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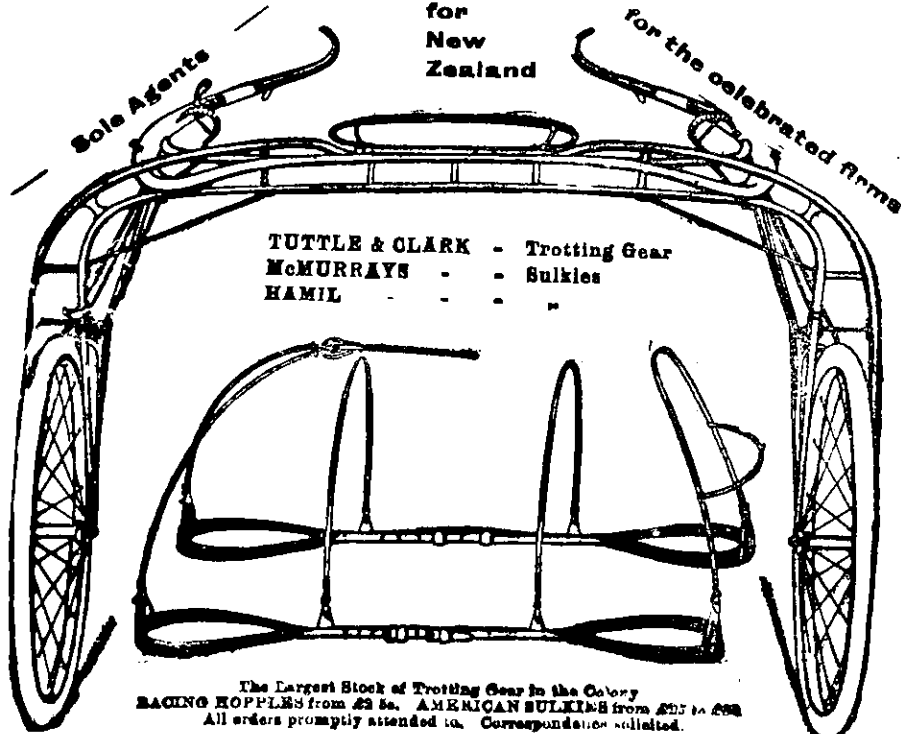
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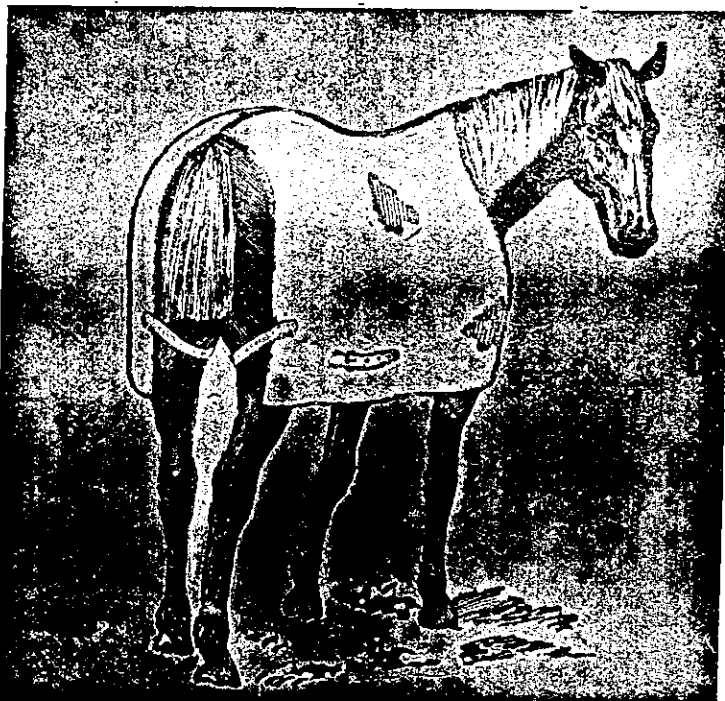


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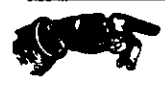
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FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1906
First race to start at 12 noon.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 80sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 200sovs, at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. About two miles and a-half.

MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 100sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 450sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs, with a final payment of 2sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Over nine flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Two miles and a-quarter.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. One mile and three-quarters.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Winner of Maiden Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10st. One mile.

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

LADIES' BRACELET of 100sovs; a Bracelet of the value of 75sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 25sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st 6lb; four-year-olds, 11st; five and six-year-olds, and aged, 11st 2lb. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Entrance 2sovs. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 10sovs to the rider of the winner. One mile and a-half.

SECOND DAY,

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1906.

ORAKEI HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 700sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 4sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. About three miles and a-half.

REMUERA HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Two miles.

PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of the Ranfurly Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10st. Seven furlongs.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

PONY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon.
TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 80sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of the weights to carry 7lb penalty. Five furlongs.

LADIES' BRACELET of 50sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 40sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 10sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st 10lb; four-year-olds and upwards, 11st. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Winner of Ladies' Bracelet on first day to carry a penalty of 7lb. Entrance 1sov. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1906, with amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.
Great Northern Hurdles Handicap, 1sov; Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Winter Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.
Great Northern Hurdles Handicap, 2sovs; Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap, 3sovs.

NOMINATIONS.
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Welter Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Cornwall Handicap, 1sov; Pony Handicap, 1sov; Ladies' Bracelet, 2sovs; Orakei Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Ranfurly Welter Handicap, 1sov; Remuera Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Prince of Wales' Handicap, 1sov; Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Pony Welter Handicap, 1sov; Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; York Welter Handicap, 1sov; Campbell Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Fitzroy Welter Handicap, 1sov; Farewell Handicap, 1sov; Ladies' Bracelet, 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Welter Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Cornwall Handicap, 2sovs; Pony Handicap, 1sov.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, at the post.
Great Northern Hurdles, 2sovs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, by 10 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.
Orakei Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Ranfurly Welter Handicap, 1sov; Remuera Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Prince of Wales' Handicap, 2sovs; Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Pony Welter Handicap, 1sov.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, at the post.
Great Northern Steeplechase, 4sovs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.
Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; York Welter Handicap, 2sovs; Winter Steeplechase Handicap, 2sovs; Campbell Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Fitzroy Welter Handicap, 1sov; Farewell Handicap, 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
ON OR ABOUT MAY 11, 1906.
Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, in morning paper.

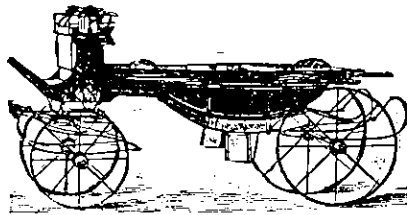
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, Maiden Welter Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Pony Handicap.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, by 9 p.m.
Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales' Handicap, Tally-ho Steeplechase, Pony Welter Handicap.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, in morning paper.

Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Hurdle Handicap, Fitzroy Welter, Farewell Handicap.

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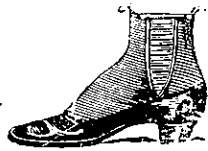
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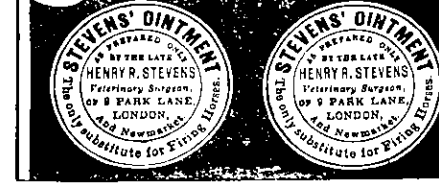
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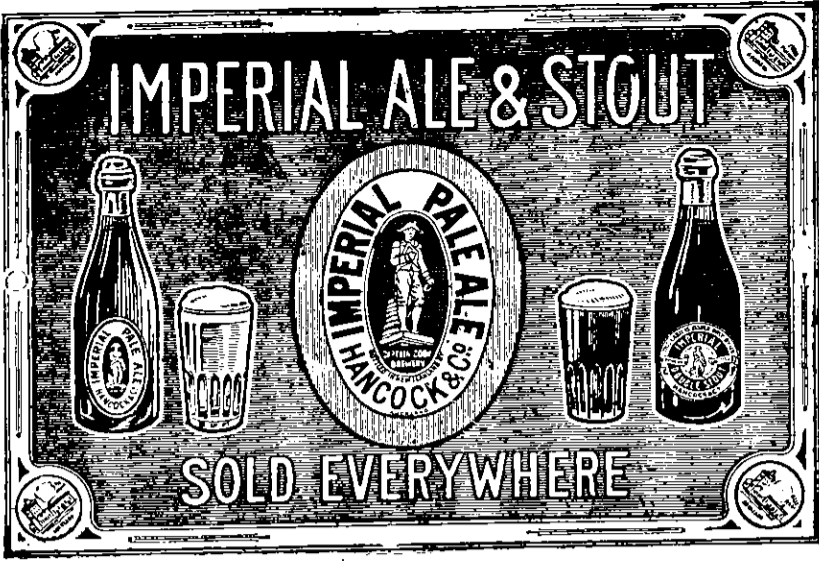
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 June 4 and 5—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 20 and 21—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 27 and 28—Napier Park R.C. Winter
 July 5 and 6—Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase Meeting
 August 14, 16, and 18—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting
- NOMINATIONS.**
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 June 22—Gisborne R.C.
- ACCEPTANCES.**
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REMINDEES TO OWNERS.

A final acceptance of 2sovs for the Great Northern Hurdles is due on June 2 at the post.

Nominations for the Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting close with Mr. M. G. Nasmith, the secretary, on Saturday, June 2, at 9 p.m. Entries for the hack events close on June 29.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE AND STEEPLCHASE.

(By "The Judge.")

With the close approach of the Auckland Racing Club's big winter fixture, almost the sole topic of conversation is concerning the winning prospects of the horses engaged in the two big events—the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Steeplechase. In the former event twenty-four horses remain in, so that there is every prospect of a big field, although a few are certain to drop out. The form shown at Takapuna and Wanganui has thrown considerable light upon the vexed problem of finding the probable winners and this has resulted in a fair volume of anti-post betting. Miss King heads the list of horses engaged, but it is hard to see how she can have a chance at the weights, and she may be reserved for the Steeplechase. This also applies to Comfort and Sol. Aka Aka will be benefited by his gallop at Takapuna, and is one of the best of the local brigade. Waiwera never runs well in the mud at Ellerslie. Irish, although rapidly improving, is rather short of work, but might effect a surprise, while Florio may not start. Cavalry has a very fair chance if he can be wound up in time, and Convoy might run well. For Weary Bill and Medallius I have no liking, but Exmoor must be labelled very dangerous. It is possible the length of the journey will find him out, for he was manifestly tiring at the end of the Century Hurdles. Ability showed good form at Wanganui, and is a good fencer, but the Conqueror gelding should be held safe by Hydrant. Romany King is a strong tip by those who attended the Wanganui meeting. He is a good jumper, and can stay the journey out; moreover, he is just the sort of horse to be able to act in the heavy going which will probably be experienced at Ellerslie. Next on the list is Hydrant, and, even bearing in mind the fate which generally befalls the favourite in this race, the son of Jet d'Eau should win. Although rather on the small side, he jumps and stays well, and is fairly certain to carry the most investments next Saturday. Cuiragno, although very useful, is hardly good enough to win, and Lady Hune's wretched display at Takapuna must throw her right out of court. Defender should put up a good fight, but King Paul and Durable are hardly good enough. Slicia, on his Takapuna running, must be given more than an outside chance, for there is no doubt his double at Takapuna was very meritorious. Oryx ran well at Napier recently, and is very favourably handicapped, but neither Baritone or Catherine Gordon are quite class enough. Summed up, the horses with the best chances are Aka Aka, Cavalry, Exmoor, Romany King, Hydrant, Defender, and Slicia. It is possible that places may go to Hydrant, Defender, and Romany King.

In the G.N. Steeplechase, which takes place on Monday, twenty are engaged, and here again there should be a good field. The veteran Haydn is in pride of place with 11st 9lb, and even with that impost he will prove

very hard to beat, and it is probable he will start favourite. Comfort will, I fancy, run a much better horse than he did at Wanganui. Sol is a good one, but has been given every ounce of weight to which he is entitled. Phaetonitis is highly thought of in certain quarters, but his display at Wanganui was not too brilliant. Cannongate I look upon as a past light. Moccasin has only to improve a little on his Wanganui form to be very dangerous, but I prefer the other horse on the same mark, viz., Aka Aka, who has to carry 7lb less than he had at Takapuna. As that gallop did him good, the son of Regal will want a lot of beating. Miss King is said to have jumped in a slovenly manner at Wanganui, and if she does it on Monday may not survive the course, otherwise she should be prominent at the finish. Swimmer is particularly well just now, and will take a deal of beating, for he had a bit in hand when he won the Takapuna Steeplechase last week. Eclair is a little fellow, and perhaps hardly good enough to win. Nadador has a chance, as also has Pharos, for the latter's win at Ellerslie on the occasion of his last visit was a particularly easy one. Of the other light weights Irish and Catherine Gordon are the best, and the latter is sure to be prominent in the early stages. When they come to finish the long and tiring journey it is possible the leaders may be Haydn, Moccasin, Aka Aka, Miss King, Swimmer, and Pharos, while of these the best may prove to be Swimmer, Aka Aka, and Haydn.

NOTES.

(By "THE JUDGE.")

F. D. Jones was not long in England before he got his name on the list of winning jockeys, for at the Salisbury meeting he managed to score a brace of victories.

Owners should bear in mind that nominations for the Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting, to be run on July 5 and 6, close with Mr. M. G. Nasmith, the secretary, on Saturday, June 2.

Nearly everyone who went to Wanganui has been extolling the praises of Romany King. He certainly ran well, and if the going is heavy, as is very likely to be the case, ought to be on hand when the whips are cracking.

Judging by the way in which Exmoor finished in the Century Hurdles, the length of the big event at Ellerslie may find him out. Still, the racing may have had a good effect on the Porirua horse, and he is bound to be dangerous.

Old Haydn is bowling along in good style at Ellerslie, and may be relied upon to put up a great race in the G.N. Steeplechase.

Despite having incurred a 5lb penalty for his win at Wanganui, Hydrant will probably start favourite for the G.N. Hurdles. He is well built and a fine jumper, and although on the small side, is a very nicely-actioned gelding, who will take a lot of beating.

The horses which were purchased by Mr. J. C. Colbeck at the disposal sale of the late Mr. George Wright's team will in future be looked after by Mr. A. M. Robertson at Ellerslie.

Mr. Hartland, secretary of the A.R.C., notifies clients in this issue that no contingent or ten shilling commissions will be executed, so investors at a distance should make note of this. Money will be received up to within half an hour of the advertised time for starting each race.

From all accounts Defoe was unlucky that he did not beat Eurys in the Wanganui Steeplechase. He was going strongly in front at the last hurdle, but there being no wing, he ran past the jump. He pulled up a much fresher horse than either of the leaders.

At last Pearl Necklet has managed to get her name on the winning list. On Thursday she got home an easy first in the Pupuke Handicap, after leading all the way. As, however, the company was exceptionally moderate, the performance was nothing to enthuse over. When pulled out again in the Victoria Handicap with but 7st on her back, the daughter of Haut Brion, despite a good start, was unable to run into a place.

Although Miss King ran prominently in the Wanganui Steeplechase, her jumping was none too good, and as the Ellerslie course is rather severe, it may find her out.

Some judges who saw Phaetonitis perform at Wanganui are prepared to find the son of Phaeton hailed as a winner at Ellerslie.

A peculiar accident happened to Silverlene in the Rata Hack Hurdles. At the last jump, which was broken, a bit of the hurdle ran under the mare's girth, and she finished a good second with this curious impediment dangling between her legs. Curiously enough Silverlene was not even scratched, but without the mishap she might have just about won, as she was only beaten a neck.

It seemed to the writer that Howard was unduly severe upon his mount, Lady Hune, in the Hauturu Hurdles. The daughter of Cuirassier was in obvious trouble over half a mile from home, but from that point the whip was kept going the whole way to the finish. Such punishment to a beaten horse may do good, but I take leave to doubt it.

Little Corporal ran very consistently at Takapuna, and it was hard luck that a brace of seconds was all he could do. The ponified son of Blairgowrie is not a beauty to look at, but there is an old saying that "handsome is as handsome does," and at his best Corporal is a very honest customer.

A word of praise is certainly due to Mr. R. Wynyard and his staff for the manner in which the winter meeting was conducted. To use a homely adage, "Everything ran on wheels," and there was an entire absence of anything to which exception might be taken. Indeed, there have been few more pleasant gatherings held at the Shore.

There was a popular impression that if the going was soft on Thursday Geordie would win the Britannia Handicap. Well, the going was soft enough, but the son of Seaton Delaval did not win, neither did he ever appear to have any prospect of doing so. Although filling third place, he was a long way behind the winner.

Waipuna is very well just now, and his win in the Britannia Handicap was an easier one than in the Empire Handicap, despite a rise of 16lb. He should win again before long if not too harshly treated.

The race between Aka Aka and Swimmer in the Takapuna Steeplechase proved very exciting. The betting indicated that the issue was between the pair, for in the last round they had the race to themselves. Half a mile from home it looked as though Aka Aka might win, but the fine condition of Swimmer stood to him, and he fairly wore down the son of Regal, who ran himself almost to a standstill.

People who pay attention to signs and portents, and they are far more numerous than might be expected, for the racing man is ever superstitious, were very keen on Baltimore in the Britannia Handicap. Just as the majority were crossing the harbour on Thursday to assist at the meeting, Uncle Sam's cruiser, the Baltimore, came into port saluting the British flag as she made her way to the anchorage. This was looked upon as "the office" to back Baltimore, but the son of Leolantis ran disappointingly. Had the superstitious folk stuck to it, which but few of them did, however, they would have been rewarded with a £4 17s dividend when Baltimore ran into second place in the last race.

The racing on Thursday at Takapuna was chiefly remarkable for the fact that there was not a single mishap of any kind, and this despite the course being heavy as a result of the previous rain.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENCE.
 In reply to "Wager," Thames, "a straight" beats three of a kind. As questions concerning the value of hands at poker are being constantly asked, it may be of interest to give the relative order of values. These run as follows:—A royal flush, a routine flush; fours; a full hand, a flush; a straight; threes; two pairs; one pair; the highest card.

Moccasin appeared somewhat sore after the Wanganui Steeplechase, but has improved since.

The Taranaki Jockey Club lost £694 on the year's work, for which the autumn meeting was chiefly responsible.

The stallion Gluten arrived from Sydney safely by the Manuka on Sunday, and has gone to his new home at Papakura. He is a beautifully-bred horse, and a proved stayer, and ought to go well with the Soult and Cyrenan mares.

Cavalry is showing great improvement in his work, and should give a good account of himself at the coming meeting.

Ability, Convoy, Moccasin, Hydrant, Phaetonitis and Shrapnell Shell arrived from the South by the Penguin on Sunday. The next contingent which got here on Tuesday was Nadador, Mawhiti, Gold Crown, Eclair, Comfort, Waiwera, Pharos, Exmoor, Rose Madder and Romany King.

The draw for the Maiden Stakes, to be run at the North New Zealand Coursing Club's meeting, will take place at the City Club Hotel on June 13, when final payments must also be made.

The latest high-priced stallion is Jardy, the speedy son of Flying Fox and Ails and Graces. Although a good horse, the price seems excessive, but some of the Argentine breeders have long purses, and are not afraid of a few extra thousands when they want a horse.

After watching the gallops our Ellerslie correspondent thinks that the following should run prominently:—G.N. Hurdles: Cavalry, Hydrant, and Silicia. Maiden Steeplechase: Baritone, Medallius, Kruger. Cornwall Handicap: Ironmould, Apologue, Geordie. Maiden Welter Handicap: Lady Clements, Trepine, The Scotchman. Maiden Hurdles: Convoy, Ability, Liberator. Pony Handicap: Lady Nannie, Forth, Sonoma. G.N. Steeplechase (run on second day): Haydn, Sol, Swimmer.

Young Cairns, an apprentice with Frank Higgott, rode Hydrant in his two victories at Wanganui. So well did he acquit himself that a big future is prophesied for the latest aspirant to cross-country honours.

Owing to Monday being a holiday, entries for the New Zealand Cup do not close until Tuesday.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club opened the season on Saturday with a meet at Mount Roskill, when a very enjoyable run after a drag took place. The run ended near Mr. Gorrie's residence, "Dunkerron," Three Kings, where the master welcomed all present. The prospects are very hopeful for a successful season.

A tremendous amount of rain fell at Ellerslie yesterday, and there is a very strong probability of the going being heavy on Saturday next.

The Otaki Meeting looks like proving one of the best on record. By the way, the club's handicapper, Mr. J. H. Pollock, intends to witness the final day's racing of the A.R.C. Meeting.

ANTICIPATIONS.

THE A.R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

(By "The Judge.")

Next Saturday the Auckland Racing Club will make a start with the winter, or as it is better known, Great Northern Meeting. The fixture, embracing as it does many long-distance races, both over country and on the flat, always has been one of the most popular on the club's programme. In the event of fine weather there is certain to be a good attendance. At the time of writing it must be confessed the weather outlook is not bright, but there is plenty of time before Saturday for it to clear up. There is, however, a strong probability that the course will be holding, so fast times cannot be looked for. There will be no lack of special trains, while the Tramway Company will run a large number of extra cars on the Remuera

line. Mr. Hartland and his large staff may be depended upon to have everything in apple-pie order, so that with a strong contingent of visiting horses everything augurs well for a very successful reunion.

The first event, which will start at noon, is the Maiden Steeplechase, 2½ miles, for which a dozen have accepted. It looks like giving rise to a good race, and the placed horses may be—

BARITONE,
CATHERINE GORDON,
LOCH FYNE.

The Maiden Welter, seven furlongs, is next on the list, and here 19 have accepted, so that it can be readily understood the winner is not easily picked. It is possible the safest to trust may prove to be—

BEN,
LADY CLEMENTS,
TREPINE.

The big event, the Great Northern Hurdles, will then come on for decision. I have reviewed the chances in another column at length, and these I have taken to fill the places—

HYDRANT,
DEFENDER,
ROMANY KING.

When the excitement has cooled down the Maiden Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, comes up for decision. Here 10 have accepted, but as several are engaged in the previous race it is difficult to say which will start. Given a run, the places may go to—

ABILITY,
CONVOY,
CORPORAL.

A very interesting event, the Cornwall Handicap, one mile, follows. With 18 acceptors this bids fair to give rise to a big struggle, and the winner will be as hard to find as the proverbial needle in a bundle of hay. I should not be surprised to find Mr. Lusk place them—

IRONMOULD,
ROSE MADDER,
LE BEAU.

The Pony Handicap, seven furlongs, is always a popular event. Unfortunately the field will be small, and in taking

LADY NANNIE,
FORTH,
MERRY DELAVAL.

I may have named the placed horses. The concluding event on Saturday will be the Ladies' Bracelet 1½ miles. Several of the 12 acceptors figure in other events, but if they are pulled out fresh for the fray very likely the valuable trophies may go to the nominators of

SEABIRD AND BALTIMORE.

The acceptances are as follows:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. About two miles and a-half.—Weary Bill 11.0, Roseplot 10.10, Medallius 10.10, Baritone 10.5, Loch Fyne 10.5, Catherine Gordon 10.4, Sr James 9.12, Wellcast 9.11, Rolf 9.7, Kruger 9.7, Cutler 9.7, Jess 9.7.

MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.—Ben 10.3, Silver Shell 10.1, Pangaroo 9.13, Lunetta 9.12, Pearl Necklet (including 5lb penalty) 9.9, Kaimere 9.8, Haeremai 9.6, Trepine 9.5, Pamperla 9.5, Te Taniwha 9.4, Moorhen 9.3, Hillflower 9.2, Chief Steward 9.2, The Duncie 9.0, Integrity 9.0, The Scotchman 9.0, Hermes 9.0, Lady Clements 9.0, Tui Cakobau 9.0.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE of 450sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Over nine flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Two miles and a-quarter.

	st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.
Miss King	11	8 Ability	9 8
Comfort	11	2 Lady Hune	9 8
Sol	10	13 Hydrant	9 7
Aka Aka	10	10 Defender	9 6
Waiwera	10	10 King Paul	9 6
Irish	10	8 Cuiragno	9 6
Florio	10	3 Durable	9 5
Cavalry	10	6 Cath. Gordon	9 5
Convoy	10	6 Silicia (in. 5lb)	9 5
Weary Bill	10	6 penalty	9 5
Medallius	10	0 Oryx	9 0
Exmoor	9	12 Baritone	9 0
Rom. King	9	12	

MAIDEN HURDLERACE of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Convoy 11.6, Ability (including 5lb penalty) 10.11, Oryx 10.9, Le Beau 10.9, Fieramosca 10.3, Bonomiana 10.0, Corporal 9.11, Liberator 9.6, Midcyr 9.5, Omati 9.5.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile.—Gold Crown 11.9, Leonator 11.4, Rose Madder 10.9, Convoy 10.6, Nervine 10.6, Shrapnell Shell 10.4, Ironmould 10.3, Delania 10.0, Le Beau 9.10, Geordie 9.8, Claremont 9.6, Apologue 9.5, Sir Gilead 9.5, Rookby 9.3, Idassa 9.0, Cyranos 9.0, The Leader 9.0, Mechanic 9.0.

