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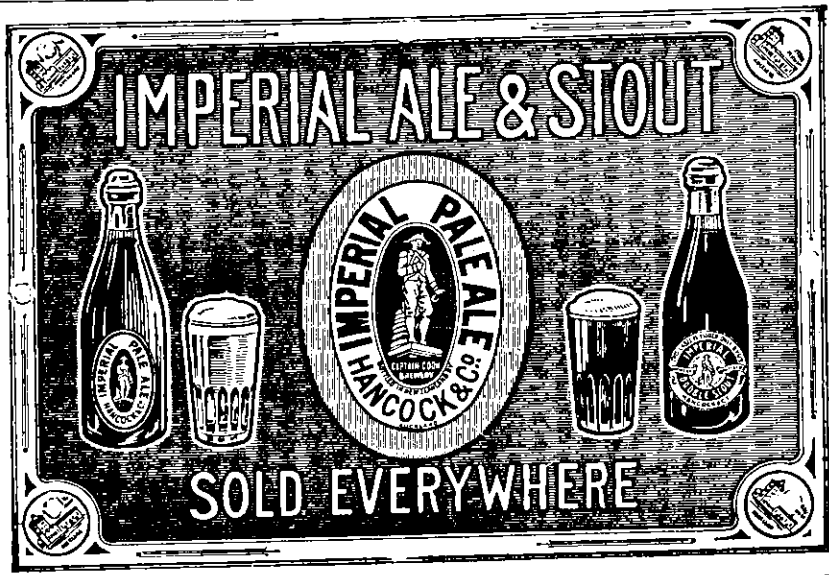
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October 10 and 13—Dunedin J.C.
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REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Nominations for all events to be run at the spring meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close with Mr. F. Moffatt, the secretary, on Monday, September 3, at 9 p.m.
Entries for the Avondale Cup, Steeplechase, Plumpton Handicap, and Flying Stakes, to be run at the Spring Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, on Friday, August 24, at 9 p.m.
General entries for the Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting close on Friday, September 7, at 9 p.m.
Nominations for the First and Second County Stakes, First and Second Hurdles, Spring, Flying, Makaraka, and Waikanae Handicaps, to be run at the spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, close with Mr. D. R. DeCosta, the secretary, on September 29 at 9.30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1906.

**THE NEW ZEALAND CUP
HANDICAPS.**

On Monday Mr. Henrys published his adjustments for the New Zealand Cup, and these have been eagerly scrutinised. After reading them down, it has to be admitted that the compilation shows evidence of care-

ful consideration, and the only matter for regret is that so many horses, who have shown not a glimpse of Cup form, had to be handicapped. That the horses listed to compete are a very poor lot indeed is shown when it is noticed that only five have been given more than 8st, and of these three are very doubtful starters. Under the circumstances, much of the interest will die out of the race, for the winning of it cannot possibly be looked upon as any great achievement. Mahutonga is in pride of place with 9st, but Sydney accounts of his condition do not warrant the idea of the son of Quilt being able to face the starter. Maniapoto (8st 13lb) bids fair to be another absentee as he is engaged at Caulfield and Flemington. Boomerang, on the same mark, will therefore probably figure as top weight, and despite two or three attractive performances last season, notably the Great Autumn Handicap in 2min 35sec, he has been given quite enough, although, of course, it can be rightly argued that much of that below him is more or less worthless. Paritutu, at 8st 5lb, reads better, for he is a very hardy and consistent customer, who, if turned out at his best by Mr. George, will take a deal of beating. He carried 7st 12lb into second place last year, when the quality of the field was better, and at present seems about the pick of the handicap. Solution is by no means badly treated with 8st, but the daughter of Soult may remain in Australia for Victorian engagements. Letherin (7st 13lb) has run decently, his best win so far having been in the Pahiatua Cup, in which he carried 7st 7lb. With an 8lb rise on that, one cannot enthuse about his prospects. Auratus and Lyryst, on the same mark, both read much better. The former, with 7st 7lb in the saddle last year, put down a very strong field in the Manawatu Cup, giving 13lb and an easy beating to Lyryst, so on that form should hold the latter safe, but The Officer gelding has more recent winning form to his credit, and may prove dangerous. Multifid (7st 12lb) would have a big chance if in his Northern Derby form, but he has done nothing since winning the Blue Ribbon. Gladstone (7st 10lb) seems nicely treated, but he is a delicate horse, and a very uncertain one at that. He will need to improve on his last year's form to have a chance. Ghoorka (7st 9lb) has been a disappointing customer, and may be troubled by the length of the journey. The next four on the list—Savoury (7st 8lb), Bulawayo (7st 7lb), Welbeck (7st 7lb), and Starshoot (7st 6lb)—will be almost certain absentees. Savoury and Starshoot are in Australia, while Bulawayo and Welbeck have hopelessly broken down, and will not race again. Armistice (7st 5lb) has been given a rare chance. Last season the daughter of Mahaki and Melinite easily won the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding under 7st 7lb, and followed it up by winning the Manchester Handicap at the same meeting with 8st 5lb in the saddle. With 7st 4lb she ran third to Putty and Mahutonga in the Auckland Cup, and she was not particularly well handled in that race, swerving right across the course at the finish. If really fit on the day, the mare should take no end of beating.
Zimmerman (7st 4lb) is at the top of the usually dangerous three-year-old division. When in Auckland he impressed all who looked him over as being just the cut of a Derby colt, and the big son of Birkenhead, with 2lb less than weight for age, is just the colt to win if the race is to go to one of his year. Martello (7st 4lb) ended up his three-year-old career by winning the Huia Handicap at Otaki under 7st 5lb. Although a most aristocratically-bred horse, so far he has shown us but little worthy of his high lineage, but he may improve with age. Ironmould (7st 3lb) is considered by many to have a chance second to none, and the son of Metal is looking very well. The Birkenhead gelding Wirral is said to be a very promising customer, and he hails from a powerful stable. Makaroff (7st 2lb) placed nine races to his credit last season, the last being the Ashburton Autumn Handicap, in which he scored an easy victory under 9st 3lb. Whether he can stay remains to be seen, although he has won up to a mile and a-half, and unquestionably he is let in very lightly. Bourrasque (7st 1lb) is another who did well last season, winning six times in a dozen starts, the last effort being a dead heat with Polycaste in the Honowhenua R.C. Handicap

under 8st 11lb. The Aucklander, Uenuku, was backed to win before the weights appeared, and as he has only 6st 11lb, this should not alter the good opinion of his chance. Landwern (6st 10lb) showed winning form at Riccarton last week. None of the light brigade, with the possible exception of Stepdancer and Zetland, appear to have very much chance of pulling off the big handicap, but of course matters may be altered in this respect before the eventful day. At the present time those with the likeliest winning prospects appear to be Boomerang, Paritutu, Auratus, Armistice, Zimmerman, Ironmould, Makaroff, Bourrasque, and Lyryst. To further reduce this list, Armistice, Paritutu, and Boomerang appear the pick of the bunch.

NOTES.

(By "THE JUDGE.")

The disappointment of the National meeting was the much-fancied Eurus. In three starts he fell twice, and ran very badly on the third occasion.

Mr. R. Wynyard, the Cambridge weight adjuster, seems to have made very fair handicaps, and should have big fields in the three open events.

Scotty, one of our best horses, is also a regular attendant at Ellerslie, and is always in charge of his old pilot, Mark Ryan. The pair seem to thoroughly understand one another.

The jumpers at Ellerslie have had a few added to their ranks in Ben and Soultfish, and may be seen out at the Avondale spring meeting. The former shaped like a tradesman the other morning in his initial attempt.

W. Gall has leased the Menschikoff—Cressy filly Lady Cressy from W. Lyons, and she will be shortly in active service. She is a nicely-turned and evenly-made filly.

During the running of the Final Hurdle Race at Riccarton, Welbeck broke down badly at the last hurdle. On being pulled up it was found that his off hind fetlock was broken. An effort is to be made to save the handsome son of Perkin Warbeck II. and Reverie for the stud.

Now that the Ellerslie tracks are coming back into decent shape, trainers are sending their charges along in view of the spring engagements. Ironmould Uenuku, and Gladstone, three New Zealand Cup candidates, are all being sent along, and all three are standing up to the collar. The former has done well since his last appearance in public, and only wants a few gallops to bring him into tip-top racing condition.

Owing to the wet weather most of the babies are backward. The Phoenix Apollo—Eve filly, a neat little youngster, seems about the most forward, and should be heard from in the early spring fixtures. She knocked one of her hind legs, and had to be taken gently for a while, but is now on the tracks again.

Coleman holds a very strong hand in handicap horses, and should give a good account of himself with the assistance of that good brace, Landlock and Leonator, to say nothing of the lighter weights. He has in hand a good-looking upstanding chestnut gelding from the Northern Wairoa by Regal.

Mr. Dan Twohill (Mr. W. Lyons' partner) has received a letter from the old Aucklander, now in London. After consulting the best doctors there Mr. Lyons has been advised not to make a stay in the big city, but to return to the colonies and a more genial climate.

Discoverer was brought down from the Northern Wairoa last week, and is now located at Avondale, where Ben Blair and several others are at present.

Contrary to expectations, most of the local bookmakers got let down very lightly over the winning double at Christchurch (Phaetonitis and Cciragno). After the National Steeplechase was run things looked none too bright for the pencilers, but as usual the little cherub that sits up aloft smiled on the men of metal.

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At Cambria Park, foalings have been pretty early this year, no less than six mares having already made their returns, three being colts and three fillies. The following are the details:—Peace (by The Officer—Content), a colt to Eton; Senga (by Hotchkiss—Agnes), a colt to Eton; Tournament (by Sir Lancelot—Mauri), a colt to Eton; Guineveve (by Sir Lancelot—Orientale), a filly to Eton; Miss Annie (by Seaton Delaval—First Love), a filly to Soult; Lady Agnes (by Neckersgat—Peradventure), a filly to Eton.

The champion pony Buluwayo broke down badly when leading the field in the Islington Handicap, and it is very doubtful if he will face the starter again.

Dan Moraghan's stable at Riccarton furnished the winner of the G.N. Steeplechase (Phaetonitis) and the winner of the G.N. Hurdles (Cuiragno) was also staying there. The same roof also sheltered Irish (runner-up in the G.N. Steeplechase), and Aqua Regia, a double winner.

The New Zealand horseman, C. O'Neill, is making a slow recovery from his accident. He is at the Melbourne Hospital, and recently had to undergo the operation of having his leg re-broken, as it had not knitted properly.

A committee meeting of the Auckland Racing Club was held on Tuesday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Stewards, Messrs. M. McLean, F. Earl, E. A. Price, T. Sinclair, W. C. Somers, C. Ranson, A. W. Gordon, G. W. S. Patterson, and Sir Robert Lockhart; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. T. Gorrie; handicapper, Mr. George Morse; starter, Mr. C. O'Connor; clerk of the course, Mr. A. Selby; clerk of the scales, Mr. F. W. Marks; judge, Mr. R. B. Lusk; auditors, Messrs. W. McCutcheon and P. Butler; Works Committee, the Hon. E. Mitchelson and Messrs. W. McLaughlin, S. Bradley, M. McLean, and W. Davies; Finance Committee, the Hon. E. Mitchelson and Messrs. H. T. Gorrie, H. O. Nolan, and N. A. Nathan; Catering Committee, Messrs. Nathan, Earl, and Price.

Messrs Wm. Morgan, Lou Harris, Sam Darrah, Mark Harrison, and several other visitors to Christchurch, returned to Auckland by the s.s. Takapuna, and all seemed delighted with their Southern trip.

Aqua Regia scored twice at the recent National Meeting. She is an up-standing daughter of the Salvator horse Salvadan and Cloud.

The Messrs Duder must have felt pleased to see Cuiragno returned as the winner of the Grand National Hurdles, as the popular North Shore sportsmen bred the son of Cuirassier.

Since Mr W. Foss bought Cuiragno he has won £1100 in stakes clear, the win including a Grand National Hurdle Race.

The Auckland Racing Club have removed the disqualification from the horses Klondyke and Dorothy.

The A.R.C. Committee are in future to meet on the second Tuesday in each month.

Lady Musket (Blairgowrie-Muskerina) has produced a filly to Soult, the youngster being the first to make its appearance this season at Glenoran Park.

The Babolna Stud Farm, in Hungary, covers an area of nearly 10,000 acres. It has, since about 1816, been given up almost entirely to the breeding of Arab and Arab half-bred stock, the latter being used for military purposes, and also for supplying other State studs with stallions for public use. It is the rule with the half-breds that they must not exceed a certain size nor vary from a certain well-recognised type. Horses which do not comply with these requirements are sold as saddle or harness horses. The horses at Babolna, Arabs and half-breds, are allowed to run about loose in immense stables. The young stock, yearlings and two-year-olds, spend their time in the great pastures attached to the stud buildings.

Next Saturday's meet of the Pakuranga Hunt Club will take place at the Monument, Otahuhu. On the following Thursday it will be at Waiuku.

The Phoebus Apollo—Cuisine mare Pantry Girl recently won a handicap at the Richmond Park Meeting near Melbourne.

Swimmer leaves for Australia this week to play his part at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting.

Pariutu is favourite for the N.Z. Cup at 7 to 1, Boomerang being next in demand. Of the others, Armistice, Auratus, Lyrist, Luherin, Multifid, and Uenuku are most fancied.

The track at Riccarton last week is said to have been heavier than has been the case for many years.

The Waikato Hunt Club Meeting will take place on September 5.

Owners should bear in mind that entries for the Avondale Cup, Steeplechase, Plumpton Handicap, and Flying Stakes, to be run at the Spring Meeting of the Avondale J.C. close with Mr Hayr tomorrow evening at 9 p.m.

The records of some of the British cross-country gentlemen riders are amazing. Take that of Captain Wentworth Hope-Johnston, for example. He has ridden 1109 races and won 362 of them. He fell 98 times, his horse refused to jump 28 times, and it is estimated that he has jumped approximately 28,000 fences.

Powder Puff, an aged gelding by Carbine, carried 8.9 to the front in the Cumberland Plate, of 462 sovs., 1½ mile, at Carlisle (Eng.) last month. He was well backed, being second favourite at 3 to 1 in a field of nine.

Maniapoto is still moving in a somewhat scratchy fashion, but looks fairly well (says the "Referee"). So far, there is nothing to indicate his particular mission in the Spring, but it might be as well to remind those who are commencing or finishing doubles with him for the Melbourne events, that his engagements also include the New Zealand Cup, which is run early in November. Possibly the programme may be to run him at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, and then ship him to New Zealand for the Christchurch meeting.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club will hold a meeting at Alexandra Park on September 15. Mr Fred Younge has been appointed secretary, a most popular selection.

A law was passed in America in 1857 forbidding betting on horse racing, but it has lain dormant for many years, and at this late hour the State of Detroit has unearthed it and stringently enforced its provisions. One of the biggest trotting meetings in America is held at Detroit, known as the "Blue ribbon meeting," but owing to the enforcement of the Betting Act, it has been decided to transfer the meeting to Cleveland, where it is to be run off without betting, in conjunction with Cleveland's own big fixture. The Cleveland Club says it is not troubled about the future. If the races are not self-sustaining with a silent pool-stand, the premiums will be promptly paid, as the club has a large guaranteed fund. It will be interesting to note the result of the experiment.

The New Zealand-bred Nonette, by Seaton-Delaval—Charente, by Nordenfeldt, reached Rockhampton last week (says the "Sydney Mail") and was quartered at Messrs Rutherford Bros.' Bazaar for a day or two before being forwarded to Logan Downs, Mr F. W. Fairbairn's station, in the Westcentral district, where this fine performer will do stud duty. Many good racehorses, including Fascinator (who holds the 1½m record for Queensland), his brother Alister, and others of more or less note, were bred on Logan Downs. Writing of the stallion, which I happen to know well, reminds me that our old favourite Nonette will be quartered at one of the finest runs in Queensland. When I was last there there were 350,000 sheep on the place.

The German Derby, of 5000 sovs., was run at Hamburg on June 24, and was won by Mr. Weinberg's Fels (Hannibal—Festa), with Derby Cup (Rightaway—False Tooth) second, and Baron Kiki (Kirkconnel—Rikiki) third.

Two world's records were established at the Ascot (England) races last month, Pradella winning the Ascot Stakes, 2 miles, in 3min. 19 2-5sec., and Bachelor's Button the Gold Cup, 2½ miles, in 4min. 23 1-5sec. The previous record for 2 miles was 3min. 24 4-5sec. by Princess Florizel at Newmarket (England), last year, and that for 2½ miles was held by Zinfandel, viz., 4min. 23 2-5sec., at Ascot (England), in June last year.

Roger de Belesme, created Earl of Salisbury by William the Conqueror, is the first upon record who introduced Spanish stallions into his estate in Powisland, from which that district of Wales was celebrated for its fine breed of horses. Giraldus Cambrensis, who lived in the reign of Henry II., takes note of it, and their excellence was extolled by Drayton, a contemporary of Shakespeare. It was this breed of horses which was destined to mount the nobles and knights for feats of chivalry in the tilt yard. Later on, the gentlemen began to try the fleetness of their horses against one another, but that date rode with out measuring the horses or even weighing.

The New Zealand jockey F. Jones won a race at the Windsor meeting at the end of June. He rode Florestan, a two-year-old hailing from Major Edward's stable, and won easily from sixteen opponents.

Paul Seaton has resumed work again after a long spell. The son of Seaton Delaval and Leocant is looking very lusty.

Mr Wm. Morgan (the owner of Sol and Baritone), who had a good stake about Sol and Cuiragno, took £500 about the winning double (Phaetonitis and Cuiragno) as a saver, and was naturally elated after Cuiragno landed the second leg.

