

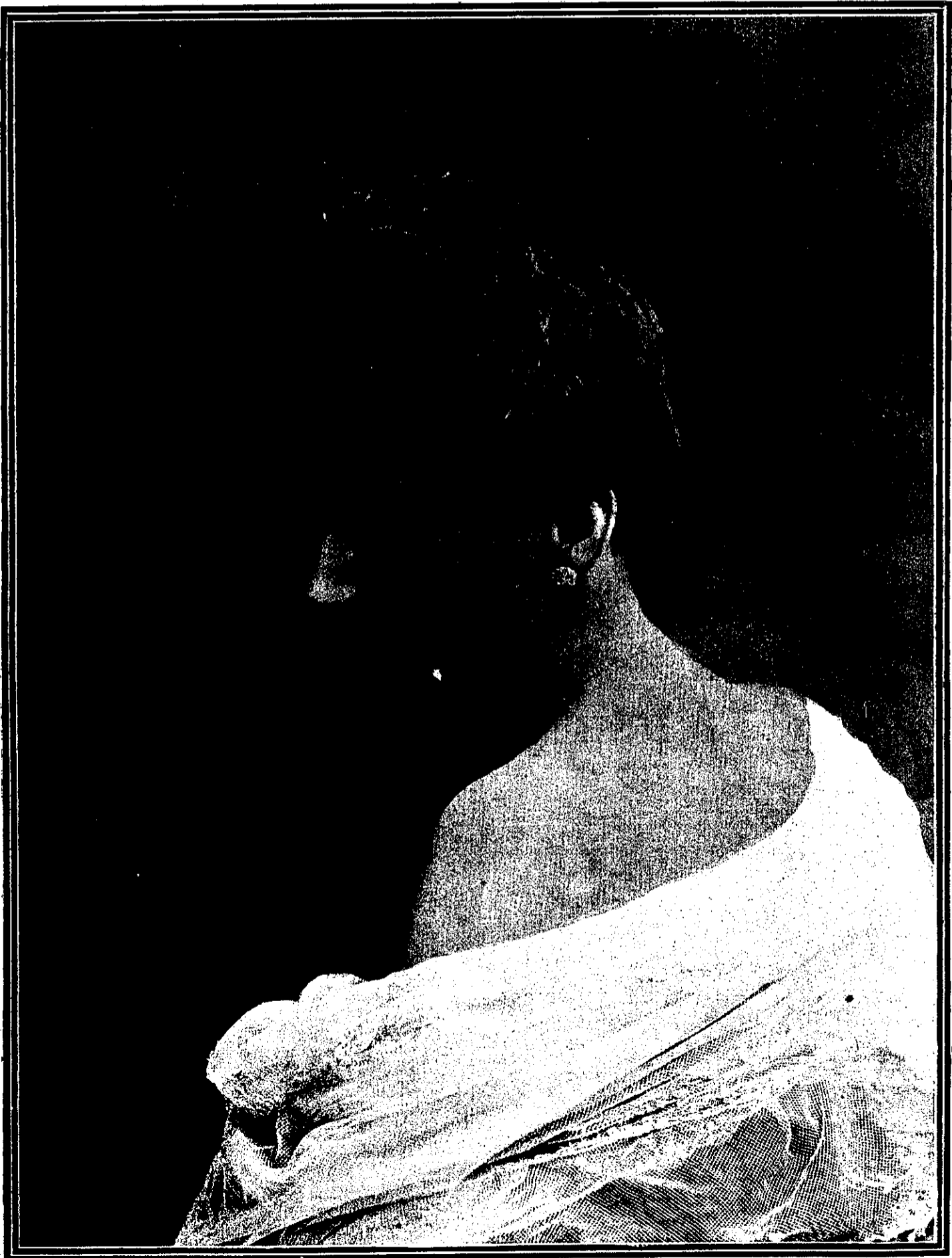
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ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held on Stratford Racecourse on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, March 14th and 15th, 1906.

ABRIDGED PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY—WED., MARCH 14.

- 1. 12 noon—TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP, of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8st 7lb. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
- 2. 12.45 p.m.—BOROUGH STAKES, of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of 15sovs at the time of start. Weights for two-year-olds, 7st 7lb; three-year-olds, 8st; four-year-olds and upwards, 8st 7lb. Entrance 20s. Four furlongs and a-half.
- 3. 1.30 p.m.—STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP (Open), of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 50s. Nine furlongs.
- 4. 2.15 p.m.—MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. One mile.
- 5. 3 p.m.—OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Winner of any hurdle race or races after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 25s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft 6in batten hurdles.
- 6. 3.45 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses four-year-old and upwards that are not nominated for any other race at this meeting (Toko Welter Handicap, Cardiff Stakes, and Ladies' Purse excepted), and have never started in any race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and winners of those barred). Welter weight for age. Gentlemen riders. A trophy of the value of 10sovs will be presented to the rider of the winner. Entrance 20s. One mile.
- 7. 4.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP (Open), of 90sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
- 8. 5 p.m.—RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 25s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY—THURS., MARCH 15.

- 1. 12 noon—TOKO WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8st. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
- 2. 12.30 p.m.—NGAIRE HACK HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
- 3. 1.15 p.m.—ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP (Open), of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 40s. One mile.
- 4. 2 p.m.—MAKURI HURDLE HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 15s. Acceptance 25s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft 6in batten hurdles.
- 5. 2.45 p.m.—CARDIFF STAKES of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of start. Weight 8st. Winner of

any race to carry 9st. Entrance 20s. Four furlongs and a-half.

- 6. 3.30 p.m.—COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. One mile.
- 7. 4.15 p.m.—LADIES' PURSE HACK HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 35sovs at the time of entry. Minimum weight 10st. Gentlemen riders. A trophy of the value of 10sovs will be presented to the rider of the winner. Nomination 10s. Acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs.
- 8. 4.45 p.m.—FINAL HANDICAP (Open), of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s. Acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NOMINATIONS for the Ohura Hurdle Hack Handicap, Stratford Cup (Open) Handicap, Midhirst Hack Handicap, Tariki Welter Hack Handicap, Flying (Open) Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, Makuri Hurdle Hack Handicap, Ngaire Hack Handicap, St. Patrick's (Open) Handicap, Toko Welter Hack Handicap, County Hack Handicap, Ladies' Purse Hack Handicap, and Final (Open) Handicap close on SATURDAY, 24th February, 1906, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's Races declared on or about SATURDAY, 3rd March, 1906; and for Second Day's events on WEDNESDAY, March 14th, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events, and **ENTRIES** for Borough Stakes, Farmers' Plate, and Cardiff Stakes close on TUESDAY, March 6th, 1906.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events close at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, March 14th, 1906.

For full programme see "Referee" January 17th.

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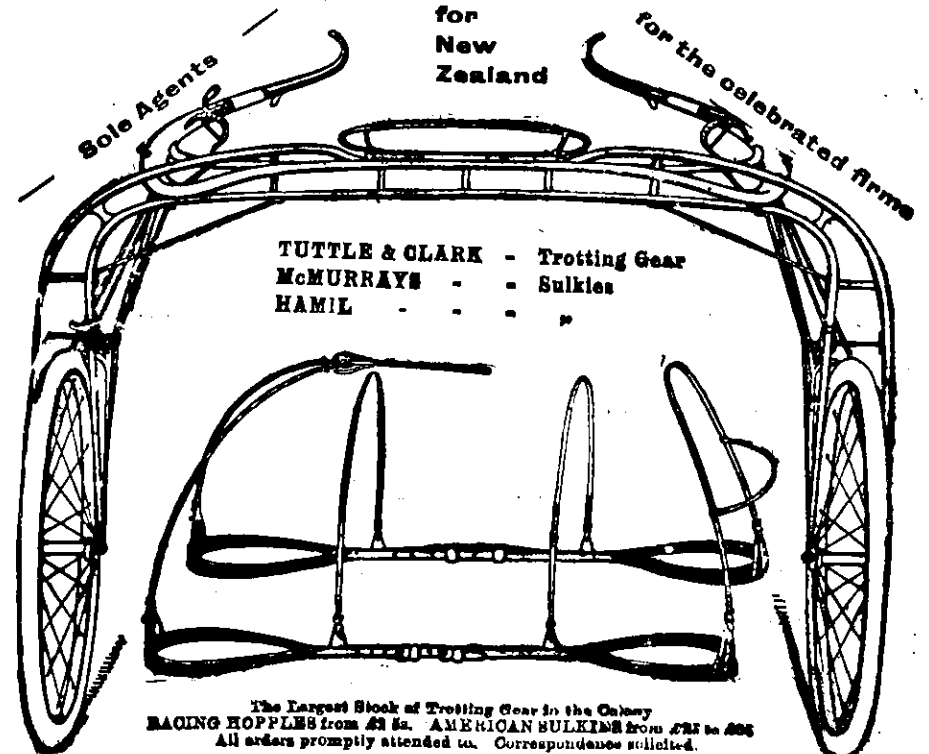
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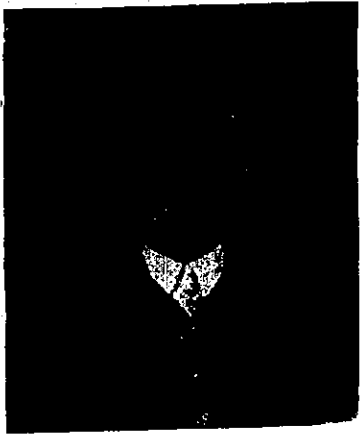
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FIXTURES—1905-06.

Feb. 8 and 9—Gisborne R.C. Summer
Feb. 8 and 10—Canterbury J. C. Summer
Feb. 14 and 15—Egmont R.C. Summer
March 14, 15—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
Feb. 15 and 16—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
Feb. 17, 21, 24—Otahuhu Trotting Club
Feb. 21 and 22—Woodville District J.C. Autumn
Feb. 21, 22 and 24—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Feb. 28, March 1—Rotorua J.C. Annual
March 1 and 2—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 3—South Auckland R.C.
March 7 and 8—Dannevirke J.C. Annual
March 10—Wahiti J.C. Annual
March 14 and 15—Stratford R.C. Annual
March 16 and 17—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
March 17, 19—Ohinemuri J.C. Autumn
March 29, 30—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
April 14, 16, 17—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
April 16—Patea R.C. Hack Meeting
April 16 and 17—Feilding J.C. Autumn
April 16 and 17—Canterbury J.C. Autumn.

NOMINATIONS.

Feb. 9—Rotorua J.C. Annual
Feb. 9—South Auckland R.C. Annual
Feb. 23—Auckland R.C. (special events)
Feb. 24—Stratford R.C. Annual
March 6—Stratford R.C. Annual
March 26—Patea R.C.

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

Feb. 9—Poverty Bay T.C.
Feb. 16—South Auckland Annual
Feb. 17—Wanganui J.C.
March 3—Stratford R.C. annual
March 23—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 2—Patea R.C.
April 3—Auckland R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

Feb. 9—Otahuhu T.C. Summer
Feb. 10—Poverty Bay T.C.
Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C.
Feb. 23—South Auckland annual
March 6—Stratford R.C. annual
March 30—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 6—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 9—Patea R.C.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Nominations for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, St. George's Handicap, and Autumn Handicap, the big events of the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting, close with Mr. Hartland on February 23, at 9 p.m.

General entries for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting close with Mr. Hartland on Friday, March 30, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the first day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting are due to appear on Saturday, February 17.

Nominations for the annual meeting of the Rotorua Jockey Club close with Mr. W. T. Carr, the secretary, or with Mr. H. H. Hayr, to-morrow (Friday), at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events to be run at the annual meeting of the South Auckland Racing Club close with Mr. R. J. Gwynne, the secretary, Hamilton, or with Mr. H. B. Massey, High-street, Auckland, on Friday, 9th February, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps for the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting are due to appear on February 6, while acceptances close with Mr. F. Yonge, the secretary, on February 9.

Nominations for the Stratford Racing Club's annual meeting close with Mr. J. R. Mackay, the secretary, on Saturday February 24, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the annual Hack Meeting of the Patea Racing Club, which takes place on Easter Monday, close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1906.

HIGH-PRICED THOROUGHBREDS.

The recent sale of the King's horse, Diamond Jubilee, for 30,000 guineas to the Argentine breeder, Senor I. Correas, following close on the purchase of Cyllene by Mr. William Bass for a similar sum, has caused so much discussion (says "Hagioscope," in the London "Sportsman") that a table containing the names and prices of all thoroughbreds (and as far as possible the ages at the time of sale) which have changed hands for £10,000 or over will doubtless be found interesting. It was nearly forty-one years ago that the Marquis of Hastings electrified the Turf world by his purchase of Kangaroo for 12,000 sovs. The colt had won three races off the reel in the early spring for "Mr. Henry"—which was one of the assumed names adopted from time to time by Mr. Padwick—and it was after Kangaroo's victory over the Duke of Beaufort's Koenig (a hot favourite) and a big field in the ill-omened Newmarket Biennial that the Marquis secured him for what was then, and for some years afterwards, a record price for a race-horse. Not till 1872 was Kangaroo's figure exceeded, and then for the stallion Blair Athol, who was purchased at the sale of the Middle Park Stud in July, 1872, for 12,500 guineas. Three years later this sum was surpassed, the late Duke of Westminster giving £14,000 to the late Mr. Robert Peck for Doncaster, whom the vendor had previously acquired for £10,000. The Duke never made a better bargain, for Doncaster sired the Derby winner, Bend Or, from whom in direct descent came Ormonde, Orme, and Flying Fox. Not until 1890 was Doncaster's figure equalled. Count Lehn-dorff in that year paid £14,000 for the Derby dead-heater, St. Gat'en, who for a long time stood at the Graditz Stud, before in his old age being acquired at a low figure by the Americans, owing to the stud success of his best son, Meddler.

From 1890 to the present day prices for the best stallions, mares, and also younger animals of fashionable blood have gone on increasing, and in September, 1891, the late Sir J. Blundell Maple paid £15,000 for the triple crown winner, Common. Scarcely had the sensation caused by this big deal subsided when the news was cabled from the States that St. Blaise, who in 1885 had gone to Mr. Lorillard's stud, had been sold by auction for £20,000, which was the opening and closing bid. In 1892, Ormonde, whom the Duke of Westminster had parted with three years previously for £12,000, again changed hands, his South American purchaser, Don Juan Boucau, selling him to Mr. J. O'Brien Macdonough, the Californian breeder, for the colossal sum of 150,000 dollars, or £31,250.

Even here, however, finality in the matter of high prices was not yet reached, for in the spring of 1900 M. Edmond B'anc, at the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's horses in training, easily beat all previous records by securing Flying Fox for 37,500 guineas. Later in that year, too, the record price for a yearling, of 6000 guineas for Childwick, was beaten when Sceptre was sold at the July sales for 10,000 guineas. Since the day of Flying Fox's sale Cyllene and

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Cyllene, ch h, by Bona Vista—	
Arcadia, 10yrs	31,500
Ormonde, b h, by Bend Or—	
Lily Agnes, 9yrs	31,260
Ormonde, b h, by Bend Or—	
Lily Agnes, 6yrs	12,000
Sceptre, b f, by Persimmon—	
Ornament, 4yrs	25,000
Sceptre, b f, by Persimmon—	
Ornament, 1yr	10,500
Duke of Westminster, b c, by Orme—Gantlet, 2yrs	22,050
Galtee More, b c, by Kendal—Morganette, 4yrs	21,000
St. Blaise, ch h, by Hermit—Fusée, 11yrs	20,000
Ard Patrick, br c, by St. Florian—Morganette, 4yrs	21,000
Kendal, ch h, by Bend Or—Windermerre, 18yrs	10,500
Kendal, ch h, by Bend Or—Windermerre, 10yrs	18,000
Bona Vista, ch h, by Bend Or—Vista, 8yrs	16,458
Meddler, b c, by St. Gatien—Busybody, 3yrs	15,225
Meddler, b c, by St. Gatien—Busybody, —	11,000
Common, br c, by Isonomy—Thistle, 3yrs	15,000
Matchbox, b c, by St. Simon—Match Girl, 3yrs	15,000
St. Gatien, b h, by Rotherhill or The Rover—St. Editha, 10yrs	14,000
Doncaster, ch h, by Stockwell—Marigold, 5yrs	14,000
Doncaster, ch h, by Stockwell—Marigold, 5yrs	10,000
Hamburg, b h, by Hanover—Lady Reel, —	14,000
Hamburg, b h, by Hanover—Lady Reel, —	12,000
Carbine, b h, by Musket—Mersey, 9yrs	13,500
La Fleche, br m, by St. Simon—Quiver, 7yrs	13,230
Blair Athol, ch h, by Stockwell—Blink Bonny, 11yrs	13,125
Kangaroo, b c, by Hobbie Noble—Yarra Yarra, 3yrs	12,000
Nasturtium, ch c, by Watercress—Marguerite, 2yrs	10,000

Mr. O'Connor's starting at Takapuna at the late meeting was the best ever seen on the seaside racecourse.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's summer meeting takes place to-day and on Saturday. It is, however, of little more than local interest.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting takes place on Saturday week. The handicaps for the first day's events will be found in another column.

Eleven fillies remain in the Great Northern Oaks after payment of the second forfeit. The best appear to be Isolt, Marguerite, Munjeet, and Annette.

Twenty-six have been left in the G.N. Champagne Stakes, but there will be a fairly extensive weeding out before the day of the race.

A fair number of Auckland horses have been handicapped for the Egmont Summer Meeting. Among the list appear the names of Leonator, Lady Annie, Discoverer, Khama, Le Beau, Landlock, Scotty, Gladstone, Jewellery, Cyrano, Polycaste, Wai-kato, and Lovelink.

Maniapoto has 8st 13lb and Mahutonga 8st 11lb in the Australian Cup.

Isolt is the Yaldhurst representative in the Middle Park Plate.

Kirriemuir, who was injured at the A.R.C. meeting, has made her reappearance on the track at Riccarton.

First-class nominations have been received for the summer meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club.

Eighty horses are in the Newmarket Handicap, and Machine Gun is asked to give away all sorts of weight up to 4st 10lb.

Gladstone has been allotted 9st 11lb and Maniapoto 2lb less in the Newmarket Handicap.

I cannot quite understand why Le Beau should have been so comparatively friendless in the Welter Handicap on Saturday. The Leolantis gelding had shown that he was well winning at Ohaupo, and also the Maiden Hurdles at Takapuna. The field was a weak one, and he was nicely treated in weight, yet of the nine runners only two carried less money. Le Beau got well away, led all the way, and won very easily by three lengths.

Takaro, who won the Borough Handicap on Saturday, is a five-year-old chestnut gelding by Castor from St. Mary. He was credited by those who knew him with quite enough pace to win if a good horseman could be procured for him. There was some difficulty about this, but young Parramore, who was given the mount, rode a good finish and won by half a length.

The double machine at Takapuna proved exceedingly popular, the rush for tickets being very great. By the way, it would not be a bad place to station an official outside the window during the crush with a view to doing away with the nuisance created by those people who cannot or will not take their place in line, and pestering those who do so to get them tickets. This may be a small thing, but it is a particularly irritating one. Increased accommodation will also have to be provided.

The yearling colts by Soult—Rose and White, and Soult—Lady Emmeline, arrived safely in Melbourne. Both are owned by Mr. K. S. McLeod, and will be trained by I. Foulsham.

Mr. Menzies, the V.R.C. handicapper, is evidently of the opinion that a victory for a New Zealand horse in the Newmarket Handicap is inadvisable, for he has allotted Machine Gun the utterly absurd impost of 11st 3lb in the big six furlongs' event at Flemington. Nobody doubts that the son of Hotchkiss is an exceedingly fine sprinter, but it must not be overlooked that the list of entries contains the names of all the best sprinters in the Commonwealth. The handicap looks so exceedingly bad that no doubt the scratching pen will promptly be put through Machine Gun's name.

Mr. Dent, secretary of the Whangarei J.C., was in town last week arranging a (non-tote) meeting to take place next month. When at Tattersall's Club, members of that body guaranteed £50 for the sole right to do business at the meeting.

Punters who usually follow C. Neale's stable had a royal day on Saturday last. In addition to getting a £6 17s dividend on Takaroa in the Borough Handicap, they also landed the winning double, finishing up with Gladstone, a further increase in their winnings of £33 19s.

In England last year the 457 yearlings and foals sold at auction averaged 281 guineas.

Of the 1697 races run in Great Britain last year, 471 were confined to two-year-olds.

Cross-country riders get plenty of work in England, and from January 1 to December 22 of last year F. Mason had 251 mounts, scoring 68 wins. An amateur, Mr. W. Bulteel, won 43 races out of 172 rides, but the best averages were those of A. Newey (41 out of 125) and S. Menzies (31 out of 94).

Selling races play a very important part in most programmes in England, and a couple of these events each day seems to be nothing unusual even at the principal courses. In England last year 1597 races were decided at the various meetings, and of that number no less than 473 were of the selling order. These events seem to be popular with owners as well as the clubs in the Old Country, probably owing to the fact that any surplus over the price for which a horse is entered to be sold is divided between the club fund and the second. This often leads to the owner of the second horse benefiting more than if he had won the stake.

Horse racing is a great story of "give and take" (remarks a London paper). The King made a bad bargain when he gave a very high price for Moifaa; but, on the other hand, he made an extremely good one when he gave £500 for Ambass II. The horses of His Majesty last year failed miserably, and now we hear, as something more than a set off, that he has sold Diamond Jubilee for, it is said, 30,000 guineas to go to South America. As several subscriptions had been taken for the horse for next season, he will not be delivered until June, and thus he may have two seasons in one year, as we believe Ormonde had. That Diamond Jubilee is a loss to the country we do not for one moment believe, and though he can boast of having won the triple crown, it can equally be said that he is the worst horse that ever achieved that great distinction. Epsom Lad, who was cut and sold for 1000 guineas, beat him when he was two years old. They did not meet again until they were four years old, when in three races Epsom Lad again asserted the superiority. Diamond Jubilee had the luck to be born in a bad year, and, being very heavily engaged, moderate as he was, he was able to win in stakes close on £30,000. As he has now been sold for another £30,000, this means £60,000 for one horse alone, and the money may almost be taken as net, seeing that his three seasons at the stud would far more than pay for the forfeits and training expenses.

Professor Ridgeway, in his "Origin and Influence of the Thoroughbred Horse," refers to the practice among various peoples of attaching talismans to their horses to ward off ills. The modern Italian fastens a piece of badger's hair or a tooth to his bridle in order to guard the horse against evil. The Greek ties an elaborate amulet about its neck. The Kabyles of Kairfan hang round the necks of their asses a thick woollen cord (purple and white), to which are attached two triangular amulets covered with purple velvet embroidered with imitation Arabic writing in gold thread, and having a small round button between them. The Coringas of the Madras coast, it may be added, will never allow the shell which they tie about their ponies' necks to be taken off lest the evil the shell is supposed to avert should befall them. It is thought by some authorities that the brass ornaments on the blinkers of our own dray horses may be survivals of similar "protective charms."

Mr. F. N. Jones courteously forwards me a copy of the souvenir programme issued by the Nelson Jockey Club for the carnival meeting, which took place on January 29 and 30. It is very nicely got up, and besides containing a mass of information, is profusely illustrated with portraits of officials of the club and members who have been identified with it in years gone by.

Quite a number of sports landed the winning double at the late T.J.C. meeting. Among them were a coal merchant, a well-known medico, a totalisator proprietor, and last, but not least, two Austrians, who firmly believe in "this and the next way" of betting every time.

Mark Ryan had 12 mounts at the T.J.C. meeting, and about the worst exhibition that he made was in the Cup on Scotty. He redeemed this, however, by fine horsemanship on Noteorini in the Devonport Handicap on Saturday. He had two winning mounts at the meeting.

THE STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

The annual race meeting of the Stratford Racing Club is to take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 14 and 15. The programme is a very good one, as will be seen by glancing at our advertising columns. The chief events on the opening day are the Stratford Cup Handicap of 150 sovs, nine furlongs; and Flying Handicap of 90sovs, six furlongs. On the second day most interest will attach to the St. Patrick's Handicap of 110 sovs, one mile; and the County Hack Handicap of 70sovs, one mile; and the Final Handicap of 75sovs, six furlongs. The Stratford Club will refund to owners and trainers the steamer freight one way, or the railway freight, on all horses attending and competing at the meeting from the Auckland district, or from stations south of Wanganui on the Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth section of railway. This is a substantial concession, and in conjunction with a good programme should have the effect of securing nominations from Auckland. Entries close with Mr. J. R. Mackay, the secretary, on Saturday, February 24, at 9 p.m.

THE PATEA RACING CLUB.