PONY HANDICAP.—Fashionable 10.0, Sonoma 9.6, Kilderkn 9.0, Forth 8.12, Merry Delaval 8.9, Lady Nannie 7.12.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile and a-half.—Baltimore, Hippowal, Irish, Kaimere, Kruger, Moccasin, Moorhen, Ranana, Seabird, Te Taniwha, all 11.2, Haeremai 11.0, Peregrine 10.6.

AFTER THE RACES.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

The winter gathering of the Takapuna Jockey Club was brought to a conclusion on Thursday last, under fairly pleasant weather conditions, the attendance being one of the largest ever seen on the course. The going proved heavy and times slow, but there was an entire absence of accident of any sort. Mr. Ralph acted as judge and Mr. O'Connor as starter. The racing was not so interesting as on the opening day, most of the wins being very easy ones. The sum of £13,658 was put through for the meeting, an increase of £2492 on last year's figures. The double, Waipuna and Swimmer, only returned the small dividend of £6 9s, a big contrast to the preceding day. Once again the management was entirely efficient in every respect.

Proceedings commenced with the Pupuke Handicap, all the eleven on the card going to the post. Pearl Necklet, who was leniently handicapped, was made a hot favourite, a very correct forecast. Having the inside berth she was first away, and never giving anything else a chance, scored her first win four lengths from Keep Step, who was three lengths ahead of Tui Cakobau.

A quintette turned out for the Hauturu Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, Cuiragno being served up very hot. Directly they got going Rolf went to the front, and he led past the stand from Corporal and Cuiragno. Down the back the positions were unchanged, Lady Hune being last. Half a mile from home Rolf was done with, Cuiragno and Corporal being together in the lead, while Lady Hune, hard ridden, closed up somewhat. As they entered the straight it could be seen that it was Cuiragno's race, and although Corporal chased him home very gamely, the son of Cuirassier won by two lengths, with Lady Hune under severe punishment three lengths further back.

There were no absentees in the Second Pony Handicap, six furlongs, and of the seven runners Forth and Storyteller were best fancied. The start was a good one, Etu shooting away very smartly. The Lebel mare soon opened up a big lead, but Forth closed up down the back, and before the bend was negotiated was in front. With heads turned for home Sonoma commenced to put in a great run, but she could never reach Forth, who won by a length, with Storyteller a length further off third.

The scratching pen was freely used in the Britannia Handicap, one mile, only five being left to fight out the race. On the strength of his win on the opening day, Waipuna was made favourite. From a good start Rookby was the first to show, and when the stand was reached he and Waipuna were racing side by side. Down the back Waipuna was sailing along in front, while Geordie, who has been last, commenced to go up. At the bend for home it could be seen that Waipuna had the race in his safekeeping, and coming on he won a slow-run race very easily by two lengths from Rookby, who was a similar distance ahead of Geordie, while Nervine was pulled up.

The Takapuna Steeplechase, three miles and a-half, attracted a field of six, and of these Swimmer was a better favourite than Aka Aka. Directly Mr. O'Connor let them go, Major took up the role of pacemaker, and he led for six furlongs, when Catherine Gordon went to the front. The daughter of Perkin Warbeck II. was still in front in the second round, with Loch Fyne just heading a bunch. At the third time they climbed the hill Aka Aka, Swimmer, and Cathrine Gordon were together, but once on top the two former drew out and raced side by side on to the flat. Half a mile from home Swimmer commenced to slowly forge ahead, and although Phillips called on his mount for every ounce he could not hold Swimmer, who came on and won by four lengths, with Baritone three lengths behind Aka Aka.

Of the nine runners in the Victoria Handicap, six furlongs, Millie was the most fancied. After some delay at the start Tambourina, who had the inside running, was first away, and there he remained for the rest of the journey, winning without the whip by nearly two lengths from Kola Nip, who was three lengths ahead of Lucrece.

Ten runners faced the barrier in the concluding event, the Welter Handicap, one mile, and on the strength of his good form on the first day, Aka-

rana was made a very pronounced favourite. Pamperla and Bromide were first away, and they led past the stand from Bully. Down the back the latter went to the front, and easily holding the opposition at bay, romped home three lengths ahead of Baltimore, who just beat Akarana in the last little bit.

The results were as follows:—

PUPUKE HANDICAP. Five furlongs. Mr. J. Marshall's b m Pearl Necklet, 4yrs, by Haut Brion—Necklet, 7.13 (Lindsay) ... 1
Mr. J. N. Hunt's b g Keep Step, 6yrs, 8.0 (Bdehanan) ... 2
Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b g Tui Cakobau, 4yrs, 8.0 (Ackroyd) ... 3
Other starters: Peregrine, Fretwork, Seabohm, Intombi, Lucio, Hermes, War Cloud, Rose Lawn.
Time, 1min 9 1-5sec. Dividends, £3 1s and £2.

HAUTURU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. W. Foss' br g Cuiragno, 5yrs, by Cuirassier—Miss Agnes, 9.10 (Julian) ... 1
Mr. J. J. N. McKenzie's b g Corporal, aged, 9.6 (Nearey) ... 2
Mr. C. Weal's b m Lady Hune, 5yrs, 10.0 (Howard) ... 3
Other starters: King Paul, Rolf.
Time, 3min 31sec. Dividend, £2 5s.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. A. Ludlow's ch g Forth, aged, by Lebel—Sleevelink, 8.12 (Ryan) 1
Mr. L. B. Harris' ch m Sonoma, 5yrs, 9.9 (Speakman) ... 2
Mr. P. James' b m Storyteller, 5yrs, 8.5 (Buchanan) ... 3
Other starters: Merry Delaval, Etu, Hopscotch, La Annie.
Time, 1min 23 4-5sec. Dividends, £3 1s and £1 7s.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. J. Muir's br g Waipuna, 5yrs, by Soult—Folly, 8.4 (Parramore) 1
Mr. E. Morrison's br g Rookby, 6yrs, 6.12 (Brown) ... 2
Mr. G. Marshall's br br h Geordie, 6yrs, 7.9 (Gray) ... 3
Other starters: Nervine, Baltimore.
Time, 1min 49 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 9s.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles and a-half. Mr. J. Beckett's Swimmer, aged, by Cannon, 10.5 (W. Wilson) ... 1
Messrs. A. and A. J. Kidd's b g Aka Aka, aged, 11.2 (H. Phillipus) ... 2
Mr. M. Wells' ch g Baritone, 6yrs, 9.10 (Howie) ... 3
Other starters: Major, Catherine Gordon, Loch Fyne.
Time, 7min 41 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 2s and 19s.

VICTORIA HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. J. Johnston's ch m Tambourina, aged, by Tambour—Linnet, 7.8 (Chaafe) ... 1
Mr. W. Gall's b g Kola Nip, 5yrs, 7.4 (Parramore) ... 2
Mr. J. Donald's b m Lucrece, 4yrs, 8.0 (Gray) ... 3
Other starters: Millie, Ben Blair, Discoverer, Certainty, Black and Gold, Parl Necklet.
Time, 1min 21 3-5sec. Dividends, £12 2s and £2 12s.

WELTER HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. L. Gordon's b g Bully, 4yrs, by Freedom—Nator mare, 8.8 (Buchanan) ... 1
Mr. K. Heaton's ch g Baltimore, 5yrs, 7.9 (Lindsay) ... 2
Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b h Akarana, 4yrs, 8.12 (Ackroyd) ... 3
Other starters: Bromide, Jewellery, Te Taniwha, Sir Hector, Pamperla, Mechanic, Merry Soult.
Time, 1min 51 1-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s and £4 17s.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning the ground was soddened from the recent rains, and nearly all the work was got through on the grass track and the course proper was open after breakfast (with the hurdles up). This was taken advantage of by the following horses:—Ability, Convoy and Oryx. The trio ran a mile and a-half. The two former finishing together and the latter lengths away, badly beaten. The journey was finished in 3min 14 4-5sec. Silica, Cuiragno, and Midcyr followed over the same course with a better record—3min 13sec. The former had Cuiragno's measure from the start, whilst the latter misconducted himself by falling at the first obstacle. Quite a number of horses were sent around the steeplechase country, no less than 10 competing at one time in different lots. Kruger, Medallius, Catherine Gordon and Irish were the first to start. Kruger and Catherine Gordon came to grief, and, getting rid of their riders, made off on their own account, and did not finish. Medallius and Irish both jumped well. Aka Aka, Phaetonitis, Haydn, Sol, and Hakaria were then associated together, and the quartette acquitted themselves well with the exception of Phaetonitis, who jumped the stone wall in a faulty manner. Aka Aka finished in front, and showed a decided improvement on his Takapuna jumping. Sol and Haydn finished under a strong pull, while Hakaria

also showed improved form. Jess and a hunter essayed the steeplechase country, but the latter came to grief, and the chestnut went over the country alone. Discoverer slipped over four furlongs in 52sec. Delania only did half-pace work. Silver Shell led Leader for seven furlongs in 1min 34sec. Mechanic had the best of Kola Nip over the same distance in 1min 34 2-5sec. Fretwork had a slight advantage of Engraver for six furlongs in 1min 20 1-5sec. Sonoma sprinted six furlongs, finishing well. Khama did not seem to relish two rounds on the sand. Waitati was too slippery for Sir Hector for six furlongs in 1min 18 4-5sec. Apologue ran away from Leonator for seven furlongs in 1min 32 2-5sec. Takaroa spurted four furlongs alone in 52 3-5 sec. Cavalry and Bonomiana, assisted by another, did an attractive mile and a-half gallop, the circuit taking 2min 1sec. The former had his two companions well beaten. Peregrine and Te Tanwha ran seven furlongs in 1min 34sec. Peregrine finished with a commanding lead. Le Beau and Claremont took 1min 25sec for six furlongs, the latter well behind. Landlock, Lunetta, Scotchman and others did useful work. After breakfast Pearl Necklet got to the end of six furlongs in 1min 20sec, but seemed to tire. The slippery Tambourina left six furlongs behind in 1min 18 1-5sec. Cannongate did two solid rounds, finishing strongly. Geordie, Lady Nannie, Sir Gilead and Kildarkin finished in this order over seven furlongs in 1min 34sec. Hillflower spurted on the tan for seven furlongs in 1min 35 3-5sec. Ironmould had a couple of mates in a seven furlongs' bout in 1min 33 2-5 sec. The St. George's Handicap winner promises to strip well next Saturday. Trepine, who seems on the improve, easily beat Nervine and Waipa in a four furlongs' burst in 52 4-5sec, ridden out. King Paul had a couple of rounds alone, finishing up the last six furlongs in 1min 24 3-5 sec. Ben ran a couple of furlongs and was then joined by Omati, and continued on for seven furlongs, head and head, in 1min 32sec—a good gallop. Bully, Henry Havelock, Moccasin, Hydrant, and Shrapnel Shell also did useful tasks.

INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, May 30.

Monday next being a holiday owners throughout New Zealand are reminded that nominations for the New Zealand Cup will close at nine p.m. on Tuesday next.

Soltikoff, who ran very badly at the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting, won his first race, the Trial Plate, at Oamaru. Soltikoff is a three-year-old colt by Stepniak—Hermosa, and cost 425 guineas as a yearling.

D. J. Price leaves for Australia on Friday with Melodeon, Starshoot, Savoury and Delaware. This should prove to be one of the best teams of handicap horses taken over to Australia from these parts.

Tirole, Beau Seaton, Rongoa, and Prince Loris will compete at Dunedin. Slow Tom, Magnificent, and Matuku are also likely to go down.

The South Island team of jumpers opened out well at Wanganui, scoring two good wins and two seconds. I always expected Eurus to show up prominently in his engagements, and anticipated his victory in the Wanganui Steeplechase. With regard to Ability, I have frequently referred to his display over hurdles, and ventured the opinion some time ago that he would shape well in any company over hurdles. Ability is just the stamp of horse for hurdle racing, and he will be hard to beat in the big jumping events this season.

Delaware ran a terribly bad race in the Oamaru Cup, fading right out of the contest after going half a mile. This horse has cost many backers a lot of money, and some will not be sorry to hear of his departure to Australia.

Messrs. Solomon Bros. had a good time at the Greymouth meeting. First View, by Tasman, winning three races, and Vardo, by Finland, scoring in two events.

T. Cahill was in fine form at Greymouth, riding four winners, one dead heat, and three seconds during two days.

Backers went down badly over

some supposed good things last week. Black Reynard, Landwern, and Armalemento at Wanganui, Petrovna, Flora Wood (a trotter), Tirole, Delaware, and Grandstand at Oamaru, all losing when they ought to have won.

F. D. Jones rode two winners at the Salisbury meeting last week. The news was sent by cable to Mr. G. G. Stead.

Cutts had Glenowlet and Clanchattan in good form at Oamaru, each scoring a win. Cannie Chiel, on the other hand, kept up his reputation as one of the most unreliable horses ever stabled at the Chokebore Lodge.

Zetland, after many failures, scored a win in the Tokorahi Handicap at Oamaru. He has been showing in-and-out form during the past two months, but now that he has won, it is reasonable to suppose that he will at least run well at the Dunedin meeting.

At the Christchurch Magistrate's Court to-day several bookmakers were charged with having trespassed on the Riccarton racecourse on Easter Monday and Tuesday, and with having refused to leave when ordered to do so. Evidence for the prosecution went to show that the defendants were on the course during the autumn meeting, and instead of leaving when ordered off by the club's detectives, they remained on the course all day. In the case against William Mason the magistrate said the evidence was sufficient to convict, and he intended in all cases to treat trespass of this kind as a deliberate and defiant breach, and to punish by imprisonment without any option. Mason was sentenced to one month's imprisonment without hard labour. The other cases were adjourned. In the case against Alexander McKenzie, of Ashburton, the magistrate said there was an element of doubt as to whether defendant was a bookmaker. The case would be dismissed.

HAWKE'S BAY.

May 30.

Ben Blair's full brother, Benair, is once more in work, and presuming everything goes on satisfactory with him will be seen out at the winter venture of the Hawke's Bay Turf Club next month, when he will contest the affair in the interests of Mrs. T. Moeller.

Mr. G. Staunton, the one-time owner of Captain Shannon, was offered a good price the other day for his two-year-old colt Waoriki, but the Onga Onga sportsman was not doing any dealing. This well-named son of Primulas is the making of a good sort, a fact which I impressed upon his owner, and as I once told him when he complained to me re the manner in which I had assessed the capabilities of Captain Shannon, whom I handicapped when he made his debut (at the Takapau gathering a couple of seasons back), that he had a good horse and did not know it. As regards Captain Webb's son, he has found out ere this that I was correct, and probably owing to my surmise upon that occasion my expression regarding Waoriki may have carried weight, and consequently made him pause and reflect ere getting rid of Waoriki.

Mr. A. F. Douglas, one of the proprietors of the Te Mahanga breeding establishment, was fortunate enough to come out as one of the top-notchers in the pigeon shoot at Wanganui last week.

Needlework has made his re-appearance at Hastings, and has been entered for several events at the chasing fixture of the Hawke's Bay Turf Club next month.

The Mohaka Racing Club, who missed getting a permit for a gathering this season, intend to place their claims for a fixture next season before the controlling powers.

Cinque has been leased to Mr. C. L. Mackersey—that is, so far as her engagements are concerned. In the ladies' races at Hastings next month Saracen's daughter will run in the interests of Mr. Mackersey's daughters.

Rechabite, who met with a mishap just prior to the Hawke's Bay Meeting this month, is all serene again, and should the weight prove satisfactory will be a contestant at Otaki next month.

Mrs. Randon, dam of Mrs. Crawley (who forms one of the string controlled by T. McLaughlin at Greenmeadows), is a half-sister to that cast-iron specimen Whakawatea, who has been popping up again as a victor in New South Wales.

Quite a heap of money was lost here over the non-success of Rose Madder,

Sweet Helen and Comfort at Wanganui. Still, notwithstanding their failure there, I incline to the idea that Rose Madder and Comfort will repay punters if they elect to come at the pair again at the Auckland R.C. winter fixture.

Hydrant, who, by the way, is an elder full brother of Douche, was bred at Mangatarata Station, Mr. S. H. Gollan's place at Waipukurau, and was purchased as a yearling by Mr. E. J. Watt for 25 guineas. Douche also falling to the same sport's bid for the same amount. The pair were for a time under the guardianship of T. Quinlivan, jun., but were disposed of to new owners to make room for young stock.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, May 30.

The Dunedin Jockey Club will commence their winter meeting on Saturday next, and Tirole may prove hard to beat in the Birthday Handicap and Zetland and Apollodoris may have most to say in the decision of the Tradesmen's Handicap.

Apollodoris ran a couple of good races at Oamaru, but failed to get in the money. His stable companion, Sychem, also put a bit of heart into his work and gained a couple of places, which, however, did not bring much grist to the mill.

Delaware was first to break the line at the start for the Oamaru Cup, but he quickly lost his position and ran about 2st below his Great Autumn Handicap form. Delaware does not bear the reputation of being a very stout-hearted horse, and his Australian purchaser would not feel too pleased with his bargain had he witnessed the race for the Oamaru Cup.

At a committee meeting of the Gore Trotting Club held last week, a balance-sheet of the race meeting held in February was laid on the table (says the "Southern Standard"), the net profit shown being £41. With the balance from last year and members' subscriptions, the credit balance would be about £100. The balance-sheet was adopted as very satisfactory. A circular letter was received from Mr. P. Selig, chairman of the New Zealand Trotting Association, in regard to the proposal to hold a National Trotting Meeting during the Christchurch Exhibition, stakes to be offered that would attract entries from Australia, and perhaps America. It was decided to reply expressing approval of the scheme, the matter of a financial guarantee to be considered when further details are available. Messrs. Gibbs and H. Martin were appointed to revise the proposed amended rules of the Trotting Association and suggest alterations, if necessary. Mr. J. Latham was appointed delegate to the conference to be held in Wellington in July. It was unanimously resolved to present Mr. M. Allan, rider and trainer of Fischu, with an inscribed gold medal in recognition of the mile record (2min 19 4-5sec) registered at the local meeting.

Mr. J. R. MacKenzie has purchased the well-known jumper Slow Tom, and the gelding will probably race in his name at the D.J.C. Winter Meeting. He has also bought a pony by Obligado out of Spring Gun, a mare by Musketry from Mist, the dam of Vladimir.

Petrovna was not seen at her best at Oamaru last week. She ran a good race on the first day, but the going was hardly calculated to suit her. On the second day she lost her chance by getting caught in the tapes.

After the success achieved by Machine Gun in Australia, the punting public in that part of the world will naturally be on the qui vive for the team consisting of Melodeon, Savoury, Delaware, and Starshoot, which goes across in the same ship, but there is no questioning the fact that many New Zealand sports heartily wish that they had never heard of either of the trio.

A brace of popular wins took place at Oamaru, when Mr. J. Buckley's colours were carried to the fore in the Oamaru Cup, and Sir Geo. Clifford's chequers piloted the way to the winning post at the end of the Victoria Handicap. A hearty huroo at the end of a good race does one good to hear nowadays, as they are as rare as rain showers in Sahara.

Delaware is returned in the turf record as a son of Stepniak, and also figured in the O.J.C. racebook as being by the same sire, but he was bred in Auckland, and was got by Seaton Delaval out of Stepfeldt, the daughter of Nordenfeldt and Steppe, the dam of Stepniak.

The rules of racing distinctly

state that the number of a horse on the totalisator must correspond, but at Oamaru last week this was not the case, and by next season it is to be hoped that this will be remedied.

The Apremont—Flatter gelding Bombastes won the Clifton Welter at Oamaru last week in convincing style, and should be hard to beat in his engagements at the D.J.C. Winter Meeting.

L. H. Hewitt will leave for Australia in the course of a few days, but there is a probability that he will assist at the first day of the D.J.C. Meeting before crossing the water.

Makaroff's displays at Oamaru were not on a par with his Ashburton form, but it is more than possible the hardness of the going would not allow the son of Arline to act with the freedom he exhibited when he scored at the prohibition city.

BOOKMAKERS and their Clerks will not be allowed on the Ellerslie Racecourse at the forthcoming Meeting. J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

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 Final Payments for the Maiden Stake are due at the City Club Hotel on JUNE 13, at 8 p.m., when the Draw will take place.
 G. R. TAPPER, Hon. Sec.

WANGANUI.

May 30.

Jolly Friar was purchased by Mr. H. Hodges, the owner of Silverlene, prior to winning the Winter Oats, for £200. As the stake was worth £150 and he is reported to have taken over £100 off the machine, the new owner of the St. Hippo gelding soon got his money back with interest.

Mr. E. Stevenson, the owner of Nonette and Lionheart, gave £350 for Miss King prior to the big steeplechase.

When Phaetonitis fell in the Wanganui Steeplechase, D. Morrighan had two or three ribs broken, and was otherwise knocked about considerably. He was sent to the hospital, but was able to be on the course the second day. He, like others in his profession, speaks gratefully of the services rendered by the Ambulance Corps, under Sergeant Loftus, who, with Dr. Tripe, the club's honorary surgeon, are always on hand to render aid in case of accident. This corps has done splendid work at different times, and the members are deserving of the hearty thanks of all connected with the "Sport of Kings" for the valuable services rendered to many unfortunate jockeys. Of course it is purely an honorary corps, the members giving their time and services without fee or reward other than the pleasure of being able to do something to alleviate the sufferings of the injured. Truly, it is a very praiseworthy spirit which actuates the members of this corps, which, it may be remarked, was the first of its kind ever formed, not only in the colony, but in the world—which is something to be proud of.

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At a meeting of the North Island Horse-owners' Association, held at the Rutland Hotel last Thursday night, there was considerable discussion on the question as to whether bookmakers should be excluded from membership or not. Mr. Izard mentioned that rumours were afloat as to the Association having been formed in the interests of "bookies," and he maintained that in the interests of the Association steps should be taken to make it clear that this was not correct. In this he was supported by several other speakers, but Mr. J. H. Nixon (treasurer of the Wanganui Club) was in favour of bookmaker owners being allowed to become members of the Association. He said that amongst the bookmakers were some owners who raced as straight as many others, and they had a perfect right to become members if they wished to. He very strongly objected to the proposal to exclude them from membership. Mr. W. R. Tuck (Wanganui) supported Mr. Nixon's views. Mr. H. M. Speed said he had nothing to say against bookmakers at all, but he felt sure the Association would suffer, providing they allowed "bookies" to become members, and for the sake of the Association he would vote against permitting them to join. He felt sure they would never gain the confidence of the public if bookmakers were admitted to membership. Eventually a remit from the sub-committee appointed to frame the rules, providing for the exclusion of bookmakers, was carried by 19 to 4.

A lot of money was invested on Romany King here on Friday night for the Great Northern Hurdles, both straight out and coupled with Miss King, Phaetonitis and Aka Aka for the Steeplechase. Exmoor was also well supported, and Hydrant. These three will probably fight out the finish again, and it would not surprise me to see Romany King win as the extra distance will suit him.

Florio was scratched for the Wanganui Meeting owing to having sustained a slight rick.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S
WINTER MEETING.

Ideal weather prevailed for the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, which took place on Thursday and Friday last week, and proved highly successful from every point of view. The fields were exceedingly large, the quality of the contestants good, and the racing close and exciting throughout; in fact, the opinion was expressed on all sides that more interesting or better sport has not been witnessed at any meeting in the colony for many a long day. Much of the credit for the great success scored by the club is, of course, due to the splendid work done by Mr. Geo. Morse, the popular handicapper, who was congratulated by all classes of sportsmen on the wonderful ability he displayed in bringing his fields together. The tote bells rang to some purpose throughout the two days, the result being that no less than £20,143 was handled by Messrs. Neylon and Spraggens, an increase of £2718 on last year's total. Added to this, the attendance was the largest on each day ever seen here at a winter meeting, so that the club will reap a handsome profit out of the gathering—a result which will be highly gratifying, not only to the club's officials, but to all who have had the pleasure of attending any of the well-managed and enjoyable gatherings held in Wanganui. Amongst those present were sportsmen from all parts of the colony, and the visitors were loud in their praise of the capital sport provided and the excellence of the management. It cannot be said that the starting was at all up to the mark, especially in some of the flat events. Mr. Chavannes got his fields away in first-class style in the jumping events, in which the barrier was not used, but in the races where the machine had to be manipulated there were three or four very uneven despatches, and the bad starts no doubt effected the results.