In the grounds of The Durdans, at Epsom, is to be seen a remarkable grave, that of Amato, who won the Derby in 1838. This horse had never run in public before, and after winning the great Epsom race never ran again. He started at the odds of 30 to 1 against. He was bred by Sir Gilbert Heathcote, who then owned "Durdans," which is quite close to the winning-post for the Derby. Amato was trained on Epsom Downs, and after his success, which it need hardly be said was immensely popular locally, there was a magnificent display of fireworks at The Durdans. The grave is of great historic interest, and is visited by sportsmen from all parts of the world during the race meeting in summer, when the flowering shrubs and foliage round the resting place of this unique Derby winner are at their best.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The spring meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will take place on Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28. As usual with this up-to-date club, the programme has been arranged on very attractive lines, the items to be considered being as follows:—On the first day: The Spring Handicap of 125sovs, one mile; the Maiden Hack Race of 60sovs, five furlongs; the Wanganui Guineas of 300 sovs, one mile; the Okehu Hurdles of 125sovs, one mile and three-quarters; the Gonville Hack Hurdles of 75sovs, one mile and five furlongs; the Putiki Hack Handicap of 80sovs, one mile; and the Flying Handicap of 150sovs, six furlongs. On the second day the events are: The Owen Handicap of 100sovs, five furlongs; the Moutoa Hack Handicap of 60sovs, six furlongs; the Brunswick Hurdles of 100 sovs, one mile and a-half; the Aramoho Hack Hurdles of 75sovs, one mile and a-half; the Wanganui Handicap of 250sovs, one mile and a-quarter; the Railway Hack Handicap of 75sovs, five furlongs; the Marangal Handicap of 100sovs, one mile.

This is a well-endowed bill of fare, and one which should readily attract the attention of owners. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns. It will be noted that Mr. F. Moffatt, the secretary, will take entries up to Monday, September 3, at 9 p.m.

APPEAL CASE.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB V. TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

In regard to the appeal by the Stratford Racing Club against a decision of the Taranaki Metropolitan Committee with reference to the disqualification of Alex. Mitchell, James Mitchell, J. D. Mitchell and A. H. Christie, the judges (Messrs. H. D.

Bell, George Hunter and E. R. Guinness), who were appointed by the Racing Conference to adjudicate in the case, have given the following decision:—"The charge against James Mitchell was that he assaulted Dr. Paget; that against J. D. Mitchell was that he assaulted Mr. Young; and that against Alex. Mitchell and A. H. Christie was that they hooted Dr. Paget. Each charge was therefore directly of a personal affront to a steward, though, of course, in such a charge is involved the general offence of improper behaviour on a racecourse. It was admitted by both parties before the judges, firstly, that the persons charged protested against any steward who had given evidence sitting as a member of the committee to adjudicate; secondly that notwithstanding that protest Dr. Paget and Mr. Young sat as judges throughout the inquiry and voted on the decisions arrived at. The protest in its full terms cannot be supported. A steward is not disqualified to adjudicate because he gives evidence or because he has special personal cognisance of the matter under consideration, but as applied to Dr. Paget and Mr. Young the objection of the protest is unanswerable. Each of them was disqualified by the nature of the charge and its personal reference to them from either sitting on the hearing or taking part in the judgment. A tribunal must be impartial and the mere statement of the above facts in a case arising in any other tribunal would obviously be sufficient to invalidate the judgment. The principle is equally applicable to an investigation by a racing tribunal. The judges for this reason decide that the original judgments of the Stratford committee were made without jurisdiction by reason of the presence of two members who could not properly sit, and therefore they disallow the appeal. The judges, however, think it necessary to record their dissent from the opinion expressed by the Taranaki Metropolitan Committee, that when once a race meeting is at an end any proceedings for the purpose of punishing persons who have been guilty of assault or disorderly conduct should rather be instituted before a law court. An assault or disorderly conduct on a racecourse, whether during the meeting or after the last race, may in many cases (of which the present are good instances) be of a nature trivial in their quality of offence against the statute law, and therefore such as a court of law might properly dismiss, and yet constitute very grave breaches upon a racecourse, breaches which, in the interests of racing, our rules require the racing tribunals to investigate and deal with. Under the very special circumstances of the case the judges direct that the deposit of £20 be returned to the appellants without deduction."

COURSING.

(By "The Judge.")

At the Canterbury C.C. August Meeting Mr Davies' Dawn After Dark won the National Cup, while Mr Goddard's Admiral Crichton won the Maiden Stake and trophy presented by Mr Davies.

Mr C. Jerome, the well-known coursing enthusiast, writing on August 20 from Christchurch, makes the following characteristic remarks: "To the followers of the leash who perused a recent issue of the "Sporting Review," what a treat is that page on which are the photos of those earnest working officials of the North N.Z. Coursing Club than whom I know none more zealous in promoting the sport. I trust that worthy sentiment which has brought together so choice a blend of disinterested supervisors will ever hold them together, for then indeed has Middlemore Park a bright future. The recent meetings at Oamaru and Dunedin, favoured by fine weather, great trials, capable judging, good slipping, and excellent management will ever be a pleasing reminiscence to those who were fortunate in participating. To-day the Christchurch Club hold a final meeting of the season, and promise an attractive bill-of-fare. There are thirty dogs listed in the Maiden Stake and seventeen in the Cup. On Wednesday and Thursday following, Timaru opens its Invitation Meeting, and with fine weather is sure to provide an enjoyable outing. After this down goes the curtain in the coursing season of 1906, probably the most successful in Maori-land records.

Mr Frank Baker's bitch Helen Wood (Butcher Boy—Lady Dashwood), which ran up for the Maiden Stake at the beginning of the month, visited Better Days last week. Lady Dashwood goes on a

visit to the same dog this week. Kitty West has been mated with Yes-No. I understand that the whole of these puppies will be for sale, a fact which coursing men would do well to make a note of.

Mr Martin Taylor, the well-known coursing enthusiast, left for Sydney by the Mokoia on Monday, when he hopes to see some coursing before the season closes.

When the Abel Carrier dog Grandlight won the Middlemore All-Aged Stakes at Otahuhu, the stakes were impounded owing to an objection from Christchurch on a question of ownership. The matter has been referred by the committee of the local club to the N.Z. Coursing Association, and the finding of the governing body is expected in the course of a few days.

During the A.J.C. Spring meeting there will be assembled in Sydney gentlemen prominently associated with coursing from the States of Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, and from the colony of New Zealand. Would it not be a good idea (asks "Amesbury" in the "Referee") to hold a conference in Sydney at the time mentioned to discuss matters of general interest. Personally I would like to see the N.S.W. Association hold a smoke concert on a good scale during the Spring carnival, and issue invitations to all visiting coursers, both inter-State and country. I think a big success could be made of such a re-union.

AFTER THE RACES.

THE C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

Although it was fine overhead on Thursday last, the course was wet, and very heavy. Cuiragno's Grand National will long be remembered as one of the most uninteresting in the history of the race. Dry going is of course not expected at Riccarton in the early part of August, but the tracks during the past few years have never been so bad as they were last week. Good fields, and in most cases keen contests were the order of the day.

Racing commenced with the Hunt Club Steeplechase, Hikairoa (11.9) going out a slightly better favourite than Nogi (11.13) and Haerekimoa (11.9).

Haerekimoa led the field at a strong pace for half a mile, when Recruit (11.7) and Lowlock (11.10) passed him and led past the stand and over the double. Here Elmwood (10.8) and Carlo (12.9) fell, while Deerslayer nearly came down. Lowlock was in front going down the back stretch, but he was soon joined by Haerekimoa and the kennels double proved fatal to Nogi and Stormy Petrel. Entering the straight Haikairoa, Early Van and Rechrut drew up to Rowlock, and the quartette came on together to the last fence. Early Van was first to get into his stride, but Hikairoa beat him in the run home by a length. Recruit was two lengths away, just clear of Rowlock. Wi Waka fell at the last fence and broke his near foreleg, with the result that he had to be destroyed.

The field for the Summer Handicap numbered seven, Togos (10.5) going out a better favourite than Outer (9.13). Hemlock (9.8) led in the early stages of the race, when Curiosity (10) passed him, and soon had a long lead. The latter collapsed at the end of half a mile, and Outer drawing out beat Togos somewhat easily by four lengths. Buckleugh (9) was third, with Hemlock close up fourth.

All the starters in the August Handicap with the exception of Sychem (9.3) and Alexis (9.8) were well backed, Red Gauntlet (10) carrying most money, Medallist (10.13) next. Matuku (9) shot to the front at the start, and piloted the lead round the turn, Red Gauntlet, Jolly Roger (9) and Grandstand (9.5) being at the head of the others. Red Gauntlet joined Matuku in the lead going into the straight, but the pair retired at the distance. At this stage Jolly Roger came out and easily stalling off a late run by Medallist beat him by two lengths. Manjess, who lost a lot of ground at the start, was a length behind Medallist, with Sychem fourth and Red Gauntlet and Armamento close up.

Thirteen horses figured on the card in the Grand National Hurdle race,

but Pushful, Tirole and Sardonyx were withdrawn, leaving ten to face the starter. Kremlin, Cuiragno, and Prospector were voted the best backed horses in the field, and the first-named was made a strong favourite, Prospector coming next in demand. The race was a very poor one to watch the field being strung out after half a mile had been covered. Cuiragno set out to make the pace, and he practically had the race won at any part of the journey. Cuiragno led over the first hurdle, Magnificent and Kremlin, the latter pulling hard, being his nearest attendants as they swept past the stand. This order was maintained to the mile post, where Hydrant, Prospector and Comfort moved up and got within striking distance of the leader. With heads turned for home Cuiragno was just clear of Hydrant and Prospector, while two lengths further back came Kremlin and Comfort. Cuiragno-Narcissus was showing the way to Swimmer. A little further on the latter lost his place and there was very little to choose between Narcissus, Kaitere, Phaetonitis and Victory at the sod wall. The last named was the first to give out, the other five coming on together to the last fence. Kaitere was quickest into his stride, and holding Phaetonitis safely beat him in the run home by two lengths. Playfair was a similar distance away third, just in front of Narcissus and Swimmer.

The next race, the Islington Handicap, furnished the closest finish of the day, there being heads only between Lyryst (10.8), Ellerton (9.9) and Waikato (10.6), who finished in the order named. Jolly Friar (9.13), the favourite, was caught in the tapes and lost several lengths. Bullawayo (9.12) led until the distance, where he broke down and was pulled up.

The Spreydon Hack Hurdles furnished a great set-to between Faro (11) and Aqua Regia (9). This pair had the race to themselves at the end of a mile, and coming on together fought out a splendid finish, the light weight getting home a neck in front. Leeside (10.2) was twenty lengths away third.

In the Woolston Plate Sir Percivale had an easy win from Ordnance, Athena being third. Stars and Stripes stumbled badly when holding a winning chance half way down the straight.

Mr. V. Harris bought Sir Percivale for £105.

THIRD DAY.

Fine weather prevailed on Saturday when the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National meeting was brought to a close. Racing throughout was highly interesting, the North Island horses again playing a prominent part, winning six out of eight events.

The Ladies' Bracelet attracted a field of eight moderate performers, a strong favourite in Aqua Regia winning very easily by a dozen lengths from Sobraon, who beat Rangiwhe-nua by half a length.

The Styx Hurdle Handicap produced an exciting contest between Faro and Leeside. This pair drew right away from the field in the last half mile, and after a slashing set-to Faro, who started favourite, gained first place by half a head. Wee McGregor was twenty lengths away third, followed by Error and Black Squall.

In the Sydenham Hurdle Race there were seven starters, Cuiragno being a strong favourite. He attempted to repeat his Grand National performance of leading all the way, but the weight told its tale in the run home and Prospector wore him down after clearing the last hurdle.

In the Heathcote Handicap the field of fourteen included five North Island horses, and four of them had the finish to themselves. Landwern was up near the front all the way, and he won with very little to spare from Polyanthus.

The Lincoln Steeplechase provided a good exhibition of jumping. Up to about five furlongs from home the race looked very open, but from this point Slow Tom and Playfair had matters to themselves, and Playfair eventually gained a very comfortable victory, having too much pace for his rival in the run home from the last fence.

In the Selwyn Handicap Red Gauntlet improved on his earlier displays, as getting to the front before reaching the straight he lasted long enough to win by a comfortable margin from Armamento. The latter, who is a stable companion of Landwern, was unlucky in losing his position at the start, and after being one of the last into the straight he put in a great run from the distance, and was rapidly catching Red Gauntlet at the finish.

Sardonyx won the final hurdle race very easily, his most dangerous oppo-

nent, Welbeck, breaking down badly some distance from home when going well. An examination after the race showed that Welbeck had broken his off hind fetlock, the injured limb was set in plaster of Paris and an effort will be made to save the horse.

The field for the Hunters' Plate numbered fourteen and after an interesting race till well into the straight the South Island horse Black Friar gained a comfortable victory.

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

The last few days being fine the tracks were greatly improved, and most of the work was done on the sand track. Before breakfast, Scotty and Lycia put in a solid round nearly at their best gait, finishing together. Gladstone, with Conductor for a mate, slipped over 6 furlongs, with a good pull on the pair.

After breakfast Lord Seaton easily held Mechanic in a 5 furlongs flutter, run in 1min. 8sec.

Cannongate and Kruger had two circuits, a good working gallop.

Tambourina sprinted 4 furlongs in 54 2-5sec.

Apologue jumped off at the 6 furlong post and was joined by Sweet Alice over the last 5 furlongs.

Lady Annie cantered round and then spurred 4 furlongs in 57secs., not extended.

Fortification was much too fleet for Intombi in a 4 furlong flutter in 53 4-5 secs. Hermes alone took two seconds longer to complete the same course.

Pylades alone, not all out, left 5 furlongs behind in 1.9 3-5secs. He had Lindsay in the saddle.

Pearl Necklet ran a few furlongs alone.

Omate put in the best sprint of the morning, leaving 4 furlongs behind in 51 2-5secs.

Foremost negotiated 9 furlongs, making a great noise.

Neal had two pair of two-year-olds, and spurred each pair separately on the course proper, all four seemed pretty forward.

Sir Gilead mixed his work, cantering and sprinting alternately.

The Eve filly and another ran a couple of furlongs, but were not out for time breaking.

Silkie's brother did a like task, but seems rather backward yet.

Chief Steward and Metalist did easy pace work on the tan.

Norana shaped well over a short course. Landlock, Ben, Leonator, Jess, Dwant, and Lunetta all did medium pace work.

Swagsman with a chestnut mate jumped seven hurdles and seemed to relish his task.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Barnell and Grant (Christchurch) report the following quotations:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

50 to 1	Maniapoto
10 to 1	Boomerang
8 to 1	Paritutu
50 to 1	Solution
14 to 1	Auratus
16 to 1	Lyryst
16 to 1	Letherin
16 to 1	Multifid
25 to 1	Gladstone
100 to 1	Convoy
33 to 1	Ghoorka
50 to 1	Savoury
33 to 1	Starshoot
12 to 1	Armistice
20 to 1	Martello
20 to 1	Zimmerman
25 to 1	Ironmould
50 to 1	Makaroff
25 to 1	Wirrall
33 to 1	Bourrasque
25 to 1	St. Joe
25 to 1	Flamen
50 to 1	Idealist
66 to 1	Apa
100 to 1	Czarevna
25 to 1	Landwern
10 to 1	Uenuku
100 to 1	Moscow
33 to 1	Stepdancer
50 to 1	Zetland
100 to 1	Joe Chamberlain
50 to 1	Lapland
33 to 1	Field Gun
50 to 1	Ideaus
100 to 1	Kaitoma
50 to 1	Sea King
100 to 1	Assegal
50 to 1	Submarine
100 to 1	Tirole
33 to 1	Notus
25 to 1	Star Rose
100 to 1	Tsitsihar
66 to 1	Blythmaid
100 to 1	Royal Crown
100 to 1	Balsam
50 to 1	Chicane
200 to 1	Benzine
100 to 1	Allegresse
100 to 1	La Torpedo

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SIRES OF THE SEASON.

THE CAMBRIA PARK STALLIONS.

Obligado is the latest stallion to be brought to Auckland, and his pedigree will be found to compare very favourably with any which have preceded him, which is indeed saying much. It was considered advisable to have another stallion at Cambria Park, and when Obligado was secured the choice must be regarded as a very happy one. On glancing through his pedigree the most prominent fact which comes under notice is the really remarkable number of classic winners appearing in the list of ancestors. Looking first on the sire's side, Orville was by the unbeaten Ormonde, "the horse of the century," winner of the 2000 Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger, from Shotover, winner of the 2000 Guineas and Derby. Ormonde's sire, Bend Or, was a Derby winner, and Bend Or's sire, Doncaster, in his turn captured the Blue Ribbon. Then again, Shotover was got by another Derby winner in Hermit from Strayshot by Toxophilite, the sire of Musket. Obligado's dam, The Flirt, was got by that good horse Trappist, from Frivolity, by the Derby winner Macaroni, from Miss Agnes, which makes her a three-quarter sister to the famous Lily Agnes, the dam of Ormonde. It will thus be seen that the Cambria Park stallion gets this great strain of running blood on both sides of his family. It is interesting to note that Obligado is a grandson of Ormonde, as is Flying Fox, the most successful stallion in the world to-day. Tracing back Obligado's pedigree it is possible to count in it no less than thirteen winners of the English Derby, as well as numerous victors in the Two Thousand Guineas, St. Leger and Oaks. So far Obligado has been given very poor opportunities, but he has already got a few good winners, notably Zetland, who captured six events last season, Cathron, with four races to his credit last season, and Rosebloom, who earned seven winning brackets. Obligado is a very massive specimen of the thoroughbred, standing just over 16 hands, with a good girth and immense power. He should nick splendidly with the Cambria Park mares, and especially with those with St. Simeon blood in their veins. He will serve a limited number of approved mares at ten guineas, a fee which it is safe to assert will be much higher later on.

Eton, the other stallion at the Park, has already shown his ability to get winners, which fact indeed is not to be wondered at; he was got by Castor from Carbine's sister Lady Walmsley, by Musket from Mersey, the most noted of all the colonial strains. He is a very nicely made horse, and the young stock sired by him are full of promise. In addition to getting gallopers on the flat his progeny also have shown considerable jumping ability, as is shown in the case of Irish, who has a long list of "lepping" races to his credit, which indeed might have been added to at Riccarton recently if he had not been badly cut about during the running of the Grand National Steeplechase, his good second being a remarkable showing under the circumstances. The success of Spearmint, and others of the Carbine blood in England will induce breeders to stick to this proved stock. Eton being out of a full sister to Carbine, makes him one of the best of the line yet remaining in the district, and at a subscription of ten guineas he should be in strong demand.

AROUND THE TRAINING STABLES.

