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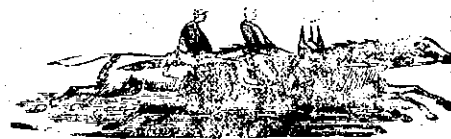
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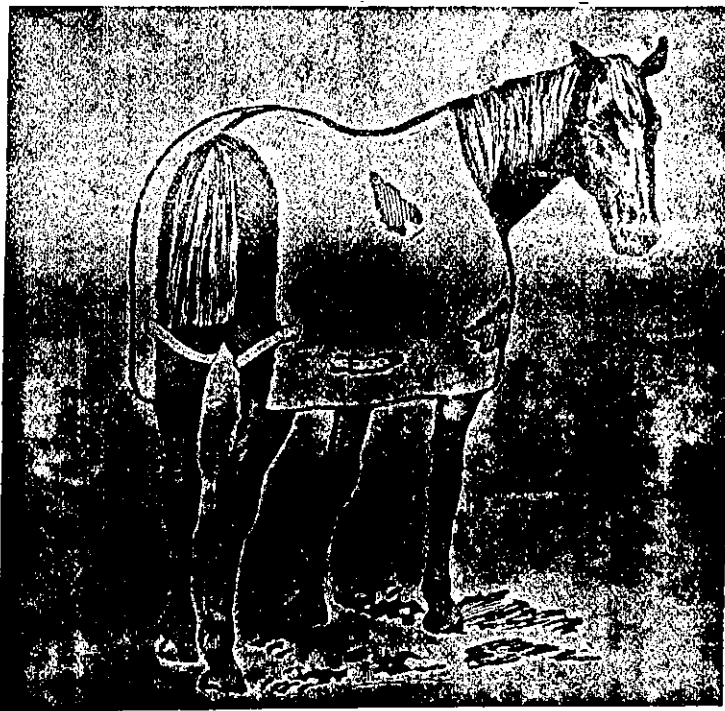
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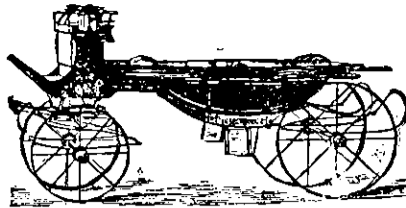
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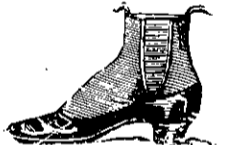
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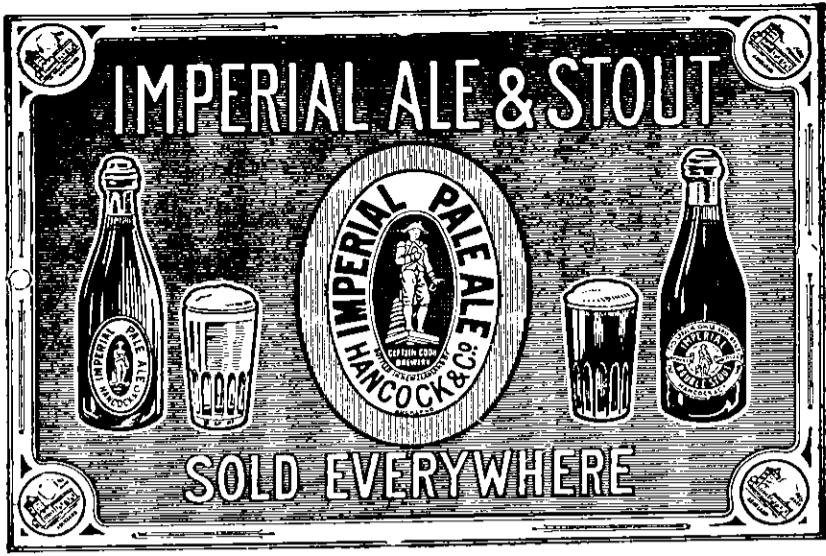
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THE TROTTING CONFERENCE.

The Trotting Conference will commence its deliberations on Monday next, when the chief business to be transacted will be the consideration of the draft Rules of Trotting as prepared by the committee appointed by the Conference and forwarded to the affiliated clubs for suggestions. This is a very important work, and one which will doubtless occupy a considerable amount of time, although, as the various matters involved have already been fully considered, the delegates should have their minds fully made up as to the line of action to be pursued. Among the few notices of motion is one by the Tahuna Park Trotting Club, which it is to be hoped for the good of the sport in these parts will not become law. It is to the effect that there should be added to Rule 26 the words: "No paid official of any club shall be eligible for nomination" as a member of the Board of the Association. Should this be carried, both the North Island delegates, Messrs. C. F. Mark and J. H. Pollock, would be ineligible to act any longer. Now in theory the suggestion may have merit, although even this is doubtful, but in practice if it has the effect of driving the two gentlemen mentioned out of the Board, then we say with no uncertain voice—away with it. If asked as to which gentleman had done the most to further the interests of trotting in Auckland, perhaps ninety-nine per cent. of the individuals so questioned would immediately point to Mr. Mark. For years past he has devoted an immense amount of time and trouble to fostering trotting in the North, and it is largely owing to his untiring efforts that the pastime is gradually emerging from the cloud which for-

merly enveloped it. There certainly seems nothing to commend the suggestion that he should be retired from the Board because he is the secretary of the Auckland Trotting Club. One would think that this ought to prove an additional reason why he should be elected, as a secretary of a club would be more likely to have a comprehensive grasp of the subject than any lay member. Of Mr. Pollock the same may be said. He is handicapper for the Masterton Trotting Club and the Hutt Park Trotting Club, and therefore, according to the Tahuna Club, should not be a delegate. Here again the fact that Mr. Pollock is obliged to visit the meetings of these and other clubs should make him fully conversant with the needs and requirements of the sport, and should, of course, be an additional qualification in his favour if such were needed, which it is not. The Conference will do the sport no harm as far as the North Island is concerned if they give the motion short shrift.

THE POPULARITY OF RACING.

From time to time the question arises as to whether racing enjoys the popularity it did in what is generally called, or, rather, mis-called, the good old days. Veterans of the turf tell us that in the years gone by more people went racing for the pure love of the sport than is the case nowadays. These always insist, too, that a day's racing was much more enjoyable years ago than is the case to-day, but they forget that it is advancing age that has robbed them of the keen zest for the sport they formerly felt. Also, there is much truth in the old adage that distance lends enchantment to the view. There are signs, however, that racing is by many people not held in quite as much esteem as was formerly the case, but it would be an exaggeration, perhaps, to say that it has really lost caste. In an interesting article on the present state of sport in the colonies, the "Australasian" says of racing that against the enmity of a large class in the community, who see nothing but evil in it, who are sincere in their views, but who, none the less, confuse cause and effect, the turf maintains its prestige—as well as could be expected. If it has been damaged at all, the injury has been inflicted by those who have taken no active part in the promotion of racing as a national sport, but who, none the less, are pleased to consider themselves its followers and friends. It is the parasites of the turf who have brought it into disrepute—the betting club promoters and other harnies of the kind, who, while mouthing conventional hypocrisies in the name of sport, are fattening upon the follies of the community, just as surely as the confidence man who watches for his victims at a city street corner. The interests of sport have just as much influence upon the one type of social plague as friendship in its true meaning has to the other. Both make professions of sentiments which they understand only as useful aids to loot, and both laugh in secret at the "mugs" they have so easily humbugged.

The ethical aspect of the question is not worth discussing. It has come to a stage when the great bulk of people are not moved by consideration of the general principles of right and wrong, but who can still in their best moods be appealed to as men with national pride, with a national desire for the honour and prosperity of their country—men whose political methods are as wide asunder as the poles, but whose aim and end is still the welfare of humanity. If this sentiment has been weakened at all it is by the too-ready acceptance of the fallacy that either individual or national prosperity is not necessarily due to industrial and intellectual effort, but that it can be achieved, or, at least, aided by the lottery of chance—otherwise by gambling. Even their party prejudices are used to their disadvantage in being cunningly adapted as a lure to coax them into the traps which a legion of harpies and vagabonds have set for them. This is absolutely the worst phase of the evil—the attempt to turn party and political prejudices to the advantage of the parasites who store for their own benefit the wealth that poorer men earn.

Whenever the public sentiment in favour of honesty, decency, and industry is flagrantly outraged, the reaction inevitably comes. There are signs of it now in the crusade against professional gamblers, in the promise of new legislation to deal with gamb-

ing. The unfortunate thing is that the reaction is often more violent than wise; that the indignation which accompanies it fails to discriminate clearly between the causes of error; and that the national sports with which the evil-doers for their own ends associate themselves are apt to suffer in common with those who are the worst enemies of sport. That is one reason why we think that the turf may in some measure suffer both materially and in repute by a reaction directed only against the spoiler and the specious fraud.

. NOTES .

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The Gisborne Racing Club's steeplechase meeting commences to-day.

The Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting takes place on the 11th and 14th inst.

Handicaps are due for the C.J.C. Grand National events on July 16.

The death is reported from Gisborne of Gaitee More, who broke his neck while being schooled over the big jumps.

It is reported that old Halberdier is to be nominated for the Auckland Cup.

Sea Lion has been shipped across to Australia. This brother to Achilles will require a very light impost to have any chance of a win, for he is very moderate.

The Quilt gelding Comfort got badly cut when competing in the Napier Steeplechase, part of his leg being stripped.

The handsome full brother to Wairiki has been nominated for the rich Maribyrnong Plate. He has been called after the late Premier.

Melodeon has been scratched for the New Zealand Cup, being the first horse to drop out of that race.

Among the local horses running at the Gisborne meeting to-day are Hakaria, Kruger, Cuiragno, Loch Fyne, and Trepine.

The jumpers Cavalry and Swimmer go South this week in charge of T. A. Williams. After competing at Wellington they will journey on to Riccarton for the big meeting in August.

Noctuniform has been entered for the Prix de Conseil Municipal, the big event of the October meeting at the beautiful Longchamps course, near Paris.

The progeny of Phoebus Apollo continue to win races in Westralia. Garrison, a two-year-old son of the defunct Auckland sire and Vivandiere, won a race last month, putting down a field of a dozen.

Seventeen horses remain in the Avondale Stakes and thirteen in the Avondale Guineas, the two classic races of the Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting.

The following horses should run at Gisborne to-day:—Hurdles, Cuiragno; Flying Handicap, Trent; Park Steeplechase, Kruger; Winter Oats, Mahutonga; Hack Steeplechase, Loch Fyne.

In the list of entries for the Avondale Stakes appear seventeen unnamed ones. The following are suggested as suitable names for the youngsters:—b g, by Soul—Miss Dauphin, Fleur-de-lys; b f, by Menschikoff—Slave, The Serf; b f, by Soul—Lottie, Lottery; br c, by Hotchkiss—Aleger, Legerdemail; b c, by Menschikoff—Jennie Deans, Crinia; br f, by Hotchkiss—Sister Francis, Red Cross; br f, by Menschikoff—Castorlace, La Russe; br f, by Bluejacket—Radiant, Blue Sky; ch f, by San Francisco—Campania, Destruction; br f, by Phoebus Apollo—Eve, Aphrodite; b c, by Freedom—Black Watch, The Bruce; b c, by Cyrenian—Miss Annie, Misanthrope; b f, by Cyrenian—Dreamland, Land o' Nod; ch f, by Cyrenian—Lute, Songbird; b f, by Eton—Guinevere, Idyll; blk c, by Soul—Inamorata, The Lover; br c, by Explosion—Miss Rose, Report.

The Monaco gelding Faro won a double at the Napier Park meeting. He belongs to Mr. J. Clark.

From Wellington comes word of the death of the brood mare Leda, who was got by Castor from Welcome Katle.

At the Napier Park R.C. Winter Meeting last week the sum of £13,028 was put through the totalisator, an increase of £1955 on last year's fixture.

Treadmill having broken down again, has once more been relegated to the stud, but this time for good.

Practically nothing has been done in the way of training work at Ellerslie lately, the heavy rain having thoroughly saturated the tracks.

Two Auckland veterans in Haydn and Cannongate will not be seen out at the Wellington meeting.

Nominations for the Auckland Racing Club's committee close on Monday, July 30. The annual meeting takes place on August 6.

Mr. C. O'Connor will be in charge of the starting barrier at Gisborne today. The right man for the place.

Pearl Necklet has been sent to Wellington with a view to assisting at the meeting next week.

Miss King is among the entries for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race to be run on Saturday. She carries 10st 6lb.

In the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, which will be run for on Saturday week, Up-to-Date has 12st 7lb and Miss King 10st 5lb.

The Carbine colt Ramrod won the Maiden Plate of £500 at Kempton Park on May 12.

The death of the Sout mare Annette is reported. She was a clipping good mare, and when really well could show the way to the best, as she proved in the case of King Billy, Boomerang and Co. Unfortunately she was a rather difficult one to train or more races would have come her way.

As showing the quality of the horses some people think good enough to win the Melbourne Cup, it may be pointed out that no less than 84 horses are handicapped as under 7st, while 35 are in at the minimum.

Achilles has been given 9st 12lb in the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap and 9st 7lb in the Metropolitan. Evidently the Sydney handicapper doesn't wish the son of Medallion to cross the Tasman Sea.

The V.R.C. Grand National Meeting commences next Saturday, and will be continued on the following Wednesday and Saturday.

Bachelor's Button and Pretty Polly, who ran first and second in the Ascot Gold Cup, were both bred in Ireland.

The subscribers to the A.J.C. Derby of 1907-8 race total 128. The Hon. J. D. Ormond holds the highest hand, his representatives totalling half a dozen, all of whom claim the imported horse, Birkenhead (by Orme), as sire. Mr. G. G. Stead has three nominations, among whom is Boniform, a brother to Sun God; another New Zealand sportsman, Mr. G. Palmer, has a half-sister (by Royal Artillery), to Isolt, standing in his name; while Sir Geo. Clifford has nominated the Clanranald colt, Glenculloch, half-brother to the well-performed Quarryman, and full brother to that smart filly Glenowlet.

The great blot on the Caulfield Cup handicap is the absurd handicap given to Menschikoff. In his very best form he would not have been entitled to the weight given him, but now he has been at the stud for several years, to load him up with top weight in a list of 172 horses, including all the champions of the Commonwealth, is to come perilously near making a burlesque of the race. It is bad handicapping to find Achilles with 9st 12lb in the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap, but the treatment of Menschikoff is infinitely worse.

Reviewing the handicaps for the Melbourne Cup, the Melbourne correspondent of the "Town and Country Journal" says that Dividend, if he can be got to the post, should have a show with his 9st 5lb, and Emir is not harshly treated at a pound less, but his temper does not improve, and Marvel Loch should be handy with 9st 11lb if she retains all her old form. Lady Wallace must be given a show with 8st 13lb, but Boabdil is bound for India, and may not run. If Gladstone can stay, 8st 12lb is not too much for her, while Lord Ullin's Daughter, on the same mark, should have a chance. Sweet Nell and Fifeness (8st 11lb) are not too kindly treated, neither is Torah at 11lb less, but I like Mahutonga at 8st 10lb and Maniapoto at 8st 7lb. Of the others, Scot Free 8.5, Tatterdemallion 8.2, Dynamite 8.0, Collarlit 7.12, Proceed 7.9, Antonious 7.9, Ebulition 7.7, Port Arthur 7.0, Pompous 6.12, and Melodrama and Disaster at the same weights, must all be given special consideration.

Menschikoff is well taken care of in the Caulfield Cup with 9.7, but these stallions get very gross, and are hard to train, so I question if he will get to the post, and probably will not show his old form if he does. Emir, Dividend, and Marvel Loch, 9st 5lb each, have nothing to complain of, and Gladstone at 2lb less should be dangerous, if she can get the journey, with increasing age, which I doubt. Lady Wallace and Maniapoto at 9st 11lb are not overburdened, while Boabdil and Sweet Nell, at 8st 11lb, must not be overlooked. Blue Spec with 8st 9lb has quite enough; but Scot

An interested spectator at Newmarket (England) of the finishing touches of the toilette of the Guineas winner, Gorgos, was the veteran Mr. Henry Chaplin, whose Hermit won the Derby in the memorable snow-storm year of 1867.

That there will be a good attendance at Trentham next Wednesday and the following Saturday is very certain, and the Railway Department appears alive to the occasion, as special trains are advertised to leave Te Aro and Wellington for the course, from the former place at 10.30 and 10.51, and from Wellington at 10.30, 10.50, 11.0, and 1.10 p.m., returning after the races.

I understand the name chosen for the Menschikoff—Golden Rose colt, viz., King of the Ring, has been disallowed. Perhaps Ring of Gold or Goldfire might do as well.

I notice Messrs. Scott and Martindale, the well-known Wellington commission agents, have a treble book open on the Winter Cup, G.N. Steeplechase and Hurdle Race, the quotation being £400 to 5s.

The New Zealanders Nonette, Miss King, Lion Heart and Black Diamond have reached Melbourne safely.

Of the New Zealanders in the Melbourne Cup Gladstone has most weight with 8st 13lb, and then comes Mahutonga 8.10, Maniapoto 8.7, Grand Rapids 8.5, Multifid 8.3, Solution 7.8, Delaware 7.1, and Melodeon 7.0. The latter is perhaps the best treated of the lot.

Thursday Slow Tom was sent for a spin over a few jumps, but he only went at a medium pace. Narcissus went faster than Slow Tom, and gave a fair exhibition of jumping. This horse takes his jumps much quicker than he did a year ago, and is showing improvement all round.

The Guesser, who has not done any racing for some time past, is now a regular attendant on the tracks. He was given some schooling work over hurdles one day last week, and jumped as well as ever.

The Stepniak—Illusion filly Corea has been sold to Messrs. Dempsey Bros., of Victoria, and left for her new home this week. The filly realised about £200.

On Monday morning Magnificent, Tirole, and Wi Waka galloped one round over hurdles. They kept a sound pace all the way, and jumped every hurdle in fine style. Wi Waka had the best of the gallop. Tirole lost some ground at the start, but jumped well for a beginner. He is just the sort of horse to make a good hurdler.

Eurus is getting through some solid work, and he should be in his best form by National time.

Shrapnel is being whispered about as a very likely winner of this year's Grand National Hurdle Race. The Workman gelding has done nothing over sticks to warrant his position in the betting market, but from information gleaned from a reliable quarter, I am inclined to think the best has not been seen of this horse in public.

The favourite Grand National double is Kiatere and Exmoor, but latterly Shrapnel has been eagerly inquired after. To-day he is quite as



Some of the starters in the Clarkson Road Race, Palmerston North.

Free is entitled to respect on the same mark, while Famous may get the distance. I don't think we have ever seen the best of Grand Rapids, and he may run well with 8st 7lb, but I like Torah better at 8st 5lb, and Little Toy reads well at 8st 11lb. Collarlit has enough with 8st, and Dynamite with 11lb less. Sylvan King and Charles Stuart are not hardly dealt with at the same weight, and Proceed should run well with 7st 11lb. Of all the others, nothing seems to me better in than Roycroft, 7st 9lb; Nipper, Scorcher, and Antonious, 7st 7lb; Pompous, Pliable, Dyed Garments, and Port Arthur, 6st 13lb; Tom Moore, 6st 9lb; Gapon, Ellis, and Lord Allendale, at 6st 7lb.

When commenting upon the racing at Kempton Park on May 12, a writer in the "London Sportsman" said:—"Noctiform, who set foot upon an English racecourse for the first time, was closely scrutinised prior to the Trial Handicap, and was generally considered a very taking horse. A chestnut, with scarcely any white about, he is a trifle above the average in size, his formation is beautifully symmetrical, and when thoroughly acclimatised and trained he should show fine muscular development. With 9st 4lb in the saddle on Saturday he was not expected to accomplish much, and was outpaced from the start."

INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, July 4.

Melodeon is the first horse to drop out of the New Zealand Cup. He was scratched at nine a.m. on Friday last.

Applications for trainers' and jockeys' licenses for 1906-07 must be made to the Canterbury Jockey Club on Friday, July 20.

Stronghold and Chryseis will probably go to Wellington for the flat handicaps. The former has received quite his full share of weight in the Stewards' Handicap, but Chryseis reads well in the Parliamentary Handicap.

Magnificent and Wi Waka will compete at Wellington. F. Holmes has the pair well forward, and under the light scale of weights they should run prominently in their engagements.

I hear that Mr. J. Buckley has decided not to race Phaetonitis or Ability at Wellington. The pair have done a lot of racing lately, and will undergo a special preparation for the National meeting.

Slow Tom and Narcissus have been getting through some satisfactory work over steeplechase fences. On

good a favourite as the Grafton gelding.

Rain has fallen almost every day during the past week. To-day it is simply teeming down, and very little work is being done at Riccarton. Most of the horses having engagements at the Grand National meeting are, however, getting plenty of walking exercise on roads.

The property comprising thirteen acres occupied by G. Murray-Aynsley is for sale. This is one of the best properties round about Riccarton.

Helios, Wissembourg and High Peak, three jumpers, have put in an appearance at Riccarton, and will be prepared for events at the National meeting.

I hear that Slow Tom, Rongoa, and Tirole, and probably Eurus, will go to Wellington this week.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

WELLINGTON RACES, 11th and 14th JULY.

Trains leave Te Aro for Racecourse at 10.30 and 10.51 a.m., Wellington 10.30, 10.50, 11.0 a.m., and 1.10 p.m.

Trains leave Racecourse for Wellington and Te Aro at 4.35 and 5.10 p.m., and for Wellington only at 4.53 p.m.

BY ORDER.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, July 5.

The winter meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club opened on Wednesday. It was a gloomy morning, but during the afternoon the sun shone brightly, and with the exception of a bit of a gale late in the day, the spectators had no cause for complaint. The attendance was satisfactorily large for a winter meeting, and the sport was in every way enjoyable. The various events were keenly contested, and though it is true that some of the victories were rather easy, betting was lively and speculation well sustained. The amount put through the totalisator was £6591, as against £5811 on the first day of last winter meeting, an increase of £780.

In the Napier Steeplechase Mr. T. H. Lowry's Comfort met with an unfortunate mishap, striking one of the fences in rising to the jump. The skin of a foreleg was stripped from the knee upwards. Comfort finished second, but so severe was the injury that Mr. A. T. Danvers, veterinary surgeon, had to put in several stitches.