A special feature of the racing was the excellent jumping in all the obstacle events; in fact, better and cleaner all-round jumping could not be wished for. There was only one cropper in the Wanganui Steeplechase, the three miles of country being got over safely by the remainder of the 11 starters, though a couple (Defoe and Playfair) certainly ran off at the last jump. In each of the other events the jumping was of a high class, only three horses—Phaetonitis in the big Steeples, Hutana in the Final Steeples, and Handsome Rose in the Century Hurdles—coming to grief during the

two days. This speaks highly for the quality of the "lepping" witnessed.

Ailsa was sent out favourite for the first event of the meeting as a result of the excellent work the daughter of Wallace had been doing on the local track, but she disappointed her backers. The winner turned up in the St. Clements' gelding St. Claïmer, who was very fit, and was suited by the soft going.

Miss King and Nadador were in front most of the way in the big Steeples, and three-quarters of a mile from home the former looked to be going to win, as she held a two lengths' lead. Just then she struck a fence very hard, and fell back into third place. This accident took all the steam out of her, and though she kept going her chance of winning was extinguished. Nadador, Defoe and Eurus were close together at the bend for home, where Defoe ran to the front, followed by Eurus, with Playfair coming strongly three lengths away. Defoe and Eurus were separated by about a length as they raced at the hen-coop—the last jump—and there was every prospect of a most exciting finish between those two and Playfair, who was going on the pair every stride. Unfortunately Defoe ran off, and Playfair followed suit, leaving Eurus—who cleared the obstacle in good style—to win comfortably from Nadador, with Moccassin third. The lastnamed shot up fast over the last quarter of a mile. Probably Miss King would have won but for hitting the fence so hard, though Eurus and Defoe were both going well all the way, while Playfair put in such a strong run to the last fence that he, too, would have had a big say in the settlement. Frank Lind rode a well-judged race on the winner, and was accorded well-merited applause on returning to scale. Strange to relate, the time recorded by Euroclydon's son was exactly the same as that put up by Evening last year.

Defoe was found to have out his stifle, and is unlikely to race again this season. Some contend that the Robinson Crusoe gelding would have been a sure winner had he not run off, but this view is not shared by the riders of Eurus and Playfair, who both consider that Eurus would have won in any case, with Playfair second. In view of his dash at the finish, it is evident that Moccassin is likely to give some trouble later on.

White Star's win in the Electric Hack came as a surprise, as the dividend (£31 1/) would show, but the Daystar gelding was in such excellent condition and had such a good record that many are wondering now how they let him go. There were 23 starters.

Hydrant showed capital form in the May Hurdles, in which he paid £4 10/. Weary Bill finished last, but he will probably show that this was not his true form before long. Some will have it that this gelding is not really as good as he is made out to be, but I shall look to him to prove himself amongst the best before long. He is engaged in the big Steeples at Auckland, and I fancy he will take some beating.

Exmoor got out in front early in the Hack Hurdles, and never gave anything else a chance, though Sardonyx ran up close to him once or twice. The Grafton gelding jumped well, though he rapped the last fence a bit. Rangihenua put in a great run over the last quarter of a mile, and drew up to within a length or so of the winner, who was under a pull. Had it not been for Exmoor being in the race, however, it is safe to say that one or two of the other starters would have performed differently.

Gold Crown was looked upon as a "good thing" in the Connolly Handicap, but he performed very disappointingly. He seemed to be shut in in the early stages, and did not get going until it was too late to win.

Rustique looked well and ran well, and got home after putting in a splendid run up the straight, paying £22 8/.

Nova's effort up the straight in the Purua Hack Flat was a brilliant one, the Stepniak colt shaping like a racehorse, and just getting his head in front of Lingerer in the last stride.

Proceedings opened on the second day with the Winter Oats, one mile, for which 13 faced the starter. Black Reynard, on whom a big commission was worked, being the most fancied. From a wretched start Jolly Friar shot away in front, and stayed there to the end, with Martello, who was shut in the first day, second. The favourite got off badly, and was never in the hunt.

Only three contested the Grandstand Steeples, about 2½ miles, but it was a most interesting race. Nadador was made favourite, but felt the effects of her racing the previous day, and was beaten by both Phaetonitis and Playfair, the latter winning by a length. The jumping was really first-class, and the three horses kept together all the way. Phaetonitis will be very hard to beat in Auckland, as he will no doubt be all the better for the racing here, as should also Playfair, who is not engaged at Ellerslie.

After Gold Guard had won the Balgownie Hack Race, the ten candidates for the Century Hurdles were paraded in the lawn. With the exception that old Kohunui looked a bit lame, little fault could be found with the condition of any of the horses. Exmoor was much admired, and it is doubtful whether Jos. Prosser has ever had the gelding in better nick. Romany King also looked very fit, as did Comfort, while Hydrant, though only a small horse, was at his best. Exmoor was sent out favourite, and, getting ahead early, jumped well, the pace being fast. Three-quarters of a mile from home he was out two or three lengths ahead of Hydrant, with Romany King about three lengths away third. At this stage it seemed as if the favourite would never be caught, but Cairns (who was riding Hydrant) suddenly made an effort, and the little son of Jet d'Eau ranged up alongside of Exmoor. Then commenced a ding-dong battle, the pair bowling along for all they were worth. Hydrant jumped better than Exmoor, but the latter's extra pace enabled him to make up his ground on the flat. It was a most exciting battle, the pair contesting every inch of the ground. As they jumped the last hurdle simultaneously the excitement was great, especially as Romany King (who had put in a fast run over the last furlong) was only a length or so away. Exmoor began to tire, and half a furlong from home was beaten, Hydrant going on and winning by a length, while Romany King just beat the favourite for second place on the post. Cairns handled the winner splendidly, riding a cool and well-judged race. Romany King put up a great performance, and might have won had he been brought along earlier.

Ability, who ran a good second to Hydrant the first day, won the Rata Hack Hurdles rather luckily. Silverlene came with a great run over the last quarter of a mile, and was rapidly gaining on the winner when she took the last jump. Here a strange thing happened. The hurdle had been broken, and by some means a big piece of batten got caught in Silverlene's girth, and as the mare galloped up the straight with this dangling about her legs many thought she had been staked. She finished fast, and was only beaten by a long neck, so that it is evident she would have won but for the disadvantage under which she laboured. Strange to say, the piece of wood had gone under her girth without even making a scratch on the mare.

Mawhiti and Eclair fought out a great finish in the Final Steeples, the latter eventually getting the verdict by less than half a length. Mawhiti jumped too high at the last obstacle, otherwise would perhaps have won. He is only a little chap, but is a capital fencer, though it is doubtful if he can stay too well.

The curtain was rung down on the meeting with the decision of the Farewell Handicap, which was won by Splendid Idea. Many of those who occasionally get into the "know" when there is anything "good" on went for a big win on the Captain Webb filly, who paid £8 5/.

Neither Charlie Jenkins nor George Price rode a winner at the meeting.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, May 30.

The Wanganui winter meeting is held in high favour with local sports, and the recent one was of special interest, inasmuch as quite a number of Wellington-owned horses were engaged. Defoe, Moccasin, Exmoor, and Hydrant were looked upon as sure to play a prominent part in the settlement of the principal events. Those backers who had Defoe coupled in doubles with Hydrant and Exmoor were complimenting themselves on their forethought, when on the eve of the races the horses named were wired through as probable winners.

That Defoe was unlucky to lose is the opinion of the majority who wit-

nessed the race for the Wanganui Steeplechase. Approaching the last fence (a "hencoop" some 150 yards from the winning post) the half-brother to Moifaa was striding along nicely in front. T. Pritchard, his rider, took him at the jump near the end at which no wing had been erected, with the result that Defoe slipped past the end of the jump and took Playfair, who was in his rear, with him. So strongly was Defoe going that although Pritchard used all his strength to put his mount up, Defoe passed the judge's box within three lengths of Eurus and Nadador, who were ridden right out. Under these circumstances it is obvious that Defoe could easily have stalled off the final runs of the pair who eventually filled first and second places. Defoe's owner must be accounted unlucky to have lost the Wanganui Steeplechase of 1906.

Moccasin, who was placed third, would have finished fifth had Defoe and Playfair safely negotiated the last jump, and as he was somewhat sore after the race, may be written out of the Great Northern Steeplechase. Miss King jumped very badly, losing lengths at each fence, and will have to show great improvement to have any chance over the Ellerslie course. Comfort gave a disappointing display in the Century Hurdle Handicap, but may be more at home over a steeplechase course, whilst Phaetonitis (who appeared to lack that muscular appearance that assists a 'chaser to get over a distance) may be expected to display some improvement on account of the racing he underwent at Wanganui. Nadador raced really well, and evidently had undergone a thorough preparation, but South Star, and Mawhiti are unlikely to show prominently over the Ellerslie course, and old Haydn may be safely left to settle the pretensions of horses of their class. Indeed, the veteran 'chaser would only require to be in his usual form to easily account for those of his opponents who raced in the Wanganui Steeplechase.

Hydrant, although a small horse, is a very powerfully-built animal, and is a game and tradesmanlike galloper. His beautiful action and staying powers alone enabled him to beat the speedy Exmoor in the Century Hurdle Race. The extra furlong at Ellerslie should not trouble him, and as he is a proficient jumper the Auckland hurdles, which are stouter than those used at Wanganui, should not stop him, and he should again defeat all the horses he met in the Century Hurdle Race, even with his 5lb penalty. Exmoor may not find the Auckland hurdles so convenient to negotiate as the battens over which they raced at Wanganui, and as the further distance will not suit him, his prospects do not look too bright. Romany King put in a good run after landing over the final hurdle at Wanganui, and may prove Hydrant's most dangerous rival. It will take something out of the common to effect the overthrow of the pair at the weights allotted for the Great Northern Hurdle Handicap.

It seems rather a pity that the A.R.C. do not withhold the declaration of their handicaps until after the Wanganui meeting. This plan acts well with the Otaki R.C., as there is ample time for the publication of the handicaps and the receiving of acceptances. Up-to-date racing men do not require long to study a handicap; as a matter of fact, a few hours generally suffice. Consequently the Auckland handicaps could have been declared at Wanganui on Friday night last, and the acceptances taken on the following Monday or Tuesday. It is obvious under such circumstances that the Auckland events would have drawn better fields and produced more open racing.

The secretary of the Otaki Maori R.C. informs me that every available loose box has been secured by owners having horses engaged at the Otaki meeting. The Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs. E. J. Watt, J. Monk, C. A. Vallance, and a host of other owners apparently propose assisting at the meeting, which, provided the weather holds fine, should be the best the club has yet held.

Mr. John Cotter, who contemplates a trip to the Old Country, has disposed of the whole of his horses.

Huremoana, a five-year-old full brother to Oinga, was purchased by Mr. E. J. Watt. Huremoana is a powerful horse, and has ran well in welter handicaps. He should make a capital hurdler.

Jolly Friar, who ran disappointingly on the first day of the Wanganui meeting, was submitted to auction

next morning, and was subsequently purchased by Mr. H. Hodges, of Wairarapa, for 200 guineas. The delivery was given forthwith, and Jolly Friar an hour later won for his new owner the Winter Oats Handicap of 150sovs. Hr. Hodge thus quickly had a return of his purchase money, as in addition to the stake he invested a fiveer on his horse, which paid a dividend of £10 12s.

There was some spirited betting on Auckland events at the conclusion of the Wanganui meeting. Haydn, coupled with Hydrant, Romany King, Exmoor, and Durable, was supported for all the available double money. Sol, Phaetonitis, Pharos and Comfort were also well supported for the Steeplechase, a leading Wellington metalician booking upwards of £180 worth of doubles during the afternoon and evening of the second day.

TURF RESULTS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Fine weather favoured the Wanganui Jockey Club for the opening day of the meeting, and the attendance was large. The course was rather holding. The sum of £10,756 was put through the totalisator, an advance of £1524 on the corresponding day last year. The results were as under:—

BOROUGH HANDICAP of 125sovs. Six furlongs.

- Mr. Hikaka Takirau's b g St. Claimer, 4yrs, by St. Clements—Faulterer (Deeley) 1
Mr. Smith's ch g Gawain (McKay) 2
Mr. J. Cotter's b g Jolly Friar, 4yrs, 7.3 (S. Reid) 3
Other starters: Ailsa, Delamere, Rustique, Waikato, Clementine.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 16 1-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s and £1 8s.

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. About three miles.

- Mr. D. Rutherford's b g Eurus, 5yrs, by Euroclydon—Kate, 10.3 (F. Lind) 1
Sir William Russell's ch m Nadador, aged, by El Draque—Noyade, 10.5 (J. Hall) 2
Mr. H. Brown's blk g Moccasin, aged, 10.9 (Watt) 3
Other starters: Defoe, Phaetonitis, Miss King, Hutana, Eclair, Playfair, South Star, Shylock.
Won by a length. Time, 6min 11sec. Dividends, £3 18s and £5 5s.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

- Mr. J. Hardley's b g White Star, 3yrs, by Daystar—Ryectes, 8.12 (Cochrane) 1
Mr. J. Shaw's br g Playmate, 3yrs, 7.0 (A. Cameron) 2
Mr. F. L. Mills' Rotoiti, 5yrs, 7.10 (Deeley) 3
Other starters: Recreation, Armamento, Sweet Helen, The Voucher (bracketed with Rotoiti), Pangaroa, Sedgemoor, Splendid Idea, Moata, Maria, St. Ludlam, Dnil, Albuera, Kangaroo, Tambour-Major, Frankland, Inaha, Putiki, St. Cyress, War Dog, Sporting Queen.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 16sec. Dividends, £31 1s and £4 8s.

MAY HURDLE HANDICAP of 126sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- Mr. H. Brown's ch g Hydrant, 6yrs, by Jet d'Eau—Cartouche, 9.11 (Cairns) 1
Mr. F. Buckley's ch g Ability, 5yrs, 10.0 (Higgins) 2
Mr. W. Davies' br g Kohunui, aged, 9.4 (H. Telford) 3
Other starters: Pushful, Weary Bill, Kuroki, Cassiopea.
Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 23sec. Dividends, £4 10s and £2 7s.

KAITOKI HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- Mr. J. Monk's br g Ermoor, 6yrs, by Grafton—La Vvandiere, 11.3 (McConnon) 1
Mr. J. Coombs' gr g Rangiwheua, aged, 10.2 (J. Boyd) 2
Mr. W. Sutton's ch g Westward, aged, 9.5 (Fahey) 3
Other starters: Convoy, Sardonyx, Sleepwell, Silverlene, Catspaw, Anadeja, Swop, Cyrus, Hokio, Kariori, Garry.
Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 23 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 2s and £5 3s.

CONNOLLY HANDICAP. One mile and a distance.

- Mr. T. Pitts' blk g Rustique, aged, by Recluse—Motto, 7.0 (Dennahay) 1
Mr. P. O'Neill's br c Submarine, 4yrs, 7.0 (Carroll) 2
Mr. T. H. Lowry's b m Rose Madder, 5yrs, 8.3 (F. Davis) 3
Other starters: Gold Crown, Black Reynard, Asteroid, Shrapnel Shell, Flamen, Pardon, Martello, Bonheur, Ellerton, Cyrano, Idassa.
Won by a length. Time, 2min. Dividends, £22 8s and £3 8s.

PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP. One mile.

- Mr. A. Sands' b c Novo, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Fauna, 8.5 (W. Price) 1
Mr. E. N. Borlase's ch g Lingerer, aged, 7.5 (G. Price) 2
Mr. H. Brown's b c Togos, 4yrs, 8.6 (Cairns) 3
Other starters: Maharani, Aeolus, Riflemaid, Cavatina, Pantaloon, Prospector, Lualla, Loiret, Gold Guard, Landwern, Matatara, The Idler.
Won by a neck. Time, 1min 48 2-5sec. Dividends, £6 and £2 13s.

SECOND DAY.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's winter meeting was concluded on Friday, the weather being fine. The amount machined was £9387, against £8193 for the second day last year, an increase of £1194. The amount machined for the meeting was £20,143, as against £17,425 handled at last year's meeting, an increase of £2718. The results were as follows:—

WINTER OATS HANDICAP. One mile.

- Mr. J. Cotter's b g Jolly Friar, 4yrs, by St. Hippo—Merry Maiden, 6.12 (S. Reid) 1
Mr. Wire Takena's br c Martello, 3yrs, 6.12 (D. Price) 2
Mr. P. O'Neill's b c Submarine, 4yrs, 7.6 (A. Olliver) 3
Other starters: Gold Crown, Black Reynard, St. Claimer, Rustique, Shrapnel Shell, Delamere, Waikato, Ellerton, Bonheur, Idassa.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 45 1-5sec. Dividends, £10 12s and £2 7s.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. Two miles and a-half.

- Captain Campbell's b g Playfair, aged, by Saxon—Justice, 9.12 (W. O'Connell) 1
Mr. J. Buckley's b g Phaetonitis, aged, 10.9 (W. Higgins) 2
Sir W. Russell's ch m Nadador, aged, 10.12 (J. Hall) 3
Won by a length. Time, 5min 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP. One mile and a distance.

- Mr. W. J. Jorgensen's ch m Gold Guard, 6yrs, by Versailles, 7.0 (L. Wilson) 1
Mr. F. King's blk g Pantaloon, 6yrs, 8.4 (Griffiths) 2
Mr. W. Davies' b c Landwern, 3yrs, 7.0 (S. Reid) 3
Other starters: Nova, Maharani, Aeolus, Waitapu, Cavatina, Prospector, Lingerer, Lualla Loiret.
Won by a length. Time 2min 4sec. Dividends, £8 13s and £4 4s.

CENTURY HURDLE RACE of 250sovs. Two miles and a distance.

- Mr. H. Brown's ch g Hydrant, 6yrs, by Jet d'Eau—Cartouche, 10.1 (Cairns) 1
Mr. J. Dalton's blk g Romany King, aged, by Gipsy King—Gipsy, 9.13 (Millar) 2
Mr. J. Monk's br g Exmoor, 6yrs, 10.6 (A. McConnon) 3
Other starters: Miss King, Comfort, Handsome Rose, Weary Bill, Sleepwell, Durable, Kohunui.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 4min 5 1-5sec. Dividends, £8 7s and £2 1s.

RATA HACK HURDLE RACE. One mile and five furlongs.

- Mr. Buckley's ch g Ability, 5yrs, by Conqueror—Queen Bee, 11.0 (Higgins) 1
Mr. H. Hodges' b m Silverlene, 6yrs, 10.5 (Pritchard) 2
Mr. J. Coombs' b g Rangiwheua, aged, 10.7 (Boyd) 3
Other starters: Catspaw, Anadeja, Westward, Matatara.
Won by a neck. Time, 3min 9 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 15s and £4 3s.

FINAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. Two miles.

- Mr. W. Hickey's b g Eclair aged, by Mystical—Matakiri, 10.2 (Mitchell) 1
Mr. F. Weston's rn g Mawhiti, 4yrs, 9.7 (Cochrane) 2
Mr. C. Tricklebank's ch g South Star, 6yrs, 9.7 (Whitehouse) 3
Other starters: Hutana, Graduated Tax, Swop, Shylock, Cassiopea, Sir William, Flanagan.
Won by a neck. Time, 4min 5 3-5sec. Dividends, £5 12s and £1 8s.

FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- Mr. A. Wilson's ch g Splendid Idea, 3yrs, by Captain Webb—Bonnie Idea, 7.13 (W. Price) 1
Mr. J. Hardley's b g White Star, 3yrs, 9.8 (W. Young) 2
Mr. F. M. Mills' br m Rotoiti, 5yrs, 7.12 (Deeley) 3
Other starters: Recreation, Riflemaid, Sweet Helen, Pangaroa, The Voucher, Sedgemoor, St. Ludlam, Dnil, Albuera, Compass, Tambour-Major, Inaha, St. Cyress, Tiraumea, Erma.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 17 4-5sec. Dividends, £8 10s and £5 6s. Pangaroa was bracketed with Rotoiti on the totalisator.

NORTH OTAGO J.C. WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was fine for the North Otago meeting. The attendance was a record. The totalisator put through £2489 10s. The results were as follows:—

WAIAREKA HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs, six furlongs.—Balsam, 8.4, 1; Rosebloom, 9.7, 2; Cathron, 9.9, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividends, £3 16s and 16s.

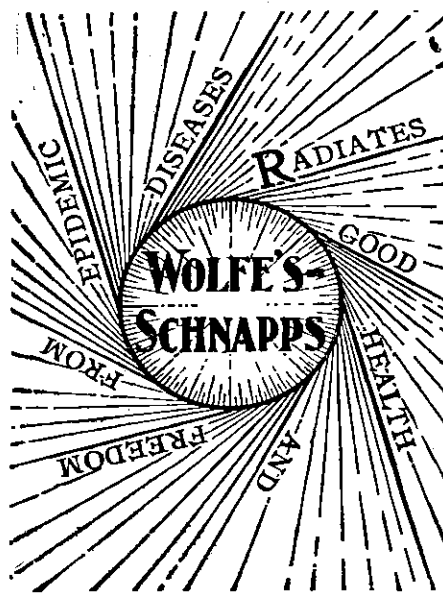
TRIAL PLATE of 40sovs, four furlongs.—Solykoft, 8.7, 1; Buccleuch, 8.7, 2; Mango, 8.7, 3. Won by a long neck. Time, 52 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 16s and £4 18s.

OAMARU CUP of 200sovs one mile.—Starshoot, 7.12, 1; Sychem, 6.10, 2; Clanchattan, 7.10, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 43sec. Dividends, £5 14s and £2 12s.

LADIES' BRACELET TROT of 25 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Black Tracker, 30sec, 1; Colossus, 35sec, 2; Waimotu, 33sec, 3. Won easily. Time, 4min 18sec. Dividends £12 and £1 4s.

CLIFTON WELTER HANDICAP of 80sovs, seven furlongs.—Bombastos, 8.8, 1; Casque, 8.9, 2; Assegai, 9.2, 3. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 32 2-5sec. Dividends, £9 12s and £2 18s.

TOKARAHU HANDICAP of 110sovs, five furlongs.—Zetland, 8.1, 1; Glenowlet, 9.5, 2; Apollodoris, 8.0, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £4 2s and £1 8s.



WAIKAURA HANDICAP TROT of 50sovs, one mile.—Royal Colours, 16 sec, 1; Ferns, 13sec, 2; Terry, 22sec, 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 41 sec. Dividends, £2 2s and £2.

SECOND DAY.

On the second day of the Oamaru races the weather was good, and the sum of £2830 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £5320 for the meeting, as against £4086 at the winter meeting last year. The results were as follows:—

PARKSIDE WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs, six furlongs.—Cathron, 9.6, 1; Rosebloom, 9.4, 2; Sahara, 7.7, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 18 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 4s and £1 14s.

THE SHORTS of 40sovs, five furlongs.—Mango, 8.0, 1; Buccleuch, 8.0, 2; The Brat, 8.0, 3. Won easily. Time, 1min 5 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 6s and £1 12s.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile and a furlong.—Clanchattan, 7.9, 1; Tirole, 7.11, 2; Starshoot, 8.1, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 5 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 12s.

PUKEURI TROT of 50sovs, one mile.—D.C.L., 15sec, 1; John Gilpin, 17sec, 2; Terry, 17sec, 3. Won pulling up. Time 2min 34sec. Dividends, £2 8s and 18s.

REDCASTLE WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs, six furlongs.—Manjess, 8.6, 1; Sychem, 8.9, 2; Replete, 8.8, 3. Won comfortably. Time, 1min 17 3-5sec. Dividends, £5 16s and £1 2s.

OTEKAIKE HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs.—Glenowlet, 9.5, 1; Zetland, 8.10, 2; Red Gauntlet, 8.9, 3. Won by a length. Time 1min 3sec. Dividends, £2 8s and £1 18s.

GRANGE TROT of 60sovs, one mile and a-half.—Battleaxe, 20sec, 1; Flora Wood, 16sec, 2; Royal Colours, 8sec, 3. Won by 60yds. Time, 3min 58sec. Dividends, £5 8s and 12s.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE of 700sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. About three miles and a-half.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Haydn, Comfort, Sol, Phaetonitis, Cannongate, Moccasin, Aka Aka, Miss King, Nadador, Pharos.



GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING, JULY 5 and 6, 1906.

NOMINATIONS for the following Events close on SAURDAY, 2nd June, at the Office of the Secretary, Gisborne, at 9 p.m.:—

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, 60sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP, 50sovs. Six furlongs.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, 100sovs. About three miles.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, 50sovs. One mile and a distance.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, 60 sovs. Two miles.

