretty solid by Pius, and then The Infanta took a turn in front. She retained the lead to the distance, where she was two lengths to the good, and looked like the winner, but the favourite, followed by Grama, came with a rattle, and both passed the leader, Lady Wallace winning by three parts of a length from Grama, who was a similar distance in front of The Infanta. Smith, who rode Grama, states that the colt was interfered with during the race, otherwise he thinks he would have won. Grama is by Grafton out of Drama, and certainly made a bold bid for the blue ribbon. His starting price was 15 to 1. The contest for the Melbourne Stakes was probably the most interesting event of the day, as a number of Cup horses were engaged in it. It was a good betting race, the New Zealand mare Gladsome being made favourite at 6 to 4, while Marvel Loch was at 5 to 2, Maniopoto and Torah 7 to 1, Emir 8 to 1, Tartan 10 to 1, and Warroo 14 to 1. Maniopoto did most of the leading, with Tartan running last, but the latter made his run below the distance and smothered everything in the race, winning comfortably by two clear lengths from Marvel Loch, who beat Gladsome by three lengths for second place. Emir was fourth, Maniopoto fifth, and Torah sixth. Tartan's pronounced victory caused his price in the market for the Melbourne Cup to harden, and 3 to 1 was difficult to obtain. Seventeen saddled up for the Coburg Stakes, one mile, which was won by Debenture, who was an outsider. Newmarket and Mani States ran a dead heat for second place. The day's racing was brought to a close with the Encourage Stakes for two-year-olds, four and a-half furlongs. In a field of 12 the good-looking son of Wallace, True Scot, was made a warm favourite at 6 to 4, and he justified this confidence by winning easily, his nearest attendants being Baerami and Scramble.

The Sydney stay-at-home sportsmen were catered for on Saturday by the Canterbury Park Club, but the racing was tame. Waikato, who has lately been in a winning mood, won the principal event, the Canterbury Handicap, one mile and a-quarter. With 7.11 up she cut out the distance in 2min 10sec, Ithona (7.11) and Lifebelt (7.7) filling the places.

Fine weather favoured Melbourne Cup day, and there was a tremendous attendance at Flemington. It was a scene reminiscent of the boom times, and a splendid day's sport made the triumph of the V.R.C. complete. The proceedings were initiated with the Cup Hurdles, for which eight started, Florin at 5 to 2 being entrusted with most money, and he won a nice race from Adjuster, with Neglect third. The Railway Stakes brought out a big field of fifteen, and once more the punters were right, as they elected the winner, Billingsgate, favourite, he going out at 2 to 1. He won easily at the finish from Mairp and Decollette. Fifteen saddled up for the Nursery Handicap, and True Scot was sent out favourite, but Port Arthur, who ran well in the Maribyrnong Plate, was solidly supported

at 7 to 1. At the distance Port Arthur, who carried top weight (9.3), was taken to the front, and won easily by two lengths from The Castaway (7.4), and Yillah (8.7). Port Arthur, who is by Simmer out of Bliss, is undoubtedly a very fine colt, and should have something to say in the next Derby. The way was now cleared for the absorbing event of the meeting, for which 27 went to the post—seven less than last year. Tartan remained favourite up to the start, his final price being 3 to 1. He looked bright and muscular. Scot Free was very fit, and his trainer (Tom Payten) was confident. Blue Spec also looked well, and carried a lot of West Australian gold. He was one of the latest horses backed, his starting price being 10 to 1. Maniopoto looked well, and was well supported at 8 to 1, a point longer than Scot Free. Warroo and Fabric were at 10 to 1. A splendid start was effected. The first to break the line was Scot Free, while the colours of Maniopoto, Grand Rapids, Warroo, Marvel Loch, Fabric, and Canteen were prominent in the first furlong. When they reached the course proper Scot Free and The Infanta held a slight advantage from Cluster, Overdale, and Maniopoto. At the distance Cluster forged ahead, and with Overdale almost on terms, showed the way past the judge's box, followed by Scot Free, Pius, Grand Rapids, Fabric, and Maniopoto, with Emir last. Going out of the straight Cluster dropped back, and Overdale took up the running. Overdale made the pace solid, and he led along the river to the bridge, followed by Grand Rapids, Fabric, Cluster, and Warroo. Along the back Grand Rapids, Pius and Overdale were together just in front of Scot Free, Blue Spec, Grama, Maniopoto, and Tartan. At the abattoirs Scot Free, followed by Maniopoto, dashed to the front, their immediate followers being Grand Rapids, Blue Spec, Grama, and Fabric. Going round the turn Maniopoto faded out of it, and Scot Free on the rails, Blue Spec in the centre, and Grama on the outside, swept into the straight almost together, Tartan, Fabric, and Marvel Loch being close up. Scot Free was still slightly in front at the distance, but just here Blue Spec put in a brilliant run, followed by Tartan and Fabric. At the half distance Blue Spec was in front, and although Scot Free finished gamely, Blue Spec won by three parts of a length, while Tartan, who also finished well, was on Scot Free's girth, while Fabric was fourth, Elvo fifth, Grama sixth, Marvel Loch seventh, Proceedor eighth, Aruates ninth, and Maniopoto tenth. The race was cut out in the splendid time of 3min 27sec. The winner is a six-year-old horse, and is by the Wellington Park-bred True Blue out of Specula. He was bought by Mr. P. A. Connelly, a West Australian squatter, a couple of years ago for £150, and since there he has won the Perth Cup and several good races. Recently he won the Moonee Valley Cup, and has since been so solidly supported for the Melbourne Cup that he was not a good horse for the ring. Scot Free ran a great race, and so did Tartan. Mr. Connelly is said to have won £15,000 outside of the stake by Blue Spec's victory. Bosun did the ring a good turn by winning the Steeplechase. An excellent contest for the Yan Yean Stakes ended in favour of New Market (7.9), with Paraloeh (6.12) second, and Step Out (9.3) third. The day's racing was brought to a close with the Juvenile Stakes, which resulted in a good race, Disaster (8.0) just winning by a length from The Surprise (7.9) and Arcturus (8.0) third.

Last week was what is called among our cricketers country week. The metropolis was visited by country teams from different parts of the State, but the country cricket shown was, with one exception, poor. That exception was in the match between the representatives of

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the Hunter River district and Waverley. The country men went in first and put together the fine score of 451 for six wickets, when they declared the innings closed. L. Moore, son of an old Inter-State player, made 222 not out, and Norrie 103 not out. Waverly lost six wickets for 179, MacKenzie making 117 of the number. North Sydney amassed the large score of 506 for three wickets against Mudgee. A. B. S. White made 215, R. Minnett 114, and L. McMahon 101 not out. Playing for Paddington against the Southern Districts, F. Gow contributed 188. In the match between Gordon and New England, C. Macartney, for the first-named club, made 125, and G. Black 102. Balmain, for the loss of nine wickets, totted up 567 against the South Coast, Whitting, with 174, and Finneran 111 being the highest scorers. Burwood made 359 against the Western District. Mackay, who has already made several centuries this season, retired when he had made 121. Central Cumberland scored 594 against Lithgow. That good batsman L. Pye made 213, and Cranney 129. There was more big scoring in the Redfern and Dubbo match. The former made 505 for nine wickets, Barnes, with 192, being top scorer. Dubbo replied with 206, to which N. Hives contributed 101 not out. He went in first and carried his bat right through the innings.

Jim Stanbury, the champion sculler of the world, has, it is said, developed into a sprinter of no mean ability. He is to compete in a handicap next Saturday night after the sculling contest between Ford and Artie Towns.

The New Zealand mare Levant created a bit of a surprise at Canterbury Park on Saturday. She went out unbacked in the Jumpers' Flat Race, which she won easily.

The cycling carnival, under the auspices of the Summer's Night Entertainment Committee, was started at the Sydney Cricket Ground on November 1. The ground was brilliantly illuminated, and the attendance was large. The Australian Handicap, one mile, opened the proceedings, and was run in six heats and a final, the winner turning up in C. E. Glencross (N.S.W.), who was on the 160yds mark. J. and R. Arnst, of New Zealand, were in the final, and J. Arnst, 40yds, secured third prize. Farley and MacFarland were starters in the fourth, but although they were close up they failed to get a place. Five heats for the Sydney Wheel Race, one mile, were disposed of. The prizes for this event are £50, £7, and £3. The final will be disposed of on King's Birthday. The winner of the heats on Wednesday night were D. J. Plunkett (N.S.W.) 140yds, R. Hird (N.S.W.) 160yds, B. Goodson (N.S.W.) 80yds, O. H. Brook (N.S.W.) 80yds, E. T. Lesberg (Inverill) 150yds. The fastest time, 1min 56 1-5sec, was recorded in the second heat. The Rutt, a five miles scratch, which wound up the night's sport, was one of the finest races ever seen on the ground. As was anticipated, R. Arnst, the big New Zealander, got away with a break once or twice, and at three laps to go led the field by 100 yards. The crowd was wild with excitement, and cheered the New Zealander enthusiastically. Suddenly Megson and Plunkett together shot from the rear of the field after the leader, and in an instant all the riders were going at their top, and, sweeping round the track at a 1min 52sec gait, closed with Arnst just before the bell. There half a dozen men looked to have a chance, and as the crowd rushed for positions it was impossible to say what would happen. Don Walker was buried in the ruck. The red jacket of Pye showed in front in the back stretch, and MacFarland, riding like a champion, was in the middle of the track handy. Farley, Mutton, J. Arnst, Clark, Harder, and Brook were all handy, and as the northern pavilion was reached the excitement was at fever heat. Pye was still

in front, and despite the most strenuous efforts of MacFarland and Farley, he crossed the tape a winner, amid the cheer of the crowd. MacFarland was a close second and Farley was third. The public went away delighted with the finish to the night's sport.

The carnival was continued on Saturday night in delightfully fine weather. The Coogee Handicap, half a mile, resulted in seven heats and a final, the latter being won by Leseberg 30yds, R. Thompson, 65yds, 2; and W. A. K. Harris, 40yds, 3. None of the crack riders competed in this event. Two heats of the Sydney Wheel Race were then decided, the sixth heat going to E. A. Pye 10yds, and the seventh to A. J. Clark 20yds, with R. Arnst (New Zealand) 75yds, second. Arnst is therefore qualified to race in the semi-final. The most interesting race of the evening was the Farley five-mile scratch race. There were seventeen starters, including MacFarland, the American. When they were four laps to go Mutton and J. Arnst shot out from the bunch, Walker, Megson and Glencross falling soon afterwards. After a capital finish Pye won by half a length from Clark, who finished just in front of MacFarland. The five miles were cut out in the excellent time of 10min 2 2-5sec.



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STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of 80 sovs; one mile.

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ELECTRIC HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; 6 furlongs.

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SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, of 60 sovs; one and a-half miles.

SUMMER HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; 5 furlongs.

SECOND WELTER HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; one mile.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; seven furlongs.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1905.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

PONY TROT HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Limit, 2.55 to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

PONY CUP HANDICAP, of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile.

AUCKLAND TROTTERING CUP HANDICAP, of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each out of the stake. For all horses that have won in 2min 42sec or better to the mile. Limit, 5min 18sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs, and a final payment of 2 sovs at the post. Distance, two miles.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2 min 40 sec to the mile at time of entry. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2min 50sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTERING HANDICAP, of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5 sovs each out of the stake. For all horses that have won a race at 2min 42 sec or better to the mile. Limit, 2min 38sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Pony Cup to receive a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

ST. HELLER'S HANDICAP TROT, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Limit, 2min 50sec. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1905.

SECOND MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT, of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP TROT. The winner to receive a Bracelet of the value of 20 sovs; the second to receive a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs. Horses to be nominated by ladies. Riders and drivers in this race must be amateurs, and their names must be sent in at time of nomination, and be approved by the Club (must be licensed by the Association). Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

SUMMER TROTTERING CUP HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 3min 20sec. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP TROT, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2min 40sec to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 50sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

CLASS HANDICAP TROT, of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 40sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

EPSOM HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the Christmas Handicap to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

DASH HANDICAP TROT, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2.45. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

THIRD DAY. SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1906.

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SECOND PONY TROT HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Limit, 2min 55sec. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP, of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP TROT, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third 5 sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 42sec to the mile. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

PARK HANDICAP TROT, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2.40 to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot to 2.50 or better to the mile. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5 sovs out of the stake. Placed horses at the Meeting may be entered for this Race. Such additional entry must be made on the night previous to the Handicaps being declared. Limit, 2.36 or better to the mile. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. The winner of the New Year Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP TROT, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Limit, 2.50. Nomination 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, ACCEPTANCES, SUMMER MEETING.

Nominations for all events close on Friday, 8th December, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the Trotting Events on the First Day to appear on 13th December, 1905.

Handicaps for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap to appear on the night of 26th December, 1905.

Handicaps for the Trotting events Second Day to appear on the 28th December.

Handicaps for the New Year and Grandstand Handicaps to appear on the 29th December.

Handicaps for the Third Day to appear on the 3rd January, 1906.

ACCEPTANCES.

Acceptances for the Trotting Events on the First Day close on December 22nd, 1905, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the Pony Cup and Telephone Handicap close 9 p.m. on 26th December.

Acceptances for the Second Day Close on December 29th, 1905 at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the Third Day Close on 4th January, 1906, at 9 p.m.

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CRICKET.

(By "YORKER.")

Saturday was a glorious day, and matches in the second draw of the cup fixtures were commenced on the Domain, Kingsland, and North Shore grounds.

At the Domain, Parnell met City and Grafton Ponsonby, while Eden met the Shoreites on the Devonport ground.

The wickets all round were in good trim, and as the coin spun in the air anxious was the moment for the captain of each side.

At the Domain the Ponsonby and City skippers won the toss, and sent their men in to face the bowling of Grafton and Parnell respectively.

Ponsonby made rather a poor start, their first two men, Cummings and Wilson, going for 16 runs. They were not long, however, in improving their position, and before another wicket fell over 100 runs had been added by Mason and Woods. Mason was the first to go, bowled by D. Hay, who had come on at the pavilion end. Mason's 49 was quickly but decidedly streakily made. His place was filled by Francis, and another long and profitable partnership followed between this player and Woods, who was still going steadily.

Francis has a nice straight style, and his driving is powerful and well directed. With practice and a little coaching he would soon come to the front.

Like Robinson, of Parnell, he relies too much on his forward play, and it is only his long reach which saves him getting into trouble more frequently.

Regular practice and very little alteration in Francis' style would make a reputation of him. In addition, he is an excellent field.

The Grafton bowling was sorely tried to get rid of these two batsmen, and almost every man in the team was given a chance with the ball. The trundling was decidedly commonplace, though not so much as the fielding. In the end Woods' wicket came more by good luck than good management, a full toss hitting him on the hand and tumbling on to his wicket.

Though not free from luck, Woods played a vigorous innings, timing the ball well. His style is not pretty, but effective, and I am glad to see him gradually getting his bat a little straight and pulling across less. This no doubt accounts for his success of late. When his end came he had 77 to his credit, and at the pace he was going would not have been long in reaching the century.

Gavin filled the gap, but did not stay long, and a little later Francis, with 49 to his credit, left for the pavilion, clean bowled.

When the time bell rang Ponsonby had 273, with the last two in. The only other member of the team to show any cricket was Sims (43). This player started the season with 68 last Saturday

for Ponsonby juniors, and his innings for the first eleven fully justified his inclusion.

The only successful bowler on the Grafton side was another elevated junior, R. Williamson. His debut in senior ranks was a great success, and his five wickets for 46 were all clean bowled. He has a high, easy action, and will improve as he gains more confidence and experience.

City, batting against Parnell, opened their innings with Hemus and Fryor. The latter, however, had a very short life, skying one of Ollif's to Philson early in the innings.

MacCormick filled the gap, and the two young Cityites steadily settled down to give their opponents a little leather-hunting. They both watched the ball very closely and took few risks, scoring off anything at all loose. Hemus made 42 and MacCormick 43. 90 for one wicket at one time showed upon the board, and with Parnell just about at the end of their bowling things looked pretty glum for their side.

I have seen both Hemus and MacCormick bat a good deal better, but both showed sound defence. The former is a little too inclined to face round for the pull, which has a very bad effect on the rest of his play and takes the vim out of his off strokes.

Unfortunately for City the good stand made by these two players was not taken advantage of by the following batsmen, who went out as fast as they came in. Notwithstanding the fact that they had close on 100 runs for two wickets the whole side was disposed of for 130. Howell took four wickets for 52 and Olliffe three for 40. Both bowled well.

Robinson and Barry were the first two in for Parnell.

They started their innings shortly after five, and at call of time both batsmen were still there, with the board showing 58 for no wickets—Barry 39, Robinson 16.

With so many good men to follow Parnell can scarcely fail to pass City's very moderate total. Even on a bad wicket the task should be an easy one.

At North Shore, Eden won the toss and batted first, making all told 176.