The annual meeting for hacks only of the Patea Racing Club will be held on Easter Monday, April 16, when a programme of eight events will be decided. These will be as follows:—Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half; Flying Handicap of 60sovs, six furlongs; Farmers' Plate of 40sovs, one mile; Patea Easter Handicap of 80sovs, one mile and a-quarter; Kakarama Stakes of 40sovs, four furlongs and a-half; Borough Stakes of 50sovs, seven furlongs; Alton High-Weight Handicap of 60sovs, one mile; Final Handicap of 40sovs, four and a-half furlongs. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns, together with the rules and regulations governing the meeting. Nominations close with Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

THE ROTORUA MEETING.

The Rotorua Jockey Club will hold their annual race meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, February 28 and March 1. Eight events will be run each day, these being as follows:—First Hurdles of 25sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Electric Handicap of 20sovs, five furlongs; Rotorua Cup of 60sovs, one mile and a-quarter; District Hack Handicap of 15sovs, seven furlongs; Waimangu Handicap of 15sovs, seven furlongs; Mourea Hurdles of 20sovs, one mile and a-half; Railway Handicap of 25sovs, seven furlongs; Shorts Handicap of 15sovs, four furlongs. On the second day the items will be the Second Hurdles of 25sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Stewards' Handicap of 15sovs, six furlongs; Arawa Park Handicap of 45sovs, one mile; Bay of Plenty Hack Handicap of 15sovs, one mile; Geyser Handicap of 20sovs, five furlongs; Kia Ora Hurdles of 20sovs, one mile and a-half; Hot Lakes Handicap of 25sovs, seven furlongs; and the Farewell Handicap of 15sovs, four furlongs. Nominations for all races close with the secretary, Mr. W. T. Carr, at Rotorua, or with Mr. H. H. Hayr, High-street, Auckland, to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 p.m.

.. NOTES ..

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The Gisborne Racing Club will hold their summer meeting to-day and to-morrow.

What was the matter with Hohoro and Certainty in the Devonport Handicap? Both were very heavily backed, but the pair ran very badly indeed, and were never near the leaders.

The Soult gelding Sol continues to annex jumping events with the utmost regularity. He won the Rangitoto Steeplechase under 10.13, and the Ponui Steeplechase with 11.8 in the saddle, the latter being perhaps the easier victory of the two. Sol must be considered Auckland's best 'chaser.

The finish of the Devonport Handicap on Saturday was one of the finest ever seen on the course. Miss Winnie led to within thirty yards of home, when Noteorini caught her. The pony Lucrece on the outside challenged the pair, and in many of the spectators' opinions won by a head. It was, however, one of those races which nobody but the judge could decide, and Mr. Lusk's verdict was for Noteorini a nose in front of Lucrece, who was a nose in front of Miss Winnie.

Rightly or wrongly, a strong impression undoubtedly prevails that many of our pony races are all arranged beforehand. Certainly the form shown by members of the lilliputian brigade is frequently of the most in-and-out description, and some particularly glaring things are occasionally done. So much is this the case that according to our Otago correspondent the bookmakers in Dunedin are now refusing to do business on pony events in Auckland.

When half the distance of the Summer Handicap had been run on Saturday, Gladstone looked to have a slender hope of scoring, for Cress was vigorously riding the chestnut with his hands, and he seemed to be holding his position with difficulty. Once in the straight, however, there was a different tale to tell, and the leaders fading out of the contest, the son of Seaton Delaval came through and won easily.

The Castor gelding Khama ran very consistently at the Takapuna meeting, winning both the Orewa Hurdles and the Waiwera Hurdles in good style.

In the list of those who have paid second forfeit for the G.N. Oaks and Champagne Stakes appear several unnamed animals. Some owners appear to find great difficulty in hitting on a name, and when found it is often utterly unsuitable. The following names are suggested for those in the list above mentioned:—Filly by Medallion—Nereid, Sea Nymph; colt by San Francisco—Lady Moth, Golden Butterfly; filly by Phoebus Apollo—Abydos, Sappho; filly by Cyrenian—Jesmond, Jasmine; colt by Phoebus Apollo—Lady Gertrude, Captain Phoebus; colt by Cyrenian—Sparkling Water, Sunray; colt by Cuirassier—St. Edith, Paladin; colt by Conqueror—Morreze, Morion; filly by Birkenhead—Balme, Chelsea.

The "Referee" picks Pendant, Rosebloom, Elysium, Duke of Melton, and Luciana as the best treated in the Newmarket Handicap, while the likeliest in the Australian Cup are Tartan, Czarevitch, Aurate, Phaedra, Circuit and Kaffirpan.

Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary of the A.T.C., has gone to Christchurch to attend a meeting of the N.Z. Trotting Association.

No one who attends the meetings during what it is the custom to call the "illegitimate" season can avoid the reflection that the horses which contest the various steeplechases which form part of a day's programme are, on the whole, wonderfully well schooled (says an English writer). As a rule, if a horse comes to grief there is usually some explanation for the contretemps, and a fall is very seldom brought about through bad jumping. There is, however, one frequent cause of mishap which might easily be avoided, and this is the practice which obtains with steeplechase jockeys of steering in each other's wake, or, as it is known in the hunting field, "riding in the other fellow's pocket." One result of this is that if the horse immediately in front refuses, the animal following must inevitably come to grief; but in any case it happens that a competitor lying in the rear must have a difficulty in "seeing his fences," and this often, of course, leads to a blunder which may have serious consequences. Jockeys will tell you that the majority of owners will not put up a horseman who does not stick to the inside, or, in the phraseology of the racecourse, "come the nearest way," the fact of the matter being that very few men running horses at the present day have any practical knowledge of the game, and do not see the advantage of striking out a line of one's own. They would probably be very considerably astonished if shown by a mathematician how very little difference there is between a line drawn in the centre of the course and one taken from the rails. On some courses, naturally, the inside berth is of considerable advantage, but in the majority of cases the benefit gained is infinitesimal.

The ponies of Iceland have a natural weakness for animal food, and a noted authority says he has seen ponies making their way to the seashore to feed on fishheads and the like; this in the summer, when there was plenty of good pasture accessible. In some parts of Iceland at least a proportion of the horses are kept through part of the winter in stables near the farms, and those which are so protected are fed very largely at this season on dried cods' heads, which also form the staple food of the cattle when the hay harvest has been a bad one. At some places, too, where the codfish is caught in large numbers, its body, either fresh, or more frequently dry, is given them. This peculiar diet is said to be very nourishing to milch kine, just as dried whale meat is supposed to be in the Faroes. Naturally, the milk has a peculiar taste, but those who are accustomed to it do not notice it.

Cases have been reported on colonial race tracks of riders in jumping events being fined or cautioned for continuing in races when they had no chance or right to do so. It is a very difficult matter to say when a horse has no chance in a steeplechase. According to "Rapier," the popular writer of the London "Dramatic News," the question has cropped up in England over a horse named Kollan, who refused to jump a fence in a steeplechase. Accord-

ing to the London scribe, the writer sent him repeatedly at the fence, he would not have it, and the jockey waited till the other two had been round the course, and came to the jump a second time. Was he justified, or ought he to have taken the horse back when he found that he could not get it over? One opinion was to the effect that a jockey so placed ought to have gone back. His chance was destroyed, it was urged, and he had no business to be blocking up the course. Supposing the rider had another go at the obstacle just as the two again approached it? Kollan would, in all likelihood, have refused again, and, bad examples being contagious, upset the others, perhaps inducing them to refuse also. But, as was argued on the other side, his chance was not absolutely destroyed. It was possible that he would get over if the others gave him a lead, and that in the mile and a-half which remained to be covered, both these might run out, fall, or refuse, so that he might catch them up as they had caught him, and then win after all? This last view seems to me sound. Races and games are continually lost because riders and players give up too soon. A notable case in point occurred not long since. Mr. George Lambton had backed his mare, Bellona, both ways for the big hurdle race at Croydon, and was going so badly a mile from home that he felt tempted to pull up. It occurred to him, however, that he had better stick to it; something might fall, or get knocked over, and so enable him to struggle into third place; and so, persevering hard, he gradually overhauled the third, passed the second, and, the leader tiring and swerving, Bellona got up and won by a head.

Every wound or sore on a horse should be washed daily with an antiseptic solution. If this is done the wound will heal quicker than if left alone, and there will be no danger of the sore getting worse and finally causing the death of the animal. The best antiseptic solutions are made from the coal tar preparations—carbolic acid, etc. These may be mixed with water in the proportion of one to eight. If these are not handy, borax used in the water or sprinkled on the wound immediately after washing it is a good antiseptic.

In case of horses, as with human beings, the advantage of possessing a competent nurse and proper accommodation for an invalid cannot be over-estimated. A man who understands the care of a sick horse, and who is possessed of a sympathetic disposition and a liking for the work, is simply an invaluable acquisition in a large stable, and should be appreciated as such. A horse being, of course, incapable of conveying an idea of what its sufferings are, except by more or less indefinite signs of pain, it is most essential that the attendant in charge should be an observant as well as a careful man, for, should complications arise from some apparently trivial source, it is obviously desirable that they should be taken in time.

TO TELL THE AGE OF A HORSE.

To tell the age of any horse
Inspect the lower jaw of course.
The six front teeth the tale will tell,
And every doubt and fear dispel.

The middle "nippers" you behold
Before the colt is two weeks old.
Before eight weeks two more will come,
Eight months the "corners cut the gum."

The outside grooves will disappear
From middle two in just one year;
In two years from the second pair;
In three the "corners" cut are bare.

At two the middle "nippers" drop,
At three the second pair can't stop;
When four years old the third pair goes,
At five a full new set shows.

The deep black spots will pass from view,
At six years from the middle two;
The second pair at seven years;
At eight the spot each "corner" clears.

From middle "nippers" upper jaw
At nine the black spots will withdraw;
The second pair at ten are white;
Eleven finds the "corners" light.

As time goes on the horsemen know
The oval teeth three-sided grow;
They longer get, project before,
Till twenty, when we know no more.

SALE OF BLOODSTOCK AT HASTINGS.

The big annual sale of bloodstock took place at Hastings on Friday. Although the attendance was good bidding was far from spirited, and prices proved rather low. The particulars were as follows:—

Mr. S. H. Gollan's Yearlings.—B f by The Possible—Primula, R. Gooseman (Hastings, 1905; b f by Waiuku—Namo, A. L. D. Fraser (Hastings), 70gs; b f by Waiuku—Violet, J. McIvor (Hastings), 90gs; b f by Waiuku—Medora, T. E. Crosse (Hastings), 50gs; b f by Daunt—Iphimede, A. Woods (Greenmeadows), 30gs; br f by The Possible—Maid Marion, Rupua Te Hianga (Porangahau), 40gs; br g by Waiuku—Hine-nui Te Po, S. Pitt (Gisborne), 40gs; b g by Waiuku—Bonnie Idee, C. J. Parker (Gisborne), 40gs; ch g by Waiuku—Julia, F. J. Bassett (Waipukurau), 25gs; ch g by Daunt—Julie, A. L. D. Fraser (Hastings), 65gs; blk or br g by Waiuku—Forlorn Hope, R. Gooseman (Hastings), 75gs; b g by Waiuku—Miss Patriarch, S. Hetford (Wairarapa), 40gs; total, 758gs.

Te Mahanga Yearlings.—Br f by Lethe—Rosewater, C. Bennett (Hastings), 30gs; b c by San Fran—Ua, S. W. Fitzpatrick (Hastings), 25gs; b f by San Fran—Kismary, D. Buick (Palmerston North), 67gs; ch c by Gold Reef—Nymph, J. R. MacDonald (Horowhenua), 160gs; br f by San Fran—Mongonui, J. Poyner, (Waioa), 40gs; b c by Torpedo—Parlourmaid, A. Woods (Greenmeadows), 50gs; br f by Torpedo—Lady Bevsy, Rupua Te Hianga (Porangahau), 34gs; b f by San Fran—Maud, J. Dalton (Waverley), 155gs; br f by San Fran—Waipurata, E. Eglinton (Featherston), 45gs; br c by Torpedo—Española, J. Munn, 40gs; br c by San Fran—Amoureux, A. Woods (Greenmeadows), 36gs; ch f by Advance—Ngaio, C. L. Mackersey (Hastings), 80gs; br f by San Fran—Waiau, R. J. Wadhams, 37gs; total, 853gs.

Rathbone Bros.' Stud.—Yearlings: Thera, br f, by Amphion—Innisthona, F. MacManaway (Eketahuna), 27gs; br g by Daunt—Esperanza, H. J. Smith (Taradale), 20gs; Vitellius, ch g, by Daunt—Flatter, W. G. Kereru, 41gs; Bowstring, b g, by Procrastinator—Archeress, F. J. Bassett (Waipukurau), 11gs; Prowess, b g, by Daunt—Patchfeldt, A. Wood (Greenmeadows), 22gs; Akaaku, ch g, by Procrastinator—Lost Chance, S. Bullied (Meane), 15gs; b g by Daunt—Felicity, R. McKenzie (Palmerston North), 15gs; total, 151gs. Two-year-olds and upwards: Mitrailie, b f, 2yrs, by Torpedo—Zanella, Taylor, 21gs; Quaver, b f, 2yrs, by Amphion—Fawn, A. Reid, 19gs; Patipati, ch f, 3yrs, by Apremont—Flatter, F. MacManaway (Eketahuna), 90gs; Placebo, b f, 3yrs, by Apremont—Fawn, H. H. Pharazyn (Wharangi), 45gs; Montaigne, blk g, 3yrs, by Apremont—Innisthona, W. G. Stead (Kereru), 25gs; Merginae, b g, 4yrs, by Apremont—Merganser, A. Reid (Hastings), 77gs; Magula, b m, 5yrs, by Apremont—Patchfeldt, F. Armstrong (Akitio), 20gs; Sanguine, blk m, 7yrs, by Apremont—Last Chance, W. P. Archibald (Karamu), 34gs; total, 331gs. Stallions and brood mares: Amphion, by St. Leger—Water-sprite, A. Woods (Greenmeadows), 50gs; Procrastinator, by Seaton Delaval—Tahoa, A. Parsons (Gisborne), 35gs; King George, by St. George—Strenua, J. R. MacDonald (Horowhenua), 13gs; Apres, by Apremont—Innisthona, with colt by Daunt and served by Amphion, R. Stevens (Palmerston North), 22gs; Evandale, by Johnny Faulkner—Tasmania, with colt by Daunt and served by Amphion, J. W. Whitney (Wellington), 31gs; Dawdle, by Dreadnought—Tahoa, with colt by Amphion and served by Amphion, C. J. Parker (Gisborne), 70gs; Esperanza, by Wapiti—Last Chance, with filly by King George and served by Amphion, J. Macfarlane (Maraekakatu), 36gs; Archeress, by Sword Dance—Duchess, with colt by Daunt and served by Amphion, J. E. Lane (Tomoana), 13gs; Merganser, by Nordenfeldt—Albatross, served by Birkenhead, R. Tilson (Martinborough), 85gs; Flatter, ch m, by St. George—Flattery, H. H. Pharazyn (Wharangi), 45gs; Atholine, b m, by Cadogan—Athole, G. P. Donnelly (Ngatarau), 35gs; Fawn, b m, by Fusilade—Flatter, D. Buick (Palmerston North), 28gs; Torpor, ch m, by Apremont—Comatose, Dr. Newman (Wellington), 50gs; Tahoa, ch m, by Malua—Norma, J. Peterson, 16gs; Zanilla, ch m, by Apremont—Flatter, J. R. MacDonald (Horowhenua), 70gs; Hybernate, br m, by Procrastinator—Last Chance, W. Macfarlane (Maraekakatu), 15gs; Anser Anser, br m, by Natator—Goosander, D. Buick (Palmerston North), 42gs; Lethargy, b m, by Apremont—Comatose, H. Beyers (The Brown), 39gs; Last Chance, br m, by The Painter—Chance, J. Blake (Hastings), 9gs.

Mr. E. J. Watt's Thoroughbreds.—Roseshoot, b g, 6yrs, by Torpedo—Prim-

Darling, br m, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Lady Rose, Mr. Gosnell (Wairarapa), 20gs; Our Darling, C. J. Parker (Gisborne), 18gs; blk f, 2yrs, by Merriwee—Bubbles, Hubbard, 31gs. Brood mares: Golden View, br m, 4yrs, by Gold Reef—Vista, J. Armstrong (Akitio), 30gs; Glisten, b m, by Dreadnought—Radiant, L. de Pelicht (Waipukurau), 20gs; Grace, b m, by Javlin—Marchioness, H. Whitney, 14gs; Codicil, ch m, by Dreadnought—Legacy, with colt foal at foot by Merriwee, F. Armstrong (Akitio), 40gs; Fib, blk m, J. Drivers (Hastings), 9gs.

On behalf of Mr. T. R. Moore—A chestnut yearling colt, by San Fran—Dazzle, was sold to C. Lagor (Hastings), for 105gs.

Rupua Te Hianga, who bought the youngsters by The Possible—Maid Marion and San Fran—Lady Beveys, has entrusted them to the care of A. White, of Opawa, and will race them next spring. Whitirea, Lady's Link, and others used to in years gone by carry the racing uniform of the above native sport, who, I am glad to see, is once more going to take an active interest in the sport.

Percy Johnston took charge of Mr. G. P. Donnelly's team last week.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Barnett and Grant report as follows:—
400 to 1—Convoy and Beau Seaton
250 to 5—Munjeet and Savoury
200 to 2—King Billy and Savoury
300 to 1—Good Sight and Ropa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ALLEGED JOCKEY RING.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—This is a question which was talked about several years ago. Some of its supposed members are dead, some gone to Australia, some driving carts, and some left to carry on the game. It is no doubt a grand thing when they are winning, but such ill-gotten money does people no good, and they mostly die poor. It is a great pity something cannot be done to bring up our young jockeys in the way they should go. How are we going to do this? for it is hard to teach the right way, so let our members of the conference think it out. There are several of our prominent trainers who say there is no ring, but as a matter of fact these jockeys ride to the satisfaction of these trainers, but not to the satisfaction of smaller owners and trainers. An owner often sees his horse ridden badly, and get into a bad position, running on the outside of course on the bends. It is easy for a jockey

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1, 1906.

PROGRAMME: FIRST DAY.

1. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles.
2. ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 20sovs. Distance, 5 furlongs.
3. ROTORUA CUP HANDICAP of 60sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles.
4. DISTRICT HACK HANDICAP of 15sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.
5. WAIMANGU HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.
6. MOUREA HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 20sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.
7. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 25sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.
8. SHORTS HANDICAP of 15sovs. Distance, 4 furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

1. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles.
2. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 6 furlongs.
3. ARAWA PARK HANDICAP of 45sovs. Distance, 1 mile.
4. BAY OF PLENTY HACK HANDICAP of 15sovs. Distance, 1 mile.
5. GEYSER HANDICAP of 20sovs. Distance, 5 furlongs.
6. KIA ORA HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 20sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.
7. HOT LAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 4 furlongs.

Nominations for all races close with the Secretary, Rotorua, and with Mr. H. Hayr, High-street, Auckland, on Friday, February 9, at 9 p.m.
W. T. CARR, Secretary.

by R. Derrett, and is a half-brother to Bracelet and Courtier.

The pacer Otama was sold at the conclusion of the Maniototo meeting at a price which is said to be in the neighbourhood of £100.

The Maniototo Jockey Club is satisfied with the result of its experiment in confining the trotting events on its programme to district horses. There were no Dan Patches amongst the field which raced last week, but it encourages the local sports to keep a good horse or two, and should also give breeding to good stallions a boost.

Amongst the runners at Maniototo were some lights of other days, who, although lagging superfluous on the scene, would have made an excellent field for "old buffers' races." A few of their natal years read as follows:—Maremma 1891, Vandyke 1891, Realistic 1893, Ulto 1893, Puzzle 1894, Lapidary 1893, and Galileo 1894.

The Mannlicher gelding Capetown, who ran third to Cruciform and Tercelet in the field of three which contested the Challenge Stakes of 1903, was the wisecrack tip for the seven-furlong hack races won by Battleaxe at Maniototo. The latter came with very late run, and in winning on the post upset the pot. King of Trumps, the disappointing brother to the well-performed Flower o' Clutha, goes to Christchurch this week, and joins the Messrs. Solomon Bros.' stable. He will probably be given a trial over hurdles.

Flying Spark has joined Flockton's stable, and will be trained by him for future engagements.

E. McKievan showed his versatility in the pigskin at the Maniototo meeting by riding Cathron in both his races, and also steering White Stockings in the Mile Trot on the second day's card.

Convoy, Master Alix and Lady Landon were taken up to Christchurch the latter end of last week to fulfil their engagements at the C.J.C. mid-summer meeting. Each of the trio is said to be in good order, and should capture a stake or two between them.

The Obligado—Primrose filly Rosebloom, who was bred and is trained by her owner, Mr. W. Winchester, won a couple of races at Maniototo in a style which suggests that she has made a fair amount of improvement since she made her debut in the spring. Rosebloom should have won her third race at the meeting, but got a bad bump at the finish, which made the difference between winning and losing. She may never develop into a first-class racer, but there is no doubt she is bred on undeniably good lines, as her sire, Obligado, was got by Orville (son of Ormonde and Shotover) out of the Trappist mare Flirt, and her dam, Primrose, is a daughter of the Goldsborough horse Hilarious, whose dam, Mermaid, was got by New Warrior out of the Fisherman mare Mermaid.

The Grafton colt Tom Moore, who is a half-brother to Wallace, was amongst the winners at a recent Caulfield meeting. The colt spent his babyhood days in the splendid paddocks at the Elderslie stud, where his dam (Melodious) had been sent on a visit to Stepiak.

The Forbury Park Racing Club made a profit of £86 6s 3d over their meetings last season, and will hold their races on March 23, the anniversary day of the province.

Beau Seaton has been bought by Mr. R. O. Campbell, and has joined Franks' team at Riccarton.

Menschikoff passed through by Sunday's boat on his way to Melbourne.

The Romney is being schooled over hurdles by L. Carr

WANGANUI.

Wanganui, February 7.

A number of Wanganui enthusiasts journeyed through to Pahiatua for the annual gathering of that club, held last Wednesday and Thursday. They report having spent a most enjoyable time, though evidently none too profitable.

Hipporang, an aged mare by Rangipuhi—Hippodrome, who scored in the Telephone Hack Handicap at Foxton, was whispered about as a "good thing" for the Hack Hurdles at Pahiatua, and was entrusted with a lot of money by local punters. She managed to get second each day, so that backers made a little. Hipporang is a fine jumper, and will be worth watching in future.

Had Rosewood got home in the Maiden Hack Scurry at Pahiatua, the bookies here would have been hard hit, but Tetai, by Gold Reef—Wai-

prevalled by a neck over the former, who was sent through as a moral.

At the above meeting, just prior to the start of the Racing Club Handicap, the riders were called into the stewards' room and cautioned that the running of each horse would be watched.

Heavy rain set in on Friday evening, and has continued almost without intermission ever since. Unless the weather improves, quite a number of those who intended visiting Karioi for the annual meeting to be held there on the 8th (Thursday) will not undertake the trip. The acceptances received by the club are really good, and no doubt the gathering will be one of the most successful in the club's history, providing the elements are favourable.

There is every probability of old Halberdier being seen on the track again shortly. When the son of Cuirassier—Miss Stead broke down some time back, it was thought that the last had been seen of the New Zealand Cup winner on the turf. However, the leg has been successfully "fired," and there is no reason why Mr. B. T. Bennett should not be able to get another race or two out of his old champion. Mr. Bennett is, however, too good a sportsman to run any risk of breaking his horse down badly, and if Halberdier shows any sign of going lame again, he will be permanently retired.

Weights for the Wanganui Cup are due on the 17th inst. Already some betting has been done on the event, Nightfall, Master Delaval, Multifid, and Bourrasque having each been supported for a fair amount. One or two are greatly enamoured of the latter's chance, as the Sou'wester—Lady Isabel gelding showed such excellent form when he won the Foxton Cup. Bourrasque is a five-year-old, and is trained by Alf. Shearsby, who, I am given to understand, considers the gelding will have to be reckoned with in the Cup here, provided he goes on all right in the meantime. The Foxton Cup performance was certainly a good one, as not only did the gelding beat some rare performers, but he won very easily in time given as 2min 11 1-5sec. However, Bourrasque will be meeting a number of better horses here to those he defeated at Foxton.

It may not be generally known that Ironmould, one of those engaged in the Wanganui Cup, is a Sydney-bred gelding by Metal—Hopabout.

A few weeks ago I referred in these columns to the opinion given expression to by a gentleman who has been connected with the turf for thirty years on this coast, and one who is recognised throughout the length and breadth of the colony as an authority on all matters pertaining to horse-racing, that a jockey's ring was in existence. The gentleman in question spoke strongly on the matter, and said that he was convinced of the truth of what he asserted by what he had seen after watching things carefully for months. The last issue of the "Weekly News" contains some strong comments on an incident which happened at the late Foxton meeting, and says that it certainly looks as if there was some truth in the statements made in the North re a jockey's ring. From what I can here, there is a movement afoot to arrange for a meeting of owners at Wellington at an early date to consider the matter. Several owners have declared that they are perfectly satisfied that such a ring is in existence, and are hopeful that the stir which has been created over the allegations made recently will lead to some steps being taken which will prove effectual in breaking up the alleged ring.