WAIKANAE HANDICAP, 50sovs. Seven furlongs.

TE HAPARA STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, 80sovs. About two miles and a-half.

FINAL HANDICAP, 50sovs. One mile.

Weights for First Day, 22nd June. Acceptances, FRIDAY, 23rd June. Also Entries for Hack Races (both days).

For full particulars see Programme. M. G. NASMITH, Secretary.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reeper.")

The winter is now upon us, and nearly the whole of the pleasure fleet have been hauled up. A rather unusual number, however, have had sails unbent and gear stowed, but remain at their anchorage.

The motor launch fleet is steadily on the increase, and all the builders' yards are very full of this class of work. The Waitemata is well suited to vessels of this type, and as they are comparatively inexpensive to build, the fleet of the future in these waters should be an immense one.

With reference to the new rule of measurement approved of by the London Conference, it is interesting to note that at a recent meeting of the Royal Italian Yacht Club, which, by the way, was presided over by the Duke of the Abruzzi, out here some time back on the cruiser Etruria, the innovation met with the unanimous approval of the members. The Yacht Club of France has accepted the new rule as far as the larger vessels go, but desires an amendment in the small 10m. rating and under classes. This latter alteration is strongly supported by the English "Yachtsman," which paper is also of opinion that it is bad policy to make the rule unalterable for ten years. While agreeing that there seems a probability of certain modifications effecting an improvement in the small classes, I hold to the opinion that it would be the rankest folly not to fix a period of time during which the new rule should hold good. Otherwise a boat built to it might be out of date in a year if another rule is allowed to take the place of the one just approved. No conceivable inducement would thus be given to owners to build to the rule. In the course of a chat with one of our most prominent builders the other day he said that the new rule would certainly produce a wholesome type of boat, and one which, moreover, it would be very easy to slip owing to the increased length of the vessel. The conference, which was thoroughly representative of the countries interested, took four days to thrash the matter out, and with so much expert opinion brought to bear it would be odd if a good class of boat was not evolved.

The American champion swimmer, C. M. Daniels, has an interesting article in the London "Sporting and Dramatic News" on his favourite pastime. Condensing it into a few paragraphs—

1. The body travels best when flat on its stomach.

2. The best arm action is a double overarm with comfortable reach and arms bent slightly at the elbow.

3. The leg should be held straight, toes down, and moved up and down alternately and continually, from the knee down.

4. Arms and legs should work independently of each other.

5. Time of both arms and legs should vary according and proportionately to the distance to cover.

That the trudgeon is doomed to doubt. Its scissor kick has been proved faulty, and it is bound to disappear. Englishmen will, therefore, do well to lose no time in taking up the crawl. Its efficiency has had sufficient demonstration to convince the most sceptical, and it is certain to be the stroke of the future.

According to the Sydney "Mail," Towns and Stanbury have made good the second deposit for the sculling championship of the world, and there is now in the hands of Mr. Coombes £100 from each man. The next deposit, of £200 a-side, is due June 27. Both men are doing easy work on the Parramatta, and the weather has, so far, been very favourable for training. Stanbury looks very well, and he is not much over his rowing weight. Towns appears light, but is very well, and he will gain weight during his training. He, however, looks as if he needed building up.

The "foreign entries" for Henley regatta, for the Diamond Sculls, closed March 31, and are as follows:—T. H. Bourke, Tamar Rowing Club, Tasmania; R. W. Adams, Mercantile Rowing Club, Melbourne; Miltiades Manno, Buda Pesth, Austria; W. B. West, Philadelphia, America. It may seem strange, but it is so, that Germans, Frenchmen, Dutchmen, and

Canadians are not considered so "foreign," and may enter up to June 1. The reason for this is that there is an agreement to recognise as amateurs all those whom the rowing associations of Germany, France, Belgium, and Canada admit to membership. Henley will take place July 3, 4, and 5.

Particulars to hand of the Monaco meeting show that magnificent weather favoured the races, which were witnessed by a large crowd of people. The 25 kilometres race for Cathead boats went to Dalifol III. (Abeille motor), which secured the first prize of 2000 francs. The fishing boats went over a course from Monaco to Nice and back to Monaco. Henrietta (Delahaye motor) proved successful, gaining the award of 2000 francs. In the class for cruisers from 12 to 18 metres, the Italian boat Pampa (Fiat motor) was first, winning 5000 francs, and the French Lorraine (De Dietrich motor) was second, gaining 2000 francs. The distance of the last race was 50 kilometres.

Twenty-seven craft started for the championship of the sea, the great race of the meeting. The distance was 200 kilometres (123½ miles), and boats of all descriptions, racers and cruisers, up to 18 metres, competed together on level terms. The result was a win for Delahaye (fitted with Delahaye motor), which covered the course in 4hr 40min 12sec. Antoinette IV. (Levasseur motor) was second; and Fiat XIII. (Fiat motor) third. The British boat, Yarrow-Napier (Napier engine), was fourth, scarcely eight minutes behind the winning vessel. Her actual time was 4hr 47min 38sec.

FOOTBALL.

The third matches of the A.R.U. Cup competitions were played on Saturday, but with the exception of the Ponsonby v. Newton match the games were too one-sided to be of much interest.

Ponsonby met Newton on the No. 1 ground at Alexandra Park. A few minutes after the start, as the result of a passing run, Rowe scored a try for Newton, which Trevarthen failed to convert. Give-and-take work followed, and then the ball was rushed over the Newton line, Donald falling on it, but the try was not converted by Francis. Immediately afterwards another rush took the ball over the Ponsonby line, Harper scoring, but again the kick failed. Shortly afterwards the ball was kicked over the Newton line, and Wilson reached it in time to claim a try. Francis' kick was a failure. Next Ponsonby set up a strong attack, which ended in Francis getting another score, but the kick at goal was a failure. Later on, getting a free kick, Francis safely piloted the leather over the bar, and at half-time Ponsonby led by 12 to 6. Immediately on resuming Newton got on a fine passing run, in which O'Meara, Rowe, and Redwood were conspicuous, the latter player getting over at the corner flag. Mackrell's kick was, however, a failure. Ponsonby promptly replied with a penalty goal, kicked by Francis. A charge by Ponsonby followed, the ubiquitous Francis again scoring, but just failed to add the major points from a difficult angle. Some very fast work followed, but ultimately a pretty passing run by Newton enabled Hooper to score a try, but Trevarthen's kick was unsuccessful. Newton tried very hard to equalise the score, and once came very near getting in, but when the whistle sounded the total still remained 18 to 12 in favour of Ponsonby.

City played Parnell on No. 2 ground at Alexandra Park, and, as was generally expected, scored an easy win by 20 points to nil. The first half was evenly contested, the sole score being a try by Nicholson. In the second spell the City team simply ran over their opponents, tries being scored by Gladding (2), Herring, Little (2), and Smith, two of which were converted by Magee, who also added a penalty goal.

The match between North Shore and Grafton was chiefly remarkable for the utter rout of the latter team, who were defeated by no less than 41 points to nil. W. Wynyard scored three tries, converting one himself, R. Wynyard having an exactly similar record. Woodward got a try and also potted a goal. Joyce, Jackson,

and Barlow scored tries, and Neighbour was responsible for a penalty goal. The Grafton men played wretchedly, and at the close were utterly demoralised.

Parnell II. beat City II. by 9 points to nil.

Newton II. won their match against Ponsonby II. by default.

North Shore II. beat Grafton II. by 14 to nil.

Parnell III. beat City III. by 3 to 0.

North Shore III. defeated Grafton III. by 8 to nil.

Ponsonby III. beat Newton III. by 14 to nil.

In the public schools' matches the results were as follows:—

A Grade.

Ponsonby v. Parnell: Ponsonby won by 23 points to nil.

Grafton v. Normal School. Grafton won by 8 points to nil.

Pitt-street v. Richmond Road: A drawn game; no score.

Newton East v. Mount Eden: Newton East won by 3 points to nil.

Beresford-street v. Napier-street: Beresford-street won by 3 points to nil.

B Grade.

Epsom v. Bayfield: Epsom won by 6 points to 3.

Ellerslie v. Mangere: Ellerslie won by 40 points to nil.

Newmarket v. Chapel-street: Newmarket won by 8 points to nil.

Karangahake beat Paeroa on Saturday at Paeroa by 3 points to nil after a close struggle.

Waihi and Waikino played a draw, each side scoring 8 points.

Playing under Association rules, Tabernacle and Thistle had a tie, Holmes kicking a goal for the former, and Barber doing the same for Thistle.

North Shore beat Corinthians very easily by 6 goals to 1.

Ponsonby II. defeated Tabernacle II. by 2 goals to 1.

North Shore, playing on their own ground, beat Olympic by 3 goals to 2.

W.Y.M.I. A team beat the same club's B team by 3 goals to 1.

Under Australian rules Eden beat Austral by 62 points to 50.

Austral II. defeated Grafton after a close game by the narrow margin of 4 points.

The City Club has written to the N.S.W. Metropolitan Rugby Union asking for matches against three leading Sydney teams. The Sydney folk apparently appreciate the idea of our best district club crossing the Tasman Sea, and it is evident the members are in for a good time.

An interesting insight into German football matters is given by statistics recently published by the German Football League, which comprises 10 unions, with 433 clubs, and 24,462 members in all. There are, however, a great number of clubs not belonging to any association, so these figures can by no means be taken as all comprehensive. No less than 90,000 marks (£4500) have been expended within the year on the fares of travelling teams, and the percentage of notable accidents, none of which had any lasting consequences, totalled 95 in all.

The largest crowd that has ever been seen at a League match in England assembled at Stamford Bridge on Good Friday to witness the critical game between Chelsea and Manchester United in the Second League (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.") Over 50,000 people paid for admission, and the "gate" amounted to over £1600. This is easily a League record. The nearest to it is the 41,357 (£1558) "gate" on the Aston Villa ground versus Liverpool on April 29, 1899. If these figures were not sufficient to constitute a record, Mr. Tiltson, one of the linesmen at the match, told a pressman that he knew for a fact that over 74,000 people passed the turnstiles. The record for a match of any description is the 110,802 at the English Cup final between Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United at the Crystal Palace in 1901. As, however, this number included many who probably did not see the actual football, although they were in the grounds, perhaps last Saturday's 102,000 (£6000) "gate" at Hampden Park, Glasgow, in the England and Scotland match ought to hold premier place, as everyone who paid actually saw the game.

HOCKEY.

A fast game between United and Auckland A resulted in a win for the latter by two goals to nil.

Mason, Auckland's crack bully, donned the jersey again on Saturday, and seemed to have lost none of his old cunning and hitting powers. Barry, another old player, has again thrown his lot with his old club, United. He is a forward or the finest type. He is a fine hustler, and makes use of every chance that comes his way.

'Varsity have a decided acquisition in Rands. He is a very fine forward, and is very clean in his stick work. He is certainly equal to any inside forward we have in Auckland.

'Varsity have another new player in Tinsley. He plays goal, and has represented South Island in that position. He seems a certainty for the reps. this year. His footwork in the circle is a revelation. Several times last Saturday he kicked the ball out of bounds from the circle.

D. Hill, as fullback for Auckland A, is playing some fine hockey. He is very safe and gets in some strong, clean hits.

Kavanagh is playing well in his position of half-back for Auckland A. He should be a likely member in the rep. team.

Auckland B beat University by 2 goals to nil. There was no score at half-time, but afterwards Young and Culpan each shot a goal.

Auckland II. beat United II. very easily by 8 goals to 1. Westwood scored four goals, Short two, Lloyd and Phillips one each. United's sole score was achieved at the hands of Johnstone.

St. George's A beat St. George's B by 9 goals to 2.

College Rifles B went under to University by 3 goals to 1.

The Ladies' Hockey Association is very weak this year. Is it not a pity that more of the ladies' clubs do not join?

Kopana Ladies' Club is particularly strong this season, and should go very near annexing both the senior and junior championships.

The L.C.R. Club are playing a senior and a junior team this year, instead of two junior teams as last year.

The ladies' association matches will begin on Saturday. Moana will play L.C.R. at Remuera, and Kopana will play Te Huia at Alexandra Park.

Wapiti, for some years premier ladies' club of Auckland, has not joined the association this year.

Kopana has entered one senior and two junior teams for association matches.

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BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

[The writer of this column will be glad to answer any questions on the game.]

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Recently in England, in the course of the tournament games, Mr. W. Osborne made a sensational break off the red ball of 294, which is a record for England. Well we know for positive that Mr. Barney Ford has twice beaten that, once with 101 consecutive hazards, and the other a shade under that. There are several players in Auckland who have greatly improved since Mr. Ford has played them.

For a nice quiet game of billiards one could not do better than pay a visit to the Royal Hotel billiard room, Victoria-street. Mr. W. O. Morrison will be very pleased to see you.

Tournaments are now in progress at most of the sporting clubs in town. The Amateur Sports Club, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Commercial Travellers' Club, and other institutions of the kind have all games in progress. There is no doubt whatever about the popularity of billiards in Auckland.

W. Mitchell and C. Dawson have been playing a series of ten "all-in" games in London. They were of 1000 up each, and Mitchell, showing much of his old-time skill in pocketing the red ball, won no fewer than seven of them. The breaks were not particularly large—that is, for an "all-in" game—but of course neither player was in much practice at this sort of game. Dawson won the first, his best break being 230 (74 spots). Mitchell won the next, his best run being 543 (534 spots). Dawson easily won the next, the best break 254 (78 spots). Mitchell won again, the chief run being 345 (114 spots), and followed this up with a victory in which 322 were strung together (90 spots). He just won the next, the best effort being 262 (23 and 86 spots). Then Dawson scored, his total including a grand break of 470 (154 spots). By consistent play Mitchell won the next, Dawson, however, having the biggest break of 369 (120 spots). Mitchell also pulled off the final game, his best effort being 339 (111 spots). The game is a novelty, and drew big houses.

The noble forests of our land Beneath man's devastating hand Scorn will have vanished, leaving there This country lying, gaunt and bare. No wooded clothing, now she's old, To save her from her death of cold; But, lo! new Woods arise with healing sure, All hail then—Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

CRICKET.

The result of the ultimatum issued to certain New South Wales players who have agreed with the Melbourne Cricket Club to play against any English team that the club might bring to Australia next season, is that the Rev. E. F. Waddy has withdrawn from the position, or has promised to do so at once, and that M. A. Noble, R. A. Duff, J. R. M. Mackay, A. Diamond, H. Carter, G. L. Garney, and J. A. O'Connor are suspended by the New South Wales Cricket Association and by their clubs. This is the saddest business (says the "Referee") one has ever known in the history of Australian cricket. However, just as nations succeed often after war and bloodshed and trampling over dead comrades, the leading Cricket Associations of Australia, unless some unexpected compromise takes place, must now trample over some of those who are among the ablest exponents of the game for the time being, in their efforts to put the control of Australian cricket up a firm basis. It is a terrible price to pay. But the fight is for principle and a glorious sport. The cricketing war now started may end quickly, or it may not end for a few years. The young men who have entered into it have done so with their eyes opened. They must know that in addition to the public, the Press, the Cricket Association itself, the leading clubs, and other associations, their course of action is warmly disapproved by other leading players of the day, among them many who have had the honour of playing for New South Wales and some against England. It is a sad business. Though one has not the least to fear for the future of New South Wales cricket, even if these men never again lift a bat for the State, the cause of the trouble, the necessity for the suspension, and the suspension itself combine to make the most regrettable set of circumstances ever known in Australian cricket.

GOLF.

Golf is in full swing at Cornwall Park, and plenty of matches are coming off. Playing for the captain's prize on Saturday, E. Horton beat Parker, three up and two to play; G. Bloomfield beat Macfarlane, three up and two to play; Pollen beat Bruce, two up; T. Ball beat B. Dawson, one up; Rendell beat Ferguson, one up at the 19th hole; D. MacCormick beat E. Anderson, two up and one to play; Newton beat Dr. Purchas, four up and two to play. In the third round E. Horton is drawn against G. Bloomfield, Dargaville plays Pollen, Ball plays Rendell, D. MacCormick plays Newton. In the senior division Colbeck plays Hall, and W. Heather plays J. C. Burns.

Dr. Hope Lewis is giving a prize for a mixed foursome tournament on Saturday, not too good a day, perhaps, as it is the opening day of the Great Northern meeting, and many golfers are also racegoers.

I am pleased to see the links on the Takapuna racecourse are in use again. Mr. A. T. Johns won a handicap match against "Colonel Bogey" on Saturday with three down. Mr. W. N. Philson running him a close second.

A cablegram states that the English amateur golf championship has been won by Mr. James Robb.

A new ball to be placed on the market is to be filled with liquid—either water or glycerine.

Mr. Douglas Robinson, playing at Weston-Super-Mare (England) drove the sixteenth green in one, carrying the bunker directly in front of the green. That required a "carry" of 305 yards to clear.

One of the peculiarities of the "Vardon grip"—the left thumb down the shaft—was, according to Tom Vardon, evolved by himself and his brother, because they could only get rough thorn shafts to play with as small boys in Jersey, and to put their thumbs round bruised the thumb. He holds, however, that, though the habit was thus acquired by force of circumstances, and not for golf reasons, there is virtue in it. The Vardons were born of a French mother and an English father.

The appeal by the Haskell Ball Company against Mr. Justice Buckley's decision that their patent is invalid in two points, has been creating great interest throughout Great Britain. Hutchison and Main, manufacturers of the "Kite," "Hawk," and "Eagle," were respondents in the matter. In the opening it was pointed out that golf was the only game where the player wanted the ball to behave differently, relatively, according to the different stroke used, and with regard to the way in which it should act when it came in contact with the ground. Glass was the most intensely resilient and intensely rigid material, and after that came the Haskell ball. It was expected that the case would last for several weeks. The decision will be momentous to golf. Should the Haskell Company lose, rubber-cored balls will probably immediately be reduced in prices. Interesting facts mentioned were that the core of the ball is twice the size of a pea. The thread, when unstretched, measures 126 feet, and when stretched is 820 feet, and the pressure on the core, due to the tension, is between a ton and a ton and a-half.

BOWLING.

(By "The Skip.")

The weather turned out favourable for this pastime on Saturday last, and the greens that were open for play were fairly well patronised. Some keen and closely-contested matches were played. All of the summer greens will be closed after June 2nd.

Geo. Cutler, the popular and well-known skip of the Rocky Nook Club, has been successful in the championship singles of his club, winning the final in a match with J. Scott by 20 to 15. Congratulations. Form will tell.

R. Eagleton played off the final for the Devonport handicap singles with E. Broughton, and had things all his own way, winning somewhat easily by 32 to 10.

In the semi-final for the Mt. Eden championship singles, Rankin and Brookes treated the onlookers to one of the finest games played there for some time past. The drawing and placing shots of both were excellent, and it was a toss up until the last bowl was played who would win. Rankin now meets Burns in the final next Saturday. A good game is anticipated.

Gardner, of the Devonport Club, has again annexed the championship of his club. This is the third year in succession that Gardner has been successful in winning the championship singles. He is also a very capable skip, and plays a cool, heady game.

The semi-final of the handicap singles at Mt. Eden was won rather easily by Rankin, who met Brimblecombe. The winner was owing 5 points, and won by the handsome score of 26 to 5. Rankin meets Brookes in the final.

Mt. Eden green closed for the season. Rinks will be set apart for those having matches to play in finals. The winter rinks will be open on Saturday. The draw takes place at 2.15.

Carlton winter green is in full swing. The rinks have received every attention for the season's play, and those who have enjoyed the pleasure of this popular green for years past will no doubt again roll up to participate in the favourite pastime.

The following trophy games were posted at the different greens:—

ROCKY NOOK.
Final champion singles: Cutler, 20, v. Scott, 15.

Handicap singles: Scott, 21, v. Bryden, 10; Wakerley, 22, v. Dutton, 16.

Champion fours: Clark (sub.), Garrett, Wakerley, Bouskill (skip), 22, v. Hall, Waddington, McLeod, Hodgson (skip), 13.

MT. EDEN.
Club championship (semi-final), third game: Rankin, 21, v. Brookes, 16.

Handicap singles (semi-final): Rankin (owes 5), 26, v. Brimblecombe, 5.

DEVONPORT.
Club championship: The final game was played between Grattan and Gardner, the latter winning the coveted prize for the third year in succession. Scores—Gardner, 19, 16, 20; Grattan, 18, 17, 15.

Handicap singles: The final game was played between Broughton and Eagleton, the latter winning rather easily.

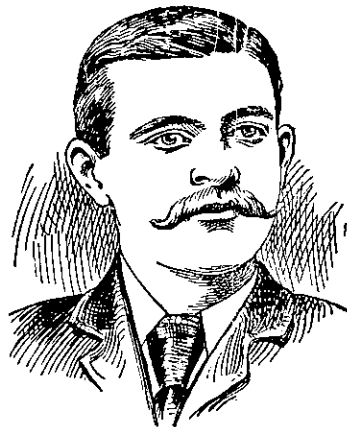
Club buckles: The challenge team, Armstrong and Harty, were defeated by the holders, Harvey and Grattan, the scores being 20 to 23.

The semi-final for the Wednesday afternoon handicap singles resulted in a win for Symmonds (with a handicap of 6), who scored 20 points to Gascoigne's 18.

The following are the closing games at some of the greens:—

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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

(By "Petrol.")

A few days before the London mail left, the Dennis car made another non-stop run, and, under the observation of the judges on a Legros and Knowles 25 h.p. car, completed 4006 miles without an involuntary stop of any kind, thereby beating the Siddleley car record of 3218 miles. The distance actually covered by the Dennis car from the commencement of the trials twenty-five days before was 4091½ miles. The Collier tyre and Cowey and Staunton speedometers on the car also made non-stop runs. The Rolls-Royce car made a non-stop run, as did the Collier tyres, and the Elliott Motometer, while the Ryta lamp burnt well. The Daimler car, with the Kirby speedometer and Collier tyres, also made a non-stop run, the metallic mirrors burning well throughout the run, which was made to Marlborough and back. The roads were reported to be in perfect order.

The French motor journal, "L'Auto," is organising a series of spring wheel trials. The course is from Paris to Nice and back. The trials will extend over a period of nine days, and the total distance to be covered is 1240 miles. Two classes will compete, one having rigid wheels and resilient (but not pneumatic) tyres, while the other will have the spring mechanism arranged between the hub and the wheel rim. Each of these two classes will be subdivided into categories for cars with piston area and total weight not exceeding certain limits. Considering the backwardness of the pneumatic-tyre makers both in France and at Home in taking part in any tyre tests, it is highly satisfactory that "L'Auto" is organising the present trials.

It may be well to emphasise the importance of giving a car that has been used but little for some time a thorough overhauling before undertaking a long journey. Apart from the annoyance and disappointment incidental to a breakdown whilst touring, the expense of having repairs effected is heavy, and the work is even then not so good as would be possible at home, and will probably need doing over again before the car is in a really satisfactory running condition again. Motor tourists should endeavour to make themselves as much as possible independent of outside aid by carrying spare parts and tools with them on the car—that is to say, such comparatively small articles as spare valves and springs, ignition plugs, etc., which can be easily stowed away in drawers beneath the seats. Another point for consideration by the tourist is the cost of petrol, which will be found to vary greatly in various districts. When possible, it should be purchased from a motor agent in preference to buying it at an hotel, for it is not unusual for exorbitant prices to be asked at hotels.

Among the latest types of cars exhibited at Islington the tendency of design (says London "Sportsman") appears to be for three brakes to be fitted, an additional one being provided on the propeller shaft, which can be used in emergencies. Another good feature also lies in the removal, so far as possible, of all fittings from the dashboard, many cars having now but one small lubricator, with sight-feed and a hand-pressure pump placed here. This certainly adds greatly to the appearance of a car, and will, no doubt, be largely copied.

Charles Jarrott, the famous racing motorist, did a big performance a month ago, when he drove a 40 h.p. Crossley motor vehicle from London to Monte Carlo, a distance of 900 miles, in 37 hours. Allowing for the 65 minutes wasted in crossing by boat from Dover to Calais, the performance is a meritorious one, and affords yet another proof of the extraordinary pitch of perfection attained by recent automobiles.