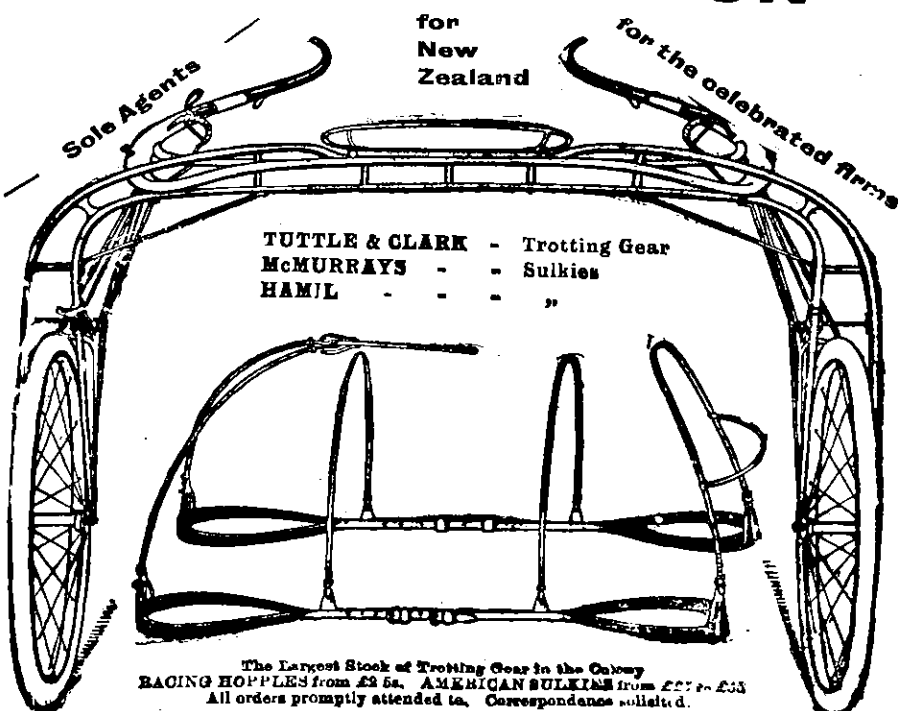
The Shore bowling was fairly good, and had it not been for Lusk's fine score of 107 Eden would have fared badly.

Lusk's performance was one of his best efforts. His strokes were powerful and well timed, and anything loose was dealt with severely. Given a fair start Lusk is one of the most aggressive bats we have.

He is essentially a scorer. His defence is his attack, and if he can't score he gets out. He is always a dangerous man on a good wicket, and if we had more batsmen of the same stamp the attraction of the game would be greatly enhanced.

McNeil, with four wickets for 54, bowled really well, getting considerable swerve on to the ball occasionally.

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Haddon, in making 41 for Shore, showed good form. Hussey's 24 was also a useful innings.

Shore's score of 89 for five wickets is hardly enough in the circumstance.

On Thursday, the King's Birthday, a very pleasant invitation game took place on the Kingsland ground between the Grafton and Eden Clubs. The uncertainty of the weather interfered somewhat with the progress of the game, but notwithstanding this, and the fact that they were beaten, the Grafton guests seem to have enjoyed the outing.

This match has been an annual fixture since the ground was opened two years ago, and is always looked forward to by both teams. The Eden officials have shown a considerable amount of enterprise in the acquisition of so suitable a ground, and its maintenance and improvement is an undertaking worthy of substantial support by all followers of cricket. The possession of a ground devoted exclusively to cricket has been a long-felt want in Auckland, and it is to be hoped that the large carnival at present being organised by the Eden Club will have the active support of all other districts.

A considerable amount of time and money has already been spent on the ground, and it is pleasing to learn that the club has at its back a number of the best and most influential men in the district. Among their patrons I notice the names of Messrs. A. C. Caughey, Oliver Nicholson, Murdoch McLean, and H. A. Marriner, all men who take a keen interest in the progress of the game of cricket and the welfare of the district.

Cricket is a game which, above all others, helps to improve the tone as well as the physique of the youth of a district, and I look forward to the time when it will occupy the same position in New Zealand as it does in England and Australia.

In the Eden-Grafton holiday match Tom Elliott made 34 in a safe, business-like manner. His driving was clean and along the ground. I have never seen Elliott shape better than he has done so far this season. He was always a safe club bat, but somewhat awkward, and while he could play medium and fast stuff all day he was always a gift to a really good slow bowler. He has now a very strong pull, has taken to going out occasionally to the slow ones, and when a man learns to score off the "short 'uns" and can get well out and punch them when the right ball comes along, he has practically solved the difficulties of slow bowling. Dr. Grace, in his book for boys, tells us that to a slow break-bowler you must either be well on to the pitch of the ball or as far back as you can get. Do the right thing at the right time, and the best man in the world is "pic."

Of course it isn't easy to do the right thing every time, but nine-tenths of our batsmen don't try, and it is well for them that bowlers of the class of Ned Mills, Hubert Gould, and Neill are practically extinct.

Provided the wickets are good, it is an easy matter for anyone good enough to play most of our local bowling from the crease, but it is quite another matter with a man like Alec Downs, of Otago, and our would-be reps. must look to it that they learn to use their feet. On a tricky wicket especially this is essential.

LAWN TENNIS.

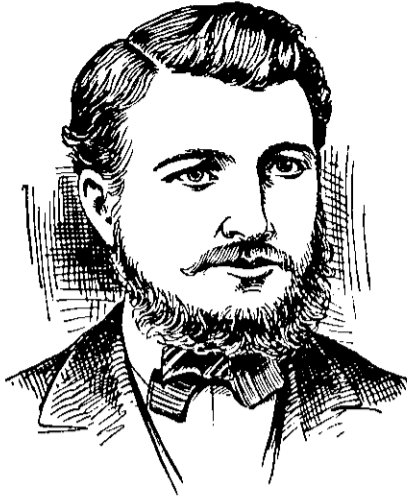
(By "VOLLEY.")

There can be no question that lawn tennis has been making great headway during the last few years, and perhaps last season was the most successful of any. In Auckland, at any rate, the game was played most energetically, and this was no doubt due to a great extent to the local Association providing an open tournament during the New Year holidays. It will be remembered that the weather was atrocious, but still the meeting was a decided success.

The New Zealand Association also became a live body once more, and did much to further the interests of the game, the result of the good work done by its secretary, Mr. Geo. N. Goldie, through whose energies the Association published a handbook containing a fund of useful and interesting matter, including a list of the winners of championship honours since its foundation.

The present season has just opened in Auckland, and from the interest displayed by the members of the various clubs there is evidence that the wave of enthusiasm is still rolling along.

We take pleasure in publishing the following interesting letter from Mr. James Summers, who also very kindly sends his photograph:



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It is probably an opportune moment to recall to memory the winners of the local championships of last season. In the men's championship Dr. Keith and Mr. E. Rice were bracketed winners, and Miss Daisy Udy obtained for the first time the coveted title of lady champion. In the men's doubles Mr. A. S. C. Brown and Dr. Bamford went through an even contest, and Misses S. Rice and Gray won the ladies' doubles. In the combined doubles Miss Daisy Udy and Mr. A. F. Billing retained the honour.

Another record of interest is the result of the inter-club matches, the winning club being entitled to hold the Association pennant.

	Points.	Matches.
1. Eden and Epsom ...	83	4
2. West End ...	53	3
3. Devonport ...	47	2
4. Parnell ...	30	1
5. Auckland ...	27	0

Eden and Epsom, the winning club, have always held a strong lead in these events, but with several changes this season among prominent players the result should be much more debatable than before.

I understand that Dr. Keith will play for the West End Club, as also will Mr. Upton. Mr. H. R. Cooke, a very old Eden and Epsom representative, has joined Devonport, and will probably do good service in their behalf. Mr. Maddox plays at Parnell this season.

The Association holds its first meeting on Friday next, when it behoves all delegates to be present, as important matters have to be discussed, such as the local tournament and inter-club matches, etc. The New Zealand Association have fixed their dates for Thursday in Christmas week and onwards. This is unusual, as for a number of years they have always opened on the day following Christmas Day, and thus have completed the meeting in time for competitors to return to their local courts. This year's dates will prevent this, and so the question of dates for our local tournament will want consideration. Much interest is being shown in regard to this tournament, and already I have heard of several prospective pairs. Mr. C. Heather and Mr. A. S. C. Brown will make a hot pair, and Mr. J. P. Grossman with Mr. L. E. Mair will take a lot of beating. Dr. Bamford and Mr. A. F. Billing will be another couple. Miss S. Rice and Mr. A. S. C. Brown will make a bid for the combined event. I hope to hear shortly of several likely entries from other clubs.

The Eden and Epsom Club's courts opened last Wednesday, but the weather prevented much play until last Saturday, when the attendance was good. Nearly all players felt the result of the rest from last year, but a few more days will bring

back old form, and I hope some new form also. The membership has received a number of additions, and the courts are in excellent order. Mr. C. Heather has rejoined after a season's spell, and Mr. T. S. Ruddock, an old member of this club, will not be playing, as his business has taken him to Christchurch.

The Devonport lawns were well attended on Saturday, and have been greatly improved since last year. An extra area of the adjoining domain has been included, and the club has decided to erect a new and up-to-date pavilion before Christmas. The membership at this club is very large, and another court would probably be acceptable.

It will be remembered that this club appeared third on the list of inter-club matches, and with a number of rising young players there should be a good chance of their improving this position in this season's contests.

The lady players in this club are well to the fore, the most prominent being Mrs. Cooper, Miss Harvey, and Miss Bull, the latter playing a good combined game.

The West End lawns were opened on Thursday, but, like other clubs, very moderate play was attainable until Saturday, on which day the courts were fully occupied. Dr. Keith played in his well-known style, and will be a great assistance in inter-club matches, his cool and accurate play being an object lesson. Mr. S. Upton and Mr. McCoy are both likely to strike good form, and should hold high positions in the club.

Miss A. Nicholson, who has held the singles championship for a number of years until quite recently, has had some games during the winter months, and evidently intends to be in the front rank during the coming contests. Miss E. Holland, who played with Dr. Keith in the open tournament last Christmas, has joined this club, and Mr. Longuet and his brother (recently arrived from the South) help to make the club's position a strong one. Mr. J. Paterson, who had much to do with the appearance of the courts, deserves credit; he will join forces with Mr. A. S. C. Brown, of Eden and Epsom, at the Wellington Tournament.

The Parnell Club has also gone in for expenditure in improvements to its property, and the lawns have been carefully attended to and rearranged, some considerable sum also being spent on improvements to pavilion and dressing-rooms.

Mr. W. R. Holmes, a very old member of this club, and also president of the Auckland Association, has been elected president of the N.Z. Lawn Tennis Association.

and all tennis players will endorse the satisfaction so generally expressed at his appointment.

The fine weather induced a large attendance of players and visitors on Saturday, and general satisfaction was expressed on the appearance of the lawns. A number of new members have been elected, amongst them being Mr. H. N. Maddox, who played for West End last year.

This club has expressed through its committee the laudable hope that its members will adopt the use of the club colours, which are two shades of blue and white. It would be a good example for other clubs to follow, and it is to be hoped that each club will make a similar recommendation to its members.

Parnell appeared last but one in the inter-club competitions last year, and its members should pull themselves together in endeavouring to improve their position during the present season.

The Auckland Club opened a fortnight ago, and have been playing steadily since. It is most unfortunate that only three courts are available for tennis, as this must necessarily keep the membership low and hardly gives much chance of steady practice to young players. Mr. T. Jackson will not play this season, owing to recent severe illness, from which we are pleased to learn he is recovering satisfactorily. Although a small club its representatives were able to put together 27 points in the inter-club matches, or only three points below Parnell's score. The lady players are not strong, but some new members from the Grammar School Club will doubtless be a strong addition to their forces.

Next week I hope to give some interesting illustrations from some of the clubs' lawns.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REEFER.")

There was a good muster at the second trial fours of the West End Rowing Club on Saturday, and certainly the weather could not have been improved upon. The gold medals competed for were presented by Mr. Denny, Collector of Customs at Tonga, the winning crew turning up in S. M. Barry, W. Massey, H. Colledge, and N. Ussher (stroke). Subsequently on "upside-down" trial was held, the final of which resulted in a dead-heat between crews stroked by Ross and Stein.

The little cruiser Kia Ora got piled up on the beach on her way to Gisborne during the recent gale, but was got off and towed into Tauranga. This is hardly a promising start for a round-the-world trip.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron intend altering the rules to allow of a better representation of power launch owners on the committee. This is a move in the right direction.

When thrashing up on Sunday against a piping sou'-wester, the crew of the Kotare noticed a boat capsized off the Bean Rock lighthouse. The yacht was smartly put about, and running down was just in time to rescue three men who were struggling in the water.

The opening of the season by the N.Z. Power Boat Association took place on Thursday morning last (King's Birthday). The weather was very unsuitable for such a function, there being some severe squalls in evidence, with not a little rain. Owing to this fact, the muster was nothing like so good as would otherwise have been the case. At the rendezvous off Judge's Bay about a dozen launches put in an appearance, and under Commodore W. S. Whitley proceeded up past the wharves. The speed maintained, however, was much too great, the result being that the line was a very straggling one when Queen-street Wharf was reached. When the hulk was reached the flotilla formed in line abreast and at the commodore's signal gun started down the harbour, but once again the line should have been better kept. Ultimately the Matarika was brought up off Queen-street Wharf, and each boat rounded and saluted the flag of the commodore, and the launches then dispersed.

I do not know who was in charge of Slim Jim at the opening ceremony of the Power Boat Association, but as she flew no ensign or flag of any sort suppose she was not under the control of Commodore Whitley. I would like to point out, however, that on such an occasion it is a complete breach of yachting

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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Games in Progress.

seconds, and Baker and Martin, the thirds, played well up to form, the first-named drawing some very pretty shots. Mercer was a bit off colour, and certainly was not up to form. Brookes, on the other hand, was playing behind a winning team.

Steve Burns put up a big win against Blades, getting home by 26 to 7, Wickham and Noton playing sterling games for the winner. Blades started with bad luck in touching the jack on the first head when lying one, the result being that his opponent scored four. This bad luck seemed to stick all through, and although assisted by Davis as third man, Blades' team was never in the hunt.

Rennick was bowling well in the lead on Saturday last. He would make a first-rate inter-club man.

Well done G. Becroft, jun.; 34 to 11 against a bowler of Baddiley's calibre is not a bad performance.

Hosking and C. Little had a good tussle in a doubles against Downing and McStay. The latter led up to the 17th head, when their opponents added 2, 3, 1, 2, winning by six points. Little always comes in at "the end."

Bob does not seem to have any luck, his clubmate Littler putting up 21 to 16 in a fours at the western suburbs green.

Secretary Osmond, of the same club, in a fours match was successful against J. Buchanan (the crack Ponsonby skip). The teams were:—Watkins, Crowe, Preston, Buchanan (skip), 14, v. Diddams, Davis, Walton, Osmond (skip), 24.

Very pleased to see Kingswell at the game again. Kingswell, fit and well, is about one of the hardest men to beat in Auckland.

Bob Waite was in good form at Grey Lynn, and registered a win by a point in a fours against Mills. G. Baildon was consistent throughout for Mills.

Messrs. Small and Rathbone won the pairs tournament at Rocky Nook on King's Birthday. There were five rounds and the winners were successful in each. Their toughest game was that with Wakerley and Butler, this pair playing in fine style.

H. O. Brown was drawing and wrestling in his best style.

Large entries received at Mount Eden for club competitions.

Onehunga expect to be under way with their matches this week.

President Fletcher, Carlton Club, came to light in a big win against Murray. The scores were 27 to 19.

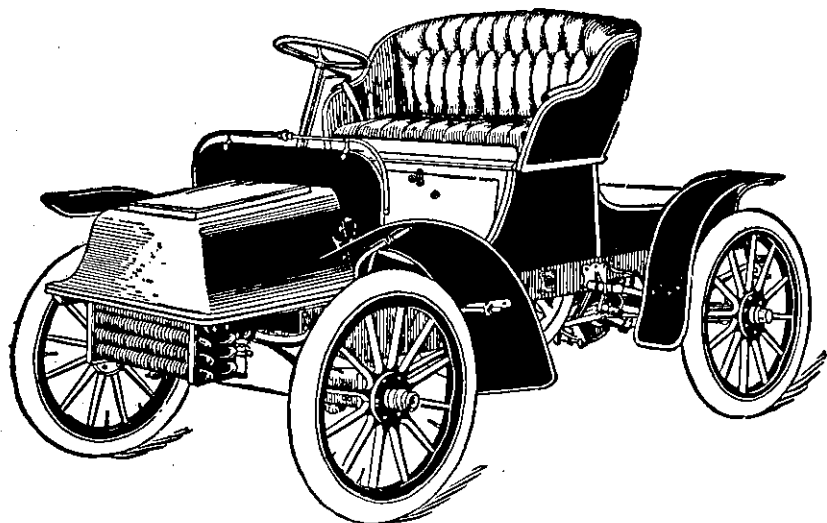
"Oim puttin' a patch on the wist soide av me son's pants, Mrs Roilly."
"An' phat the devil be the wist soide av his pants, Mrs Finnegan?"
"It's where the son sets, av course."

High temperatures were recorded last week in Victoria and New South Wales. One day the thermometer registered 113deg. in Mildura, 98deg. in Melbourne, 111deg. in Bourke, and 90deg. in Sydney. What a contrast to our New Zealand weather.

Explosive Joke.—They were drilling at the safe. Said the first cracksman to his pal, "Wot's de diff'rence, Bill, between us an' de hayseed farmer?" "Dunno," replied his partner. "W'y he tills de land an' we land the till." At this point the safe blew up.