Considerable curiosity is being evinced as to who the right-weight jockey is who contemplates fetching an action against a certain owner for statements reflecting on the straightness of his riding. The general opinion here is that a Wanganui rider is referred to.

Science, the half-brother to Shrapnel, is improving with each gallop, and it will not be long apparently before Walter Raynor, his popular trainer, scores a win with him. The gelding showed a lot of pace for five furlongs in the Trial Hack Race at Foxton, when he finished second.

The Egmont weights have made their appearance, and Mr. J. E. Henrys has set backers a severe task to pick out probable winners, though it will no doubt be easier to narrow the fields down after the acceptances are out. At first glance I like Multifid 9.0, Lady Annie 8.7, and St. Claimer 7.8 in the Flying. In the

Mere Mere Hack Handicap of six furlongs there are thirty engaged. Of this lot perhaps Discoverer 9.2, Gleam 8.5, Silver Shell 7.10, Destruction 7.9, and Splendid Idea 7.6, may prove the best. They may finish: Gleam 1, Discoverer 2, Splendid Idea 3.

In the Wharehoa Hurdles old Waiwera figures at the top of the list with 11.9 against his name. Next to him comes Khama with 10.12. On his running at Takapuna the latter must be very dangerous, but if St. Lyra (9.10) strips well on the day the winner will not be hard to find. Weary Bill (9.10) must have a chance, while Vexation (9.0) should also run well. I shall look to St. Lyra, Khama, and Weary Bill to fill the places.

The Hack Hurdles may be won by Numa (10.8), or Lion Heart (9.10), with Cassiopea (10.13) next best.

In the Egmont Cup, one mile and a-half, Landlock (9.0) reads the best. Paritutu being in at a pound less, while Multifid has 8.11. If the latter is started for this event in preference to being kept for the Wanganui Cup, he will very nearly win, though it appears a most open race now. After the acceptances are declared it will no doubt be much easier to size up the chances of the contestants. Scotty (8.9) appears to be well in, but if he goes to the post I should rely on Ghorka (8.8). The son of Lochiel has not raced since the New Zealand Cup, in which he got kicked. Ropa (8.1), Armistice (7.12), Gladstone (7.11), Boomerang (7.10), Bourrasque (7.9), Submarine (6.13), and Glenullin (6.12) will all have admirers if paid up for. Ghorka, Paritutu and Multifid may fill the places.

In the Welter Submarine (9.6), Kuroki (9.5), Polycaste (8.7), and Wai-kato (8.5) may fight out the finish.

The Waipipi Hack Handicap, one mile, should provide a good race between Nova (8.0), Gleam (7.11), Merriwai (7.8), and Science (7.0), if they all face the starter.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, February 6.

All admirers of a good horse will be pleased to learn that Achilles came through his trying ordeal at Trentham without feeling any ill effects. Mr. Monk's champion has been allowed to have an easy time of it since the Wellington meeting.

Ghorka and Exmoor, who were not raced at Trentham, are doing useful work in view of the Wanganui autumn fixture. Ailsa, Boris, Moscow, and Prosser's other charges are being kept up to the mark and a few strong gallops will fit them for any contest which their respective owners may desire to "take on."

That useful gelding Gold Crown, who has been laid aside since the Feilding meeting through accidentally getting staked by a splinter from the rails of the racecourse, is again in work, and may be got ready in time for the back end meetings.

From the absence of Achilles' name from the list of horses engaged in the Wanganui Cup and C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicaps, it is obvious that his owner intends restricting Achilles to distances less than a mile and a-half. Mr. Monk's splendidly proportioned chestnut is a very hard puller, and Jenkins has to let him run along at his best pace, otherwise he fights for his head. Races from five to nine furlongs should suit Achilles, and with a reasonable impost he should establish fresh records for these distances.

The Pahiatua Cup, as was expected, proved an easy victory for Letherin, who, including his penalty, had 7st 7lb in the saddle. The dividend, £2 19s, was a surprise to most students of form, as after his prominent running at Trentham his chance appeared "two to one on." There must have been something amiss, as Capulet was whispered about in well-informed circles as the correct thing for the Pahiatua Cup. Recent form, however, prevailed, and backers will more often find that pull them through than "whisperer" tips.

As evidence of the prosperity of the

Wellington province it can be pointed out that the recent Wellington, Foxton, and Pahiatua race meetings have each been freely patronised by the speculating public. Increasing totalisator turnovers have gladdened the hearts of the above clubs' officials, and it is reasonable to anticipate that next season's programmes will show proportionate increased stakes.

The Porirua stable sent a couple of horses to Pahiatua, Aotea and Tetia, but the first named cut up ingloriously in the hack events. Tetai, after running third in the Trial Hack Plate, weight-for-age, managed to secure the Maiden Hack Scurry from a moderate field. Needless to add that the Porirua reps. were freely supported by the stable's followers in each of their engagements.

Mr. J. R. McDona'd, a patron of the Porirua stable, attended the sale of the Te Mahanga yearlings last week. His sole purchase appears to have been the Gold Reef—Nymph colt, a full brother to Gold Crown, for whom Mr. McDona'd gave 160 guineas. Mr. Dalton, the owner of Auratus, secured the San Fran—Maude filly at 155 guineas and this pair were evidently the pick of the lot submitted to the hammer.

The Hutt-trained horses, Wind and Black Squad, made an unsuccessful visit to the Nelson J.C. meeting. The former, who won the Second Hurdle Race at Trentham, was started in the Nelson Cup with F. Jones up, but failed to make any kind of showing. Horses raced over hurdles one week and on the flat the next are invariably unsuccessful. Black Squall ran a poor third in the N.J.C. First Hurdles, and was not started on the second day.

Solution, Tupono, and Destruction, the property of Mr. R. W. Paterson, have been brought to the Hutt and placed in J. Low's hands. Some differences as to who should ride these horses in their engagements led to a rupture between their former trainer and Mr. Paterson. J. Low is a thoroughly capable man, and his boxes have now ten occupants, including the Soult—Satanella filly recently purchased at the Papakura yearling sale.

As the result of the visit of inter-provincial pressmen to the inaugural meeting at Trentham the racecourse and appointments have come in for much criticism. It must be pleasing to the Wellington executive to note that, except for a few details, which will be rectified ere another meeting, the arrangements and racecourse have met with unanimous approval. Some critics considered the race track somewhat hard, but what courses are other than hard during midsummer. I visited the course subsequent to the racing, and found that on all portions of the course the horses' hoof marks had cut in upwards of an inch, and where the hurdle horses had landed over the jumps the impression was much more pronounced. My companions during the inspection were racing men of mature experience, and they unanimously agreed that the course was one of the best in the colony, and no owner of a reasonably sound racer need fear galloping his horse on it.

Messrs. L. H. Hewitt and R. Derrett, a couple of the colony's most experienced horsemen, speak in high praise of the course, which they designate "as level as a bowling green," and "the turn of the very best." The Wellington Racing Club Executive nevertheless will, if possible, further improve the track by top-dressing it forthwith; and when the autumn comes round visiting trainers will be enabled to while away their spare moments by playing bowls on the course.

Mr. J. H. Pollock, the W.R.C. handicapper, has been the recipient of a number of congratulatory letters from racing experts, who closely followed his adjustments during the Trentham meeting. One admirer presented the handicapper with a framed photograph of the finish of the race for the Wellington Cup, and underneath is written the investments made on the totalisator on each runner in the Cup.

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BOWLING.

(By "THE SKIP.")

AUCKLAND ASSOCIATION'S PENNANT AND INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

WINS FOR DEVONPORT, AUCKLAND, CARLTON, AND ONEHUNGA IN PENNANT.

MT. EDEN, AUCKLAND, CARLTON, AND ONEHUNGA SCORE WINS IN INTER-CLUB.

PONSONBY, ONEHUNGA, AND CARLTON SCORE WINS IN FIRST-YEAR PLAYERS.

The first round of the Pennant and Inter-club Matches, held under the direction of the Auckland Bowling Association, took place on Saturday last, all the local greens affiliated to the Association being used for the competitions. The weather was most unfavourable. A high wind, with occasional smart showers, made the sport anything but enjoyable. The wind repeatedly carried bowls past their intended destination, while the moisture had the effect of taking a lot of the "draw" out of the bowls, and also made the rinks somewhat "draggy."

The play throughout was fairly up to representative form, but in one or two instances strong teams on paper had to cry enough to those who were considered to have but a small chance of success.

The Pennant and Inter-club competitions will be continued on Saturday next, and we give the draw for the second round:—

Auckland plays Mount Eden, three rinks at Auckland, four at Mount Eden. First year's players at Auckland.

Ponsonby a bye.

Onehunga plays Devonport, two rinks at Onehunga, two at Devonport. First year's players a bye for Onehunga.

Rocky Nook plays Grey Lynn, one rink at Rocky Nook, two at Grey Lynn. First year's players at Rocky Nook.

Mount Albert plays Carlton, one rink at Mount Albert, one at Carlton. First year's players a bye for Carlton.

NOTES.

DEVONPORT GREEN.

The only rink to do any good for Mount Eden Club was that skipped by Rankin. This team—comprised as it was with Miller, Mackay, Martin—had Harrison and his men on the defence from the start, and put up the creditable win of 30 to 13. Each man beat his opponent in fine style, and Rankin was always there with his position bowls when his team had done their part.

Mercer and Gardiner had a real hard fight for supremacy. The latter's team went off with a big lead, the board showing 12 to 2. But as the game wore on Mercer and his men began to improve matters, and finished with a six points' defeat. The winning team—Mason, Broughton, Armstrong, Gardiner—are a very strong four, their combination being first-class. Matters would have been better adjusted had Gardiner's and Rankin's teams met.

The game between Ralfe and Brookes was very in and out for a good part of the journey. The latter's team got away with a four for a start owing to the fine ruining shots of Robins. But this was equalised in the next head by Ralfe cutting off both of his opponent's bowls and scoring four. Frequently the Mount Edenites had their Devonport friends in trouble, but the splendid driving of Le'evre and the firm drawing of Ralfe turned ugly "heads" for them into scoring. The leading of Gil (Mount Eden) and Harvey (Devonport) was good. The rest of the teams played fair average games.

In the Inter-club games the story is soon told. MacGregor's team put up the fine score of something like 30 to 13, and Pooley's team scored 28 to 10. The opposing Devonport teams were out-classed from the start, and the Mount Eden boys are to be congratulated on their fine performance. Mount Eden finished with a lead of 35 points in the Inter-club and one point to the good in the Pennant.

MOUNT EDEN GREEN.

In the Pennant games the play of the Mount Eden teams was disappointing. D. Croser, Webster, Mitchell, Eagleton (skip) met Simpson, Surman, Hooper, Burns (skip), and

won by 31 to 15. The Devonport men played exceptionally well, and man for man beat the Mountain team from the start. Burns had too much work left for him to do at the finish. The game between the teams skipped by Ross (Mount Eden) and Eyre (Devonport) was more evenly contested, although at one time it looked like a big win for Eyre. When half the game had gone the Edenites put in better play, and ended up with 17 all. Warren, the Devonport lead, was the best man on the ground. His consistent drawing to the jack from the first head on was a constant source of trouble to his opponent.

In the Inter-club game between the teams skipped by Brimblecombe (Mount Eden) and Glenister (Devonport), the game was somewhat one-sided. The first mentioned, playing a powerful game all through, won by 23 to 14. In the Inter-club aggregates Mount Eden have a substantial surplus, but in the Pennant aggregates they go down to the tune of 15 points.

AUCKLAND V. PONSONBY.

The only team to gain a win for Ponsonby against Auckland was that skipped by Kirker against Cupan, the scores being 22 to 16. The game was fairly evenly contested, but the consistent play of Newell and Kirker (Ponsonby) staled off any efforts made by the opposition to resist defeat.

Langford's team made a good fight against Hancock, but had to be content with a one point loss. Crabtree played an exceptionally good game for the losers.

Another closely contested game was that between Ledingham (Auckland) and Osmond (Ponsonby). The scores were 26 to 25 in favour of Ledingham, and with the smallest amount of luck the Ponsonby boys would have had the win.

Easton simply romped away from the Ponsonby crack skip, Ballantyne, never leaving the matter in doubt, eventually winning by 21 to 12.

Brookes (Auckland) proved too strong for Swales (Ponsonby) by 24 to 18. The scores did not represent the play, which was a fairly good exhibition of bowls.

The game between Lambert's (Auckland) and Veale's (Ponsonby) teams was one of the best contested on the green, the play at times being exceptionally fine, Veale time and again saving his side by his timely and accurate drawing.

A strong drawing team for Auckland was that composed of A. M. Myers, O'phiant, Perritt, Buttle (skip), who were pitted against Harkins, Arey, Webb, and Watson (skip). The game was never in doubt from the start, the Ponsonby team failing to make anything like a show. The scores were 26 to 8.

Buchanan (Ponsonby), who was so successful last year as a skip, met a strong four with James (ex-champion) as third and Carlaw as skip, and although supported by a fairly strong combination, with W. Jones as third, suffered a three points defeat. The scores were 25 to 22.

The total scores in the aggregate for the Pennant were: Auckland, 185; Ponsonby, 51. Majority for Auckland, 34 points.

The first-year players for Ponsonby were successful against the Auckland Club juniors, putting up a score of something like 28 to 15. On present form it looks as though Carlton or Ponsonby will furnish the winners for the first year's shield.

CARLTON V. ROCKY NOOK.

In the match between Carlton and Rocky Nook (four teams a-side) for the Pennant each club was successful in two rinks. Kilgour and Laurie (Carlton) were winners with 24 and

22 respectively against Bouskill 12 and Hodgson 14, while Butler 18 and Cutler 22 turned the tables on Holmes 13 and Wrathall 16. Aggregates for Peniant: Carlton, 75; Rocky Nook, 66. A majority of 14 points for Carlton.

In the Inter-club the Carlton teams were still more successful, putting up the creditable performance of 100 to 79, while their first-year players still added to the success of the club by scoring 34 to 7.

ONEHUNGA V. GREY LYNN.

In this contest the game was a complete walkover for Onehunga, not one of the Grey Lynn teams getting a look in. McIntosh beat Mil's (Grey Lynn) by 29 to 15, while F. Court 24 and McLean 17 scored wins against Bairdon 13 and Waite 12. The first-year players, skipped by Kerr, were no more successful than their older players, for Davies (Onehunga) put up the fine score of 28 to 17.

As it was not possible for all the clubs to meet at the formal opening of the Pennant matches held under the auspices of the Auckland Bowling Club, it was decided that the Mayor (Mr. A. M. Myers), who is president of the Auckland Bowling Association, should formally open the proceedings prior to the start of the games between the two oldest clubs in Auckland, i.e., Auckland and Ponsonby.

The President pointed out that the game of bowls had been played from time immemorial, and referred to the sport being accredited a second Freemasonry. The goodfellowship existing between bowlers was specially noticable, and in no form of sport was the mercenary aspect less noticeable, and none was cleaner. Long might it remain so. This was the first time in Auckland that an effort had been made to bring the clubs together with their full strength, and the committee who were responsible for so doing were to be complimented, and he trusted it would make the sport even more popular. Mr. Myers then asked his wife to throw the jack, and declared the green open for play. Cheers were heartily given for the president and his lady.

The second round of the Vice-president's Prize at Remuera resulted in a win for teams skipped by Laxon and Hall. The third round, to be played next Saturday, is between Hall's and Garland's teams, Laxon getting a bye.

At Rocky Nook green the following wins in trophy games are posted:—

Champion Fours.—Kretschmar, Jenkins (sub.), Wakerley, Bouskill (skip), 29, v. Veale, Bouskill, jun., White, Butler (skip), 13.

Champion Pairs.—Pollard, Haselden (skip), 28, v. Whitaker, Taylor (skip), 9; Hall, Manson (skip), 13, v. Bretschmar, Rewcastle (skip), 22; Veale, McDougall (skip), 20, v. Clarke, Cutler (skip), 22.

The semi-final for the Onehunga Club's Championship Singles is to be played off by Pardington and Robb. The winner is to meet McIntosh in the final. It looks the best of things for McIntosh if he keeps up his present form.

My Mount Albert correspondent writes:—For the Handicap Singles, second round, Jenkins 23, 23, beat Herbert 8, 13. "Well done, Jenkins." In the Champion Pairs a great surprise came off. Jameson and Ashton only scored 11 against Rev. Grigg and Mansell, 27. What a fall! Jameson and Ashton

scored one in the first head, which represents their score until the 12th head, when they got two. By this time Grigg and Mansell had put up 21. On the 20th head the score stood: Ashton 7, Mansell 27. A four on the last head landed Ashton into double figures. The big man (Russian) still thinks he will pull the pairs off, but the little one (Jap) is very confident and won't be bluffed. Parry was welcomed back to Mount Albert on Saturday after two months' absence at Cambridge, where he has given the folks a taste of his prowess as a bowler, having put down the great O'Toole and Buckland of that ilk. Mount Albert is experiencing some difficulty in raising two teams to play the Inter-club matches, a number of players being unable to roll up.

The newly formed Waitemata Club had practice games on Saturday last, and the following have been forwarded for publication:—

Geo. Carter, J. F. Jackson (skip), 19, v. A. Campbell, W. S. Daniel (skip), 14.

A. Campbell, J. Jackson, W. S. Daniel, Geo. Fraser (skip), 25, v. Bruce Lloyd, J. F. Jackson, Chas. Downey, W. J. Smith (skip), 10.

Arthur Greenslade, T. Jones, Chas. Downey, W. J. Smith (skip), 17, v. Ernest Greenslade, Bruce Lloyd, J. Jackson, G. Fraser (skip), 16.

Owing to the Pennant and Inter club competitions taking up the Saturday afternoons for some weeks to come, it is necessary for those having trophy contests to make arrangements to play games during the week afternoons before the light wanes too much to make it possible to play after five o'clock. Results of games for insertion in this paper should be forwarded by Tuesday morning at the latest.

CRICKET.

(By "YORKER.")

Owing to the rain which fell up to about half-past three on Saturday, there was some little delay in starting the matches. Fortunately the showers, which came at intervals during the afternoon, were not heavy enough to stop play once a start had been made, nor did they do much damage to the wickets.

In the Domain Parnell met City, and Grafton Ponsonby, while the Edenites crossed the water to play the North Shore eleven.


The result of the afternoon's play leaves Eden and Parnell, the two leading teams, each with a fair prospect of defeat. Should they both be beaten and Grafton manage to win their game with Ponsonby, Eden, Parnell, City, and Grafton will all be on even terms for the championship. In any case the games on Saturday week should be both interesting and exciting.

Winning the toss for City, Hemus went in first himself, with George Schmoll. Owing to the rain the ball was wet and difficult to handle, and the City pair lost no time in getting to work. Hemus appeared to be batting nicely, having put 16 runs against his name out of 21 scored, when Strickland got one into his wickets.

Strickland is a new arrival from Queensland, and brings with him the reputation of being one of their best bowlers. He took three of City's wickets on Saturday for 64, but did not appear to be in any way difficult. It would, however, be unfair to judge him on his first performance, as the conditions were so much against good bowling.

Evan MacCormick took Hemus' place, and with Schmoll at the other end the score was taken to 131 before another wicket fell. Schmoll was the first victim, caught behind the wickets off Strickland. Schmoll's 61 were the result of good, sound cricket of a fairly aggressive order for this batsman. He scored all round the wicket, and lost few opportunities. MacCormick, too, played a very sound innings with a bat set to the plumb line all the time. He did not long survive Schmoll, being likewise caught behind the wicket. His 50 was an extremely useful contribution.

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Caro, who was in during the latter part of McCormick's innings, and at times laid the wood on pretty hard, made 34. Caro is one of last year's juniors. He has on several occasions this season been very useful to his side, and promises to be a good bat. He is fairly free, and has a nice, straight forward drive.

After Caro's retirement R. Neill and Fryer were associated for a short time—quite long enough, however, to add some 40 odd runs, chiefly from the merry blade of the left-hander. Fully alive to the amount of trouble caused to the field, this player appears to aim at scoring an even number every time—boundaries over the field's heads preferred. Whether his innings be a long or a short one, rely upon it will be a merry one; and more power to him, say I. From a point of view of pleasure it is certainly an error on the right side.

City's last three wickets fell quickly one after the other, and when the end came Neill was still there with 34 to his credit, made by good, safe cricket.

The side scored 256, a total which will have to be made, as the saying is, and with Neill in anything like form I expect to see Parnell finish up this side of it.

Philson and Cromwell batted out the few minutes that were left, and have 9 runs to their credit.

Of the Parnell bowlers Olliff came out with the best average, taking four wickets for 45 runs. Fairburn came out with three for 62, and Strickland three for 64. The former is developing into a very fair bowler, and has proved a useful, all-round man to his side.

At the Shore Eden won the toss and sent Elliott and Dazeley in to face the bowling of Wallace and F. McNeill. Previous to commencement of play a change was made in the captaincy of the team, E. C. Beale, who has done well in the position for the last few Saturdays, being elected permanently for the remainder of the season. The election of a suitable captain is a matter of vital importance to every team, and it is a matter for regret that the choice is so often made in a haphazard, don't-want to hurt the other fellow's feelings sort of way. The captaining is so bad in some of our senior teams that it would pay to put a man in for his captaincy alone.

The Eden batsmen made a very poor start, three wickets—Elliott, Dazeley, and Robinson—being down for 19 runs. Fewster then came in, and though he only made a single himself, waited there long enough to see Lusk carry the total to 35. With Fewster out to McNeill's bowling, W. B. Smith joined Lusk, and something like a decent stand was made, the pair adding 40 by attractive cricket before Lusk had the misfortune to see the ball run into his wickets off a hit on to his pads. The retiring batsman had made 45 out of the 75 on the board, and, as usual, played very confidently, driving and hooking well.

Smith continued to the end of Eden's innings, being last man out for a well made 53. He has developed a very powerful off drive, and is altogether an improving player.

Eden totalled 161, the only other double-figure men being W. Stenson (24) and Rhoddis (13).

Frank McNeill, five for 53, was the most successful bowler—a very good analysis with a wet ball.

Shore opened their innings with Hussey and Prime. The latter was, however, early in trouble to Eden's slow bowler, and with only one to his credit and five on the board, retired clean bowled.

Hussey was then joined by Alf. Haddon, the crack batsman of the side, and runs at once began to come quickly, although neither batsmen was altogether at home to Fewster's "googlers," and with a little luck he should have had both their wickets.

Haddon scored well all round the wicket, and made several beautiful off drives. His end came just before close of play for the day, when, with 66 against his name, he was sent to the right-about, caught and bowled by Elliott.

Shore finished with 105 for two wickets, Hussey being not out with 34.

Though Shore are certainly not possessed of a very brilliant tail, they have made an excellent start, and should have no difficulty in getting the few runs required to win.

The Grafton-Ponsonby match is a very open game. Winning the toss Grafton batted first and made the fair total of 237. D. Hay was their top scorer with 58, while Clayton,

with 45 not out, showed out next best. The latter batsman is in very fine form just now, and it is a pity he did not go in earlier. He played a very solid innings, and some of his off drives were hard to beat. If Clayton were a little smarter in the field I should certainly like to see him on our rep. side. There is no one at present—Haddon and Sale included—showing such sound batting form.

Kallender was also responsible for a characteristic 45. Off one over of Walker's he hit six fours. The spectators got quite excited, and began reminding one another of the occasion against City last season, when he hit 14 fours from 18 balls, and no less than nine off successive balls.

Grafton's last wicket added close upon 50 runs to the total, thanks to Clayton and Lynch. The latter played a very correct and useful innings for 19.

Walker, four for 83, kept a good length throughout, and came out with the best analysis.

Going to the wickets Ponsonby made a bad start, Francis and Wilson both going down quickly. Thanks, however, to Cummings and Robinson, a good recovery was made, and the day closed with the board showing two for 83. Cummings 33 (not out) and Robinson 30 (not out) accounted for practically all the runs.

Cummings is a really safe bat, and got his runs well. He watches the ball carefully, and is not slow to punish anything at all loose. Seeing that he is as well such a fine field, I was rather surprised not to see his name among those chosen to play against the Melbourne team on Friday next.

Robinson's innings was useful but streaky.

Mr. Ohlson has picked the following players to represent Auckland against the Melbourne C.C. team:—

Robinson and Mason (Ponsonby team), Haddon and Hussey (North Shore), Smith, H. B. Lusk and Stenson (Eden), Olliff and Sale (Parnell), Hemus (City), and Sloman (Grafton).