The rapid progress which has taken place in motor buses within the past twelve months in European circles has astounded the world. The home journals have lately been counting the vehicles employed in the English metropolis alone. The London Motor Omnibus Company possesses 101 cars, the London Road Car Company

65, the London General Omnibus Company 56, London and District Motor Bus Company 38, Thomas Tilling, Limited, 22, Great Eastern London Bus Company 19, Associated Omnibus Company 15, Star Omnibus Company 15, Rapid Motor Transit Company 12, Birch Bros. 9, London Power Omnibus Company 9, New London Suburban Bus Company 8, Victoria Omnibus Company 6, other owners 18. Of these buses the following makes of vehicles are in use:—Milnes-Diamler, 162; Straker-Squire, and Bussing, 92; De Dion-Bouton, 44; Durkopp, 27; Leyland, 12; Brillie, 11; Ducommun, 10; Clarkson, 9; Stirling, 9; Orion, 8; other makers, 90.

The all-day reliability motor test, undertaken by the well-known motorists, Messrs. C. B. Kellow and H. B. James, was brought to a successful termination on Thursday afternoon last (writes Melbourne "Punch"), when the motorists reached the General Post Office, after having been absent from Melbourne for twenty-four hours. The idea of the trial was to ascertain what could be accomplished on an ordinary stock touring automobile on Australian roads, in the full day, and the result was successful beyond anticipations, for the distance covered is far in excess of anything yet accomplished in the world on an ordinary stock touring car. The car was a four-cylinder 10-12 Humber, shod with Australian-made Dunlop tyres. A start was made from the Automobile Club at three p.m. on Wednesday, the weather conditions being most favourable. The bad stretch of 46 miles to Geelong was negotiated in 1hr 40min, whilst Colac (92 miles) was reached in 3hr 11min. A stop of 13 minutes was made here to pick up petrol and light lamps, etc. Camperdown (120 miles) was reached at 7.32, and left again after a stay of five minutes. Mortlake (150 miles) was checked at 8.33 p.m., and twenty minutes spent in filling tanks and picking up refreshments. Hamilton (203 miles) was reached at 10.50, the driving time to this stage being 7hr 12min. A stay of 45 minutes was made here, 25 minutes being spent in replacing a punctured tube in one of the front wheels. The motorists now retraced their tracks to Mortlake, where the time-sheet was again signed at 1.23 a.m. on Thursday. After a delay of 20 minutes the road to Cressy and back was taken, the double journey (102 miles) being negotiated in 4hr 5min, including a stop at Cressy of 30 minutes for refilling tanks and partaking of refreshments. The cold on this stage of the run was intense, rendering motoring at high speed a chilly and unpleasant task, and, as goggles could not be used with safety, owing to the heavy dew fogging the glasses, Messrs. Kellow and James were inconvenienced considerably from inflamed eyes. Mortlake (359 miles) was again checked at 5.48 a.m., and after a short stay the road was taken Melbournewards. Camperdown (387 miles) was passed shortly after 7 a.m. From this out a strong head wind had to be contended with but, despite this, Geelong (462 miles) was reached at 10.7 a.m. The bad roads, including a repair to a punctured tyre, delayed the run up to the city (508 miles), which was reached at 1 p.m. Having two hours yet to finish the twenty-four, it was decided to run up to Beveridge and back, a distance of 48 miles, and this distance being easily negotiated in the spare time, the G.P.O. was again reached at 3 p.m., the total distance of the run being 556 miles. The actual driving time was 21 hr. 15min, giving an average speed of over 26 miles an hour.

A remarkable feature of the run was that the whole journey was driven at top speed, the first and second speeds never being once used after leaving the city. It is doubtful if such a fine test of the flexibility of an automobile engine has yet been accomplished in the world, and certainly has not in this part of the globe. During the run the engine was never looked at nor touched by tool or oilcan; in fact, if all tools had been left at home no inconvenience or delay would have resulted, such is the perfection to which the up-to-date motor engine has reached. Mr. Kellow undertook most of the day driving, whilst Mr. James took on the long night stretch of twelve hours. The performance is certainly a meritorious one for both motorists and car, and one of the finest yet accomplished on an automobile in Australia.

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land (skip), 27, v. Walton, Blake, H. O. Brown, Miller (skip), 14.

W. P. Baker, Robertson, Blakiston, Davis (skip), 5, v. Gill, J. O. Brown, Watkins, Mackay (skip), 28.

Walker, Culpan, Ferguson, McGregor (skip), 20, v. Simpson, C. C. Baker, Garland, Robins (skip), 21.

Rendell, Burns, Brimblecombe, La Roche (skip), 26, v. Surman, Monk, Young, McGowan (skip), 20.

DEVONPORT.

Johnstone, East, Crabtree, Parsons (skip), 19, v. E. J. Glenister, Mason, Warren, Harvey (skip), 18.

J. M. Crosher, Stewart (skip), 17, v. R. McCallum, Eyre (skip), 19.

Vail, Millar (skip), 12, v. Senn, Mitchell (skip), 28.

King, Renshaw (skip), 15, v. Gascoigne, Warren (skip), 29.

W. T. Crosher, Lelievre (skip), 11, v. Brookes, J. M. Crosher (skip), 26.

Denniston, Coombes, Leadingham, Thornes (skip), 22, v. Mason, W. T. Crosher, Gardner, Harrison (skip), 16.

PONSONBY.

F. Diddams, F. Leighton, T. Watson, G. Laird (skip), 19, v. E. East, J. Adams, A. Littler, A. C. Dunnet (skip), 16.

Oldham, A. Crowe, J. Edmiston, J. Schischka (skip), 23, v. J. McLeod, Wilson, Miller, A. Baddiley (skip), 14.

T. Ussher, S. Lee, S. J. Gorman, J. Veale (skip), 22, v. W. Jones, Blair, J. Arneil, J. Court (skip), 25.

Hemus, M. Casey, R. Quin, A. Parsons (skip), 31, v. W. J. Rees, C. Blomfield, G. Osmond, D. Crabtree (skip), 23.

McLeod, G. Laird, A. Dunnet, W. Swales (skip), 19, v. Cottrell, Ayles, W. Winks, Cahill (skip), 18.

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Benney, Kirkwood, Dean, James (skip), 29, v. Jacobs, Cooke, Robertson, Mennie (skip), 15.

Keesing, Littler, Forster, Handcock (skip), 19, v. Choyce, Davis, B. Buttle, Gorrie (skip), 18.

Moore, Coldicutt, Plummer (skip), 28, v. Heath, Styak, Culpan (skip), 10.

REMUERA.

Macky, Richardson, Littlejohn, G. Court (skip), 20, v. Barstow, Brook, Sanderson, Dingwall (skip), 21.

Baxter, Jobson, Rev. Monro, McCallum (skip), 18, v. Cochrane, Rees-George, Lennox, R. Hull (skip), 17.

Shaldrick, Dine, Mahoney, Maxfield, (skip), 10, v. Scott, Shrewsbury, Hegman, Garland (skip), 29.

Rev. King-Davis, Captain Clark, Gamble, Caldwell (skip), 27, v. Heriot, Cumming, Rose, Clerk (skip), 19.

Headdey, Wilkinson, Kingswell (skip), 23, v. Keesing, Finlayson, McLean (skip), 10.

CARLTON.

Kayll, McGregor, Ronayne, Thomson (skip), 22, v. Cottle, Haresnape, Arey, Laurie (skip), 21.

McKenzie, Goldsmith, Murray, Holmes (skip), 14, v. Frost, Badeley, V. Casey, Anderson (skip), 30.

Kilgour, Legge, Whittome (skip), 25, v. Waite, Carey, Winks (skip), 20.

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ATHLETICS.

The Australian runners who went to compete at Athens were hob-nobbing with Royalty there. Here is what Nigel Barker says about it in a letter to the "Referee":—The Director of the British School came round and told me the King was to visit the school that afternoon, and would like to have the colonials and British there. We trooped round, about ten of us or so, and lounged about the library. Presently in came the King with the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, the King of Greece, and the Crown Prince, and other members of the Royal House. At first it seemed likely to develop into a problem for us as to what to do. However, the King of Greece and the Prince of Wales made themselves agreeable to one or two of us, while King Edward took it in turns to shake hands with us and have a little chat about the weather, the Stadion, and our prospects of success. He at once put us at our ease, and naturally we endorse all the good things said about him. The Prince of Wales seemed very interested, too. He had heard at Sued that Healy could do 3500 at skipping offhand, and asked me to point the prodigy out.

"Lord Jersey wrote to me and enclosed his card for us to present to Lord Desborough, the head of the English team. We also had a letter from Lord Fitzmaurice, of the Foreign Office, at the instance of Lord Jersey, enclosing a letter of introduction to His Majesty's Minister, Sir Francis Elliot, K.C.B." It is evident that the runners were well treated, but the training facilities were sadly deficient.

For the thirteenth successive year Mr. R. Coombes has been elected president of the N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association. The other officers elected were:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Thomson, M.P., H. E. McIntosh, W. T. Kerr, W. E. Wood, and W. Alexander; hon. secretary, Mr. C. D. Jones; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. S. Northcote. The annual report adopted referred to Barker's performances at the Olympian Games, and said: "Considering all the circumstances, his performances were not devoid of merit. Although the results were somewhat disappointing to the followers of amateur sport, there is every reason to believe that adverse conditions were to a degree responsible for our representative's failures." The balance-sheet showed a credit of £55.

Mr. Coombes suggested at the annual meeting of the N.S.W. Associa-

tion that a race should be held in Sydney on the lines of the Marathon contest. The idea was warmly supported, and it may be adopted.

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 The Council of the New Zealand Boxing Association has issued a circular to the local associations asking for an expression of opinion upon the Australasian championship agreement. The circular says:—"The existing agreement which terminates this year, was entered into in 1903, and while the competitions have been of undoubted value from the point of view of the amateur side of the sport, the financial side is distinctly unfavourable to New Zealand, which has to send long journeys twice in three years. For various reasons New South Wales has an immense advantage over other subscribing parties to the agreement, particularly in the matter of financing its teams, occupying, as it does, the intermediate geographical position. The Queensland Association is of opinion that the profits arising from the championships should be pooled and equally divided, and in this the New Zealand Council concurs. As all the affiliated bodies are interested in the financing of the New Zealand teams the council is desirous of hearing, as early as possible, their views on the subject of the agreement." The council also asks the association to state whether they are in favour of the adoption of a uniform class of glove.

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 The contest between Reeder and Griffen (of New Zealand) at the N.S.W. National Sporting Club was very short (says the "Town and Country Journal.") Both sparred for some seconds without attempting to go in, but Griffen was the first to force the game. Reeder managed to evade one or two blows aimed at him, but he had no idea of hitting back, and grabbed his adversary round the body to evade punishment. When a little more than half way through the first round, Griffen again went in, and bringing his right up with considerable force, landed fair on the point, and Reeder lay full length on the floor to be counted out. The winner was favourite at the start, 2 to 1 being laid on. Griffen is matched to fight Soldier Jack Thompson on July 3 for a substantial stake.

Mr. Martin Taylor, while in Masterton, secured, I am told, a clinking youngster to represent him in the next Oamaru Maiden.

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 The only complaint I hear in reference to the opening programme of the North New Zealand Coursing Club is in the long interval between the first and second days. It is certainly unprecedented in the history of the sport, and perhaps is not likely to encourage outside visitors. At the same time the Committee had a very strong reason for acting as they have done, this being that the services of the judge were not available on Wednesday. As I believe the absence of the Wednesday half-holiday folk would make very little difference to the gate receipts perhaps Friday and Saturday or Thursday and Saturday might prove a better arrangement. The committee can be depended upon to do the right and if conse-

cutive Saturdays do not suit then an alteration will be made.

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 If the support promised to the committee of the North New Zealand Coursing Club does not end with promises alone, I predict that this club will become the leading club in the colony, and that the season of 1907 will be a red-letter one in the annals of coursing.

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 I have often been asked by coursers if there is no regulation or law framed preventing a bitch suffering from sexual ailment going to the slips. Well, there is no such law in force, and there are cases in point where bitches in the above condition have run the best courses of their career, notably Rhodanthe, when she scored her second Waterloo. Also amongst our own local dogs was Lavender Water, who got to the end of a big stake while in her troublesome time.



District Lands and Survey Office,
 Auckland, 25th May, 1906.

IT is hereby notified that 31,092 acres in the Opotiki County (Waioeka and Urutawa), comprising 26 Sections in areas ranging from 317 acres to 2000 acres will be opened for application under the Optional System of the Land Act, on 18th June, 1906, at Opotiki and Auckland.

Posters are obtainable at Auckland and Opitiki, and also the Land Offices at Napier and Gisborne.

Guides will meet intending applicants at Opotiki on the 4th, 7th and 14th June.

JAMES MACKENZIE,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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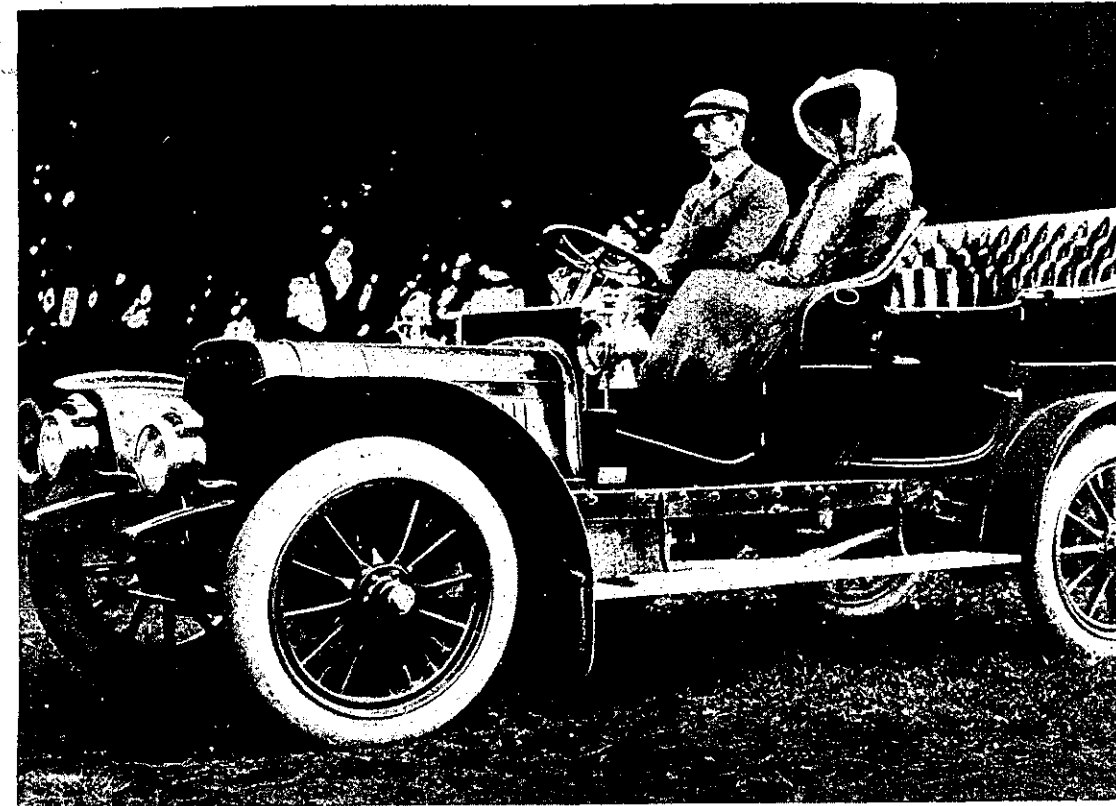
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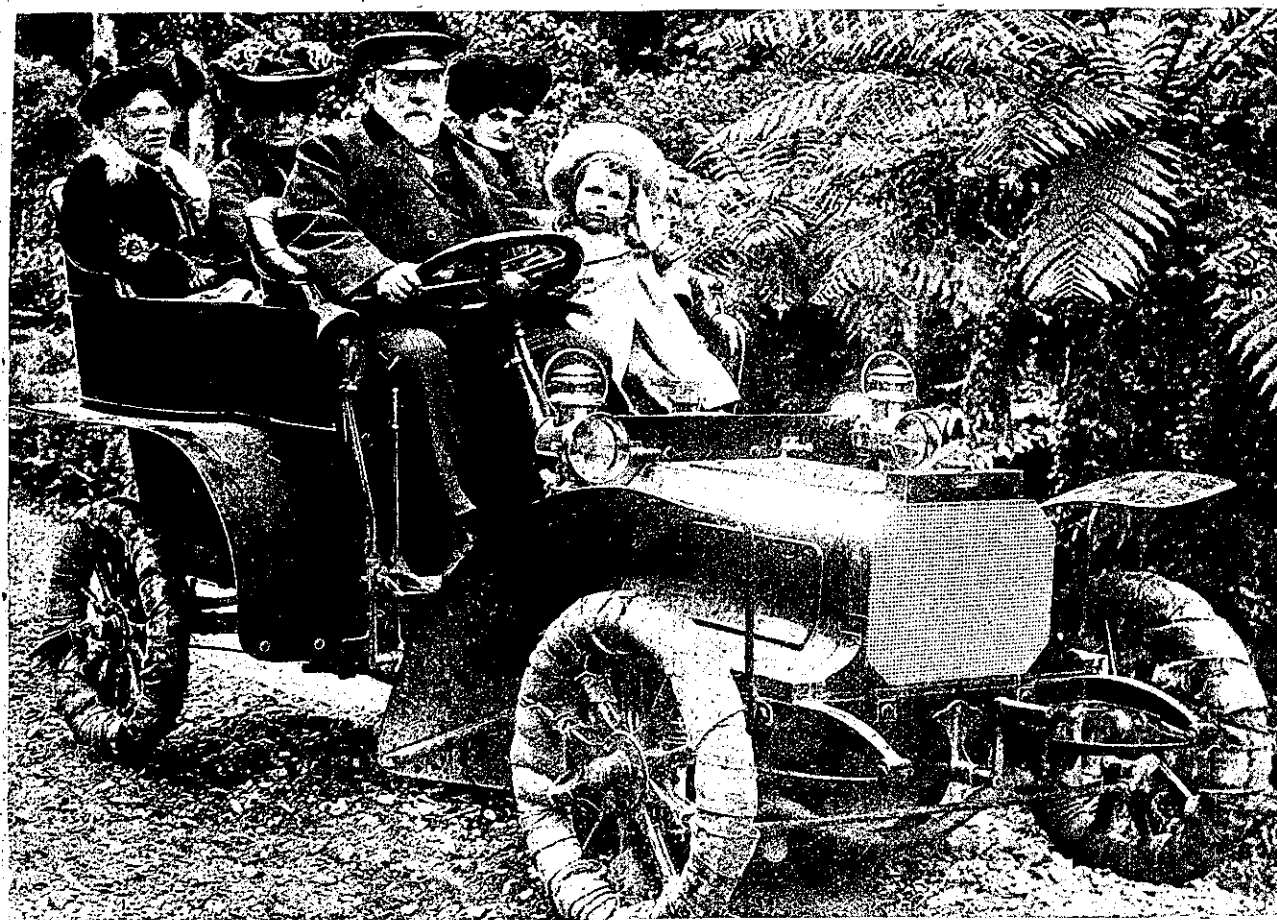
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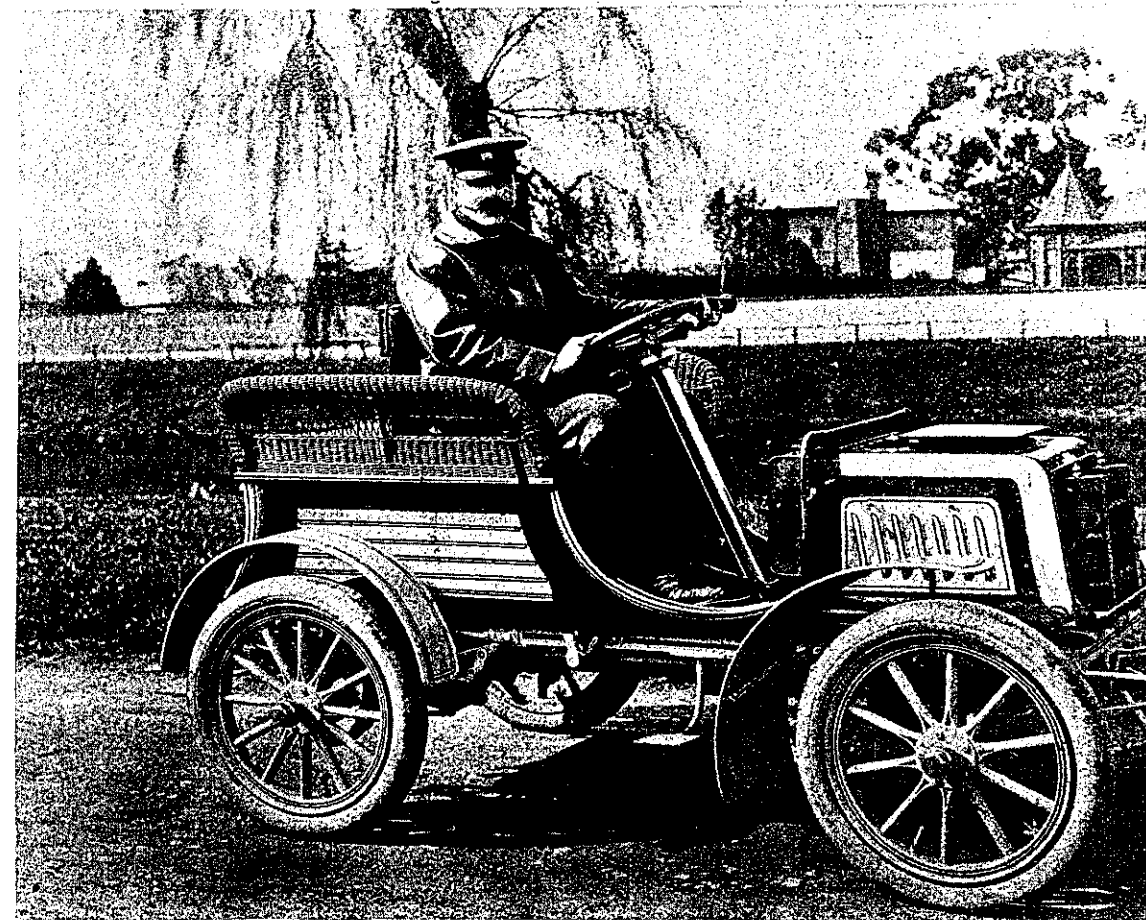
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THE STAGE

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HIS MAJESTY'S.

"VERONIQUE."

On Wednesday last, "Veronique" was staged by Mr. J. C. Williamson's Opera Company, there being an immense house to witness the initial performance of this much talked of opera. It is of the French school, and is the work of Andre Messager, while the libretto is by A. Vanloo and G. Duval. As should always be the case in light opera of this kind, quickness of action, combined with brightness is what has been aimed at and achieved. The dialogue is for the most part very humorous, here and there perhaps a little broad, while there is not a dull moment from end to end. Strange to relate, there really is something like a coherent plot. The story takes us back to Paris in 1840, a very

His best vocal effort was in the farewell "Letter Song," which was faultlessly given. Mr. Howard Vernon got a good deal of fun out of the part of the bailiff, while Mr. Wallace made every point tell as Coquenard, as did Mr. Walter Whyte as the groom. The piece was very effectively staged, the first scene in Coquel'n's shop and the second showing the fruit trees in bloom being really excellent. "Veronique" ran for four nights to tremendous business, and would doubtless have filled the theatre for twice as long.

"PRINCESS IDA."

On Monday evening "Princess Ida" was staged for the first time in Auckland for a good many years. Although opinions differ as to some of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas, yet "Princess Ida" has no detractors, and it shares with "The Yeoman of the

the Professor of Abstract Science, both acting and singing being excellent. Miss Vinja De Loitte did exceedingly well, her rendering of the humorous "monkey" song being really capital. Miss Aggie Thorne can always be relied upon for good work, and in the role of Melissa the clever little actress fully realised the possibilities of the part. Mr. Frank Wilson did sound work as King Hildebrand, as did Mr. Howard Vernon as King Gama, but the latter was somewhat inaudible in his "patter" songs. Mr. Walter Whyte was cast for Hilarion, and was responsible for better work than he has ever shown us before, his opening solo being splendidly given. Mr. Charles Kenningham and Mr. Arthur Crane as Cyril and Florian must be credited with much good work, especially in some of the concerted numbers. Messrs. E. Fitts, F. Saint and F. England as Gama's three sons were very successful, the former being in exceptionally fine voice. The piece was well staged, the setting of the last act being especially good. After a run of three nights it will be replaced this evening by what many consider Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece, "The Yeoman of the Guard," and there is no doubt this quaint story of the grim old Tower of London contains many musical gems. On Friday "The Mikado" will go up, while the all too brief season will be brought to a termination on Saturday with "Patience" and a musical melange.

"THE FATAL WEDDING."