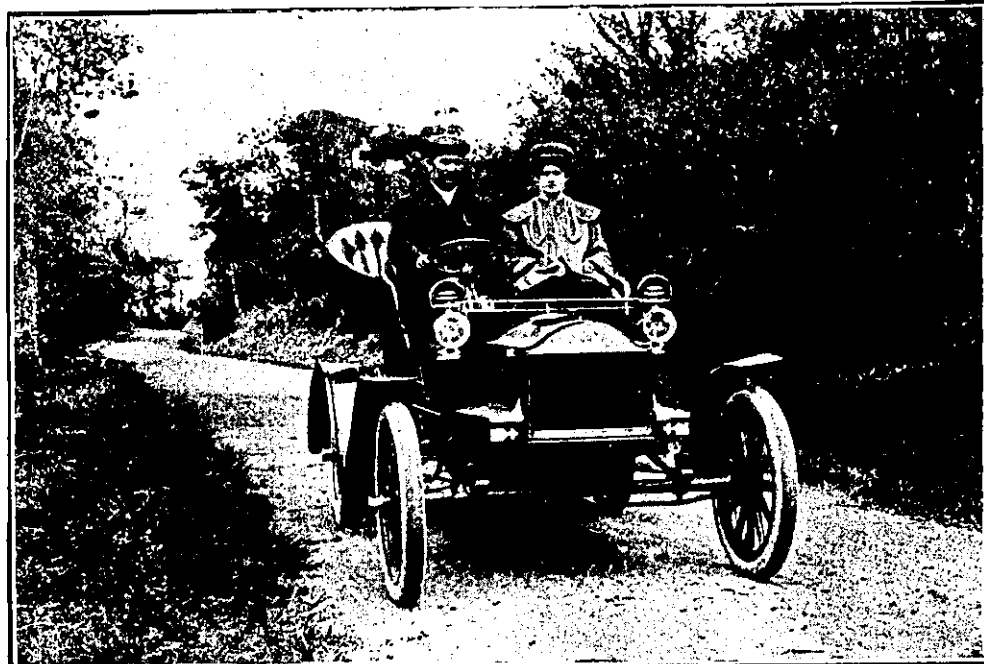
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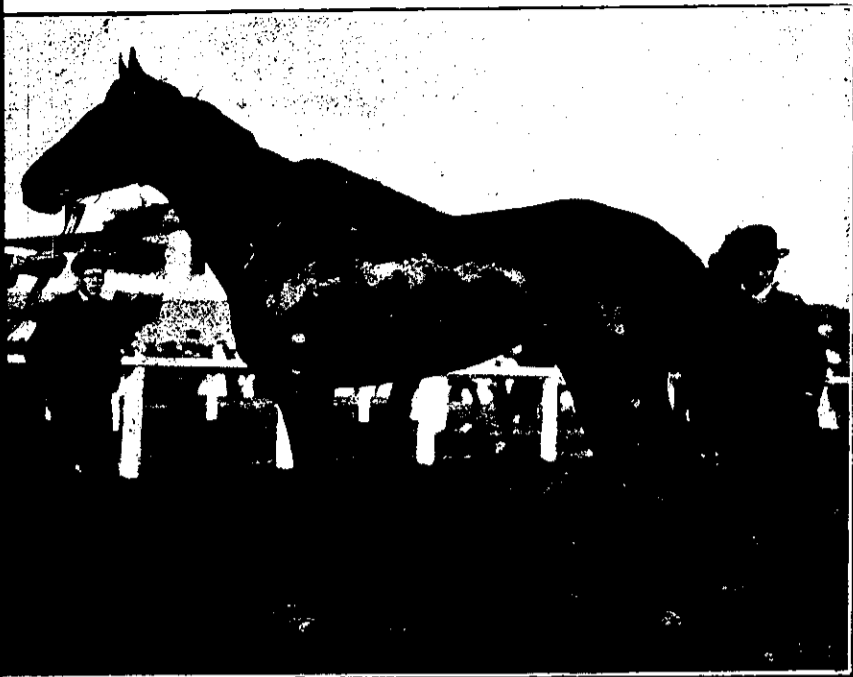


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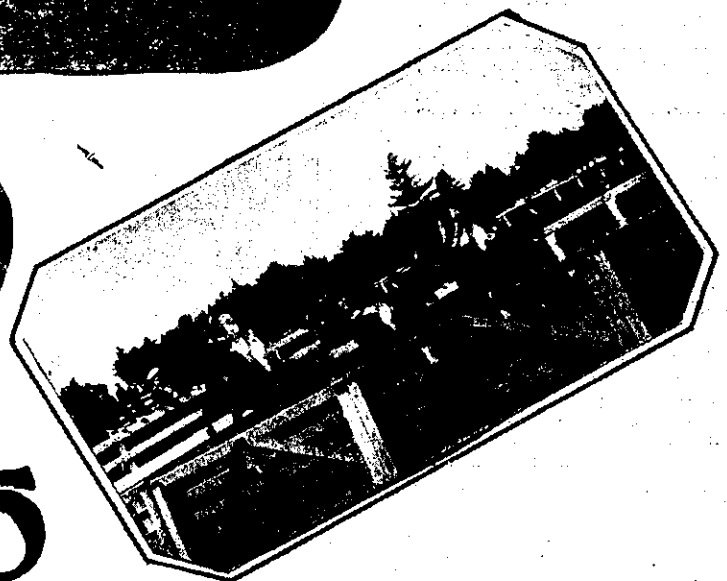
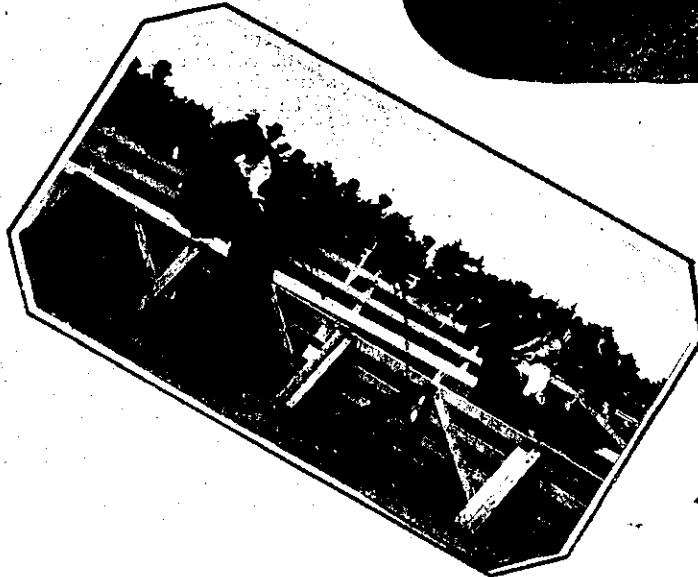
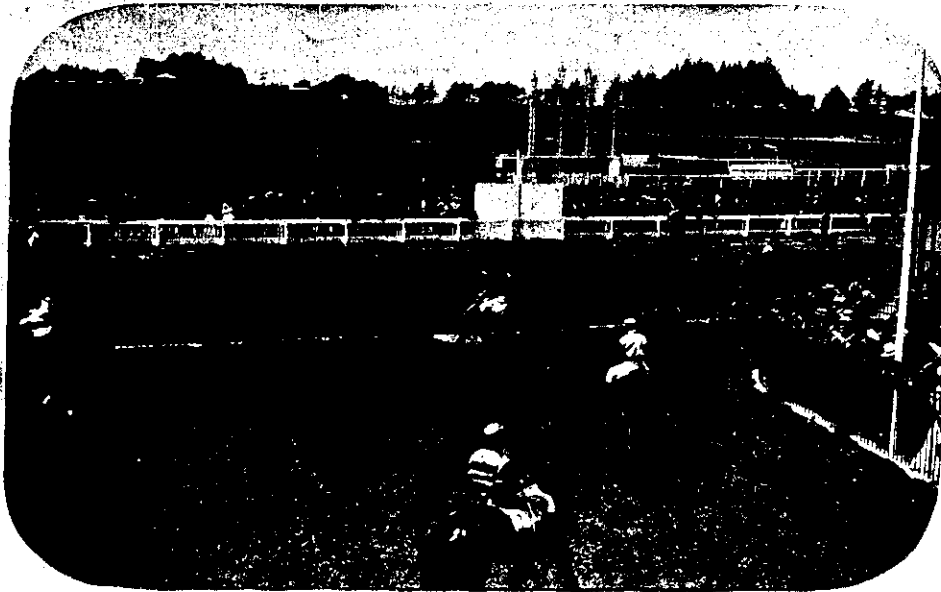


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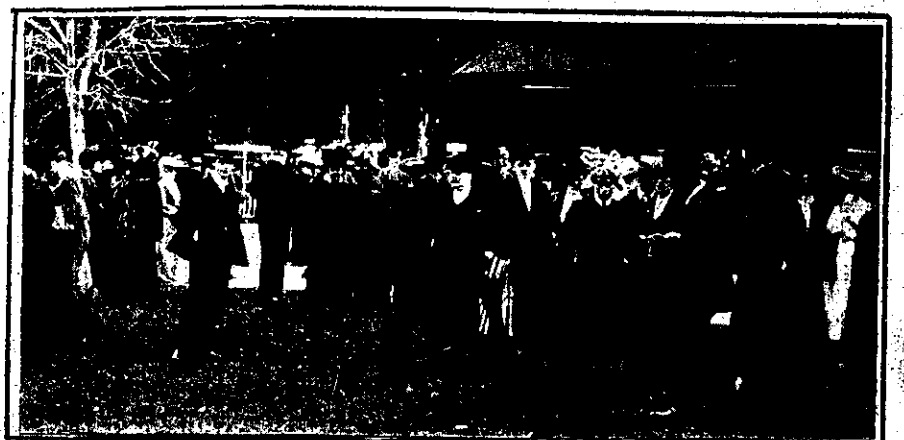
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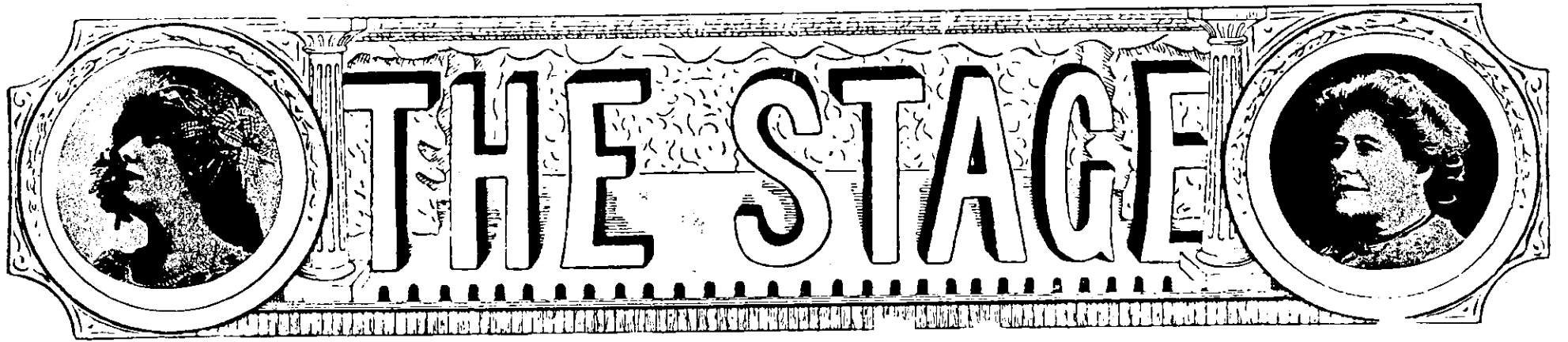
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THE STAGE

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

There was a capital attendance at the Opera House on Saturday evening. The star attraction was Ajax, the contortionist, the flexibility of whose body borders on the marvellous. Will Lochrane, a Scottish comic singer, came in for plenty of applause for his singing of "The Softest in the Family." All the old favourites were well received. The Opera House being otherwise engaged, Fuller's Entertainers have not appeared since Tuesday evening, but on Saturday a fresh start will be made. Mr. Fuller intends making it the occasion for the introduction of a perfect galaxy of fresh talent. Among the new-comers will be the Wyndhams (Ray and Clara), in "Musical Dramalettes;" Bob, Lloyd comedian and topical vocalist; Gertie McLeod, serio and Scottish dancer; Wallace Ascot, tenor vocalist; and Charles Stanley, male alto. Then we shall have the reappearance of Cissie Whitford, serio, and Ted Stanley, eccentric comedian. A new and original turn will be given by Ajax, who will appear as the human crocodile. Will Lochrane, Malvena Moore, Eileen Murray, and Cecile and Lulu Stephano will also contribute to the programme, which promises to exceed in all-round merit anything Mr. Fuller has yet put on. It is safe to predict a monster house for next Saturday evening.

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

Quick changes were the order of the day, or rather night, at His Majesty's Theatre during the last week of Miss Nance O'Neil's season. On Wednesday and Thursday "Marie Antoinette" held the boards, and in it Miss O'Neil was very effective as the persecuted queen.

On Friday "Ingomar" was put on, with Miss O'Neil as Parthenia, and Mr. John Giendining in the title role; and, although the play dragged rather at times, a considerable measure of success was achieved.

Saturday evening was devoted to "Hedda Gabler," and to such as admire Ibsen's work this proved very interesting. The Norwegian dramatist, however, hardly appeals to the multitude, for many of his situations are frankly not understandable.

The concluding night was devoted to the much-talked of "The Fires of St. John," and as this play has earned a reputation of a sort it drew a full house. Suderman's play has been most scathingly condemned by the majority of the critics as a piece which the stage could well have done without. Of it a Melbourne writer said "That everybody was pleased at the beginning, but as the play went on it was amusing to watch the change in expression; puzzled interest succeeded the pleasure; then the puzzled look grew deeper, and was turned to bewilderment, brightened with a few titters and sniggers, and when the curtain fell it fell on an audience in a state of mental fog, compared to which the darkness of Egypt was the brightest electric light. The play itself was partly responsible for this, but chiefly the players, for it was plain that the majority of them had not the faintest glimmer of a comprehension as to what the whole meant, and, therefore, were quite unable to lighten the darkness of the amazed audience. The plot—who would be bold enough to unravel it? The one thing not needful to a symbolist is—plain statement or a story. A play by a symbolist, acted by symbolists to symbolists, would be adequate, no doubt, and the airy elusiveness and suggestiveness of it all would catch the refined fancy of a specially picked house; but when a not too comprehensible symbolism is attacked by just ordinary mimes, who have not specially prepared themselves for the intellectual feat by prayer and fasting, but just stolidly go through it like big game crashing through a jungle, the effect is as one sees in the present imbroglio." This seems a bit severe on the members of the company. Miss Nance O'Neil essayed the role of Marie, and got through a somewhat disagreeable part with credit, while all the other members of the company did their utmost in characters more or less suited to them.

On the whole it has to be admitted that the season in Auckland has not been strikingly successful. We have got so in the habit of expecting something superlatively good from Mr. Williamson that when it is just good we are all apt to be a little disappointed. The plays produced were for the most part of the dismal and gloomy order, and something in a brighter strain would no doubt have proved more popular. Was it not the same with the recent Tittell Brune season, where the one bright piece, "Sunday," so to speak, "ran rings round" any of the heavier plays in the matter of attendance? The piece which was the most genuinely popular during the season just closed was "Tribby," and by the Nance O'Neil Company will be chiefly remembered.

THE MACMAHON DRAMATIC COMPANY.

On Saturday next the Macmahon Dramatic Company return to the boards of His Majesty's. Not, however, as we knew them of yore, but a greatly augmented company, which has been strengthened all round by the inclusion of new

artists. The new leading lady is Miss Marie Wilson, a clever Australian artiste who was formerly lead for Mr. George Lingard. Mr. Wilton Power is also with the company, as well as all the old favourites. The season will be opened with Matt. Wilkinson's powerful and sensational drama, "Saturday Night in London." This play vividly depicts various phases of life in the world's metropolis, and is produced by arrangement with Mr. William Anderson, who holds the rights for Australia. The staging will be very effective, new scenery having been specially painted for the production by Leander Williams and Will Diamond, while the stage management will be in the capable hands of our old friend, Mr. Tom Pollard. It will thus be seen that Messrs. Macmahon have made every effort to give us of their best, and it is safe to forecast a highly successful season.



MISS MARIE NELSON, New Leading Lady

for the Macmahon Dramatic Co. and the audience, a very large one, by the way, would willingly have heard more from him. Mr. Edward Branscombe delighted his listeners with a very sweet rendering of the old German folk song, "Leonore," the pleasing effect of this being greatly heightened by the subdued vocal arrangement by the gentlemen of the glee party. Master Edgley sang "The Minstrel Boy," but his voice, although well trained, was rather lacking in sweetness of tone. The boys' best contribution was the "Vocal Waltz," a really beautiful piece of work. Mr. Percy Coward sang, by request, the old favourite, "Sally in Our Alley," but hardly did himself justice. Mr. Dudley Causton, who might well be described as "the casual comedian," created much merriment in his humorous musical sketch in which the various phases of a charity bazaar were amusingly shown. He was especially good in his imitation of the concert part of the programme, and being heartily applauded gave a clever dumb copy of a parliamentary candidate addressing the electors. The performance as a whole proved exceedingly enjoyable.

THE WESTMINSTER GLEE PARTY.

On Tuesday evening a short season of four nights was commenced at His Ma-

esty's Theatre by Mr. Edward Branscombe's Westminster Glee and Concert Party. Since their last visit here they have travelled all over the world, and sung in a great number of towns. The boys with the company on this occasion are Masters William Edgley, Arthur Ludlow, Gordon Travis, and Arthur Bates, and are from the London Training School for Choristers. Although not quite up to the standard of their predecessors, the four sing very pleasingly. On Tuesday the company commenced the programme with the chorus "Furl Up the Flag," the other items being: "Come, Let Us All a-Maying Go," "Now is the Month of Maying," the anthem "By Babylon's Wave," and "When Allen-a-Dale went a-Hunting." Madam Marie Hooker was encored for singing "He Thinks I Do Not Love Him," and later on did excellently with a charming rendering of the old English ballad, "The Bailiff's Daughter." Mr. Sterndale Bennett makes a very valuable addition to the company, and his exceptionally musical bass voice was worthy of better stuff than "The Tinker's Song." He was twice encored, giving two dainty little songs.

THE FEDERAL HALL.**THE MAGIC KETTLE.**

The programme will be changed each evening, and good houses should result during the season.