The Napier Park were favoured with fine weather for the second day of their winter meeting on Thursday, and there was a good attendance. The interest of the day's sport was only marred by a couple of accidents. There was a general tumble in the Waiohiki Hurdles in which Gold Seal

came down and brought down Oryx, Rechabite, Earth Stopper, and Jack Pot to grass with him. Kiatere, who started a strong favourite in the Park Steeplechase, and looked an almost certain winner, blundered at the sod wall on the last round, leaving Westward to toddle home as he pleased. The only other contestant, Blackberry, being at no time dangerous.

The other races were well contested, and in several instances the fields were comparatively large. The sum put through the totalisator was £6432, as against £5257 on the second day of last winter meeting. For the two days the total was £13,023, as compared with £11,068 in 1905, an increase of £1955.

Benair has finished his racing career, having run his last race on the concluding day of the Napier Park Racing Club's winter venture. Ben Godfrey's son has been purchased by Mr. F. Armstrong, of Akitio Station, who intends to use him as a stallion on his estate.

Florio has completely recovered from the mishap that prevented him from putting in an appearance at the Wanganui fixture. Geo. Collelo has him looking in fine buckle, and successfully coping with his exertions on the track.

Collelo has lately taken in hand a coming three-year-old colt by The Possible out of Rotomahana. He is a fine big lump of a horse, but is yet too green to give any indication of galloping powers.

Mr. E. J. Watt left last week for Wellington en route for Sydney and Melbourne, where he will be absent on a pleasure trip for about a month.

P. Moore has joined W. W. Jones' establishment, and as his employer has got a strong team in work, every prospect will be given Moore to demonstrate his ability in the pigskin.

Mr. F. Martin, owner of Rechabite and Moata, leaves shortly on a trip to the Old Country.

Merriving has been purchased by a client of W. Stone's.

The Squatter is shortly to be added to the list of geldings.

Monarque and Oasis are under orders for Trentham with the object of assisting at the Wellington Racing Club's venture this month.

Captain Shannon is striding along satisfactorily in his track work at Napier Park, and it is probable he will put in an appearance at Trentham this month.

Harry Moore has secured a lease of Martindale Lodge at Hastings, the quarters from which Percy Martin used in days gone by to prepare Mr. H. Gollan's string from.

A. Woods is sprinting along the coming two-year-old daughter of San Fran and Mongonui, and the San Fran—Amoureux colt. Both youngsters show a lot of pace and determination in their gallops.

Mr. W. H. Davis' Starlight and Dawn after Dark were railed by their trainer, W. Glue, to Masterton this morning to take part in the coursing meeting. Another unnamed dog was also forwarded to make a maiden run on the same occasion. These dogs will also compete at the Martinborough meeting.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, July 4.

The imposts allotted by the A.J.C. handicapper to Achilles for the Epsom and Metropolitan Handicaps have been freely discussed in local sporting circles. It is generally agreed that the Porirua horse has the utmost ounce any handicapper could have dealt out to him for the Epsom Handicap. With 9st 9lb Achilles was defeated at Wellington over a mile and a-quarter after getting well away and having a clear run throughout the race. Under similar circumstances there is no doubt but that he would run a sound mile, but with the inevitable interference he may be expected to meet with, his prospects do not look sufficiently enticing to induce his owner to risk the trip to Sydney.

Achilles' Metropolitan impost is 11b more than "Mr. Monk's" horse carried into second place in the Wellington Cup, and with this weight no fault can be found, but amongst the large number of horses allotted medium and feather weights it is only reasonable to expect some will develop such improvement in form that will surprise even the handicapper, and thus put the task of winning beyond even Achilles. I understand that "Mr. Monk" has not seriously considered making the trip with his horse. J. Prosser, Achilles' mentor, has at present upwards of 30 horses in his boxes, and would find it exceed-

ingly inconvenient to spare time for the trip, and C. Jenkins having expressed a disinclination to go to Sydney, it would appear that the journey may not be undertaken.

Mr. Whyte, secretary to the W.R.C., has received a large number of applications for boxes at Trentham, and a good muster of horses is expected for the club's winter meeting. The steeplechase course is now complete, and has been pronounced by experts to be a capital one. The first fence is 18 yards wide, and this will admit of 12 horses racing at it abreast, so that there will be no occasion for riders to scramble for a position. All the fences are well placed, and although solid, should be easily negotiated by well-schooled horses piloted by men who know their business.

Lualla, recently purchased by a Wellington sport and placed in Frank Higgott's charge, was found dead in a small paddock, where she has been turned out for a run. Lualla was by Hotchkiss—St. Mary, and won several races for her former owner, Mr. F. Cooper.

Defoe has not made as rapid a recovery as was expected, and will not be in condition to take part in the events which are to be decided at Trentham next week.

Roller and Sleepwell, who completely broke down at the Hawke's Bay meeting, have been thrown out of training.

Comfort, who sustained a bad cut on his forearm whilst training in the Napier Park Steeplechase, may not be sufficiently recovered in time to continue his Wellington engagements.

I understand that the executive of the W.R.C. will continue to use Mr. J. Ames' totalisators. The patent electric machine, which was placed in position by an Australian company, has been discarded. As Mr. Ames handled £48,000 in two days at the club's last summer meeting, visitors to Trentham will find the facilities for making their investments ample.

Preparations have been made for the annual conference of the Racing and Trotting Conferences. The last-named body will assemble on Monday, the 9th inst., and the Racing Conference will meet on Thursday, the 12th.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, July 4.

A visit paid to Wingatui at the latter end of last week discovered matters turfy to be in a dormant state, and most of the horses which were in commission during the year are having a rest after their more or less successful labours under silk. A call was made at J. Rutledge's, and it was found that the additions to his stables had been completed, and the new boxes almost ready for habitation. Rutledge will now have accommodation for 11 horses, and as there has always been a demand for his services, it is safe to say the extra boxes will soon be tenanted. At the present the team in active commission and doing useful work are Curosetia, Astrakhan, Abusive, The Birkenhead—Merganser colt, and the brace of yearlings recently imported from Sydney. The yearlings were cantered during the afternoon, and the Grafton colt, who is a fine rangy fellow with a splendid set of legs, has an attractive style of moving. He swings along with a sweeping stride

which suggests he will be a breadwinner when he is muscled up into racing condition. The Sir Tristram colt is smaller than his stable companion, and not so thick or well furnished behind as his compatriot. He hifs out with more fight than the Grafton colt, probably because he does not possess such a placid temper as has the latter. Both look a pair of fairly promising sorts, and in good time it is to be hoped that their owner will be rewarded for his welcome addition to our list of horses at headquarters.

It is a pity Dunedin could not discover a few more patrons like the chief patrons of Rutledge's stable, but meantime we will have to be content to rub along in our little tin-pot way. It is not encouraging to think that only three stables at Wingatui would have to shut their gates, and we would then be in possession of a battlefield without the equine soldiers to play at war. Good luck to those that keep in the business.

Vladimir was inspected where he is running out, and it was pleasing to note that the son of Mist has evidently derived a considerable amount of benefit from his enforced spell, as his legs have firmed down, and look as if they may survive another preparation. Whether they will or not can only be decided on the track, but it is to be hoped they will, as with few good 'uns we can ill spare a Vladimir.

W. McDonald was on the track with a couple of Lord Rosslyn fillies and Amethyst, a rising three-year-old by Lord Rosslyn out of Tourmaline. The trio were cantered, and shaped pleasingly. At his invitation a visit was paid to the stables, and the rugs were removed from Notus (who represents our New Zealand Cup nomination), Sychem, and Apollodoris. Notus is looking well and healthy, but unfortunately has a callous enlargement on the inside of his off fore pastern, which may prove troublesome when the ground gets hard. This is a result of getting put on to the rails whilst running in the Sockburn Handicap at the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting. In what work he is doing Notus moves soundly enough at present.

Sychem is also looking very well, but sports a slightly suspicious foreleg, the origin of which trouble is surmised to have started when he was racing on the second day of the D.J.C. Winter Meeting.

Apollodoris has been indulgently treated since he last raced at Wingatui, and as a result he has filled out a bit and freshened up considerably. Apollodoris appears to have grown up a bit, but if he never grows another hair he has proved that valuable packages are frequently found in small parcels.

McDonald has a quartette running out at present, and it consists of Afer, Hamattan, Sonia, and Erikine. The first-named showed considerable promise in the spring, but she raced with a combination of bad luck and disappointment, which prevented her displaying in public what she was capable of showing in private.

Some Southland enthusiasts are forming a coursing club.

It is unlikely that Pipi will make the journey to Wellington.

Chrichton is in work at his owner's private track, but is said to be anything but the Chrichton of old in appearance.

Messrs. BARNETT AND GRANT report the following quotations on the G.N. Hurdles and Steeplechase:—

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Eurus	33			50		66
Sol, Phaetonitis, Kiatere		50		66		150
Comfort, Haydn Nadador, Swimmer Baritone, Playfair		66		100		200
Moccasin, Hautapu, Waiwera Narcissus, Pipi		100		200		350
Mawhiti, Hakaria Graduated Tax		150		250		400
Manazona, Rongoa Sleepwell, Victory		200		300		500
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WANGANUI.

Wanganui, July 4.

There is little or nothing doing in the sporting line in Wanganui at the present time.

Harry Jackson's team continues to do serviceable work. The New Zealand Cup candidate Armistice is going on satisfactorily, and is gradually finishing down. Providing Jackson succeeds in landing the daughter of Mahaki at the post at Riccarton as fit as she was at Ellerslie last summer, she will be very hard to beat.

Ben More was taken to the Napier Park meeting, and carried a deal of Wanganui money in the Bracelet on the strength of some good work which the gelding had been doing on the local track. However, the old fellow could only manage to run third.

Defoe has not got over the injury he sustained in the big Steeples here sufficiently to be put into work again yet, and "Mr. Whitney" has had the gelding blistered and turned out. He will not be taken up again until the spring.

Local sports were glad to see H. Alexander score a win with Albuera in the Settlers' Handicap at the Napier Park gathering. Harry has taken a lot of pains with Mr. G. M. Currie's mare, and well deserved a win.

The grey gelding Rangiwheua was taken over to the Napier Park meeting by Walter Raynor, who had the son of Rangipuhi in his very best possible form. The gelding, however, was not class enough for the opposition, and finished amongst the unplaced division. During the meeting Rangiwheua was sold by Mr. Coombes for £150 to Mr. Mackersey, a Napier sport, and in future the grey will be trained by Hickey. Though the price is a very good one, the gelding might prove a good investment if properly placed, and not asked to tackle horses like Exmoor, Shrapnel and Co.

Walter Raynor's many friends were pleased to hear of his win on Faro at the Park. This was his first winning mount since he had his collarbone broken at Feilding, when Science met with his untimely end. With the death of that horse and the sale of Rangiwheua, this popular trainer-rider is left without any horses to look after, but such a reliable and painstaking mentor is not likely to be long idle.

Word reached Wanganui last week that Kuroki, which arrived in Sydney in good condition, had had his name altered to General Kuroki. The Fiske gelding, we have learnt by cable, ran second on Saturday at Warwick Farm in a two-mile hurdle race. Frank Lind, who took Kuroki to Sydney, has been offered the mount on Mercury in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, to be decided next Saturday. Mercury is trained by W. Kelso, and is reputed to be above the average.

Handsome Rose was well backed locally in each of his engagements at the Park, but the Fordell-trained gelding could only manage to run second each day, and his backers had not the satisfaction of getting any of their money back owing to there being no second dividend in either race. His owner (Mr. W. Chapman) had a good bet on his horse each day, I understand, but the gelding quite failed to run up to expectations, his jumping being very slovenly.

Mr. B. T. Bennett's fine-looking gelding Walone is still being hacked about at Kai-iwi. The rising four-year-old son of Waiuku and Leone started to grow too fast, and was therefore given a good spell. Walone will, I hear, be shortly put into commission.

The El Draque mare Ellady is being qualified for the forthcoming Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club meeting. The half-sister to Pokomoko can both jump and gallop.

Mr. J. Belcher is handling a rising three-year-old chestnut colt by Sylvia Park from Wangaeu's dam. The youngster shows plenty of quality, and can, I understand, be purchased for a reasonable sum.

A well-known sporting publican sent a cheque to the widow of the late Sam. Fergus, which was suitably acknowledged. Others endowed with a fair share of this world's goods should go and do likewise.

SIRES OF THE SEASON.

SEATON DELAVAL.

Among the first of the sires whose services are advertised this season appears the name of Seaton Delaval, who is beyond question one of the finest and most successful stallions ever brought to this colony. He was bred in 1889, and was got by the English Derby and St. Leger winner Melton out of Moss Rose, by King Tom out of Couleur de Rose, by the great West Australian, who carried off both the blue and red ribbons of the English turf. Seaton Delaval's sire Melton was one of the most famous horses of his day. Sold to the Italian Government for £10,000 he was so highly esteemed by English breeders that he was brought back to England, where his stock proved wonderfully successful. Rotherhill, the sire of Rosedale, was got by the St. Leger winner Lord Clifden out of Laura, the dam of the great Petrarch, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger. This latter race seems indeed to have been a specialty for the family, as Lord Clifden's sire Newminster also won it, as did Melton's great grandsire Stockwell. From the above it is not difficult to see that some of the finest running blood in the world is to be found in Seaton Delaval, and it is not difficult to understand why he has got some great gallopers. Seaton Delaval was himself a performer of more than ordinary note, as will be seen when it is mentioned that his victories included the Great Northern Handicap of 500sovs one mile and three-quarters; and the Great Northumberland Plate of 1000sovs, two miles. He was only beaten a head in the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom, run over two and a-quarter miles, and as in these races many good winners finished behind him, it seems evident that Seaton Delaval could both gallop and stay. That he can transmit his good qualities to his descendants he has proved up to the hilt, for his stock have already won some £50,000 in stakes, which places him at the head of living sires to-day as far as the colonies are concerned. Such a beautifully-bred stallion, especially one sound in wind and limb as he is, was certain to get gallopers, and some of his progeny have given ample evidence of the truth of this. No finer mare ever left Auckland than Gladstone, who has won over all distances and against all the champions of the Commonwealth. Such a great mare should alone be able to sustain her sire's reputation, but Seaton Delaval has begot many other winners. For instance, we have seen few finer horses than Nonette, surely one of the gamest animals that ever looked out of a bridle, and a winner over all distances. Then there was that good mare Rosella, a beautifully-made animal and a racehorse every inch of her. Miss Delaval, the winner of the Great Northern Derby and Canterbury Oaks, among other races, was another clipper, and a stayer at that. Then there was Blue Paul, one of the best ponies we have ever seen in Auckland, which is indeed saying much. The list of Seaton Delaval's winning stock could indeed be extended almost ad infinitum, but enough has been written to show that the son of Melton has proved a great stud success. As will be seen in another column, he will stand this season at twenty guineas, an exceedingly moderate fee for such a well-tryed horse. It is an offer which we think owners of suitably-bred mares will not be slow to take advantage of.

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RULES OF TROTTING.

By the chairman of the Rules Revision Committee—

"That the draft rules of trotting, as prepared by the committee appointed by the Conference and forwarded to affiliated clubs (after consideration of all suggestions meanwhile received), be now considered by the Conference, with a view to the adoption of such rules as the New Zealand Rules of Trotting."

And, after the consideration of the draft rules has been completed—

"That the rules of trotting now considered amended and approved by the Trotting Conference of New Zealand, come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1906, and from that date shall rescind and be in lieu of the rules of trotting hitherto in force in New Zealand, except as to matters or things done, members and officials of the New Zealand Trotting Association and Trotting Clubs appointed, entries or nominations received, rights and powers acquired, and liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, fines, punishments, and proceedings incurred or instituted thereunder. All matters pending when these rules come into force shall be proceeded with and continued under these rules. All appointments made and programmes issued under the Rules of Trotting hereby rescinded shall be deemed to be made and issued under and subject to these rules."

By the Tahuna Park Trotting Club—Part IV., Rule 26—Add "no paid official of any club shall be eligible for nomination."

Part VII., Rule 87 (a)—Substitute £125 for £150.

Part VII., Rule 87 (b)—Substitute £275 for £300.

Part VII., Rule 87 (c)—Substitute £175 for £200.

Rule 38—Substitute word "net" for "gross" in second line.

Part XII., Rule 125—Substitute "accepting" for "nominating" in second line.

Part XXI., Rule 197 (a)—Delete the words "livery stable or."

Part XXX., Rule 263—Substitute "ten" for "five" in ninth line.

VENTILATION OF STABLES.

Many stables are too small to accommodate the number of horses kept in them, and these buildings, unless they are carefully ventilated, will either expose their occupants to dangerous draughts or else become nothing but places in which diseases may be transmitted from one animal to another. A small, ill-ventilated stable, be it remembered, is a prolific source of wind troubles, as people can discover for themselves if they are present when doors are first opened at the end of a long winter's night. On the other hand, a stable can almost be too large and airy at this time of the year, that is to say, if the condition of the coats of the occupants is a matter of concern to the owner. Of the two evils, however, the latter is decidedly the lesser, for the heat of the horses' bodies can be kept up by the extra rug or two as circumstances demand. Regarding the question of clothing, it may be remarked that in this connection, as in most other things, the best is invariably the cheapest in the long run, and therefore it is false economy to invest in low-priced articles. A good woollen suit will last far longer than a shoddy one, and in addition will keep its wearer warmer and more comfortable, whilst after a little wear it will look much better, which is a matter that is worthy of consideration.—Breeder and Sportsman.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Ross and Bradshaw report the following business on the GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES.

- 1400 to 2—Pipi and Sleepwell
- 1200 to 4—Narcissus and Welbeck
- 1200 to 5—Slow Tom and Magnificent
- 1000 to 16—Eurus and Exmoor
- 1000 to 10—Baritone and Exmoor, Baritone and Shrapnel

800 to 12—Slow Tom and Exmoor
WELLINGTON STEEPLES AND WINTER HURDLES.

- 500 to 5—Comfort and Handsome Rose
- 400 to 8—Kiatree and Shrapnel
- 400 to 6—Eurus and Cavalry
- 400 to 6—Phaetonitis and Irish
- 300 to 4—Irish and Florio

Messrs. Scott and Martindale (Wellington) report the following business on the

WELLINGTON STEEPLES AND WINTER HURDLES.

- 400 to 4—South Star and Pushful
- 300 to 2—South Star and Sol
- 500 to 10—Nadador and Florio
- 300 to 2—Nadador and Defoe
- 500 to 8—Irish and Florio
- 400 to 7—Irish and Pushful
- 100 to 2—Irish and Cavalry
- 300 to 4½—Phaetonitis and Pushful
- 250 to 2½—Phaetonitis and St. Lyra
- 400 to 8—Comfort and Pushful
- 300 to 2—Kiatere and Silverlene
- 200 to 4½—Playfair and Shrapnel
- 100 to 1½—Playfair and Handsome Rose

- 150 to 3—Playfair and Monarque
- 500 to 4—Swimmer and Bounce
- 500 to 10—Swimmer and Romany King
- 200 to 2—Swimmer and Hydrant
- 500 to 1—Tilson and Rangiwheua

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES.

- 1000 to 20—Playfair and Exmoor
- 500 to 2½—Playfair and Playfair
- 500 to 15—Eurus and Exmoor
- 300 to 2—Baritone and Convoy
- 500 to 1—Moccasin and Titole

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TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Napier Park Racing Club's Winter Meeting was commenced on Wednesday. The weather was fine, though dull, and the attendance excellent. The sum of £6591 was put through the totalisator, an increase of £780 on last year's figures. The following were the results:—

MOTEO HACK HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. Barclay's b m Sardonyx, 5yrs, by Saracen—Leoline, 10.12 (A. McConnan) 1
Mr. F. Martin's Rechabite, 9.6 (F. Whitehouse) 2
Mr. E. Carter's Whataroa, 9.4 (Retter) 3
Other starters: Black Reynard, Gold Seal, Westward, Brown Belt, Hoity-Toity, Snooker.
Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 22 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 10s and £3 8s.

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. M. Murray's br g Whakawehi, 4yrs, by Daunt—Queensborough, 10.4 (A. Lord) 1
Mr. E. J. Watt's Ellerton, 9.4 (Deeley) 2
Mr. A. Ellingham's Hipporofia (W. Price) 3
Other starters: St. Albert, Polycaste, Sir Percivale, Pantaloon, Admiral Cervas, Ballyneety.
Won by a head. Time, 1min 45sec. Dividends, £5 19s and £1.

PETANE HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr. J. Clark's br g Faro, by Monaco—Playmate, 9.13 (W. Raynor) 1
Mr. E. J. Watt's Gazeley, 9.11 (Deeley) 2
Mr. E. Harris' Trent, 10.2 (Buchanan) 3
Other starters: Nova, Concussion, Water o' Milk.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 32 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 15s and 13s.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE of 300sovs. About three miles. Mr. S. Darragh's b g Kiatere, aged, by Castor—Victoria, 12.0 (J. McGregor) 1
Mr. T. H. Lowry's Comfort, 11.4 (J. O'Connell) 2
Other starters: South Star, Lurcher.
Won easily by six lengths. Time, 6min 48 2-5sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

LADIES' BRACELET. One mile and a-quarter. Mrs. J. D. Ormond's br m Outer, 5yrs, by The Officer—Target, 11.8 (Mr. J. Ormond) 1
Miss Mackay's Kalmere, 10.13 (Dr. Paget) 2
Mrs. H. Jackson's Benmore, 11.8 (Mr. Vivian) 3
Other starters: Mataika, Te Arai, Earth Stopper.
Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 17 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 5s and £1 1s.

AHURIRI HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. E. Rollo's b g Monarque, aged, by Marquis—Pureite, 9.0 (Whitehouse) 1
Mr. W. Chapman's Handsome Rose, 10.7 (W. Price) 2
Mr. J. B. Adeane's Pushful, 10.10 (D. Watt) 3
Other starter: Rangihenua
Won by a length. Time, 3min 23sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. G. M. Currie's br m Albuera, aged, by Sout—Hotcherina, 9.3 (W. Price) 1
Tihl, 9.3 (Griffiths) 2
Gladsmuir, 10.0 (Deeley) 3
Other strters: Oasis, Benair, White Squall, Nukumaratea.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £4 12s and £1 14s.