T. QUINLIVAN, JUNIOR'S, QUARTERS AT HASTINGS.

(By Our Hawke's Bay Correspondent)

Mr. E. J. Watt played a pretty strong hand last season in the matter of securing stakes, and judging by the compact team now under the guidance of Quinlivan, the outlook for the 1906-07 term wears a particularly rosy hue, for when I looked the establishment up the other day, I found all the boxes tenanted with a really splendid lot of thoroughbreds.

A review of the inmates commenced with Merriman, the three-year-old son of Merriwee and Palaver. A rare cut-and-come-again stamp of racer is this chap, for he has length, breadth, and depth, shoulders particularly well balanced, beautifully-moulded hocks, and forcible quarters, with great range and length

from croup to hock. A strong, hard neck is set off with a brainy-looking head. Unfortunately of late he has been giving his educator a rather wearisome period, for an attack of shin soreness has made it impossible to do much with him, and as he is well engaged ahead, it is tantalising to know that a good one is under tuition, but the best use cannot be made of the pupil.

An exceptionally sweet, strong filly next came to view. This parcel was The Boyne—The Shannon's black daughter by Merriwee. This young lady is moulded to measurements, standing true as a die on legs of the best, with a range and depth of quarters that show unmistakable powers of propulsion. Her back and loins denote strength of a high degree, and the true-poised shoulders that adorn her form are marvels to look at. A forcible, dominant head is beautifully placed on a neck of the steel and whalebone variety. In appearance she favours both her sire and dam, and if like in this case begets like, The Boyne should be a hard matter to silence when the silk and satin is unfurled on the fields of battle. This filly, through her ancestors, Torpedo and Trenton, combines a double nick of the Musket blend, and the sturdiness of this blood has apparently made its mark in the structure of The Boyne, who I had almost omitted to say has her coat ticked through with grey hairs, and it is a well-known fact that some of the best who have ever been seen out in the heat of the fray have thus been marked.

The next box disclosed Mimic, a two-year-old brown filly by Merriwee out of Palaver, and therefore a full sister to Merriman. She is a well-knit young lady, with fine limbs, good feet and back of solid dimensions, covering a good deal of ground, with not too much daylight under her, and like all of her sire's get, Mimic has a bold, dominant head, and a strong, though not coarse, neck. Judging by her outlook, strength, pace, and determination are embodied throughout her conformation, and if she cannot gallop fast and stay into the bargain, then there is no good sizing up and giving an opinion from the material before one's optics.

A two-year-old full sister to Boomerang, Muskerry by name, was the next item disclosed, and this filly, like her comrades, has much that is attractive in her build and shape, great quarters, legs that suggest wearing qualities of a high order, splendid middle-piece, with shoulders lined out in the orthodox style. Muskerry's neck is rarely hung, and her head is knit beautifully on to it. She is of commanding stature, and will evidently be a larger specimen when she gets set than her well-performed relative.

A rare big fellow was quartered a little further on. This was the unnamed son of Merriwee and Moira. This youngster, who is a two-year-old, could easily pass for a horse of a greater age; for besides having size he is well and proportionately formed, not a line or feature being out of place; massive without being coarse, and big and not at all ungainly. This brother to Little Mary is sure to be heard of to advantage when the time arrives for him to take a hand in the arguments on the convincing grounds. This was all of the two-year-olds, and there is no gainsaying the fact that the batch are a sturdy, healthy and quality-looking lot, who do credit to their sire, and also to their educator, who has them in fine bloom, and also has not forgot to teach them manners, for they are as amenable as old hands at the game.

The New Zealand Cup horse of the establishment, Boomerang, I next renewed my acquaintance with, and it is no mere figure of speech to say that since he was last seen out with the colours up that he has furnished greatly, for he is now bulky and solid, and the feel of his coat denotes that it is not suet that comes under the pressure of the hands, but something more substantial. Just in prime condition to get to work upon, was my ejaculation as I left the side of this good, game, speedy horse. That he is healthy and well can be observed by the brightness of his eye, the beautiful bloom on his coat, and the earnest attention he gives to his manager. His muscles are well defined, consequently he will be losing no time in getting into his stride, and therefore his backers for the big handicap of the season will have no cause to fear that his preparation will be at all of a hurried nature.

Strong and sturdy looks King Billy, and that brilliant chap, though he has not increased in size much, has got it in depth and width. Since he retired into winter quarters, though he was never a bad backed one, the saddle carrying portion of his anatomy now looks increased in power, so that no reasonable weight should affect him when it comes to a question of him throwing down the gauntlet. Ellerton and Gazeley, who are both as fit as hands can make them, need no remarks from me, as they have both been seen out so lately, that it would only be like perfuming the Daphne for me to say anything further anent them.

A similar remark can also apply to the aptly named Feu-de-Joie, who, by the way, is Quindivan's own property. The final item of the bunch was a yearling full brother to King Billy, whom he greatly resembles in colour, make and build, though I am inclined to the belief that he will make a bigger horse with time than his relative. A resolute, hardy appearance, he should with good luck on his side materially assist to increase the stable fund of the owner of the blue and white racing uniform, and also help to popularise his sire's worth, as a producer of high-classes horses. In fairness to the controller of affairs it would not be correct did I not right here tender my thanks to Quindivan for his kindness and courtesy to me in my search for news and information.

INTER - PROVINCIA

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, August 22.

Comfort has been sold to S. Brown, of Ashburton.

North Island horses scooped the pool at the Grand National Meeting. Paritutu is favourite for the New Zealand Cup at 8 to 1.

Wi Waka fell at the last fence in the Hunt Club Steeplechase, and had to be destroyed.

Buluwayo broke down badly when leading the field in the Islington Handicap, and will probably not race again.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses were in great form, Lyryst, Nogi and Outer each winning a race, while Medallist ran a good second to Jolly Roger in the August Handicap.

Jolly Roger, who won the August Handicap and ran second to Gazeley in the Hack Handicap, was bought by Mr. F. Holmes for 25 guineas.

Eurus was the most disappointing performer among the steeplechasers, falling twice and running badly at his third attempt.

Welbeck, who broke down in the Final Hurdle Handicap on the last day, will not race again.

Weights for the New Zealand Cup appeared on Monday, but coming so soon after the National meeting have not so far created much interest. I have not been able to go closely through the list, but have sorted out Multifid, Paritutu, and Bourrasque as a likely trio. I shall deal fully with the handicaps next week.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, August 22.

Hawke's Bay sports who were assisting at the C.J.C. National Meeting must have had a regal period of it, for as a rule when away from home they put in hot and strong on the local noddies and as Nogi, Hikaroa, Medallist, Outer, Gazeley, Faro and Polyanthus, who are all trained in these parts, brought returns from the automatic dispenser of odds, it looks fair to assume that a good sprinkle of foreign bullion will find its way to this district.

The following foalings have taken place here during the past week:—At Karamu: Temeraire (Dreadnought—Sister Mary), a filly; Arethusa (Dreadnought—Dryad), a filly, both to Birkenhead. At Te Mahanga: Maude (St. Leger—Hilda), a bay filly to San Fran. This arrival is therefore a full sister to Karawaka and half-sister to Mahutonga.

The Dannevirke Jockey Club held their annual meeting at the Junction Hotel on Friday evening. Mr. R. N. Blakiston, vice-president, was in the chair. The report congratulated members on the continued prosperity of the club. Mr. Hartgill, who has acted as honorary judge for several years, was elected a life member of the club. Messrs. Bunny, Devonshire and Murray were elected to vacancies on the committee.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, August 22.

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for the spring meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club close on Monday, September 3, at 9 p.m., with Mr. F. Moffatt, the secretary. The gathering takes place on September 27 and 28.

Nestor, the sire of Polycaste, Nero, The Lark, and many promising two and three-year-olds throughout this district, is to again be at the services of breeders here this season. The son of St. Leger—Tamora is likely to have a full list.

Kaihu, a stable mate of Romany King's, was much fancied for the Hunters' Hurdles at the C.J.C. meeting by backers on this coast, as it was whispered about that he was beating Romany King on the track at Waverley. However, Kaihu jumped wildly, and came a cropper at the third hurdle.

Helen Portland, a daughter of Bill of Portland, has been showing a lot of pace on the local tracks, and should pick up a race at the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club meeting on Thursday. She is only a three-year-old.

Auratus was taken down to Christchurch with Romany King and Kaihu, but the Gold Reef gelding was not started at the C.J.C. meeting. He is being solidly supported for the New Zealand Cup.

The weights for the Marton J.C. Hack Meeting, which are to make their appearance on Thursday, 23rd inst., are being awaited with considerable interest. The nominations received are very satisfactory, and the gathering is expected to prove the most successful yet held by the club.

George Laing is now looking after Westward. The brother to Fireworks looks well, and in the hands of such an experienced trainer as Laing is likely to be given every opportunity to distinguish himself. The Sou'wester gelding will be a starter at both the Marton and Rangitikei meetings all going well. Laing is also putting the final touches on Janella for the Hunt Club meeting on Thursday.

Though the local bookies laid the National double pretty freely, they would have been hit up for a great deal more had Kremlin got home in the Hurdles. The support accorded Kremlin on Thursday was very strong—in fact, at the finish the books refused to lay, much to their sorrow afterwards.

Nogi's win in the Hunters' Hurdles at Riccarton is another good "ad." for The Officer, who is owned by Messrs. Brisco and Walker, Awahuri, and will be at the services of breeders at the Hylton Park (Awahuri) stud farm this season. Talking with Mr. A. Walker the other day he informed me that he had been offered a very big sum for the son of Robinson Crusoe, but he had decided not to accept. Mr. Walker added that he had already booked a very large number of mares for The Officer, whose services were much in demand by breeders from all parts of the district. Since the above was written Lyryst has added still another win to the credit of this successful sire, whose stock are evidently going to place him higher up on the list of winning sires this season than he occupied last season, when his progeny won £3500. The Officer is only a comparatively young stallion, and it is significant that several offers have been received recently from Australia for the son of Robinson Crusoe.

Messrs. Brisco and Walker also have Explosion, the son of Cuirassier—Jadestone, at their stud farm. It is almost unnecessary to say that Cuirassier is a full brother to Trenton, being by Musket out of Frality, while Onyx is a full sister to Robinson Crusoe. Nothing better than this in the way of breeding could be wished for. Explosion has proved himself a big success as a sire, though only a young horse, and is perfectly sound in wind and limb. Breeders in these districts intend taking advantage of the opportunity of mating their mares with the descendant of Musket, whose list is filling well.

Tonderghie and Champion were given a go over the hurdles the other morning, and both acquitted themselves well, the former especially so.

The many friends of W. Higgins were very pleased when the news came through that that popular rider had steered Phaetonitis to victory in the Grand National Steeplechase.

"Billy" has still all the dash and daring which characterised his riding in years gone by, and not only is he one of the gamest of the game, but he is one of the most skilful cross-country riders ever seen in the saddle in this colony. It must be about 20 years since Higgins (who is a Wanganui boy) was first seen in the saddle, but that he is still able to hold his own with the best was proved by the splendid race he rode on Tuesday last.

Nominations for the Rangitikei R.C. Meeting close on Saturday next, the 25th inst., with Mr. H. A. Goodall, secretary.

The weights for the New Zealand Cup have made their appearance well to time. The local horses appear to have been very fairly treated. Armistice (7st 5lb) looks to be very well in, and providing Harry Jackson can land the daughter of Mahaki at the post in her best form, she must take a lot of beating, in view of her good showing in the Auckland Cup. Martello (7st 4lb) cannot complain on the score of weight, and as the son of Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington is likely to prove himself a much improved horse this season, he is well worth keeping an eye on for the big race. There is certainly no better-bred horse in the race. Apa and St. Joe are in the same stable as Martello. The former is weighted at 6st 11lb, and St. Joe at 7st 1lb. If the Cup is to come to Wanganui it will, I fancy, be by the aid of Armistice or Martello, and I regard those two, and especially the former, as having a big chance.

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WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, August 22.

The Grand National meeting was the subject of considerable interest in local sporting circles.

Aboriginal was undoubtedly on recent form most leniently treated in being awarded the minimum impost in the Cup, and on the appearance of the weights he was selected to defeat the whole of the horses placed on the mark with him.

The representatives of the Porirua stable failed to run into a place in each of their efforts. Gold Crown and Maui were started in the Winter Cup, and were early beaten, finishing some distance away.

W. Davies, the Hutt trainer, was expected to capture a race with his pair of four-year-olds, Armamento and Landwern.

Although the C.J.C. offered good stakes for the concluding day's racing, quite a number of North Island horses dropped out of their third day's engagements.

Messrs. J. B. Harcourt (president), A. E. Whyte (secretary), and J. H. Pollock (handicapper) represented the W.R.C. at the Grand National Meeting.

Of the Winter Cup contestants claiming New Zealand Cup engagements, none displayed form to warrant their being selected as likely New Zealand Cup winners.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Table listing horse names and race results for the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's Spring Meeting, including the Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Table listing horse names and race results for the Victoria Racing Club's Spring Meeting, including the Melbourne Cup.

HANDICAPS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

Table listing horse names and race results for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, including the New Zealand Cup.

Table listing various horse names and owners with their respective race details and results, including names like Mr. R. W. Paterson and Mr. W. Cragg.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB.

LADIES' BRACELET. One mile and a-half.—Glasgow 12.12, St. Harp 11.12, Stepney 11.0, Fencer 10.12, Makutu 10.10, Kino 10.10, Fairy 10.6, Bad News 10.6, Rouseabout 10.6, Lady Crespin 10.5, Pukenui 10.5, Konene 10.3, Waimoana 10.0, Capital 10.0, Tui 10.0, Nebula 10.0, Dhudeen 10.0, Bonnie 10.0.



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TURF RESULTS.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National Meeting was continued at Riccarton on Thursday. The weather was fine, but the course heavy. The attendance was good and speculation was brisk, investments totalling £17,573. In addition to this £1421 had been invested on the double machine, Phaetonitis and Cuiragno returning a dividend of £31 19s. The results were as follows:—

HUNT CLUB CUP of 100sovs. About two miles and a-half. Mr. C. Bennett's b g Hikairo, aged, by Lord of the Isles—Patriarch mare, 11.9 (Fairbrother) ... 1 Mr. A. G. Macdonald's b g Early Van, aged, 11.8 (W. O'Connell) ... 2 Mr. R. H. Rhodes' b g Recruit, aged, 11.2 (Watt) ... 3 Other starters: Carlo 12.9 and Rowlock 11.10 (bracketed), Wiwaka 12.7, Nogi 11.13, Haerekimoa 11.9, Deerslayer 10.9, Elmwood 10.8, Sir James 10.3, Uncle Ike 10.2, Albury 10.2, Stormy Peter 10.0. Won by a length. Time, 5min 34sec. Dividends, £4 10s 6d and £3 5s.

SUMNER HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile. Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Outer, 6yrs, by The Officer—Target, 9.13 (McCombe) ... 1 Mr. H. Brown's b h Togos, 5yrs, 10.5 (Julian) ... 2 Mr. E. J. Smith's b h Buccleuch, 4yrs, 9.0 (L. G. King) ... 3 Other starters: Curiosity 10.0, Count Gorton 9.8, Hemlock 9.8, Fairboy 9.0. Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 51 2-5sec. Dividends, £2 16s and 13s.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 250sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. F. Holmes' b g Jolly Roger, aged, by Saracen—Merry Maiden, 9.0 (Donovan) ... 1 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Medallist, 4yrs, 10.13 (McCombe) ... 2 Mr. E. J. Smith's b g Manjess, aged, 9.12 (L. G. King) ... 3 Other starters: Ailsa 10.13, Zetland 10.6, Makaroff 10.5, Red Gauntlet 10.0, Alexis 9.8, Grandstand 9.5, Sychem 9.3, Armamento 9.3, Blythemaide 9.0 Matuku 9.0. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1min 22 3-5sec. Dividends, £12 8s and £1 16s 6d.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 750sovs. About two miles. Mr. W. Foss' br g Cuiragno, 6yrs, by Cuirassier—Lady Agnes, 10.5 (W. Wilson) ... 1 Mr. H. Brown's ch g Hydrant, aged, 10.2 (Julian) ... 2 Mr. J. Maher's b g Prospector, 6yrs, 10.3, including 7lb penalty (Walls) ... 3 Other starters: Kremlin 10.12, Comfort 10.9, Romany King 10.0, Waiwera 9.12, Ranana 9.7, Magnificent 9.3, Silverlens 9.0. Cuiragno won easily by two lengths. Prospector was a length and a-half behind Hydrant. Comfort was fourth, two lengths further back. Romany King and Kremlin being next. Time, 4min 4sec. Dividends, £5 1s 6d and £1 13s.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs. About two miles and a-half. Mr. S. Darragh's b g Kiatero, aged, by Castor—Victoria, 12.3 (Howard) ... 1 Mr. J. Buckley's b g Phaetonitis, aged, 11.10 (Higgins) ... 2 Captain Campbell's b g Playfair, aged, 9.13 (J. McConnell) ... 3 Other starters: Eurus 10.13, Swimmer 10.9, Narcissus 10.0, Victory 9.7, Manazona 9.7. Won by two lengths. Time, 5min 17sec. Dividends, £3 16s 6d and £1.

ISLINGTON HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile. Hon. J. D. Ormond' br g Lyrlist, 6yrs, by The Officer—Lyre, 10.8 (McCombe) ... 1 Mr. E. J. Watt's b g Ellerton, 4yrs, 9.9 (Deeley) ... 2 Mr. E. Russell's b g Waikato, aged, 10.6 (Barlow) ... 3 Other starters: Jolly Friar 9.13, Buluwayo 9.12, Heroism 9.4, Notus 9.0, Tsit-sihar 9.0. Lyrlist defeated Ellerton by half a head, Waikato being a head away third. Time, 1min 57sec. Dividends, £4 2s and £1 3s.

SPREYDON HACK HURDLE RACE of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. B. Williamson's ch m Aqua Regia, 4yrs, by Salvadan—Cloud, 9.0 (Towers) ... 1 Mr. J. Clark's b g Faro, aged, 11.0 (Mitchell) ... 2 Mr. W. J. Taggart's b g Leeside, 6yrs, 10.2 (McGregor) ... 3 Other starters: Tirole 11.0, Carlo 10.8, Evenlode 9.4, Coxswain 9.3, Wee McGregor 9.0, Rangitata 9.0, Wissembourg 9.0. Won by a neck. Time, 3min 32 1-5sec. Dividends, £11 3s and 15s.