I am not surprised to see that Hay and Elliott have been dropped, as they are both decidedly out of form, but I miss Sammy Jones' name from the number. I hear that it is at his own desire he has been left out, as he wishes some of the younger players to benefit by experience in big cricket.

Sloman and Sale, both excellent fields, will strengthen our side in that department, and the same applies to Masor if he doesn't lose his head and entertain himself and the spectators by throwing boundaries for the other side—a little habit he has. Apart from this he too is a first-class field.

I am also glad to see Robinson given a chance behind the sticks. Robinson is only a medium stumper, but is very solid, and seldom misses anything like a fair chance of taking a catch behind the wickets.

The selection is a good one, though I should like to see a better fieldsmen in Hussey's place. Hussey is a very fair forcing bat and a change bowler, who often gets a wicket, but I think the time has arrived when no one should be thought of for our reps. unless he first of all be a good field. Practically the same fault can of course, be found with Stenson, who is neither as active nor attentive as he once was in the field. But Stenson, on the other hand, is one of our mainstays as a bowler, and has been especially successful against many of the strongest sides that have visited us.

With these two exceptions our field is a good one, and I look forward to their blotting some of the miserable exhibitions given in the South.

The Melbourne team arrived last Sunday morning in the Manuka, and were met on the wharf by the local management committee. On Sunday afternoon the team visited Cornwall Park, and were much struck by the beauty of the view, also by the cold south-westerly that was blowing. It was 110 in the shade when they left Melbourne. At ten on Monday morning the majority of the team left for

Rotorua, where they will remain until Thursday. Warwick Armstrong and Charlie McLeod, two members of the Australian Eleven, preferred to spend a quiet time at Waiwera, where they are looking forward to getting a little fishing.

AQUATICS.

(By "THE REEFER.")

The class race of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron were marred by the paucity of the entries, but the actual racing was very good. In the contest for yachts of 42ft linear rating, Ariki and Rainbow had a keen go for the greater part of the course, but at the finish the larger boat drew away, crossing the line 6min 34sec ahead of Rainbow. The result depends upon the measurement of the yachts, which has not yet been completed. For the race for 30-footers the starters were Wairiki, Wairere, and Janet, the two former having a spirited battle all round the course. The cutters were stopped after the first round, when Wairiki was 1min 49sec ahead of Wairere, with Janet nearly five minutes further behind. Emerald and Waka were the only starters in the handicap race for 26ft tuck-stern centreboard yachts. Although she drew out a big lead and finished over 17 minutes ahead, Emerald was unable to concede her handicap to Waka.

The power launch race was an interesting feature of the afternoon's sport. The course was one of 16 knots, and the starters were:—Togo, scratch; Union, 15min; Matareka, 22 min; Blue Bell, 55min. The scratch boat travelled at a great pace, passing all but Union, which crossed the finishing line 6sec ahead, Blue Bell being third.

An exciting incident occurred in the 30-footers' race. When off Mechanics' Bay Wairiki lost a man overboard, but fortunately he was smartly rescued by Wairere. This necessitated the race being abandoned, the Yacht Squadron rules being very stringent on life-saving. The race was re-started, with results as above.

Mr. Boyd's Tiro and Mr. Sandford's Spray sailed a match for £15 aside on Saturday, the former winning easily by ten minutes. A good deal of interest was taken in the encounter by the friends of the owners.

The race for the Manukau Yacht Club's Champion Cup was spoilt by the capsizing of Ngaroma. Maka Maile was leading by two minutes at the time, and continued the race, coming in alone, the other competitor (Spray) having retired. The crew of Ngaroma had a rather perilous experience in the rough water, but were rescued by Mr. Sutherland's power launch, and the boat towed into shelter and righted.

In the handicap race Endeavour, on the 4min mark, seemed to revel in the strong blow, going in great style throughout and winning by 9min from the scratch boat, May Bee.

Accounts from Sydney concerning the yacht race at the Anniversary Regatta show that the Rawhiti was on scratch, and was asked to give away starts up to 21 minutes. The wind was light, and was a lead all round, conditions which were, of course, all in favour of the smaller yachts on the big marks. As Rawhiti gained 12 min 46sec on the winner, the English boat Magic, over a course of 15½ miles, she cannot have done so badly as the cables implied. If there had been any working to be done, it is probable that the Aucklanders would just about have won.

Petrel, the speedy Auckland-built yacht owned by Commodore S. M. Dempster, is again the champion of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Sydney. She gained her victory on Saturday in the second event in connection with the championship, and although there is still another race, the position of Petrel is unassailable, as she has scored 6 points, while Scotia, the next on the list, has only 2.

A cable states that Sir Thomas Lipton is willing to have a fourth try for the America Cup, provided the measurement rules governing the contest are modified. It was only to be expected that the owner of the

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three Shamrocks would be anxious for a change, as he has conclusively proved that it is not possible for a yacht to be built strong enough to cross the Atlantic with any chance of successfully competing with the Gimcrack racing shells of the New York Yacht Club. If both competitors were real yachts and not useless racing machines, far more good would be done to the sport by such contests than is at present the case.

ATHLETICS.

A couple of matches were decided in the Domain on Monday afternoon which caused a lot of interest. The first was between "Paddy" Quinlan, mine host of the Thistle Hotel, who was matched to run A. Champion, a well-known matallician, 50 yards, the popular boniface receiving 7yds start. Despite his 17st weight and 52 years Quinlan turned out as spry as a two-year-old, and getting off the mark very smartly was never caught, winning by a yard.

Next Jimmy Becket essayed to beat 6½secs for 43 yards, for a stake said to be £50. This feat he accomplished, doing the trip in 6secs.

The next match to take place will be between Jimmy Becket and Fred. Ballin, the former giving away 5yds in 55.

A match is also spoken of between the burly McMahon, of Whangarei, and Paddy Quinlan. It is rumoured that it is for 50 yards, and both men will go off the mark.

By the way, Mr. P. Quinlan, who won his match on Monday, was turned out by Arthur Pearson, the one-time well-known sprint champion. Pearson has, I believe, quite a team of runners under his charge, and if he can make them as good as he used to be himself they will be fairly warm.

A strong effort is being made in Melbourne to send G. A. Wheatley to represent Victoria at the Olympian games at Athens. At the A.N.A. sports the other day the Victorian ran a half-mile in 1min 56sec., which beats the Australasian record (his own). If sufficient money is forthcoming he will go Home with Nigel Barker. It is a pity that New Zealand will have no representative at the world's great sports.

A new colonial record for a long jump was established at the Civil Service Harriers' sports at Dunedin, when Keddel, of Oamaru, jumped 22ft 5in, being 7 inches better than the previous record. The previous record was 21ft 7in, and was held by M. M. Roseingrave.

The programme of events for the New Zealand Athletic Championships, to be decided on the Carisbrook ground, Dunedin, on Saturday, March 3, together with the standard times and New Zealand records, are as under:—100yds Flat, standard time 10 1-5sec., New Zealand record 9 4-5sec.; 220yds flat, 22 4-5sec. and 22 3-5sec.; 440yds flat, 52sec and 50 2-5sec.; 880yds flat, 2min 2sec and 1min 59 1-5sec; one mile, 4min 32sec and 4min 27 2-5sec; three mile, 15min 30sec and 14min 49sec; one mile walk, 7min and 6min 27 2-5sec; three mile walk, 23min 20sec and 21min 37sec; 120yds hurdles (10 flights 3ft 6in), 16 3-5sec and 15 1-5sec; 440yds hurdles (10 flights 3ft 6in), 63sec and 58 4-5sec; long jump, 20ft 6in and 21ft 6in; high jump, 5ft 7in and 5ft 9¼in; pole jump, 10ft and 11ft 0¼in; putting 16lb weight (from 7ft circle), 38ft 6in and 44ft 3in; throwing 16lb hammer (from 9ft circle), 130ft and 136ft 4¼in; interprovincial championship relay race, one mile, teams of four (representing a centre), each man to run one lap; Interclub handicap relay race, one mile, teams of four, each man to run one lap. Entries for all Mr. H. Macintosh, on Saturday, Feb. events close with the hon. secretary, ruary 17.

The Motorist.

(By "PETROL.")

Now that most of the European patterns of cars for 1906 have been placed before the public (says the "Field") one can note the general nature of the movement made by manufacturers in their desire to bring the development of the automobile another step forward. On the whole it must be said that no decisive results have been attained, and not a few firms have been content with "marking time." Many things are left in an uncertain or unfinished state, and diverse opinions are held. Thus in ignitions the battle is by no means over yet, and three types remain in the field, the only new departure being the formation of an alliance between some two of them. It is a confession of weakness, however, to have two ignitions, just as it would be to have a spare carburetter or a second pump fitted, and it is thus evident that perfection has not been reached in this apparatus. Then, again, we have chain drive and cardan shaft transmission still in vogue, with no indication that either type will be eliminated just yet. So, too, with the clutches—the old leather cone clutch is not yet superseded. Many other instances could be given which indicate that the followers of any one system have not been able to show such a clear advantage by their methods as to practically compel all others to follow suit.

The driving of a motor car is, per se, not at all a difficult art; but to drive really well is a different matter, and the man who thinks he knows all about it would be wise to take every opportunity of acquiring experience by sitting alongside a better driver than himself. It is just the same in most other mundane affairs. The billiard player who rules the roost in his own little circle, the champion tennis player on his own lawn, and the cock o' the walk in all manner of pastimes finds that his game goes off, or at least does not improve, if he plays only with inferiors; whereas, directly he pits his skill against that of distinctly better men, although he may incur humiliating defeat, if he is sensibly good-tempered and not oppressed by an over-weening self-conceit, he can pick up many wrinkles from his opponent's methods which will enable him to improve his own play. So in motor driving: a run with an experienced driver will be a liberal education for the man who, prior to such an experience, imagines he knows all there is to know about driving.

A rather good novelty in motor cars shown at the late Paris show was fitted to a Mors car. It consists of a pump, which the driver can work whilst sitting in his seat. The pump forces a charge of gas into the cylinders. The ignition is then switched on, and that cylinder which is on the firing stroke gives the first impulse to the engine, the charges in the other cylinders continuing the working of the motor. The novelty has created a favourable impression in European circles, and there is every prospect of the idea being used largely by makers during the present year.

The following, from an Australian paper, is worth making a note of by motorists:—"Recently many motorists have been charged before the courts for reckless driving. Heavy fines have been imposed. Yet these heavy fines seem not to deter motorists from continuing in their foolish practices. How this can be passes understanding. There is plenty of room out on the lonely, unfrequented roads for occasional trials of speed, therefore there is no justification in harassing the public in the city or a country towns. A motorist who drives his car at regulation speed through such places may easily get all the pleasure he needs by waiting for a quiet stretch of unfrequented road before he lets his machine out at full speed. The welfare of the general public who, after all, own the roads, will thus be considered and conserved."

FOOTBALL.

The New Zealanders played an exhibition game in New York. The Americans were unable to raise a fifteen, and six of the touring team were included. The match resulted in a win for New Zealand by 46 to 13. A British Columbia fifteen is to be met next Saturday at San Francisco.

When it was decided to have the victorious New Zealand football team return by way of the United States and Canada, playing matches en route, it was perhaps not realised by the majority of our readers that football as played in America differs vastly from the game as played in New Zealand. As evidence of the brutality exhibited in the American game, it is only necessary to quote the remarks of James J. Jeffries, champion heavy-weight prize fighter of the world. After witnessing a game of American football he said:—If every player in the game were to obey the rules all the time and never count a foul, football would still be ten times more dangerous than fighting in the ring. As they play the game nowadays I would not go in for it for a thousand dollars a minute. Then we have the opinion of "Battling Nelson," champion light-weight of the world. When he came away from a football game he said:—"I'll take fighting every time. It's a parlour game compared to football." These words, coming from the man who beat Champion Jimmy Britt for the world's light-weight supremacy, must be estimated to carry some weight, and to give an idea of the game as played over yonder. Nelson has earned his title of "Battling Nelson" from the fact that he wins his fights from sheer endurance. He is evidently built of whipcord and wire, and just stands up till his opponent has got tired of punching, and then gets in and wins. Prize-fighters in big contests in America are made as fit for their tasks as human ingenuity can make them, and when they enter the ring are fit to fight for a kingdom, but when men who have beaten every thing in sight say that football is more dangerous than prize-fighting, it is time to hope that our New Zealand boys will not take the opportunity of being maimed. It is not likely, however, that the New Zealand team will play any matches with American teams, as the latter play eleven aside. The writer has seen the game played in U.S.A. and in New Zealand, and has no hesitation in saying that New Zealanders know more about scientific football at present than America is likely to learn in the next five years. It is small wonder, with the heavy annual casualty list, that the American colleges have decided to give up their method of playing the game. Perhaps the visit of our boys may teach them a better one.

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CYCLING.

W. Rutt won the Mile International Championship in Melbourne last week from F. Macfarland, with H. Mayer third. The A.N.A. Wheel Race, of £100, was secured by R. Cameron, 95yds, with S. S. Levey, 105yds, second, and S. L. Whitson, 90yds, third. H. Mayer was the winner of the Lightning Two Laps Dash from Rutt; and of the A.N.A. Gold Stakes Grand Final (three miles) from Macfarland.

According to a Sydney paper, Lawson is disgusted with the amount that he has been offered as appearance money this season, and it is understood he intends returning to America this week. The American is not as big a draw as he imagines he is, although he is undoubtedly the best rider in Australia.

The six days' race at Madison Square Garden, New York, was this year won by Root and Foyler. They covered 2260 miles 6 laps in the six days. It was an exciting finish, and was won by four lengths from the Bedell brothers.

It appears from some information published in English papers that there are 750,000 bicyclists in France. The statement is made in connection with an agitation for a reduction of the tax on cycles.



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BOXING.

HOW FITZSIMMONS WAS BEATEN.

Particulars are just to hand of the boxing contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jack O'Brien, the Philadelphia middle-weight, which took place in San Francisco.

After thirteen rounds, and when the veteran was being sponged and fanned while the blood was streaming from his mouth and nostrils, he suddenly threw up his arms and collapsed.

The doctor, seeing that he had fainted, jumped into the ring, and directed the seconds who were working over him. He soon recovered consciousness, but the referee immediately awarded the fight to O'Brien.

The crowd was enormous, and betting at the start was slightly in favour of "Fitz."

"Bob" insisted that there should be no delay, declaring that he would not allow the cold to chill his limbs for any man.

He received the following cable from his wife:—

"Always the same, Bob, win or lose; but mind you win."

His last words to his seconds before entering the ring were:—"You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

O'Brien said: "If Fitz wins, he'll be the wonder of the age; but my strength lies in my feet, and he cannot win."

In the opening rounds O'Brien danced round the ring, and Fitz was unable to place him.

The old man had all his famous power behind his arm, but O'Brien cleverly avoided punishment.

In Round 4 Fitz landed a hard right swing, and almost fell through the ropes from his own efforts. But he recovered, and jabbed a left to the eye. O'Brien, however, hit him all over the face, and blood was flowing freely.

In the next round Fitz chased O'Brien round the ring, and finally caught him right on the mouth.

In the sixth and eighth rounds Fitz fell after two wicked rights in the face.

When the bell rang at the close of the ninth round Fitz was again on the floor.

In the tenth he was wild, but apparently got in a hard right over the heart.

But O'Brien's footwork was too much for Fitz. The crowd yelled with delight in the eleventh round as O'Brien was sent to the ropes.

The beginning of the thirteenth round seemed to favour Fitz, who landed two lefts on O'Brien's jaw.

It was a hard round, and told on the old fighter, who scarcely reached his chair before his evident distress made it plain that the fight was over.

O'Brien, or, to give him his proper name, Joseph Hagon, is sixteen years the junior of the Cornwall farrier, for while Fitz was born on June 4, 1862, O'Brien did not see the light until January 17, 1878. In his two visits to England Jack effectually settled the pretensions of every man he met.

The heavy-weight championship of England was recently contested by Jack Palmer (Benwell, Newcastle) and "Geoff Thorne" (England's heavy and middle-weight ex-amateur champion). The Northcountryman was at once installed the favourite, 25 to 20 on his chance being freely taken. From the start the men boxed at a tremendous pace, the Novocastrian fully justifying the odds laid on him. His left-handed jabs in the first meeting had a great effect upon his rival. In the second round a fine passage of arms ensued, Thorne doing much better. Coming to the third, the heavy work that the pair had participated in appeared to have had but little effect, except that each was somewhat flushed. Unfortunately the fourth passage of arms, when the bout was at a very interesting stage, came to a very unsatisfactory conclusion. After several smart rallies had been indulged in Palmer dabbled his man with the right. Upon again coming within measurable distance Palmer tried for the same place, but appeared to be rather low, and Thorne dropped to the boards, where he remained until counted out. Many present were under the impression that it was a foul, but the referee, although admitting that the blow was somewhat low,

was of the opinion that Thorne was a certain extent responsible, and that he had, in endeavouring to avoid the delivery, himself forced it down. Thereupon, with the Londoner unable to continue, the referee awarded the contest to Palmer. It was certainly a very regrettable ending to what might have panned out a very interesting contest.

A CURE FOR MIDDLE AGE.

(By "Old Boy.")

It always comes as a shock to a man or a woman to hear that they are being classed as middle-aged people. Youth emerges so gradually into age that one is apt to consider oneself young for years after those who are really young have placed us upon the shelf of age. In all but a small minority of cases, however, when a person gets to be over forty, a subtle diminution of energy makes itself felt. Perhaps, if we are lucky, we have nothing special in the way of pain to growl about, but, even in such cases, there is an indefinable something which insistently brings to our knowledge the fact that youth has fled. In a larger proportion of instances the advance of middle age is heralded in a more emphatic manner. The joints become stiff, twinges of gout are felt, rheumatic and neuralgic pains begin to trouble, there is a sharp pain when rising from a stooping posture, a good meal is eaten with a miserable consciousness that presently we shall regret the eating, and numerous weaknesses and aches all tend to advise us that we must begin to take more care of ourselves.

Although there is, unfortunately, no means of preventing the advance of age, it is possible to ward off its effects for an indefinite period if adequate care is taken to see that the eliminating organs, the kidneys and liver, are in good working order, because the encroachments of age are ever gradual and painless when the kidneys and liver are properly performing their 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 to 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, Neuralgia, 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, Billiousness, Anaemia, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility, and Blood Disorders.

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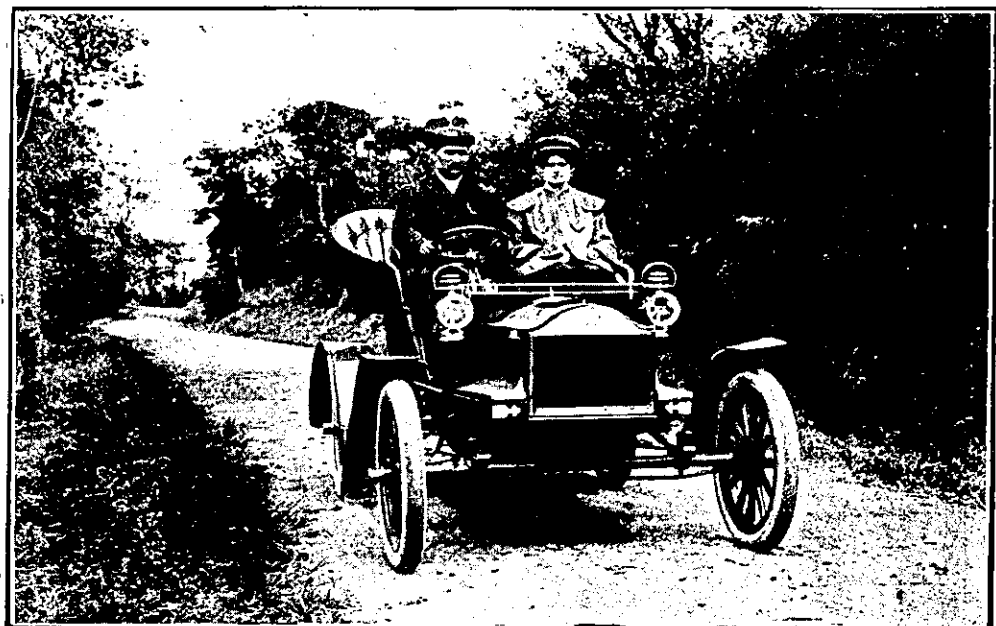