On Monday next, at His Majesty's Theatre, Messrs. Clyde Meynell and John Gunn will produce for the first time in New Zealand "The Fatal Wedding," which is described as a sensational musical drama of absorbing interest. The plot has already been described at length in a former issue, but it is such as to sustain the interest to the end. That this must be so is evidenced by the fact that the play has been running for five years in England and America, so that an immense number of people have witnessed its production. In Australia it drew, to use a homely adage, "like a porous plaster," proving indeed an unqualified success. The cast is a strong one, and is headed by the English actor, Mr. Charles Vane, and the clever dramatic actress, Miss May Congdon. In the company there is Mr. Tom Cannam, well remembered here as a member of the "J.P." Company; also Mr. Harry McLennan, one time of the very popular Frawley Company; Messrs. Olly Deering, C. R. Stanford and Herbert Leigh. Miss Dina Cooper (late of the Knight-Jef-

fries Company) and Miss Amy Singleton (late of the "Sweet Nell" Company) will also appear. Miss Maisie Posner is said to give a very clever performance as the little mother, while a large number of children are also included. Indeed, their tin-can band, a picture of which was given in our last issue, is one of the features of the production. The season is limited to six nights, and bids fair to be a great success. The box plan is now open at Messrs. Wildman and Arey's.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS

There was a good attendance at the Opera House on Monday evening to view Saturday's change of programme, which went with a great swing from start to finish. A lively march played by Mr. Frank Crowther's orchestra ran the curtain up on the company, who gave a good opening chorus. Miss Nellie Leslie then took the floor in a bright little coon song, "Mississippi Queen," that earned her considerable applause. Mr. Chas. Waud made a lot of fun with his comic songs. Master Fred Byron, a youthful singer, gave a very fair rendering of the ballad "Rainbow." He was followed by Miss Phyllis Chrystal, who appeared in a serio and dance that earned her applause. Mr. Harry Davis, who hits off the personality of the coon very happily, gave a very good sample of his style in the coon song, "I'm Going to Live," for which he was heartily applauded. The Scott Bros. appeared again in coon song and song and dance items that went well. Mr. Ward Lear supplied uproarious fun from the time he took the floor until he was reluctantly allowed to leave the stage. Miss Mabel Lynne, with all her usual vivacity, gave a serio turn that evoked hearty applause from the audience, who demanded a recall, which closed the first half of the programme.

Part two commenced with a selection by Mr. Frank Crowther's orchestra, and the curtain rose on Mr. Fred Warren, a very adept juggler, who gave a clean and finished exhibition of the art. The Elwood family of musicians played several selections from "Norma" that gave further evidence of their musical abilities. The violin solo as played by the elder of the two boys was very well rendered, and the youngest quite captivated the audience with his cello solo, "Home, Sweet Home." The final violin duet by the boy and girl performers, entitled "British Empire," in which a number of patriotic tunes were introduced, started the feet of the "gods"

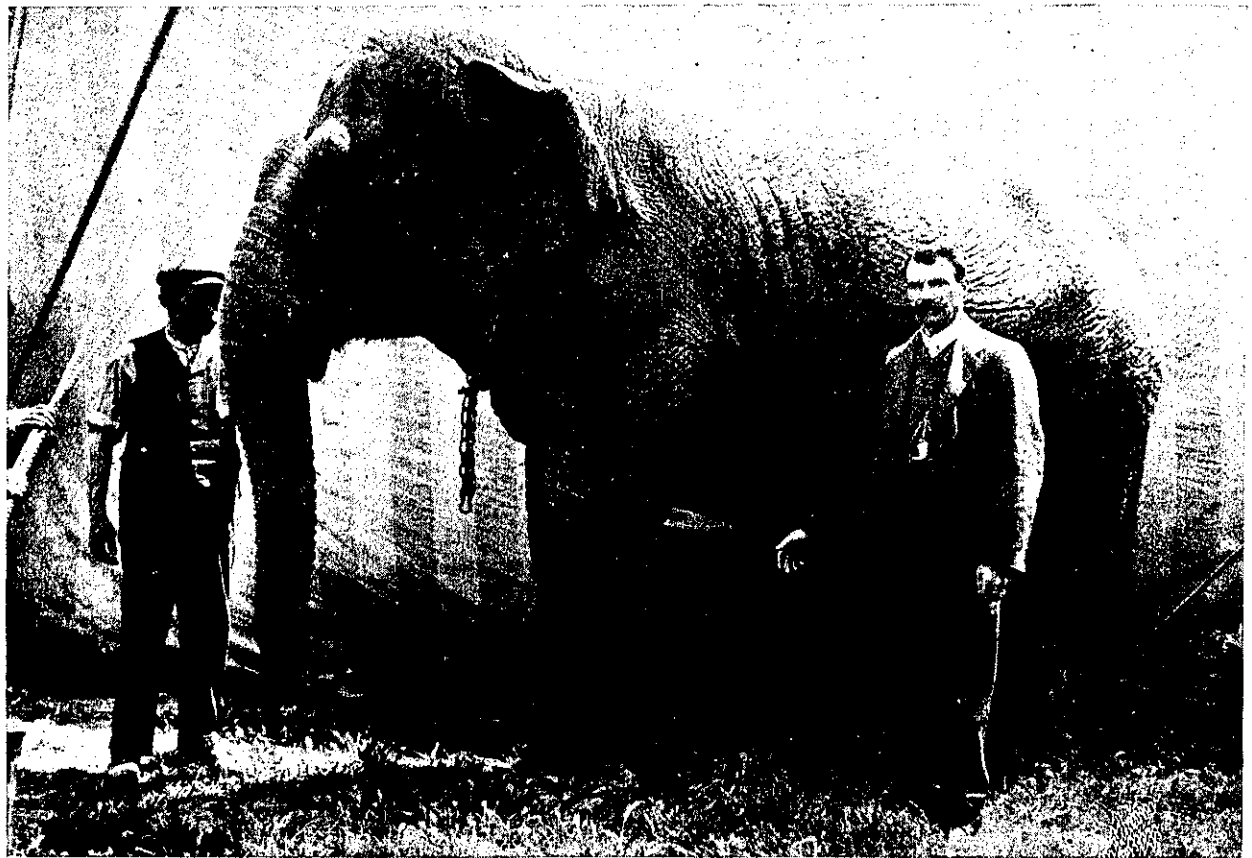


The Lukishima Troupe of Japanese with Bostock and Wombwell's Circus.

picturesque period as far as costumes were concerned. The Count Floristan de Valiancourt is compelled, much against his will, to enter into a marriage contract with the rich Mdle. Helene de Solanges, whom he has never seen and who he imagines to be a very unprepossessing damsel. The latter by chance hears Floristan give a very unflattering description of her charms, and thereupon disguises herself as Veronique, a florist's assistant, and attends a picnic given by the Count, who falls violently in love with her. Financial affairs are so bad with him, however, that unless he weds the heiress and incidentally receives a fortune from his uncle, he will be arrested for debt, but rather than give up Veronique he goes to prison. Of course, when Veronique and Helene are found to be identical all ends happily.

Miss Dolly Castles was Veronique, and her portrayal of the part was the best thing she has done yet. Her acting was full of verve, and her singing showed considerable improvement. Especially was this the case in the "Swing Song," the pretty refrain of which so captivated the audience that it was clamorously re-demanded. Miss Celia Ghiloni gave a splendid rendering of the part of the Countess de Champ Azur, the aunt of Veronique. So good was the work that it is not difficult to imagine what a success the talented actress would be in comedy pure and simple. Her song, "The Garden of Love," proved one of the gems of the piece. Miss Olive Godwin, who is beyond question a very valuable addition to the ranks of the company, was excellent as Madame Coquenard, the only possible fault being perhaps that the character was made too attractive. Her rendering of the beautiful ballad, "The Bloom on the Apple Tree," was the brightest spot in the whole opera, and it was small wonder that it was enthusiastically encored. Miss Aggie Thorne was given the comparatively small role of Denise, the bride of the Countess' groom, and such opportunities as came her way were made the most of, notably in the song, "I'll Kiss My Little Hubby By and Bye," and the dainty dance which followed it. Mr. Frank Wilson did exceedingly well as Floristan, a long and trying part.

Guard" the reputation of containing the finest music of any of the works by the famous partners. The story of the Princess, who, although married at the age of one, yet 20 years later shut herself up within the walls of Castle Adamant with a number of kindred spirits and abjured the society of man altogether, is an amusing one, and is told in Gilbert's best style, the dialogue being full of good things. Miss Olive Godwin essayed the title role, and achieved a great success. She was in great voice, her rendering of the difficult solo, "O Goddess Wise," being really magnificent, while other items, notably the last, "I Built Upon a Rock," were warmly re-demanded. Miss Celia Ghiloni made an ideal Lady Blanche,



"The Fatal Wedding" with Bostock and Wombwell's Circus.

going straight away, and finished a good musical turn. Will Rollow sang a number of his old songs that caught on with the house, and earned him considerable applause. He was followed by the Scott Bros., who gave a clever patter turn that caused much amusement. The two Kranks gave an excellent acrobatic trick cycling turn that was loudly applauded. Their work is clever and clean throughout, not the least important being that of the acrobatic member, who earned hearty applause for his neat tumbling. Mr. Frank King was in his element in the dramatic scene, "Mad Willie," putting a considerable amount of power into his acting which quite carried the house away. Miss Mabel Lynne, whose last week is announced, gave a couple of bright serios that quite took the house by storm. She will be greatly missed by Opera House patrons, with whom she has become a firm favourite. The evening's entertainment closed with a number of humorous pictures by the bioscope that caused great amusement.

Among the new artists billed to appear at the Opera House are the Bernards, instrumentalists and trapeze act, and Bernard's troupe of performing dogs; also Miss Clara Keating, a serio and dancer who makes a first appearance on Saturday evening.

CHORAL HALL.

MR. ANDREW BLACK'S CONCERT.

Lovers of music had a veritable treat on Monday night, when the famous Scottish baritone, Mr. Andrew Black, gave his first concert at the Choral Hall. We have had occasionally singers from the Old Country, and much-boomed ones at that, who have proved to be "back numbers," but this by no means applies to Mr. Black, who comes to us in the very zenith of his powers. His opening number was the prologue from Pagliacci, and the rendering was such as to well deserve an emphatic encore, this being the beautiful "To Anthea." Next came Lassen's "It Was a Dream," and to those who had only heard amateurs warble the ballad it came as a genuine surprse, so sympathetically was it given. "O Rudder Than the Cherry" (Handel) followed, and proved a very fine performance. This drew such hearty demonstrations of delight from the audience that another item was added, this being the humorous song "I Was a Pale Young Curate," from "The Sorcerer." In the second portion of the programme Mr. Black sang Henschel's "Young Dietrich" and Korbay's "Had a Horse, a Finer No Man Ever Saw," the former being particularly well given, and there was a clamorous encore. He

also contributed the Border ballad, "Kirkconnel Lea," giving a magnificent rendering of the stirring old song. The concluding number was Rossini's "Gia la Luna," given with great feeling, and in reply to the unstinted applause "The Land o' the Leal."

Herr Adolphe Borschke proved himself a pianist of no ordinary ability, his performance of the "March Maitaire" being so brilliant as to win an enthusiastic recall. Sgambatti's "Nenia" was another fine item.

Miss Ethel Sinclair's violin solos were far from proving the least enjoyable items. We have heard few finer things than her rendition of Wagner's "Prieslied" (Meistersinger), and the audience were not slow to mark their appreciation. In the second half of the programme Aubin's "Plevna Nota" earned a recall, a charming piece of Schumann's being then given. Mr. Horace Gleeson made a very efficient accompanist.

The next concert will take place to-night, and a very fine programme is to be submitted. The hall should be crowded, for Aucklanders are quick to recognise a really good thing.

BOSTOCK AND WOMBWELL'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

An exchange, speaking of Bostock and Wombwell's Circus and Menagerie, which is announced to open in Auckland on Monday night, says:—"A better and more varied collection of animals has never been shown in New Zealand. The attractions of the menagerie are added to by a daring performance of Herr Hohendahl, who, entering a cage in which is let loose a lion and a tiger, makes them do his bidding, despite evident reluctance and the fearful accompaniment of savage roars. If there was a thrill of excitement as the performance proceeded, there was a distinct sigh of relief as the cage door shut behind the daring trainer. The show is unique in that it is a circus without horses. Ordinarily this would spell grievous disappointment, but the originality of the programme makes up for this absence. Certainly it is the best variety programme offered by any circus. To see the Lukishima troupe is a revelation in acrobatic feats and balancing. There are many novel and interesting turns, including Gungi and Dolwi, the men of many instruments, Happy Jackles, the clown and his performing dogs. Signor Bertani on his unsupported ladder, Jarvis and Campbell, scientific and burlesque jugglers, and Mons. Menier, the human ostrich." Matinee performances will be given every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m.



MISS DINA COOPER, of "The Fatal Wedding" Co.

Mr. G. H. Barnes, the well-known business manager for Messrs. Meynell and Gunn, arrived by the Manuka on Sunday last from Sydney, and arranged for the forthcoming season of "The Fatal Wedding."

Matters have been booming at the Olympia Rink during the week. There has been a fancy dress carnival, some of the costumes being exceedingly cleverly designed. Then on Tuesday evening there was an American naval night, when all sorts of competitions were decided. It was largely attended by the officers and crew of the cruiser Baltimore, many of the members of which are fine skaters. Interest in this fascinating pastime shows no signs of flagging.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—"Tait Bros.' 'Living Pictures' are with us once again, this time at the Theatre Royal. People complained when the show was here before that there were too many London pictures, and not enough others. There's no room for growling this time, the views including a series representative of "Sunny Ceylon" (with a cobra and mongoose fight to a finish), "Vesuvius in Eruption," "Rome," "Venice," "Tobogganing in Switzerland," "The Prince's Court" (Melbourne), "White Chute," and a lot of comic ones. More anent this show after I have seen a new programme. . . . A well-known theatrical manager provided a little performance at the Christchurch railway station the other day, which was greatly enjoyed by the by-standers, and had the entertainment only been advertised in the morning papers there would doubtless have been a very much larger attendance of the public. The gentleman in question (with his company) was aboard the Lyttelton train, and ready to depart, when, seeing a friend on the platform, he stepped off the carriage gangway to greet him. Meantime the train began to move off, and the manager, exclaiming "Not for Joseph!" was about to jump on to one of the carriage platforms, when he was seized by a stalwart railway official who declined to allow him to take any risks, and the last the excited members of the company saw of their manager he was rolling along the platform tightly locked in the arms of a porter who had run to the assistance of his superior when the trouble began. When the train had vanished the manager arose, and dusted himself, and the interval before the departure of the next train was occupied in a heated discussion between the railway people and the aggrieved would-be passenger. Those who saw and heard all that took place say it was better than a pantomime. . . ."

Annual comic singing competition at Fuller's the other night. A great success, as per usual. Will Stevens and Will Lochrane (both favourites) are still contributing to the present bill at the Opera House. . . . The interior of Canterbury Hall just now is as empty as a drum. The dress circle is down, and all the floor seats are removed. Tom Pollard is busy superintending the alterations, and very shortly now "His Majesty's" will be opening.

The portrait of the popular actress, Miss Olive Godwin, appearing as a frontispiece, is from the studio of Mr. J. F. Jenkinson, who makes a specialty of theatrical work. A visit to his rooms is of much interest, as all the most prominent actors and actresses have been photographed by Mr. Jenkinson, while many flashlight pictures may also be seen, the work being consistently good.

The attractions of a quiet wedding from her own house in Little Wales are, it is rumoured, more potent with Miss Margaret Thomas than those that surround the marriage of a popular theatrical favourite in Australia, and she will therefore go back to England shortly.

Those who scan the amusement advertisements in the Melbourne daily press would have been somewhat surprised on Saturday last (writes Mr. George Tallis) when they came to the announcement that Mr. J. C. Williamson was charging "3, 2 and one" guineas for the privilege of seeing the romantic mystery drama "Parsifal" at Her Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday morning, May 22, for the first time on any stage. The explanation of this departure from the ordinary run of things lies in the fact that a copyright performance of the Rev. T. Hillhouse Taylor's piece was necessary under the new Commonwealth copyright law. The performance, which was undertaken by the members of the Tittell Brune Company, was the very first of its kind in the annals of the Australian drama.

On Wednesday Miss Tittell Brune brought to a close her remarkable dramatic season at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, with two performances of "Sunday," which was revived there as an appropriate piece for her farewell, as it was for her debut on the Australian stage. On May 26 the company opened in Adelaide, and after a short season there go to West Australia. A long tour of New Zealand will be her next move, and towards the end of the year she will be once more in Sydney for an extended visit.



MISS AMY SINGLETON, of "The Fatal Wedding" Co.

The disorganisation caused by the earthquake in San Francisco has enabled Mr. J. C. Williamson to secure the engagement of Mr. Charles Waldron, an American actor of much note whom he has for a long time tried to induce to visit Australia. Mr. Waldron, who will make his first appearance in Melbourne next July, will bring with him several other players in his support, and two important productions in "The Squaw Man" and "The Virginian." The former has met with a very pronounced success in the United States, while the latter is a dramatisation of Owen Wister, a most popular novel of the same name, which has ever since its publication been very widely read and appreciated in Australia.

The Royal Comic Opera Company followed up a week's revival of "Florodora" with "The Country Girl," which was put on at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, in the presence of a crowded audience, which signified its complete satisfaction with both the play and the players. The company's tenure is now drawing near to its final weeks, and in July it will visit Adelaide for a three weeks' season, returning to Melbourne in time for the agricultural show.

Playgoers who have still a fervent recollection of Pollard's Opera Company will be interested to learn of the doings and whereabouts of Mr. "Dave" O'Connor, the baritone of that now unhappily disbanded organisation. After leaving South Africa, where he married Miss Edith Ziegler, one of the original members of the Pollard Company, Mr. O'Connor, accompanied by his wife, sailed for London, where they joined the Bandman Opera Company for a tour which included South America. At its conclusion Mr. O'Connor made arrangements with Mr. George Edwardes, of the Gaiety Theatre, London, to produce several of the Gaiety successes on tour, whereof we find him a full-blown proprietor of an opera and musical comedy company rejoicing in the title of "O'Connor's Opera and Musical Comedy Company." The one-time baritone of Tom Pollard's Opera Company is doing well. He was at latest in India producing the cream of Gaiety successes, many of which have not yet been seen in these parts, including "The Girl from Kay's," "Lady Madcap," "Sergeant Brue," "The Orchid," "The Cingalee," "The Catch of the Season," and "The Spring Chicken." Those who remember O'Connor as a tall youth, who in the main played straight parts with Pollard's Opera Company in New Zealand, will scarce forbear a smile of

wonderment when they are told that he now plays comedy. One can hardly imagine O'Connor as Anthony Tweedlepunch, phrenologist and hypnotist, in "Florodora" (his old character in this was Frank Abercoed), or Hilarious in "La Poupee." Yet it is so.

Yet another phenomenon for London to wonder at. Appearing at several suburban music halls under the name of "L'Homme Miniature" is the little man, who was chosen by Professor Virchow, of Berlin, to illustrate the theory that man originates from the bird. This "bird-man" is an object of intense interest to scientists. His head is about as large as an ordinary Spanish onion, with eyes small and "ferrety," placed close to the ears. His nose and lips are so formed as to give the head the appearance of that of a canary. He walks in little hops, while his hands are formed like the claws of a bird, the nails horizontally projecting from the fingers. He has a peculiar trick of throwing his head back and emitting sounds resembling those made by the cuckoo.

Miss Jose Collins is the latest variety "star" at the English halls. She bears a well-known name in the theatrical world—she is the daughter of Miss Lottie Collins, of "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay" fame; and, although she is only 17 years of age, she has already appeared with great success in the provinces. She made her West End debut as a comedienne at the London Pavilion a few weeks ago, where she sang and danced into popular favour. Miss Jose Collins, who, in embarking upon a stage career, had the valuable advice and assistance of her mother, has also been coached in her stage business by Mr. T. W. Tate, her step-father, who is a well-known music hall composer. At the Pavilion—

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where Miss Lottie Collins scored some of her most notable successes in her early career before she went to the Gaiety—Miss Jose Collins sang two new and pretty songs—"My Tiny Firefly" and "I've Built a Bamboo Bungalow for You."

Julius Knight assures a South Australian interviewer, who put the question in the interests of the unattached Australian girl, that he is a bachelor, and always has been. He leaves the future to speak for itself. He tells the same inquirer that David Rossi, in "The Eternal City," is the character he likes least. It is a statement which can very easily be believed.

During the past fortnight no less than 20,000 people have paid tribute to the charms of "Sinbad the Sailor" (says the "Canterbury Times"), have screamed with laughter at Fred Graham's funnyisms, and have gazed in wonderment at the artistic effects of the transformation scene. Manager Michael Joseph collected £1150 during the season, and the fact was made the subject of a congratulatory cable message from Mr. William Anderson. The result is gratifying proof that enterprise properly directed is usually attended with success, even in the devious lines of theatrical work. The "show" was sound from top to bottom, and, comprising as it did over three hours of unadulterated fun, gave satisfaction to all who saw it. The last three nights of the company's stay in Christchurch has been devoted to a vaudeville entertainment of a high-class character, and the high favour in which the principals now stand with the local public should be a guarantee of continued success.

Fred Mills, the ventriloquist, who has just concluded a tour of India, after his Australasian tour, has returned to England.

Mr. J. L. Toole celebrated his 76th birthday at Brighton on March 12, and received many presents and messages of congratulation.

In an East Coast town recently, Bostock and Wombwell's Circus and Menagerie were billed to show, the energetic agent had selected a "location," the "paper" was up, and everything was working smoothly (says a Southern exchange), when the advance manager was hastily summoned to the office of the Mayor, and the following dialogue took place:—The Mayor: "Are the cages in which you keep your wild animals safe?" "Well," was the reply, "considering that they have been used in England, South Africa, Australia and other places, I might venture to say that they ought to be safe enough for this town." "Oh, that is all very well," said his Worship, "but have you made any provision for an accident, such as the escape of any of the beasts?" "Never thought about that," was the somewhat flippant answer of the avant courier. "Well, then," was the reply of the Mayor, delivered with some asperity, "you should have thought about it. I must tell you that if any of the animals escape while they are here they will be shot." The Mayor is a nice, quiet old gentleman ordinarily, and the agent shakes with laughter when he conjures up a vision of his Worship, gun in hand, chasing a big brown lion with a flowing mane. Bumbledom is hardly a training ground for hunters of big game, but it is gratifying to know that there are occasions when even the sporting instinct of a Mayor may be stimulated by a sense of his responsibility as a chief magistrate.

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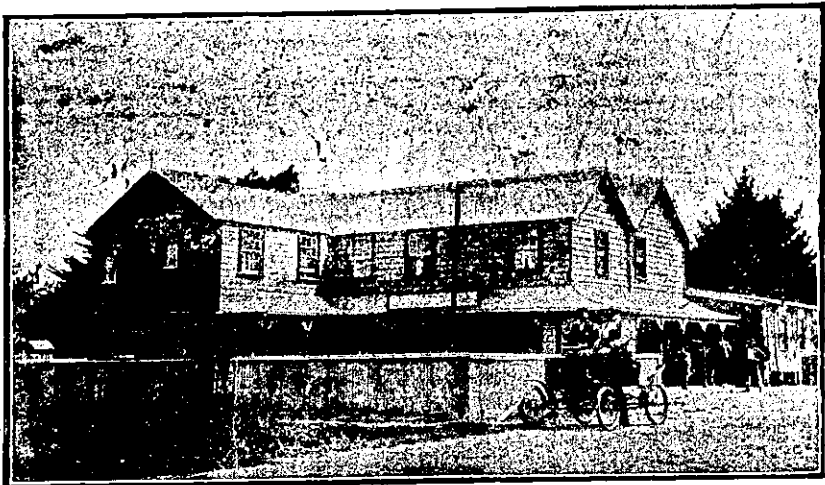
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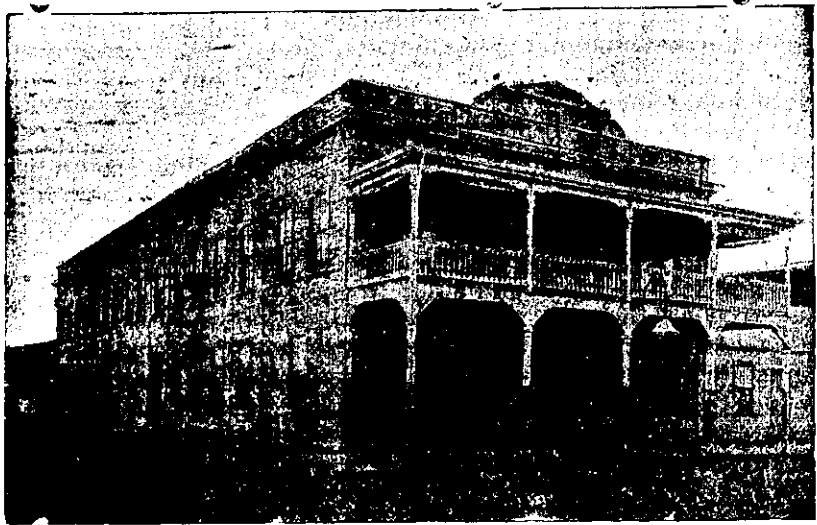
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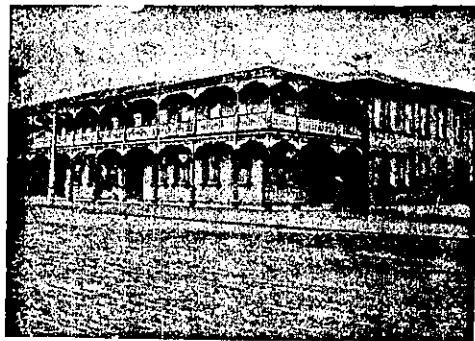
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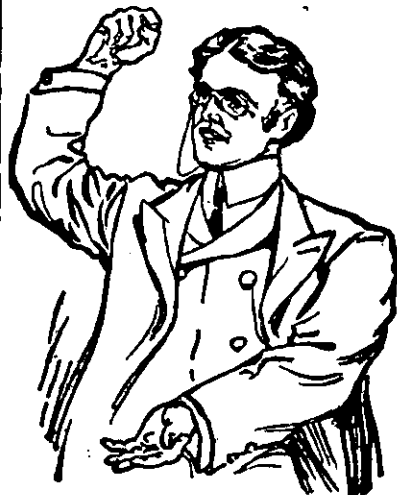
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THE LEASE OF AN HOTEL.