A short season of three nights was played at the Federal Hall by Professor Andrews with his magic kettle. This act has already been described in these columns at length, and is certainly one of the most interesting which has been put on the stage. The singing of the Cathedral Choristers earned them numerous encores. Alma, the magician, showed some clever and neatly executed sleight-of-hand tricks. Miss Elsie Peerless sang very pleasingly. A number of moving pictures were shown, some of the films being capital. The entertainment allround was of a very bright character, and deserved far more support than it received from the Auckland public.

MISS VIOLET MOUNT.

Miss Violet Mount, so well known to and remembered by Auckland's music lovers, is at present in this city. Her many friends and admirers have decided to give her a farewell concert here on December 1, in the Choral Hall. Taking the advice of Melba and Miss Ada Crossley, Miss Mount is now on her way to London to study so as to fit herself for an operatic career. In an interview with a pressman Miss Mount said:—

Since I left your delightful Auckland I have been under constant engagements in Sydney and elsewhere. Signor Hazon has been my teacher all the time—three and a-half years. In Sydney my first engagement was with Signor Carl Dani. I toured with him, and he was kind enough to say that in duet singing he preferred my work to that of any other soprano he had appeared with. The Philharmonic Society engaged me at all their concerts, and supported by a chorus of 400 voices and an orchestra of 40 stars, sang the solo work in "The Creation." With Miss Ada Crossley I sang in "Elijah." Miss Crossley complimented me most kindly on my efforts, and said that she had hardly ever heard the soprano music so well rendered before. With Mr. Watkin Mills I also sang the same work. I was engaged twice by the Philharmonic in "Lohengrin," in Gounod's "Faust," and "Paradise and the Peri." I sang at all the Queensland Liedertafels. Miss Lohmann's song cycle, "The Persian Garden," I sang with the Sydney Quartette, on the first occasion by command before Lord Tennyson, Governor-General of Australia, at Government House. I have sung at the Orchestral Society's concerts, and at their last, also at the last concert given by the Philharmonic. The citizens of Sydney gave me a most encouraging "send-off" on September 20 last, at a farewell concert tendered by them to me. The Governor-General and Lady Northcote gave their patronage. With Mr. Farley I appeared at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, in "The Bohemian Girl," on September 6, 7, and 8, playing the part of Arline. It was a great success, and we handed over quite a large sum to the Children's Hospital. Then at Government House I sang three times in eight days during the Duke d'Abuzzi's visit. Lady Northcote has always been charming towards me. The Melba wrote me, and requested me to call upon her. She said she was much pleased with my voice, and advised me to study at Home for the operatic stage. Some people have said that my voice is very like the great Melba's—that is, in timbre. It is a high soprano, and I frequently sing E in alto. During my residence in Wellington and Auckland I sang with the operatic and choral societies of each town and with the Orchestral Society of Wellington. Then I also appeared at nearly all the concerts given.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, in Sydney, a church always renowned for its music, had me for two years as its soprano. Aren't you tired? I have been talking all this time and it has been all about myself. Yet, you asked me to tell you all I could, and I have done so, and with a pleasant smile and pretty inclination of her head the gifted young soprano had me "Adieu." We hope Miss Mount's concert may be a huge success.

Miss Jessie Maclachlan, the Scottish balladist, leaves for the States on December 8, where she will make a four months' tour.

Miss Lily Cole, the lady baritone, who has been meeting with much success at the Opera House, left for the South yesterday afternoon.

The summer flower show and children's exhibition of the Auckland Horticultural Society will be held on Friday and Saturday next, in the Metropolitan Grounds and Choral Hall. His Excellency the Governor will open the show at three p.m. on Friday, and Lady Plunket will present the silver medals, which she gave to the society, to the successful exhibitors. On Saturday afternoon, at half-past three, the Mayoress (Mrs. Arthur Myers) will present the children's prizes.

Fred Graham is now in Melbourne with Rickards' Company.

Miss Henrietta Watson, well-known out here, was ill in London with pneumonia when the last mail left.

The Brough-Fleming Company has been playing to good business down South.

"The Great Thurston" is now playing a very successful season at Perth.

Stewart and Sterling, after five months under the Fuller flag, are now in Brisbane with Holland's Company.

Mr. S. E. Greville Smith, who for some time conducted the dramatic columns of this paper, and was subsequently on the staff of the "Observer," left Auckland on Monday by the Mokoia, bound for Sydney. Mr. Smith, who is accompanied by his wife, is going to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he has accepted a good appointment.

Mr. Ben Fuller, whose marriage with Miss Lily Thompson took place last week, is now in Wellington, but leaves for Sydney shortly on a "trawling" trip, which, being interpreted, means that he is on the look-out for fresh artists.

Miss Nance O'Neil leaves for America by the mail steamer to-morrow afternoon.

I am pleased to say that Miss Nellie Black's hand is now nearly quite well again. The family commence their country tour this month. Their first town to visit is Wade, on November 22 (Agricultural Show night); the Northern Wairoa tour follows, then the Bay of Plenty. Miss Nellie has received no permanent injury to her hand. During the family's rest in Auckland Mr. Black has coached up his youngest daughter, Miss Doris, to take leading violin in the orchestral selections. This will be the first appearance of this young lady in the North Island. Miss Doris, although only 13 years of age, shows great musical ability for one so young, and Mrs. Black has great confidence in this young lady's future.

The Meynell and Gunn Comedy Company open here on December 11.

"Ivy of York" is to be staged at His Majesty's on December 18 and five following evenings.

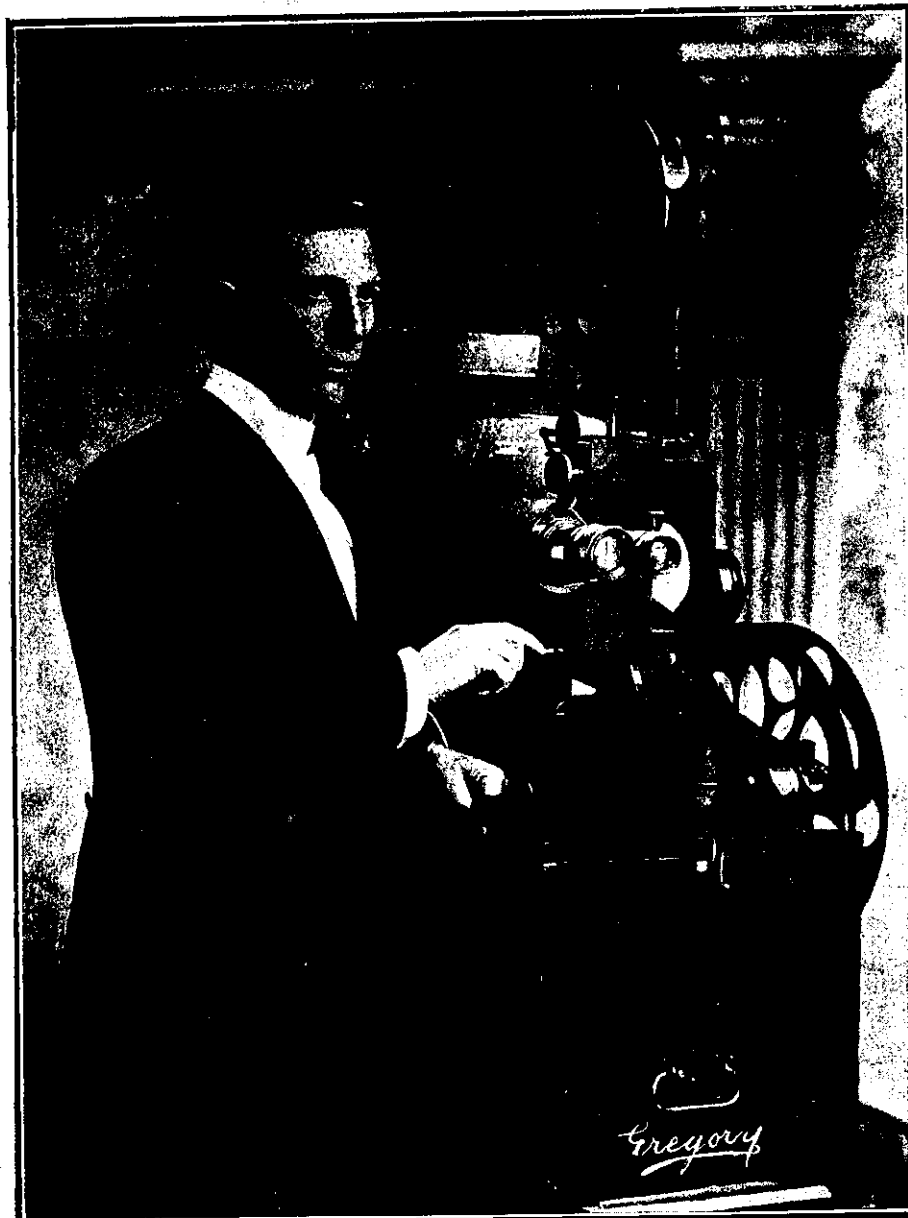
The Brough-Fleming Company will be here for Christmas.

Mr. Harold Ashton has gone South to act for the Knight-Jeffries Company, who commence their Christchurch season next Wednesday.

The Taylor-Carrington Company are now touring in Otago.

The Diamond Duo, who were great favourites here, are booked for a season in Manila.

Madame Galli Marie, the famous singer, the original "Carmen" and "Mignon," has just died in France, 65 years of age.



OPERATING THE BIOGRAPH WITH MONTGOMERY'S ENTERTAINERS.

According to the "Stage," the experiment Mr. Forbes Robertson is making at the Scala in permitting the pit and the gallery to be booked has so far been eminently successful.

Signor Tamagno's body was embalmed and deposited in a coffin, in the lid of which, by the express wish of the famous Italian tenor, a crystal pane was inserted, so as to leave the head and breast exposed to the view of his friends who shall visit the sepulchre. Eloquent tributes were made at the cemetery to the memory of Tomagno, who leaves one daughter, to whom he has bequeathed £320,000.

Miss Decima Moore, the popular actress, who visited Australia some years ago, is to marry Mr. Guggisberg, R.E., who recently returned to London from the Gold Coast. He was director of surveys at the Gold Coast and Ashanti for some years.

After a performance at His Majesty's Theatre last week, the artists and employees of the theatre were entertained at a banquet, held on the stage, in honour of Mr. Ben Fuller's marriage to Miss Lily Thompson, of Auckland (says the "Post.") Mr. Hoskins, secretary of the Fuller circuit, presided, and, in a neat and effective speech, proposed the toast of "Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuller." Incidentally, Mr. Hoskins referred to the extent of the amusement business of the Fullers, which had an expenditure last year of £32,000, made up as follows:—Salaries, £15,000; travelling expenses, £2500; newspaper advertising, £2000; general expenses, £13,000. Mr. Ben Fuller had, in his capacity of manager of the circuit, endeared himself to the employees, both in front and at the back of the house, and it was pleasing to know that in each of the four Fuller houses a similar function was taking place at that time. He felt certain that no toast would be more heartily honoured than that of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuller, to whom he wished health, wealth, and prosperity. Mr. C. Howard, speaking for the employees of both back and front of the house, said that their association with the Fuller circuit had been of the most cordial nature, and Mr. Ben Fuller was held in the highest esteem and respect by the employees, from the secretary down to the call boy. Other toasts honoured were: "The Ladies," "The Profession," and "The Press." The tables were then cleared from the stage, and dancing was indulged in until two a.m., when the proceedings were brought to a termination by the whole company singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Richard Strauss, who, it is said, receives £50, plus royalties, for every song he writes, has to "wait for an inspiration." "For months at a time," he says, "I have no desire to compose; then one evening I take up a book of poems, and turning over the leaves carelessly my attention is suddenly caught by a poem, and often before I have really finished reading it the musical thought suggests itself; I seat myself, and in ten minutes the song is finished."

A number of amusing pen-slips are collated by Mr. T. P. O'Connor:—Dickens was by no means infallible. He put the new moon in the east in the evening; he came to grief over the Dingley Dell cricket match; he made Tony Weller's second wife Sam's mother-in-law; and he described how, in the depth of winter, Mr. Squeers set his unfortunate boys hoeing turnips. Sir Conan Doyle, in one of his best Sherlock Holmes stories, makes a scheming lawyer draw up a will in favour of himself—a proceeding which would make the document invalid. The late John Hollingshead, in "The Story of Leicester Square," perpetrated a glorious bull, writing: "When Lord Mohun was killed he was living in Macclesfield House, Gerard-street, Soho, at the back of Leicester House, a site now occupied by the defunct Pelican Club." Even Sir Walter Scott made blunders, and in his fine ballad of "Young Lochinvar" he has this passage:—

"So light to the croup the fair lady he swung,
So light to the saddle before her he sprung"

—which is a feat of horsemanship utterly impossible. Defoe makes Robinson Crusoe fill his pockets with biscuits while in a state of nudity! Shakespeare made ships cast anchor by some seaport of Bohemia. "Ouida," in "Signa," equipped a violin with keys. Rider Haggard, in "King Solomon's Mines," describes an eclipse of the new moon.

Mr. Harry Rickards, who has returned in the Marmora from a talent-seeking tour secured a great "star" turn when he captured Servais Le Roy, Talma, and Bosco, at the London Alhambra (says the Sydney "Mail.") They created extraordinary enthusiasm when they opened to a crowded house at the Tivoli. They are a company of magicians and illusionists with that perfection of setting and ensemble and the artistic finish that we expect nowadays from Great European variety stars. Talma is an attrac-



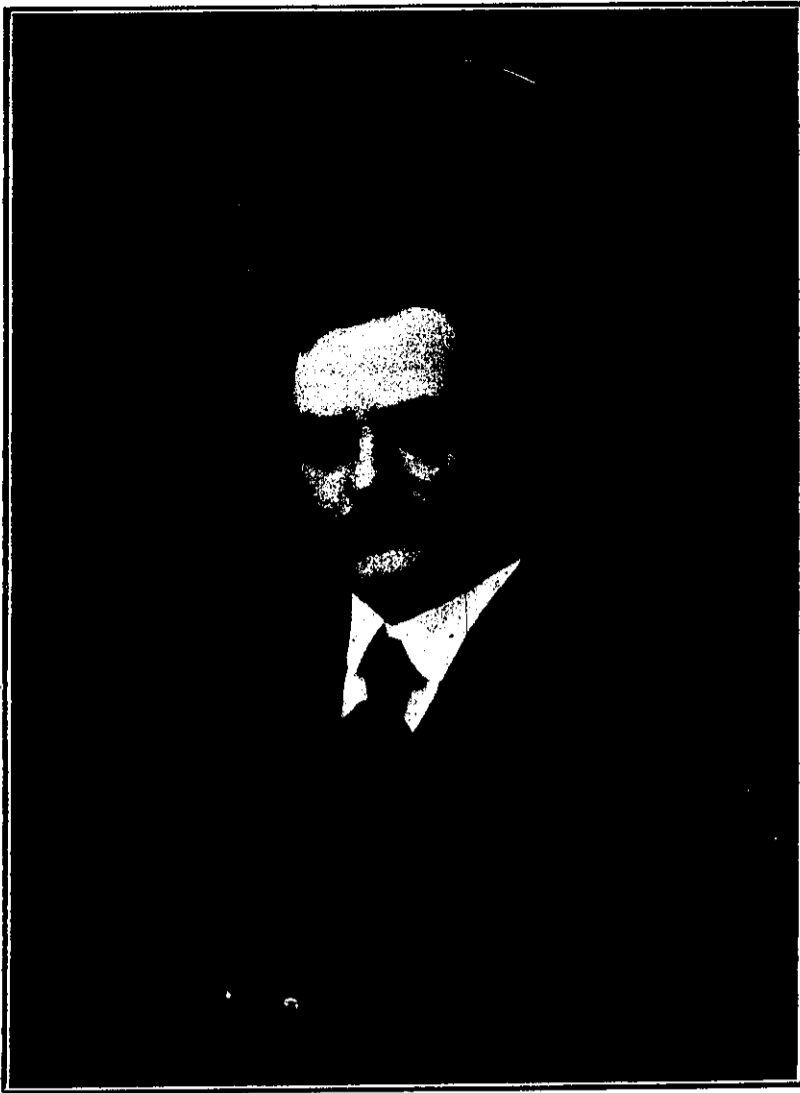
THE STEPHANO'S, now appearing at the Opera House.

R. Love, photo.

tive lady. Bosco a stout comedian, Leroy a slin. and agile magician. Then there is Mephisto. They are all magicians, in fact, and deal in the weirdest mystery. Where other performers would be content to evolve a canary or two or a duck or rabbit from apparent nothingness, they evolve whole flocks of ducks and fowls and turkeys, rabbits and geese, till the stage is like the last bit of dry land in a flood. They do weird things with coins; they appear where you think it is impossible they could be, and disappear when you think that you have at last "got them fixed." It is a remarkable and bewildering display. Mr Rickards brought various new artists out with him, and others are to follow. They include, according to the entrepreneur, the Jackson family, who were so successful on a previous visit; Ryder Stone, a great comedian; Rog Glen, a talented juvenile raconteur; and A. G. Spry, Post Mason, and Arthur Albert, who open in Sydney. Other attractions to arrive in the near future are the Gilbert Sisters, song and dance artists; Lotto, Lilo, and Otto, comedy bicycle polo team; Ada Cerito, commedienne; Two Bells and eight English Primroses, a troupe of high-class dancers, who will introduce the latest dancing craze "Danse des jambes en l'air," now the rage of Paris; the Sisters Warner, song and dance, duo; Barnard's marionettes; Bert Dansing, comedian and impersonator; Alice Raymond, and John Kurkamp, refined musical specialty artists; Scottish Meisters, quartet of Scotch comedians and vocalists; and Tambo, a unique tambourine specialty.