WOOLSTON PLATE of 100sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. H. McManaway's ch g Sir Percival, 5yrs, by Sir Lancelot—Trentalto, 10.3 (Jenkins) ... 1 Mr. E. J. Boden's m m Ordance, aged, 10.3 (McCombe) ... 2 Mr. T. Sheenan's b f Athena, 3yrs, 9.0 (McCluskey) ... 3 Other starters: Lee-Enfield 10.3, Stars and Stripes 9.0. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1min 23 3-5sec. Dividend, £2.

THIRD DAY.

Fine weather favoured the concluding day of the meeting, and the track was much improved. Speculation was well maintained, investments reaching £16,356. The following are the details of the racing:—

LADIES' BRACELET of 60sovs. Two miles. Gentlemen riders. Mrs. J. B. Williamson's ch m Aqua Regia, 4yrs, by Salvadan—Cloud, 11.0 (Mr. Douglas) ... 1

Mrs. H. Campbell's ch g Sobraon, aged, 11.10 (Mr. H. Wilson) ... 2 Miss Mackersey's gr g Rangiwheua, aged, 11.10 (Mr. Hyde) ... 3 Other starters: Killaloo 11.10, Ensign 11.10, Wahine 11.10, Helios 11.10, Fairboy 11.10. Won by four lengths. Time, 3min 57 2-5sec. Dividends, £1 19s and £5 3s.

STYX HACK HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Once round and a distance. Mr. J. Clark's b g Faro, aged, by Monaco—Playmate, 11.9 (Mitchell) ... 1 Mr. W. J. Taggart's b g Leeside, 6yrs, 10.2 (J. McGregor) ... 2 Mr. G. Livingstone's ch g Wee McGregor, aged, 9.0 (Gray) ... 3 Other starters: Tirole 10.9, Stronghold 10.8, Kaihu 9.13, Black Squall 9.9, Coxswain 9.0, Error 9.0, Rangitata 9.0. Won by a short head. Time, 3min 8 1-5sec. Dividends, 3 0s 6d and £1 14s 6d.

SYDENHAM HURDLE HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. Maher's b g Prospector, 6yrs, by Gold Reef—Dazzle, 10.10 (Walls) ... 1 Mr. W. Foss' br g Cuiragno, 6yrs, 11.9 (Wilson) ... 2 Mr. J. Dalton's blk g Romany King, aged, 9.11 (Howard) ... 3 Other starters: Hydrant 10.10, Comfort 10.9, The Guesser 9.3, Silverlens 9.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 28 4-5sec. Dividends, £5 6s 6d and 15s.

HEATHCOTE HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. W. Davies' br h Landwern, 4yrs, by Steplak—Leda, 9.0 (W. Price) ... 1 Mr. A. F. Douglass' br m Polyanthus, 5yrs, 10.9 (Young) ... 2 Mr. H. Brown's b h Togos, 5yrs, 9.0 (Julian) ... 3 Other starters: alkato 10.10, Jolly Friar 10.2, Manjess 9.12, Chryseis 9.8, Crichton 9.8, Jolly Roger 9.8, Sychem 9.2, Notus 9.0, Blythemaide 9.0, Royal Crown 9.0, Bombastes 9.0. Won by a head. Time, 1min 34 3-5sec. Dividends, £8 10s and £1 10s 6d.

LINCOLN STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. About two miles and a-half. Captain Campbell's b g Playfair, aged, by Saracen—Justice, 9.13 (J. O'Connell) ... 1 Mr. J. R. McKenzie's ch g Slow Tom, aged, 11.12 (D. Watt) ... 2 Mr. J. Jeffs' b g Pipl, aged, 10.7 (Carr) ... 3 Other starters: Eurus 11.0, Rongoa 10.5, Mawhiti 9.11. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 5min 12 1-5sec. Dividend, £6 1s 6d.

SELWYN HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. J. Ellis' ch h Red Gauntlet, aged, 9.13 (J. Rae) ... 1 Mr. E. Pilkington's br h Armamento, 4yrs, 9.0 (W. Price) ... 2 Ms. W. Drummond's ch g Grandstand, 9.2 (McCombe) ... 3 Other starters: Ailsa 10.11, Zetland 10.3, Sir Percival 9.11, Alexis 9.3, Sychem 9.3, Matuku 9.0, Volodia 9.0, Hemlock 9.0, Count Gorton 9.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividends, £4 14s and 19s.

FINAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Once round and a distance. Mr. A. Barclay's b g Sardonyx, 6yrs, by Saracen—Leolure, 9.5 (McConnon) ... 1 Mr. H. McLean's ch g The Guesser, aged, 9.9 (Howard) ... 2 Mr. E. Gates' b h Welbeck, aged, 10.11 (McGregor) ... 3 Other starter: Magnificent 9.8. Won by eight lengths. Time, 3min 9 2-5sec. Dividend, £2 18s 6d.

HUNTERS' PLATE of 100sovs. One mile and a-half. Gentlemen riders. Mr. E. McNay's blk g Black Friar, aged, by Crackshot—Derringer mare, 11.0 (Mr. Hyde) ... 1 Mr. T. Montalk's ch m Gold Bangle, aged, 11.7 (Mr. Orbell) ... 2 Mr. W. Drummond's b g Design, 6yrs, 11.8 (Mr. Evans) ... 3 Other starters: Hikairo 12.6, Early Van 12.5, Haerekimoa 12.0, Ecclefechan 11.2, Makuri 11.9, Hinemoa 11.5, Deerslayer 11.5, Recruit 11.0, The Vagrant 11.0, Elmwood 11.0, Wild Bill 11.0. Won easily. Time, 2min 56 4-5sec. Dividends, £7 5s and £3 7s 6d.

THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

At the Adelaide Racing Club's Meeting on August 18, the following was the result of the principal event:— THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. About three miles. Bombastes, 11.0, by Bomba (Wilson) ... 1 Seymour, 12.0 (Lyons) ... 2 Reindeer, 9.4 (Cullen) ... 3 Fifteen horses started. Won by three lengths. Time, 6min 26½sec. Dividends, £9 19s and £1 19s.

FOOTBALL.

AUCKLAND V. TARANAKI.

NOTES ON THE PLAY.

There was a vast improvement on Saturday as far as the weather was concerned as compared with the afternoon when Canterbury were defeated, in fact with an absence of wind and sun it was almost perfect football weather. Fully eight thousand people journeyed out to Alexandra Park and were rewarded by seeing a good, if not particularly brilliant game, which ended with Auckland winning by 18 points to 5.

The teams which took the field were as follows:— Auckland (blue and white).—Fullback: J. Duffy; three quarters: W. Wilson, G. Smith, W. E. H. Mackenzie; five-eighths: R. Wynyard, R. Magee; half: H. Kiernan; wing-forward: G. Gillett; forwards: E. Dunning, Maguire, A. Francis, W. Cunningham, W. Hayward, C. Seeling, G. Nicholson.

Taranaki (amber and black).—Fullback: Hardgrave; threequarters: Dive, Cameron, Abbott; five-eighths: Hunter, Mynott; half: Frewin; wing-forward: J. Coleman; forwards: C. Johnston, Osborne, McKay, Ryan, Crowley, H. Whittington, Greenbanks.

The first score was not long coming as the ball was dribbled on the line, Gillett falling on it, and Duffy duly put the ball over the bar. Soon after Wilson should have been in but failed to take Smith's pass. Next a passing rush by Gillett, Seeling, and Magee saw the ball cross the line, Duffy as usual adding the major points. Taranaki warmed up, the famous back team coming into prominence and Auckland had to defend. Play was transferred and Duffy had a pretty shot at goal from long range, but the ball just went outside the post.

When ends were changed some very willing and even work followed. The visiting backs were very conspicuous, but the home forwards repeatedly spoilt the attack. Next Wilson marked in front of Taranaki's goal, and Duffy easily converted. Dive then made a dash and passed all but Duffy, who grassed him in good style. Then Dunning kicked over the visitors line, and Seeling, by fast following up got a try. Safe as ever Duffy sent the ball flying over the bar. The final score went to Taranaki as the result of a very fine run by Cameron, for which he was warmly applauded, and Hardgrave had an easy task to kick a goal. Another good attack by Taranaki was stopped by Smith tackling Dive just in time. Fairly even and exciting play followed up to the end, but no further score resulted. Auckland winning as above.

The game to a very large extent was consigned to the forwards, and there was an over-dose of scrums and line-out. When in the second half the game became more interesting, it improved wonderfully from a spectator's point of view. The Auckland forwards easily beat their opponents in the open work, playing a grand game throughout. The Taranaki forwards held their own in the scrum, and beat our men at hooking the ball, but when the game became open were frequently outplayed.

Of the backs Dive played the best game for Taranaki, while Hunter was very clever, and Hardgrave, at full-back, very reliable. None of the Auckland backs were seen to advantage, although Duffy's kicking was as brilliant as ever. The failure of the three-quarter line was largely due to the fact that Kiernan was much below form, while the passing was particularly weak. The game was really a struggle for supremacy between the Auckland forwards and the Taranaki backs, and the home vanguard proved too strong.

After the match the Taranaki and Auckland teams dined together at the Royal Hotel. They returned South on Sunday.

The gate for the Taranaki v. Auckland match, amounted to nearly £450.

Duffy added nearly half the points in the match against Taranaki.

The Auckland team will not be changed for the match against Southland on Saturday.

Wellington had a runaway victory over Canterbury on Saturday by 34 points to nil. The Canterbury men were rather stale as the result of their matches, and also virtually lost the services of their crack threequarter Fryer early in the game. They were, however, quite out-classed, and in the second spell went to pieces.

Southland met Otago at Dunedin on Saturday, and sent the home side back well beaten by 12 points to 3.

Next Saturday's match between Southland and Auckland should give rise to some fast and exciting football. In some quarters an impression prevails that Auckland is sure to win easily, but this has yet to be proved. The visiting team have the reputation of being particularly fast, and it must not be overlooked that they have easily beaten Otago. The match ought to draw a big attendance, and it is to be hoped that the weather will hold fine for it.

The Auckland Juniors scored a rather easy win over the Goldfields Juniors at Waihi on Saturday, running out victorious by 20 points to 6. The game was level at half-time, but in the second spell Auckland had much the best of matters.

As a curtain-raiser to the Taranaki match an Auckland second fifteen played the Wednesday Union. The game was a very bright exhibition of football, and was won by the second team by 11 points to 3.

Waipa defeated Hamilton on Saturday at Te Awamutu by 5 points to 3.

Playing under Australian rules on Saturday, Australs defeated Imperials by 8 goals 16 behinds to 4 goals and 7 behinds. They have now won the premiership for the third year in succession.

The following shows the record of matches played between Auckland and Taranaki:—

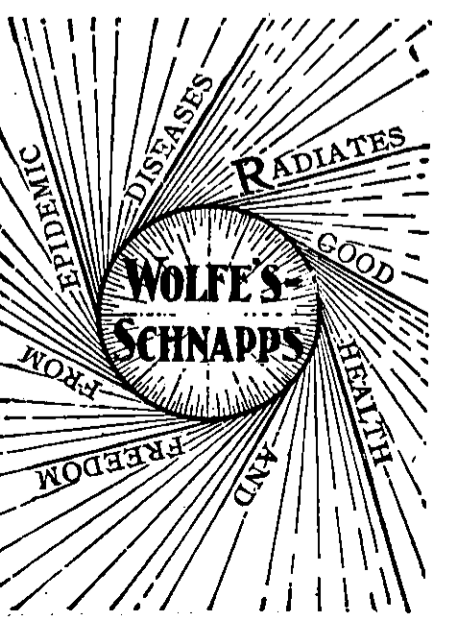
- 1887—At Auckland. Taranaki won, 1 point to nil.
1889—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 6 points to nil.
1890—At Auckland. Auckland won, 8 points to nil.
1891—At Hawera. Drawn, 3 points each.
1892—At Auckland. Auckland won, 5 points to 4 points.
1893—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 4 points to 2 points.
1894—At Auckland. Taranaki won, 14 points to nil.
1895—At New Plymouth. Drawn. No score.
1896—At Auckland. Taranaki won, 16 points to nil.
1897—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 23 points to 3 points.
1898—At Auckland. Drawn, no score.
1899—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 18 points to 3 points.
1900—At Auckland. Auckland won, 19 points to 3 points.
1901—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 5 points to nil.
1902—At Auckland. Auckland won, 21 points to 3 points.
1903—At New Plymouth. Taranaki won, 6 points to 3 points.
1904—At Auckland. Taranaki won, 3 points to nil.
1905—At New Plymouth. Auckland won, 6 points to 5 points.
1906—At Auckland. Auckland won, 18 points to 5 points.

The Paeroa Rugby Union has disqualified for five years a player who was found guilty of wilfully kicking an opponent.

The Canterbury team on their way South defeated Wairarapa at Masterton by 15 points to 9. Each side scored three tries, but the match was really won by Fraser, who converted all the Canterbury tries, whereas none of the Wairarapa attempts came to anything, this being a fine object lesson of the advantages of having a really good place kick in a team.

It will be remembered that in the match between the City team and Glebe, two players, A. Little and G. Ridde'll, were severely injured. Last week the Glebe Club organised a big benefit for the two men. By the way it transpires that in Little's case the bone of the leg was not broken, but the muscles were torn away from it.

All over the country balance-sheet compilers (according to the "Athletic News") state with silvery eloquence the advantage which the Fernlanders from New Zealand conferred upon the coffers of international county, and merely common clubs by their visit to Rugby centres last season. The other day the balance-sheet of the Welsh Rugby Union or the season 1905-6 was issued by the secretary, Mr Walter Rees, and it conveys the fact that the funds of the Union, after payment of all outstanding liabilities, show a total credit balance of £3395, and this after a sum of £1400 had been expended on the erection of additional stands for the international matches at the Cardiff Arms Park. A sum of £500 has also been distributed during the year in var-



ious grants and charities. The players who secured the triple crown honours for the Principality in 1905 were given mementoes of their victories at a cost of £83.

The best "gate" realised by the Welshmen during last season was £2652, in the New Zealand match, the Colonials receiving half of the gross "gate."

According to the "Referee" it will not be known until after the matches of September 8 when the Sydney University team will be able to leave for Dunedin, unless their request to be allowed to withdraw is acceded to. In event of the club failing to qualify for the semi-finals the party will be able to leave immediately after September 8, otherwise the earliest date may be September 22.

BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

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

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In reply to "Cueist," Hugo Kekran has the record for the greatest number of cannons, viz., 7156 in a game of 21,000 up. This was in Switzerland, and was of course, the continental game. I do not think a record of cannons in English billiards has ever been accurately kept, but W. Cook is said to have strung together 180 at Brighton two years ago.

The Commercial Travellers' Club have a tournament in full swing. Some remarkably close finishes have been seen during the week, and a lot of interest is being taken by members in the competition.

The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron have both a billiard and snooker tournament under way. Although the preliminary rounds have been played, the winner still seems hard to find.

Entries close on Saturday for Messrs Segedin and Ostojka's snooker tournament at the Wellesley-street Billiard Saloon.

Much interest was taken in the two exhibition matches Master Geo. Gray took part in at Tattersall's Club, Brisbane, last week (says the "Referee"). The boy marvel had as opponents, Mr Jim Nesbitt, the veteran cueist, and Fred Farrell, who on occasions plays very well. The gifted youngster beat both his opponents somewhat easily, the games being 250 up on level terms. Nesbitt lost by 99 points, and Farrell by 34 points.

Describing the final of Sydney Tattersall's big tournament, the "Referee" says that "Glaucoma," who has played pluckily and luckily right through the tournament, asserted his right to win the event by downing J. Sharpe by 13 points in a heat in which he started favourite at 10 to 8 on. After Sharpe got on top of the "Doctor" early in the game, the latter got into swing, and soon put a gap of 21 between them, but 22 by the layer of odds put him ahead, the game was called 175-172. This was Sharpe's expiring effort, for the winner went right ahead, and reached 224 to 196, and then slowly toddled along, and, playing a

rather open game, let his opponent in when he was 247 to 225, and he worked up to 237 before the Doctor got a "leave" and went out amidst the plaudits of his many friends. The prizes were then presented by the Hon. J. A. Hogue, Chief Secretary, "cheques" being given to the winner, whilst "Colebrook" received a cheque for £5, presented by Messrs Heiron and Smith, for the highest proportionate break—37—in his heat against "Edgecliffe."

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

Sir Rupert Clarke has presented to the Royal Y.C. of Victoria a very handsome trophy valued at 50 guineas, to be called the La Carabine Cup, which is to be sailed for between yachts not exceeding 52-rating on the register of any recognised yacht club of the Australian States and New Zealand. The date of the race will be early in January, 1907. Commodore Alfred Gollin will also present a trophy valued at 20 guineas, to the second boat should there be at least three starters from the other States and New Zealand. The Committee of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron have discussed the question of sending a club yacht, but, largely owing to the prohibitive protective duty, it has been deemed impracticable. The fastest cutters we have in this colony are Ariki and Rainbow (Auckland) and Iorangi (Wellington). The first-named, a grand specimen of the racing cruiser, would make a splendid representative, but there is small chance of her being sent over, while Rainbow's new owner is not keen on intercolonial honours. It would be good news to hear that a local firm had been given an order to build a racer for the contest, but I'm afraid this is too much to hope for. It is greatly to be desired that the Victorian barone's efforts to foster intercolonial yacht-racing may be crowned with success.

There is plenty of work going forward at the various local yards, and orders are being booked almost daily. Messrs Bailey and Lowe have awaiting her engines a very fine diagonal-built launch, 40ft by 8ft 6in. She is for Messrs E. Porter and Co., and will be driven by a 22 h.p. Simpson, Strickland steam engine. A 32ft cabin launch for Mr E. Pickmere of Whangarei is just completed, and a 10 h.p. Gardiner engine will be installed. A 19ft launch has been built for Messrs Goodson Bros. of Rotorua, to be used in the pursuit of the wily trout. The firm are at work on a 22ft. diagonal-built launch for Auckland, the motive power for which will be a Hercules engine. A 28ft launch for Auckland is awaiting her engines.

Messrs Logan Bros. have on hand a 35ft launch for Mr A. Gifford, which is to have a 10 h.p. Union engine; a 35ft light draught cargo boat, with 10 h.p. Union engine, for Messrs Woodhouse, of Albany; a 22ft launch for Mr Winklemann, which will be driven by a 2 h.p. Union engine; and a 38ft launch for Mr A. Henrys, which will have a 15 h.p. Union engine.