SECOND DAY.

The winter meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was concluded on Thursday. The weather was fine and the attendance large. The totalisator investments amounted to £432, making a total of £13,023 for the two days, an increase of £1955 over last year's winter meeting. The following were the results:—

BROOKLANDS HANDICAP. Six furlongs. Mr. E. J. Watt's ch c Gazeley, 3yrs, by Grey Leg—Lygia, 10.0 (Deeley) 1
Mr. E. White's Linkless 9.0 (W. Kirk) 2
Mr. Paramene One One's Tihl, 9.12 (Griffiths) 3
Other starters: Goldfield, Belle Napier, White Squall, Waikowra, Concussion.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 18 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 9s.

MAWHITI HACK HURDLE RACE. One mile and a-half. Mr. J. Clark's br g Faro, 6yrs, by Monaco—Playmate, 9.13 (Mitchell) 1
Mr. P. Neagle's Anadeja, 10.9 (owner) 2
Mr. E. Carter's Whataroa, 9.6 (W. Retter) 3
Other starters: Gold Seal, Oryx, Jack Pot, Rechabit Hoity-Toity, Earth Slipper.
Won easily by six lengths. Time, 2min 50 3-5sec. Dividends, £5 13s and 18s.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. F. McGovern's b m Polycaste, 4yrs, by Nestor—Nightingale, 9.8 (D. Price) 1
Mr. H. McManaway's Sir Percivale, 9.12 (D. Kemp) 2
Mr. W. Murray's Whakawehi, 10.13 (A. Lord) 3
Other starters: Hipporofia, St. Albert, Pantaloon, Benair.
Won by a neck. Time, 1min 45 2-5 sec. Dividends, £4 10s and 16s.

PARK STEEPLECHASE. About two miles.

Mr. W. Sutton's ch g Westward, aged, by Sou-wester, Coylar, 9.7 (Lloyd) 1
Mr. R. McCulloch's Blackberry, 9.12 (J. O'Connell) 2
Other starter: Kiatere.
Won by 30 lengths. Time, 5min 48 3-5sec. Dividend, £4 14s.

LADIES' BRACELET. One mile. Mrs. T. Quinlivan's b f Feu-de-Joie, 3yrs, by Torpedo—Merry Maiden, 10.7 (Mr. P. Neagle) 1
Mrs. J. Gillespie's Haukeria, 11.5 (Mr. J. Hollis) 2
Mrs. J. Clark's Te Arai, 10.9 (Mr. A. Hyde) 3
Other starters: Te Uira, Mischance, Mataika, Concussion.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 49 3-5sec. Dividends, £2 8s and £2 19s.

PORAITI HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. E. Rollo's b g Monarque, aged, by Marquis—Piritia, 9.12 (Whitehouse) 1
Mr. W. Chapman's Handsome Rose, 10.9 (W. Price) 2
Mr. J. B. Adeane's Pushful, 10.6 (Watt) 3
Other starters: Sardonyx, Rangihenua.
Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 18 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 7s.

NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs. Mr. E. J. Harris' br g Trent 5yrs, by The Officer—Trentalto, 10.3 (Buchanan) 1
Mr. R. Gocseman's Benair, 9.5 (Williams) 2
Mr. F. Coomb's Gladsmuir, 9.11 (Deeley) 3
Other starters: Benmore, Oasis, Kaimere, Water o' Milk.
Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1min 32sec. Dividends, £4 1s and £1 16s.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

AUGUST 14, 16, AND 18.
WINTER CUP of 500sovs, one mile.—Shrapnell Shell, Heroism, Notus, Sychem, Bombastes, Lyrist, Mobility, Mischance Kremlin, Makaroff, Jolly Friar, Ellerton, Gazeley, Signalman, Chryseis, Red Cross, Crichton, Polyanthus, Exmoor, Submarine, St. Claimer, Gold Crown, Maui, Rose Madder, Inglenauk, Assegal, Tirole, White Star, Buluwayo, Hemlock, Red Gauntlet, Zeland, Gawain, Capt. Shannon, Armamento, Landwern, Waikato, Manjess, Welbeck, Sir Percival, Fontenoy, Orloff, Blythemaids, Jolly Roger, Aboriginal, Royal Crown, Whakawehi.

HANDICAPS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.— Medalist 10.12, Ailsa 10.9, Stronghod 10.9, Mobility 10.8, Waikato 10.7, Gawain 10.5, St. Claimer 10.5, Marguerite 10.1, Captain Shannon 10.0, Jolly Friar 9.12, Sir Percivale 9.9, White Star 9.6, Aboriginal 9.3, Petticoat 9.3, Hatley 9.3, Rose Petal 9.3, Truce 9.3, Hinurewa 9.3, Red Cross 9.0, Tonderghie 9.0, Chatterer 9.0.

MIRAMAR HACK HANDICAP.— Faro 10.7, Silvershell 10.3, Togos 10.2, Splendid Idea 10.2, Armamento 9.11, Wailthe 9.11, Tupono 9.10, Oasis 9.10, Lingerer 9.10, Pearl Necklet 9.10, Pawa 9.10, Rosegrove 9.8, Kuku 9.8, Merrie Rose 9.2, Landwern 9.2, Ensign 9.2, Compass 9.2, Mischance 9.0, Golden Days 9.0, Teitangi 9.0, O.D. 9.0.

FIRST HACK HURDLE RACE.—Sol 11.8, Sardonyx 11.2, Convoy 11.0, Black Reynard 11.0, Lull 10.11, Narcissus 10.11, Asteroid 10.11, Tirole 10.11, Anadeja 10.7, Faro 10.1, Black Squall 9.11, Jack Pot 9.11, Catspaw 9.9, Kaipetipeti 9.5, Hokio 9.5, Taxpayer 9.5, Rechabite 9.4, Westward 9.4, Freeland 9.2, Kruger 9.2, Wiwaka 9.2, Whataroa 9.0, Brown Belt 9.0, Pawa 9.0, Sobraon 9.0, Terrific Fire 9.0, Hoity-Toity 9.0, Nogi 9.0, Cyrus 9.0, Domain 9.0, Prospector 9.0, Error 9.0.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE.— Kiatere 12.5, Sol 12.0, Slow Tom 11.4, Haydn 11.0, Swmmer 10.11, Comfort 10.10, Phatonitis 10.7, Nadador 10.7, Irish 10.4, Playfair 10.3, Baritone 10.1, Moccasin 10.0, Nupi 9.13, Hakaria 9.11, Cannongate 9.9, Mawhiti 9.9, Victory 9.7, Blackberry 9.7, Rongoa 9.7, Kruger 9.7, South Star 9.7, Steepwell 9.7, Tilson 9.7, Lssa 9.7, Levant 9.7, Kohunui 9.7.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP.— Kremlin 11.3, Gold Crown 11.1, Exmoor 11.1, Lyrist 10.7, Rose Madder 10.4, Waikato 10.3, Submarine 9.12, St. Claimer 9.8, Shrapnell Shell 9.7, Maui 9.7, Chryseis 9.6, Sir Percivale 9.5, White Squall 9.4, Narcotic 9.4, Truce 9.0, Hatley 9.0, Mobility 10.4.

WINTER HURDLE RACE.—Exmoor 11.3, Cavalry 11.3, Sol 10.11, Ability 10.9, Irish 10.9, Comfort 10.9, Handsome Rose 10.8, Slow Tom 10.8, Florio 10.5, St. Lyra 10.5, Pushful 10.4, Hydrant 10.2, Shrpnel 10.2, Romany King 10.0, Monarque 10.0, Defoe 9.13, Waiwera 9.13, Sardonyx 9.12, Levant 9.11, Weary Bill 9.11, Cuiragno 9.8, Magnificent 9.8, Bounce 9.4 Silverene 9.4, Sleepwell 9.4, Catherine Gordon 9.2, Silca 9.0, Kohunui 9.0, Rofler 9.0, Jack Pot 9.0, Rangihenua 9.0.

TE ARO HACK HANDICAP.—Aboriginal 10.10, Mataari 10.7, Destruction 10.3, Silver Shell 10.3, Splendid Idea 10.3, Rosebloom 9.12, Armamento 9.12, Pawa 9.10, Sir Galahad 9.9, Ptychell 9.9, Tekanui 9.9, Goldfield 9.9, Kuku 9.8, Merrie Rose 9.3, Somall 9.3, Mischance 9.0, Miss Candle 9.0, Compass 9.0, Heritast 9.0, Lady Pet 9.0, O.D. 9.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Cuiragno 10.13, No Shot 10.6, Medallius 10.5, Anadeja 10.0, Morpeth 9.13, Kaipetipeti 9.7, Paika 9.0.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Mahutonga 12.7, St. Albert 10.10, Probeida 10.3, Scultina 9.13, Trent 9.12, Ladylike 9.12, Sarilla 9.10, Kitchenmaid 9.4, Tiki 9.4, Gladsmuir 9.4, Forest Ranger 9.2, Shanks 9.2, Legerite 9.0, Morangi 9.0, Lady Robina 9.0.

PARK STEEPLECHASE.—Hakaria 11.0, Medallius 10.10, Kruger 10.7, Roseplot 10.3, Morpeth 10.0, Loch Fyne 9.12, Sergeant-Major 9.8, Morehu 9.7, Potanga 9.7.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP.—Mahutonga 12.9, St. Albert 10.12, Kaipetipeti 10.6, Ladylike 10.2, Heywood 9.10, Trephine 9.9, Gaiety 9.5, Shanks 9.4, Montigo 9.4, Hiki 9.3, Flag 9.0, Reay 9.0, Craftsman 9.0, Morangi 9.0.

MAIDEN SCURRY.—Glenafrie, Lady Robina, Scultite, Tohirangi, Blackfish, Momotoa, San Cruze, Alcohol, Satiety, Riviera, Amusement, Stroller, Creeping Jane, Uncle Tom, Hiniora, Lord Raynard, Tihl.

HACK FLAT RACE.—Glenafrie, Reay, Melton Hall, Sarakoff, Paika, Amusement Riviera, The Bruiser, Uncle Tom, Hiniora, Sarilla, Tihl, Kopuru, Luck's All.

HACK STEEPLECHASE.—Loch Fyne, Alcohol, No Shot, Flume, Sergeant-Major, Morehu, Zulu, Roseplot, Ngapuhl, Borax, Morpeth.

COURSING.

(By "The Judge.")

A meeting of coursing men took place at the Federal Hall last Friday, the committee of the North New Zealand Coursing Club having arranged it with a view of meeting Mr. C. Jerome and hearing his views on coursing. Mr. F. W. Combes occupied the chair, and, after the customary loyal toast of the King had been done honour to, proposed the health of the guest of the evening. In the course of his remarks, the chairman said that he had known Mr. Jerome for some 14 years from the time when together they had assisted to establish the New South Wales Coursing Association. Since that time, "Jerry" had wandered all over the civilised globe, and in many places where it was not civilised. Wherever he went, no matter whether it was in Canada, the States, South Africa, Australia, or elsewhere, he had always taken a keen interest in coursing and done his best to push it ahead. Although as yet only a small band, the coursers of this city were not a whit behind others in their appreciation of Mr. Jerome's services for the sport, and all considered him a fine sportsman and a good fellow. Mr. Jerome, on rising to respond, was heartily cheered. He narrated his experiences of coursing in many lands, many of them being exceedingly interesting. However, although he had seen much there were very few, if any, places indeed, where coursing was conducted on better lines than in Auckland. The ground was well arranged, the hares strong, the executive straight-going and enthusiastic, and the judging and slipping above reproach. Mr. Jerome made one or two suggestions as to slight improvements at the escapes and in a few minor details, his remarks being listened to with close attention. At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Jerome gave the toast, "Success to the North New Zealand Coursing Club," Mr. C. Tapper, the hon. secretary, coming in for a well-deserved eulogy. Other toasts honoured were "The Press," replied to by Mr. Callan ("Sport"), and "The Slipper," to which Mr. Brennan responded. The final toast, which was a very enthusiastic one, and given with musical honours, was "The Judge." Mr. Coombes, in replying, said that he had inherited his love of coursing, for his father had been equally fond of it, as were his brothers, one of whom was president of the New South Wales Coursing Association. It was over 30 years since he had first witnessed a coursing match, and he had followed it up in many lands ever since. As long as he held the position of judge he would always give his decision in favour of the winning dog, no matter to whom it might belong. In conclusion, he desired to thank Auckland coursing men for the hearty support he had always received.

Mr. Martin Taylor is on the war-path again, having left last Saturday by the s.s. Tarawera with his team to try conclusions with the Masterton warriors.

I see by the papers that the Wellington local brewers, Messrs. Staples and Co., are giving a valuable cup, to be added to the principal stake to be run for on July 4th. Can't some of our wealthy ones who brew the cup that cheers take the hint and do likewise? I am sure the Otahuhu hotel-keepers have not had such busy Saturdays for a long time as they had on June 16 and 23.

That painstaking trainer, Mr. Albert Woods, has had two new occupants for his kennels. One is the fawn dog Robin Hood, and the other a Springwater—Lavender dog named Waterman.


The Outer Domain was on Sunday morning last apparently the training ground for a very great number of greyhound-owners and their charges. Amongst those were Joe Porter, with a nice young brindle dog puppy by, I was told, the See-Saw dog Equipose, and another was the owner of Ballye-Gren, who had a nice fawn bitch, full sister to the winner of the late Maiden Stakes. A real nice bitch is the fawn, and should be a handy one when it comes to business. The redoubtable Cork Kelly, from the Surrey Hills training paddocks, was also an attendant, giving his charges a change of venue. Mr. George Mills had his new importation, Pigeon-toe, out for a gallop; a fine stamp of greyhound is the red son of Kilmamhan and Buxom IV.

Writing the name of Buxom IV. puts me in mind of the remarks written by "Slipper," coursing editor of the "Adelaide Observer," of the Buxom family: "We have never known a bad one; so it is to be hoped that the plucky George's purchase will keep up the Buxom family's reputation."

The good management of the North New Zealand Coursing Club's honorary secretary, Mr. Tapper, has come in for a lot of favourable comment. It is to be hoped that the sporting public will by an increasing attendance give the popular "Kay" and his hard-working committee still further encouragement in their efforts to add laurels to this enticing sport.

It may be out of place for me to suggest anything to the members of the North New Zealand Coursing Club as to their programme, but if they could possibly add a small puppy stake to one of their meetings I am certain it would be an inducement for owners to try and breed a good puppy, as most of the coursers like to breed a Derby or Oaks winner.

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FOOTBALL.

The championship matches as far as the seniors are concerned came to a close on Saturday. The weather was very showery and the ground sodden, while the attendances, both at Alexandra Park and Devonport, were not large. At the former ground Ponsonby played Newton, defeating them by the substantial margin of 18 points to 6. Soon after the start Ponsonby led off with a try by Wilson, which Francis converted. Immediately afterwards Wolfgramm made a good run for Ponsonby, and got over, but Marshall's kick at goal failed. After a period of even play the Newton forwards rushed the leather over the Ponsonby line, Redwood being credited with a try, which Marshall failed to convert. In the second half Ponsonby set up a strong attack, but nothing came of it, and for a time play was very even. As time drew on the Newton men seemed to tire, and Ponsonby rapidly assumed the upper hand. A good passing run was ended by Carlaw getting over, but the kick at goal failed. Then from a line-out Wright got a chance, which he promptly took, but again the kick failed. Next Blakey kicked a fine goal from the field, while just on time Fricker scored a try, which was not converted, Ponsonby thus winning as above stated.

As was generally expected, City had a very easy win over Parnell, putting up the big score of 38 points to nil. There was little to interest in so unequal a game, Parnell never being once dangerous. For City tries were scored by Bonella, V. Little, Herring, Tyler (2), Seeling, Woods (2), Nicholson, and Smith, but only four of these were converted.

On a previous occasion this season when North Shore met Grafton, the latter were routed to the extent of 41 to nil. On Saturday, however, the black-and-white fifteen had been strengthened, while North Shore were hardly so strong, the result being a very even game, the Shore men winning by 9 points to 6. At the outset Grafton attacked strongly, getting first score, a penalty goal by Eaton. Shore retaliated with a fast passing run by Smith and Mays, the latter getting over, but Yeoland's kick failed. From this out Grafton were very aggressive, and came within an ace of scoring without being able to do so. On resuming, Dean put up a try for Grafton, but Eaton's kick just failed. Shore then woke up, and it must be admitted the play got a bit rough, there being more than one casualty. A good passing run by the Wynyards, Smith and Jackson enabled the latter to score, but Miller's kick failed. A few minutes later Smith got a try on the corner. Grafton made repeated efforts to equalise the score, but failed, the game resulting as above. The fault in the game was that it was made too "willing," the result being that there were far too many accidents, the most serious of which was Marshall's broken collarbone.

City II. and Parnell II. played a draw, each side scoring a try.

North Shore II. and Newton II. each won their matches against Grafton and Ponsonby by default.

North Shore III. and IV. did not turn up against Grafton, the latter club's teams winning by default.

City III. beat Parnell III. by 11 points to nil.

St. John's College beat Prince Albert College by 20 points to nil. A feature of the winners' play was that every try scored was converted.

Waipa defeated Cambridge at Te Awamutu on Saturday by 17 points to nil.

Hamilton beat Waikato rather easily by 16 points to nothing.

The senior competition has now closed, and the appended table shows the positions of the teams at the conclusion of the senior championship:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.
City	8	3	0	0	187	14
North Shore	8	5	3	0	88	55
Ponsonby	8	5	3	0	89	79
Grafton	8	3	5	0	25	101
Newton	8	2	6	0	45	77
Parnell	8	1	7	0	11	118

The City District Football team left for Sydney on Monday by the Victoria, a large number of supporters being down on the wharf to give them

a hearty sendoff. The players selected for the trip were as follows:—Backs, Nicholson, Wood, Gladding, Little, W. G. Smith, R. Magee, and Young; forwards, McIlhone, W. Tyler, B. Little, G. Tyler, G. Nicholson, J. Maguire, F. Herring, C. Seeling, H. Plant, M. Fraser, P. Magee, J. Harris. Mr. J. Endean accompanied the team in the capacity of hon. manager. As I have stated before, the first match will be played on Saturday next against Newtown. On Wednesday the University fifteen will be tackled, while the concluding match will be against the leading team in the premiership competition. The doings of the Red and Blacks will be noted with keen interest by all lovers of the game over here. They are a fine combination, and may be relied upon to give a good account of themselves.

The district cup matches, as far as the seniors are concerned, have now ended, City being left victorious. Next Saturday will be given up to a practice match.

In connection with the Wednesday half-holiday matches, the position of the clubs up to last week was as follows:—Butchers: Matches played 4, won 4. Bakers: Matches played 3, won 2, lost 1. Grocers and Milkmen: Matches played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1. Post, Telegraph, and Railway: Matches played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1. Drapers Combined Team: Matches played 3, won 0, lost 3.

At Wellington on Saturday the senior matches played resulted as follows:—Oriental (11) beat Athletic (8); Old Boys (11) beat Victoria College (5); Petone (34) beat Southern (nil).

The senior matches at Dunedin on Saturday resulted as follows:—University (13) beat Port Chalmers (10); Alhambra (6) beat Dunedin (3); Kaitiaki (12) beat Southern (6); Zingari (16) beat Pirates (nil).

The grounds were in too bad a state on Saturday at Christchurch, the result being that all matches had to be postponed.

The annual match between the North and South Islands will take place this year at Christchurch.

Playing under Association rules Tabernacle beat Thistle at Kingsland on Saturday by 4 goals to nil.

North Shore played Corinthians at Devonport, getting the verdict by 2 goals to nil.

Ponsonby played a draw against W.Y.M.I. B team. The A team of the latter club beat North Shore by 2 goals to 1.


City defeated Olympic at Kingsland by 3 goals to 1.

The chief match under Australian rules was that between Imperial and Austral. Owing to the sodden state of the ground, play was not of a particularly high order, the game going in favour of Imperial by 66 points to 30.

There will be no lack of representative matches this season in Auckland. Visits are promised from Southland, Canterbury, Wellington, Taranaki, and possibly Wanganui. Our team will have to be very sound to win through without a reverse.

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HOCKEY.

(By "Onlooker.")

Auckland A defeated University Seniors by five points to two. University played one man short, but the game was very even.

United seniors defeated Auckland B by three goals to nil.

Tinslay played a splendid game for University, and must surely be picked in the rep. team.

Alderton is picking up his old form, and has played very determinedly the last two matches.

Kavanagh must be acknowledged to be the best back playing this season.

Crisp, as centre-half for University, played a really fine game against Auckland A on Saturday. His hitting was very sure.

College Rifles A played University Juniors at Remuera, the former winning by four points to one. For the winners, Alexander (bully), H. Steele (half) and S. Sellers (back) were decidedly the pick. Price and Bunkall (full-backs for 'Varsity) played splendidly, and it was due to their brilliant stopping that the score was not bigger.

United Juniors scored four goals to nil against College Rifles.

St. George's B were defeated by Auckland Juniors by three points to nil. H. Laird, for St. George's, showed good form.

The first round of the ladies' Association matches has been concluded, and the various clubs stand as follows.

	Games.	Wins.	Losses.	Points.
Kopana	3	3	0	9
Moana	3	2	1	9
L. C. R.	3	1	2	5
Te Huia	3	0	3	0

The Hockey Association hold their euchre and dance to-morrow night. It promises to be a great success.

Bloomfield plays a solid game as back for United Seniors.

CRICKET.