GILMER v. CRAWFORD.

In this case, decided in Wellington recently, Mr. Skerrett had appeared for the plaintiff, Hamilton Gilmer, and Mr. M. Chapman, with him Dr. Findlay, for the defendant, Elizabeth Florence Crawford. This was a special case stated by the parties, and removed into the Court of Appeal for argument, which took place on April 23rd, when the Bench consisted of their Honours Mr. Justice Denniston, Mr. Justice Edwards, Mr. Justice Cooper, and Mr. Justice Chapman.

His Honour Mr. Justice Edwards read his own judgment, in which Mr. Justice Cooper and Mr. Justice Chapman concurred. He said that by a memorandum of lease dated February 11th, 1896, the defendant demised to William George Ryland the Te Aro Hotel, with the land upon which it stands, for the term of ten years from February 1st, 1896, at the yearly rental of £364, and subject to certain covenants and conditions, one of which was to the effect that the lessor, if the lessee requested him to do so three months before the expiration of his lease, should grant him a further lease of ten years at the same yearly rental, and containing the same covenants and conditions, with the exception of the covenant for another renewal. The lease also contained a covenant that the lessee, his executors, administrators, and assigns would, after the expiration of four years and eight months, at all times during the term granted by the lease, purchase all colonial ale and malt liquors used or consumed on the premises from Mr. Thomas George Macarthy, brewer, of Wellington. On June 2nd, 1898, an order of the Supreme Court was made in an action brought by the lessee, Ryland, against the defendant and others striking these covenants out of the lease. Later an action was brought before the Supreme Court by the defendant against the lessee, Ryland, in which an endeavour was made in another form to compel the lessee to purchase all colonial ale, etc., used on the premises from Mr. Macarthy. This action also failed. By a memorandum of transfer registered on May 2nd, 1901, the lessee, Ryland, transferred this lease to the plaintiff. Prior to the expiration of the term granted by the lease, plaintiff gave notice to the defendant requiring her to grant a new lease to him pursuant to the covenant contained in the lease, but the defendant refused to do so. The special case was stated in order to obtain the opinion of the Court as to whether or not the plaintiff was entitled to a decree for specific performance of the contract constituted by the defendant's covenant in the lease and the plaintiff's notice in writing to the defendant of his election to take a new lease pursuant to the option thereby given to him. Several points were raised by the defendant in the case as printed as disentitling the plaintiff to such decree; but during the argument only two points were relied upon, which were:—"The defendant contends that the plaintiff is not entitled to specific performance or to receive a new lease, because: (1) By reason of the striking out of the covenant or condition in paragraph 13 of the lease, the plaintiff is seeking a renewal in terms other than those agreed on by the defendant. (2) Because an essential condition of the agreement for a new lease contained in the memorandum of lease would be void and illegal, and could not be separated from the rest of the agreement; inasmuch as they formed part of the consideration thereof." These points were strongly urged upon the Court. The contract being illegal, as it was entered into in contravention of section 35 of the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment Act of 1895, it was contended that the Court would not enforce any part of it. Their Honours said that before the statute, such contracts were not only

perfectly legal, but were of every-day occurrence. The statute did not impose any penalty upon persons who entered into such a contract. It simply made every such contract void, and enabled every person who had entered into such a contract to have it struck out of the instrument in order that he might not even seem to be bound by it. In their Honours' opinion, the statute which had rendered these contracts void had in itself provided for the whole consequences of entering into them. Such consequences were inconsistent with the contention of counsel for the defendant, and their Honours thought the contract was not illegal in the sense for which they contended. The case of Williams v. Harley was much relied upon. In that case after the lease was executed the statute was enacted and rendered the contract—until then lawful—impossible of performance. The lease which contained the beer covenant was not rectified, and could not be rectified. The beer covenant bound during the term of the lease, notwithstanding the statute. But the contract for a renewed lease was uni-lateral and binding only upon the lessor. When the plaintiff elected under the contract to take a renewed lease, the statute had been enacted, and prevented him from binding himself by the beer covenant. When the lessee came to the Court to enforce the contract, he came therefore to enforce against the lessor a contract valid when entered into by him, but of which the performance by the lessee himself had been rendered impossible by the subsequent statute. But in the present case the beer covenant was valid when the lease was granted. The defendant must be taken to have known this, and also to have known that upon application to the Court the beer covenant must be struck out. The plaintiff came before the Court not to enforce a contract, his own part of which could not be performed, but to enforce the whole contract as rectified as pursuant to the statute. In their Honor's opinion the plaintiff was entitled to a decree for specific performance of the agreement for renewal of the lease, and no special terms could be imposed upon the granting of such a lease. The question put by the case should be answered in the affirmative—and the case remitted to the Supreme Court to be dealt with accordingly. Plaintiff to have his costs in the Court of Appeal on the highest scale. Costs in the Court below to be dealt with by that Court. Judgment for plaintiff accordingly.

On the application of Mr. M. Chapman, leave was given to appeal to the Privy Council, and a stay of proceedings granted.—"New Zealand Times."

Trade Topics

Tenders have been called for the painting of the Waikato Hotel.

The unveiling of the statue to Sir John Logan Campbell, which ceremony took place last Thursday afternoon, was witnessed by thousands of people.

Mr. W. Cullen, who is leaving Waihi to take over the Royal Hotel at the Thames, was last Thursday night entertained by his friends at the former place, and the members of the Waihi Rugby Union presented him with a handsome gold medal.

Mr. A. E. Whittaker, as executor of the will of the late T. H. Pearce, of the Imperial Hotel, will apply at the next licensing meeting to have the license of that hotel transferred to George Henry Foster.

An Assets Company is being formed in London to acquire property mortgaged to the bondholders of McCracken's Brewery Company, Melbourne.

Mr. A. M. Myers, managing director of the Campbell-Ehrenfried Company, Ltd., left last Monday for a holiday trip to Sydney. He will be absent for about three weeks.

Mr. G. H. Foster, who has purchased a lease of the Imperial Hotel, in Fort-street, though new to members of the Trade as a licensee, is well and favourably known to them all, he having been for many years connected with Messrs. John Grey and Sons, and subsequently Messrs. Grey and Menzies.

In the S.M. Court at Gore last Saturday, Mr. McCarthy, S.M., fined Malachi Hanley £50 and costs for keeping liquor for sale in a no-license district. Notice of appeal was given. The charge resulted from a recent police raid on a private hotel kept by the defendant at East Gore.

The Rangiwia Hotel, owned by Mrs. Ryan, of Feilding, and occupied by Mr. C. Miles, was totally destroyed by fire early last Saturday morning. Nothing was saved, and several of the inmates had very narrow escapes. The building, which was a large two-storeyed one, was insured, but the amount is at present unknown.

Under the Licensing Act of two years ago, the Governor-in-Council has ordered that liquor shall not be supplied to Maoris in the Mongonui, Hokianga, Tokerau, Whangarei and Waikato districts.

The Central Brewery, Queen-street, Wellington, has been purchased from Mrs. E. M. Stent by Messrs. H. Ball and T. B. Darrall. The latter gentleman was the late Mr. Stent's manager.

The Prince of Wales' Birthday (June 3), a bank holiday by statute, falls this year on Sunday, and is to be observed by the banks on Tuesday, June 5, as Whit Monday (June 4) is also a statutory bank holiday.

The Albert Hotel, in Queen-street, Auckland, has changed hands, and is now under the able management of Mr. Percy J. Delany, who has had a large experience in the business. Mr. Delany will be pleased to see old and new friends. The commercial trade will find this fine hotel close and handy to business, and everything he has will be of the very best. We wish him the success he deserves.

The question of endorsing the license of the Newton Hotel was reserved by Mr. W. G. Riddell, S.M., at the time of hearing the charges reported last week. Early last week his Worship intimated that the license would not be endorsed, as the licensee (Mr. Harry Dyer) had never been previously convicted, and had borne an excellent reputation during the long time he had held a license.

It has apparently been left to a few of Tauranga's residents to discover a novel and simple way of overcoming one of the present licensing laws. The other evening three or four friends were assembled in one of the local hotels, and were about to enjoy a cheering glass, when the clock warned them that 10 o'clock was striking. The company decided not to run the risk of breaking the law by remaining on the premises, so each individual seized his glass and strolled quietly on to the public road, where the health of the party was drunk without interference. Now that Tauranga has set the fashion (says the local paper), no doubt the practice will become general, anyhow at least till the Legislature deems it advisable to pass another law dealing with the matter.

A prohibition order has been issued locally against James Mead.

In the local Court last Friday Ivan Roach was fined 10/ for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

Last Friday Jane Wheeler was fined £2 and costs for being found on licensed premises during the currency of a prohibition order.

Emile J. Willehoff, a prohibited person, was fined last week £2 and costs for having whisky in his possession, and £1 and costs for being found on licensed premises.

The Silver Grid Restaurant, at Palmerston North, was destroyed by fire early one morning last week.

It costs the nation £34,526 in salaries and wages to make its gold and silver coins, and £1994 to pay the police needed to take care of the precious metal coined and uncoined.

The hotelkeepers of Eltham and Patea intend to apply at the annual meeting of the Patea Licensing Committee for an extension of the time of closing till 11 p.m. The hotels now close at 10 p.m.

The late Mr. Edward Steinkpff, proprietor of the well-known Appollinaris water, left £1,247,000, which he empowered his daughter to bequeath to charities.

Mr. John Schischka was fined £500 by Mr. Justice Edwards in the Supreme Court last week for selling manure under a false trade mark.

A witness before the New South Wales Arbitration Court stated that women engaged in tobacco factories suffered severely from nervous diseases.

The Cafe Continental, in Princes-street, Dunedin, was badly damaged by fire last week. Several rooms were gutted before the outbreak was extinguished.

It is understood that the bondholders have rejected the terms offered by McCracken's Brewery, Melbourne, owing to no provision having been made for overdue interest. A receiver will probably be appointed.

In the House of Lords, Lord Reay's Juvenile Smoking Bill, based on the Physical Deterioration Committee's report, and aiming at the prevention of the sale of tobacco to persons under 16 years of age, was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee of the House.

In the local Court last week Henry Wm. Smith was fined £2 and costs on each of two charges of entering hotels during the currency of a prohibition order against him. John Katterns, who pleaded guilty to accompanying Smith, was fined a similar amount, it being shown that Katterns knew that Smith was a prohibited person.

"AN OCEAN OF ALCOHOL."

The stock of whisky in warehouse in Scotland at the close of the last financial year was, the "Glasgow Herald" points out, 121,778,039 gallons, an increase during the past 12 months of 381,000 gallons and of 11½ millions of gallons in five years. On the other hands, stocks in England were reduced by 630,000 gallons, and Ireland by 1½ million gallons during the year. In the decade stocks in England have been increased 87 per cent., and in Ireland they have been reduced by 500,000 gallons, with the net result that the total quantity in bond in the United Kingdom is 165 millions; ten years ago it was 108 millions. In the interval the quantities of British spirit required annually for home con-

sumption and exportation have increased from 34 millions to 40 millions, and for methylation from 3½ to 5½ millions. Since 1884 stocks in Scotland have been almost quadrupled; in Ireland the increase has been 50 per cent., and in England they are just twice the size. In that year our home consumption and exportation amounted to 31 millions, or three-quarters of our present figures, so that, to meet an increase of one-third in their sales, distillers have unwisely added an ocean of alcohol to their bonded stock.

A CONTEMPTIBLE FRAUD.

At the Auckland Supreme Court John Schischka, a wealthy merchant, was fined £500, in default 12 months' imprisonment, for selling to farmers material to which a false trade mark had been applied and applying a false trade description to certain goods. In the circumstances of the case, his Honour's remark that the fraud was a contemptible one seems very well justified, Schischka's offence consisting of placing manures of low value in bags bearing the brand of a useful manufacture. The persons who purchased in good faith from him were supplied with something other than they bargained for and of less value. The effect of this kind of swindling is far-reaching, and would conceivably cause financial loss and great disappointment to the settlers using the material supplied to them. People who rob farmers in this way should not be fined—they ought to be gaoled. If the defendant were a poor man and was mulcted in a heavy penalty he would probably have to go to prison; if he were rich, he could pay the fine and escape the just consequences of his evil doing. For the manipulator of trade marks, the adulterator of food and drink, the purveyor of low grade drugs, the distributor of infertile and bad seed and similar rascals the prison gates should be wide open. —"The New Zealand Times."

WHEN A KEG IS NOT A KEG.

The average individual when he sees a brewery keg, and that keg has on it a Customs duty stamp, correctly concludes that that keg contains beer. Not so, however, says the law. By the provisions of the Licensing Act in regard to beer sent into prohibited areas, any package containing liquor must have on it a declaration that it contains liquor. This momentous question has recently occupied the attention of one of our highest judges. Some few months back the Timaru Brewing Company sent into Ashburton a ten-gallon keg of ale. Relying on the facts that a beer keg is fairly conspicuous and that being branded with the name of the brewery, and also having pasted upon it the beer duty stamp which proclaims the number of gallons of beer in the keg, the company omitted to put on any further notice to the effect that the keg contained beer. In the Magistrate's Court, at the hearing of a prosecution arising from this omission, the Magistrate dismissed the case, mainly

upon the contention that a beer keg with its stamp and branding carried upon it sufficient evidence of its contents. However, the police and the Act decree otherwise. A keg is no longer a keg when entering prohibited areas it is within the meaning of the Act a package. This contention, made by the police, has been upheld by Mr. Justice Denniston, and on his decision the case (as reported by us last week) was referred back for re-hearing to the Magistrate who dismissed the case in the first instance, and he had to inflict a fine. So that we have it now on the highest authority that a keg of beer ceases to be a keg of beer when entering prohibited area. On these occasions the law transforms it into a package containing liquor, and a declaration to this effect must be attached.

ANNUAL LICENSING MEETINGS.

- Waitemata.—Friday, June 1st, at the Borough Council Chambers, Devonport.
- Thames.—Friday, June 1st, at the Courthouse, Thames.
- Bay of Islands.—Friday, June 8th, at the Courthouse, Kawakawa.
- Eden.—Friday, June 8th, at the Epsom Hall, Epsom.
- City of Auckland.—Tuesday, June 5th, at the S.M. Court, High-street, Auckland.
- Franklin.—Tuesday, June 5th, at the Courthouse, Mercer.
- Kaipara.—Friday, June 1st (to be adjourned to June 26th), at the Courthouse, Dargaville.
- Marsden.—Saturday, June 9th (to be adjourned to June 19th), at the Courthouse, Whangarei.
- Parnell.—Wednesday, June 6th, at the Borough Council Chambers, Parnell.
- Manukau.—Friday, June 8th, at the Courthouse, Onehunga.
- Waikato.—Wednesday, June 6th, at the Courthouse, Hamilton.
- Ohinemuri.—Wednesday, June 6th, at the Courthouse, Paeroa.
- Bay of Plenty.—Wednesday, June 6th, at the Courthouse, Tauranga.

A CHAMPAGNE FACE.

The Frenchman's face was hacked and notched. "Have you been a duellist?" one asked. "No, no," the man replied. "I have been a champagne maker." He touched his face. "These honourable nicks," he said, "are champagne scars." "Champagne scars," he went on, "decorate the visages of all the workers in the underground champagne mills of Rheims. They are caused by the bursting of the bottles. About one bottle in every ten bursts. "There are miles and miles of champagne caves in Rheims, caves cut in solid limestone rock, where in a constant temperature of 45 degrees millions of bottles of wine refine and ripen. "The workers down there smell nothing but champagne all day long, champagne escaping from burst bottles. And as the turners move

along the racks—each turns 35,000 bottles daily—they are continually saluted with explosions. Bang! And the glass splinters fly and a little fountain of champagne perfumes the damp air.

"Day after day each bottle must be turned, turned 50 times altogether, till the sediment in it has all mounted up and concentrated itself about the cork. Then the corkers remove the corks, let the sediment-thickened wine in the neck of the bottle blow off, and skilfully replace the cork again.

"The corkers and turners' work is dangerous. These men are nearly all scarred like me."

HEALTH NOTES.

(By W. S. C.)

In order that we may keep the body in the best condition to withstand the daily stress and strain of mental and physical wear and tear, it is essential for us all to understand something of the various processes of nature which ensure the maintenance of life. Most people do not realise that it is as necessary to life that the body should waste away as it is that its substance should constantly be replaced by a sufficient supply of fresh air, water and food. The wasting of the body is accomplished by the production of a certain quantity of used-up material, and this used-up or dead material must be thrown off from the body by natural means without undue delay, for if any of it is suffered to remain in the system it becomes actively poisonous, and must cause disease or death.

Upon the skin, lungs, kidneys and liver rests the main responsibility of extracting poisonous matter from the blood and removing it from the system. The moment one of those organs, through weakness or disease, becomes incapable of performing its work efficiently, that moment we begin to suffer from some illness, and if steps are not taken to restore to health and activity the organ at fault, death from some form of blood poisoning must ensue.

The skin, as a general thing, needs but regular treatment with good soap and water, and it will do its duty perfectly and without complaint. The lungs are vigorous organs, and we are soon made aware of any interference with their action by a fit of coughing or a choking sensation. It is the importance of looking well after the health of the kidneys and liver which we especially desire to impress upon our readers. These organs are the most delicate of all those engaged in extracting and removing from the blood the waste poisons as fast as they are produced in the body. Unless the kidneys and liver are in a fit state to thoroughly perform their task, the particular poisons, which it is their duty to make and extract, will remain in the system, and as the kidneys and liver are often unable to tell us directly, by a sensation of pain, that there is anything the matter with them, we are probably unaware of their failure until we begin to suffer from Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Blood Disorders, Anaemia, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility, Gravel, Stone and Bladder Troubles. All these complaints are caused by the presence in the

body of urinary and biliary poisons, which, if the kidneys and liver were acting efficiently, would have been duly removed, and we should have been spared from suffering.

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, Biliousness, Anaemia, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility and Blood Disorders.

So intimate is the relation between the work done by the kidneys and that done by the liver that where there is any failure on the part of the kidneys the liver becomes affected in sympathy, and vice versa. It was the realisation of the importance of this close union of the labour of those vital organs which resulted in the discovery of the medicine now known throughout the world as Warner's Safe Cure. Certain medical men, knowing what a boon it would be to humanity if some medicine could be found which act specifically on both the kidneys and liver, devoted themselves to an exhaustive search for such a medium, and their devotion was eventually rewarded by their success in compounding a medicine which possesses the required quality in the fullest degree. Warner's Safe Cure exhibits a marvelous healing action in all cases of functional or chronic disease of the kidneys and liver, and restoring them, as it is able to do, to health and activity, it, of necessity, cures all complaints due to the retention in the system of urinary and biliary poisons. A vigorous action of the

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STANDARD FOR WHISKY.

Scotch distillers and Belfast wholesale wine merchants met in Glasgow on March 16 to discuss the disorganization in trade caused by the recent decision in a London police court, by which patent still or grain whisky is not entitled to be sold as Scotch whisky, those selling it as such being liable to prosecution. The meeting was held in private.

Distillers described the situation as chaotic, it being asserted that there had been a great slump in orders for blending whiskies in consequence of the magisterial decision. It was further declared that it was by matured grain whisky that the Scotch blend had gained its world-wide reputation, malt whisky being regarded as too much flavoured and too heavy.

The trade held that the Government should be asked to fix a whisky standard. The meeting unanimously resolved to appeal in the North London whisky case with a view to having Mr. Fordham's decision modified. It was further agreed that a committee should be appointed to wait upon the Local Government Board, with a view to getting an Inter-departmental Committee, or alternatively, a permanent board, appointed to inquire into the whole matter, and issue regulations to settle the questions raised in an authoritative manner.

THE MELBOURNE BREWERIES.

The announcement made that a provisional agreement had been arrived at by the leading breweries of Melbourne, under which a new proprietary company, with a capital of £1,000,000, is to acquire their businesses, without taking over the liabilities, excited a great deal of interest in the city, and the full details of the scheme published were received with favourable comments on the Stock Exchange and elsewhere. On 'Change a hardening tendency was noticeable for shares of those companies which are the subject of market dealings—an indication of the opinions of investors. In the trade, as far as can be gathered, the announcement met with a favourable reception, it being regarded as a good scheme. One of the directors of the Co-operative Brewery spoke in favourable terms of the details as published, and expressed the view that the formation of the new company would not tend to any keener fighting for trade, or further cutting of rates on the part of either the new company or themselves. The Co-operative Company was not catering, he said, for new trade, and competition would be determined by the beer produced. The expectation is that the new company will actually commence operations somewhere about July 1st. The formal arrangements that have to be carried through to give effect to the arrangement which has been arrived at will all take time, and the beginning of the half-year will be a convenient date from which to start.—"The Australian Brewers' Journal."

THE FREAK DINNER.

The "Freak Dinner," an exotic form of eccentric extravagance and incongruity, has been imported into England from the United States, where it broke out some time since amongst the multi-millionaires. One of the first symptoms of the disease in London took the shape of a dinner in gondolas at the Savoy. On a recent Saturday night there was another outbreak at the Gaiety Restaurant, where a company of 12 diamond millionaires met together to dine luxuriously with an outward semblance of the simplicity of the illimitable veldt. The Italian waiters were got up as Kaffir boys, and there appear to have been stuffed birds and sham Boers. The company dined in a tent lighted by sandles stuck into bottles, representing the veldt part of the entertainment. Park Lane was represented by the menu and the wines. One of the items on the menu was "Earl Roberts' Surprise Omelet," which is described as being steaming hot outside but with a slab of ice inside. Possibly this may have been intended to convey the idea that the inside of the South African business has been disappointingly chilly.

COSTLY ERRORS.

Enormous sums of money are frequently expended by various Governments to rectify errors, often apparently trivial, in Government printing. The United States, some years ago, destroyed 4,000,000 telegraph forms owing to the misspelling of a single word. In 1883 several hundred thousand greenbacks were cancelled before issue owing to the same cause. An employee was convicted for attempting to steal some of these worthless notes, with the intention of selling them to collectors.

The Austrian Government is so intolerant of mistakes that it cancels documents, not only on the ground of serious mistakes or misspelling, but even as the result of a misshapen letter. The use of a small, instead of a capital, "B" in the word "Briefe" led a short time ago to the destruction of 25,000 forms issue to the various post offices.

In 1850 an Austrian designer of bank notes signed his name in tiny letters at the foot of a drawing. The engraver copied the name, and before the mistake was discovered 10,000 notes were printed, all of which had to be burned.

A symbolical figure on another Austrian note was maliciously given a beard, which could be seen if the note were held at a certain angle in the light.

Before the union of Italy more than one attempt was secretly made to turn official papers and notes to propagandist uses. A Custom House regulation form was so spaced by the compositor that the initial words in every line, if read consecutively, were a declaration against the Papal claim to govern Rome.