Work at the yards of Mr Chas. Bailey, junior, includes a 35ft launch for Captain Streater, the motive power for which will be a 10 h.p. Union engine; a 35ft launch (just finished) for Mr A. Brett, which will be fitted with a 7 h.p. Standard motor. A 28ft launch (7 h.p. Standard) for Mr Ulyett of Whangarei; a 25ft launch (5 h.p. Zealandia) for Mr Short of Onehunga. As instancing the popularity of the "Milkmaid" type of launch Mr Bailey has just completed, the twenty-first of the type for Mr Millar of Tauranga; the launch will have a 5 h.p. Standard engine.

When at Logan Bros. yard a few days ago I was greatly taken with a fishing boat which the firm have just completed. She was a handsomely-modelled cutter, with full underbody and nice easy lines, which make for speed and seagoing ability. A small auxiliary engine was fitted which it was anticipated would drive her at five knots. The boat would have made a grand cruising yacht for these waters.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association has issued invitations for a euchre and dance, which is to take place at the Albert Hall on Thursday, August 30.

I understand it is not the intention of Mr P. H. Cole to seek re-election as hon. secretary of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron. Since he took office, Mr Cole has done an immense amount of work for the Squadron, but he finds that the work takes up too much of his time, and

therefore, at the annual meeting next month he intends to relinquish it to someone with more leisure. It will be difficult to find so good a man.

The annual general meeting of the N.Z. Power Boat Association will take place on September 26.

On the subject of the speed made by various boats the "Motor-boat" says: "The Dubonnet last year at Monaco made a speed of 32.4 miles per hour over the flying kilometre. This, we believe, is the greatest speed yet attained by a motor-boat. Antoinette III. made a speed slightly better over a course of ninety-three and a fraction miles. This year at Monaco, Sea Sick attained a speed of 31.8 miles per hour over a flying kilometre. We do not believe that the Arrow ever attained a speed of forty-four miles an hour. Her only record on a trial against time was a mile dash on the Hudson several years ago, when her time was said to have been one minute and thirty-seven seconds. The circumstances surrounding the trial were such as to leave a suspicion of doubt as to its authenticity. This time would figure The fastest boat in the world was un-out at at least 37 miles an hour. Doubtless the English torpedo-boat destroyer Viper, which, in one of her trials, made a mile at the speed of 37.113 nautical miles, or 42½ statute miles per hour."

ATHLETICS.

THE N.Z. BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A correspondent kindly forwards notes on the New Zealand boxing carnival:—

The Northern Boxing Association representatives returned last week from Wellington, where they had taken part in the New Zealand championships. Reports state that the recent championship carnival held by the New Zealand Boxing Council in Wellington was a great success. All classes of the community, from His Excellency the Governor down, patronised and supported the meeting, and the manner in which the entire arrangements were carried out reflected the highest credit upon the Wellington Boxing Association and its energetic and untiring secretary, Mr. Coffey, and nothing was left undone to secure success and the comfort of the visiting teams by this gentleman. Perhaps in the annals of the padded art, as far as New Zealand is concerned, there never was such a galaxy of talent arrayed against one another to contest for supremacy, and possibly no carnival of recent years has produced such interest and keen competition amongst competitors and

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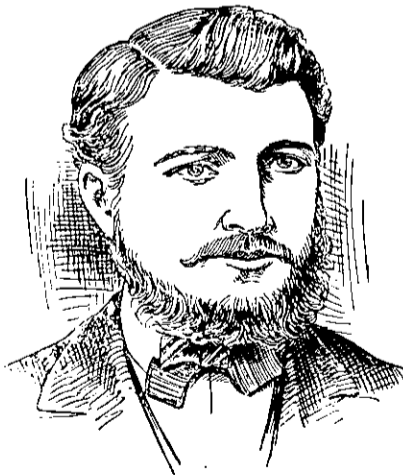
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enthusiasts. Each division attracted a great field, and every heat was contested with the utmost fairness and manliness, the Auckland boys in particular coming in for frequent outbursts of applause from the large audience for superior and manly tactics. If ever Wellington and Auckland were unanimous it was on this great occasion, and throughout the various contests the sympathies of the Wellingtonians were with Auckland. The unprecedented demonstration against the decision of the referee in the case of young Blewden fully indicated this. There is not the slightest doubt that Blewden beat Parker, of Dunedin, and could beat him every day in the week. Such, at any rate, was the opinion of older and more expert judges than Balfour Neill, who witnessed the contest at the ring-side. For fully ten minutes after the decision was given the audience proclaimed loudly their dissatisfaction and disagreement with it. Certainly I quite realise as a sport that the judge had a very difficult task in many instances imposed on him, but the bouts between Lewis (Auckland) and Mologhnoy (Wellington), McConnell (Auckland), Robertson (Ashburton), showed that he was rather at sea, and the decisions in the respective contests were paralyzers to the audience, who voiced their disapprobation in a marked form. Not only this, but the fact that the New Zealand Council have picked J. McConnell to represent New Zealand at the Australasian championships in preference to Pearson, the man that won the heavy-weight, clearly indicates that their views coincided not at all with the decision of the referee. McConnell in his division gave a much finer and neater exposition of the manly art; altogether his style was superior and his hitting cleaner, in addition to giving a splendid exhibition of footwork. How Mr. Balfour Neill arrived at his decision was somewhat inexplicable. Mr. Lewis also had the misfortune to be treated in a similar manner, and Mr. Balfour Neill's decision in this case again caused considerable disappointment amongst the audience and even officials connected with the carnival, as there is not the slightest doubt that for effective and clever work in his class Mr. Lewis is put down as one of the best middle-weights in the colony. If Nash, the winner of this division, cannot visit Australia, the Council have decided to take Lewis over in his place, showing beyond doubt that he is recognised at headquarters to be a top-notch, and well worthy to be considered a New Zealand representative. Lewis was greatly cut up over the decision, and expressed his willingness to meet the winner of the championship, but this, however, is reserved for next year, when the New Zealand championships will be held in Auckland.

I have already made reference to Blewden's case, but I may say that he has made a great name for himself in Wellington, where he is looked upon as New Zealand's "Joe Goddard," and the finest natural boxer seen in the Empire City. Parker and Maizey fought in the final, but owing to the severe task previously set Parker against Blewden, he was not able to last out the final. Godfrey in his class was matchless. His superior skill and remarkably clever footwork distanced all opponents. This fine young boxer won the hearts of the Wellington audience by his manly and gentlemanly conduct, and was applauded frequently in each bout for it.

Ward was outclassed by Tracy in the bantams. This, however, was ex-

pected, seeing that Tracy is a much more experienced lad, and his appearance indicated that he was much stronger in every way than Ward. The Northern Boxing Association's team throughout earned the name of being the cleverest and best-behaved combination visiting the Empire City for the championships, and Manager Keenan states that no man could wish to travel with a better class of lads. They kept assiduously to their training, and retired regularly at 9.30 every evening. In fact Ted Donnelly, of the Masonic Hotel, where they stayed in Wellington, said that they were the quietest body of men he has had to deal with since he commenced business. The championships attracted representatives from Auckland, Taranaki, Opunake, Wellington, Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru and Dunedin, and altogether about 40 competed. The Opera House was crowded both evenings, and the Wellington Association used every endeavour to make the stay of each team as pleasant as possible.

The Northern Boxing Association, Auckland, will carry out the New Zealand championships early next year, and representation has been promised from each centre. This matter has been finally fixed.

Mr. Gault, of the Auckland Association (unaffiliated) travelled to Wellington, but the Council decided not to let him compete, as he was not a representative of an affiliated association. At the conference of representatives from the various associations, it was also decided that in the interests of boxing only one association would be affiliated in each centre, and that the "Police Offences Amendment Act" should be altered to give the New Zealand Boxing Council more control throughout New Zealand, and that one local association only should be legalised. This was the unanimous opinion of members, and that the Commissioner of Police should be immediately communicated with for the purpose of recommending the withholding of permits to unaffiliated bodies. The Conference considered that decisive steps should be taken this year to secure the necessary legislation to protect affiliated bodies.



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CRICKET.

Just before the mail left England Hirst had, for the seventh season, completed 1000 runs and taken 100 wickets.

The latest to join the English cricket team to tour New Zealand are two more unknowns in W. B. Burns and N. C. Tufnell. The former plays for Worcestershire and the latter for Kent. It begins to look as though the team will be about the most moderate ever sent on tour. The members will be able to teach us very little, if anything, about cricket, from a gate-money point of view it is doomed to failure, while if after the New Zealand tour matches should be played in Australia, only club teams could be played against it. To match a representative N.S.W. team against the Englishmen at present selected would border perilously near to farce.

Surrey, which a short time ago looked to have the championship within its grasp, has been beaten by Lancashire by six wickets. This means

three losses to the Kennington Ovalites, and must nearly put them out of the running.

The closing match in the English County championship series will be started on the 30th inst., and the season will end on September 12 with the match Rest of England v. Champion County at Kennington Oval.

Not the least remarkable feature of last week's cricket (remarked the "Athletic News" of July 2) was the surprising defeat of Middlesex at the hands of Sussex, at Brighton. The Metropolitan, it is true, had only a weak side, but Sussex, who had neither Ranjitsinhji nor Fry playing for them, won by the great margin of an innings and 101 runs. This result was due almost entirely to the tremendous bowling of the Australian, E. B. Dwyer, who has this year become qualified for the county. In the first innings he took seven wickets for 58, and in the second, after Albert Relf had bowled Harrison, obtained nine off the reel at a cost of but 44. Therefore he took sixteen for 100, which was certainly an extraordinary



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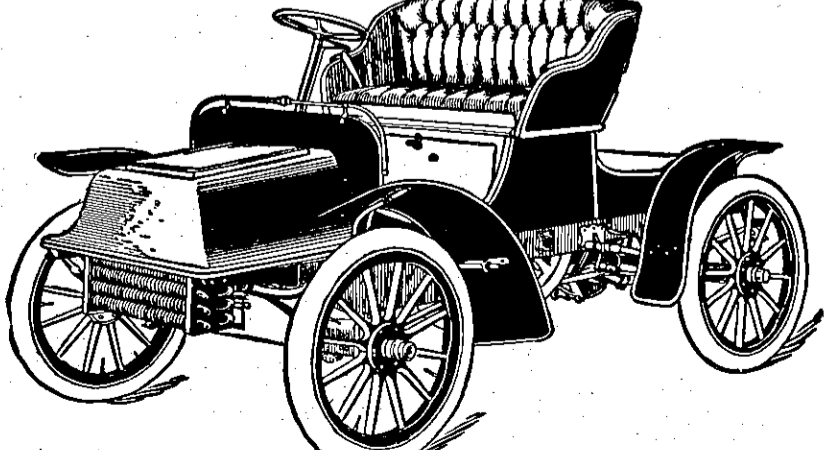
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performance. Whilst fully admitting the merit of the feat, and congratulating him upon its accomplishment, we must add, in no unkind spirit, that we rather resent his success. On only one previous occasion—by the famous old William Lillywhite, for Sussex v. Hampshire and Surrey, in Bramshill Park, in 1826—had sixteen wickets been taken in an eleven-aside match for Sussex.

The young Queensland cricketer, Marshal, who is qualifying for Surrey, seldom bats for London County Club without hitting up from 50 to 200 runs in an innings. A few days before the mail left he outdid all his previous feats by scoring 300 (and then retiring) for his club against Croydon, in addition to which he clean bowled five of the opposition for 50 runs.

About the same time, the feat of taking all 10 wickets in an innings was accomplished in two separate matches, and the bowler in each instance clean bowled nine of his victims. C. J. Kortright, the Essex amateur, who, through business duties, is unable to play regularly for his county, took all 10 wickets for 12 runs, for Free Foresters v. Stanmore Park Masters; while A. Wallers, playing for Townley Park, in Shepherd's Bush, took all 10 wickets for 24 runs.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

(By "Petrol.")

THE AUCKLAND DUNLOP TEST RACE.

The Auckland Cycling Club held a test race on Saturday to select a representative for the big Timaru-to-Christchurch Road Race. The course was from Mangere Bridge to Bombay Hill and back, a distance of 46½ miles. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. E. Jones; timekeepers, Messrs. Booth, McDermott and Andrew; referee, Mr. H. Trendall; stewards, Messrs. G. W. Trendell and W. Ireland; hon. secretary, Mr. F. H. Hutchinson. The following 12 faced the starter:—E. J. McKay and C. Piper, scratch; R. Lees, 2½min; B. Maberly, 3min; A. Bond, 4min; G. L. Probert, 5min; P. A. Smith, 7min; W. A. Taylor, 9min; F. Roget, 11min; W. Johns, 12min; A. Rugg, 15min; A. Lecky, 18min. So much rain had fallen that the roads were in a bad state, being very heavy in places. P. A. Smith was the first at the rounding mark, with McKay and Piper close up. Once headed for home McKay went to the front, with Piper, Smith and Maberly hanging on to him. At Papakura Piper came to grief, and McKay steadily drew away from the others, and riding in fine style reached the finishing line in 2hr. 52min. Maberly was 5min 38sec behind the leader, with Smith 6min fur-

ther back. C. Piper was fourth, W. Johns, A. Bond and W. H. Taylor following in that order.

BATHURST-TO-SYDNEY ROAD RACE.

There were 65 starters in the Bathurst-to-Sydney road race on Saturday. Rain fell most of the time, and the roads were very muddy. Brennan, 60min, led at the start, but at Bowenfells Merrick, 40min, went to the front, and he held the lead to beyond Parramatta. Larcombe (5min) finished in fine style, and won by 3min. His riding time for the 133-mile journey was 9hr 11min 5sec. Merrick was second with 9hr 49min, and Brennan third, 10hr 13min. The race was witnessed by large crowds of spectators stationed along the route.

THE DANNEVIRKE-HASTINGS TEST RACE.

A telegram from Dannevirke states that the limit man in the Dannevirke-Hastings test cycling race, Baker (35 min) was despatched on his self-imposed task at 10.12. The weather was fair with a light side wind. The roads were in good order. There were sixteen starters. Baker led the contingent through Waipawa at 12.34 p.m., followed by A. Guilliard (11min) and O. Neilson (3min) 13 minutes later. Brimmer (16min) passed at 12.55 p.m., J. J. Downey (16min), a minute later, and J. Harwood (30min) at two minutes to one o'clock. R. Jones and L. Redward were disqualified for taking a short cut. The race resulted as follows:—H. M. Baker (Dannevirke), 4hr 18min 30sec, 1; O. Neilson, 3hr 54min 4sec, 2; A. Guilliard, 4hr 7min 10sec, 3; J. J. Downey, 4hr 19min 5sec, 4; W. Brimmer, 4hr 35min 33sec, 5; J. Harwood, 5hr 12min 30sec, 6. Baker arrived in Hastings at 2.30 p.m., Neilson at 2.38 p.m., and Guilliard at 2.40. Neilson put up the fastest time.

The Dunlop Company have taken a very decided step in connection with their forthcoming Timaru-Christchurch road race, brought about by a firm advertising that they intended offering prizes outside of those mentioned on the official prize list, to riders of machines only for which they hold the agency. The company state that heretofore the big race has been purely an open event, open alike to riders of any make of cycle or tyre they may choose, and every competitor has an equal chance of obtaining any of the valuable prizes offered, and it is quite evident that they do not intend to allow such to be upset. They have notified all of the road-racing cyclists, the cycle trade and cycling club secretaries throughout the colony that all of the machines for which this firm in question holds the agency are debarred from being riders in the race. The company are not preventing any rider from competing so long as he does not ride a machine of these certain makes.



E. J. McKay, winner of the Auckland Dunlop Road Race Test. British Photographic Studio.

The 1000-miles Dunlop Reliability Motor Contest, to be held next November over the pick of Victorian roads, is likely to draw a big nomination owing to the fact that the contest will be this time over good roads, and consequently easier on both contestants and cars than over the horrible stretches of roads and bush tracks on the Melbourne-Sydney route, over which the last two reliability trials were held. The speed average set for competitors in the forthcoming contests are very moderate, the promoters' intention being to eliminate contestants, not by speed, but by loss of points for every stop, repair, or adjustment effected during every day's run. The use of even a spanner during a day's run will mean loss of points, and there is little doubt that the stringent conditions drawn up by the Dunlop Co. should prevent a recurrence of the dead heats that took place in the two previous events. To encourage a big field the Dunlop Co. intend presenting a three-guinea gold medal to every contestant who does not lose more than 200 points during the 1000 miles' run, or a five-guinea medal if not more than 50 points are lost. This means that every contestant with ordinary luck will receive a valuable souvenir of what promises to be a most enjoyable and spirited competition.

Frank Kramer, the American champion, finished up his successful European racing trip at the end of June by winning the valuable French Prix for the second time, from Poulain and

Friol, and has since returned to the United States. Nothing further has been heard of the proposed big match between this crack and Iver Lawson, who at latest was carrying all before him in America. The recent visitors to Australia, Mayer and Rutt, competed for the Grand Prix, the former showing good form by getting into the second semi-final.

The Scottish reliability trials, now the principal reliability test in Great Britain, were concluded last month, and resulted in another big advertisement for the reliability of the automobile. Seventy-nine entrants started, ranging from two-seated 6 h.p. cars up to 30 and 40 h.p. young cars. In four days 671 miles had to be covered under non-stop conditions, 20 minutes being allowed competitors each morning for refreshments. All adjustments to be effected during running time. The first day 56 cars established non-stop runs. The second day 39 cars lost no points. The third day 36 cars scored full points, and the fourth day 44 competitors made non-stop runs. At the finish of the run 21 cars had covered the full distance without loss of points—a wonderful result considering the mountainous nature of the road and the severity of the conditions.

The English Auto Cycle Club recently held a highly successful motor cycle run from Land's End to John O' Groats, the northern and southern extremities of England, the total distance being 887½ miles. The event was in no sense a race, but was intended purely as a test of reliability. Seventy-four cyclists started from Land's End, and after a five days' run over all classes and conditions of road, 35 motor cyclists completed the full distance.

Mr. Ford, of the Waitemata billiard saloon, is leaving for a tour in the country for the benefit of his health prior to his match under the new rules with Mr. Vallintine. Mr. Ford plays one or two exhibition games in the small towns.