There isn't the faintest doubt but that cricket as it is played to-day can do with a considerable amount of brightening up, and the "Daily Mail" has invited the leaders of the game to suggest methods by which this improvement may be accomplished. From their replies one gathers that the payment of "talent money" and the curse of "average-mongering" are regarded as the worst blots on the game. A. O. Jones, the Notts captain, is agin talent money, but he says, "In my opinion, the best way to make the game more popular would be for all cricket grounds to have a uniform boundary, say, 75 yards all round. All cricketers, even the worst stonewallers, will have a 'go' if you give them a chance and they think they can hit the ball over the boundary, and even the hitters would be inclined to 'chance their arm' more than ever. But, of course, to make the scheme better, every hit that drops over the boundary must count six so as to make it worth the batsman's risk. This would not only make the game more interesting from a batting point of view, but it would also put a greater premium on fielding and catching, which I think are really appreciated by the spectators more than any big scores made by individuals." J. T. Tyldesley regards average-mongering as bad as talent-getting in rendering the game slow and in making the amateur as much a stonewaller as a professional. "There is a kind of a hall-mark stamp," he says, "about a score of 50 or 100 that is absent from a 47 or 98 and it is with the idea of trying to make sure of reaching the goal that many players adopt the slow method of obtaining the last few runs. This applies to both amateurs and professionals alike. Compilers of statistics, tables and books on the game invariably pick out fifty and 'centuries,' and to this fact, along with the publication of the averages, a portion of the mischief may perhaps be attributed." G. L. Jessop thinks cricket might be brightened, but while he thinks the batsmen are to blame for slow play he does not exonerate the

bowler. According to him: "Wide leg-bowling and the stereotyped bowling for catches in the slips have much to answer for in this respect. No self-respecting batsman cares to be 'fooled' out by such tactics, and consequently too often we are treated to a game of patience between the bowler and batsman, with no other result than the exhaustion of the patience of the spectators and the increasing risk of a drawn game."

Hirst was in magnificent form at Leeds in the Yorkshire and Leicester match, played just prior to the last mail leaving England. Yorkshire gained an easy victory over Leicester by an innings and 103 runs. The champions raked together a total of 244—of which Denton contributed 108—and then the old firm went on to bowl. In their first innings the visitors made 34, the highest individual score being nine. It is not often that a first-class match is won and lost in such a short period as six hours, yet this was the full time occupied by Yorkshire and Leicestershire in bringing their game to a definite conclusion. Hirst has never done anything with the ball quite so fine as his seven wickets for 18 since he dismissed five of the Australian batsmen on the same ground in the famous 23 innings of 1902.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

A WORLD-FAMOUS RACE.

There is a tendency nowadays to go in for long-distance yacht racing, an instance of which was seen in the trans-Atlantic race last year for the German Emperor's Cup. Perhaps the most remarkable race over a long distance was not, however, between yachts, but between the old-time tea clippers, and of these the famous one of 1866 attracted the most attention. The course was from Foo-chow-foo to London, and the inducement was a premium of £500 and ten shillings a ton extra to the first ship arriving in dock with the new tea. There were five competitors, these being perhaps the most famous clippers of their day. They were the Fiery Cross, 888 tons; Ariel, 853 tons; Taitsing, 815 tons; Taiping, 767 tons; and Serica, 708 tons. All the vessels were specially prepared for the long race, everything possible being done to ensure success. A good account of the struggle is given by Basil Lubbock in "The Yachtsman." The Fiery Cross (he writes), leaving Foo-chow-foo on the 29th May, 1866, was the first away, followed by the Ariel at 10.30 a.m. on the 30th, Serica and Taeping at 10.50 a.m. the same day, and Taitsing at midnight on the 31st. All held a fair N.E. wind to 19.20 N., where they experienced a few hours' calm and southerly weather, then the N.E. wind set in strong again, and carried them to the arcels reef on June 3rd. On the 7th June in lat. 9.37 N. the Fiery Cross passed a large ship on the opposite tack, believed to be the Ariel.

To the southward of the Parcells strong S.W. winds were met with, and the ships passed the lighthouse at Anjer, Straits of Sunda, as follows:—Fiery Cross, at noon, June 18th; Ariel, morning, June 20th; Taeping, afternoon, June 20th; Serica, 6 p.m. June 22nd; Taitsing, 10 p.m., June 22nd. From Anjer they carried good trade winds to the meridian of Madagascar, each making her best day's run, Fiery Cross (leading) doing 328 knots on June 24th, Taeping 319 knots, and Ariel 317 knots on June 25th, Serica 291 knots on June 29th, and Taitsing 318 knots on July 2nd. Mauritius was passed as follows:—Fiery Cross, June 29th; Ariel, July 1st; Taeping, July 1st; Serica, July 4th; Taitsing, July 9th.

Between Mauritius and the Cape Fiery Cross still held the lead, but Ariel shook off Taeping, and assumed second place, Serica and Taitsing both slowly losing ground.

The Cape was passed in the following order:—Fiery Cross, July 15th; Ariel, half a day later; Taeping, July 16th, half a day behind Ariel; Serica on July 19th, and Taitsing on July 24th.

Between the Cape and St. Helena, however, the order changed. Ariel unconsciously followed on the heels of the invisible Fiery Cross, and both met with light winds, whilst Taeping, some 300 miles nearer the African coast, was rapidly working up into first place.

On July 25th Taeping had secured the lead, Fiery Cross was second, and Serica slightly ahead of Ariel.

At St. Helena the order was thus:—Taeping, July 27th; Fiery Cross, July 28th; Ariel, July 29th; Serica, July 29th; Taitsing, August 5th. Ascension was passed pretty much in the same order, but Ariel crept ahead of Serica, and was again level with Fiery Cross.

Meanwhile, hundreds of miles astern of the leading vessel, the hitherto neglected Taitsing was commencing that wonderful performance which proved one of the most remarkable features of this celebrated race. The line was crossed by Taeping, Fiery Cross, and Ariel on August 4th, Serica August 6th, and Taitsing, which had made up a day on the others, on the 12th. Between the line and Cape Verde Islands further changes took place.

On August 9th, in lat. 12.29 N., Fiery Cross signalled the Taeping, and continued in company till the 17th, with wind variable and light. In lat. 27.53 N., long 36.54 W., a fresh breeze sprang up, and took Taeping out of sight of Fiery Cross in four or five hours. The Fiery Cross was becalmed and made not one knot per hour in 24 hours, which circumstance, it is alleged, lost her the race.

On August 10th the Ariel, which had passed both the before-mentioned ships, was leading by two days. Meanwhile, the Serica was gaining on the three traders, and Taitsing, doing grand work, was rapidly overhauling the whole fleet. Between Cape Verde and the Azores within 13 days she made up six days on Ariel and three days on her other rivals.

By the time the Azores were reached the ranks had closed up wonderfully, only 48 hours separating the first and last of the clippers, the order being:—1, Ariel, August 29th; 2, Fiery Cross, August 29th; 3, Serica, August 29th; 4, Taeping, August 29th; 5, Taitsing, September 1st. Taitsing had reduced the difference between herself and the first vessel from 11 to two days, and these two days were equivalent to the time she had remained in port after the other vessels had sailed. Between the Azores and the Channel Serica and Taeping gradually crept to the front, and passed Fiery Cross. Taeping next outsailed Serica, and on reaching the entrance to the Channel she sighted far ahead a cloud of canvas. It was the Ariel, which she had last seen setting sail from Foo-chow-foo 87 days before. Canvas was crowded on, and slowly Taeping drew up on her rival, until off Plymouth, where the pair were racing beam and beam, stunsails, skysails, watersails, star-scrapers—every rag that would hold wind was set on both hips, a strong westerly wind blowing the while.

During the whole day the ships held their positions, neither one nor the other gaining or losing as they dashed up the Channel in splendid style, at times almost on their beam ends, and every sea sweeping their decks. On approaching the pilot station off Dungeness the next morning, they fired blue lights to signalise their position.

At daybreak the pilots boarded them at the same moment, and the race continued.

At eight that morning, amidst intense excitement, Ariel sailed into the Downs, Taeping only 10 minutes astern, and scarcely had they entered the river behind their tugs when the Serica arrived in the Downs. Owing to the superiority of her tug, the Taeping was docked first, and so claimed the premium.

The Taeping entered London Docks at 9.45 p.m.; Ariel entered East India Docks at 10.15 p.m.; and Serica the West India Docks at 11.30 p.m. Fiery Cross arrived in the Downs on the 7th, and was compelled to bring up to an anchor on account of the heavy gale blowing. She managed, however, to get into London Docks on the morning of the 8th, Taitsing arriving on the evening of the 9th. The passages were:—Ariel, Taeping, and Serica, 99 days; Fiery Cross and Taitsing, 101 days. A marvellously close thing after a voyage of over 16,000 miles.

The Diamond Sculls are to be rowed for at Henley to-day. Among the competitors will be Harrison Bourke, the Tasmanian sculler, whose success would be hailed with pleasure by oarsmen over here. He is being trained by ex-New Zealander Tom Sullivan.

A new Yarrow-Napier 60ft torpedo boat has just completed a sea-going trial from the yards to Dover and back, a distance of 202 miles. The net time taken was 7hr 11min, which

means 28.12 miles per hour right through, despite the fact of meeting a fairly good sea. The petrol consumption during the run was 220 gallons.

ATHLETICS.

There was a very good attendance at the club rooms of the Auckland Amateur Boxing Club last Friday evening, when several of the members indulged with the gloves, the best item being a four-round go between Rogers and Hunter, which was worth going a long way to see. Rogers proved the winner. Hunter started to make the pace at the lead off. Rogers was kept very busy in defending until Hunter got a very nasty right swing on Rogers' point, which made him see stars, and there is no doubt if Hunter had followed this up the decision would have been reversed. However, Rogers recovered very quickly, and landed Hunter a very clean straight right on the jaw, and made him take the floor for safety, when time was called. The second, third and fourth rounds were very exciting, and the members were in a high pitch of enthusiasm as to who had won, when Referee Barney Donovan announced Rogers the victor, saying that it was one of the best and most evenly contested bouts he had refereed.

The secretary, Mr. E. Cross, showed me over the new room, and when improvements are completed it will be the best-fitted-up club room in New Zealand, there being dressing rooms, with 150 lockers attached for the use of members, shower baths, committee rooms, wrestling mats and every convenience. The committee are doing all in their power to encourage the members to further the noble art of self-defence and deserve to succeed.

A committee has been formed, with Mr. Ernest Cross (hon. secretary of the Auckland Boxing Club) as secretary, for the purpose of raising funds to give a helping hand to our old friend Billy Murphy, with whom times are not too good. Murphy is a tailor by trade, and the intention is to start him in business as a repairer, cleaner and presser, etc. Murphy has won hundreds of friends, not only through his skill as a boxer—and he was one-time champion of the world—but also on account of his straight-going character. He has always been willing to work, but the job has not offered, and now there is a chance of giving him a lift I am quite sure that there will be plenty of offers of help. Mr. Cross will take charge of any contributions which may be sent in for this very deserving object.

BOWLING.

The annual meeting of the Thames Bowling Club was held on Friday night, Mr. J. T. Inglis (president) in the chair. The report of the Management Committee stated that an area of ground adjoining the green had been leased from Mr. Arthur Myers at a nominal rent, and was in course of preparation for a croquet lawn. This would probably be available for play next season. The president presented the various prizes competed for during the season as follows:—Championship gold medal, presented by Mr. Jas. Finlay, won by Mr. A. Dodd; the second prize in the championship being a liquor stand, presented by Mr. Findlayson, of Auckland, was won by the president. President's prize, a handsome silver dessert service, was won by Mr. Turner, with Mr. F. Sykes second. Handicap singles, a pair of silver-mounted bowls, with case, was won by Mr. F. Sykes, Mr. M. Paul taking second prize, which was a handsome liquor cabinet, presented by Mr. T. C. Clark, of Auckland. Club fours, gold medals presented by Mrs. McKay, Mr. W. McCullough, Mr. R. R. Menzies, and Mr. T. Ryan, and were won by Messrs. Lucas, Gribble, Smith, and Paul (skip). The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. T. Inglis (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. Wood, Lowe, and Milnes (re-elected); Management Committee, Messrs. Paul, Smith, Price, Buckland, Lucas, and Burton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Lucas; green superintendent, Mr. Alfred Court; delegates to association conference, Messrs. A. Court and J. T. Inglis.

BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

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

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I trust (writes "Snooker" in the "Referee") that when the Australian championship (which is mooted by the Victorian Amateur Billiard Association) eventuates, such players as Mr. Muir, of Dunedin, Mr. Hooper, of Newcastle, Mr. Nesbitt, of Brisbane, as well as the N.S.W. champion, Mr. Rumball, will be amongst the competitors. Such a nomination would give a great flip to the game, beside the great interest it would create throughout Australasia. My opinion is that either Mr. Muir or Mr. Hooper would win, with a preference for the former.

The Amateur Billiard Association of Victoria has been formed in Melbourne. The following definition of an amateur has been adopted:—"An amateur is one who has not, from 1st January, 1896, earned his living, or any part of his living, by playing, scoring, or teaching games on a bil-

liard table; provided also that no one shall be eligible as an amateur who (1) has played for or accepted a cash prize in a tournament or competition since September, 1905, or has played where gate money is charged without the permission of the controlling body. Nevertheless, the committee shall have power to re-instate any person as an amateur who shall have complied with this definition for a period of not less than two years at the time of his application."

Benzoline balls were used in the recent big match between Memmott and Smith for the first time in a professional championship in Australia.

Mr. A. H. Smith, of the Pitt-street Billiard Saloon, writes me as follows:—"Pyramid": Dear sir,—Rule 29 in snooker reads as follows:—If the striker pocket more than one ball, other than red balls, in one stroke, he cannot score, and is penalised in the value of the highest ball pocketed. Now, if a player is on a red ball and he pockets a pool or coloured ball, he (quite naturally) is penalised in the value of the pool ball, but if a player is on a pool ball, and he pocket a red ball in conjunction with the pool ball, he is penalised to the value of the highest ball pocketed (?) (as laid down in the rule). This occurred in a game in my saloon last evening. I was called upon to decide the question. According to my reading of the rule, the player was penalised to the value of the highest ball, so I gave the decision accordingly; but to my idea, and a number of players and spectators in the room at the time, the rule seems unjust. Will you kindly answer this question in your columns on Billiards in your paper? Undoubtedly the decision given by Mr. Smith was a correct one, for rule 29 is very clear upon the point. In certain rooms it is the custom to act otherwise, but this is the proper rule. Certainly it seems somewhat harsh, and might well be amended, but until this is done snooker players must console themselves with the thought that they all receive the same treatment under the regulation.

Mr. F. Williams has taken over the Vulcan Lane Billiard Room, and intends making things run along smoothly. Mr. Williams is very favourably known to most players, and is sure to meet with his share of success.

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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

(By "Petrol.")

The Automobile Grand Prix de France was run for on Sunday over a distance of 745 miles. It was won by a French car, a Renault, driven by Sisiz, which did the journey in the fine time of 12 hours 14min. An Italian Fiat car, driven by Mazzari, completed the trip in 12 hours 46min 26 sec, while third place went to a French Bayard-Clement car, driven by Clement, which took 3min 20sec longer. There were no English entries, the makers in the Old Country favouring the idea of reliability tests instead of useless trials of extreme speed, which would not be allowed in ordinary use.

The Motor Registration Act, as adopted by the City Council, has now become law, the registration coming into force on Monday. The registration fee for motors not having less than four wheels is 10s, and 5s in the case of a motor having less than four wheels. The Act applies only to districts controlled by registering authorities which by resolution have decided to bring the Act into operation. The first car to be registered and labelled A1 was Mr. Arthur Cleave's 15 h.p. Darracq. All motorists must register without delay.

The nomenclature of motoring has a far wider range than that of cycling (says the "Australasian"), but, as has been frequently remarked, some of the terms are not well chosen. Strictly speaking, the word "commutator" is being used to designate the contact-maker (or breaker), is out of place, but is commonly employed. "Synchronised" ignition seems to be a fancy name, seeing that, to obtain the desired result, the spark must occur in each cylinder at the proper time, otherwise the engine is faulty. In connection with the electric apparatus the term "earth-wire" has been used, though where is the connection with the earth in a motor car installation to be found?

It will be a matter of surprise to learn that the greatest motoring centre of the world (per head of population, of course) is Buenos Ayres, South America. Not only is there a public motor cab service there, but heavy vehicles are also greatly in use for commercial purposes. Every minister in the country has one or more cars, and the Government has now voted a hundred thousand francs as a first instalment towards highway improvement. The motors in use are mostly of French make.

The manager of one of the largest cycle manufacturing firms in England is of the opinion that finality in cycle building is nearly reached. He says that tyres, rims, spokes, chains, free wheels and saddles seem to have reached that point of perfection where invention can do no more for them. The shape of the frame, too, he argues, appears settled, there having been no change for years, while the spring-frame, upon which his firm has spent thousands of pounds in experiments, may, according to his ideas, now be considered defunct. Practically all the inventions and experiments of recent years in the cycle trade have converged on the problem of changeable gears. . . . Most valuable gears have consisted simply of a high and low gear, but the most satisfactory are those which provide for a high, normal, and low gear. I think the three-speed gear effectually disposes of the changeable gear question, and, if I am right, then the field of the cycle trade is practically closed to inventors for the future. . . . I am also of the opinion that bicycles could never be cheaper than they are at present. There are no more patents of moment to expire which would reduce the cost, and producing plant could scarcely be further elaborated. Moreover, the tendency of raw material is to rise."

The question as to whether the front wheels of a motor car should be fitted with brakes, in addition to those on the drivers, is being discussed in England, and, according to one expert, who states it as a fact,

the combined braking of back and front wheels—even if front-braking alone will not do it—is a very successful antidote to sideslip. Anything that could, with certainty, be relied on to effectively eliminate this great drawback to motoring will receive from the motorists, and from designers of these vehicles, serious consideration. As the cars are at present constructed, it would not be safe to have the brakes applied to the steering wheels, for the weight and enormous stresses thrown upon the front portions of the car would be more than the frame could withstand. It is claimed, however, that a brake on the front wheels will act more powerfully, because the weight of the car is thrown forward, when the wheels would be less likely to lock and skid. This has been demonstrated by the numerous brake tests on the bicycle, it having been proved that the machine can be pulled up in a shorter space than with any kind of brake on the back wheel.

A Supreme Court writ claiming £1000 for slander has been issued by B. J. Gleeson, secretary of the League of Victorian Wheelmen, against D. P. Smith, a member of the Metropolitan Committee of the Australian Natives' Association, who is alleged to have made the following statement at a recent meeting of the association: "The Eight Hours' Wheel Race was the deadliest slander ever run in Australia. MacFarland had every man in the field dead for him, and the secretary (meaning thereby the plaintiff) had everything arranged so that he (MacFarland) could collect the prize money and get away in the boat to America on the Wednesday after the race. The secretary of the League (meaning thereby the plaintiff) gave MacFarland the prize money and got an order to receive the same from the Eight Hours' people; and he received the money, and when the other competitors attended at the Trades' Hall to receive their shares, they found that the prize money had been paid over and that MacFarland had left for America (meaning thereby that the plaintiff had acted dishonestly and in breach of his duty as secretary, and had conspired with one MacFarland to enable him to fraudulently obtain prize money and escape therewith."

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A Consolation Prize of ONE GUINEA each has been awarded to the 5 remaining competitors.

The correct order of placing of Designs was as follows:

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weight of the car on his chest. Cool to the last, the deceased gave instructions to his youthful mechanic, who was thrown clear of the car, to "turn off the lights and jack up the car," and then relapsed into unconsciousness. After vainly endeavouring to raise the 23cwt car, the mechanic ran for assistance, but when it arrived it was unfortunately too late.

The Australasian championship for next racing season were allotted at the recent Federal Cycling Council, and are as follows:—One mile Australasian and five miles and 25 miles' International to N.S.W.; five miles Australasian and half-mile International to Victoria; ten miles Australasian and quarter-mile International to Western Australia; half-mile Australasian and 10 miles International to South Australia.

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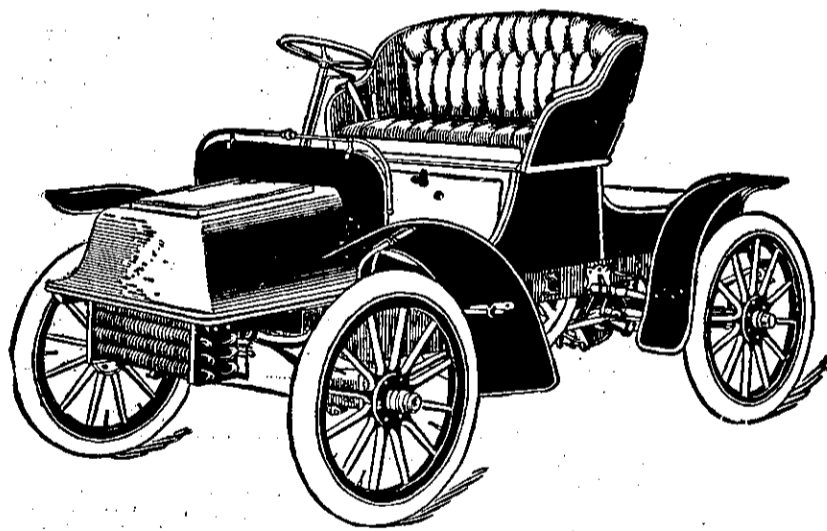
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THE "SINBAD" PANTOMIME COMPANY.

The popularity of the "Sinbad the Sailor" Pantomime was such that the season extended to no less than 18 performances, and even on Monday last, which was the final night, the reception accorded it was as hearty as on the opening night. We have had but few better entertainments given us in this city. The two concluding nights of the season were devoted to a miscellaneous programme, this giving an opportunity of showing what a talented organisation Mr. Anderson had managed to get together. In fact, as a vaudeville entertainment, the performance presented on Tuesday and Wednesday ranked as one of the best we have seen here for many a day, the items introduced meeting with any amount of applause from an enthusiastic audience. The season, a very successful one indeed, came to a close last night.

"THE LADDER OF LIFE."

This evening, at His Majesty's Theatre, Mr. William Anderson's Dramatic Company will make a welcome appearance in Charles Rogers' intensely exciting military drama, "The Ladder of Life." The plot of the story simply teems with hair-raising incidents, the best of which, from a spectacular point of view, are the storming of the Darghai Heights by the Gordon Highlanders, and the remarkable escape of the heroine from certain death by means of the living ladder. Both these incidents have the effect of rousing the enthusiasm of the audience to the utmost pitch. It is a play which must inevitably appeal to an Auckland audience, which has over and over again shown that the most popular dish is the one in which the condiment of sensation is laid on with no niggard hand. Mr. Anderson may always be depended upon to stage a production in first-class style, and "The Ladder of Life" will form no exception to this rule, as may be seen when it is stated that over 100 auxiliaries will be utilised in the production. The piece is to be staged with the utmost completeness, and should most certainly be seen.