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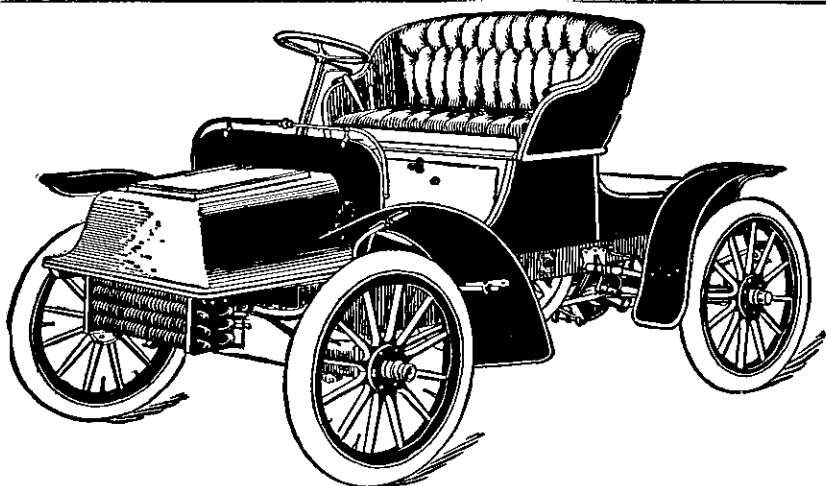
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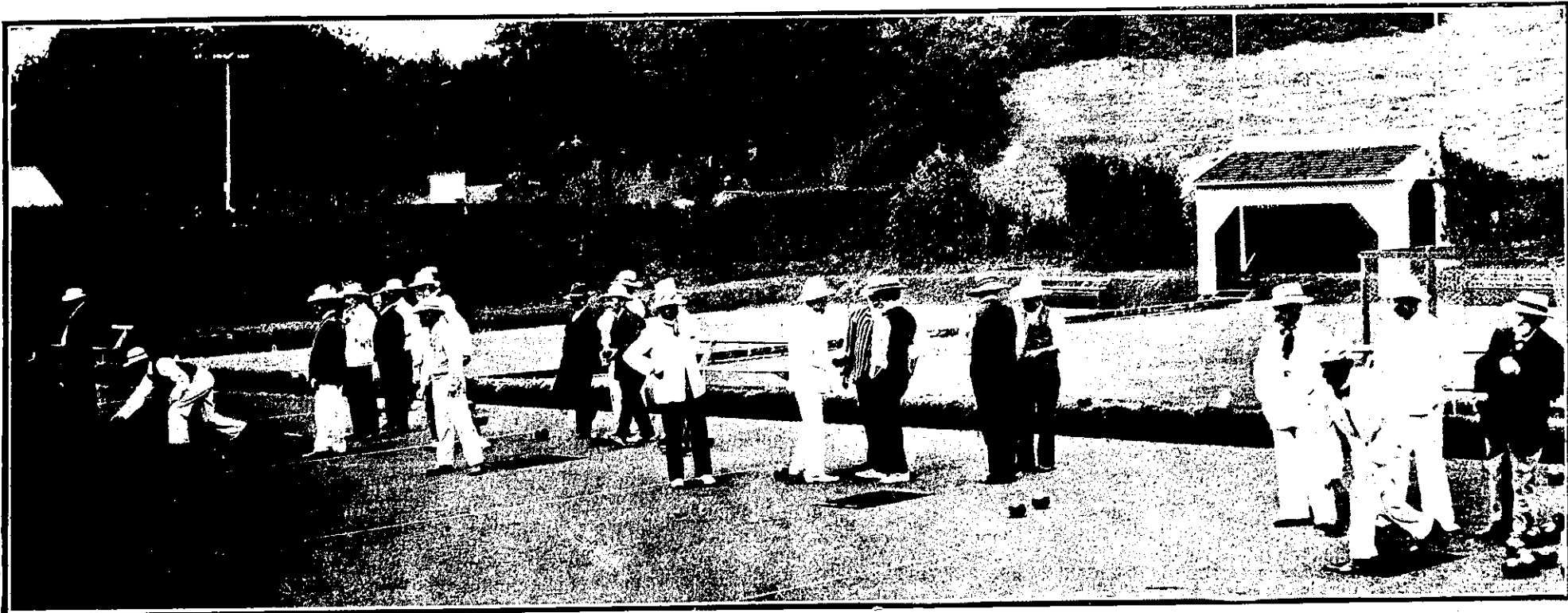
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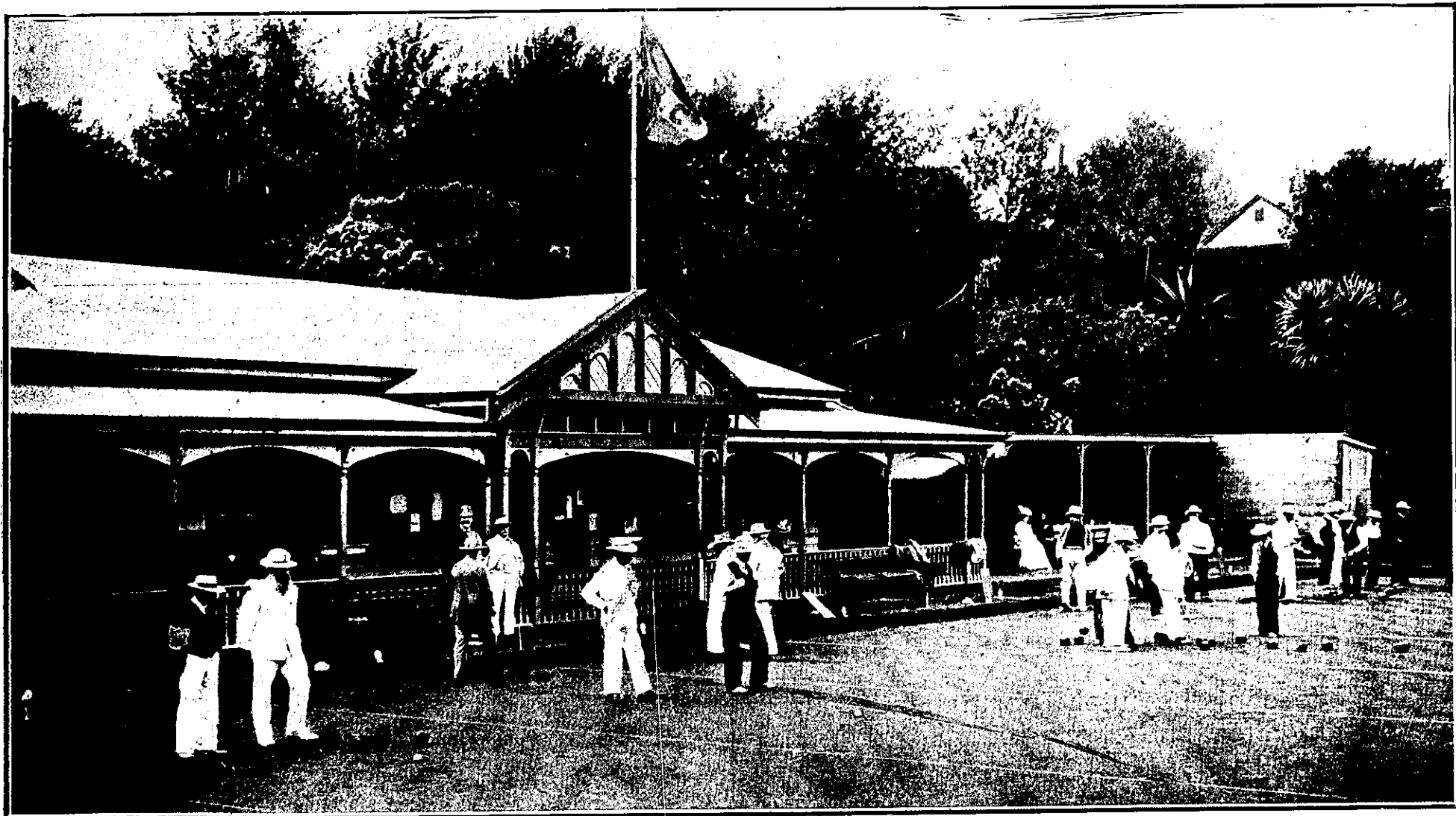
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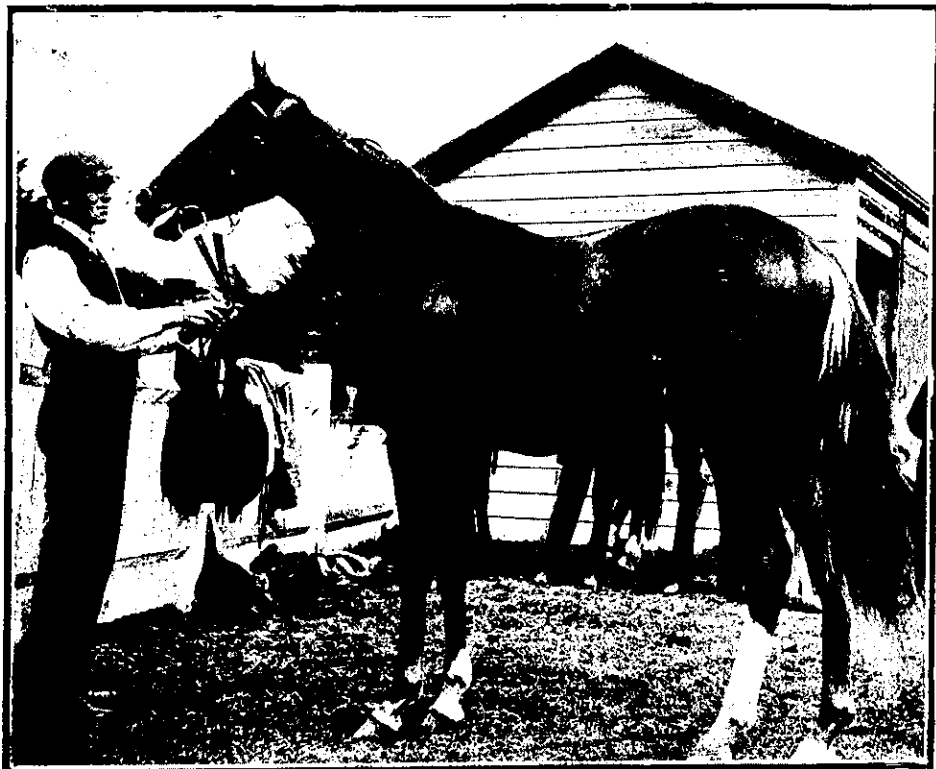
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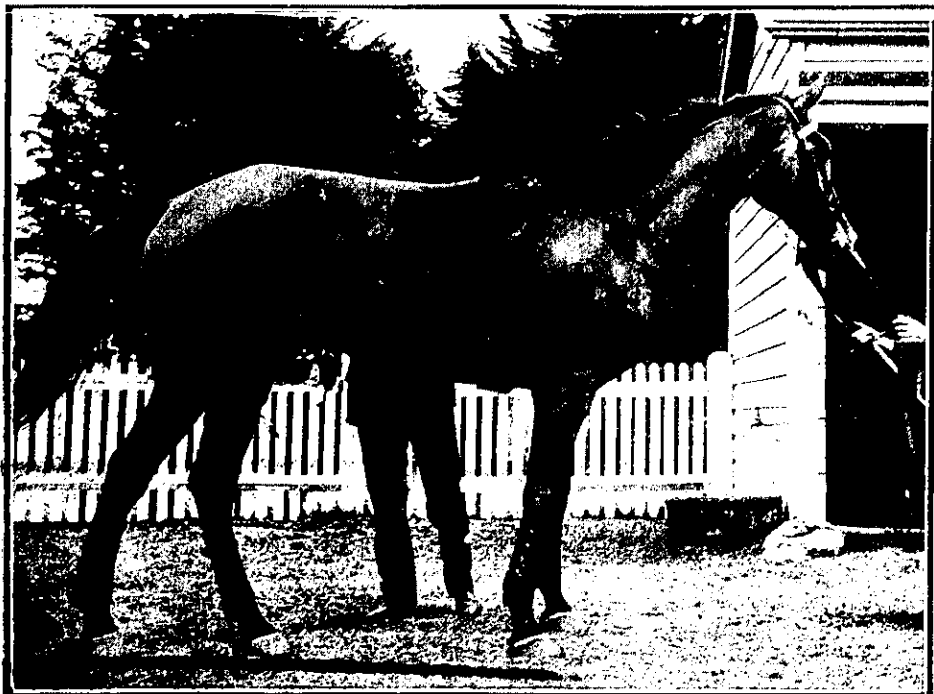
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"MONSIEUR BEUCAIRE."

After a week's run to good business "The Darling of the Gods" gave way on Monday to that most charming of plays, "Monsieur Beaucaire." It is about a year ago that it was first played in Auckland, scoring an instantaneous success, and now the Knight-Jeffries Company have repeated their former triumph. It is a fine acting play, full of stirring scenes and bright dialogue, while the period is that picturesque one when the women wore powder and patches, the satin suits of the men were as radiant in colouring as a bird of paradise. The City of Bath in those days was what Homburg or Carlsbad is to-day—a place where fashion gathered, nominally to take the waters, but in reality to indulge in all sorts of frivolity and amusement. It was the time that ephemeral production of a curious age Beau Nash ruled Bath in his capacity of Master of Ceremonies, and when in the Pump Room were daily to be found not only many of the leaders of society, but hundreds of those whose one object in life was to obtain a foothold in the charmed circle. Booth Tarkington, in his romance has, it is true, not confined himself to historical accuracy, but has perhaps done better, for he has succeeded in making his story absorbingly interesting. It gives Mr. Julius Knight a great chance, and to say that the actor fully grasps the possibilities is but to half state the case. Mr. Knight's Monsieur Beaucaire is perhaps the finest of all his impersonations, not even excepting his Marcus Superbus in "The Sign of the Cross," which many consider to be his masterpiece. In the hands of a less versatile artist the part might easily be overdone, the effect of which would be to irretrievably ruin the play, but not so with Mr. Knight, whose impersonation is so fine, even down to the smallest and what might be considered by others unimportant details, as to make it almost above criticism. There may be better Beaucaires, although I take leave to doubt it, but we cannot hope to see them here, neither is the desire particularly strong. Miss Maud Jeffries resumed her old role of Lady Mary Carlyle, making a very sweet-faced heroine, who, however, gives but little evidence of being "the proudest woman in England." If blemish there was, it consisted in the inartistic drawl which with Miss Jeffries is becoming more pronounced than ever. Mr. G. P. Cary, as the Duke of Winterset, did sound work throughout, while Mr. Harry Plimmer made a very manly Major Molyneux, his description of the duel being a particularly fine piece of elocution. Mr. Frank Sterling appeared to enjoy the role of Mr. Rakell as much as did the audience, while all the other parts were well filled.

"Monsieur Beaucaire" has drawn good houses during the three nights of its run, but to-night will give place to "A Royal Divorce." The popularity of this Napoleonic drama has been simply wonderful. It has been played on more than one occasion here, when the business done has proved simply phenomenal. The record has been the same in the South, where people have had to be turned away nightly from the doors. Mr. Julius Knight will, of course, resume his old role of Napoleon, while Miss Maud Jeffries will enact the part of the Empress Josephine. The three fine tableaux depicting "The Return from Moscow," "The Battle of Waterloo," and "Alone on St. Helena" will again be repeated, and in every respect the production will be on the same scale as before. Those who have not seen it should on no account miss this stirring play.

THE CHARLES HOLLOWAY COMPANY.

A short season at the Opera House will be commenced by the Charles Holloway Company next Tuesday evening, when there will be staged G. R. Sims and Arthur Shirley's fine play, "Two Little Vagabonds." In the cast will be Miss Beatrice Holloway, Miss Mabel Russell, Miss Ethel Appleton, Miss Alice Deorwyn, Miss Cora Clavery, Miss Pattie Gourlay, Miss Hilda Fraser, Messrs. Robert Inman, Godfrey Cass, Jefferson Talte, J. P. O'Neill, J. Hesford, Wilton Welsh, Franklyn Kenny, George Heather, S. Leonard, Harry Brownless, Max Strathmore, and Crosbie Ward. The play is in five acts, and is one of very human interest which on its former production in Auckland drew big audiences. Some very effective scenery has been painted for the piece, which will be produced under the personal supervision of Mr. Charles Holloway. "Two Little Vagabonds" will be followed by "Rogues of the Turf" and "Shall We Forgive Her?"

Mr. James Hendy arrived in Auckland from Sydney on Sunday in advance of the Charles Holloway Dramatic Company, which opens a season next week in Auckland.

Czerny met with great success in his tour of the Waikato, packed houses being the rule. By the way, on the opening night at Hamilton the luggage, instead of arriving by the one o'clock train, came to hand in the evening. This meant getting a hustle on and no time for dinner. The curtain rose half an hour late, but "the gate" was a "boomer."

A matter that has puzzled nine out of ten people who went to see "The Darling of the Gods" was why the play was given its title, and who was the darling of the gods. Manifestly it could not be Yosan or Kara, the much-persecuted hero and heroine, neither could the cruel Zakkuri fill the bill. I have heard many discussions on the point, but in no case was the right answer hit on, namely, that it was the butterfly inadvertently killed by Yosan in the first act.

The next dramatic company to visit us will be that headed by Mr. Charles Holloway, which commences a season on the 13th inst. under the management of Mr. Edwin Geach.

Miss Florence Hamer, whose portrait forms the subject of our frontispiece this week, is well known to Auckland audiences, having been here previously with "The Marriage of Kitty" Company. In that comedy and in the others played by the company, Miss Hamer proved beyond

doubt that she is possessed of exceptional ability, her success being very great, so much so that it seems a pity she is not given greater opportunities with the present organisation, the Knight-Jeffries Company. Miss Hamer's two years' engagement really terminated when the New Zealand tour commenced, but she likes the colony and its people so much that the trip through the island was undertaken. After the season at His Majesty's, Miss Hamer will pay a flying visit to the Hot Lakes, and then leave for Sydney, where she will join the R.M.s. Orient, which sails for London on March 10. The popular actress states that her two years' experience in Australia and New Zealand has been a particularly happy one.

"British Australasian," just to hand, says: "Mr. J. C. Williamson was wont to say that Miss Carrie Moore was the cleverest child who had ever come under his banner. Her rise to first place was phenomenal and deserved. In London, under Mr. George Edwardes, she fully justified the reputation which gained her a leading place in his companies, at Daly's and elsewhere. At the Grand, Glasgow, in Mr. Robert Courteidge's production of 'Aladdin,' she opened as principal boy on the 30th ult., and achieved instantaneous success. On the first night the gallery, like Oliver Twist, called for 'Moore.'"



MISS C. HOLMES, a beautiful English actress.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—The rival shows, at the Royal and at the Opera House, have both done splendid business since my last. John F. Sheridan and Co. opened at the former on Monday in "The Earl and the Girl," one of the latest London successes. The piece is of the up-to-date "musical comedy" order, and consequently hasn't any plot worth mentioning. It is nearly all "variety" turns, but they are bright and amusing, and of the kind the jaded city man, full of business cares, likes to see and hear, although he wouldn't give a twopenny stamp to see "Hamlet" or "Othello." Alas for the degeneracy of the age and "the decay of the public taste!" But to return to our muttons. In "Jim Chease" Johnny Sheridan (described in the bill as "a dog-trainer," but whose make-up is more suggestive of a street acrobat with a dash of the professional running man) has a part that suits him well enough (although it is in burlesque female characters that John F. chiefly excels). But as the bogus earl John is certainly very funny. Miss Heba Barlow, as a coster girl, is good, although she has evidently not studied the female coster "in her habits as she lives" on her native heath—i.e., the East End of London, say down Whitechapel way. Nevertheless and notwithstanding Miss Barlow is certainly clever, and must be set down as a very popular member of the company. Mr. Avalon Colard, as Dick Wargrave, acts with the ease of the old stager, and sings most agreeably. Miss Flo. Fanning (a sister of Charles of that ilk) is capital as "the strong woman," and the remaining parts are also more or less capably filled. On Thursday "Mrs. Dooley's Joke" went on, and being well remembered here drew another big house. In this piece, and in the name part, J.F.S. is seen at his best. His "frocks" are gorgeous creations in the very latest style, the race dress being what lady enthusiasts call "a dream." What with attractive songs (interpolated and otherwise), beautiful dresses, bright and sparkling music, and any amount of fun (including a burlesque of Le Roy, Talma, and Bosco, the Rickards Company's stars), the piece "goes with a bang." Last night the panto of "Dick Whittington" formed the attraction. Of this popular production more anon. . . . Tremendous houses have been the order of the night at the Opera House since my last. Most people have found it expedient to book seats in advance. The bright particular stars of the show are Le Roy, Talma, and Bosco, and Victor Kelly. The former trio contributed a turn to the second programme quite as good as that they opened in. Nothing better, smarter, or more bewildering of its kind has ever been seen here. Their "levitation act," in which Talma is placed on a long table and covered with a piece of drapery, and then slowly rises, cover and all, into mid-air, while Le Roy passes a hoop beneath the table to show that no hidden ropes or wires exist, is marvellous. And when the drapery is pulled aside and Talma is discovered to have vanished utterly the wonder of the audience knows no bounds. The Rickards Company's season closes to-night (Saturday). One word concerning Victor Kelly (who deserves half a column). This wonderful dancer and acrobat is a genuine artist, whose equal has not often been seen in New Zealand. To-night (Saturday) Fuller's Entertainers make their reappearance at the Opera House, when our old friend John Fuller (sure of a great reception) will contribute "The Garden of the Sea" and "Geraldine," and a host of new artistes will make their bow, and several old favourites are billed to appear.

Sir Chas. Wyndham, in the Christmas "Pearson's Magazine," tells the following Irving story:—"Irving was, of course, the very essence of dignity and self-respect. At the Queen's Theatre in one room were dressing five or six of us, including Irving, Lionel Brough, and myself. One man got into the fatal habit of calling us all by our Christian names. But Irving did not like it, and hit upon a very good idea to stifle our affectionate comrade. 'I vote,' he said, 'we fine each other half-a-crown every time we address each other by our Christian names.' Our erring friend took the hint, but in two days' time we were ourselves forgetting it. Brough cried out 'Charlie' when addressing me, to which Irving reprovingly retorted, 'Half-a-crown. Lal!' and I collected the money."

After a successful season of five weeks at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, "Merely Mary Ann" was withdrawn on Friday night last (writes Mr. George Tallis), and on Saturday Miss Tittell Brune appeared once more in Melbourne in "L'Aiglon," the stirring Napoleonic drama in which she was so instantaneously and triumphantly successful when it was first produced in Australia. The piece was exceedingly well received by a large audience, who cheered the talented young actress again and again for her powerful and emotional interpretation of the title role, and called her before the curtain at the end of every act to receive the applause she had so deservedly earned. "L'Aiglon" will only be repeated during the week and to-night (Saturday, February 3). There will be a revival of "Sunday," the piece in which Miss Brune made her Australian debut and which has always been one of the most popular plays in her extensive repertoire. Afterwards Sardou's tragedy of "La Tosca" will be done by Miss Tittell Brune for the first time in Australia, and her assumption of the hapless heroine is being eagerly anticipated with very considerable interest by playgoers.

The Wilcannia, which reached Melbourne from South Africa in the early part of the week, had on board Mr. R. G. Knowles, who is under engagement to Mr. J. C. Williamson for an Australasian tour as a monologue entertainer. He is accompanied by his wife, herself a banjo player of no mean order, who assisted materially in the entertainment with which Mr. Knowles has been so very successful in South Africa and elsewhere. They both proceeded in the steamer to Sydney, where Mr. Knowles opens at the Palace Theatre on the 10th inst. in "Trifles that Trouble the Traveller," and "Songs and Stories of the Stage." As the theatre is wanted a fortnight later for the farewell season of the Knight-Jeffries Company Mr. Knowles will be on tour before the end of the month, and it is probable that he will begin his Melbourne visit at the Athenaeum somewhere about Eastertime.

Mr. George Edwardes produced "The Little Cherub," a musical comedy by Owen Hall and Ivan Caryll at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, London, about a fortnight ago, and Mr. J. C. Williamson has already received a cable from his London agent stating that an enormous success had been made by the play. He is now waiting fuller particulars by mail, and if these indicate that the character of the piece insures its acceptance by Australian audiences, he will, of course, secure the Australasian rights in it.

There can be no possible doubt that "Utopia, Limited," as played by the Gilbert and Sullivan Company, has achieved already a most gratifying popularity, and that the taste of the theatregoing public is still strongly in favour of comic opera of the high standard maintained by the famous collaborators. From the opening performance the piece has been received with undiminished enthusiasm, and both its "book" and its music have won ungrudging applause from large audiences. Last week there was a change in the cast owing to Miss Dolly Castles feeling the strain of such an arduous year of preparation and playing as she has had. She is now taking a deserved rest, and her part of Princess Zara has been undertaken in a finished manner by Miss Olive Godwin, who combines the acceptable attributes of a graceful stage presence, a well-trained voice, and a spirit of genuine comedy in her acting. Miss Godwin it will be remembered, played the part of Josephine Zaccary in "The Orchid," while Miss Florence Young was absent in America, and received universal praise for her singing and acting. She should prove a decided acquisition to the company.

It is not generally known (writes "Pasquin") that a Programme Trust has been formed in connection with the theatres in New Zealand. From the theatre proprietors' view-point the venture may be a good one, but from that of the proprietor of the touring company it may not be altogether desirable. Further developments in connection therewith will be interesting.

The death is reported in Melbourne of Mr. Dan Fitzgerald, the well-known circus proprietor. There were few more familiar figures throughout the colonies than poor Dan, who will be greatly missed from the circus ring. He had been ailing for some time, and the news of his death was not, therefore, quite unexpected.

Arrangements have been completed by Messrs. Meynell and Gunn for the early production in Australia of the American melodrama, "The Fatal Wedding," by Theodore Kremer. This play has achieved great success in America, and later on in England. Messrs. Meynell and Gunn have secured the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, from Mr. Bland Holt, and in that city "The Fatal Wedding" will be first played in Australia, under the supervision of Mr. Clyde Meynell. A new company has been engaged, and will tour Australia with this play.

There was a great sale of Irving relics at Christie's, London, recently. The collection offered, valued by the prosaic experts at £500, realised £2558. The sale began with the ivory crucifix which always used to hang above Sir Henry's bed, and ended with Onslow Ford's telling figure of the great actor as Hamlet. Mr. Albert Jackson, a prominent buyer of Shakespearean quartos, bought both—the crucifix for 26 guineas and the Hamlet for 310 guineas, the highest price of the day. Amongst the collection was a Malacca cane, once owned by David Garrick, and afterwards by Edmund Kean—this was sold for 40 guineas; a gold ring which belonged to Garrick, and presented to Irving by Edwin Booth, sold for 41 guineas; snuffboxes which were owned by Grimaldi and Fichter; Edmund Kean's green silk purse and the knife which he always used as Shylock; the Flaxman shield given by the citizens of Edinburgh to John Philip Kemble; a cane once owned by Thomas King, the original of Sir Peter Teazle, and a number of stage properties associated with Irving himself. Amongst the buyers were Mr. Seymour Hicks, Mr. Bram Stoker, and other members of the theatrical profession.

Miss Maud Jeffries is not likely to be wholly grateful for the latest role her popularity has called upon her to play. An article in the London "Daily Mail" a few weeks ago on the gruesome topic of graveyard memorials, announced that the largest dealers in that class of work had taken a suggestion from a photograph of her as Mercia in "The Sign of the Cross," and that her sculptured effigy—"quite a recognisable likeness"—now stands at the head of a grave in the flowing robes and with the cross and lantern of the character. Even the newspaper's assertion that the new cemetery fashion thus unconsciously set by Miss Jeffries is in pursuance of "a desire for something less gloomy but still dignified," and that her representation "makes an excellent memorial statue," will hardly reconcile Miss Jeffries to her unsought, and in this case unpleasant, publicity.

The reception of "Veronique" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, on Saturday, January 27, was even more flattering than the Melbourne one, and Messenger's dainty opera evoked an unequivocal enthusiasm from the rise of the curtain on the first act to its final fall. All the principals shared in the honours of the evening, while the chorus showed the result of Mr. Coventry's training. Mr. Williamson, it is worthy of note, has decided to add the opera to the repertoire of the Gilbert and Sullivan Company, who indeed have already begun rehearsing it with the intention of making it as well as "Utopia, Limited," a feature of their approaching New Zealand tour. This is the first step in a new plan completed some time ago by Mr. Williamson, who intends to confine the Royal Comic Opera Company more to the larger towns in future, while he keeps the Repertoire Company—as the Gilbert and Sullivan Company should now be called—on tour with all the latest musical successes, thus giving playgoers all over Australia an opportunity of keeping thoroughly up to date.

Our old friends, the Steele-Payne Bellringers, were in Adelaide at last advices. The "Register" says of them that the Exhibition Building was crowded on Sunday night, when the Steele-Payne bellringers gave a sacred concert. An excellent programme, which extended over an hour, was presented, and frequent encores were demanded. The bellringers were much enjoyed, and additional items of this character would have been appreciated. Miss Lorraine Ansley, Miss Maud Payne, and Mr. Steele contributed songs, Miss Hilda Whidburn gave recitations, and Miss Lizzie Payne rendered selections on the sleigh bells.