The next attraction from overseas which Mr J. C. Williamson will present to Australasian audiences will be Mr R. G. Knowles, a comedian who has for years been in the foremost rank of vaudeville performer in London. He has however, deserted that field at any rate for a time, and has struck out "on his own," in an entirely novel kind of entertainment in which, it may be mentioned, he is at present making a decided hit in South Africa. He calls his show "Travels that Trouble the Traveller," a general title which suffices to cover a multitude of humorous stories all based on the funny experiences which greet a tourist in foreign lands. He begins at the beginning, the packing up in his London lodgings, and thence-forward takes his hearers along with him through Europe, Egypt, and else where, to the accompaniment of continual laughter. Incidental to the anecdotes he introduces several songs and also a series of biograph films illustrative of the places visited. Altogether, he has evolved an entertainment that should be decidedly popular. Mr Knowles will begin his Australasian tour somewhere in the early part of next year.

Mr George Lauri sees one of the obstacles to his playing Hamlet already in



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a fair way to removal (writes Mr George Tallis). He gave out that all he wanted for the realisation of his ideal was an Ophelia and the consent of Mr J. C. Williamson. The former has materialised in the person of Miss Clara Clifton, who the other day modestly admitted that she has for years hankered for an opportunity to appear in Shakespeare. Naturally, with such a reputation as she possesses, such an opportunity seemed very improbable, but the fact that Mr. Lauri has seized the skirts of happy chance provided by the benefit in aid of the Distressed Actors' Fund emboldened her to go and do likewise. All that remains now for the two aspirants in tragedy is to select a scene and to obtain Mr Williamson's sanction.

The Members of the Royal Comic Opera Company who sang at the afternoon

concert in connection with Father Robinson's bazaar at the Melbourne Town Hall last week, all volunteered their services without even being asked to do so by the promoters of the function. Such readiness to assist in a good cause has always been one of the most agreeable characteristics of Mr. Williamson's premier Company, as many towns throughout Australasia can bear grateful testimony.

Mr. J. C. Williamson loses a prominent and popular member of the Royal Comic Opera Company this week in the person of Mr. Haigh Jackson, who, after many months of admirable work in the leading parts, concludes his Australasian visit and returns to London. He will be certainly greatly missed by the public who like a good song admirably sung, but as a matter of fact the latter variety of

musical play, such as "Veronique" and "The Spring Chicken," contain no parts scored for baritone voices.

The first week's business at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, has made it practically certain that "Merely Mary Ann" is in for a long and popular run there. The attendance at each performance—notably at the midweek matinee—maintained a satisfactorily high level, and at each the enthusiasm displayed was very marked. As soon as a change becomes necessary, Mr. Williamson intends to supplant it with either "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," or "La Tosca." Miss Tittell Brune has so far played neither part in Sydney.

"Veronique," which was staged for the first time in Australia at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, on Saturday, November 11th, only terminated its long and popular run in London at the end of last month. Mr George Edwardes produced it there in May of last year, so that it held its place in popular favour for sixteen months, and a total of somewhere about 500 performances. Its attraction lies in the dainty melody of its music as much as in the humour of its comedian characters, and Mr. Andre Messager, its composer, in consequence, now holds a foremost place in the popularity of London audiences, as he has always done in Paris. The opera is in three acts, and the plot, which has more to do with the scenes than is customary with modern musical comedies, turns on the French method of making marriages in which son and daughter respectively, dutifully agree with their parent's choice rather than their own. That filial obedience enables Helene Solanges to masquerade as Veronique, a flower girl, without her fiancée being able to identify her, and in that capacity she wins the affection of a man, who, it must be confessed, had a somewhat too roving eye for a prospective benedict. The published cast of Veronique promises that it will be one of the strongest ever heard in Australia, both as regards its musical and its comedian elements.

The "Gondoliers" was the opera in which the Gilbert and Sullivan Company opened at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney, on November 11th, for a season of a few weeks. Later on, "Trial by Jury," "The Socker," and "Princess Ida" will all be done, but the time will, it is feared, be too short to allow of the production of "Utopia Limited." For the actual holiday attraction at the Melbourne Princess, Mr. Williamson has decided upon "Pinafore."

Early next month Mr. Claude Bantock will enter the bonds of matrimony, and already his comrades in the Royal Comic Opera Company are deliberating as to the most suitable way in which to mark the auspicious occasion.

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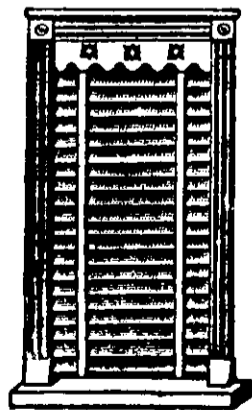
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The Knight-Jeffries Company, which closed its Melbourne season the other day, will not justify that title any longer, since Miss Maud Jeffries (Mrs Onslow) is retiring into private life. After the New Zealand tour Mr Knight and the company will play a season of three or four weeks in Sydney (beginning February), when "His Majesty's Servant" will be played, and there will be seasons at Brisbane and Adelaide. Then the present intention is to disband the company about Easter. Mr Knight told the Melbourne audience on the closing night that he proposes to indulge himself in a long holiday.

Miss Nellie Stewart, who is playing a farewell season at Melbourne Princess, is to commence an American tour at San Francisco on January 22. She is to go there in the Sierra.

A young lady was pounding away at the piano, and the faces of the assembled guests bore traces of acute mental anguish. Suddenly the "music" ceased, and the proud and happy mother of the performer approached the guest of the evening, a famous professor of music. "And what do you think of my daughter's execution?" she inquired, smiling sweetly upon the old gentleman. "Your Tochter's vot, madam?" he cried. "Her execution," replied the somewhat astonished lady. "'Er execution! Madam, I congratulate you! Ven vas 'ee to be? Ven vos ee' goming off? I to be bres-end vill efery efford make!" And he shook his hostess violently by the hand.

It is the intention of the London County Council to insist that all lights in the theatres shall be kept brightly lit during performances, on account of increased safety to audiences in case of sudden panic.

A few evenings ago a sensational accident attended the feat of "leaping the chasm" at Prince's Court (says the "Australasian"). Lastro, the cyclist, who carries out the performance, rides a bicycle down an inclined plane 80 feet long. The planking turns up at the end, with the result that, if the rider successfully accomplishes the feat, he rises in the air, describes a beautiful curve, and lands, his machine under him, on an inclined plane 40 feet distant. On this occasion, however, Dastro started badly, and after making the leap the back wheel of the bicycle struck the inclined plane at the wrong angle. Man and machine spun through the air, and were thrown in a heap on the tan track 36 feet away. Dastro was rendered unconscious, but he recovered in a quarter of an hour, sat up, and remarked, "That's nothing—I've had far worse spills training in America."

On the conclusion of their New Zealand trip, the Knight-Jeffries company will play for a short season in Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide, giving, besides some old favourites, "The Darling of the Gods," "His Majesty's Servant," also "Everyman," which will be new to those cities.

Of the recent production of "Everyman" in Melbourne, the "Australasian" has the following:—"This is the miracle of genius," said Macaulay, "that things that are not should appear as though they are." The "Pilgrim's Progress," of which this was written, is the high-water mark of allegory. In seeing one of the old morality plays like "Everyman," one sees how the allegory was developed. Instead of being the forerunner of the Shakespearian drama, which is largely derived from Greek sources, it would seem as if the primitive personification of ideas in "Everyman" became afterwards

the personification of types (in the "Pilgrim's Progress"), and ultimately the personification of characters. The absence of scenery, except for a simple draping of tapestry and a pair of tapestry curtains veiling the inner scene, showed the primitive theatre. A celestial prologue gave forth the argument. Everyman is to be summoned by the dread messenger Death to the judgment bar of Heaven. Death, a most impressive figure in green, like G. L. Watt's celebrated figure in grey, checks Everyman midway in the "primrose path," and, obeying the summons, he prepares for his end. Friends, riches, comrades, discretion, learning, etc., all forsake him; good works alone accompanying him to the grave. Mr Julius Knight acted Everyman with impressive reverence. He showed his terror of the

"Pain the passage hath,
That makes fraile fleshe feare the bitter wave,"

and sank into his grave at the end after making his peace with Heaven. The other speakers, who were all well-known members of the company, included Confession, Knowledge, whose expression of "the rapt soul sitting in the eyes" was very fine; Good Works and "Goodes," who rather looks like the original ancestor of "the villain of the piece." The Town Hall was almost filled. Archbishop Carr and many clergymen of several denominations were present.

Mr Forbes Robertson's latest London production is a play written in blank verse called "The Conqueror," by "R. E. Fyffe," a nom-de-plume which ineffectually conceals the Duchess of Sutherland. The story tells of Morven, Lord of Abivard, surnamed "The Conqueror." The first act reveals him, in the midst of a career of conquest and devastation, in a castle recently captured; within this castle he

sees Amoranza, the ten-year-old daughter of his fallen opponent, and this child's trusting innocence touches some hitherto unknown chord of better nature in "The Conqueror's" heart. Had he been guided by his usual impulse he would have taken the child's life, but prompted by new emotions he sends her to his Castle of Abivard, there to be cared for and to await him until eight years have elapsed, when he will return and claim her as his bride. While he is making these plans Amoranza's nurse appropriately curses him, and luridly prophesies the details of his final end. The years of waiting are passed by Amoranza at the Castle of Abivard, and by The Conqueror in pursuit of further conquests; no one can prevail against him until, when the eight years have nearly passed, he fails to capture a young knight, Sir Beauvise of Degrevant, who continually eludes him and who finally reaches the Castle of Abivard, where he asks shelter from Amoranza. Now, Amoranza has not seen the Lord of Abivard since she was ten years old; she just remembers his features and knows he will come to her in disguise, and as this young knight very closely resembles The Conqueror, he is received by Amoranza as the lover she has been awaiting, and when the appointed hour arrives and the real Lord of Abivard comes to claim his bride, he finds that his enemy, Sir Beauvise, has gained in a day the maiden for whom he has waited eight years. The Conqueror throws all his treasures at Amoranza's feet, reminds her of his promise to claim her; but it is all too late: Amoranza loves Sir Beauvise, and the difficulty is solved by the self-destruction of Morven, Conqueror of all—except Love. The lighter episodes of the play are provided by a Seneschal and Amoranza's maid and by the introduction of morris dancers. The play is said to be rather dull.

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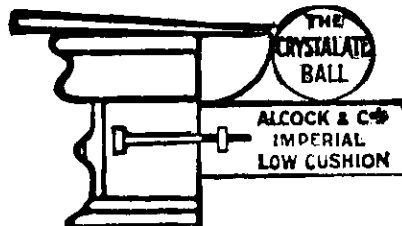
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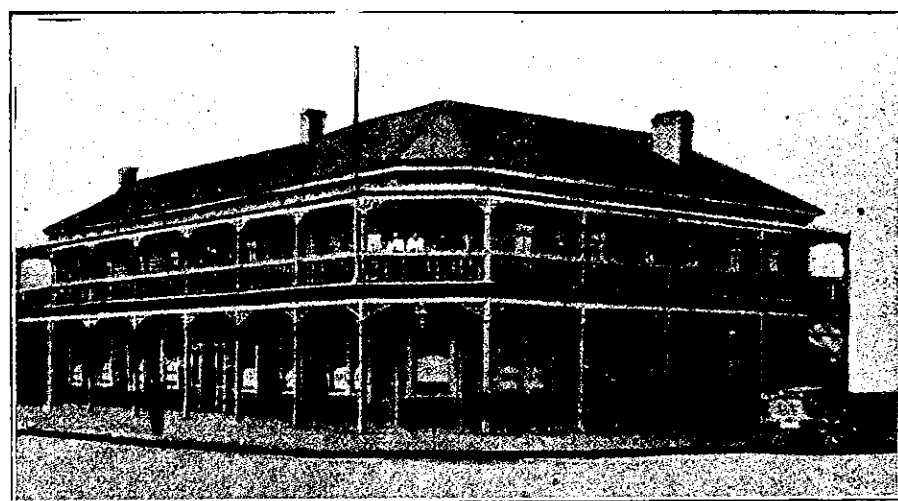
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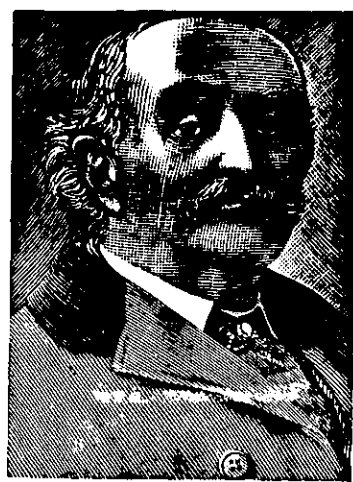
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Trade Topics

Remember—Don't touch the top line.

Mr Baume, M.H.R., is in favour of leaving our licensing laws as they stand.

Mr Aggers one of the City labour candidates is in favour of no-license.

It is anticipated that the statue to Sir John Logan Campbell will be unveiled early in March.

Tenders for the sole rights of the season for the booths at the Takapuna race-course were returnable by noon last Monday.

Mr John McLachlan, the sitting member for Ashburton, stated in a speech at that place last Thursday night that he thought the system of State control would be preferable to so much sly-grog selling.

Mr Bollard, M.H.R., does not see why barmaids should be debarred from earning a livelihood in a lawful calling. He had always found barmaids well behaved.

Mr Baume, M.H.R., is against the bare majority in any referendum on the Bible in schools, totalisator, liquor or any other question.

The late Charles Jackman, who was drowned in the wreck of the La Bella, barquentine, was a brother of Mr. D. J. Jackman, of the Ngaruawahia Hotel.

Our barmaids will no doubt appreciate Mr Bollard's championship, and will each secure for him as many votes as possible.

The wary politician nowadays refuses to be cornered on the no-license question. When the situation becomes menacing he grasps the hands of the people and in them he tells his listeners the question is, let them decide.

Mr J. Dixon Ward, anti-prohibition lecturer, held a most enthusiastic meeting at Onehunga, last Monday evening. His expose of the rotten arguments, and perverted figures frequently quoted by the no-license party, was a revelation to many of the large audience.

Lord Iveagh the well-known philanthropist and brewer, has been created a viscount.

A meeting of the creditors of Sydney Laycock, at one-time hotel-keeping in the Auckland district, is to be held to-day at the office of the Official Assignee.

A carman who was recently before a London magistrate on a charge of drunkenness, complained that he had protested at the Police Court that he was not drunk. He said he had gone through four out of the five tests put to him. The fifth—that of standing on his right foot and putting the ball of the left foot on the calf of the right leg—he failed at.

Mr Tom G. Woolley, the American prohibition lecturer, has left New Zealand on account of his poor health. He has gone to Manila.

A Coromandel resident has been fined 10s and costs 7s for being found on licensed premises on a Sunday.

Almost two-thirds of the hops in England are being grown in the County of Kent.

Smoking, declares a lady correspondent of London "Truth," develops the moustache, a fact which is well known by small boys and is at once the cause of juvenile smoking in the one sex, and the alarming development of moustaches in the other.

The rate in the Borough of Ashburton in the last complete year of license was 1s in the £, 2s in the £ during the first two years of no-license, and 1s 6d in the £ in the third year of no-license.

During the hearing of the evidence at a coroner's inquest at Poole, it transpired that the deceased (a woman) had for a month past been drinking weekly three pints of vinegar mixed with methylated spirits.

Grape from this district secured a record price of 5s 3d per lb in a Wellington auction mart last week.

A number of the local hotels have sent in contributions to the fund for re-building the Parnell Orphans' Home.

The total cost of Endeavour's buildings at the foot of Queen-street will be between £13,000 and £14,000.

The associations have been recently formed at the Thames. These are the Young Men's No-license and the Liberty League, the former for and the latter against the closing of hotels.

The Otago and Southland Licensed Victuallers' Association have unanimously agreed to take no part in the election of members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Massey says the people should control the liquor question.

A police probationer who recently induced the steward of a steamer to sell him drink on Sunday, pleaded with the steward "To save a life." The steward saved it, and Dr. McArthur fined him £5 for doing so.

"Men, as a rule, know their rights," said Mr. Morison in the Appeal Court at Wellington the other day. "Men, as a rule, do not know their rights," retorted Mr. Justice Denniston. "If they did, you wouldn't be here; I wouldn't be here; none of us would be here!"

Mr. A. M. Tracy, who for many years was behind the bar of the Commercial Hotel, High-street, has purchased Mr. W. E. Dalton's interest in the Exchange Hotel, Thames.

Mr. Fowlds says he is in favour of national or local option by a bare majority; but while we have local option we could not at the same time have national option.

CONTINUANCE OF SLY-GROG?

Coming from the sitting member for Ashburton, Mr John McLachlan, the publicly expressed opinion "that he thought the System of State control preferable to so much sly-grog selling," directs the public eye once more to the baneful effects of prohibition. It has always been contended that some of the evils of sly-grog selling are bad enough in appearance, but there are others, unapparent, which left to the imagination lead one to echo the M.H.R.'s words, and say that even State control is better than prohibition results. As the representative for a prohibition district, his opinion must have more than ordinary weight, he being in a position to know, and being in touch with people who can honestly give him an account of the true inwardness of sly-grog selling in his electorate. The good that may result in isolated instances from the effects of prohibition are very apparent on the surface, and any such good is loudly advertised and set forth by prohibitionists, the evils are kept carefully in the background, nothing but fearless expressions of opinion such as that given by Mr McLachlan drag these evils to the fore front and cause even the most apathetic moderate drinker to waken up to the determination that he and his are not to be deluded and cajoled into voting no-license and sly-grog. The two are inseparable while human nature exists. Let anyone for a moment conjure up what sort of a state of affairs we would have in a seaport town like ours if we were under a reign of sly-grog. Indescribable would be mildly fitting. To the man or woman who uses alcoholic liquors to his or her own benefit, comfort or enjoyment, sly-grog dealing can have no charms, they know full well that the unfortunates who cannot control themselves and drink too freely, would only sink deeper and deeper in the mire of sly-grog dens. Instead of a minority being benefited by the discomfure of a majority, that minority would sink beyond redemption, with the grave possibility of its numbers being added to instead of lessened. The contrast between legalised liquor selling, with its attendant comforts, and sly-grog selling with its attendant evils is such a black one that no evenly minded person can do otherwise than vote continuance.