"THE LADY TYPIST."

One of the special features of "The Lady Typist" will be the exceptionally large chorus, in which between 50 and 60 ladies and gentlemen are taking part. They have been in active rehearsal for the past four months, and have all the principal numbers well in hand. Mr. Fred. Graham, comedian par excellence, will, on terminating his engagement with Mr. William Anderson after the pantomime, take over his duties as producer, and we feel sure that in the hands of such a capable man as Mr. Graham, "The Lady Typist" will sail on and make her initial bow to the world at His Majesty's on August 13. *Ventis secundis.*

THE OPERA HOUSE.

The Opera House was well filled on Monday evening, in spite of the inclement weather, and the programme went with a swing throughout. Mr. Frank Crowther's orchestra discoursed a lively overture in the form of an American medley, "Hodge Podge," and the curtain rose on the company, who gave a good opening chorus. Miss Phyllis Fay, who first took the floor, gave a bright little serio item interspersed with some clever contortion dancing that went well, and which earned her applause and a recall. Mr. Ward Lear proved irresistibly funny with his comic songs and gags, and was warmly applauded for his efforts. Miss Violet Frawley sang a ballad very sweetly, and was called upon for a second song. Miss Kitty Delavale gave two serios very daintily, for which she was ap-

plauded. Mr. Walter Anderson earned applause for his ballad singing. Miss Clara Keating went through her serio turns with plenty of vivacity and expression, and was warmly applauded, and had to answer to several recalls. Mr. Jack Hagan caused plenty of fun with his comic songs, his make-up being very comical, whilst the amount of energy he put into his work was most refreshing. As a corner man Jack Hagan kept things buzzing, and he and Ward Lear were responsible for keeping the house in high good humour through the first half. The Golden Duo danced prettily through their double song and dance, "Birdie," for which they received hearty applause, and the curtain fell on the first half of the programme. Mr. Crowther's orchestra led up to the conclusion of the interval with a bright overture,

earned considerable applause. Miss Pearl Lovell scored quite a big success with her bright rendering of the serio turns, "Jack Tar," "Bom-Bom Bay," and "Dear Little Girls and Boys." Her songs were given with much expression and vivacity, and she quite wins the audience over. The Bovis Brothers prove fairly irresistible in their patter work, and on Monday evening kept the house in roars of laughter from start to finish. A vociferous demand from the audience brought them forward twice after their turn, and they were not allowed to leave until the great boxing act had once more convulsed the house with merriment. Their patter work is excellent, the running fire of comicalities being carried up to a fine climax, which quite carries away the audience. Mr. Jack Hagan was very funny in his song, "But then

OLYMPIA SKATING RINK.

The rink continues to maintain its popularity with patrons; indeed, it has done more than this, for lately the proprietary have opened branch rinks at Onehunga and Otahuhu, where lovers of the pastime are promised the same good management to which they have been accustomed at headquarters. This shows that the fascination of rinking is one which it is difficult to resist, and accordingly patrons are becoming more numerous than ever. Mr. J. M. Martin is in charge, and is ever on the look-out to introduce novelties. The sessions at the Olympia Rink are from 10 to 12, 2.30 to 5, and 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Williamson is evidently determined, as always, to secure the very best interpretation for "The Squaw Man," which will be introduced to Australian audiences at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, next Saturday (July 7th), and the names of the new dramatic company he has formed for its presentation suggest a performance that will have a very considerable finish. At the head of the new organisation are Mr. Charles Waldron and Miss Ola Jane Humphries, who, with Miss Irene Outtrim and others (including half a dozen real cowboys), arrived in Sydney by the Sonoma, and are already hard at work rehearsing in Melbourne. At this end Mr. Williamson has engaged such experienced players as Mrs. G. B. W. Lewis, Miss Maud Thornton, Messrs. Fred Cambourne, Edwin Lester, C. M. Berkley and Arthur Lissant, all of whom have achieved distinction on the Australian stage. Last but by no means least, several well-known and well-liked members of the Knight-Jeffries Company have been re-engaged for the tour. Among them are Messrs. Harry Plimmer, C. P. Carey, George Chalmers, Frank Stirling and Leonard Willey, names which respectively recall sterling work in different capacities during recent years.

An interesting story surrounds the origin of "The Squaw Man," which will be the first production of Mr. J. C. Williamson's new dramatic company. The germ of the drama was contained in a short sketch written by Mr. Edwin Milton Royle for one of the monthly gambols of the New York Lambs' Club perhaps the most famous theatrical club in the world. It is at these gambols that all the prominent first-nighters meet the most noteworthy actors and actresses of the day, and their presence there on the part of the latter stamps them as being players of some distinction. It can well be imagined that an audience so contributed would be exceptionally well fitted to judge the merits of any piece of theatrical work, and Mr. Royle was so encouraged by the appreciation with which his contribution of the evening's entertainment was received that he was persuaded to expand it into a comedy drama. The result was quite in accordance with the prophecy for the piece ever since its first production in New York (in which, by the way, Cecil Ward was engaged) has been one of the biggest dramatic successes of recent years. Mr. Charles Frohman, moreover, has already declared his conviction that it will repeat that success in London, when it is staged there almost concurrently with its Melbourne debut.

By the Mongolia, which left Sydney on her Homeward trip on June 23rd, Miss Margaret Thomas departed on a visit to her parents in Wales (writes Mr. George Tallis), whence she will return as the wife of Mr. Gordon, K.C. For the fortnight previous to her good-bye, she was feted and functioned lavishly by her hosts of friends and admirers. Her place in the Royal Comic Opera Company is being taken by Miss Alma Barber, a Melbourne girl, who has already shown herself well equipped, both vocally and histrionically, to meet the requirements of a leading part.

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MISS CLARA KEATING, Serio and Dancer, now at the Opera House.

and the curtain rose on Lex McLean, whose last two nights were announced. An interesting description of the various muscles of the body and their use was followed by several fine weight-lifting displays, culminating in the poising of the huge barbell at arm's length overhead with one arm, whilst with the other he raised a 50lb weight. Mr. McLean's challenge flung from the stage in an offer to meet allcomers for £100 was not taken up, though one or two lion-hearted individuals scoffed from the darkness of the back seats, where, however, they remained firmly rooted. Lex McLean's exhibition is a clean and healthy one, that appeals strongly to all lovers of athleticism and muscular development. Mr. Walter Anderson, who next appeared, gave two descriptive songs, which

you know, you never know," his make-up, aided by his clever interpretation of the song, being very good. His other two songs were alike well rendered, his style proving most catchy. The Golden Duo next gave a particularly dainty little song and dance, "Daisy and the Dandelion," which they acted very prettily, and for which they were warmly applauded. The evening's entertainment finished with a comedietta by Ward Lear, Jack Hagan and others, entitled, "The Coming Man," which finished off a fine programme.

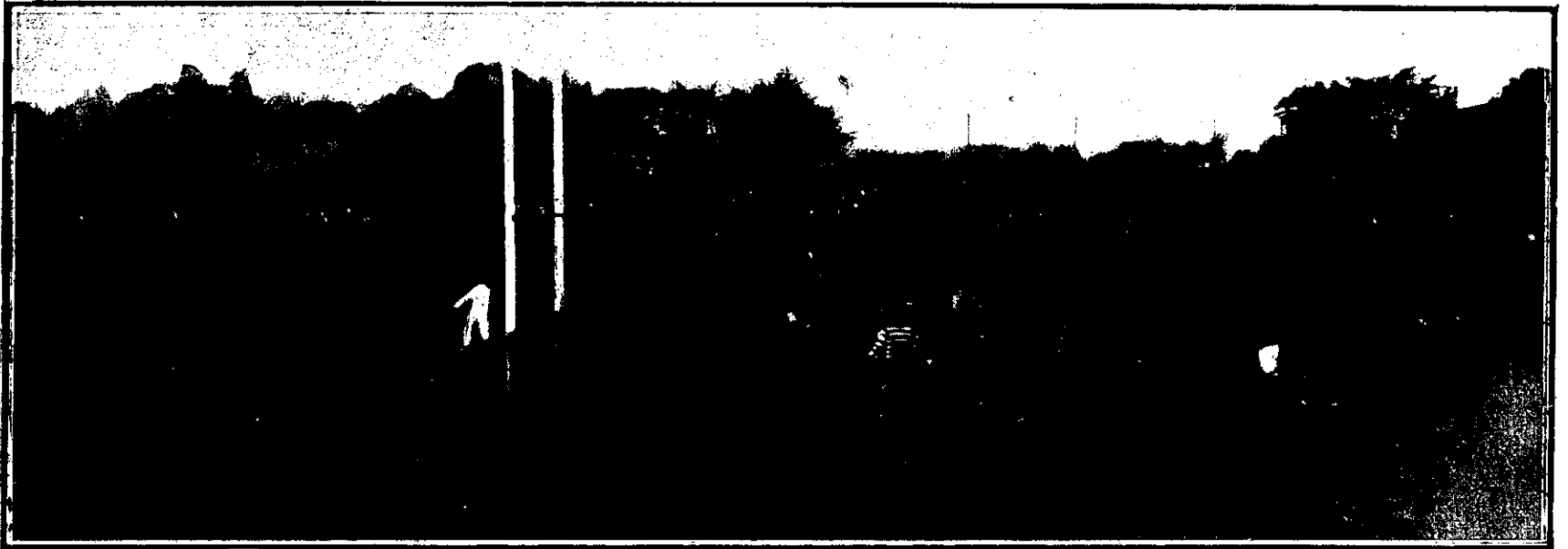
For Saturday next Mr. Fuller announces the first appearance of "The Brady Sisters," vocalists and duettists, Miss Elsie Bates, serio and dancer, Master Mudford, who is described as Auckland's greatest boy vocalist, and several others.



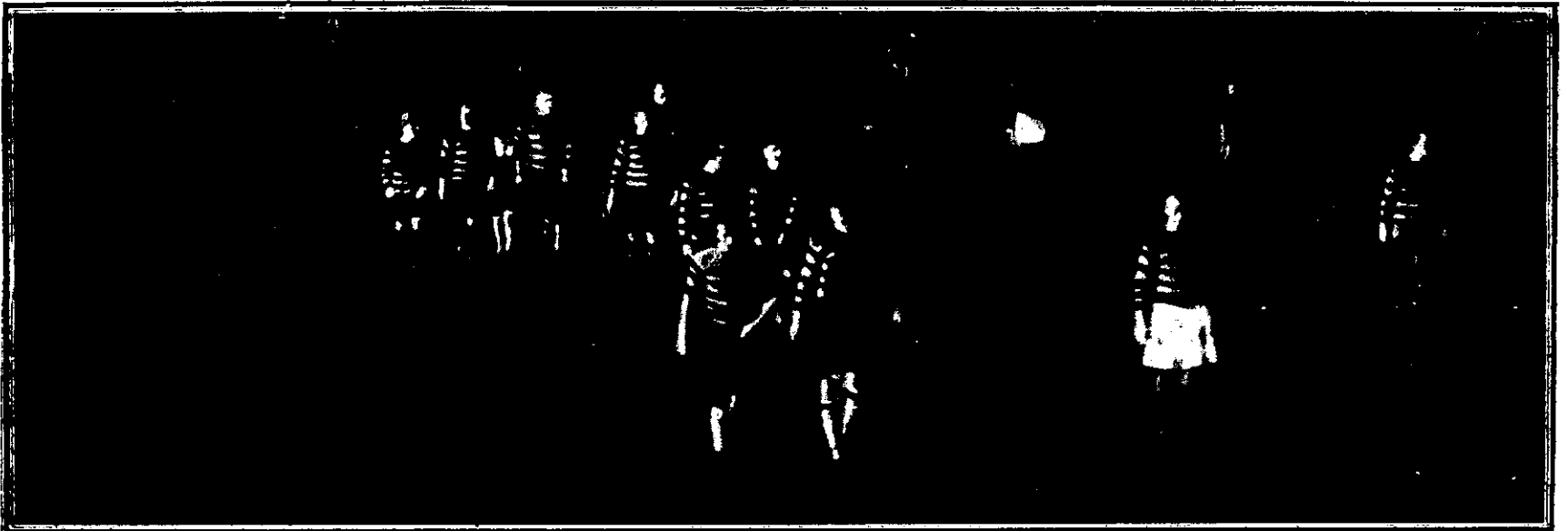
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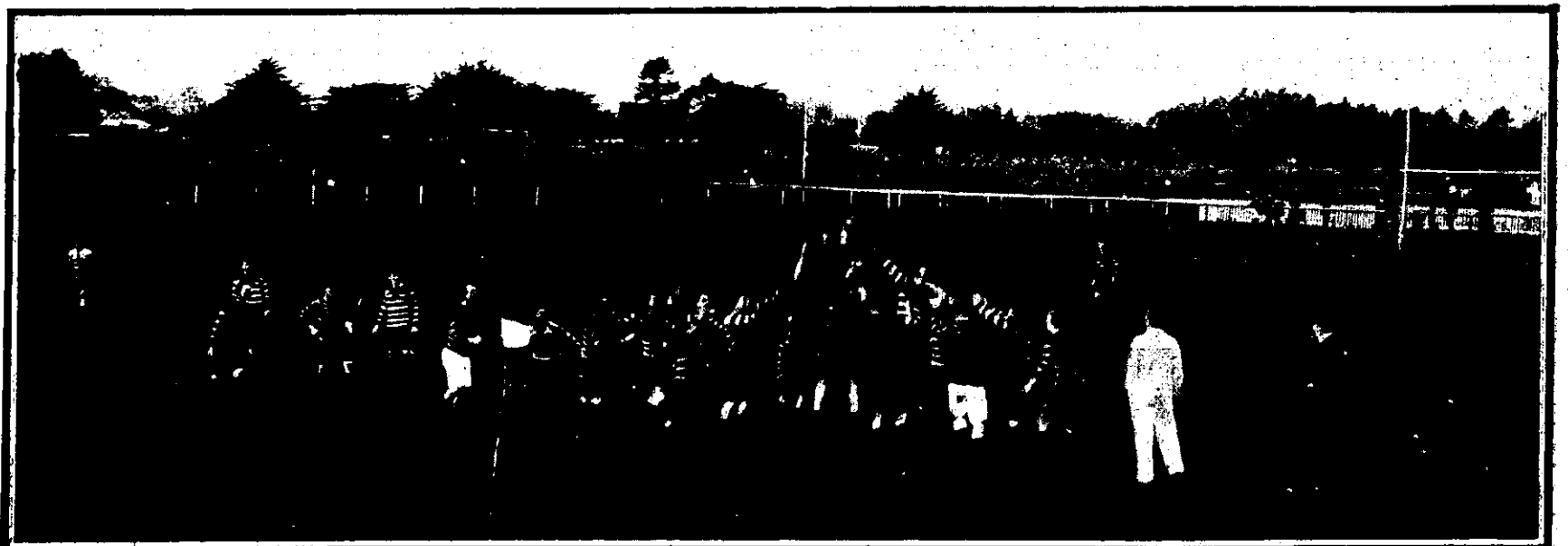
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The remarkably heavy booking which heralded Miss Tittell Brune's season in Perth augurs a noteworthy season, and the prediction has since been abundantly fulfilled, each night of her stay there being distinguished by crowded audiences. On Monday, July 9th, the company appear for nine nights at Kalgoolie, and after her visit to the goldfields she leaves almost at once for New Zealand, opening at Dunedin on August 7th.

Mr. F. H. Graham, our ever-popular and favourite comedian, will on Thursday evening see a rehearsal of the entire play, will note what the author has done, and will then, on his return from a short, well-earned holiday, produce the play, and we know what a success he will make of it.

Mr. Allan Hamilton forwards me a batch of newspaper excerpts from Brisbane papers concerning the appearance of Mr. Leslie Harris, the monologue entertainer. One and all are very complimentary, not only to Mr. Harris, but to Miss Rosina Buckmann, whose singing is very highly spoken of. The "Courier" says that premising from the warmth of the reception accorded to both artists, and the number of recalls, verging now and again upon ovations, it is fair to conclude that theatre-goers will find this clever, exceedingly amusing, and very artistic entertainment a welcome change after the late feast of melodrama which has been spread before them. Mr. Harris possesses a quality of geniality and a breezy freshness of manner which place him at once en rapport with his audience, and carry the conviction that he is bubbling over with good humour, and has but to smile to make every one laugh. He has, however, the compelling as well as the inducing power, and those who are not prepossessed by his cheery style are captured by his piquant sayings, and the rare skill with which he turns all things to mirth, or, as he now and again chooses, to pathos. He is, as the monologist must ever be, a good pianist, a clever character actor, and an all-round entertainer of the first rank. The success of the entertainment was shared in a liberal measure by Miss Rosina Buckmann, whose fine voice, cultivated method, and admirable selection of songs, won for her a splendid reception.

After their long and successful season of six months' duration at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, the Royal Comic Opera Company are to have a well-earned week's holiday between the date of their last performance there (July 6th) and their opening night in Adelaide (July 14th). Mr. Williamson's decision to this effect was much appreciated by the members, who all feel that they would enjoy a rest from the arduous work of musical comedy.

"Veronique," the latest addition to the repertoire of the Gilbert and Sullivan Company, is also the best, for so very popular has Messager's dainty opera become, owing to the artistic interpretation it receives that Mr. J. C. Williamson has approved of its being made the opening piece at all the New Zealand towns visited by the company. Their season in this colony terminates towards the end of the month, and on August 4th they open in Brisbane.

The Australasian rights in "The Dairymaids," the latest London success in musical comedy have been acquired by Mr. J. C. Williamson. The great scene in the piece is the gymnasium of a girls' school, wherein Miss Carrie Moore poses as a Sandow girl. The humour of the idea will be appreciated by those who remember the little lady's figure when she was a member of the Royal Comic Opera Company.

The chorus is doing excellent work, and all of them, in one number in particular (we refer to the "Laughing Song"), become quite carried away by the music. Mr. and Mrs. S. Jackson, Mrs. C. R. Bailey, the artist, the costumer, the very "boy," are working, "all with best intent" and strenuously to help the stage manager all they can, so that when he takes charge he may find a "way cleared through the bush," and be able more easily to guide the company into the sunlit meadows of success. We cordially wish Mr. Graham and his entire company every success, and the best of luck. A votre sante, m'sieur!

The exceptionally clever comedy and the extreme drollery of "On the

Quiet" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, has been so much appreciated by the public that Mr. J. C. Williamson has decided on it as the opening production of Mr. William Collier's Sydney season, which commences on Saturday next (July 7th). Besides the inimitable methods of the star comedian and his thoroughly capable company, there are one or two points in the piece which certainly deserve mention. The stage management, for example, is perfect, the whole of the three acts going without the suggestion of a hitch, and giving the audience almost the impression that the action went by clockwork. The acrobatic and general agility of several members of the cast is as acceptable as it is unexpected. Mr. John Barrymore's falls and back exits, in particular, are surprisingly well done, while the typical soubrette dancing of Miss Helna Collier and the comical waltzing of Mr. George Nash are really excellent.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—The Williamson Comic Opera Company have gone on their way rejoicing with an exceeding great joy, having done so well here that they now conclude the Cathedral City has been cruelly maligned by those showmen who have in their anger and disappointment written it down a one-horse town, and no good for anything in the entertainment line stronger than a church concert. Well, we are a queer people, and that's a fact. But, as a rule, if a show is any good we are prepared to patronise it. Comic opera (of the J.C.W. brand) we are very partial to. And we just dote on melodrama. "Classical" music we pretend to prefer to anything else. But somehow there is almost always a beggarly array of empty benches when a great



The clever BOVIS BROTHERS, appearing with great success at the Opera House.

musical star performs in Christchurch. Perhaps it is just our selfishness—we are so anxious for our next-door neighbour to find room that we stop at home, and the same altruistic idea occurring to our next-door neighbour, he stops at home. Result: Nothing worth mentioning in the treasury. But, as Horace Bent used to say, "This is a digression." I set out to tell you about "the World's Pictures," and have wandered far away from my muttons. We're very fond of living pictures in Christchurch. Hence the grand house that greeted the first performance at the Royal by "the World's Pictures" Co. These people certainly know how to do things as they ought to be done. They drape the stage and arrange it with exquisite taste (a lady's taste, surely!), and there is absolutely no "flicker" at all about the pictures. They are as steady as the photos. in your own family album. The Seddon funeral films might have been left out with advantage—not that they were bad pictures; on the contrary, they were very fine. Still, I think they would be better omitted. The "Frisco" scenes were most realistic. Nothing is calculated to give people such a vivid impression of the awful catastrophe that has befallen "the Paris of America" as these films. A lot of "chase" pictures were greatly enjoyed, and the comic film, "Everybody Works but Father," fairly brought down the house. This show can be honestly commended as being O.K.

The Mayor of Auckland (Mr. Arthur M. Myers), writing to Mr. Thos. Humphreys the author-composer and designer of "The Lady Typist," says: "In confusion, I can only express the hope that the

production will meet with the encouragement it deserves from the Auckland public—a hope which is justified by the encomiums of the critics who have been privileged to read your work, whose opinion is of the highest value."

Mr. Lex McLean, the Scottish athlete, is a Glasgow boy, having been born in that city in 1875. He says that he first took a keen interest in the cult of the body at the age of 17; and with strict attention to his work soon became strong enough to win the heavy-weight championship of Scotland. He also went in extensively for all kinds of athletics, and has won over 300 prizes in the different branches pursued. Twelve years ago he entered the lists as a professional strong man, and since then has visited nearly every principal city in the world. His lecture on the muscles was specially interpreted during his tour of the Continental music halls, and constitutes the novelty of his turn. In Germany his tour proved a great success, the Germans being great admirers of all exhibitions of muscular strength. Mr. McLean has spent some five years in the colonies, during most of which time he has been engaged teaching physical culture. At the conclusion of his present engagement he goes to Australia, and from thence to America, which he describes as "God's country," where he has three younger brothers in the profession. He states that he has never yet met with a defeat, and is open to meet any man in the world at a right hand, left hand, or two-handed lift for from £100 upward. None of the Auckland weight-lifters have yet gone in for a trial with him, although several "talked big" about it. Asked as to his system of training, Mr. McLean



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informs us that his system is somewhat on the lines of Eugene Sandow's, viz., practice with a means towards an end and, most important of all, strict obedience to the simple laws of nature, which is the recognised basis of all physical health and strength.