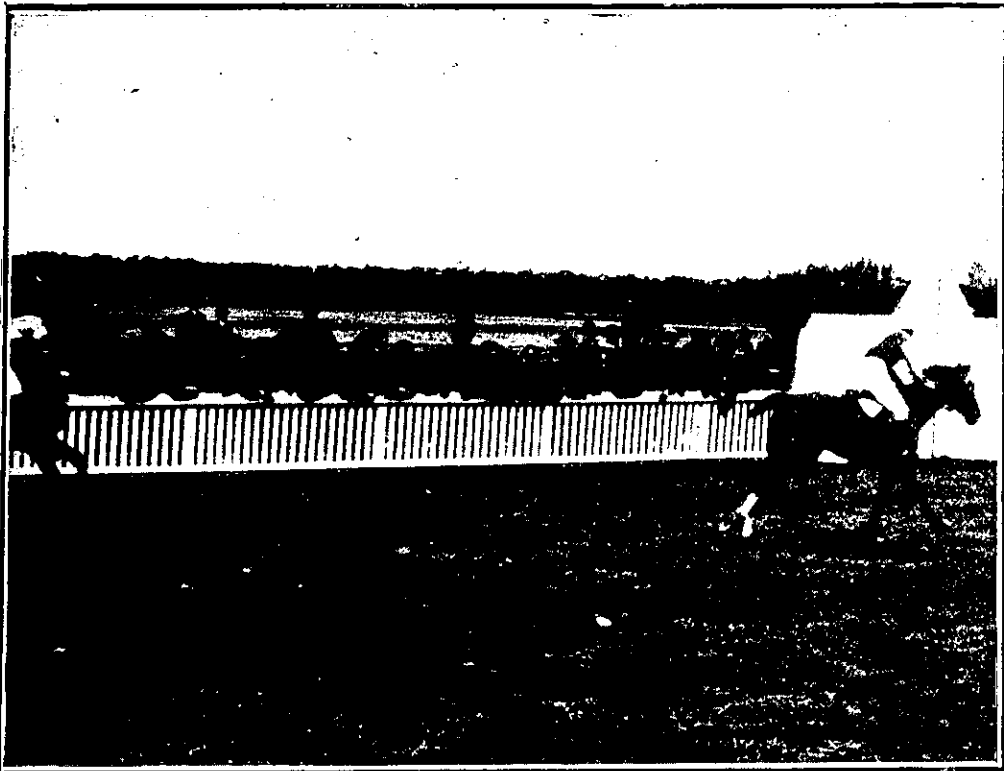
The Auckland bowling team to visit Australia next month will be Gardner, Ledingham, Rankin, and Osmond. This is looked upon as strong a combination as it was possible to get for so long a tour. The combined teams representing this colony will leave Wellington on October 5, play at Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Tasmania, and will not return until the end of November.

Make never mock of cold or cough—
They danger spell however slightly;
Nor e'er esteem it quite enough
To treat the primal symptoms lightly.
Consider, ere you money spend,
To buy but mixtures safe and sure—
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The worth of Woods' Great Peppermint
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OFFICIALS AT THE DUNLOP ROAD RACE.

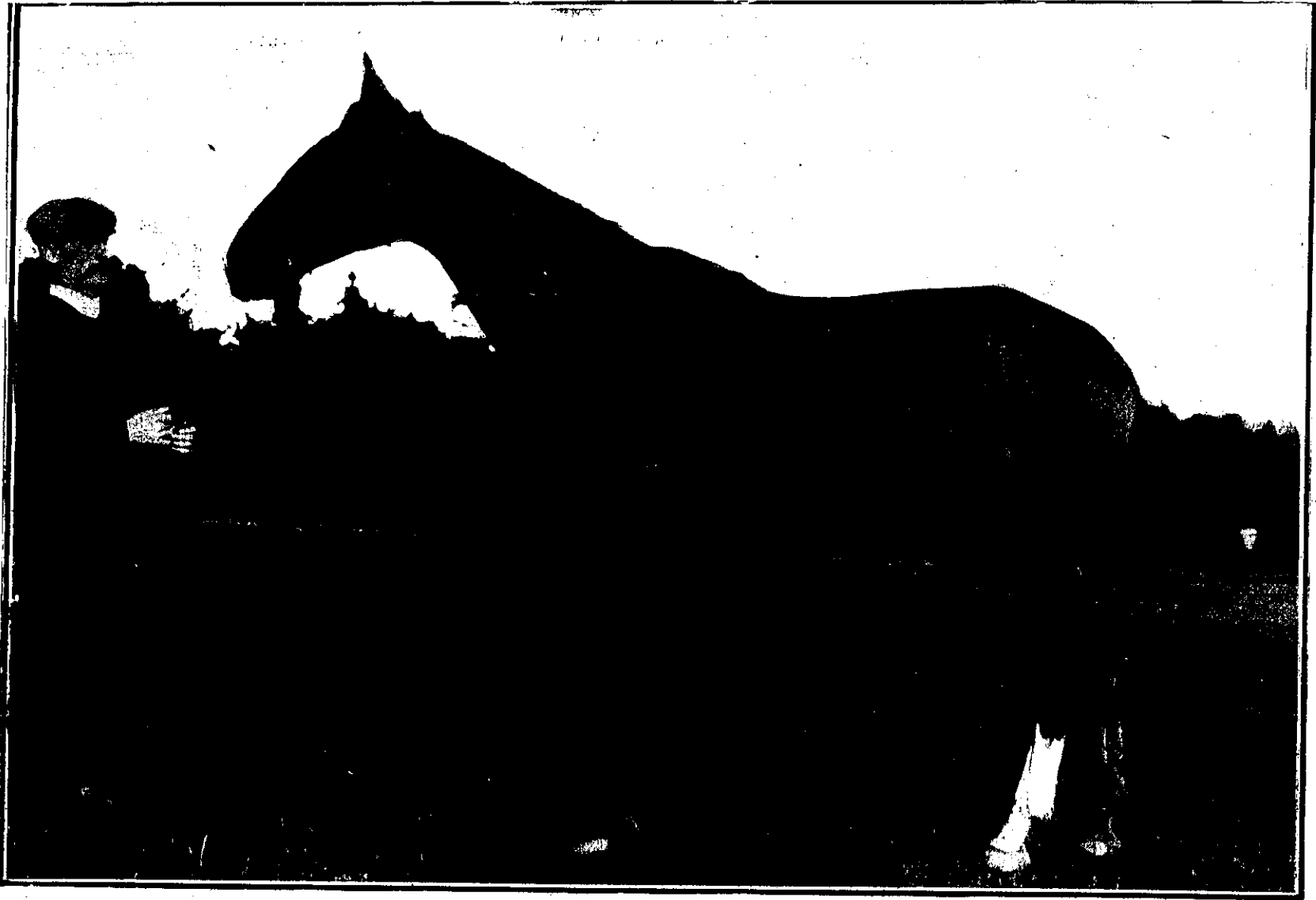
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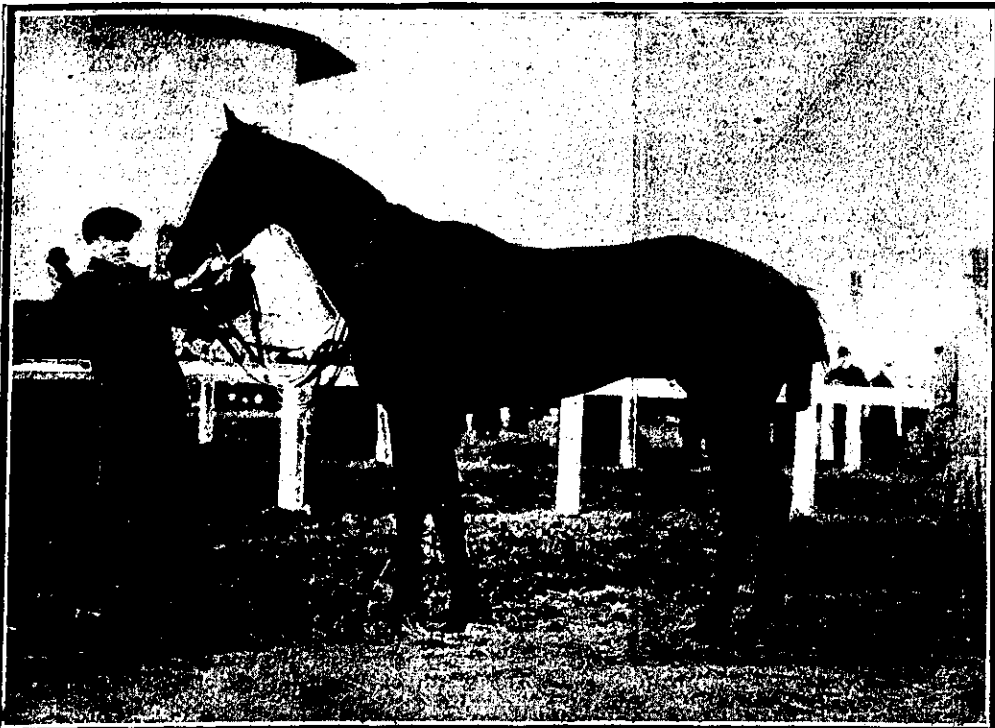
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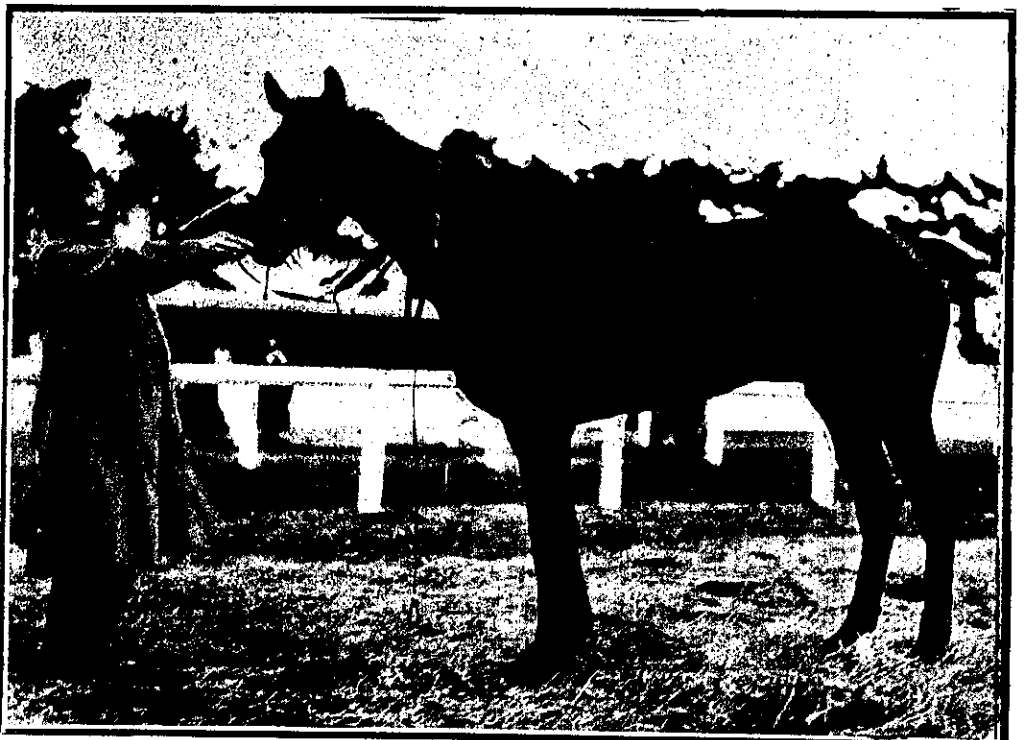
Bringing in the winner of the Grand National Steeplechase.



PHAETONITIS, winner of the Grand National Steeplechase.

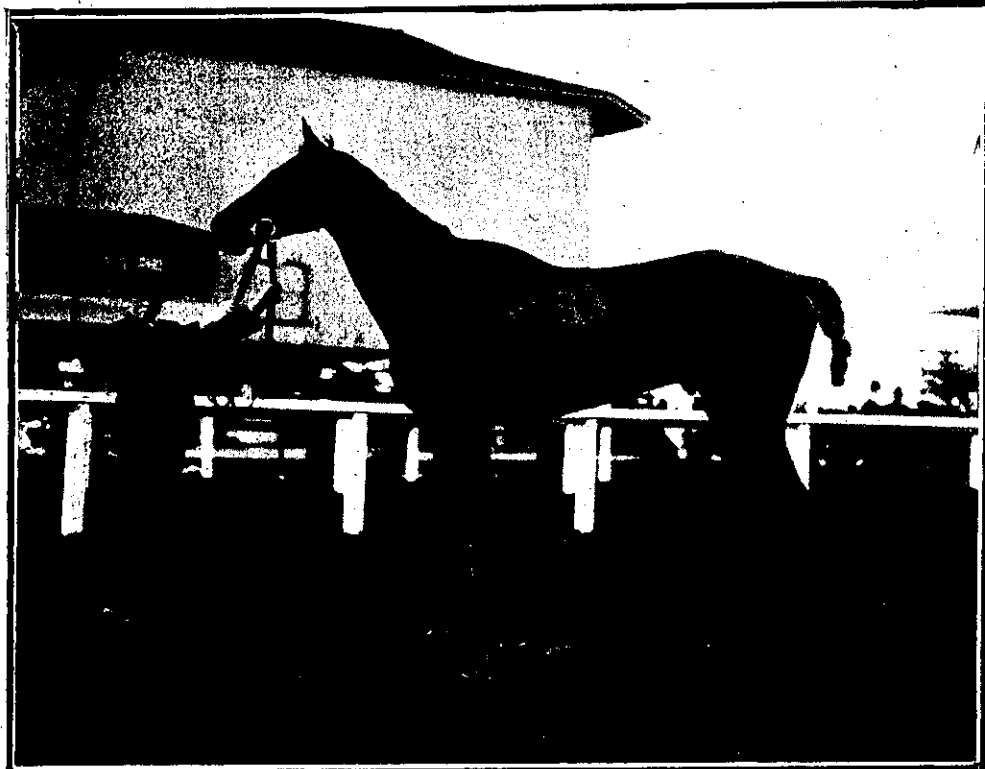


ABORIGINAL, winner of the Winter Cup.

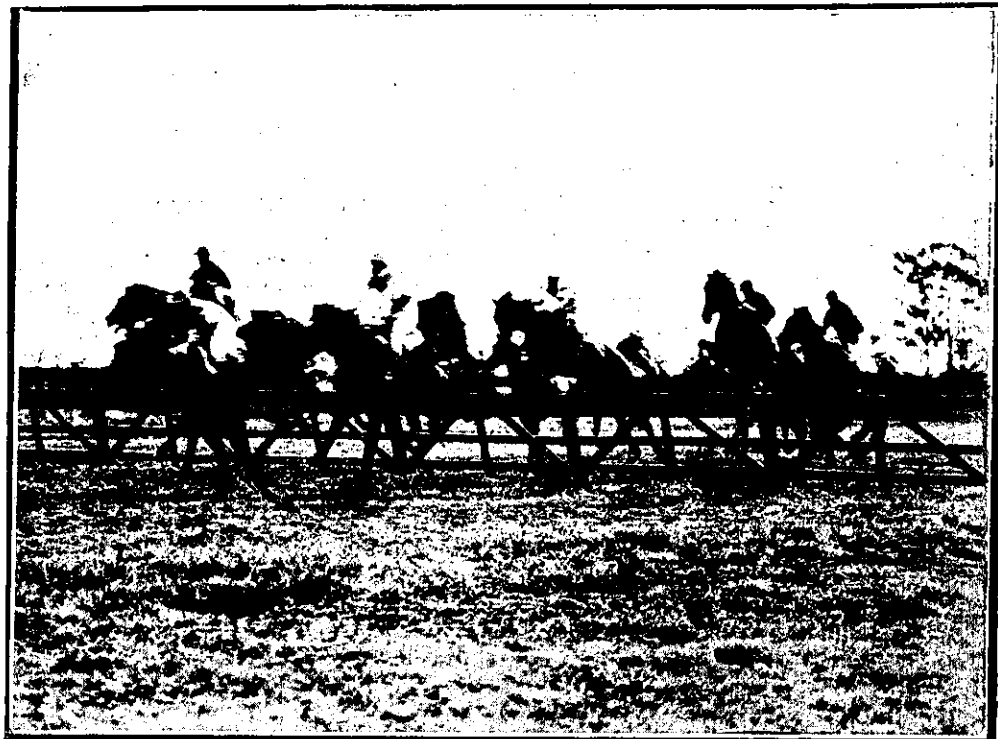


PROSPECTOR, winner of the Trial Hurdle Handicap.