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TO-NIGHT'S DEBATE.

At the Opera House to-night the Rev. N. A. Davis for the prohibitionists, and Mr J. Dixon Ward for the anti-prohibitionists.



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The New Zealand Year Book for 1904 shows that during the year 1903 there were 8528 deaths recorded in the colony, and of those but 67 are set down as being caused by intemperance, this being less than one per cent. of the recorded deaths of that year.

Among other new leagues that have been formed there is the "League of Rest," whose members, it is understood, are under solemn obligation not to work between meals.

During 1904 the total revenue collected in the colony on cigars, cigarettes, snuff and tobacco amounted to over £451,000.

New Zealanders per head consume on an average yearly 2.56lb of tobacco. West Australians are the biggest consumers, their average being 4.58lb.

Mr J. B. Martin, proprietor of one of New York's leading restaurants, has posted a notice promising £20 to each of his 400 employees who marries, and £10 when the first child is born.

The liquor question has not as yet taken a prominent part in New South Wales. In New Zealand it may be truthfully said that politics do not take a prominent part in the liquor question.

In Wellington to-day there are fifty-three hotels against fifty-five ten years ago.

Mr. Herries says that he is not a prohibitionist, but whatever the mandate of the electors, it would be his duty, if elected, to carry it out in a local manner and to the best of his ability.

The No-license party intend nominating a candidate to oppose Mr. Seddon in Westland, solely to have the local option vote taken.

A Wellington candidate recently stated that if the number of hotels were reduced, it would mean that the few that were left would have a larger number of customers, and that meant an increase in the custom of "shouting," a custom which he regarded as an evil.

tionists, will discuss the question "Would No-license, as provided for by the New Zealanders, be justifiable and in the best interests of the community?" Mr J. C. Macky will preside. The conditions of debate which have been arranged are as follows—Mr Davis to be allowed thirty minutes to open the debate; Mr Ward to be allowed thirty minutes to follow; Mr Davis to be allowed twenty minutes for reply; Mr Ward to be allowed ten minutes to close; the chairman to strike a two minutes before time expires in the case; chairman to allow time off for interruptions or points of order. For admission on the charge will be one shilling to the dress circle and orchestral stalls, and one shilling to other parts of the house. After all expenses connected with the hire of the Opera House, etc., have been paid, any surplus will be presented to the Auckland Hospital.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

Mr Jim Baxter, country representative for Messrs Hancock and Co., Ltd., had a very narrow escape from what might have been a very serious, if not a fatal accident, last Saturday afternoon. He was riding up the Tokatea range, at Coromandel, when his horse stumbled and fell over the embankment. Fortunately, Mr Baxter escaped with only a severe shaking, but the animal was very badly cut about the hindquarters. The lucky traveller shortly after his adventure procured a fresh horse and continued on his journey.

NO WILFUL INTENT.

At the Pukekohe S.M. Court, one day last week, Mr James Dixon Ward, the well-known anti-prohibition lecturer, made his bow to Mr H. W. Northcroft, S.M. Mr Ward was charged with having committed a breach of the Electoral Act by making a claim for enrolment before he had been twelve months in the colony. In the evidence it was stated that on July 6 Mr Ward had signed an enrolment form, and was placed upon the Franklin roll, and afterwards transferred to Auckland. He then discovered he was not qualified, and wrote to the Registrars at Auckland and Franklin explaining his error, and asking to have his name removed. Up to the time of the receipt of these letters the Registrars were not aware that he was not qualified. He was now qualified to enrol. Mr Northcroft held that there was no wilful intent, and the case was dismissed.

MORE WOOL PULLING.

In St. George's Hall, one night last week, Mr Geo. Fowlds, in answer to a question, said that no prohibitionist wanted to shut up hotels, but merely to stop the sale of liquor, the inference being that the hotels can keep open, but can do so without the aid of the sale of liquors. Now, Mr. George Fowlds is largely credited by a number of people as being a man who knows to a considerable extent what he is talking about, and the writer takes it that he has now joined the sixteen-pints-in-your-own-house party, who are by much pulling of wool trying to obscure the vision of the free and independent. Being somewhat of a traveller, the member for Grey Lynn knows full well that up-to-date hotels (as insisted upon by licensing committees) cannot be conducted in anything like comfortable style on the profit that is made from feeding and housing even a teetotal M.H.R. If as he wishes us to infer, it can be done, how is it then, that the majority of teetotalers choose a licensed house as their temporary quarters when away from home. Mr Fowlds also knows full well that the stopping of the sale of liquor and the closing of hotels are one and the same thing. The latter would follow the enforcement of the former so closely as to be indistinguishable, except, of course, to those who allow themselves to be blinded by such nonsense, or those who are wilfully blind. As for not wanting to close the hotels, it is the opinion of the majority of people that the prohibitionists who have got prohibition had would not only close up the hotels, but everything else that did not bear the brand of their approval.

A FOOLISH BAIT.

The attempts that are being made by the prohibition party, under the guise of the No-License League, to fool the working man voter, are most laughable. To the man who takes and enjoys his pint of beer, the bait of two gallons in his own house tickles him, but does not hook him. He knows, that is, the working man knows, that there is no intention on the part of the prohibition party that he should be left to the enjoyment of his keg in his own house. He also knows that the ways and means of getting that keg into his own house would be made exceedingly difficult for him, and that it would only be a question of time, and a very short time, too, if the "probe" party had their way, when he would wake up to the fact that the source of

supply of that proposed adjunct to his household requisites would be so far away as to be beyond the reach of his means. To his better off fellow men the source of supply being further removed would mean a little more expense, but would not prohibit them from indulging in their glass of liquor. To the working man it would mean absolute prohibition so that let the pill be wrapped up as it may, there it stands; no-license simply means prohibition for the poorer classes. Another point that appeals more strongly to many working men, and that is, that however free he may feel he is to indulge in a glass of beer when he feels so inclined, he is not free to take it into his own house and thereby place liquor within the reach of those who are too young to understand the nobleness of that word moderation. If the no-license party hope to gain their ends by the keg inducement, then it does not say much for their powers of discernment, and they have started a herring across the path that will prove their undoing.

BUSINESS.

Business is reported as having shown some improvement since the end of last month. As yet the tourist traffic has not increased very much, and is not up to the proportion that it would no doubt be had we had more settled weather. As it is the few fine days we have experienced have had the effect of bringing more people into town, with a consequent improvement in the retail trade. The booth holders at the Ellerslie races were unfortunate in having a wet, boisterous day for the beginning of the season.

COSTLY ILLEGAL BUSINESS.

A Lower Queen-street restaurateur named Peter Franchi has for some little time past occupied a good deal of the local Magistrate's Court. Incidentally he has added comfortable sums to the country's revenue, and also to the income of several gentlemen of the law. Starting off he faced a charge of over-working some employees; this resulted in heavy fines. Smarting under this, Peter had a turn on his own, and had several of his late employees before the Court on several charges of theft. These charges were all dismissed, Peter paying costs, and the possibility of more being heard of the matter from the other side. The third and last act up to the time of writing was enacted in the Police Court last Friday, when Peter pleaded not

guilty of having sold liquor without a license. These ex-employees gave evidence for the prosecution, which was that two men who had come into the restaurant for oyster suppers asked for ten bottles of beer, tendering half a sovereign in payment. Franchi sent out and procured draught beer, filling it into bottles with bottled beer labels on. On another occasion a man was charged two shillings for a bottle of stout, which had cost one shilling. After the evidence had been heard, Franchi's counsel decided not to put his client into the witness box to give evidence on oath. The magistrate said he was satisfied on the evidence for the prosecution that liquor had been sold by Franchi without a license. On the first charge he fined defendant £10 and costs £1 8s, and on the second he was fined £25, and costs 7s. The revenue cock has crowed thrice, it is now up to Peter.

SOUTHERN CHANGES.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers of Wellington, have recently effected the following changes in hotel properties. Mr Sidney Diamond's interest in the freehold of the Occidental Hotel, Lambton Quay, to a Wellington resident. Mr P. Burke's interest in His Lordship's Larder Hotel, Lichfield-street, Christchurch, to Mr Lahman, formerly of Wellington, the lease and goodwill of the new Railway Hotel, Palmerston North, which has recently been re-built and newly furnished, to Mr John Hurley, a well-known farmer of Palmerston North; and Mr J. Crechman's interest in the Grovetown Hotel, Blenheim, to Mrs Strouts, formerly of Christchurch.

TEMPERATE NEW ZEALAND.

The New Zealand "Times" recently published an account of an interview with Mr James S. McConechie, representative for the Manchester Ship Canal, who has been long enough and has travelled sufficiently in the colony to gain many impressions. After saying many nice things of the colony and its people, Mr McConechie goes on to remark how particularly he is struck with the temperate nature of the people of New Zealand, and adds, "I don't think I've ever been anywhere where I've seen so little drinking. I've been living in hotels ever since I've been in the colony, and I really don't believe I've seen half-a-dozen 'Whiskies and sodas' drunk. There may be drinking, but I have not seen it, and the impression I have gained is that the people as a whole must be very temperate."

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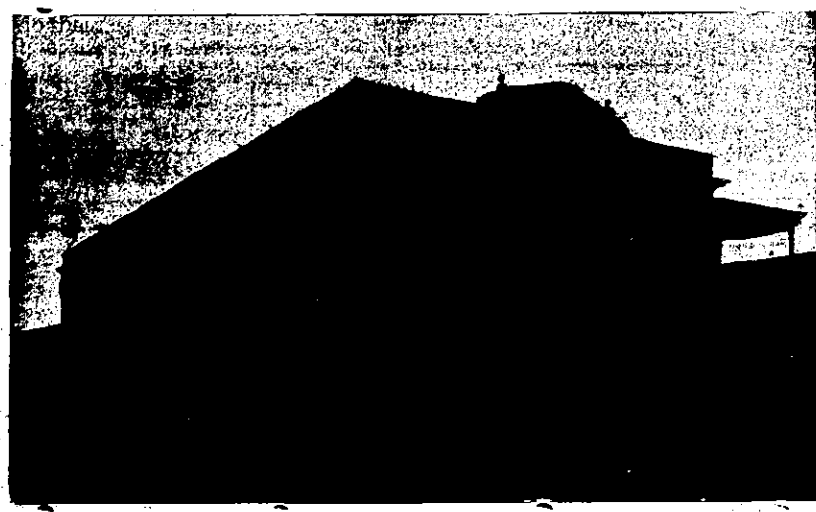


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GRAPE CULTURE.

The phenomenal price of 5s 5d per pound for Auckland-grown grapes, which was recently obtained in Wellington, will, no doubt, result in greater interest being taken in the proper cultivation of this luscious fruit. The grapes which brought the above-named price came from the Government experimental vineyard, at Birkenhead of which Mr A. M. Wilson is the owner. Signor Bragato, Government Viticulturist, has been carrying out experiments there in the forcing of early grapes. The consignment sent to Wellington consisted of six cases. The owner states that in addition to being the earliest, the present is the finest and heaviest crop he has ever had in the vineyard. Another experimental station has been established at Aratahi, near Hastings. Signor Bragato has been there recently on a tour of inspection, and he intends making a tour of the South Island, and the East and West Coasts of this island as far as New Plymouth, to demonstrate to growers the results to be achieved by the cultivation of table grapes under glass.

A NEW NAME.

The business of the American Tobacco Company of New Zealand, Limited, has been acquired by the British Empire Trading Company, Limited. The articles most widely known here that are controlled by this solidly titled company are the Old Judge, Three Castles, and Vanity Fair cigarettes. The company under its former title came in for a good deal of hostile comment from its very American Trust-like method of handling business. It now remains to be seen whether or not the new title, which has a more homely smack about it, will prevent it from being named in anti-trust legislation.

THE CHANGE DID HIM NO GOOD.

According to the "Grey River Argus," a man was charged in the Magistrate's Court there not long since with having been on licensed premises on a Sunday. He cheerfully explained to the magistrate that whilst on his road to church he discovered that the coins he held were too large to put in the plate, and that he went into the pub. to get some small change. However, the magistrate was in a critical frame of mind, and explained to the defendant that a quarter past eleven was the time set down against the alleged offence, and that church went in at eleven. What could a man do with a magistrate like that but pay the fine.

COME HOME, FATHER.

Father, dear father, come home with me now;
For mother is out to the club;
You said you were coming right home from your work
To get the dear children some grub.
The cook has gone out; her club also meets;
The janitor's gone on a spree;
And poor brother Bennie has swallowed a nail,
And no one to help him but me.

Father, dear father, come home with me now;
There's scrubbing and sweeping to do;
While mother is solving the problems of state
The children are crying for you.
The socks must be darned, the patches tacked on,
The beds must be turned back to air;
And mother's shirt-waist must be ironed to-night
Or she will have nothing to wear.
Father, dear father, come home with me now;
It's lonely without any man;
And mother will grieve when she comes from the club
If things are not fixed spick and span.
Don't swear, dear papa, it isn't polite;
The children in hearing might be
So let business slide, for dear mother, you know,
Might bring home a few friends to tea.

DUNCAN M. SMITH.

Three thousand gallons of water are conveyed by rail from Steaford to Surfleet (Lincolnshire) twice a week for the use of a brewery. The local river is impregnated with salt.

In the country districts of Kent hop-heads are largely eaten, when in the early part of the season, the superfluous shoots are cut away from the plants. It is said they make a delicious dish and possess certain highly beneficial properties.

The following table of weights is very useful:—Two ounces are equal to six pennies or ten shillings in silver; one ounce to half the above; half-an-ounce to two and sixpence in silver, or one penny and one halfpenny; a-quarter of an ounce to one and threepence in silver, or one threepenny bit and a halfpenny.

AN EMINENT DIVINE.

An eminent divine named Dr. Howard Crosby says that the main effects of prohibition where tried are poor liquor, large prices for it, an increase in the inmates of lunatic asylums, poverty for the farmer, and a system of semi-thievery and deliberate falsehood on the part of the inhabitants and transients, which unfit them for prayer and church-going.

WORK AND ALCOHOL.

The theory that alcohol stimulants enable a man to do better work for long hours is evidently supported by the majority of those engaged in the duty of lumping coal (says the "Sydney Telegraph" in a recent issue. A witness in the Arbitration Court, Herbert Neilsen, a member of the Sydney Coal Lumpers' Union, said he took spirits with him down the harbour when working on a long job of over 12 hours, and found it absolutely necessary to do so in order that he should get through the long hours. He admitted that he could do the work if he did not drink the spirits, but at the same time his opinion was that if he did he was able to do better work. In answer to a question by Mr W. M.

Hughes, witness said that any number of men took spirits in the same way when working these long hours; there were only about one or two of every eight or ten who did not. Judge Heydon, while admitting that the witness was the best judge of his own case, and his own personal opinion held that there were very few men who would not do their work better if they took no spirits at all. Witness explained, with an air of protest, that he took the spirits mixed in water, but His Honor hastened to assure him that he did not reproach him for it. Indeed, the witness, he added, was the picture of a man in perfect condition. Here, it may be added, is clearly a case where the conditions and nature of the work in which the lumper was engaged are so totally different from those of Judge Heydon that the latter's personal opinion is not ap-

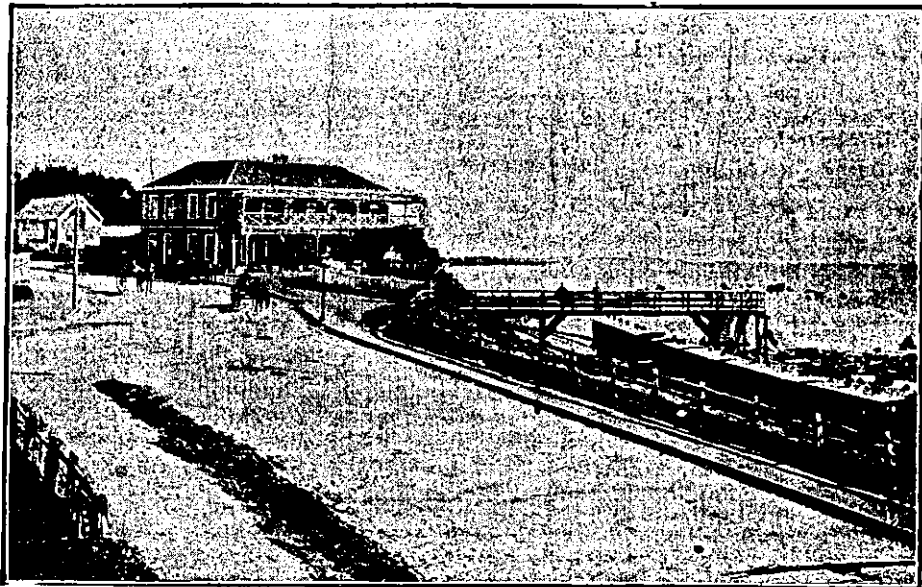
plicable. The chances are if His Honor was on a coal lumping job for twelve hours his personal opinions would be subject to considerable variation.

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PARS ON POLITICS.