The Bovis Brothers, whose portraits appear in this issue, are nightly contributing a very popular turn at the Opera House. There are few, if any, better known or more popular artists on the colonial stage to-day, and this popularity has been won by sheer merit, for they know their profession from A to Z. Natives of Sydney, the brothers Bovis first made a start with that sterling actor, Mr. Alfred Dampier. Next came four years with Mr. Frank Smith in the days of the old Sydney Alhambra. Following on this came an engagement of no less than six years with Mr. John F. Sheridan, while later on came five years with Mr. Harry Rickards. The brothers then visited South Africa, and after a tour there journeyed on to London, where they remained for two years. In the "Belle of New York" at the Shaftesbury Theatre they created the roles of the Portuguese twins, and they have very pleasant recollections of their engagement with Mr. George Edwardes. A tour of India, China, and Japan followed, and the brothers also visited Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Buda-Pesth, and in fact, nearly all the principal cities in a comprehensive Continental tour. They returned to Australia under contract to Mr. Williamson, afterwards going back to England for twelve months, when they were engaged by Mr. Geo. Stephenson, with whom they were for a considerable time. "On the

company being disbanded the Bovis Brothers joined the Fuller's circuit, and after concluding a turn here will probably go to the South Island under the same management, of which, by the way, they, in conjunction with many others, speak very highly. Such immense favourites have the Bovis Brothers become with Opera House patrons, that all will hope that their season here may be extended. Their turns are clever and original, and nightly bring down the house.

Tempus fugit! It does. Eleven months have soon sped by, and "The Lady Typist" will in five short weeks make her bow to an Auckland audience. We are anxious to see the young lady—very.

Mr. Horace Nightingale forwards me a playbill of the sensational Irish drama, "Evicted," which the Taylor-Carrington Company have just produced at Hamilton. The company are touring the Waikato.

The Willoughby-Ward Comedy Company are due in Dunedin on October 11.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Repertoire Company are now in Dunedin, where they opened on Saturday in "Veronique."

The part of Lord Leo Cheynes, to be played by Mr. Graham, was originally suggested to Mr. Humphreys by that gentleman, and was written under Mr. Graham's supervision. It is essentially a "Johnnie" type, but a new "Johnnie" of the G. P. Huntley style. This creation should certainly be one of Mr. Graham's "hits." As for the rest, Madame Wielaelert is really sweet in the name part; and Miss Nellie Dent is delightful with the part allotted to her. Miss Tobias, Mrs. Rowe and Miss Von Meyern all give excellent portrayals of their various characters.

Tait's "Living London" pictures were at Cambridge last night, and will be shown at Hamilton to-night and to-morrow.

Judging by the enthusiastic newspaper notices, the Edison pictures now being shown in Wellington are particularly good, and have attracted big audiences. We shall have an opportunity of judging for ourselves later on.

A dramatic sketch, entitled "The Power of Music," was produced at the London Tivoli just before he mail left, by Jan Rudenyi, the violinist, in which the principal parts were played by Miss Dora De Winton and John B. Saunders, who some few years back appeared in a number of plays under the management of Mr. William Anderson, at the Sydney Lyceum.

The eminent Danish critic George Brandes calls Heine the wittiest man that ever lived. He is the only German poet who is "much and steadily read" outside of Germany, and he is the favourite poet of musicians: "Both in and out of Germany he is as much sung as read. His poems have given occasion to more than 3000 musical compositions. In 1887 the solo-songs alone leaving out of account the duets, quartets and choruses numbered 2500. Hueffer has counted 160 settings of 'Du bist wie eine Blume,' 76 of 'Ein Fichtenbaum steht einsam,' and 37 of 'Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten.' Among these compositions are many of the most beautiful songs of Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, Robert Franz and Rubenstein, very few of which the poet himself can have heard. Of all the German lyric poets Heine is the one whose songs have been most frequently set to music. After him, with his 3000 compositions, comes Goethe, with about 1700; the others follow far behind."

Bostock and Wombwell's circus left for Sydney on Monday evening. Judging from the weather we have had in Auckland, the Victoria would drop in for a rough time directly the North Cape was rounded.

A fantastic Japanese play has been written by Fuji Ko, the Japanese actress, who has been performing in London for the past year. It is called "The Love of a Geisha," and is founded on the doctrine of "Nirvana," which forms part of the Buddhist religion. Fuji Ko, whose name signifies "The Lady of the Mistarlas," lived for nine years in America, and is a graduate of one of the women's colleges there.

M. Jean de Reske has (says an exchange) studying with him the future successor to Patti. Nothing in fiction can surpass the strange story of how the famous impressario discovered this girl, who lived in the poor quarters of New York city. A month ago a plainly dressed man came into Mr. Rudolph Aronson's office and said he would like him to hear his daughter sing. Accordingly a slender slip of a girl, but of exceedingly prepossessing appearance, was ushered in. She was apparently about 16. She began to sing Guonod's "Ave Maria" with perfect confidence. Mr. Aronson was overwhelmed with amazement and delight; the voice was pure, rich, sweet, but full of latent power. Vivienne Fidellee, who is of Franco-Italian descent, was born in New York. She had heard a gramophone selection of Madame Melba's record of "Ave Maria," and that was all the instruction she had in that difficult item. Shortly after this Mr. Aronson was in Paris, and called upon M. de Reske, who was much interested in the young singer, so much so that he asked Mr. Aronson to cable for her to come to Paris, generously offering to pay all the expenses of the trip. Accompanied by her mother, Vivienne Fidellee arrived in Paris recently. When she had finished the "Ave Maria" M. de Reske was so enthusiastic that he then and there undertook to train the young singer for two years free of cost. Her future career will be eagerly watched by music lovers.

Micio Horszowski, a pianist twelve years of age, made his first appearance in London at Steinway Hall on Friday, May 11. He was born in Poland, and studied under Leschetitzky, and when he was seven years old played at concerts in Berlin, Warsaw, Lisbon, and Madrid. Two years ago he appeared in Paris with great success.

According to the Otago "Witness," Mr. Reynolds Denniston, son of Mr. G. L. Denniston, of that city and who made his first appearance on the boards in Dunedin as an amateur with the local Garrick Club, is now appearing on the English stage. After putting in some good work with Mrs. Clement Scott's "Diamond Express" Company, he was engaged by the Kendals for a thirteen weeks' London and provincial tour. At the conclusion of his engagement with the Kendals, Mr. Denniston goes to the Savoy as understudy to Mr. Harry Airley in Miss Lena Ashwell's company, where he will once more be under the management of Mr. Edward Sass, with whose company he appeared through South Africa.

One of the additional sources of income to artistes nowadays is that of the phonograph. A fee of a couple of guineas is usually paid to ordinary singers and instrumentalists for what is called a sitting. Many trials sometimes have to be made before a com-

pletely correct record is made. To celebrated artistes large fees are paid. Recently in Chicago Miss Emma Eames received £250 for a sitting of five songs.

The success of the Shakespearean Festival at London His Majesty's, at the end of April, was so great that, in a speech at the fall of the curtain on "Julius Caesar," Mr. Tree said he had determined to make the festival an annual feature. Future arrangements, he added, included Miss Ellen Terry's appearance in "A Winter's Tale," the production of "Macbeth," and "Antony and Cleopatra," and probably a revival of "Henry IV." (part I.)

It is not generally known that Miss Ellen Terry was married in 1867 to Mr. Charles Wardell, who adopted the name of Kelly when, retiring from the army, he took to the stage. In parts of the solid type, he was without a rival in his day on the London stage.

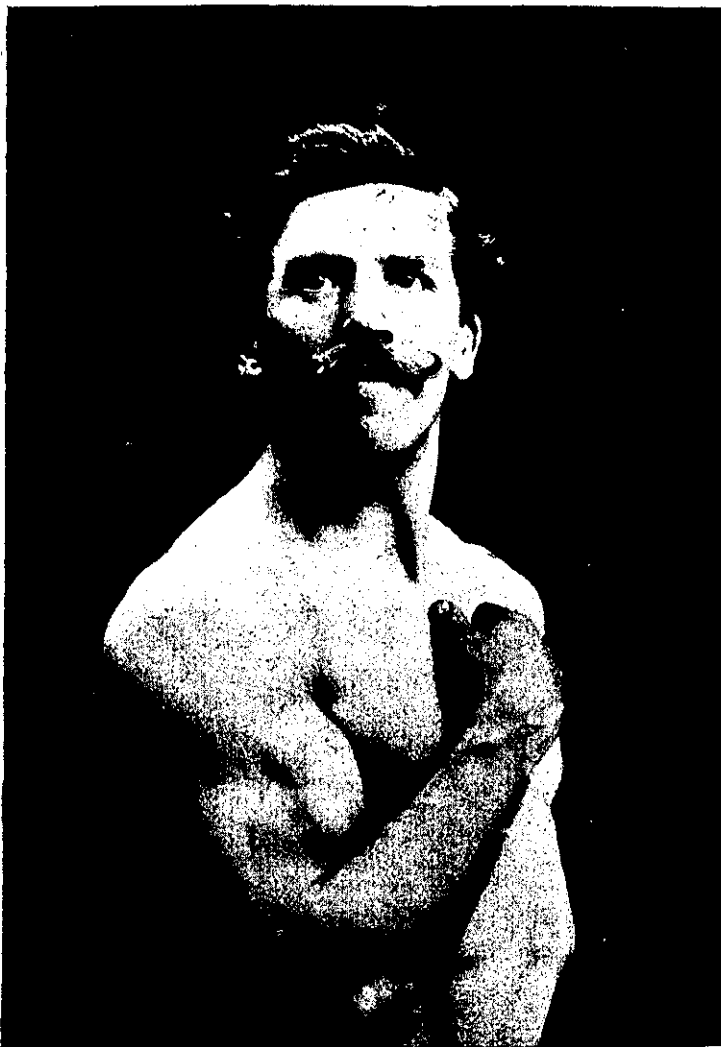
Two new plays are announced by Haddon Chambers, the Sydney playwright, who has been resting for the past three or four years. Now he has made up for lost time by turning out two most unexpected works. The first is called "Sir Anthony," because, the author explains, as Bernard Shaw might, "there is no such person in the play." It is a comedy dealing with the life of a suburbanite. The second is a fairy fantasy called "Mr. Flame." As an after thought Chambers decided to turn it into an opera, and it has since been set to music.

We have almost stopped writing the really human play in England, but the American authors are following it up successfully. And if English authors will only do likewise, they will have not only this country to appeal to, but the whole of vast America.—Mr. Charles Frohman, in a London paper.

There is (says "The World") a simple standard by which dramas may be judged. Do they enlarge our stock of ideas, our knowledge of human temperament and character, our outlook upon the welter of problems which face us at every turn? Do they provide actors and actresses with parts in which they can display their talents to the best advantage?

Melbourne swimmer, Miss Annette Kellermann, who has just received the laurels that Australia dropped at Athens by defeating Madame Iscesen, the champion lady swimmer of Europe, is now appearing in Vienna, and is understood to be in receipt of a large salary.

The death is announced in the latest London files of Mr. H. J. W. Dam, who will be well remembered as the author of "The Shop Girl," the forerunner of many musical comedies produced by Mr. George Edwardes at



MR. LEX McLEAN, the Scottish Athlete, lately appearing at the Opera House.

the Gaiety. Mr. Dam, who also wrote several other pieces for the American stage, was a Californian by birth, and died at Havana from cancer. He married, in 1892, Miss Dorothy Dorr, an American actress, who, with two sons, survives him.

The veteran Joachim is still playing in London as leader of the quartet which bears his name. Though now in his seventy-fifth year, his playing is said to a vigorous and fresh as ever.

The death is reported by drowning in South Australia of Mr. Louis Pereira, manager of the Hazlewood Pereira theatrical company. The company was travelling from Koon-drook to Swan Hill. When about nine miles down the river Mr. Pereira fell overboard and was drowned.

The many New Zealand friends of Miss Daisy Elmore, of the Elmore Sisters, well and favourably known on the Fuller circuit, will regret to hear of her death which took place at Perth (W.A.) on June 3.

Carusa, the world-famous tenor, who was in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, tells of his experience:—"The first shock flung me out of bed. A moment later my piano ran across the room. For a time I sat on my valise in the middle of the street. Then I fled to Lafayette Park, where the soldiers appeared to resent my attempt to make

myself comfortable and sleep. Under my arm I carried a photograph of President Roosevelt, on which was written: 'With kindest regards, Theodore Roosevelt.' When the military refused to listen to my pleadings I showed them this, whereupon one of them said, 'Oh, if you are a friend of Teddy, come right on and make yourself at home.'"



The Two LOVELLS, Clever Serios, now appearing at the Opera House.



CARL COLLIER, Eccentric Comedian, now at the Opera House.

In America "Shore Acres" is a kind of "East Lynne"; it is an evergreen piece, and the years are capable of withering its perennial freshness. For some fifteen or sixteen years it has been going strong in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The feeling of the play, if not the story, is essentially American. In the States clean sentiment is a sure catch, even when it is overdone, and the author who can turn out a picture of the domestic virtues gets his audience every time. Dear old Uncle Nat in "Shore Acres" is the sort of character that goes straight to the big heart of the American Republic. Uncle Nat has relinquished both Shore Acres Farm and the girl he loved in favour of his younger brother, Martin, who is the very antithesis of the gentle, lovable, self-sacrificing Nat in every particular. Martin favours the twin plans of their neighbour, Mr. Blake, who wants to marry Martin's daughter, Helen, and to build desirable residences on the shore frontage. Now Martin's mother and Nat's is buried on that spot, and Helen loves not Mr. Blake but Sam Warren, a promising young doctor, who has completed his arrangements to go to America in search of a fortune. But Martin has no respect either for his mother's grave or his daughter's wishes. So Nat conspires with Sam to elope with Helen on the American-bound ship. When Martin discovers his daughter's flight, he comes out very strong indeed. This brings us to the great lighthouse scene. The light has been blown out by the wind, and the ship in which Helen is eloping is drifting towards the rocks. Nat wants to relight the lamp; Martin would prevent him, and the struggle that ensues is very thrilling. In the last act Helen and Sam return from America with a real live grandson for Martin, while Uncle Nat has to make shift with a legacy of a thousand pounds. It is now being produced in London at the Waldorf.

At the conclusion of their Melbourne season, the Ward-Willoughby Comedy Co. will visit Adelaide and Western Australia, and, in October, leave for a tour of New Zealand, returning to Sydney in January next. In addition to "The Man from Mexico," they will produce "the New Clown," in which Mr. Ward will appear as a young nobleman, who becomes a circus clown, to fall in love with a beautiful "principal boy," which part will be taken by Miss Palotta. The company will also appear in "Vivian's Papas," by the author of "Are You a Mason?" and

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"The Talk of the Town," by Mr. Eille Norwood, who was a member of the old Brough-Boucicault Company in Melbourne some years ago.

The California Theatre, which was totally destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake, is the house in which Mr. J. C. Williamson made his great success with "Struck Oil" 35 years ago. His trip to Australia, which he subsequently made his home, followed immediately.

The next Shakespearian revival at the London Adelphi will be "Macbeth." Mr. Oscar Asche as Macbeth, and Miss Lily Brayton as Lady Elizabeth.

Word comes from London stating that Mr. J. L. Toole, the famous comedian, is sinking. Mr. Toole, who visited Australia in 1890, was born in 1830, so that he is 76 years of age. He took to the stage largely on Charles Dickens' advice in 1852.

"Some actors are born great, and some have press representatives," observed Mr. Oscar Asche at a recent gathering of the profession in London.

"The theatrical profession in America has contributed generously towards the relief of the sufferers by the San Francisco disaster (says an exchange). Mr. Charles Frohman gave the entire receipts of the 200th performance of "Peter Pan" at the Empire, Miss Maude Adams added 1000 dollars, and every person employed contributed the night's salary or wages, even the ticket offices and speculators adding their profits. The result was a sum of 3500 dollars, which was promptly forwarded. Other

managers and performers were no less generous. George Cohan sold papers in the streets, paid 1000 dollars for the first copy and turned in over 1441 dollars. Marie Dressler opened a department store in the Gilsey House. Every article was given, and prices ranged from 25 cents to 2500 dollars. Klaw and Erlanger wired a large donation direct Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and other society ladies organised an entertainment that netted 31,500 dollars, the boxes and stalls selling at from 100 dollars to 500 dollars each. David Belasco telegraphed funds and arranged for a joint benefit. James H. Hackett and Mary Manning gave a Sunday night benefit at the Tremont Theatre, Boston. Manager Lawrence, of the Madison Square, contributed the receipts of three days' performances. Tony Pastor diverted the proceeds of the annual vaudeville benefit for the Actors' Fund to the relief of stranded performers. Daniel Frohman, president, concurring. Elsie Janis arranged for a benefit at the Metropolitan Opera House, and Jules Merry's companies all agreed to give benefits on tour. The English players in America were equally liberal, a special fund being raised under their auspices."

Paul Cinquevalli, the famous juggler and equilibrist, was born in Poland and educated in Berlin, but is now a naturalised British subject. He states his intention to retire in three years' time, when he will be fifty years of age, and spend the rest of his days in London.

According to the "New York Dramatic News," Madame Melba has been engaged by Mr. Oscar Hammerstein for his next grand opera season at the Manhattan Theatre.

The French "revue" is catching on in England, the latest being Mr. Geo. Grossmith's "Venus," just produced at the Empire. The plot is reminiscent of "The Tinted Venus," "Niobe," and "Pygmalion and Galatea." A young noble declares that the Gibson girl is more beautiful than the statue of Venus it has been his habit to kiss nightly, upon which Venus is so incensed that she comes to life, together with her former husband, Vulcan, who lets bygones be bygones, and takes the part of his wife. A lawsuit is started against the youthful aristocrat, and after a series of intensely modern scenes of London life, including one in the Tuppenny Tube, Vulcan knocks over the Nelson column in Trafalgar-square, and sends the world back into the stone age. The column falls, the lions gravely rise and trot off the stage, and the noble and his Gibson girl are found clad in skins and grasses doing homage to Venus.

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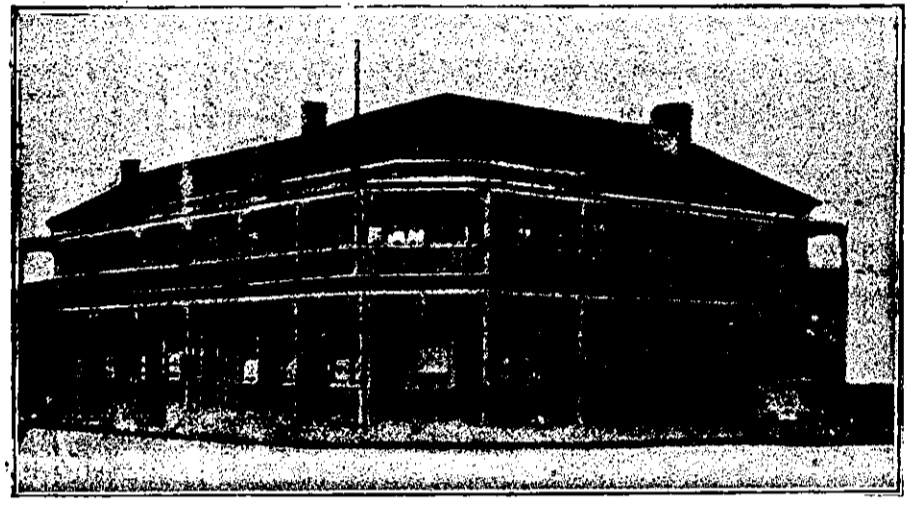
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THE NET RESULT.

Now that the Licensing Committee meetings are over we have before us the net results so far as Auckland districts are concerned of the local option poll taken last December. In the Grey Lynn district no-license was carried, and consequently the only licensed house in the electorate—the Eden Vine Hotel—has been closed. In the Manukau district, where a reduction vote was recorded, the minimum number of licenses as exacted by the Act, namely, two, have been extinguished. These are the Royal Hotel, Onehunga, and the Victoria Hotel, also in the Onehunga district. The only other district in the Auckland Province to record a vote against licenses existing as they were was the Eden Electorate. The voters in this district voted reduction, and in consequence the license of the New Lynn Hotel has been cancelled, leaving three licensed houses in the Eden Electorate. In the Grey Lynn district the no-license vote has resulted in the placing of the whole electorate under the ban of prohibition. What this means to the numerous inhabitants will be readily seen by a perusal of the Act as applied to prohibited areas, which we publish in full in another part of this issue. Possibly no district in the colony could have been selected where the absurdity of a no-license vote would be so strikingly obvious. The one and only licensed house was situate about a short stone's throw from two large hotels that are within the city boundaries. The net result of this one house being closed is that the whole district is now prohibited area. The late patrons of the Eden Vine will have to walk a few yards further for their liquors, and the two city houses will reap the benefit of the closing of the Grey Lynn house, and will no doubt about equally share the trade that was done by this house. For this absurd state of affairs hundreds of people have been placed under the vexed ordinances of prohibition law. The Grey Lynn district stretches away for miles from the Eden Vine, and no doubt hundreds of the electors who voted no license have never seen the house, so that the matter of closing this house could not have been of any great moment to them. Possibly the lesson now taught to electors will have a good effect, and voters will pause before voting no-license or reduction. It is freely stated that many voted no-license without the significance of its full effect so far as their district was concerned dawning on them, and however desirable prohibition law may be in the eyes of extremists, there are many who are living in the district who will chafe under the restrictions. In the Manukau district the closing of two houses amounts to about the same thing as the closing of the Eden Vine, in so far as the late patrons of the two closed houses will have to walk a little further for their refreshments, as there other licensed houses in the same district, which will no doubt reap the benefit of the two being closed. Otherwise no harm has been done to the district. It had been thought possible to close the accommodation house at Miranda, and so save one of the fully licensed houses, but it was discovered that the cancelling of a license of that description did not count as a reduction of licenses. Why it should not do so is not made abundantly clear, but this is according to the Act. In the New Lynn district the inhabitants will suffer most, as there are no other licensed houses nearer than from three to four miles of the New Lynn Hotel. Doubtless here again a lesson is read to voters, and many will take a more intelligent interest in their voting papers at the next local option poll.