A Melbourne publisher is negotiating with Roy Redgrave for the publication of a book which he has just completed.

At the close of the Wellington season of the George Stephenson Musical Comedy Company, an overland tour will be undertaken en route to Auckland. The following are the towns to be visited and the dates:—Napier, February 15, 16, 17, and 19; Gisborne, February 21, 22, 23, and 24; Auckland, February 26 to March 17; New Plymouth, March 19 and 20; Hawera, March 21; Wanganui, March 22, 23, and 24; Marton, March 26; Masterton, March 27, 28, and 29.

The following are the bookings of MacMahon's Dramatic Company:—Theatre Royal, Christchurch, February 17 to March 3; His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, March 19 to April 12; Theatre Royal, Christchurch, Easter Monday, April 14 to April 28; Opera House, Wellington, May 5 (four weeks).

Fred. Graham and Miss Nellie Dent made a great success of their comedy sketch, "Packing Up," at the Sydney Tivoli (says "Punch.") Every movement was watched with amused interest by a crowded house, and when the missing collar-stud was found, after a series of cleverly-designed accidents and delays, the pair of fun-makers were recalled. The sketch is one of the best things in the much-ado-about-nothing class that we have had on the Sydney stage for quite a number of years. It is a "regulation" farce, compressed, by smart acting, into about a quarter of the time usually taken up with this sort of funny business. The comedian does all the work, yet he contrives that his "assistant" comes in for a full share of the applause and laughter.

A comedy, entitled "The Man from Mexico," is announced to be introduced to Sydney audiences at the Criterion Theatre early in May. The principals are Messrs. George Wiloughby and Hugh Ward and Miss Grace Palotta. After the Australian season a tour of this colony will be undertaken.

Mr. R. G. Knowles, the genial humorist, will open his season at the Palace Theatre on February 10, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Williamson. A prince of comedians, his career is without parallel on the stage to-day. Deserting the world of vaudeville for that of monologue entertainer, at one bound he has placed himself in a line with the greatest entertainers extant, and in England, and recently in South Africa, was attracting enormous business. Mr. Knowles engages his audience in a humorous conversation on various subjects, and during his "conversation," if the audience are not in paroxysms of laughter, the celebrated R.G. is not to blame—Mr. Knowles is essentially famous for his original witticisms and quaint conceits. In an evening he introduces his hearers in a new and novel manner to the "Trifles that Trouble the Traveller," as he has seen them during his tour round the world. The trip takes two hours to describe, and the audience is shown the funny side of life in many of the cities and thoroughfares of the world. During the entertainment he will introduce some of the songs and dances for which he is famous. Mrs. R. G. Knowles, a delightful banjo performer, will assist; and to create an atmosphere of realism, special biograph pictures will be shown of various places Mr. Knowles describes. Mr. Bert Royle has just booked a comprehensive tour of New Zealand for Mr. Knowles.

When the last mail left Nance O'Neil was in her third week at the Grand Opera House, San Francisco.

The Melbourne season of the Gilbert and Sullivan Repertoire Company has been extended to eight weeks. Then they will proceed to charm the Tasmanians, and subsequently visit Bendigo, Ballarat, and Newcastle. Another New Zealand season will open in Wellington at Easter.

Sarah Bernhardt made her debut at the Theatre Francaise as Iphigenie on August 11, 1862. One newspaper at the time describes her as "pretty and elegant," and her enunciation as "nearly perfect." She won her first distinction in "Ruy Blas" and in a translation of "King Lear."

George Washington Smith, a well-known manager, who started with Wilson Barrett, is now in South Africa, associated with the Wheelers, he talks of paying a visit to Australia at an early date.

At the termination of the season in Christchurch on February 8 of the John F. Sheridan Company, a move will be made by the musical comedy charmers to Wellington, where a month will be put in prior to doing the small towns of the North Island en route to Auckland, where the New Zealand tour will be concluded on May 11. The following are the bookings:—Christchurch, January 29 to February 8; Wellington, February 10 to March 10; Gisborne, March 14 to 17; Napier, March 19 to 24; Masterton, March 26 to 28; Palmerston North, March 29 to 31; Wanganui, April 2 to 7; Hawera, April 9; Stratford, April 10; New Plymouth, April 11 and 12; Auckland, April 14 to May 11.

The length of some of R. G. Knowles' exceptional runs in England is the best evidence of his great popularity. He figured in the programme of the Tivoli Theatre, London, for two years and ten months; he appeared at the Trocadero for sixty-eight weeks; at the Empire he put up a record, running for forty-seven weeks, being thirty-six weeks longer than anyone has ever done before. His recent African tour was a record of records. What will be the result over here?

According to Melbourne "Punch," Mr. J. Nevin Tait, who is at present in London, has sent out what should prove a most interesting entertainment. Living London is the title.

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Miss Dorothy Grimston (Mr. and Mrs. Kendal's daughter), is reported to be making a big success in Miss Olga Nethersole's company in New York.

Miss Nellie Stewart has commenced her American tour. According to a cable from Mr. George Musgrove, "Sweet Nell" was "a sensational success, and the press notices were highly eulogistic."

An interesting innovation was made at the Aldwych Theatre, London, on the first night of the new version of "Bluebell in Fairyland." Camp stools were served out to all that portion of the audience waiting for admission to the unreserved parts of the house.

The English adaptation of the comic opera, "La Petite Boheme," will be produced by Mr. Charles Frohman in London at Easter next—in all probability at either Wyndham's Theatre or the Shaftesbury, the character of the production requiring a larger playhouse than Mr. Frohman has at present under his control over there. The production will possess many novel features, apart from its attractive character as real comic opera, which has been rarely seen in London of late years. It will be elaborately staged, and in order to preserve the French atmosphere of the play, negotiations are now being concluded for several notable French players to take part in the London production. The chief characters are to be represented by two actresses, one of whom will be Miss Claude Laselle, the well-known theatrical motorist.

Some interesting particulars concerning the scope and object of the dramatic school founded by Mr. Beerbohm Tree are published in the "Era." According to that journal, Mr. Tree started this school with the view of giving young actors and actresses some sort of technical education before they essayed parts on the stage. It has been, so far as the work is concerned, a great success; and the attendance, since its inception, has averaged 85 students. Its pupils are in no sense rivals of the ordinary actor and actress. Those students who have been drafted into His Majesty's Theatre have always received salaries suitable to the parts played by them; and there is, therefore, no unfair competition with the dramatic artist trained in the usual way. There has never been any thought on Mr. Tree's part of getting

either direct or indirect financial profit from the school. It has been his object to make a success of it by his individual efforts—and such enterprises are only undertaken by individuals—so that, when it shall have vindicated its usefulness, it may be handed over to a larger and more representative body. The school has, naturally, not been hitherto a source of profit, for, the moment it became a success, Mr. Tree reduced the fees to one-half, i.e., six guineas a term; so that those who were not overburdened with this world's goods might yet be able to afford the schooling. In order that this might be done, Mr. Tree made a donation of £500 to the school. For the year ending March 31, 1905, there was a profit, including this donation, of £335 6s. With the fees at half the former rate, Mr. Tree's monetary loss on the school is inevitable. Between £600 and £700 was expended in acquiring and furnishing premises at 62, Gower-street, apart from some £200 for preliminary expenses.

The takings at the subventioned Opera-Comique in Paris amounted to £10,181 during last month, when 35 performances were given, making an average of £300 15s. The operas that realised the most money were "Carmen," "Manon," and the new work "Miarka."

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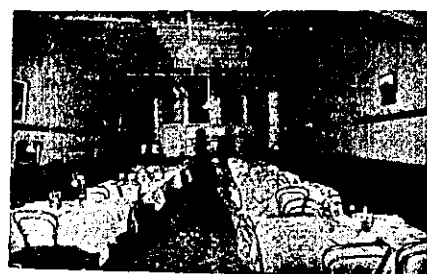
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In an article on the "Decline of the Stage," Valentine Day, writing in the "Newsletter," refers to one aspect of it thus:—An even worse development of the modern stage, perhaps, is the musical comedy—so called because it contains little music and less comedy. In these miserable offspring of an unholy alliance between burlesque and vaudeville the weakest and thinnest of plots is concealed in a farrago of feebly funny and occasionally suggestive dialogue, interlarded with songs which usually have nothing to do with the case, are often vulgar, occasionally indecent, and invariably stupid. As for the music, it is either of the circus, and highly circusy, or of the drawing-room, very drawing-roomy. In the former case, it is all biff-bang-biz-z-z, with trumpet, drum and cymbals. In the latter case, you get airs of the twinkly-inkly-tweet-sweet sort, with a good deal of flute and a little pizzicato thrown in. This stage-load of trash is spiced with a good deal of vulgar pantomime clowning, repugnant alike to the eye and the ear of good taste. And the whole burden is carried off by a lavish expenditure on gaudy scenery, gilt upholstery, gorgeous costumes, coloured lights, and a bold display of feminine charms. These so-called musical comedies are apparently losing vogue, but there appears to be no corresponding renaissance of high-class light opera. Therefore one asks, aghast: "Into what lower theatrical hell are we likely to descend?" Something wrong with the writer's liver, I should imagine.

Sir Edward Elgar delivered a sweeping condemnation of English conductors and English actors—he described the latter as, for the most part, dressed-up dolls and dummies—in his third lecture as Professor of Music at the Birmingham University in November last. Of conductors he said that England had produced so far only one—Mr. Henry J. Wood—who was a giant. There were, he declared, many composer-conductors, and the mere pedantic, mechanical, respectable man, who would be equally successful as a schoolmaster, or, if he must keep time for others, would figure more usefully as a time-keeper in a factory yard. These he said, were the men who treated orchestral music as if it were a problem in Euclid, and thrashed it out without sympathy or love or hate. The dramatic instinct also was wanting, and he accounted for this by the fact that there was no real dramatic stage art in England. In the whole ranks of the theatrical profession, said Sir Edward, there were good enough actors and actresses to cast one drama properly, and no more. They were mostly dressed-up dolls and dummies who filled the stage. Englishmen were content to have one good actor and actress in a play, and as to the rest the less said the better. Sir Edward said that English orchestral players were the best in the world, but English soloists did not shine on stringed instruments. There were some real artists as pianoforte solo-

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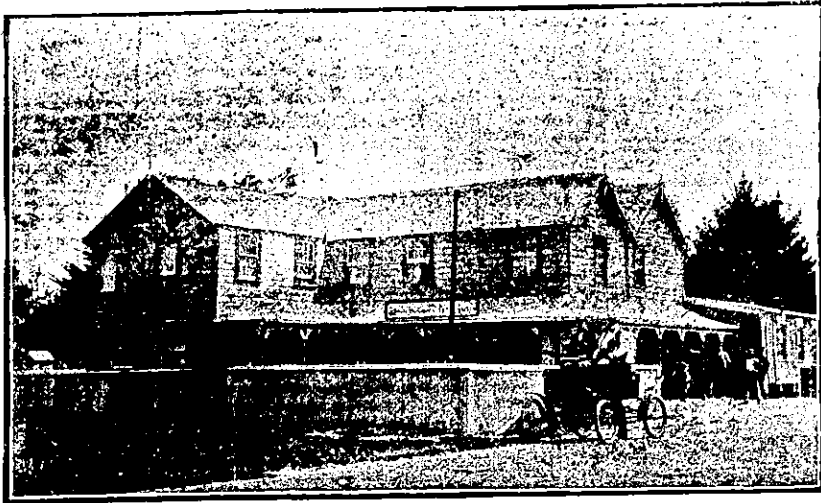
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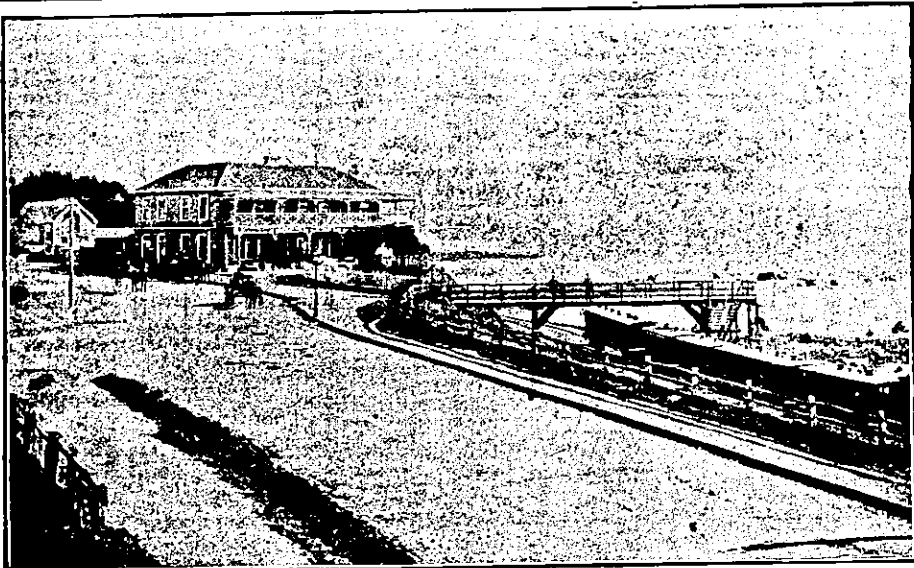
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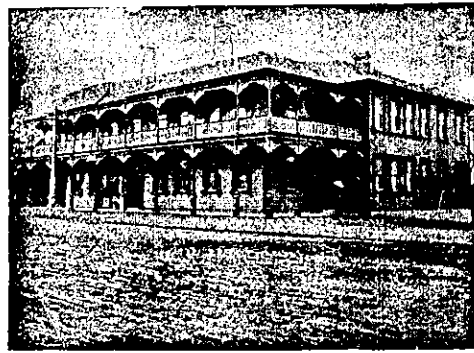
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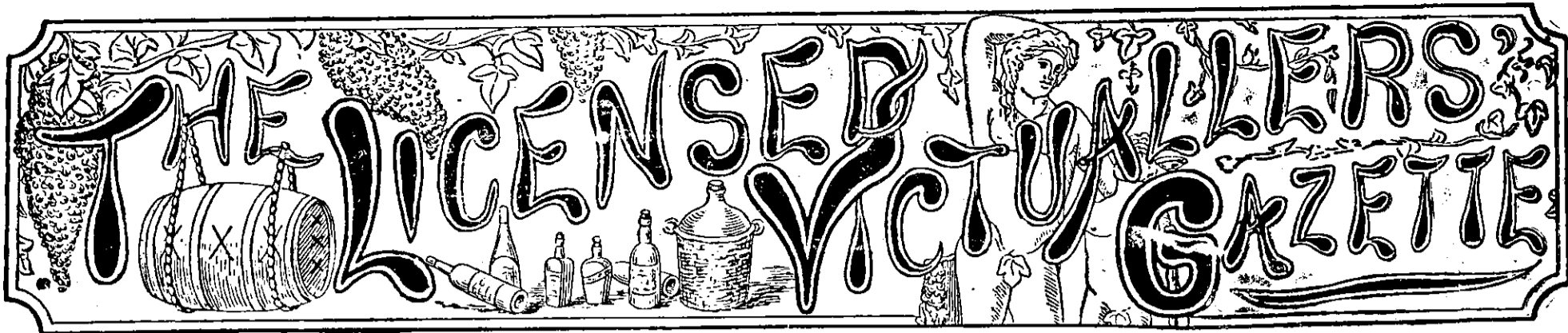
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Trade Topics

Sensational murder in a Sydney hotel reported last Friday.

In the recent sly-grog case heard before Dr. McArthur in Wellington, he said that, for his part, if any liquor was kept in restaurant premises he would consider it kept there for sale.

Sly-grog convictions, with the methods of obtaining such, are especially interesting to the Trade. In another column a full report, as reported by the "New Zealand Times," of a recent Wellington case will be found.

A charter has been granted to the Town and County Club of Masterton. This will permit alcoholic liquors being sold on the premises.

The old Pier Hotel at the corner of Grey-street and Customhouse Quay, Wellington, is being demolished, and will be replaced by a three-story brick building.

Tobacco was regarded as an offering of peculiar adaptability to the unknown powers in whose hands the Indian conceived his fate for good or ill to be, hence it is observed to figure prominently in ceremonies as incense and as material for sacrifices.

Constable Moore, of Rawene, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and is to be transferred to Auckland.

The erection of shelter sheds for the protection of tram travelers is being considered by the Tram Company and City Council.

In regard to a new bridge to cross the Cemetery Gully, two proposals will probably be submitted to the rate-payers, one to erect a footbridge on the site of the former bridge at a cost of £2000, the other to erect a traffic bridge in reinforced concrete at a cost of £30,000.

Patrick W. Corley, hotel manager, of Wellington, has been adjudged a bankrupt. The creditors meet in Wellington to-day.

In the Wellington Court recently a middle-aged man, who appeared to answer a charge of forgery, fell back on the time-worn plea of being under the influence of drink when the forgery was perpetrated. Mr. Justice Cooper, however, pointed out that an examination of the cheque sufficiently showed that it was written by a sober man in clear, good handwriting, and the evidence on the depositions showed that the prisoner was not drunk when the cheque was uttered.

Messrs. W. Strange and Co. have secured the contract for furnishing the new Grand Hotel in Willis-street, Wellington.

The police returns for the Canterbury and North Otago districts show that 1537 cases of drunkenness were reported in 1905, as against 1889 during 1904.

A Christchurch tea merchant asserts that there is more tea drunk in that city than in any other centre in the colony.

A young man of Blenheim attempted to kiss the proprietress of a restaurant. She slapped his face, knocked him down, hauled him up, and had him fined 20s.

Among the colonial exhibits at the Liverpool Exhibition New Zealand's is said to be the best.

With the prospect of no-license being enforced at Invercargill, the value of a hotel in the vicinity, but outside the boundary, has exactly doubled within the last two weeks, a price equivalent to that increase having been offered and refused.

A plant for gilding sixpences so as to make them resemble half-sovereigns has been discovered in Perth (West Australia).

The license of one of the principal hotels at Warren (New South Wales) expired in October, but the fact was overlooked both by the licensee and the authorities, and the sale of liquor proceeded as usual. Some days ago the licensee remembered the omission and he immediately closed the bar, and the lawyers are now trying to find a way out of the difficulty.

In a new order lately issued by the Admiralty captains are empowered to overhaul the wine books and stop the supplies of any officer who is found to be consuming too much liquor.

In a police Court case in Adelaide a witness in giving evidence of a conversation with the accused person over the telephone wire, swore that he had often had conversations through the telephone with the accused, and knew his voice. The evidence was then admitted.

A peculiar young man at Waihi was last week charged with having no visible means of support. He informed the Bench that he did not intend working any more. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Painting and papering renovations are being carried on at the Queen's Ferry Hotel, Vulcan Lane.

The beer duty collected in Auckland last month showed an increase of £195 17s over January of 1905. The figures for that year were £1554, and for this year £1749 17s.

The well-known temperance advocate, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, has been returned for the Cockermonth Division of Cornwall at the late elections in England. At the last general election he was defeated.

In the Police Court last week, Mr. Kettle, S.M., asked if proper supervision was kept on the racecourse booths. Sub-Inspector Black replied that very little drunkenness occurred on the racecourse.

The Premier recently announced that during the forthcoming session proposals would be submitted for the remission of taxation on the necessities of life.

"A Good Pull-up for Bishops," "A Pub-house Without Beer."—Two signs in the windows of a "trust" temperance house.

There is a possibility of the tram traffic in Queen-street being stopped, to enable efficient repairs being made to the asphalt near the tram lines.

The election of Licensing Committees throughout the colony will take place on the second Tuesday in March. The same rolls will be used as for the late Parliamentary election and licensing poll, and voters may enrol up to the 17th of this month.

Railway stations in Dunedin, where hot luncheons can be procured, are known by a peculiar sign bearing the suggestive emblem of a crossed knife and fork.

The petition for an inquiry into the Invercargill local option poll has been dismissed. Costs against the petitioners were allowed as follows: Professional fees, 35 guineas; witnesses' expenses and costs of scrutiny, £9 9s; witnesses' expenses to be as per scale.

The baton carried by the police of New York is made of extremely heavy wood, coated with indiarubber, and while it will knock a man down with a single blow it will stun without breaking his head.

In the local Court last week a prohibition order was issued against Henry England.

A WHOLESALE LICENSE.

The question of what it is worth to be a nominal wholesale beer bottler was before Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court last Friday. Joseph Erhman claimed £22 10s from Francis E. R. T. Peacock for money alleged to have been lent.

Mr. E. C. Blomfield appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. McVeagh defended.

The plaintiff, on oath, stated that he applied for a wholesale beer bottling license in June, 1904, in the defendant's name, for a business to be run by the plaintiff. The license was granted, and witness carried on the bottling business. Peacock was not a partner. Peacock came to him later, and asked him to lend him £25, but witness said he could not do so. Defendant said he was going to get married, and wanted the money for his furniture. Peacock then threatened to cancel the license, and in the circumstances witness could not do other than let him have the money, and paid him £22 10s in two cheques. Peacock only borrowed the money for two or three months. Peacock again threatened to cancel the license unless he got £100 to his credit. Witness then sold the business for that reason. He lost about £400 over the transaction.

There was no one present when the money was paid.

The defendant, in evidence, said he was a commercial traveler. The wholesale license was in his name. He had gone into it at first, as a man named Morrison intended being a partner. As soon as Morrison was out of it, witness was anxious to get out of it. Owing to strong appeals by the plaintiff, witness agreed to accept £22 10s, and not surrender the license until the business was sold. He (witness) was not in need of money, and had plenty at the time.

Captain Peacock, father of the defendant, said he was book-keeper in the firm in question. He remembered the conversation that his son had with Erhman. The latter explained to witness that he had agreed to pay his son £22 10s, not to surrender the license.

John Morrison, licensee of the Royal Hotel, was then called. He remembered a conversation with Erhman. He said that Peacock had wanted £25 from him to hold the license, and asked witness to use his influence with Peacock to take less. Erhman afterwards told witness that he had had to give £22 10s.

The magistrate reserved his decision.

AT HAWERA.

According to the police records the cases brought before the Court at Hawera during 1905, under the Licensing Act and its various amendments numbered 86. The only case of open premises for the sale of liquor during prohibited hours was dismissed, as was the single case of exposing liquor during prohibited hours. One case of permitting drunkenness and two of selling liquor to intoxicated persons were dismissed, also one of being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. Four charges of selling liquor to Maori women were dismissed, and in two cases fines were inflicted. There were 25 cases (one female) of drunkenness, eight being fined. Of the 32 charges (four females) of excessive drinking, eight were dismissed, and 21 (including three females) were convicted.

SLY-GROG IN DUNEDIN.

In Dunedin last Friday, the keeper of a fish and fruit shop in King-street, named Fanny E. Robertson, was charged with having unlawfully sold acoholic liquor on December 30th and 31st. The offences having been proved, defendant was fined £35 and costs £3 10s for the first case, and £3 10s costs on the second charge.

WITHOUT DOUBT.

In the Ashburton Magistrate's Court last Friday, it was decided that a ten-gallon keg, coming from a brewery full, would undoubtedly contain beer. By the provisions of the Licensing Act every package containing alcoholic liquor that is sent into prohibited areas must have on it a written statement describing its contents. For omitting to follow this direction the Timaru Brewery Company had a case made out against them. The magistrate in dismissing the case defined a package as something containing liquor, the actual appearance of which did not give any indication of its contents. Such doubt could not be raised in regard to a ten-gallon keg of beer, which, in his opinion, was not a package within the provisions of the Act.

JARS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

The well-known fact that prohibition does not prohibit was again to the fore, when Mr. C. H. Champion, speaking at a luncheon at the Licensed Victuallers' Association's sports at Balarat, maintained that prohibition does not prohibit, but it did drive a hotelkeeper out of his business and set up in his place numerous unlicensed vendors. One of the leading brewers in England had told him that his firm were just executing one of the largest orders they ever had for two-gallon jars for the brewers of New Zealand, so that they might supply people in prohibition districts with beer.

HOTEL RISKS.

The question of further hotel accommodation is agitating the people of Timaru, and at a meeting of 25 business people recently a resolution was passed affirming the desirability of forming a company to erect a large marine hotel, and a provisional directorate was appointed to obtain offers of sites, and collect information as to cost of building, etc., and report in a fortnight. One after another spoke of the insufficiency of existing accommodation, and the Mayor, who presided, said owners of hotels could not, and would not, be expected to enlarge their premises with such a risk before them of losing their licenses in three years. Most of the speakers advocated erecting an up-to-date building of 60 to 100 bedrooms, but a suggestion to erect one of 50, to be added to if necessary, found favour. It was pointed out that it was desirable to have the building ready, if gone on with, before the Christchurch Exhibition opens.

HOUSING EXHIBITION VISITORS.