The Premier visited Huntly and Pukekohe on Monday. At Huntly Mr. Massey, who was a passenger by the express to Morrinsville, exchanged greetings with Mr. Seddon, who jocularly remarked that he had come up to give Mr. Massey a turn. After addressing a meeting at Huntly, the Premier returned to Pukekohe by the down express. Speaking at Pukekohe, he said that whilst every progressive measure of the present Government had been opposed by the Opposition, the latter party was now supporting them all and taking credit to themselves for so doing. It had been said that a strong Opposition was a good brake on the State coach. This was true when it was going downhill, but in the case of the present Government the coach had been going uphill, and the Opposition brake had made it a terrible load to bear. They had been told that the Premier should not travel round the country; but it should be borne in mind that there were 80 or probably 120 candidates in the colony who were taking every chance to say something against the Government. Mr. Massey had invited him to come to the Franklin district and to contest the seat with him. He therefore hoped that Mr. Massey would fully appreciate the consideration that was being shown to him. His duty was to go wherever the people desired to see him.

In the evening the Premier was entertained at a largely-attended social by the members of the Pukekohe branch of the Liberal and Labour Federation.

Mr. F. Lawry, M.H.R., addressed a large meeting of electors in the Oddfellows' Hall, Parnell, last evening. The Mayor of Parnell (Mr. J. Fitt) presided.

The chairman briefly introduced Mr. Lawry, who, he stated, had represented the constituency in Parliament for fifteen years.

Mr. Lawry, who on rising to speak, was greeted with applause, said that for a time he was going to speak of the past. Fifteen years ago he was asked to contest Parnell, and was promised a requisition from his friends. He replied that he objected to requisitions on principle, be-

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cause they were a direct violation of the secrecy of the ballot-box. He would even favour legislation to make requisitions illegal. Requisitions either violated the secrecy of the ballot-box or made the person signing them tell a deliberate lie. It had been asked, "What has Frank Lawry done for Parnell?" His reply was that he had done all that Parnell had asked him to do. He did not only represent Parnell, but he went to Parliament to represent the people of New Zealand from the North Cape to Stewart Island. When he entered Parliament, in 1887, the whole of the flocks of the country were infected with scab. There had been great loss among the farmers through that disease. He had then assisted to bring pressure to bear upon the Government, and he had the honour of bringing a report down to the House in 1891 stating that there was not a diseased sheep in the colony. As the chairman of the committee set up to make that report he was glad to say that they had shown the world that it was possible to wipe the disease of scab out of their flocks. After that he turned his attention to the rabbits, and yet people said, "What has Frank Lawry done for the colony?" After urging the electors to keep the present Great Liberal Government in power, he was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks and confidence.

The Opposition candidate for Dunedin Central has discovered to his dismay that the roll of that constituency has suddenly been swelled by the addition of some 300 or 400 seamen's names. Some of these seamen are on vessels loading in and out of Auckland, others are on the Island trade, and elsewhere. Mr. Adams, speaking at Waikari, claimed

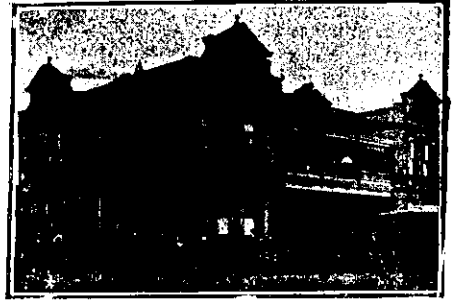
that seamen had a right to vote where their homes were. If they had no homes they should have the privilege of being placed upon the roll of whichever district their ship was in the habit of calling at, but he protested against seamen being placed upon the electoral roll of Dunedin Central when their ships never called there, or their homes were not there. He had men put upon his roll who had no right to be there. He asked the electors if they approved of such things, or whether they reserved to themselves the right to choose their representative? The protest was loudly applauded.

Sir W. Russell addressed a large meeting at Wairoa on Saturday, and was well received. He denied that the Opposition would repeal any Government measures, but severely criticised the "one-man Government," condemning Mr. Seddon as a rail-sitter in his want of policy on the land question. He opposed the compulsory expropriation of land. He favoured granting freehold tenure to every man willing to pay for it, as well as money to buy further land. He supported the alteration of appointments to the Upper House, by placing them on an elective basis, and condemned the principle of letting railways pay only 3 per cent, taxpayers who had no railways being made to pay 1 per cent. for those who used them. As to the Native Land Court, judges should not be re-appointable, but remain in the several districts till their work was completed. The licensing question had passed from the members to the people. All could vote as they pleased in the interests of the country. He was opposed to Bible-reading in

schools. A vote of thanks and confidence was passed unanimously.

The writs, according to statute, will be returnable in twenty-one days, that is on December 18th. The elections will take place a week earlier.

The City Council have decided that where there are no public halls available in the neighbourhood for meetings during the election, no action will be taken in respect of political meetings held in Church halls.



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RESTORATION TO HEALTH.

(By "S A N O.")

One of the supremest joys of life is the experience of full-blooded health after one has suffered bodily pain for a lengthy period, especially when the illness has been of such a nature that nearly all hope of recovery has been abandoned. In these days of strict attention to hygiene, diet, and physical culture, the maintenance of good health has been reduced to a science, and it is comparatively easy to remain well and fit when once in proper form, whilst there are a large number of disorders that afflict humanity which now can be avoided, or readily cured, if the origin of such disorders is understood. It is quite common, still, to regard Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Gravel and Stone, Bladder Troubles, Biliousness, Indigestion, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Anaemia, General Debility, and most blood disorders as being of a specific nature, each calling for independent treatment, when, in fact, all of these disorders have their origin in an inefficient action of the kidneys and liver. The importance of the work which nature has apportioned to the kidneys and liver will be more fully realised by a short account of their respective functions.

The kidneys of the average person filter and extract from the blood about three pints of urine every day. In this quantity of urine should be dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten or twelve grains in weight, of uric acid, and other animal and mineral matter varying from a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. If the kidneys are working freely and healthily, all this solid matter leaves the body dissolved in the urine, but if through weakness or disease, the kidneys are unable to do their work properly, a quantity of these urinary substances remains in the blood and flows through the veins contaminating the whole system. Then we suffer from some form of uric poisoning such as Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Persistent Headache, Neural-

gia, Gravel, Stone, and Bladder Troubles. A simple test to make as to whether the kidneys are healthy is to place some urine, passed the first thing in the morning, in a covered glass, and let it stand until next morning. If it is then cloudy, shows a sediment like brick-dust, is of an unnatural colour, or has particles floating about in it, the kidneys are weak or diseased, and steps must immediately be taken to restore their vigour, or Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some of the many manifestations of uric poisoning will result.

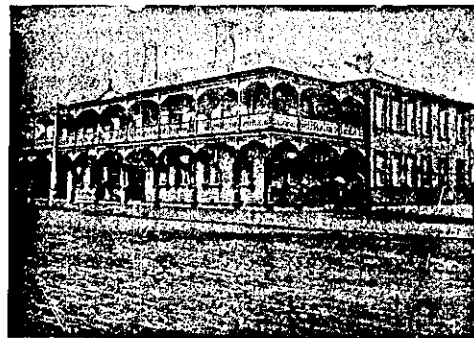
The liver is an automatic chemical laboratory. In the liver various substances are actually made from the blood. Two or three pounds of bile are thus made by the liver every day. The liver takes sugar from the blood, converts it into another form and stores it up so as to be able to again supply it to the blood, as the latter may require enrichment. The liver changes uric acid, which is insoluble, into urea, which is completely soluble, and the liver also deals with the blood corpuscles which have lived their life and are useful no longer. When the liver is inactive or diseased we suffer from some form of biliary poisoning such as Indigestion, Biliousness, Anemia, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility, and Blood Disorders.

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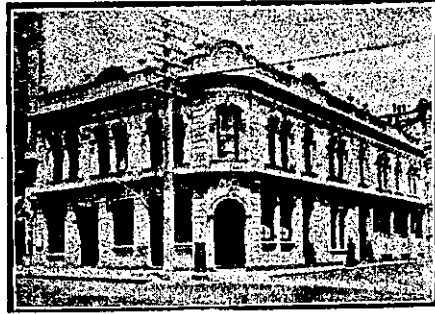
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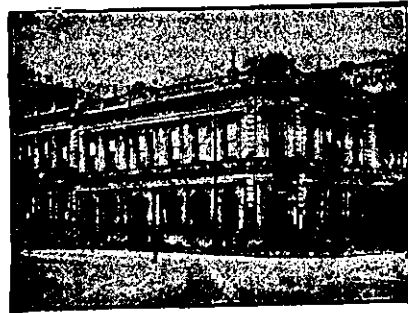
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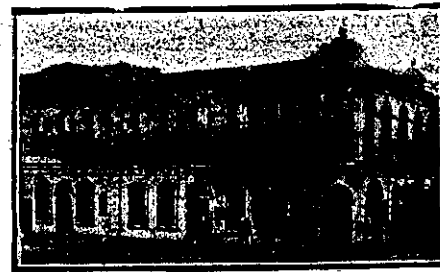
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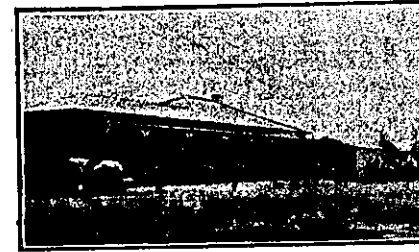
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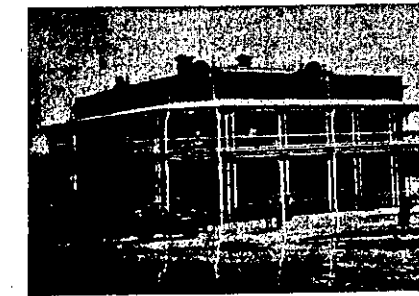
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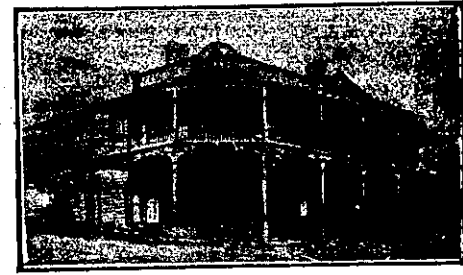
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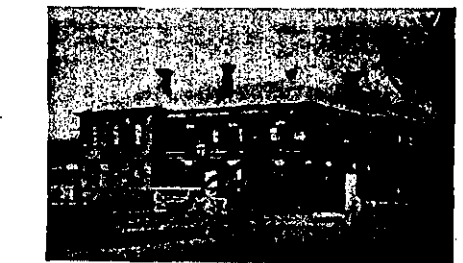
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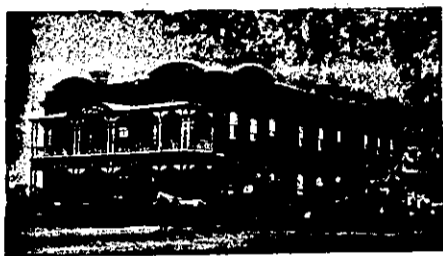
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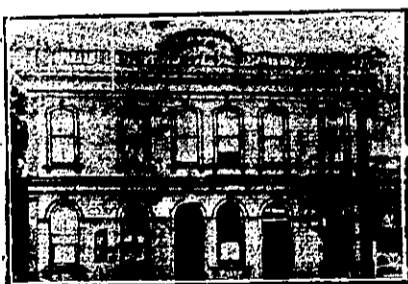
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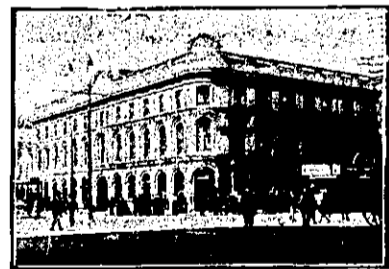
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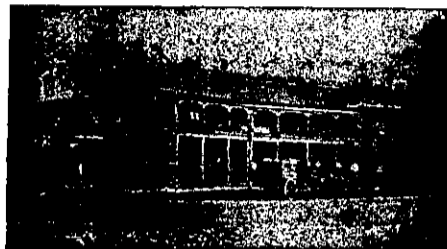
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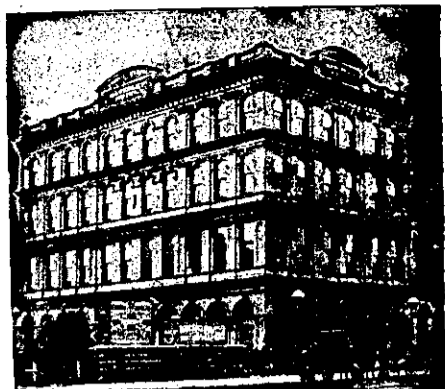
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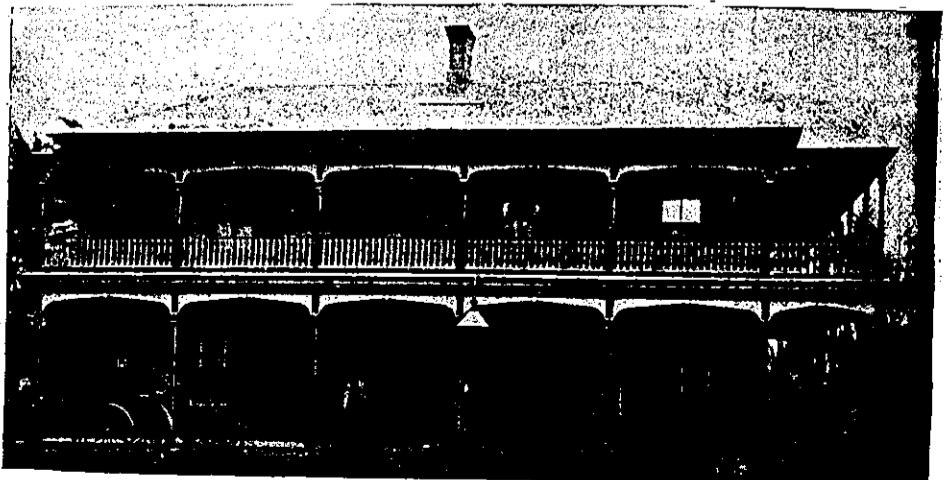
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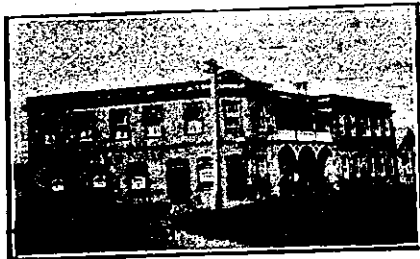
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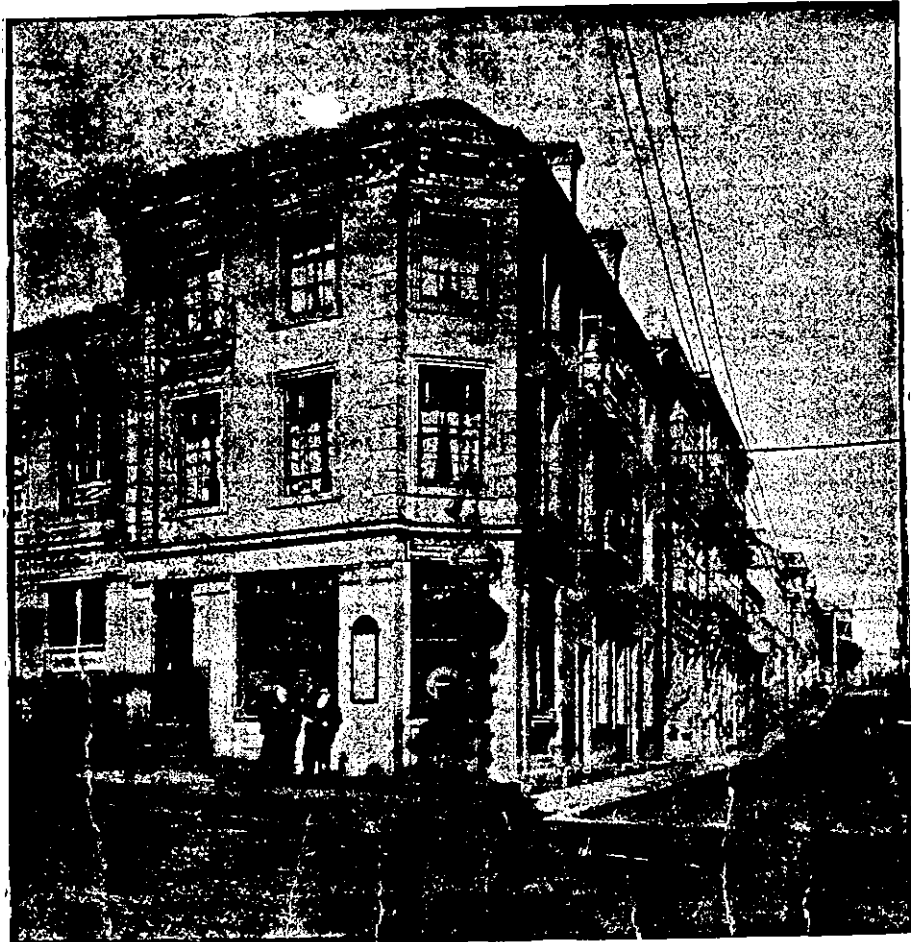
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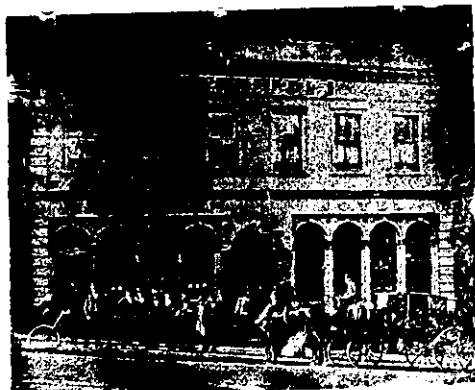
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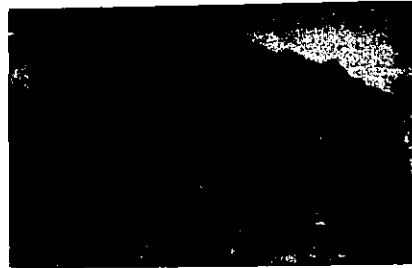
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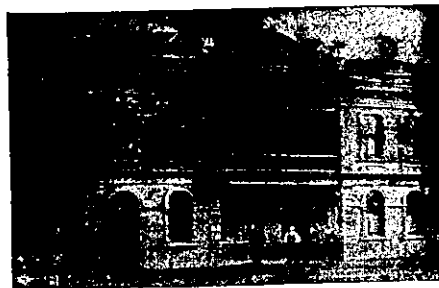
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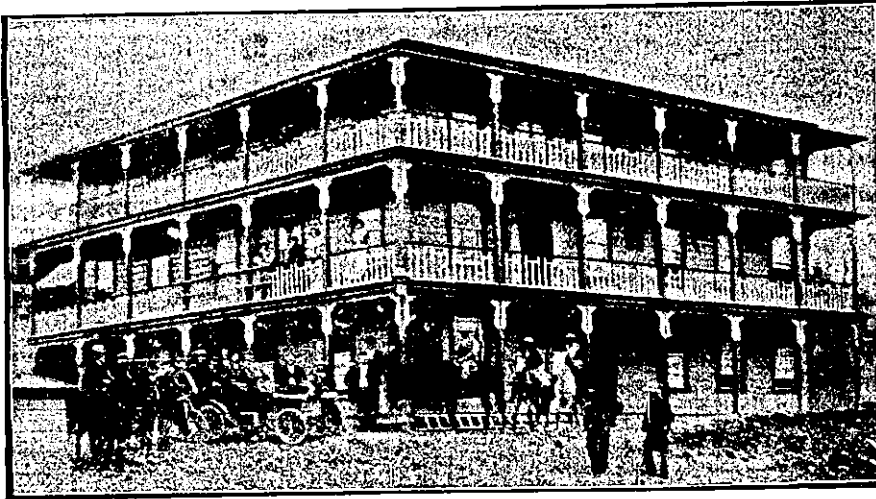
Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been thoroughly renovated, and will afford excellent accommodation for boarders and country visitors. Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Terms Moderate.