Trade Topics

Messrs. Hamilton Gilmer and Allan Maguire have purchased the freehold of the Albert Hotel, at the corner of Upper Willis-street and Boulcott-street, Wellington.

We publish elsewhere a copy of the portion of the Alcoholic Liquor Sales Control Act as it will have to be observed in the Grey Lynn district.

In the S.M. Court, Cambridge, last week, W. Matheson was fined for assaulting Mr. W. H. McKenzie, licensee of the National Hotel.

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In the S.M. Court, Rotorua, last week, Arthur Colan pleaded guilty to charges of setting fire to and stealing from the Geysir Hotel. He was committed for sentence to the Auckland Supreme Court.

At the Te Awamutu Magistrate's Court last week, before Mr. H. W. Northcroft, S.M., James Jackson, licensee of the Te Awamutu Hotel, was charged under section 24 of the Licensing Act, 1895, with supplying liquor to a native who was already in a state of intoxication. Mr. Collins for the defence stated that the licensee was not aware that drink had taken effect. In reply to this, the magistrate held that any person on entering into the hotelkeeping business, it was calculated that such person was an expert, and could use his discretion and detect when drink was taking effect on people at the bar. Jackson was convicted, and fined £5, and costs £7 1s.

When granting a prohibition order at Invercargill last week, Mr. E. S. McCarthy, S.M., stated that he would make it apply to the no-license district of Maitara, as well as other parts of Southland, pointing out that it was just as well that this course was adopted should there be any shebeen-keepers in the Maitara district.

An application for a wholesale license at Dargaville was refused by the Kaipara Licensing Committee last week.

The Waikouaiti Licensing Committee met last Friday to hear, under order of the Supreme Court, an application for the renewal of the accommodation license for the Railway Hotel, Waianakora, refused at the annual meeting. The committee under section 63 took objection to granting a license on the ground that the premises have not been maintained at the required standard, are out of repair, and insufficiently furnished. It was decided to serve notice on the owner and adjourn to July 11 to consider the objections.

The Clerk of the Court at Auckland has been appointed as the officer to receive notices of the sale of liquor intended to be supplied into the Grey Lynn no-license district, in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act Amendment Act of 1904, which requires the Clerk of the Court to be furnished with a statement in writing of the nature and quantity of liquor to be sent into the district, together with the name and address of the person ordering the same, or to whom the liquor is sent.

At Taumaranui last Saturday, before Mr. Northcroft, S.M., several persons were convicted and fined for sly-grog selling. The fines varied from 20/ to £50.

The Hokitika bye-election is fixed for the 13th inst. Nominations close to-day.

Royal Hotel, Tirau, destroyed by fire last week.

In Wellington last week Dr. McArthur, S.M., sentenced a young man named William Smith to six months imprisonment for thefts of clothing, etc., from three hotels in that city.

The Customs Department held their annual stock-taking of goods in bonded warehouses last Monday and Tuesday. On these days the bonds were closed.

It has been suggested in prohibition circles in Wellington that seeing that there are already two candidates in the field for the Westland seat, Mr. T. Taylor, of Christchurch, might also consent to nomination.

Mr. Michel, the candidate for the Westland seat, who is opposing Mr. T. Y. Seddon, has contradicted a rumour that he was a candidate of the temperance party.

By cable it is reported from London that Messrs. Hancock and Co., of this city, are issuing at par £130,000 in 5½ per cent. debenture stock to acquire the Captain Cook Brewery.

Onehunga residents entertained Constable and Mrs. O'Sullivan on the eve of their departure to Raglan, to which place Constable O'Sullivan has been transferred. During the evening Mr. John Rowe, the Mayor, presented to Mrs. O'Sullivan a handsome and worthy token of the appreciation in which she and her husband were held by Onehunga residents and other friends.



Mr. WALTER REID.

J. C. Morton, Photo.

At the adjourned meeting of the Taieri Licensing Committee the expressed will of the people at the local option poll was given effect to by the reduction of three licenses. The house closed were the Kaikorai Junction at Burnside saleyards; the Coach and Horses at Saddle Hill, one of the houses at which coaches drew up in the olden days; and O'Donnell's Hotel at Allanton.

In the Eden electorate the Licensing Committee have closed the New Lynn Hotel at New Lynn, in consequence of reduction having been carried in that district last December.

Two houses had to go in Manukau where reduction was also carried. The ones the Commissioners decided to close were the Victoria Hotel and Royal Hotel, both in the Onehunga district.

In Wellington last week a man named Hugh Miller was bound over to keep the peace for six months. Defendant had threatened to shoot the licensee and the barman of the Park Hotel.

By the no-license vote in Grey Lynn, the Eden Vine Hotel, at the city end of Mount Eden-road, was closed last Saturday.

An application for a wholesale license in the city was withdrawn at the adjourned meeting last Friday.

In Melbourne recently Mr. Bent stated that the Government would give no money for local option polls until the new Licensing Bill had been introduced. He complained that only £7000 of the £20,000 advanced from revenue to assist the licensing funds of the municipalities in connection with the old Local Option Act (with compensation) had been returned.

MR. WALTER REID.

Seventeen years ago Mr. Walter Reid, whose portrait appears in this issue, bought the freehold of the Rangiriri Hotel, which at that time was a house of only seven rooms. There were no saleyards, and very little shooting was done except that done out of season. Here his trade stood to him, being a cabinetmaker, and he not only made the house, one of 20 rooms, but also furnished it. He also worked up the shooting from practically nothing, until Rangiriri was called "The Sportsman's Paradise." Mr. Reid had a hand in getting the saleyards erected and sales established. He was a member of the local Road Board, and was for eight years chairman of the School Committee. Four years ago he determined to try something better, and purchased the freehold of the Pukekohe Hotel, where, with the able assistance of Mrs. Reid, a wonderful improvement was made in the house. Mr. Reid was elected chairman of the Road Board, and eight months ago, when Pukekohe was formed into a Town Board, was elected one of the commissioners and chosen chairman, a position which he still retains. He was president of the local Football Club, secretary of Lodge Franklin, No. 58, N.Z. Freemasons, and an active member of the Franklin Agricultural Society. As a mark of esteem before leaving he was chosen, and is now, president of the Franklin Rugby Union. Before leaving Pukekohe, Mr. Reid was presented with a handsome dressing-case, and Mrs. Reid was also presented with a handsome lady's dressing case, suitably inscribed, from numerous Pukekohe friends. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have earned a well-deserved rest, and have settled in a lovely home in Ponsonby, but intend paying a visit to the Old Country in the near future.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

The Royal Hotel at Tirau, owned by Mr. F. Rose, and occupied by Mr. E. Smith, was destroyed by fire last week. The fire originated in the upstairs sittingroom about a-quarter past six p.m., and spread with such rapidity that nothing was saved. The inmates were all at tea, when they were surprised to hear the pictures falling from the walls of the sittingroom upstairs, and by that time the top floor was enveloped in flames. Nothing could be done to check the fire, and the building was soon demolished. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Smith, who conducted the house in first-class style, and made himself deservedly popular with everyone he came in contact with or catered for.

NO SENTIMENT.

During the consideration by the Manukau Licensing Committee last Friday, as to which two hotels in the district should be closed, Mr. Parr, on behalf of one of the houses, pointed out that the rent of the premises constituted the support of four infant children. If the license was cancelled, the father, who was unable to work, would be deprived of the only means of livelihood. Mr. Dyer, S.M., replied that this was not an element which came within their province to consider; the committee had to be guided by the question of public convenience only. Mr. Parr rejoined that he took it that the committee was not susceptible on either sentimental or emotional questions. In arguing for the granting of renewals to the houses at Drury and Wairoa South, Mr. Nicholson contended the committee should adopt the principle of thinning out, rather than total abolition, as in the two cases quoted, where there was only one hotel in each district. Mr. Dyer concurred in this contention. There were, he said, seven hotels in the borough of Onehunga, and one just outside; the committee therefore deemed it preferable to thin this number out, rather than abolish the only licenses existing in the Drury and Wairoa South districts, and had decided to cancel the licenses of the Royal and the Victoria Hotels, in Onehunga.

WAIAPU LICENSING MEETING

At Gisborne last Friday, at the adjourned meeting of the Waiapu Licensing Committee, it was insisted that there must be a new licensee for one country hotel, and three months' adjournment was allowed to permit of some other person applying. The chairman said the committee would

have refused the license, owing to the unclean condition in which the hotel had been found. Adjourned applications were further deferred to enable the completion of improvements insisted on. A large petition and counter-petition were received regarding Te Rahui Hotel, Waiapu, which the police had reported to be unnecessary. The chairman said the committee were satisfied as to the accommodation provided, and it was useless to take evidence, because, even if they concluded that the house was not required they had no power to refuse the license on that ground. Conditional licenses for the races this week and for the stock sales were refused, the police reporting adversely in each case.

KAIPARA LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Kaipara Licensing Committee sat at Dargaville last week, there being present: Messrs. Dyer, S.M. (chairman), F. F. Day, J. Trounson, E. F. Field, L. B. Marriner, and Thos. Bassett. Renewals were granted to all the 12 hotels in the district. Certain improvements are to be effected. Packet licenses were granted to the Awaroa, Aotea, Wairoa, Baroona, and Kawau. Application for a wholesale license by Mr. Whittaker, Aratapu, caused some interest, the prohibitionists opposing it. They presented a petition with 500 signatures against it. Mr. Coates appeared for the applicant (Mr. Whittaker), and presented a petition in support. The magistrate asked if they could grant the application as involving an increase in the number of licenses. Mr. Coates quoted the Supreme Court decision that wholesale licenses were excluded. He opposed the prohibition petition as not having been filed for seven days. The petition was not admitted. The committee unanimously decided that the license was not required.

PROVISIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN GREY LYNN.

"THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SALE CONTROL ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1904."

33. With respect to every district the electors whereof have duly determined in manner prescribed by the Licensing Acts that no licenses be granted therein, and so long as, pursuant to such determination, no licenses are in force therein, the following provisions shall apply:—

(1) It shall not be lawful for any person whomsoever—

(a) To solicit or receive any order for any liquor within such district: nor (b) to sell, or expose or keep for sale, any liquor within such district: nor (c) to send (either from without or within such district) or deliver to any person residing therein, or at any place situate therein, any liquor which the person sending or delivery the same has reasonable ground to suspect is intended to be sold, or exposed or kept for sale, therein: nor (d) To send or deliver to any person residing therein or to any place situate therein any package containing liquor, unless such package bears distinctly written or printed on the outside thereof a statement that it contains liquor. Any inspector appointed under the Licensing Acts may detain and in the presence of at least two witnesses examine the contents of any package in respect whereof a violation of this provision is reasonably suspected by him.

"THE LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1904."

5. (a) Every person who gives any order (whether verbal or in writing) for any liquor intended to be sent or taken into the district shall notify the person to whom the order is given that the liquor is intended to be sent or taken, and shall give to such last-mentioned person a statement in writing of his name and address, and (where the order is given on account of any other person) the name and address of such other person.

(b) Every person who sells any liquor in compliance with any such order shall, if so notified as aforesaid, or if aware that the liquor ordered is to be sent or taken into such district, furnish to some clerk of a Magistrate's Court, to be appointed by the Minister, a statement in writing of the nature and quantity of the liquor so sent or taken, and of the name and address of the person ordering the same, and of the day of the

whom it is sent or by whom it is taken; and all such statements shall be filed by the clerk.

(c) Every brewer, wine or spirit merchant, or other vendor of liquor shall keep a book in which he shall enter all orders received by him for the delivery of liquor in such district, the nature and quantity of all liquor so delivered by him in compliance with any such order, and the address of the person ordering the same and of the person to whom the liquor is to be delivered.

(d) All statements filed as aforesaid, and every such book as aforesaid, shall be open to inspection by any Magistrate, Inspector of Licensed Premises, or by any person appointed in that behalf by any Court before which proceedings under this section or under section 33 of the Amendment Act of 1895 have been taken, but save as aforesaid shall not be open to inspection by any person

(e) Every person who (i) Being a resident in such district, obtains, or who, acting on behalf of any such resident, obtains or orders liquors to be delivered in such district to him or any such resident without notifying the vendor or the vendor's agent that he is such a resident as aforesaid, or that the liquor is to be delivered to such a resident as aforesaid: or (ii) Sells any liquor to, or for delivery to, any such resident as aforesaid without making an entry of the sale in the books aforesaid, or without furnishing a statement to the clerk of the Magistrate's Court as aforesaid: or (iii) Knowing that any liquor is being supplied in breach of this section, delivers such liquor to any resident as aforesaid, is liable to a fine for the first offence not exceeding twenty pounds, and for the second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds; or, if he be a licensee, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds for a first offence and one hundred pounds for a second offence, and for a third or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or his license may be cancelled.

(f) Nothing in this section shall prevent any resident in such district, when outside the district, from obtaining for his own personal use, with right to take the same into the district if he chooses, liquor not exceeding one quart of spirits or wine, or one gallon of beer in any one day; and it shall not be necessary for the vendor to enter such sale as required by paragraph (c) hereof, or to furnish any statement to the clerk of the Magistrate's Court in respect thereof.

NEW ZEALAND HOTEL.

The name of "New Zealand" would always awaken Mr. Seddon. Traveling through Castlemaine (says the "Melbourne Argus") he saw on a roadside inn the sign "New Zealand Hotel." From a door a woman waved a white handkerchief at the special train. "She's a New Zealander!" Mr. Seddon cried, and ran to the door of the car to reply to the salute. The train whirled away too quickly to allow him. The Premier said nothing. But on the return journey he sat at a window near the door, watching for the hotel. He waited while the train travelled four miles; then the sign came into view again. Mr. Seddon opened the door, and, standing on the observation platform, waved to the hotel-keeper, who was again on the lookout for him.

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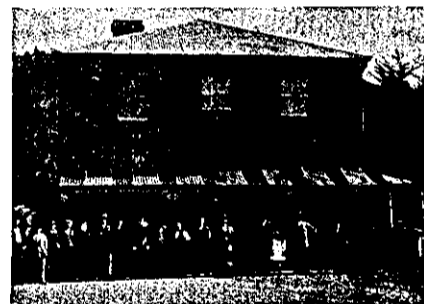
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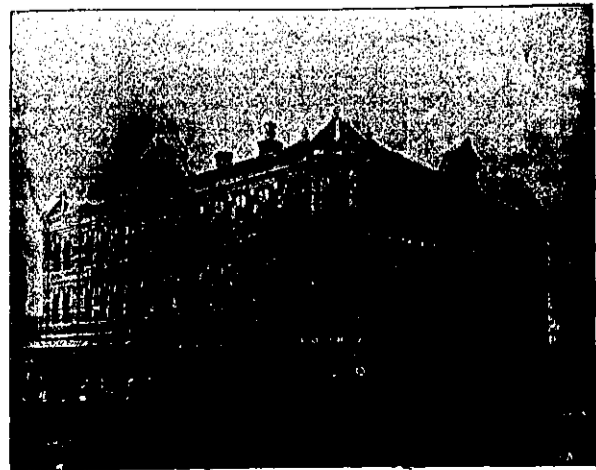
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EDEN LICENSING MEETING.

NEW LYNN HOTEL CLOSED.

The adjourned meeting of the Eden Licensing Committee was held at the Epsom Public Hall at noon last Friday. The chairman (Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M.) presided. The other members of the committee present were: Messrs. Murdoch McLean, G. Knight, J. Walters, R. S. Abel, and J. Bollard, M.H.R.

Mr. F. Earl appeared on behalf of the licensee of the New Lynn Hotel, and Mr. McVeagh on behalf of the licensee of the Epsom Hotel.

The Chairman said that since the adjournment the members of the committee had visited the various houses in the district with reference to the reduction question, and had come to the unanimous opinion that either the New Lynn or the Epsom Hotel license must go. What had to be decided was the convenience and accommodation of the one adopted by the committee. The adjournment had been granted in order that evidence might be called on the question of which license should be cancelled, and it should be confined to the question of public convenience. After this the committee would hear addresses by counsel.

Mr. McVeagh proceeded to call evidence in connection with the application for the renewal of the license of the Epsom Hotel.

Henry Arthur Lloyd, until recently licensee of the Epsom Hotel, said the hotel was largely patronised by the travelling public, and by the general public who attended the show and football matches held at Alexandra Park. The average number of lodgers was five or six, while at show times as many as upwards of 30 stayed there. He considered that the house was reasonably necessary for the requirements of the public.

Wm. Worrall, settler, Manukau Road, said that the people residing in the locality were satisfied with the conduct of the house, and considered that the hotel was necessary for public requirements.

Elliott Laxon, a lodger in the hotel, said reasonable accommodation was provided at all times at the hotel.

Mr. McVeagh addressing the committee, presented several petitions, signed by a large number of the property owners in the vicinity of the hotel, urging that the license be renewed. The house, he pointed out, was situated in a very populous and expanding district, and he submitted that having regard to the requirements of the district, hotel accommodation should be provided. It was a house that was reasonably required for the accommodation of the public, and was moreover within easy access of Auckland on the tram lines, and within close police supervision. He submitted that the requirements of the Epsom district were greater than those of New Lynn, which was sparsely populated.

Mr. Earl called evidence in support of the application for a renewal of the license of the New Lynn Hotel.

James Atkinson, a retired watchmaker, and a property owner in the

neighbourhood of the hotel, said the feeling in the district was in favour of the renewal of the license. The hotel was becoming an accommodation house for tourists, and as time went on would be more and more patronised. It was the only hotel in the district, and he considered that if one of the two had to go it should be that at Epsom. He also pointed out that the New Lynn Hotel was largely patronised by people going to and from the Waikumete cemetery.

Other settlers were also called, and supported the application, holding that a hotel there was necessary, and pointing out the great inconvenience that would be caused in case of sickness if the license was cancelled.

The Chairman, after conferring with the other members of the committee for a few minutes, said they were unanimous in their decision, which was that the New Lynn license should go. There was a great deal in what Mr. Earl had said, but then there was another question to consider, and that was that while the requirements for hotel accommodation at New Lynn were not urgent, the Epsom Hotel was used to a very large extent. Of course if there had been no hotel within 20 miles it would have been a very different thing, but as it was there was a hotel four miles on the one side and another three miles on the other side of the hotel they proposed to close. On the question of public convenience the committee were unanimous that the New Lynn Hotel should be closed, and the license would be cancelled accordingly. The licenses in the cases of the other three hotels in the district, Avondale, Epsom, and the Junction, would be renewed.

LETTERS FROM WOMEN.

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

"I have taken Warner's Safe Cure and Safe Pills when suffering from extreme weakness and prostration, caused by general debility, followed by loss of appetite, headache, depression of spirits and constipation. I was obliged to give up work a trial. I took, in all, five bottles, and am thankful to state that I am perfectly cured. The medical man was genuinely surprised at such a wonderful result. I am now as well as it is possible to be, and give Warner's Safe Cure the whole credit for accomplishing what doctors deemed impossible. Hoping that ladies, suffering as I did, will profit. I am writing to you now. My mother considered that her life was saved by the use of Warner's Safe Cure in a somewhat similar complaint."

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

"About seven years ago I contracted a severe internal complaint and was in a very critical state. The doctor attending me told me that if I lived I should be a sufferer all my lifetime. His treatment was quite useless in giving me relief. After two or three years I got tired of paying doctors' fees for no benefit, and hearing of Warner's Safe Cure I gave it temporarily. The suffering I endured, and the terrible condition I was in, can only be known by those women who have undergone the same experience. I then heard of Warner's Safe Cure and Pills,

and had only taken a few bottles of the former, and a few of the latter, when I was completely restored to health and my usual vigour."

From Mrs. M. A. West, 89 Duke-street, Burnley, Vic., 17th February, 1903.

"For several years I was prostrated by a disease the doctors could give no name to. I was treated by some of the leading physicians in England, but not one of them gave me any hope of recovery. The symptoms were extreme nervousness, loss of appetite, great depression of spirits, chronic pain in my back and head, general weakness, loss of flesh, and my urine was thick and ropy. As the doctors could do nothing for me it was decided that I should go to Australia, in the hope that the change of climate would benefit me, though our family physician said that I might not live out the voyage. However, I started, accompanied by my husband. I was very ill all the way over, and landed in Australia in a very weak state. I was again treated by a doctor, but gradually got worse, and began to think that death would be a relief. At this time an old lady advised me to try Warner's Safe Cure. As a last resource I did so. After taking the third bottle I began to improve in health, getting stronger and brighter each day, greatly to the surprise of myself and friends. All pain and weakness left me, my appetite returned, and in a short time I was quite cured. I gained several pounds in weight, and thanks to Warner's Safe Cure, I am now in good health."

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

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

"A few years ago, when in Victoria, I suffered excruciating pains in my body, especially in the chest and left side around the heart. I consulted three doctors; one said I had a tumor in my side, another that my heart was affected, and the other something else. Medicine was prescribed to me by one of them, which I took for some time. I then came to Broken Hill, and still continued to take the same medicine, but all to no purpose, for I was getting worse and weaker all the time, and became so low that I thought I was going to die. I had read about Warner's Safe Cure, and decided to give up the doctor's medicine and try the former. The first bottles I took gave me so much relief that I continued the treatment, in conjunction with Warner's Safe Pills, getting better and stronger each week. My appetite returned, I could eat and sleep well, and all bodily pain left me. I have gained in weight and am now quite cured."