In another case, the spacing of words in certain bank notes was so arranged that by drawing a pencil line in a particular way a rude outline of the arms of Savoy resulted. These notes, of course, never saw the light, the device being too obvious to escape detection.

In 1901, a Spanish engraver was heard boasting that he had "signed his name" on every one of 10,000 bank notes just about to be issued. When called up and asked for an explanation he declared that he had been joking. But an examination of the notes showed that certain letters in one line were raised a microscopical distance above those next to them. These raised letters spelled the employee's name. Seven hundred and fifty dollars was the price paid by the authorities for their engraver's joke.

The Kaiser's persistent interference in all matters of art has cost the Fatherland heavy losses in cancelled printed matter. One of his first acts as sovereign was to show his subordinates how the Imperial arms should be printed. After many thousand forms and documents had been impressed with these arms, an antiquary of high authority proved to his Majesty that the new design was not only wrong, but also humiliating to himself. Seven thousand five hundred dollars' worth of papers were promptly reduced to ashes.

In another case the Kaiser "sub-edited" the German money order form

in such a way that the public could not make head or tail of it. Finally the new form had to be called in, and thousands of unissued copies destroyed.

Fifteen thousand pounds' worth of the 11/ postal orders had to be destroyed by the British General Post Office some time ago owing to the poundage stamped on the face having been 1d, instead of 1½d, as it should have been. The estimated loss to the country was £100.

England seldom has to put up with such losses; but foreign Governments are less lucky. Both on the Continent and in America carelessness or wantonness in misprinting money orders, telegraph forms and bank notes has led to serious loss and curious complications.

France has been a bad sufferer. In 1898 more than 20,000 100-franc credit notes were printed with a word badly misspelled, the error not being noticed until some of the notes had been issued to banks.

SPORTING REPARTEE.

It is doubtful, said a biographer, if any repartee ever surpassed in delicacy the reply made by an East Indian servant of the late Lord Dufferin when he was Viceroy of India.

"Well, what sort of sport has Lord — had?" said the Viceroy one day to his shikaree, or sporting servant, who had attended a young English lord on a shooting excursion.

"Oh," replied the scrupulously polite Hindoo, "the young sahib shot divinely, but Providence was very merciful to the birds!"

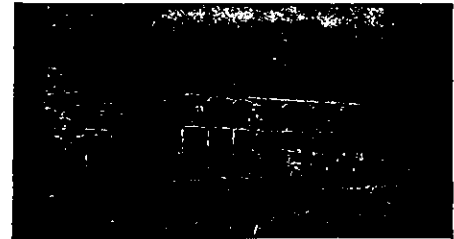
This story calls to mind one told by the writer of some reminiscences of Sydney Smith. On one occasion the celebrated physician, Sir Henry Holland, told the witty divine that he had failed to kill either one of a brace of pheasants that had risen within easy range near Smith's house.

"Why did you not prescribe for them?" came the quick reply.

Germany is ahead in novelties of a charitable nature. In the town of Haschmann prizes are offered yearly for the men who will marry the ugliest and most crippled women, and for the women over 40 years who have been jilted at least twice. The money was left by a big financier, who, realising that beauty is an attraction hard to overcome, made a provision in his will that out of the income of the fund not less than £16 shall go with the ugliest girl in any year, and the cripple shall receive £12. The poor women over 40 who have been jilted by a lover receive, when the funds permit, £10 each; but the trustee can vary this amount, and, at his discretion, offer a larger prize to some one who will marry an unusually ugly girl, or one to whom nature has been specially unkind.

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Mark Twain told the following story at dinner in New York. "There are in the world," he said, "a good many men like Jonathan Scarborough, of Hannibal. Scarborough was one of those men with nothing evil absolutely known against them, who are yet looked on, and no doubt justly, with suspicion. It was thought of Scarborough that for a poor man he ate too much chicken. And one day the blow fell. He was arrested for chicken-stealing. A witness was called to testify to Scarborough's character. 'Did you ever know this man to steal poultry?' said the lawyer for the defence. 'No, I never did,' said the witness; 'but this is what I do know. If I was a chicken and Jonathan Scarborough was about, I'd roost high!'"



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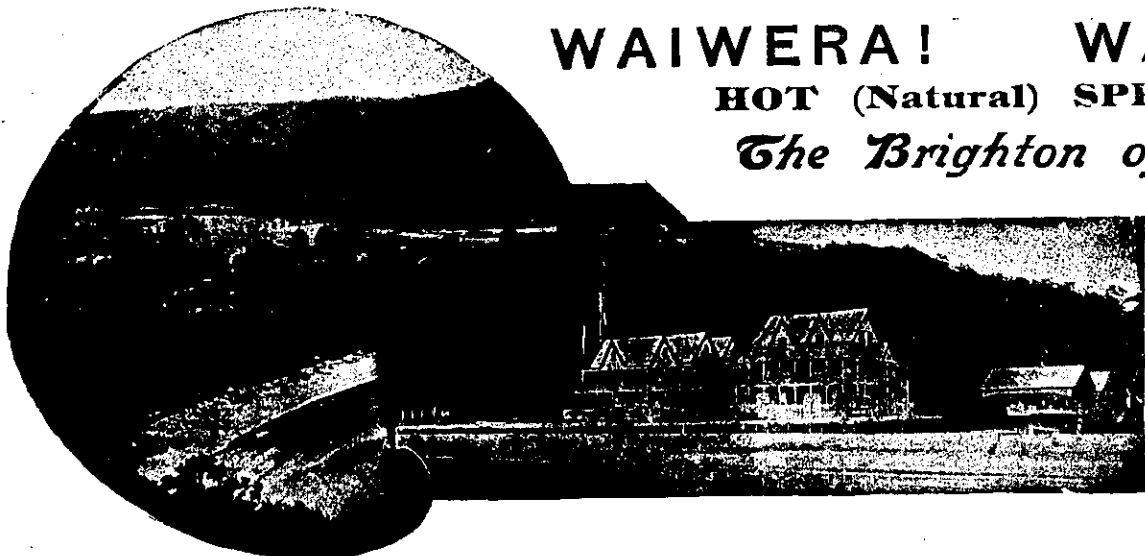
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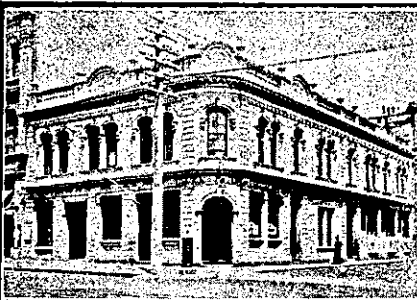
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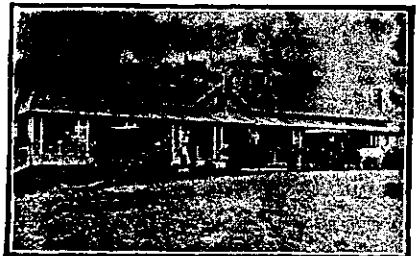
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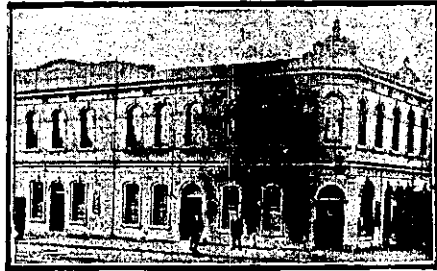
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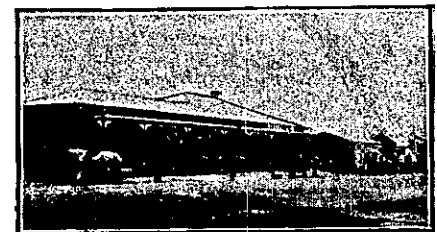
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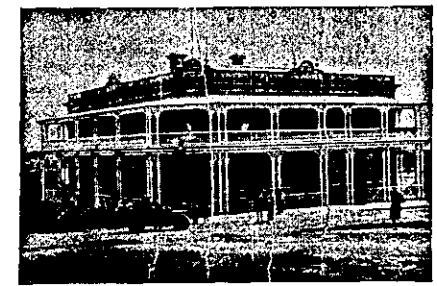
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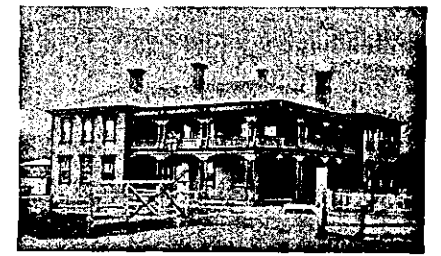
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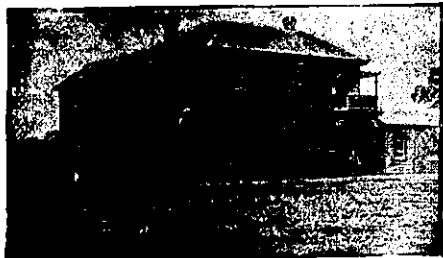
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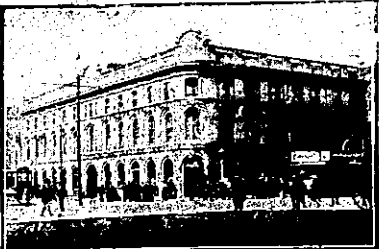
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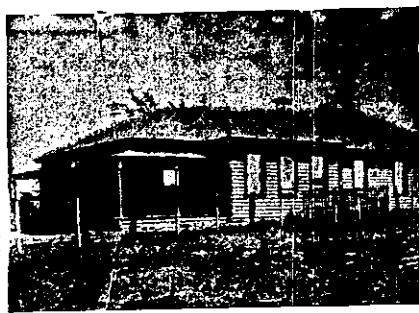
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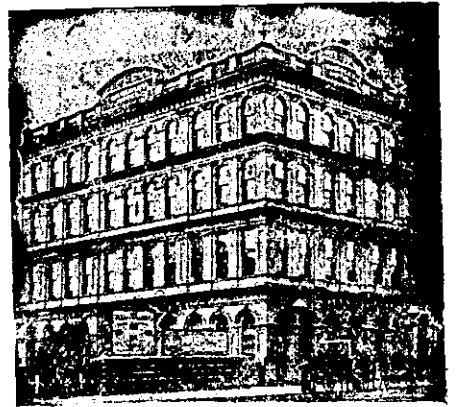
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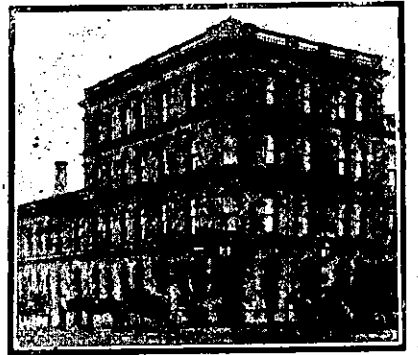
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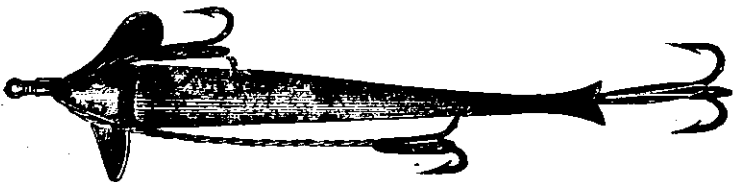
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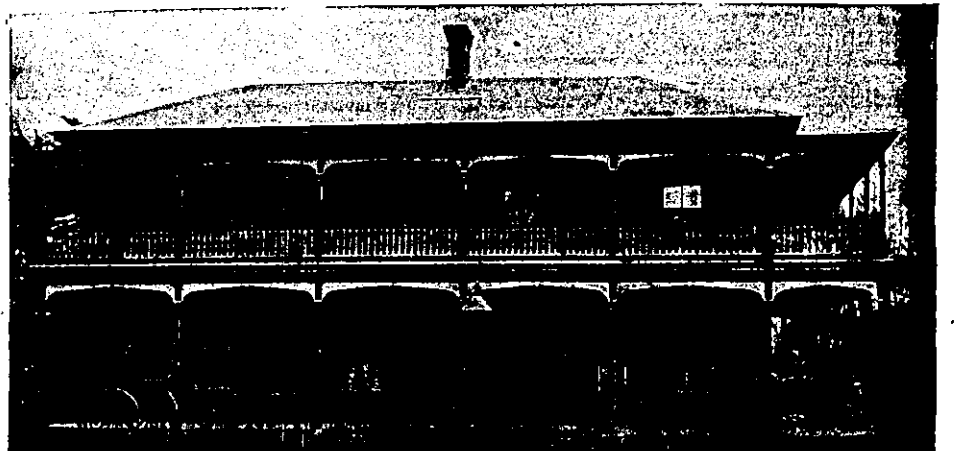
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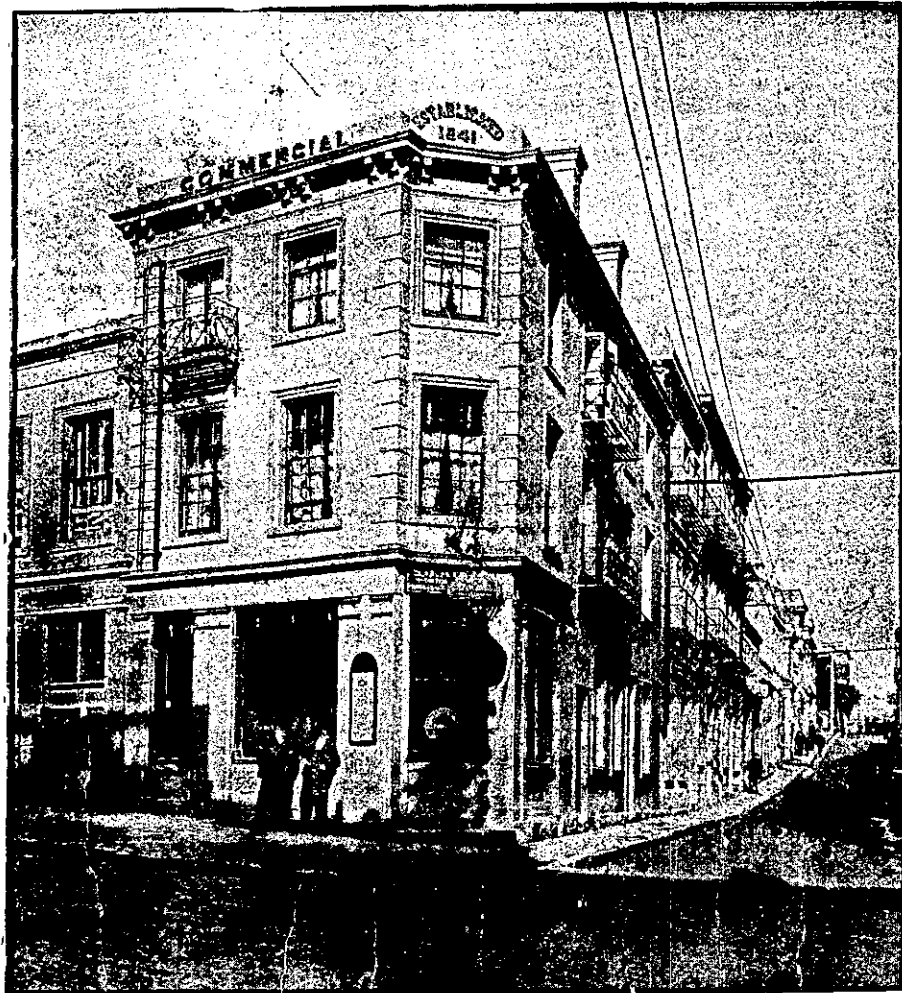
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 Under New Management.
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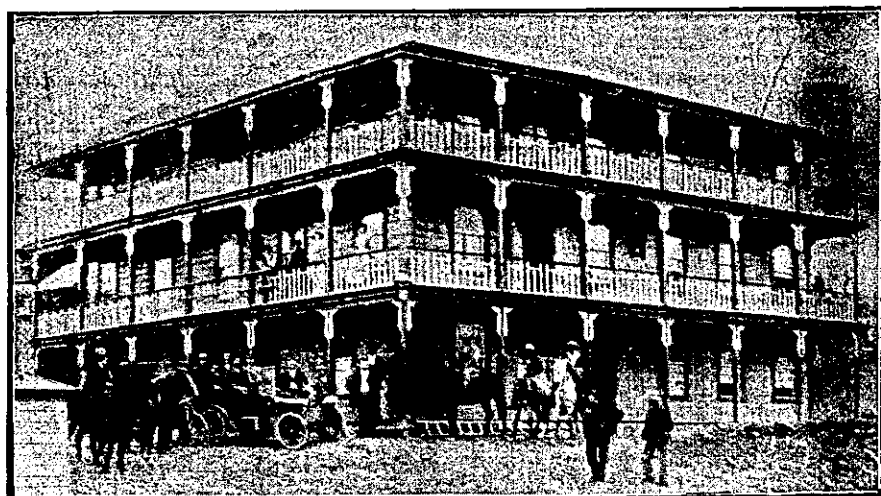
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Joseph Evans, Junr.
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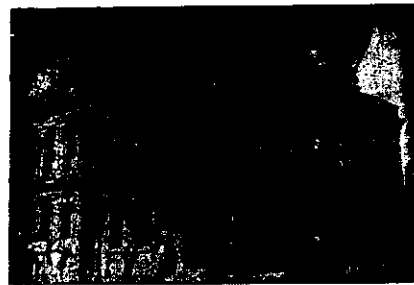
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G. MARSHALL, PROPRIETOR.

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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 Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.
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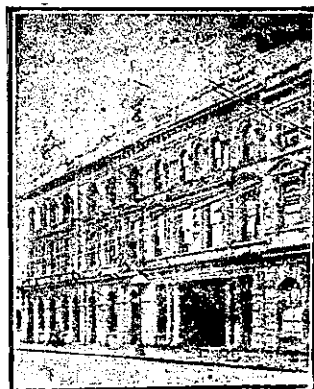
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CHRIS. LEEK ... Proprietor.
 Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends that he has taken the above Hotel, which has been thoroughly renovated, and will afford excellent accommodation for boarders and country visitors.
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 Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
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 This fine House, just rebuilt in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the travelling public.
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 Two minutes walk from Saltwater Bathing Place.
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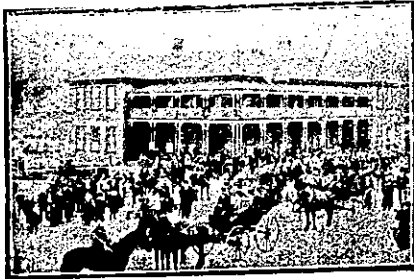


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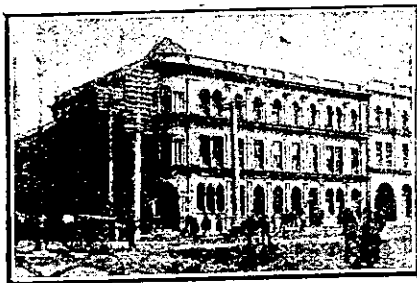
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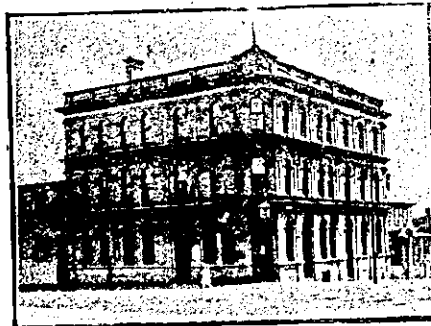
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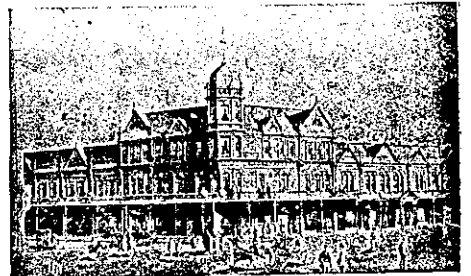
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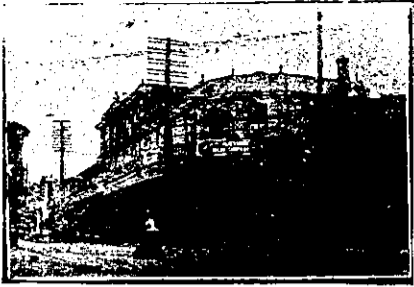
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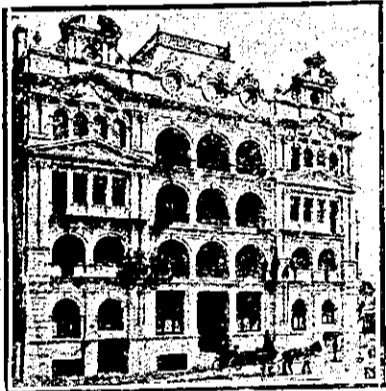
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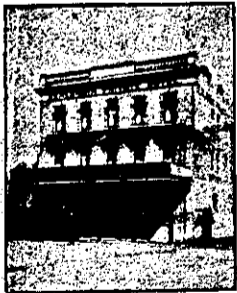
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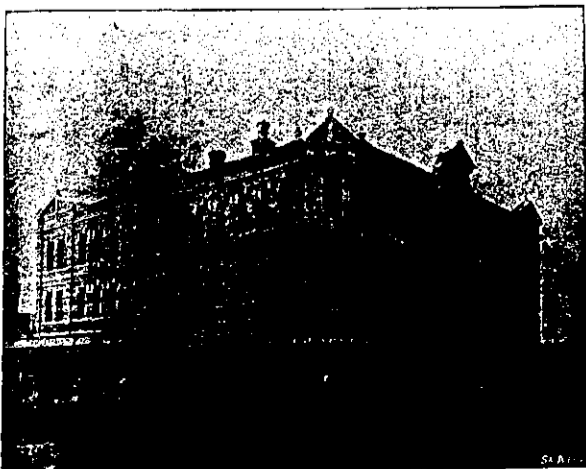
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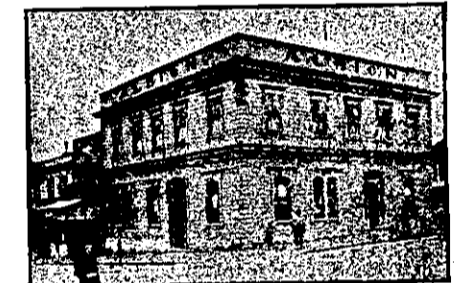
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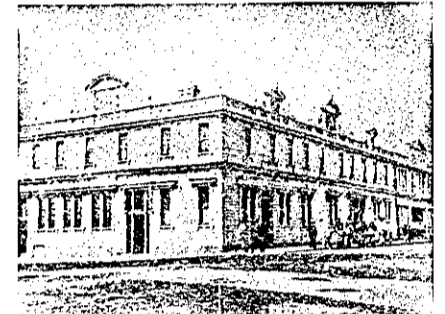


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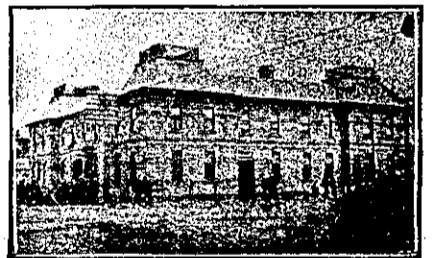
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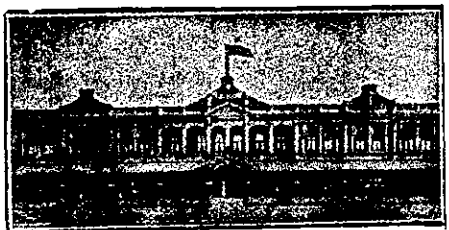
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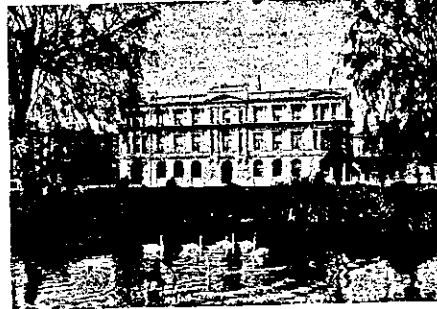
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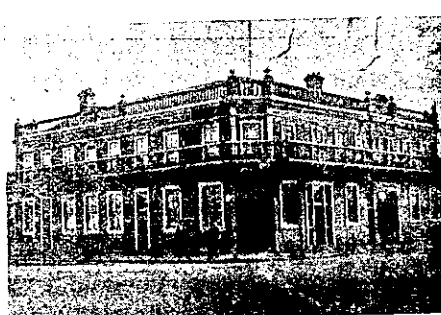
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