WHANGAREI HOTEL,
WHANGAREI.

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



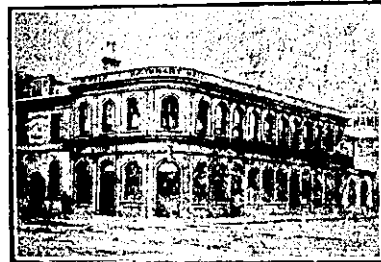
THE JUNCTION HOTEL

KAWAKAWA.

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.

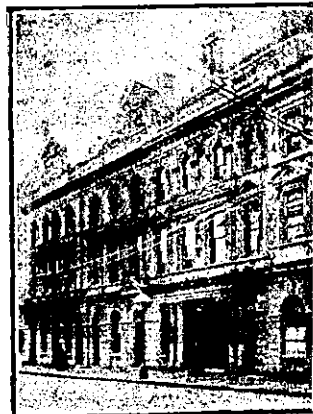
HAIG & HAIG
Three Star
SCOTS WHISKY



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.

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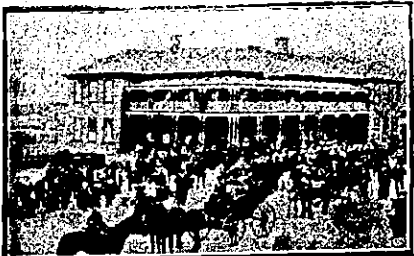


JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM.

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—
W. COTTERALL Proprietor.



PALACE HOTEL.

THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.

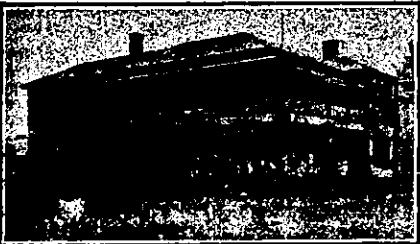
FRANK PILLING Proprietor.

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: 85s per Week, or 6s per Day.

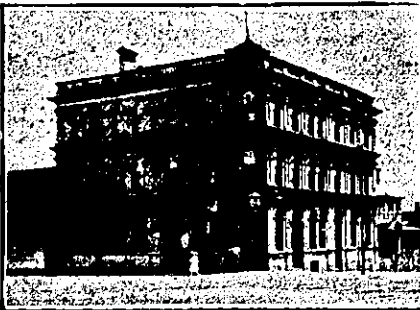
THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT.



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, Paddock and Billiards.



CITY HOTEL, CORNER OF VICTORIA AND HOBSON STS, AUCKLAND.

WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry)

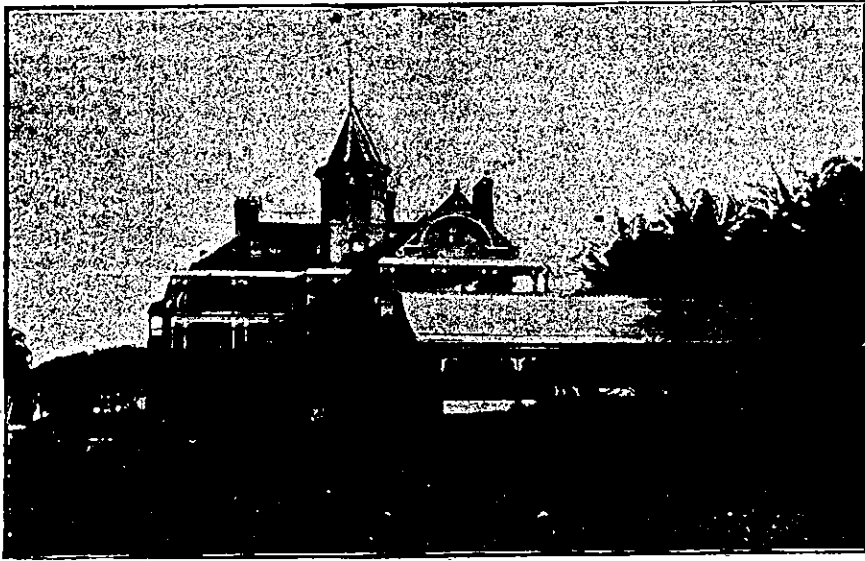
Will be glad to welcome old and New Friends at the above Popular House. The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.

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.

HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY.
L. B. HARRIS.....PROPRIETOR.

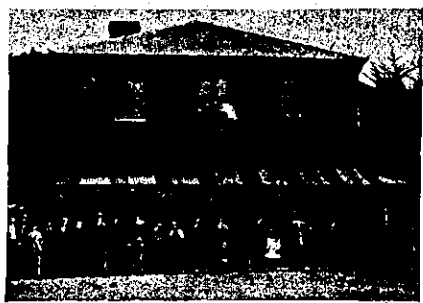
This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

H. S. BOOKER Proprietor.



RAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGAHAKE
Across the Bridge.

MR P. CROSSBY Proprietor.

This is the best hotel in the district. It 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.

WHAROA HOTEL, MAIN-STREET, WAIKINO.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

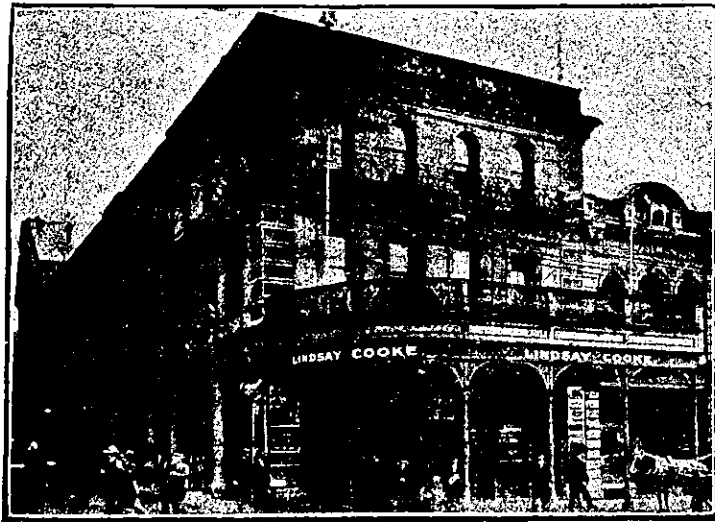
RALPH MONTGOMERY (lately manager of the above Hotel) has taken it over on his own, and trusts to see all his old patrons. Extensive additions are now being made, and when complete the Hotel will be second to none in the district. Don't forget to call on RALPH MONTGOMERY.

S. W. BUCK, SUFFOLK HOTEL, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND.

Having taken possession of the above Hotel I shall be glad to see all my Old Friends and Customers.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only. Billiards.

S. W. BUCK Proprietor.



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.



China & Glassware.

We hold the most up-to-date Stock of Limes required by Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants, Boarding Houses, etc.

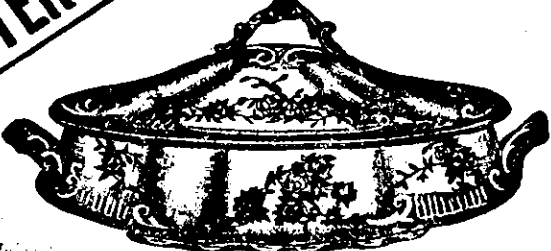
We quote Special Prices to the Trade.

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

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

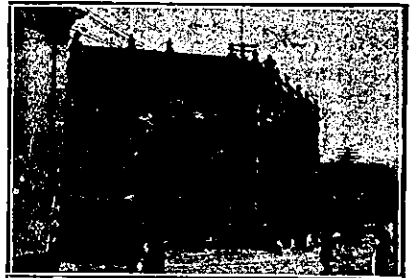
STOCK PATTERNS.—Dozens of Matching Patterns in Tea and Dinner Ware to select from.

Wholesale Dept.
Lorne St.



TANFIELD POTTER & CO., RETAIL, 243 Queen St.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

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

ROBERT HUNT (late of Marton), Proprietor.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL, CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR S. J. FLEWELLYN (late of the Clarendon, Christchurch), has taken over the above popular hostelry, which will be found thoroughly up-to-date. The bars are as bright and cosy as to be found anywhere and are stocked with the best liquors procurable.

S. J. FLEWELLYN Proprietor.



CENTRAL HOTEL, QUEEN-STREET, MASTERTON.

The Best-Appointed and Most Up-to-date Inland Hotel in the Colony. Tourists especially 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. C. FABER Proprietor.

THE HOME OF THE TOURIST.

The above hotel has just been rebuilt and newly furnished throughout in an up-to-date style. The reading, writing and smoke rooms are replete with every convenience. The greatest care is taken to maintain a reputation for home comfort. Dark room for photographers.

CASSEY'S FAMILY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT.

MR JOHN YOUNG begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Gardens.

Excellent Table, and Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.

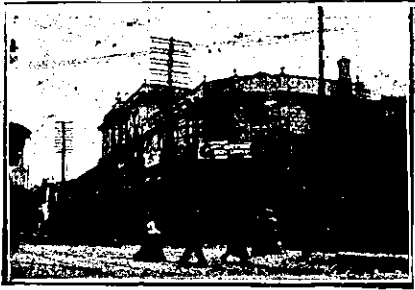
JOHN YOUNG Proprietor

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON

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

A. C. SCRIMGEOUR Proprietor.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



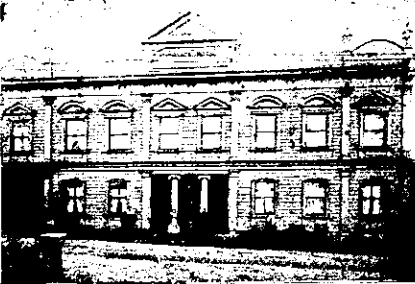
ALBERT HOTEL,
WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR D. P. BARRETT
Has pleasure in intimating that he has taken over the proprietorship of this well-known Commercial and Family Hotel, and trusts that his long experience in first-class hotel-keeping will add to the comfort of visitors. Suits of Rooms and all first class Accommodation for Tourists and Boarders. Excellent Table kept.

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff.
Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table
Ample Stabling and Paddockings.
Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.

ANDREW LAING (late of Dannevirke).....Proprietor



PRIVATE HOTEL,
No 70, INGESTRE STREET,
WELLINGTON.

First-class Accommodation. Good Table. All Up-to-date conveniences. Terms Moderate. Tel. 1053.

JOSEPH ROSS ... Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

R. J. WALTERS ... Proprietor.

First-class accommodation for visitors and the travelling public.
Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept.
First-class Billiard-room.

CLUB HOTEL,

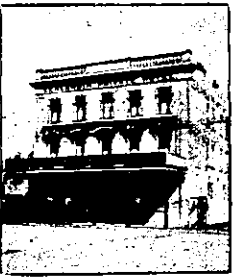
LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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 Whiskies, Wines and Brandies.
Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for (one
Upstairs and dining-room under supervision of Mrs Devine.
Up-to-date Billiard Room, under capable management.
W. DEVINE (Late of Marton Hotel)..... Proprietor

CALEDONIAN HOTEL,
OPPOSITE BASIN RESERVE, WELLINGTON.

Trams Pass the Hotel every few minutes.

I beg to announce that the house, which has only lately been rebuilt and refurnished, is now open to the travelling public. Good table kept at a reasonable tariff. None but the best brands of Wines and Spirits stocked, and only Speight's best draught Ales on tap.
GEO. A. ALLEN,
Late of the Albert Hotel, Wellington, Proprietor.

PRINCESS HOTEL,
TERRACE END, PALMERSTON NORTH.

The travelling public can rely on being supplied with the best liquors, comfortable bedrooms, and first-class table. Finest Billiard Room and Table on the Coast. Terms moderate.

G. J. BARFORD .. Proprietor.

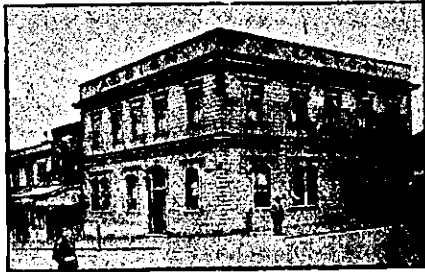
GRAND NATIONAL HOTEL
PRINCE, WELLINGTON.

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 hotel, 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.

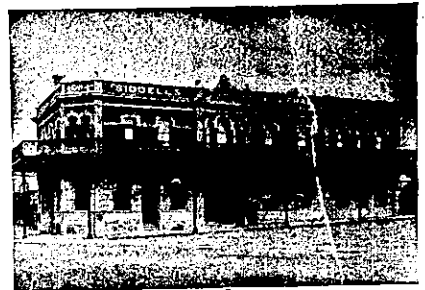


ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI.

(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.



SIDDELLS FEDERAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

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

RAILWAY HOTEL
(OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION).
MARTON JUNCTION.

W. CLARKE .. Proprietor.

All trains stop sufficient time at station to enable passengers to obtain refreshments.
Good accommodation for the travelling public; also good stabling.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



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

This commodious and well furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Mr Bennett's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night Porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams promptly attended to. P.O. Box 138. Telephone 84.



CRITERION HOTEL, WANGANUI

This well-known hotel is in close proximity to the railway-station, thereby offering great facility to the travelling public of being able to leave by the early trains. Guests may depend upon being called in time, a porter being kept for that purpose. The bedrooms are well and comfortably furnished, and the fittings and accommodation throughout are all that can be desired. The wines and spirits are all of the choicest and best brands. Table d'Hote daily from 12 to 2, and meals at all hours for travellers.
W. H. BLEASEL .. Proprietor.



PROVINCIAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.
ONLY THE BEST OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.

W. TUCK Proprietor.

THE COMMERCIAL PRIVATE HOTEL, FEILDING.

Recently opened. Has been built in the most up-to-date style, and offers superior accommodation, together with the comforts of a home.

Excellent Cuisine.
Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.
Moderate Tariff.

R. 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 guarantees strict attention, the best of wine and spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

WELLINGTON—Continued.

WAIRARAPA HOUSE
51, KENT TERRACE, WELLINGTON.

SITUATED in the quietest and healthiest part of Wellington, yet only minutes (per tram) to the heart of the city.

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

Trams stop at the door.
Tariff from 4s per day. Special arrangements for Families and Permanent Boarders.

GEORGE COKER
(Late of the Wairarapa),
PROPRIETOR.

CENTRAL HOTEL
WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf).

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

ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT
MODERATE CHARGES.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

IMPERIAL HOTEL
DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

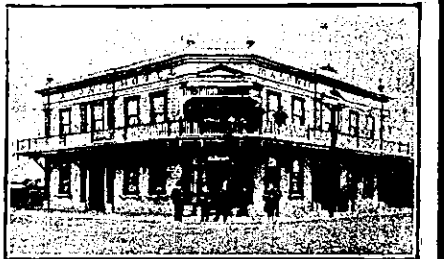
JAMES SMITH..... Proprietor.

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

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

Terms, 6s 6d per day.

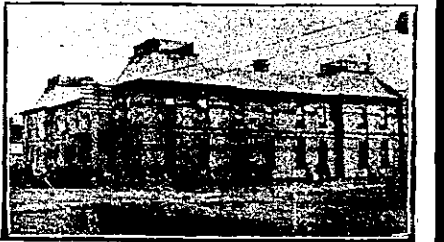
TELEPHONE 123. Box 83.



MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA

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

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best 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 Receive prompt attention.
TELEPHONE 747.



THE METROPOLITAN
Grand Central Coffee Palace
and Restaurant

CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH
Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks.
(Recognised as the Leading Unlicensed Hotel in Taranaki.)

The above is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Lady and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Drawing-rooms, Spacious Dining-rooms, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Conventual and Commodious Sample Rooms.

THE PROPRIETOR IS UNDER AN EXPERIENCED CHEF.

TERMS: Per Day, 4s;
Per Week, 25s.

ARROWSMITH, PROPRIETOR.