Referring to the problem of what is to be done with them when they arrive, the "New Zealand Times" says that Superintendent E. Smith, of the Christchurch Fire Brigade, estimates that the hotels of that city could accommodate, at a pinch, 4000 people. Boardinghouses could "put up" 4500 more, while some 2000 visitors will no doubt stay with private friends. If the accommodation enumerated above did not come up to demands, the Drilled might be secured, and here from 700 to 1000 could be provided with beds for the night, and, as a last resource, the Exhibition authorities might erect frame buildings, with canvas coverings. Mr. Smith is of the opinion that the authorities should issue a handbook giving the names of all hotels and places where accommo-

dation can be obtained. These books should be distributed free, and there should be a central office in the city and at the railway station, where the wants of strangers could be readily attended to. Asked to roughly estimate the limit of the city's capacity for dealing with an influx of visitors, he said he did not think a great deal of difficulty would be experienced in providing for 25,000 or 30,000 people. Our contemporary questions whether the "extra" housing facilities and the temporary arrangements are likely to satisfy thousands of people who intend visiting the Exhibition. People used to moderate comfort and the attention bestowed at hotels that claim to cater for the public are not going into a tent, or a barn, or a skeleton building, or even a boardinghouse. On the face of it there appears to be a good deal of wisdom in a suggestion that the Exhibition Executive should erect and equip a large commodious building for the use of those people who are willing and prepared to pay for good accommodation, but who are unable to find lodgings at the leading hotels. Otherwise, we fear that visitors from Wellington will find it incumbent upon themselves to include in their luggage a few tents, and perhaps a billy and a colonial oven.

AN INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

The determined habitual drunkard is generally voted to be possessed of a form of insanity. The problem of how to deal with such persons is one which engages the attention of many people in all countries. In recent years various Governments have tried inebriate homes and asylums with varying success. Generally speaking inestimable good has been accomplished. In Victoria the treatment of the habitual drunkard is engaging the attention of the Victorian Government, and Sir Samuel Gillott, the Chief Secretary, states that the plans for an inebriate asylum are now being drawn. In another two or three years the building should be ready for the reception of patients, and in the meantime some attention is being paid to the performances of a citizen of Melbourne, who evidently intends to be fully qualified by the time the building is opened. During last year he was sent to gaol 26 times for drunkenness, but he has started off this year

at a pace which promises to eclipse every record, and which should qualify him for admission into any inebriates' asylum in the world. In the first 18 days of the year he was convicted 10 times for drunkenness.

NO EVIDENCE.

At Ashburton last Friday, Messrs Shand and Co., of Christchurch, were charged with selling liquor, being aware that it was being sent to a no-license district, and failing to forward a statement to the authorities, and with failing to attach a statement to the same showing the nature of the contents. Case dismissed, the magistrate holding that there was no evidence to show that the firm knew that the purchaser, who bought the whisky in Christchurch, was going to take it into a no-license district.

THE HOMELESS IN CHRISTCHURCH.

The Christchurch "Press" is perturbed about the facilities provided for the reception of the thousands of visitors that will flock to Christchurch at the forthcoming Exhibition. It appears, according to our contemporary, that there will be nowhere, except on the proverbial clothes-line, for the majority of the strangers to sleep; and the picture it draws of the hordes of homeless wandering the streets of Christchurch night after night vainly clamouring at the doors of overcrowded hotels and boardinghouses for a room in which to sleep is pitiable in the extreme. "Nothing short of hotel's—first-class hotels—will meet the wants of thousands of people who will come here during the six months the Exhibition is open; and the duty of providing decent and comfortable means of living for all is quite properly cast on the Exhibition authorities." It appears that the Transport Committee was instructed to deal with the matter; but no report has yet been given to the public. The manager of Warner's stated to a "Press" reporter that already he has 100 rooms booked for Carnival week, and that is half the available accommodation. The management of another very popular house intends doubling its accommodation before November, and a third establishment has under consideration the renovation of the pre-

mises, but no additions are contemplated. The obvious deduction, therefore, is that the innocent traveller from overseas or distant parts of New Zealand will be in the proverbial "ho'e" if he does not make his arrangements months beforehand, or if the Exhibition authorities do not erect a building, up-to-date in every respect, for the accommodation of, say, 1000 persons.

LOVE LAUGHS.

That love laughs at locksmiths is an accepted truism in all countries, but to laugh at licensing laws is a new departure. Yet we find that the ardent lover fears not even these. The Sydney "Telegraph" mentions a case in a suburban Court, which involved an ingenious defence by a lady. The lady in question is a widow, and has managed an hotel for years with credit and profit. Recently a zealous police sergeant discovered on the premises one who was not a lodger, or connected in a business way with the establishment, and questioned his right to be where he was. With mingled smiles and blushes the lady explained that the gentleman was a suitor for her hand, and had paid a call in pursuance of his wooing. There was not chivalry or gallantry enough in the sergeant's disposition to cause him to accept the excuse, and both were summoned—the visitor for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours without lawful excuse, and the licensee for permitting him to remain. It was shown to the Bench in moving terms by the learned advocate that Sunday, when the cares of business were over, was just the day on which the widow had time to listen to the protestations of her lover, and that so intimate a friend of the family and a prospective member thereof, had surely some claim to consideration. The magistrate took the same view, and dismissed both cases, holding that it could not be considered a breach of the law to receive a visit from so dear a friend. The police, however, think the door thus opened is a very wide one. A lady might not be devoid of personal attractions. She might have scores of admirers, who only needed encouragement to become suitors. They might wish to press their suits on Sundays. Is such a lady to be sternly compelled to de-

cede in favour of the privileged one, and forbidden to consider the rival claims of those who seek her hand, or may she receive and be wooed by an indefinite number during (otherwise) prohibited hours?

INVERCARGILL LOCAL OPTION INQUIRY.

The magistrate last week delivered judgment on the local option petition, which was dismissed with costs against the petitioners. He disallowed four no-license votes, reducing the no-license majority to nine. The chairman said the Court was unanimous in its judgment.

INFORMAL VOTES.

On the question of informal votes, the magistrate said: It is contended by petitioners, under the authority of the maxim, "Expressio Unius est exclusio alterius," that as paragraph 1, section 7, of the Act of 1895, is the only provision decreeing who shall not be deemed a voter, who has recorded his vote, the law does not exclude any other voter, whether his vote is informal or not, from being treated as a voter who has recorded his vote. Counsel for petitioners quoted from the decision of Mr. McArthur, S.M., in the Newtown petition, 1902. We find ourselves unable to adopt the view of counsel. The Alcoholic Liquor Sales Control Act, 1895, only dealt specifically with one class of informal papers, those which fail to indicate for which proposal the elector intends to vote. Any other informality it leaves to be dealt with by the Electoral Act, 1905. From the inherent dissimilarity of the objects of each poll under these Acts, it is obvious that there must be features peculiar to the licensing poll, concerned as it is with certain abstract proposals, which would not well be dealt with in an Act designed expressly for the election of persons. These special features have been dealt with in the Act of 1905, leaving such matters of detail as are applicable to both polls to be regulated by the Electoral Act, which provides generally for all matters pertaining to an election. The Legislature (inter alia), in the Act of 1895, dealt with the manner of voting on the proposals submitted, and with the effect of non-compliance with the statutory directions. The purpose was not to define what a voter who

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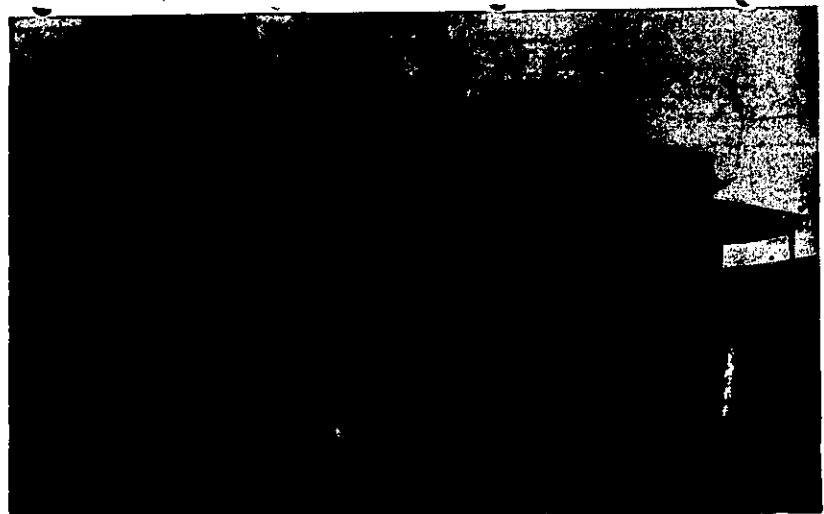
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had not recorded his vote is, but to set out the consequences following the disregard of the directions. The Legislature could not have been un-ndful of the fact that the Electoral Act dealt with informalities of other kinds but these it left to the operation of that Act, as a measure, competent to deal in this respect with both elections. Mr. McArthur laid stress upon the fact that where (compulsory under the Act of 1902) votes were disallowed because they bore no official seal, a voter's otherwise valid vote was rendered ineffective through default of the returning officer, and decided that the elector should be considered as having recorded his vote under the Electoral Act of 1905. This argument has no weight, for an unsealed paper is not now to be treated as informal unless there is reason to believe it is fraudulent (section 137). The language of the Act of 1905 seems to regard the recording of a vote as the act of the voter (sections 125, 126, etc.), and this somewhat modifies the conclusion of Mr. Justice Denniston in the Ashburton case, that it is the returning officer who records the vote; but we do not think it has affected the opinion expressed by the learned judge: "That informal, and therefore, ineffective voting papers could not be treated as votes actually recorded." A voter who, after receiving the paper, correctly marks it, and does nothing to destroy its efficiency, and places it in the ballot box, has recorded his vote. If he fails to correctly mark it, it is voided under paragraph 1 of the Act of 1895. If he correctly marks it, but does something or permits something to be done which destroys its efficiency, can he be said to have recorded his vote? He has attempted to vote, and has deposited a paper in the box, but because that paper must by law be rejected when it comes before the returning officer, it is not, and never has been, a vote, and no vote can be said to have been recorded. How then can the person who placed that paper in the ballot box be considered as a voter who has recorded his vote? Moreover, if, as contended, an informal vote is a recorded vote, it must be on record, and applied to one or other of the several proposals, as provided by section 8 of the Act of 1895. What the Legislature asks is the expression, by means of the ballot paper, of the will of the electors in respect to certain proposals, and that proposal which expresses the will of the stipulated majority is deemed to be carried. The law disregards the voice of an elector who speaks through an informal paper, and he cannot be regarded as forming one of the total number of voters from whom the prescribed majority is obtained. The maxim, "Expressio unius est exclusio alterius," does not in our opinion afford a guide to the construction of paragraph 1, section 7, of the Act of 1895. We consider the appropriate rule of construction forms an exception to that class of cases where "when words used by the Legislature are general and the statute is only declaratory of common law, it shall extend to other persons and things besides those actually named." The last clause of sub-section 1 would appear to have been inserted by the Legislature only from motives of caution. Dr. McArthur in his judgment states that the misfeasance or nonfeasance of a returning officer cannot, in his opinion, affect the recording of a vote which is solely the act of the voter. To deprive an elector of the privilege of recording even an informal vote is apparently referred to as an injustice where the deprivation proceeds from the act or default of the returning officer, and yet the effect of the conclusion ultimately arrived at, treating informal as recorded votes, works grave injustice on all casting informal votes for either or both of the proposals, reduction or no-license. Informal votes intended to be cast for reduction and no-license are, for all practical purposes, treated as having been cast for continuance. Here we have construction, which attempts to remove or mitigate a supposed injustice by creating an actual one, and before such a conclusion could be justified we should require plain and unambiguous language. The language of the statute is not only unambiguous, but points in a contrary direction. It is urged that the returning officer—(1) Counts votes; (2) rejects all informal votes; (3) ascertains and determines the result. He does not reject, then count, etc. In our opinion the true construction of section 8 does not indicate the sequence of the Acts, but rejection takes place during the process of counting.

The construction of section 8 contended for requires that the connective "and" used in the first and second lines should have the force of "then," a construction which is certainly strained.

ABSENT VOTERS' PERMITS.

With regard to this question the Court has come to the conclusion that such permits allow holders to vote on the licensing poll at any polling booth at which they record votes under the Electoral Act. Section 7, sub-section A of the Act of 1895, provides that the returning officer shall take a poll in the manner provided by the Electoral Act, 1893. This Act being repealed, we must read the Electoral Act of 1905 in its place (see section 14, Interpretation Act, 1888). This Act provides that the holder of an absent voter's permit may, though outside his electoral district, record his vote at any polling booth, and then directs how the vote is to reach the returning officer of his own district. There is no specific provision in the Licensing Act or in the Electoral Act, 1905, authorising the holder of a permit to vote outside his district on the licensing poll, but in view of the fact that the poll is to be conducted under the Electoral Act, and that the Act of 1895 contemplates that every voter voting at the electoral poll shall at the same time have the right to vote on the licensing proposals, it follows that at every place an elector is authorised to vote under the Electoral Act his right to vote at the same place on the licensing question must be conceded. It is obligatory on the returning officer, section 7, sub-section F of the Act, 1895, when he hands an elector a ballot paper to hand him one for the licensing poll, and wherever a voter has a right to demand a ballot paper for the electoral poll he must also furnish him with ballot papers for the licensing poll. It is true that neither the Act of 1895, nor the Electoral Act contains any direction for carrying out the exercise of this right, but the inference is that forms and procedure of the latter Act must, mutatis mutandis, be applied. It is contended by petitioners that this right is only conceded to seamen, and in support of that contention they refer to section 82 of the Electoral Act, 1905. This section really supports the opposite view. No specific provision is made under the Electoral Act for the exercise of the right by seamen any more than for its exercise by the holder of a permit, but the Act proceeds on the assumption that a seaman has this right, and section 82 is only inserted in that statute to meet the peculiar conditions attending a seaman's calling. If seamen are, without express provision, conceded by the Electoral Act to have this right, then by parity of reasoning the holders of absent voters' permits must also possess it.

ABSENCE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL.

In our opinion none of these votes can be rejected because a presumption was raised in favour of their genuineness by section 137 of the Electoral Act has not been rebutted, and it is clear that the returning officer's decision as to informal votes is not final. Otherwise the value of a recount would be lessened. At the recount the magistrate takes the place of the returning officer, who must obey his order as to the final declaration. It was contended that because that specific provision is made in paragraph F of section 7 of the Act of 1895, for the marking of the licensing ballot papers, therefore section 137 of the Electoral Act of 1905 does not apply to these papers, and consequently are invalid without proof of fraud such as is required to render electoral ballot papers informal under that section. The answer to this, in our opinion, is that the Electoral Act, wherever applicable to the licensing poll, is to be applied in its entirety, unless manifestly contradictory to the provisions of the Act of 1895, and in this conclusion we are supported by the dictum of Mr. Justice Williams, in *Bastings v. Stratford* (18, N.Z., L.R., 513).

OTHER POINTS.

Specific objections to two voting papers: Both of these must be disallowed, as the two top proposals and part of the third are struck out. In the last proposal the words, "Granted in district," are left undeleted. In the other case, a line is drawn across the back of the paper immediately behind the top proposal, but no proposal is struck out on the face. The intention of the votes are left doubtful, and we reject them in accordance with dictum of Mr. Justice Chapman, in *Regina v. Bagley* (Macassey's Reports, p. 8445), and also with Rogers on Elections (Vol. II., 128).

Papers With Written Words Thereon: There are two such papers, one

having written thereon words, "Or colony," and other words, "Don't want it." The writing is not feigned, but clear, and apparently characteristic, thus tending to the identification of the writers. Keeping in view the statutory direction as to voting, and the presumption in favour of officers doing their duty, these words must be presumed to have been written on the papers by the voters. Both votes must be rejected as informal (see Rogers, Vol. II., p. 125, and section 137, Electoral Act, 1905).

Two votes cast by illiterates must be allowed.

The vote bearing the words "Wakatipu licensing district": This vote for continuance would appear to have been cast at Wakatipu on an absent voter's permit and forwarded to the returning officer for the Invercargill district, and we have decided to allow it. The discrepancy has clearly arisen through an oversight on the part of the deputy returning officer.

After setting forth the details of disallowance the Bench finds that there are still nine votes over the required three-fifths majority for prohibition. The result of the poll could not therefore be affected by taking into consideration two cases of dual voting and the loss of a vote each by an elector who voted for restoration, and a paid licensing scrutineer who was refused a vote, even though all four votes had been cast for continuance.

The petition was dismissed with costs against the petitioners as follows:—Professional fee, 35 guineas; witnesses' expenses and costs of scrutiny, £9 9s; witnesses' expenses to be as per scale. The trade is reticent as to what action it will take on the law points.

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SLY-GROG SELLING.

At the City Police Court William Clark and Edwd. Barrett were charged on three separate informations (January 20th, 21st, and 22nd) with selling beer without being licensed so to do.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan conducted the case for the police, and Mr. Wilford defended the accused.

The Sub-Inspector said defendants were partners in a restaurant business, known as the Strand Cafe, situated on Lambton Quay, near Martin's Fountain. They had been in possession of the place for some months. The police had been in possession of information that drink had been sold for a considerable time, and steps were taken to ascertain whether the information was correct. In the event of a conviction he would ask for the infliction of a severe penalty for each offence. The offence was aggravated by the fact that it was not only a case of selling liquor without a license, but the sales had taken place after 10 o'clock at night, when the 10 o'clock licensing arrangements for hotels was on trial.

Charles Le Fevre, probationary constable, said that on Friday, January 19th, he and two other probationers went to the Strand Cafe at 10.15 p.m. A waitress showed them to a room, and they had supper. Before they went away they saw some men in another room drinking beer. The following night his party returned at half-past 10. The same waitress showed them into a stall. After they had given their orders for supper, they were asked what they would like to drink. Witness said he would like a glass of beer if he could get it. The waitress said he could have that if he paid 1s 6d extra. The waitress went to a window and called, "One on." A bottle of beer was then brought, and witness and his companions drank its contents. On going, witness asked whether they could take a bottle of beer away with them. The waitress replied in the affirmative, and brought a bottle of beer, which was paid for by Keane, one of the probationers who accompanied witness. This bottle was in possession of the police now. Witness saw Clark, but did not see Barrett. Witness went to the premises again, when a search warrant was executed. Two dozen full bottles of beer were seized.

Mr. Wilford cross-examined the witness at length concerning his reason for going to the cafe, with the object of showing that it was with the intention of procuring liquor after hours. Witness admitted they wanted to get beer if they could, but there was no intention to endeavour to make defendants sell the beer. Witness had asked the waitress to "join" the party, but she had refused. Mr. Wilford asked questions concerning witness "making love" to the maid; but he only admitted asking the girl what night she was off.

Joseph Keane, probationer, said he went to the cafe under instructions. He remembered the previous witness asking the waitress to make an appointment. Witness did not see Barrett.

William Charles Rutledge, probationer, and Sergeant Rutledge also gave evidence. The latter said he executed the search warrant, and found a num-

ber of bottles of beer and seventy-four empty bottles on the premises.

Mr. Wilford: Inside or outside?
Dr. McArthur: They were empty inside, I think! (Laughter.)

Continuing, Sergeant Rutledge said Clark had wanted to know whether he was allowed to keep a couple of gallons of beer on the premises for his own use. Witness had paid for and procured beer while in the shop.

Mr. Wilford: Do you know there is not one restaurant in town where you can't get a bottle of beer before 10 o'clock by paying in advance.

Sergeant Rutledge: I know there are places which won't send out for liquor.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Wilford, for the defence, said that on the night in question Clark had no knowledge that these particular people received liquor. Evidence would be tendered to show that on some nights a "runner" employed at the restaurant went over to a hotel as many as a dozen times to procure liquor for customers. There was nothing in the Licensing Act to prevent a restaurant-keeper saying to a customer, who asked for beer, "Give me your shilling and I will buy it for you." This practice was largely indulged in in Wellington, and was a method of keeping custom. These three men went into defendants' restaurant for the purpose of making them break the law. He was not saying anything of the ethics of the matter. When the detectives got there, they saw a young girl, and in order to be more successful one of the men began making love with the maid. It was no offence against accused if the girl took a bottle of beer from one of the defendants' private rooms; took money for it and did not hand the money over to her employers. He then proceeded to call evidence.

Violet Paton, waitress, said she had been employed by the Strand Cafe for about a fortnight. She remembered Le Fevre calling with some other men. He said he was from Rotorua. He asked her to make an appointment. If anybody called for liquor before 10 o'clock a man employed in the house was sent across to a hotel for it. She was not allowed to take orders after 10 o'clock. She told defendants that she would get them beer "if they would not tell the boss." She went to Mr. Clark's room for it; but he did not know witness had taken it till the next day, when he was making up his books. He then asked her how much she had charged for it. On her replying 1s 6d he said: "You had better keep it, but do not go to my room again."

James Carlyle, pantryman, gave evidence as to his running messages to a hotel for beer, etc. for customers.

DR. McARTHUR'S REMARKS.

Dr. McArthur said he did not believe the story of the waitress. Defendants would be each fined, £25 costs 3s 6d.

Mr. Wilford asked whether His Worship would make a pronouncement in reference to liquor which would be a guide to other restaurant-keepers.

Dr. McArthur said they would have to learn for themselves. For his part if any liquor was kept on the premises he would consider it kept there for sale.

Mr. Wilford then mentioned the heavy penalty inflicted. Would they be given time to pay?

His Worship said one person had escaped, and in another case where this was done he did not think the fine had yet been paid. This was a worse case. It was not only selling without a license, but the offence was committed after hours.

Mr. Wilford: If these men had £10,000 they would not be asked to pay more than £250.

Dr. McArthur replied that he was sorry that wilful perjury was committed in these cases. Magistrates could not have given their evidence better than the three men for the prosecution. But a young girl had gone into the box and declared what he believed to be absolutely untrue. She knew she was not telling the truth.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan: All the more disgrace on defendants for the girl being put in the position she is. It would be better for the hotels to be open than this sort of thing take place.

Mr. Wilford made an appeal for the girl. He said the evidence she had given was exactly similar to what she had told him at his office some days ago.

Dr. McArthur: I will not retract a single word. She was not speaking the truth. In reference to the other two charges (to which the defendants pleaded guilty) he did not wish to be vindictive, and would inflict costs only (these amounted to 24s).

Mr. Wilford: My clients have not the money.

Dr. McArthur: Well, they will have to go to gaol.

Mr. Wilford: They have only got the good will, for which they gave £80.

Dr. McArthur raised objections to letting the men go unless someone went security for them.

Mr. Wilford said his clients would be ruined.

Mr. O'Donovan said he had no recommendation to make.

Mr. Wilford: Will Your Worship give them a day or two to sell out.

Dr. McArthur: They may clear out. This closed the case.—"New Zealand Times."

LOCAL DISHES.

When King Henry I., in 1135, succumbed to the seductions of that historic feast of lampreys, the dish by no means fell in popular estimation. On the contrary, although this delicacy was directly responsible for the monarch's death, the lamprey became a dish of such repute in the neighbourhood of the Severn, where the fish most abound, that the town of Gloucester was ordered to give a lamprey pie, with a raised crust, as an annual tribute to the sovereign at Christmas time. A few years later, however, the citizens apparently allowed themselves to become preoccupied with other matters at the festive seasons, and this contribution to the royal larder was overlooked; for history records that in the reign of King John "the men of Gloucester gave 40 marks to the king to have his goodwill, because they regarded him not as they ought in the matter of their lampreys." A pie continued to be sent till the Municipal Reformation Act of 1835, the city account books

showing details of amounts paid for the fish, and for cooking the same, carriage, etc. Some years ago a former Mayor of Gloucester ascertained through the Lord High Steward that, having regard to the ancient custom, her late Majesty would be willing to accept a royal lamprey pie from the Mayor as a birthday offering and token of loyalty and affection of the citizens; and the custom has since been kept up by succeeding mayors. Lampreys, or elvers as they are likewise called, are still highly esteemed in the county as an article of food. The fish, which closely resemble young eels, appear in shoals in the Severn and Wye about April, when they are often caught by night, with the aid of a lantern. A common mode of preparation is to press them into cheeses which are eventually cut into slices and fried. They are also potted. The harvest gathered from the sea affords a pleasant diversity of fare at many points around our coast. The Yarmouth bloater is world-famous; the Colchester Oyster Feast is an annual function that may well be the envy of every other Corporation, and as a civic banquet yields precedence only to the whitebait dinner at Greenwich. Though the Cornish pilchard has recently shown itself shy of those waters, it must be included in a list of local specialities. Both in its uncooked state and tinned a la sardines, it is a recognised article of commerce. That our pilchards have to be sent from Cornwall to Italy to be tinned, thus incurring needless sea-freight, is a slur on our principles of commercial economy. The Americans will tell you, regarding their natural products, that they eat what they can, and can what they can't. We manage the former, but not the latter. The marinated pilchard is, however, a method of preparation confined to the county, and is most generally employed by the Cornish housewife. The fish are placed in a jar with vinegar and spice, and then the jar is subjected to a long baking in the oven.