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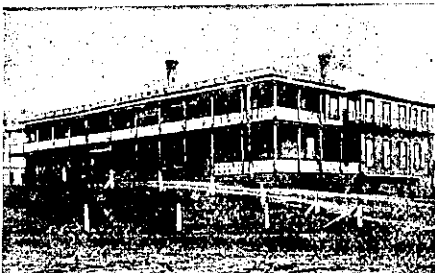
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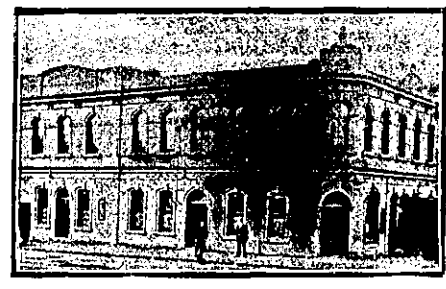
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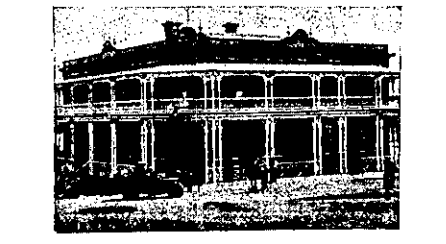
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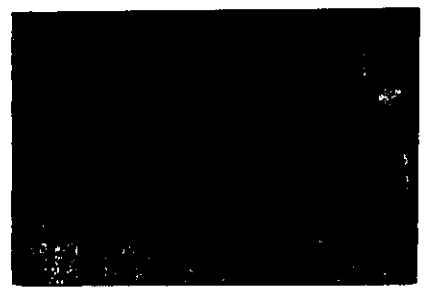
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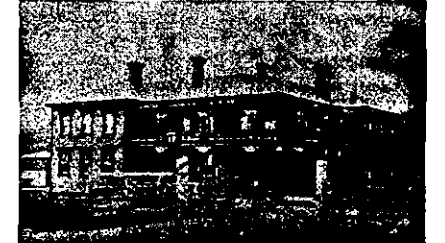
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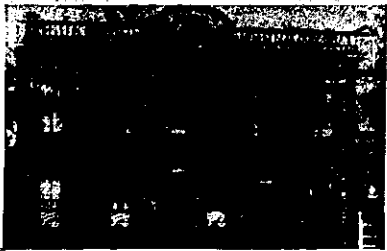
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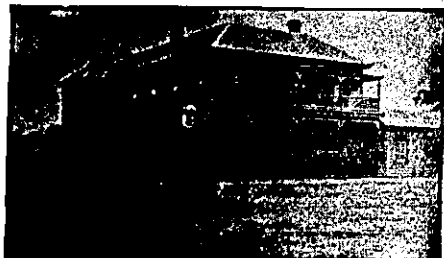
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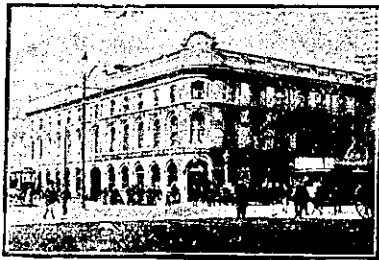
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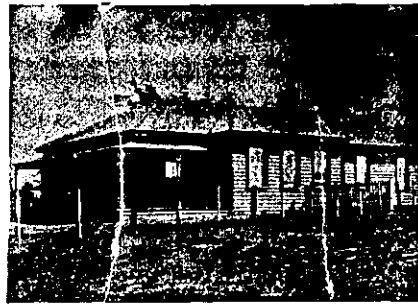
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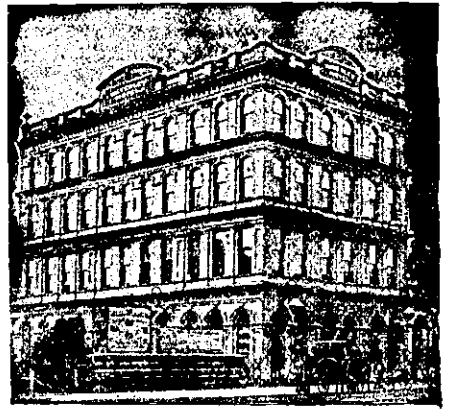
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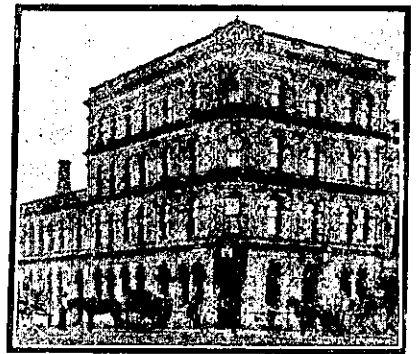
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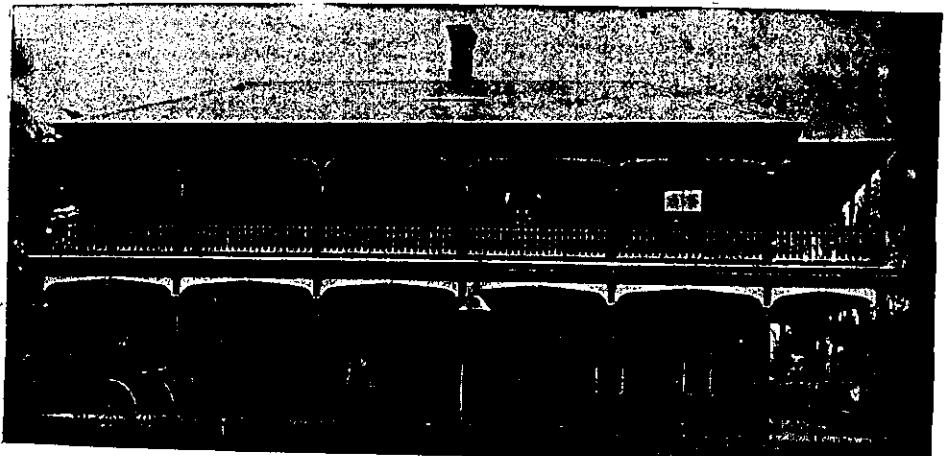
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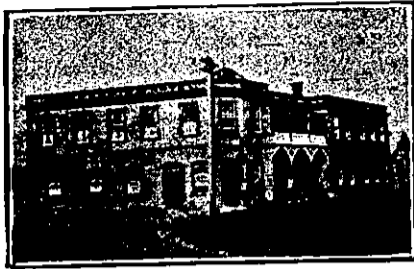
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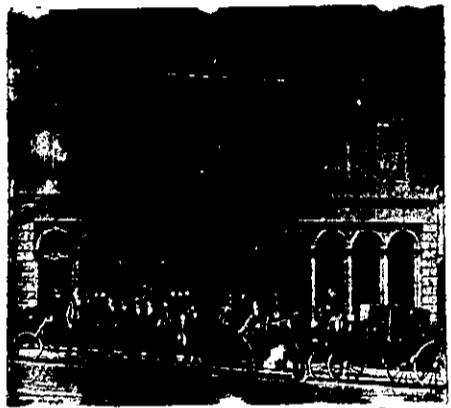
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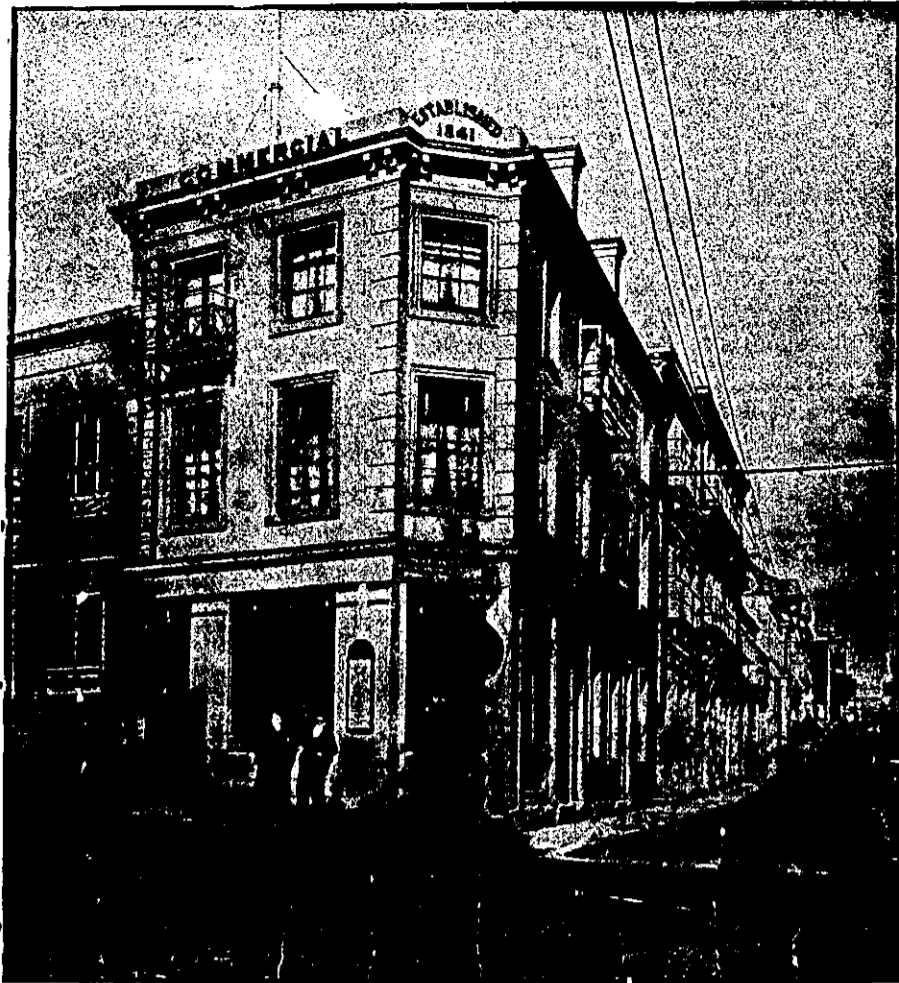
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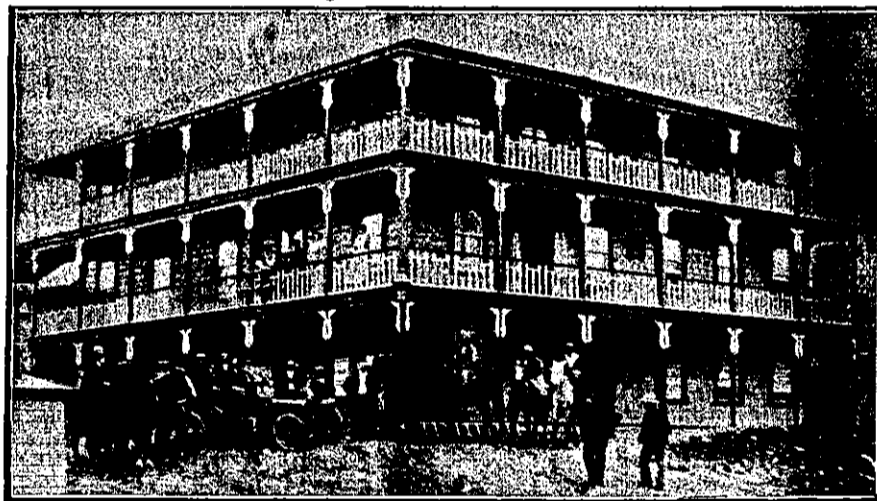
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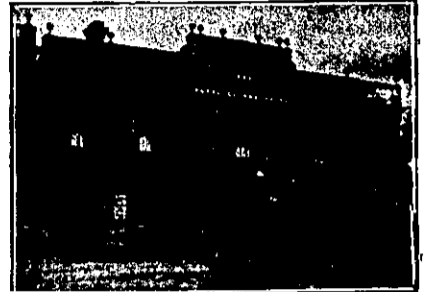
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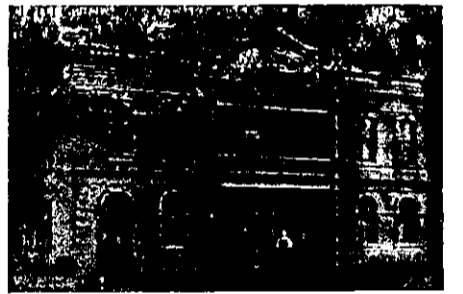
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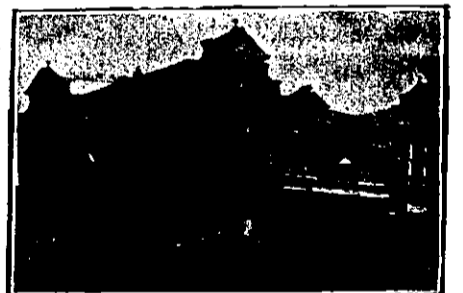
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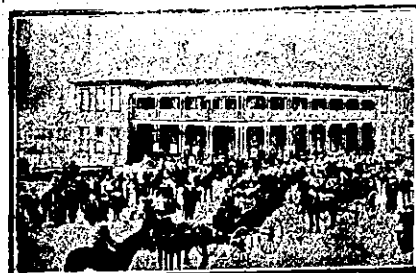


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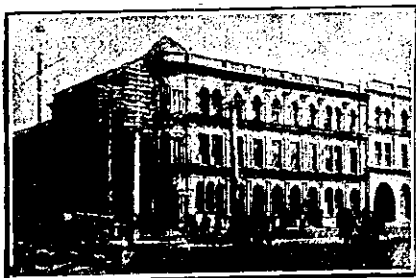
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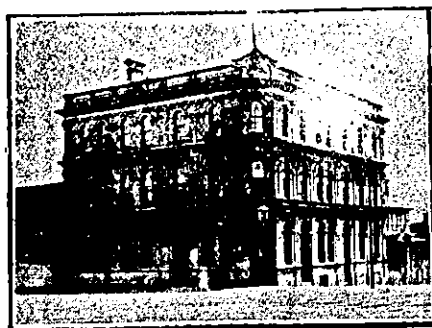


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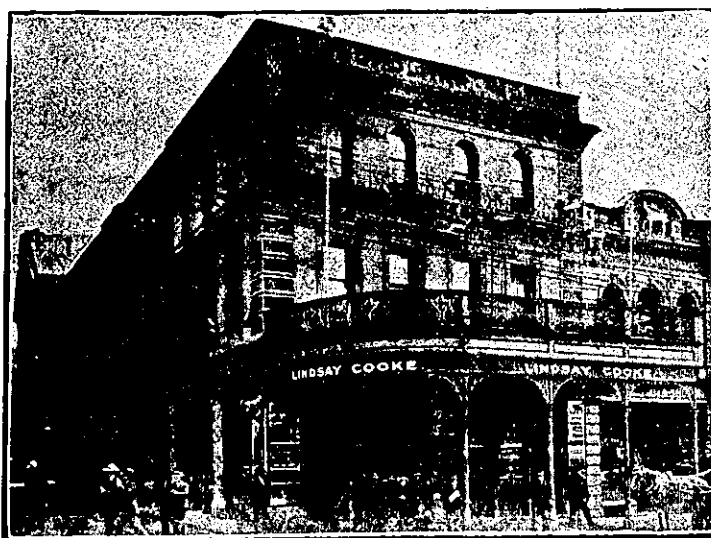
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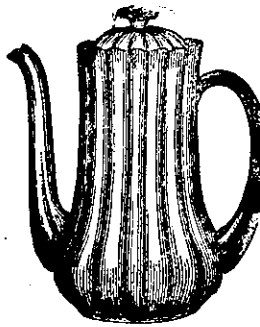


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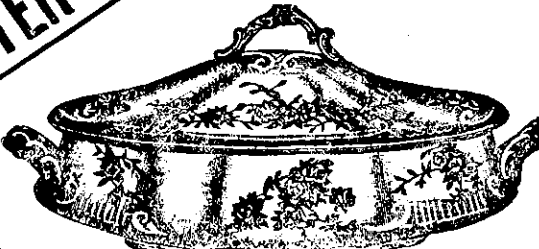
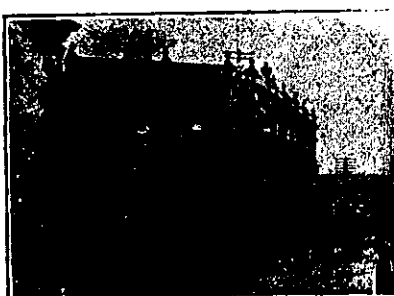
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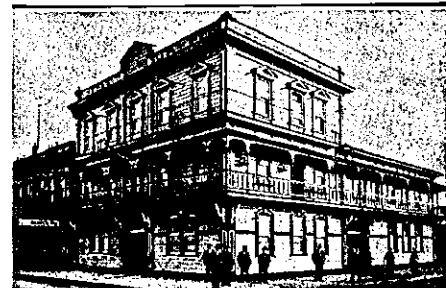
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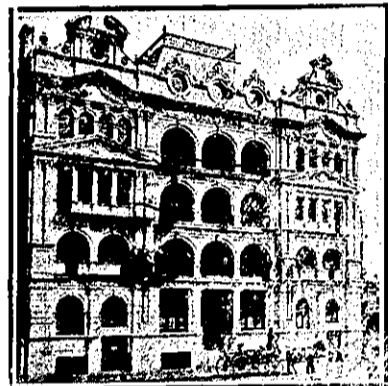
Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table. Ample Stabling and Paddockings. Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.

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The EMPIRE is the appointed Hotel to the Wellington Commercial Travellers' Association and N.Z. Cyclists' Touring Club.

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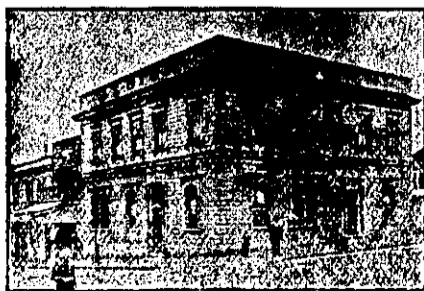
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First-class Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff.

Every Attention and all Home Comforts.

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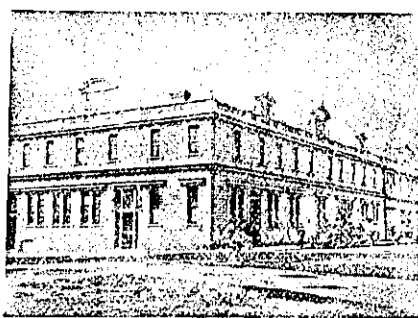
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All trains stop sufficient time at station to enable passengers to obtain refreshments.

Good accommodation for the travelling public; also good stabling.

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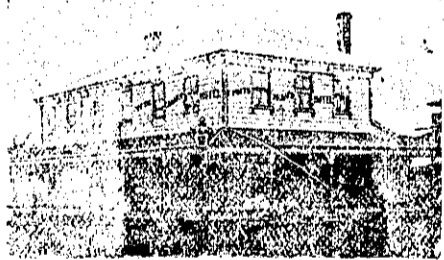
Hotel, 9 years' lease; rent, £2 weekly. Price, £2800. First-class Hotel, Palmerston North; 8½ years' lease; low rental. Price reasonable. Hotel (Wairarapa), 4 years' lease; rental, £9; a bargain. Hotel (countr. near Wellington), about 3 years' lease. Price, £1800. Hotel (Forty-mile Bush), 14 rooms; 23 acres of land. Price, £1600. For Sale—Hotel (South), 2½ years' lease; rent, £2 15s per week. Price, £1000. Hotel (Taranaki), 4½ years' lease; rent, £5 8s per week; trade averages £80 to £90 weekly; progressive district. Price, £2200. Compact Hotel (Manawatu), over 5½ years' lease; rent, £4 per week. Price, £2250. Accommodation House and 690 acres; 21 years' lease; 250 sheep, 13 head cattle, pigs, etc. Price, £400. License fee, £1 per year. Hotel (seaport), 5 years' lease; rent, £4 per week. Price, £2200. Hotel and Store (West Coast), lease, 21 years, with right of further 21 years. Turnover, £6000 to £7000 yearly. Price, £1350. Magnificent Brick Hotel, leading thoroughfare Wellington; trade over £200 weekly. Elegantly furnished. Price, £7700. Suitable purchasers assisted with a large proportion of the purchase money. DWAN BROS., Willis-st., Wellington.

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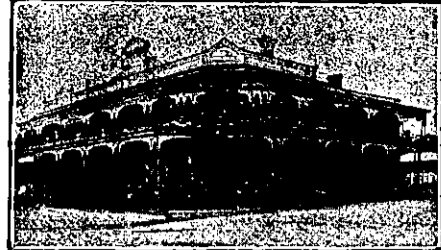
CLARENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

MR. GEORGE OAKENFULL (Late of Waipawa).

Begs to inform the travelling public and residents of Waverley that he has taken over the Clarendon Hotel. He hopes that with strict attention to the comfort of his guests, a good table, and the best of Ales, Wines, Spirits, etc., to be favoured with their patronage.

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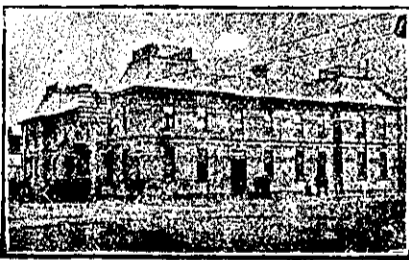
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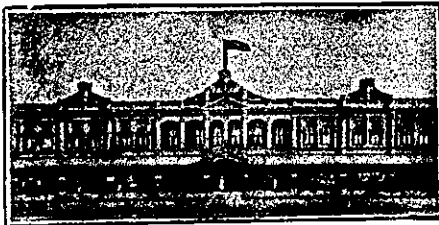
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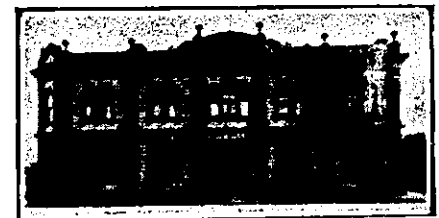
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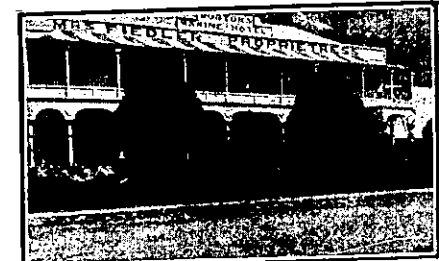
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JOHN COLLINS Proprietor.

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One of the oldest established Houses in Nelson, offering Good Accommodation.

Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits.

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Lighted throughout with Electric Light.

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WESTPORT.

DAVID LEECH Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL,

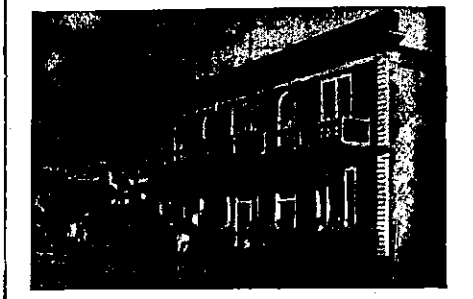
REEFTON.

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Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4s 6d PER DIEM.

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