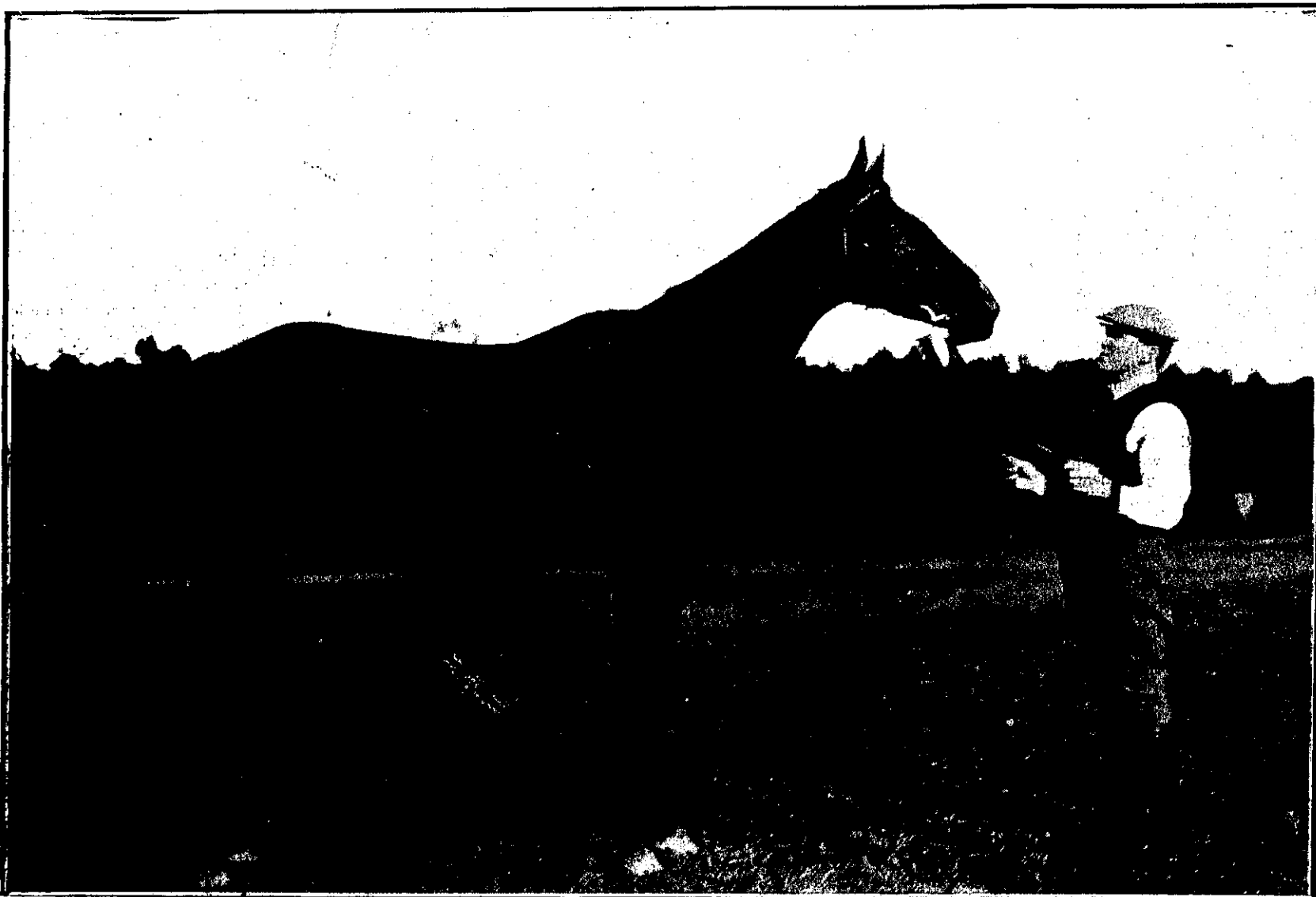
GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.



KIATERE, winner of the Beaufort Steeplechase.



At the first hurdle in the G.N. Hurdle Race.



CUIRAGNO, winner of the Grand National Hurdle Race.



Photos. by S. F. P. Webb.

Aboriginal winning the Winter Cup.

THE STAGE

(By "Footlight.")

HIS MAJESTY'S.

EDISON'S PICTURES.

With Aucklanders there are few more popular forms of entertainment than moving pictures. The latest to come this way, Edison's series of "America at Work and Play," were produced at His Majesty's on Monday, and as might be expected, drew a large, and what speedily became an enthusiastic house. The first picture shown was a capital one of a parade of the New York fire brigade, the only fault being that it was taken too fast. Following this came New York from the water front, showing many of the loftiest sky-scrapers. A splendid film was the one taken from the front of an engine crossing Brooklyn Bridge. The burning of the Eric railway station gave a fine idea of what a big fire is like. New York in a blizzard made the audience realise that although the Auckland climate has nothing to boast of, yet it has its advantages. A very realistic panorama of San Francisco in ruins gave spectators a vivid idea of the appalling disaster which has overtaken California's great city, the arrival of the relief pack train of mules being especially clear.

Many of the more humorous pictures were greatly appreciated. The pranks of a bevy of school girls at Coney Island gave rise to much amusement and imparted a good idea of what many of the side shows to our own Exhibition in Christchurch will be like. The sensational escape of three convicts from the famous Sing Sing prison caused rounds of applause. "Stolen by Gypsies" was another well carried out series. A popular picture was "The Life of an American Policeman," the incident of the escape from the mounted sergeant being very clearly shown. Some of Miss Loie Fuller's beautiful serpentine dances were shown as well as quite a number of others on all sorts of subjects. Possibly the one which caused the greatest amount of merriment was the concluding picture, "The Dream of the Rarebit Fiend." This showed a man partaking not wisely but too well of the toothsome delicacy, washing it down with such copious libations that the subsequent walk home was full of excitement, while the surprising incidents of the dream caused roars of laughter, and were very clearly done, some portion of a picture being taken from a balloon passing over New York. Pictures are at all times difficult to describe, but must be seen. This is a step I should strongly advise readers to take, for of a surety they will not be disappointed. Mr Avaton Collard contributed two items, "The Penny Novelette" and "The Conversazione," both of which were much appreciated. The season will positively close on Friday evening.

LESLIE HARRIS—SOCIETY ENTERTAINER.

Mr Leslie Harris, the famous English Society Entertainer, will open in His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday night, assisted by Miss Rosina Buckmann, the celebrated English dramatic soprano, who, although still young, has made a great name for herself in England and on the Continent. Mr Harris is an entertainer a la Grossmith, with whom, by reason of his resourceful humour, inimitable style, and fine executive ability as a pianist, he is said to be fully qualified to rank. Always refined and in perfect taste, yet teeming with quaint says and musical effects, his entertainment proves most enjoyable. Satire on social fancies and fashions is of course called into requisition, and in this line Mr Harris shows to advantage. He submits the sketch "The Village Choral Society," by Mrs Grossmith's permission, and Mr Harris' portrayal of the mature soprano, the agricultural tenor, and the irascible conductor is described as mirth-provoking. He gives musical sketches, pathetic and humorous; he delivers speeches without words, and he does a specially feeling monologue, "The soliloquy of an old piano," added to which his chatty little stories and tales in all dialects with his inimitable facial expression are marvels of artistic cleverness. The box plan opens Wednesday morning at Wildman and Arey's, no extra charge for booking, and no early door charges.

"THE LADY TYPIST."

Mr Thomas Humphrey's musical comedy drew excellent houses all last week, a tribute to the genuine nature of the success being the fact that as the season progressed the business increased. There can be no doubt that all concerned are entitled to hearty congratulation on the all round excellence of the performances. On the concluding night of the run bouquets and boxes of chocolates were fairly showered upon the principals, while the author and Mr Fred Graham were called upon for a speech. During the six nights run the box office taking amounted to £800, so that from a financial point of view the production was entirely satisfactory.

THE MACMAHON DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Elaborate and active preparations are being made at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, by the Messrs MacMahon for their approaching tour of this colony. Quite an army of stage carpenters and scenic artists are being employed in the work necessary for the adequate production of the new plays to be presented, the first

proceedings with a lively overture, and the Company gave a fine opening chorus. Miss Ivy Gallardi, who first took the floor, won spontaneous applause for her dancing and singing of the serios, "Clarice Stella" and "Pretty Little Dinah Loo." She was followed by Miss Beryl Gilman, whose singing of the ballad "I Can't Leave the Old Folks Alone," was very good and earned her a recall. Mr Aubrey Douglas scored with his coon songs, acting them very well, and being warmly applauded for his efforts. Miss Dorothy L'Estrange, whose fine voice made her a great favourite during her last visit to Auckland, was heard to full advantage in "Estudiantina," her rich notes giving a sympathetic interpretation of the song. Mr Carl Collier caused great hilarity with his comical antics and songs. He was recalled until it seemed almost a physical impossibility for a human being to comply further to the demands of the audience. "The Four Rosebuds" further established themselves in favour with their dainty concerted dancing and singing. Their first serio "The Grandstand Bells," was warmly applauded, and a vociferous recall brought them back with "Walking Home with Angel-

was reached when the lady performer climbed to the top of a high pedestal which was raised by her partner, who, placing it on his forehead, walked round with her in this perilous position. The exhibition was a very fine one, and proved both performers to be possessed of considerable strength and skill. Master Norman Mudford, whose voice still rings sweetly from behind the footlights, was twice recalled for his singing of "Mamma's Boy." The song was illustrated with a fine series of pictures, and the young singer was vociferously applauded. The Driscolls started the fun going at a high old pace, and kept up a rapid fire of crisp sparkling repartee and gags, intermixed with a lot of clever foot work that caused great amusement and applause. They were recalled to further orders, and the audience was very loth to see them leave the stage. The evening's entertainment concluded with a number of pictures, humorous and otherwise, by the Warwick Bioscope, which were very good and caused much amusement.

A very tastefully got up souvenir of Miss Tittell Brune as Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall has just reached me. It is profusely illustrated with scenes from the play which in Australia has proved a great success.

Mr Fred Graham, whose good work in "The Lady Typist" told so powerfully in its favour, left for Sydney on Monday. He will join Mr Bain's forces in Tasmania for seven weeks, after which he will return to New Zealand and join the Fuller circuit for a season of twelve weeks. On June 17 of next year, Mr Graham intends producing at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, an opera which will be an eye-opener to local theatregoers. At its conclusion, Mr and Mrs Graham and Mr Frank Graham sail for America, when the latter intends entering the Philadelphia University.

The members of the St. Andrew Society mustered in great force on Thursday evening at the Choral Hall, the occasion being the anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott. Mr J. McK. Geddis presided, and there was no lack of go in the proceedings. Rev. A. Macaulay Caldwell delivered a brief address on Sir Walter Scott. The programme was essentially Scottish, and was much enjoyed. An orchestra under Mr S. Jackson rendered two overtures, "Jacobite Airs" and "Highland Memories." The items were as follows:—"The Auld Scotch Songs," Mrs Smith; "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," Mrs C. W. Macgowan; quartette, "Annie Laurie," Messrs A. M. Bryden, J. Buchanan, J. Henderson, and G. Henderson; dramatic recital, "Jessie of Lucknow" (Lovell), Mrs Forsythe; dance, "Star Reel," members of St. Andrew's Dancing Class; Tosti's "Good Bye," Miss Jessie Manson; dance, "Reel o' Tulloch," members of St. Andrew's Dancing Class; "Awa, Whigs, Awa," Mr John Earle. The programme concluded with a march by the St. Andrew's Pipe Band, Miss Quinn and Miss Browning accompanied the singers, and Pper Elmsle played for the dances. The gathering concluded with the audience singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Mr and Mrs R. G. Knowles passed through Auckland by the mail steamer last Friday.

Mr H. R. Roberts, the well-known Australian actor, who was specially cast by the author for a principal part in the production of "The Prince Chap" at the Criterion, London, has secured the rights of the piece for Australia and South Africa.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Mr Leslie Harris, the society entertainer, just now drawing packed houses at the Theatre Royal, reminds me, as an old playgoer of Geo. Grossmith, Corney Grain, and poor Mel. Spurr. In some ways Mr Harris recalls all three performers. And yet he had a decidedly original style of his own. As a humorist he excels Mel. Spurr, but he is hardly Mel's equal in pathos. Take him for all in all, however, he must be considered one of the cleverest drawing-room entertainers ever seen in Christchurch.



MR. LESLIE HARRIS, the well-known entertainer, who opens a season at His Majesty's on Saturday.

of which will be the highly successful Adelphi drama "Our Guardian Angel." Mr Chas. MacMahon writes that the Company is undoubtedly the strongest brought to New Zealand in recent years.

OLYMPIA SKATING RINK.

The Olympia Rink continues to maintain its popularity with Aucklanders. The reason of this is not far to seek, for Mr Woodley, the proprietor, sees to it that everything possible is done for the comfort of patrons, there being an efficient staff of instructors to attend to the wants of beginners of whom there appears to be an increasing number. A number of interesting competitions have been held. On Tuesday there was a ladies' ring tilting contest. Yesterday the Onehunga branch was open, and a team from the Olympia Rink played a return match against Onehunga. The rink is open for three sessions each day.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

There was another full house on Monday evening at the Opera House, and the programme was full of good items throughout. Mr Frank Crowther opened

ine," the dancing being excellent. The first half of the programme was concluded with some highly instructive and interesting views of ruined San Francisco, which depicted very vividly the terrible destruction caused by fire and earthquake. The pictures were very clear and were much appreciated by the audience. The second half of the programme ushered in by Mr Frank Crowther's orchestra, commenced with a clever ventriloquial turn by Ern Ern, who extracted plenty of fun out of his doll family, notably the irrepressible small boy whose retorts caused great merriment among the audience. His turn is neat and cleverly carried through. Mr Val Newton, who next appeared, earned hearty applause for his fine rendering of the song "The Deep Blue Sea," his full voice being heard splendidly in the deeper notes. The Carross scored a big success in their classical and herculean juggling. Some of their balancing feats were of a most remarkable nature, and called forth loud and prolonged applause from the audience. A very notable item was that in which the lady performer, after seating herself on a pedestal, was balanced on her partner's forehead. Another instance was that in which she lay rigid on a stand which her partner carried held firmly in his teeth, while he ascended and descended a staging. The climax

Mr George Buller, who is now with Mr Leslie Harris as manager, is due to arrive in Auckland to-day. The genial George is a favourite everywhere.

Mr Albert Chevalier is to undertake the title role in Mr J. M. Barrie's new play "Pantaloon." It is sixteen years since the famous "Coster" appeared on the legitimate stage.

Writing from Tonga, Mr J. Black, of the Black Family of Musicians, reports a pleasant trip down to the Islands with the beauties of which he was greatly taken. Business prospects were splendid. The Black Family are great favourites at the Islands.

The season of the MacMahon Dramatic Company at His Majesty's commences on September 8. Going south all the show dates have been booked. The tour should prove a big success.

Mr Peter Savieri, the well known comedian, writing to me from Waimate says, "I am on the road again and doing exceedingly well. At present I am working my way south, and the weather, by the way, is wintry indeed. "A Brother's Crime," a fine melodrama by Sims and Pettit, is our opening production, while for the second night I'm reviving "The Guv'nor," a comedy which recast's Johnny Hall as the deaf boatman. I am playing "The Guv'nor" with Mr T. D. Williams, a very clever character artist in the role of Macc'esfield. Business so far has been excellent. At present I am trying to arrange for short seasons in Christchurch and Dunedin during the winter months, with Invercargill and the Otago goldfields to follow.

John Hare has arranged to appear next winter as a star under the direction of Charles Frohman, with whom he has already played three seasons in London. Mr Hare will assume the character of Napoleon in "La Belle Marseillaise," by Pierre Berton, which was the success of Paris last season. The play also will require a cast of 60 people, 30 parts of which must be played by important actors. Mr Frohman intends to make this one of his principal productions in London, and it will be staged under the di-

rection of Dion Boucicault. The English translation has been made by Mrs Madeline Lucette Ryley, and it is Mr Frohman's purpose that after the piece has had a London run to have Mr Hare appear in it a few of the principal cities, and he hopes after his engagement to prevail upon Mr Hare to make a farewell tour of the United States under his direction.

Reference has frequently been made to the habit contracted by the chorus girls in Mr J. C. Williamson's companies of marrying millionaires and such like notabilities, and it would seem that the failing is not confined to Australia. An American manager in New York has found it necessary to insert a clause in his contracts providing for a forfeit of 100 dollars from any member of the company who marries while the piece is still on the boards. The idea appeals so favourably to Mr Williamson that he has decided to adopt it, and from henceforward a similar regulation will form part of his agreement.

My Hawke's Bay correspondent writes as follows:—The Taylor-Carrington Dramatic Company did a one-night stand at the Theatre Royal last Wednesday night, when "Evicted" was staged. The popularity of the organisation could be easily seen by the thronged auditorium and the vociferous applause, that penetrated the performance. As usual in the matter of the Taylor-Carrington Company productions, the staging, dressing, and acting of "Evicted" left nothing to be desired. "America at Work and Play," under which appellation, Edison's Biograph, engineered by Professor Andrews, of "Magic Kettle" fame, was introduced to patrons of the Theatre Royal last Monday and Tuesday nights. The capable efforts of Mr W. J. Ansall, advance agent, coupled with the satisfactory notices from other towns visited in the South, attracted packed houses on both evenings, and the excellent films, with the quick despatch given them, no wearisome waits being apparent, owing to the innovation of having two machines at work, won high words of praise right throughout each night's entertainment. It must be allowed that there is a great number of picture shows at present perambulating the length and breadth of "God's own Country," but like every others used in life there is always room at the top, and the really meritorious, interesting, educated pictures of the Edison affairs, should help them to command an unassailable niche on the topmost rung of the ladder of success. Mr Avalon Collard sang his way into the good graces of his listeners, his vocal turn meeting with the appreciation that it merited.

Miss Amy Castles had the honour of singing to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra recently. Her Majesty expressed herself absolutely delighted.

Rumour states that when Mr Harold Ashton, the "advance" representative of Mr J. C. Williamson, recently endeavoured in New York to arrange terms with Madame Sarah Bernhardt for an Australian tour she asked for a guarantee of £250 a night, with seven performances weekly!

Miss Nellie Stewart is reported to have scored a great success on her opening night at the Chicago Opera House.

Drury Lane's last panto. is said to have realised a profit of £20,000.

Yvette Guilbert announces that she is to make her debut as a legitimate actress next October, in Brussels, appearing in "L'Eau Trouble," a play especially written for her by Edmond Guiraud and Jean de Hinx, of Paris. Her role is that of a woman of forty-five.

Mr Mark Hambourg, who has been playing with immense success in London, will probably revisit Australia next year in company with his brother, Boris, the 'cellist.

At the Sydney Criterion Theatre, Mr Charles Holloway's Dramatic Company, is giving an interesting performance of "Jo," a dramatisation of "Bleak House." In Australia the role of "Jo" is always associated with Miss Jennie Lee, whose realistic impersonation was a wonderful performance (says the "Sydney Mail"). Miss Beatrice Holloway gives us an admirable interpretation of the character, and in the more emotional scenes deeply moves her hearers. On the opening night she was showered with floral tributes. The other members of the cast acquit themselves creditably. The piece is very well staged, the last scene in particular presenting an exceedingly picturesque view of snow-covered buildings and streets in London.

Another Nero play has been staged, this time a tragedy of the life of St. Paul, entitled "Paulus," by the Rev. R. Falker, of Frankfort. The immense cost of producing the drama in Germany was borne by the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha—who is a son of Australia's old friend, the Duke of Edinburgh. At the opening of the play Paul is a Pharisee of the most bigoted and persecuting character, pursuing the Christians relentlessly until he encounters a nice-looking female Christian, who provides the love interest. Paul is converted "off," and the second act shows him a Christian himself. There is a magnificent scene, representing the Areopagus at Athens, with Paul preaching, and the two remaining acts are devoted to the martyrdom of the hero, and the destruction of Rome by Nero.