While many dishes of local repute need only to be known to win instant approval, others are undoubtedly an acquired taste. As an example, one may mention Laver, a dish for which there is a great demand on the borders of the British Channel, particularly in North Devon and South Wales. It is made with a species of dark brown seaweed which is scraped from the rocks. On the south side of the Channel it is prepared with vinegar, and eaten as a salad or pickle, while the Welsh mix it with oatmeal and make it into little brown cakes. To the uninitiated, it is not appetising in appearance; but judging by the voracious demand there is for it in the vicinities named, it must become more palatable after a longer acquaintance. Another little known item of daily fare is the Ormer, which is consumed in large numbers in the Channel Islands. This shell-fish is found on the rocks around the islands. It formed one of the luxuries of the place as far back as the 17th century, since the following appears in a quaint pamphlet dealing with Sark, published in London in 1673, and entitled, "News from the Channel; or the discovery and perfect Description of the Island of Serke, by a gentleman now inhabiting there, to his friend and kinsman in London." Speaking of the food of the island, the writer says: "For bely timber, our three staple commodities are fish, fowl, and rabbits. Of the first, a little industry will purchase us a hundred sorts, particularly a large fish we call a wrack-fish, which we split, and nailing it to our walls, dry it in the sun for part of our winter provisions. As also a large shell-fish, taken plentifully at low tides, called an Ormund, that sticks to the rocks, whence we beat them off with a fork or iron hook. 'Tis much bigger than an oyster, and like that good either fresh or pickled, but infinitely more pleasant to the gusto; so that an epicure would think his pallet in paradise, if he might but always gourmandise on such delicious ambrosia."

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Before Mr. Justice Farwell was the case of "The Dartford Brewery Company (Limited) v. Messrs. Till and Godfrey." Mr. Pollock appeared ex parte on behalf of the plaintiff company, and asked for an interim injunction to restrain the defendants, the lessee and occupier of the Castle Inn, Eynsford, Kent, from communicating and acting upon the following notice:—"On and after the 10th of December no person will be served with refreshment in this house on the Lord's Day, except visitors staying in the hotel and their guests. Furthermore, no person will in future be served with alcoholic drink more frequently than once during any morning or afternoon or evening on any day of the week." The learned counsel contended that this was a clear breach of the covenant in the lease, and the managing director of the brewery said it was a contravention of the licensing laws, and would seriously injure the plaintiffs.

His Lordship: Does the second part mean that one glass is sufficient. Mr. Pollock: I think that is what is meant.

His Lordship: It is difficult to see how the defendants justify it. Mr. Pollock said the serious point was that if travellers went to the house and were refused they might report the matter to the police, and in this way great damage might be done to the house.

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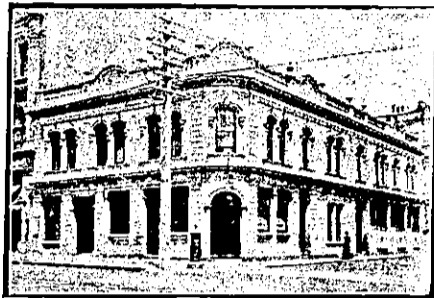


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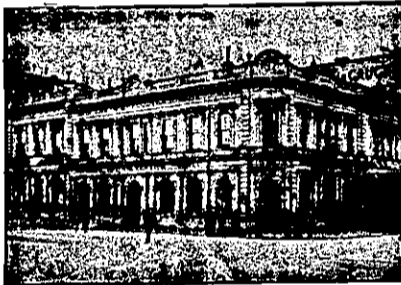


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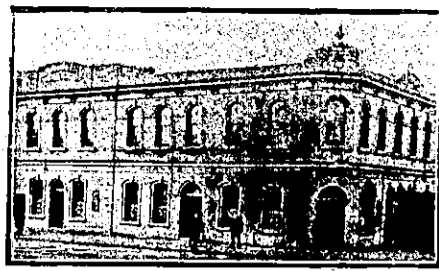
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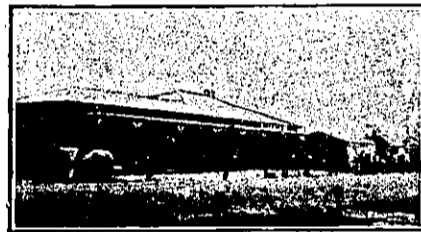
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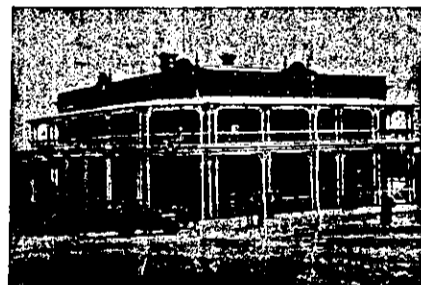


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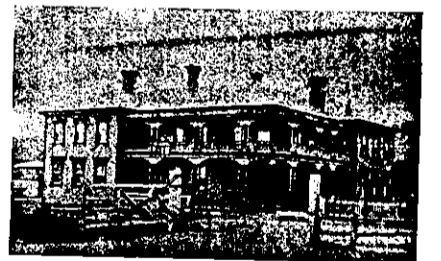
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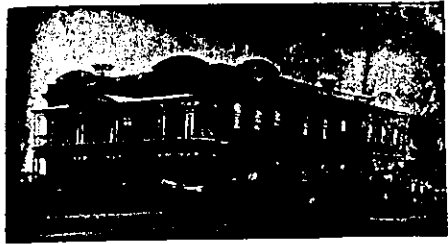
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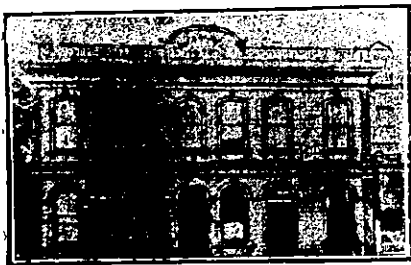
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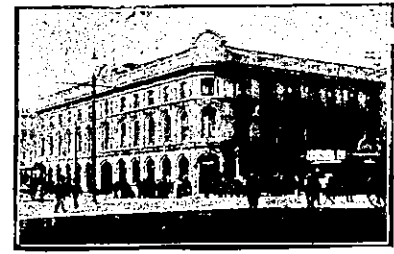
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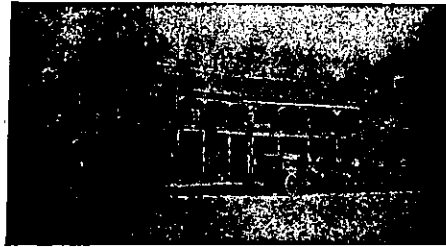
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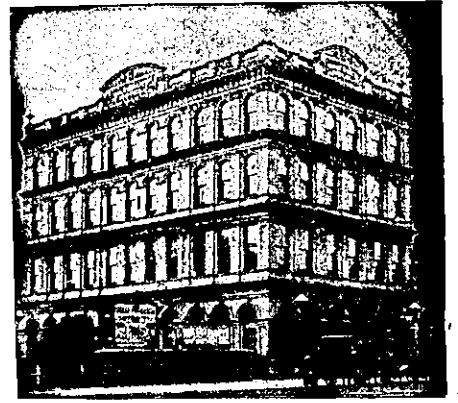
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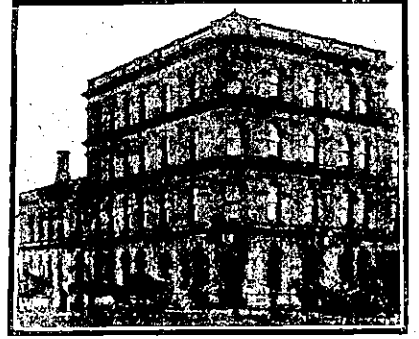
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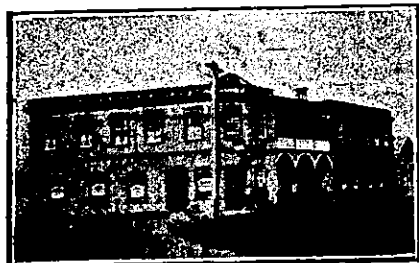
The Proprietor begs to intimate that the new house, which has been erected according to the most modern designs, and is replete with all the latest improvements, is now open for the accommodation of the Public. The stock of Liquors, etc. has been selected with care, and will be found to be of the very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

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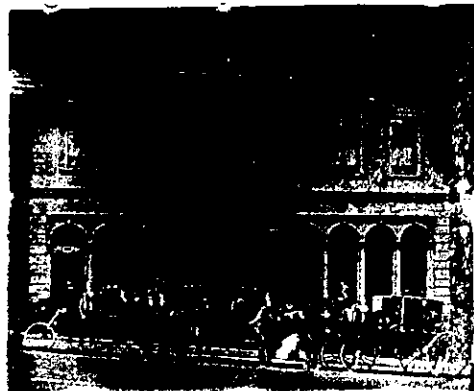
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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WHANGAREI.

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



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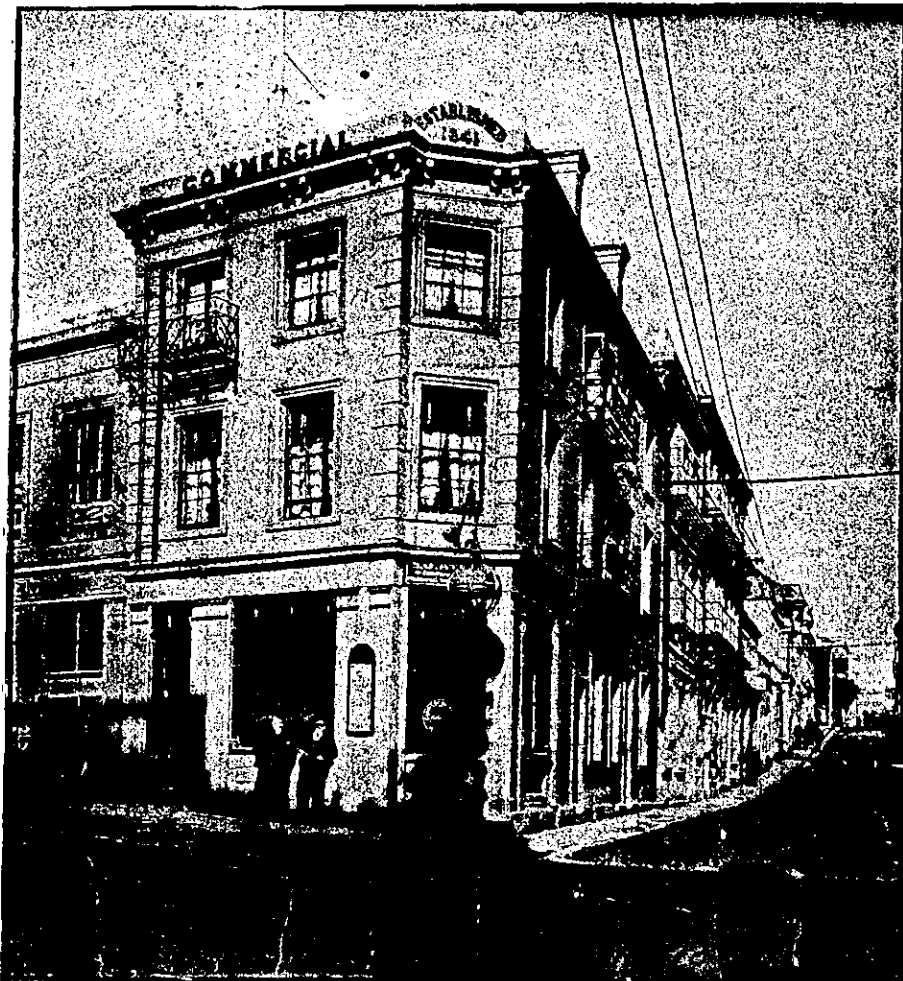
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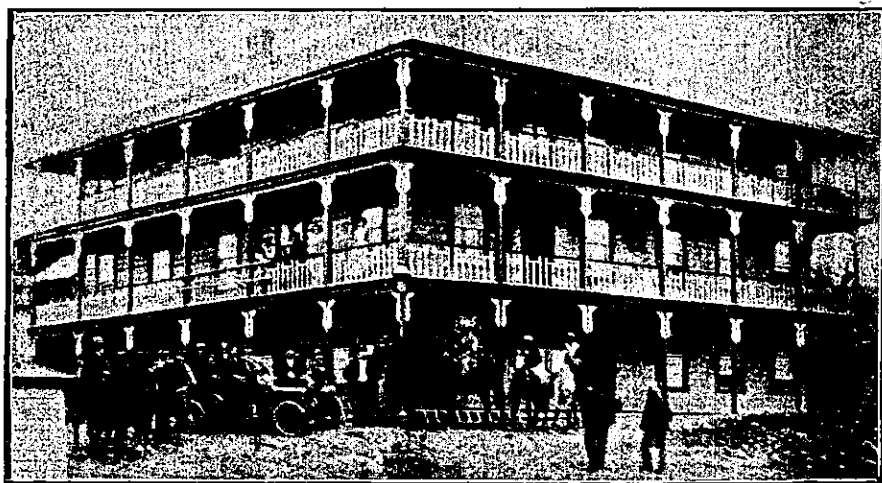
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J. McKEANE, so long and favourably known at Panmure in connection with hotel-keeping, wishes to announce that he has taken over the Rising Sun Hotel, Karangahape Road, where he hopes to see all his old and new friends who may pass his way. Superior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



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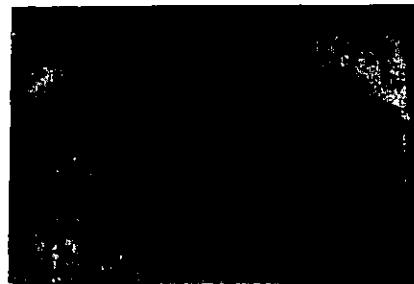
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G. MARSHALL, PROPRIETOR.

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

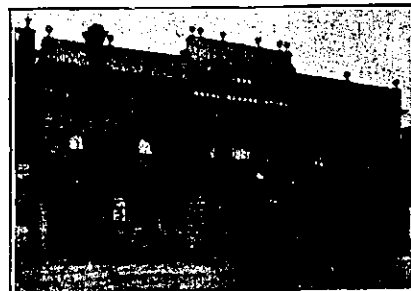
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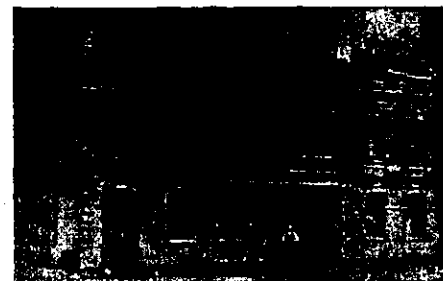


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CHRIS. LEEK Proprietor.

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

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

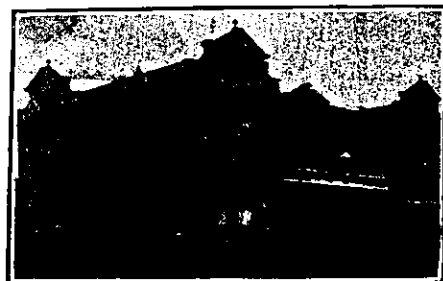


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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the travelling public.

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

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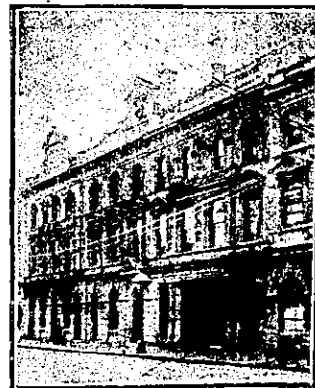


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AUCKLAND.

GEORGE HYDE Proprietor.

MR HYDE, the well-known amateur rider, begs to announce that he has taken over this popular hotel, and the public can accordingly rely upon everything being on most up-to-date lines.

Only the best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. A fine Social Hall is available for entertainments, etc.



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

T. PEARCE Proprietor.

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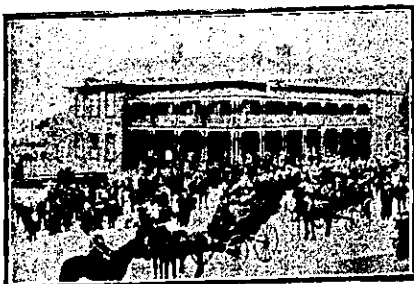


JUNCTION HOTEL, EPSOM.

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

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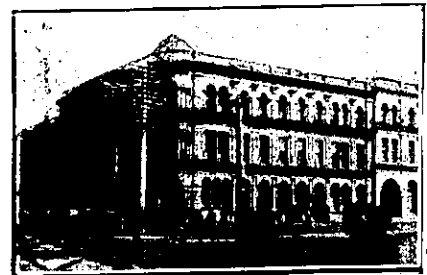
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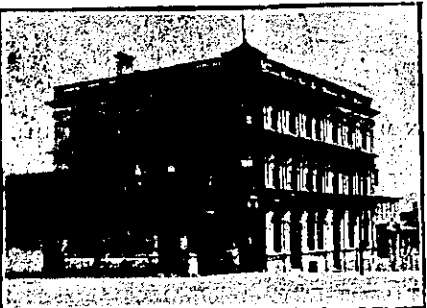
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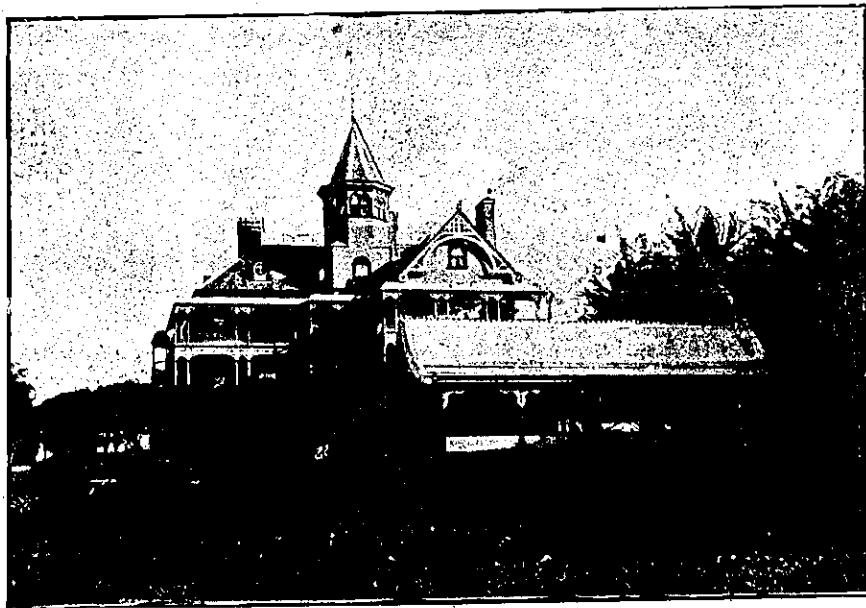
WALTER STIMPSON (Late of the Queen's Ferry)
Will be glad to welcome old and New Friends at the above Popular House.
The Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cuisine will be found to be unexceptionable, while the Accommodation is thoroughly modern.

MANUKAU HOTEL, ONEHUNGA WHARF, QUEEN-ST., ONEHUNGA.

This Hotel is directly situated on the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for travellers either leaving or arriving from Wellington and the South via New Plymouth. Good accommodation and table. Only the best brands of liquor kept. Stabling, Boating and Fishing Parties arranged.
T. MICHAELS Proprietor.

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

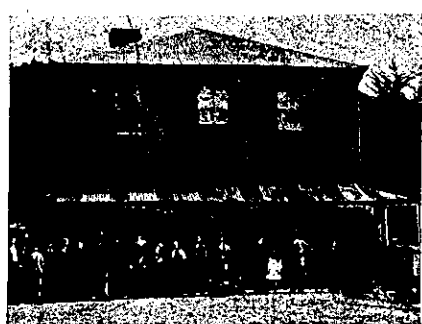
This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.



LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

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

H. S. BOOKER Proprietor.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGAHAKE
Across the Bridge.

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This is the best hotel in the district, is lighted up by electricity, and has the reputation of only keeping first-class ales and spirits. The table is excellent. Hot and Cold Baths always ready. Attached to the hotel is the well-known Lyceum Hall, which is also lighted up with electricity.

OWHAROA HOTEL,
MAIN-STREET, WAIKINO.

RALPH MONTGOMERY Proprietor.

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

S. W. BUCK,
SUFFOLK HOTEL,
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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.



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

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WELLINGTON PROVINCE.



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

ROBERT HUNT (late of Marton), Proprietor.

ALHAMBRA HOTEL
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,
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The Best-Appointed and Most Up-to-date Inland Hotel in the Colony.
Tourists specially Catered for.
First-class Chef.
E. J. HODGINS..... 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.



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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.

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MR JOHN YOUNG begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Gardens.
Excellent Table, and Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.
Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.
JOHN YOUNG..... Proprietor

Patronised by His Excellency the Governor.

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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.

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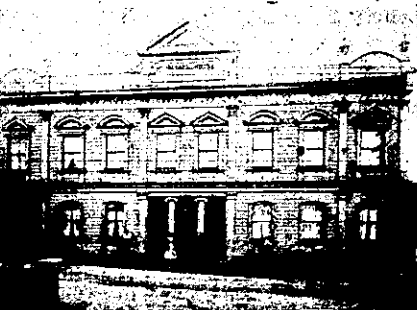


ALBERT HOTEL, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

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.

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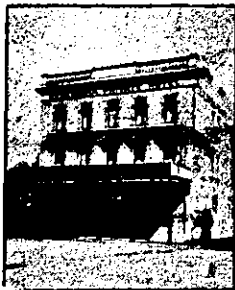
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B. J. WALTERS ... Proprietor. First-class accommodation for visitors and the travelling public. Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. First-class Billiard room.

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

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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 3 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.

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



CENTRAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

The Central Hotel on Main-street West, in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine. With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold And a welcome sure for young and old; So call on me when next you pass, And we'll enjoy a friendly glass. A. F. ANDERSON Proprietor.



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.



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Opposite the Up-river Piers and Wharves and Boat-sheds. Three minutes' walk from Railway Station and Post Office. The beautiful and well-laid-out Moutoa 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.

WELLINGTON—Continued.



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

This commodious and well furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Mr Bennett's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night Porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams promptly attended to. P.O. Box 188. Telephone 84.



CRITERION HOTEL, WANGANUI

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



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

WELLINGTON—Continued.

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We are instructed to lease one of the best hotels in Wellington. The present lease expires in about a month. The takings are said to run to £250 per week; last month the present lessee took £1100. The beer consumption is estimated between 40 and 50hds per month. All drinks 6d. This is an absolute free house for everthing. To a good man we are prepared to offer a 10 years' lease at a moderate rental. The hotel is in a leading position in Wellington, in the best portion of the City. This Hotel has splendid accommodation, and is always full of first-class country visitors. The expense of working is very small. Further particulars will be given to a bona fide purchaser. Apply immediately, to DWAN BROS., Op. Empire Hotel, Willis-st, Wellington.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

IMPERIAL HOTEL, DEVON STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

JAMES SMITH.....PROPRIETOR.

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

Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Every possible convenience for the general and travelling public. Terms, 6s 6d per day. TELEPHONE 123. Box 83.



MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA.

This hotel combines all the conveniences of a first-class House, together with a moderate tariff. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Brands. J. A. SMYTH.....PROPRIETOR



EGMONT HOTEL, HAWERA.

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

COCKAYNE'S LEVIATHAN,

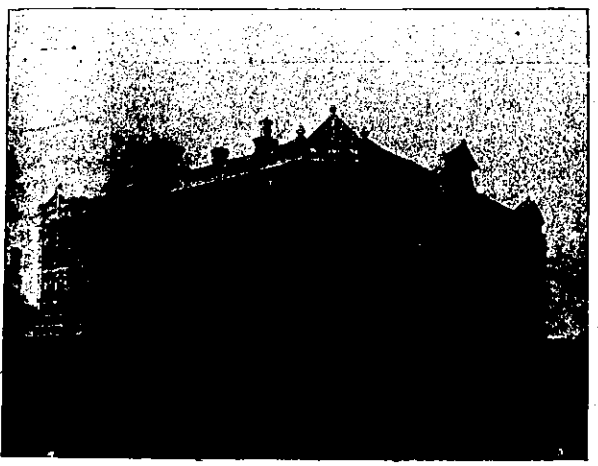
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Visitors to Christchurch should secure accommodation at the Leviathan. It offers all the advantages of an up-to-date home, and is furnished throughout in such a manner as to provide the Best Accommodation for Boarders, Visitors, and Travellers. PRIVATE ROOMS FOR LADIES. Hot and Cold Baths, Fire Escapes, etc.

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