A novel and daring turn was included in the Melbourne Opera House programme (says the "Australian"), when Agustin and Hartlep, the first of the artists engaged during the present visit of Mr Harry Rickards to Europe, made their appearance. Agustin and Hartlep are acrobats of more than ordinary agility and daring on the bare boards, but their most exciting effects are obtained in remarkable feats with the aid of barrels. Not only have their movements to be clean and timed to a fraction of a second, but they have to pitch their bodies exactly at the right angle and direct them to the precise spot in order to avoid striking the edge of the barrels. The turn probably looks more dangerous than it is, but it certainly makes the heart of the spectator leap into his mouth simultaneously with the leaping of the performers.



THE FOUR ENGLISH ROSEBUDS, appearing with success at the Opera House.



MISS DAISY HARCOURT, a popular Australian Variety Artist, now in London.

SOME BALLET REMINISCENCES.

The revival of ballet at Covent Garden recalls many interesting reminiscences to a writer in the "Pelican," who says: "It was Mademoiselle Salle who first introduced ballet to this country. She appeared at Covent Garden in 1734, and her appearance created quite a panic. Ardent playgoers did not, in those full-blooded times, arm themselves with camp stools, sandwiches, and newspapers, and take up their places outside theatre doors at breakfast time. Men fought their way to the doors sword in hand, and when the light-footed favourite bowed her farewell the gallants of the day flung guineas upon the stage. Curiously enough, when some twenty years later Garrick brought a troupe of French dancers to Drury Lane, public taste had so changed that there was a riot among the pitties, and after the show they adjourned in a body to his rooms in Southampton-street and smashed his windows. After that there was a very considerable interval before it was considered expedient to revive the ballet. Mademoiselle Guimard, who achieved a considerable amount of success, was sixty years of age, and yet, according to Lord Mount Edgumbe, who was no doubt an expert in such matters, she was full of grace, and danced most exquisitely. In 1821 a serious effort was made to revive ballet at the Opera House by the engagement of two Continental favourites, Mademoiselles Albert and Noblet, the former receiving £50 for each performance, and the latter £550 for the season. The ballet evidently caught on, for Mdlle. Noblet was literally run after. Even the Earl of Fife placed his carriage at her disposal, and gave dinner parties every Sunday in her honour. From that time ballet took a firm hold as a popular amusement, as may be gathered from the fact that during one season the cost of that particular item is set down at the substantial sum of £10,678. Mdme. Vestris received £600 for the season. Then came Taglioni and Fanny Elssler. Lola Montez followed, who, despite her Spanish name, was an Englishwoman. She was sufficiently Spanish in her temper, however, to smash her umbrella over the head of Mr Lumley, the lessee, because he ventured to make some disparaging remarks about her dancing. After that Lucille Grahn and Cerito and Carlotta Grisi appeared upon the scene, and the fortunate Lumley found himself at one period of his varied career with no less than four premiere danseuses on his hands—a veritable bouquet of talent, indeed. But all is not gold that glitters, and the task of keeping four principal dancers, each possessed of exceptional ability, and each furiously jealous of each other, in hand was a task to tax so experienced and masterful an impresario

as Mr Lumley. A pas de quatre was arranged, and all seemed well, when an unexpected trouble arose. This was the question of precedence. Cerito would not begin before Grisi; Grisi would not begin before Gerito. The astute manager was equal to the occasion. "Let the oldest take the first position," he commanded. And this being communicated to the ladies, peace at once prevailed. Curiously enough, neither of them displayed any violent anxiety to take the premier place. With the arrival of Jenny Lind, operatic ballet seemed to lose its hold upon the public, who once more turned their attention to music. Public taste has changed since then, and no doubt a judicious admixture of music, singing, and ballet will prove the success the present-day management of Covent Garden anticipate."

Uince Colibri, who is said to be the smallest man in the world, and Henri Cot, French giant, the tallest young man in existence, are the latest attractions at the Crystal Palace. The prince is only 23½ inches high, is 25 years old, and weighs 8½ lb. The age of the giant is 21 years. His height is 8ft 7in, and he weighs 390lbs. He is the only French giant known for 200 years, and is described as the "youngest, tallest, and straightest giant in the world."

The immense audience which assembled to welcome the Royal Comic Opera Company back to Melbourne has only been exceeded in numbers once or twice in the records of Her Majesty's Theatre (writes Mr George Tallis). While in the matter of enthusiasm shown none could have been more emphatic. Every one of the great favourites of Mr J. C. Williamson's most popular organisation, notably Miss Florence Young, Mr George Lauri, and Mr Reginald Roberts received a perfect ovation on entering, and this greeting in the case of three others (Miss Clara Clifton, Messrs Claude Bantock

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Old Judge

TOBACCO & CIGARETTES.

and W. S. Percy) was so prolonged, that hardly a word of their first trio was distinguishable. "The Little Michus" scored an instantaneous and pronounced success, both for its delicate and charming music, its spontaneous humour, while the artistic mounting and dressing, the splendid chorus work, the dashing introduced ballets, and indeed the whole of the production, was accorded a most deserved appreciation. Andre Messager's piece promises to become in Melbourne quite as much a triumph for the company, individually and collectively, and for those responsible for its production, as it has already proved itself in Sydney and Adelaide.

Both Mr Charles Waldron and Miss Ola Jane Humphrey did well in the one night revival of "The Christian," with which Mr J. C. Williamson's Company closed their first dramatic season in Melbourne last week. The former's John Storm was an admirable piece of sterling work, sincere, tense, and vivid throughout, erring neither on the side of exaggeration or repression, but giving a strong portrait of the sealer. Miss Humphrey as Glory Quayle came into her own with a part that gave her forceful and emotional talents far more opportunity than they had hitherto enjoyed. In several of the scenes she electrified the immense house with her passionate earnestness and high tragedy powers, and one of the daily papers in a most appreciative notice, referred to her as one of the finest tragic actresses to visit Australia. The rest of the cast was filled so adequately as to make the production one of the best ever seen in Australia.

"The Squaw Man" maintained its strong hold upon Melbourne playgoers right up to the last, and the returns for its last week in Melbourne were higher than those of the preceding one—sufficient indication that the piece had not declined in popularity despite its long run.

The company are now in the middle of a tour of Victorian provincial towns, and the week following the company will be in Adelaide. An eleven weeks visit to Sydney begins on September 22nd.

Mr J. C. Williamson is offering prizes of £5 5s and £2 2s for the best drawings descriptive of "The Gazeka," that strange little animal which provides the fur on the coat of General des Iles, whose description of the wonder causes such amusement to audiences of "The Little Michus."

It has now been definitely decided by Mr Williamson to revive "The Belle of New York" during the term of the Royal Comic Opera Company's visit to Melbourne. The "Spring Chicken" is also in preparation, so that with "La Mascotte," and "The Shop Girl" to follow "The Little Michus," when that delightful opera is withdrawn, the present season of the company will be one of extra interest and attractiveness.

Mr J. C. Williamson has received a letter from Mr Julius Knight, in which that popular favourite reports that he has gained greatly in health and strength since leaving Australia. He is to play "The Winter Tale" by Mr Beerbohm Tree at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, a few weeks hence. Meanwhile he has "inspected" all the ruling attractions in London at present, and expresses himself particularly pleased with "Brigadier Gerard," which Mr Williamson has acquired for Australia.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Company put up a booking record for themselves at Brisbane recently, the total seats reserved on the first day the box plan opened amounting to no less than 2500. The company have been most enthusiastically received there. They commence a three weeks season in Sydney on the 1st September.

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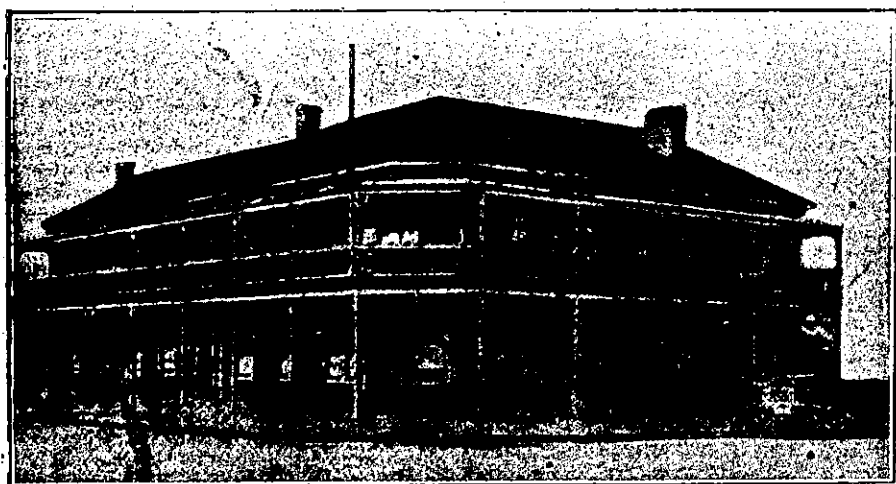
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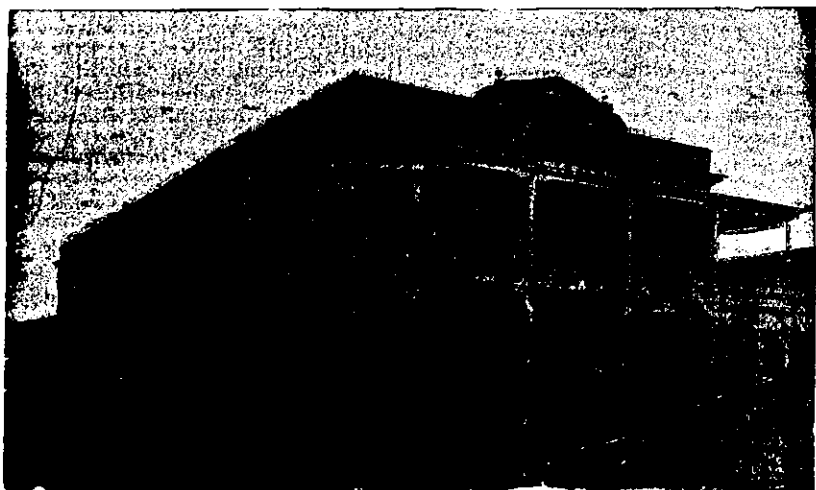
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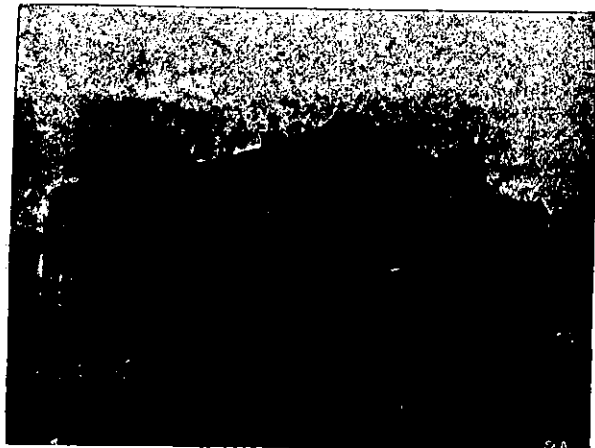
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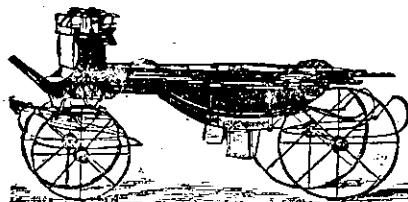


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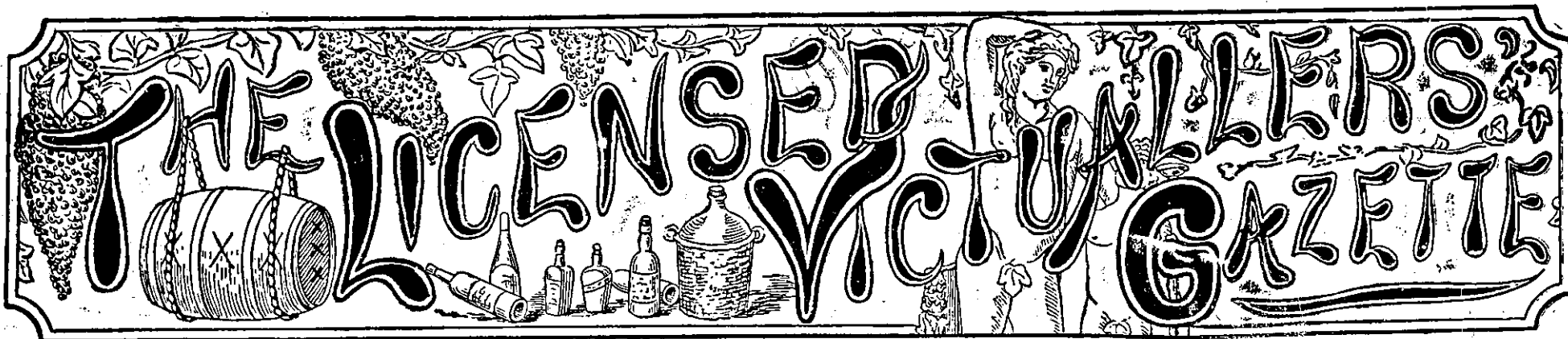
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Trade Topics

Mr L. Harris, of the Huntly Hotel, is spending a holiday in Christchurch.

Tenders are called for alterations and additions to Mr Jas. Ganley's hotel at Morrinsville.

Mr J. D. Fischer, who recently took over the Britomart Hotel, intends shortly to make some additions and alterations to that house.

The lightness of the calendar which engaged the attention of judge and jurors at the late sessions in Auckland, caused His Honor Mr Justice Edwards to remark that it showed a most satisfactory diminution of crime for Auckland district during the past quarter.

In the Supreme Court last week a young man received a sentence of twelve months imprisonment for passing a gilded sixpence as a half-sovereign.

The Official Assignee will apply at the next quarterly meeting of the Thames Licensing Court, which is held on the 7th September, to have the license of the Golconda Hotel at Coromandel transferred from himself to John Lynch, senr.

A store in the Clutha no-license district was lately raided by the police, and a case of whisky, a demijohn with some port, a demijohn containing beer, and a bottle of beer were seized.

The Montgomery brothers, well-known in hotel-keeping circles, no doubt hold something of a record in hotel licenses, no less than five brothers, are licensees in the Auckland province. Ralph is at the Waikino Hotel, Waikino; James at the Post Office Hotel, Neveville; Adolph at the Karangahake Hotel, Karangahake; Jasper at the Masonic Hotel, Devonport; and William at the Northern Wairoa Hotel at Dargaville.

In the local Police Court last Friday, Alfred Butzmahler, who did not appear, was fined £2 and costs for having been found on the premises of Nicholas Green, for the purpose of illegally dealing in liquor. This case had been adjourned from time to time to enable Butzmahler who is a sailor, to appear. As his vessel did not put into port the case was gone on with.

The conduct and management of the Star Hotel at Kihikihi, of which Mr F. Henwood is licensee, came in for favourable notice at the hands of the Waikato Licensing Committee last week.

The Christchurch Exhibition Executive have passed a resolution recommending that the Government should permit the sale of liquor in the Exhibition restaurant with meals only.

Mr Samuel Morrison, late of the Tareiki Hotel, Taranaki, has purchased Mr C. Kasper's interest in the Royal Hotel, Drury.

There are now four Morrison's in hotel businesses in the Auckland province, Mr John Morrison of the Royal Hotel, Auckland, Mr William Morrison of the Post Office Hotel, Thames, Mr David Morrison of the Globe Hotel, Papakura, and Mr Samuel Morrison of the Royal Hotel, Drury.

In a case heard last week at Carterton, wherein a resident was charged with assaulting a bailiff in the execution of his duty, his Worship said it was quite lawful for a bailiff to enter a dwelling by an open window if he found the door closed. It was not, however, within his power to force a window open to effect an entrance. In the case before the Court plaintiff had essayed to enter by an open window, but was pulled back by defendant, who seized the bailiff by the legs.

A meeting of the Waiapu No-License League was held recently, in order that the Rev. F. W. Isitt, general secretary of the New Zealand Alliance, might lay before the local workers the colonial campaign scheme determined on by the annual colonial convention, held recently in Auckland. He dealt with progressive measures growing out of the scheme which had been determined on in the Auckland, Canterbury, Otago, and Wellington central districts, speaking very hopefully of the outlook of the party. Other matters of interest to the workers were also dealt with, but the meeting was closed abruptly on the news being received of the sudden death of the Rev. J. Paterson.

Mr C. E. Whitney at a meeting of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society held last week, said that "If you are known to have anything to do with the Society you cannot have trout at the hotel for dinner, but if you are not you can." Mr Whitney from this imputes that the members of the Society must be very well known.

At the social tendered to the Hon. J. A. Millar in Dunedin last week in honour of his elevation to the Cabinet, politics were carefully eschewed, and the local option question, according to telegraphed reports of the speeches was not even mentioned.

A bill to prevent the adulteration of wine and brandy was introduced in the Cape Assembly recently. It prohibits the use of cane sugar, salicylic acid, and other foreign substances in the making of wine, and proper labelling, is to be made compulsory. Mr J. X. Merriman said it was now almost impossible to obtain a bottle of good Cape wine.

From Melbourne it is reported that in the House of Representatives the Government has introduced its proposals to in-courage the local manufacture, and is meeting with considerable opposition. Sir John Quick, who was chairman of the Tariff Commission, and several other members denounced the proposal.

At Gore last week the Hon. R. McNab said that the result of the last licensing bill that was carried at a recent session was that the licensing question was put away to a period eight or ten years ahead.

Alterations and additions are to be made to the hotel at Pukekohe.

The Apollinaris Company, world-famed for their mineral water, has failed to obtain an injunction against a firm for selling a chemical preparation called "Apollinaris Salts," out of which, the firm claimed, it was possible to make a drink resembling Apollinaris water.

Alterations and additions are to be made to the British Hotel, Queen-street.

The Victorian House of Representatives is adverse to the reception of the spirit duties, and this resulted in Mr Quick carrying by 34 to 18 a vote against the Government, and reducing the duty from 15s to 14s. This led to the Government submitting revised grading duties ranging from 10s to 14s.

The existing number of victuallers' licenses in Victoria is 3473, an excess of 980 over the statutory number. In the metropolitan district there are 1068 hotels.

It was reported from Sydney last Friday that the House of Representatives has further modified the spirit duties by reducing the excise duties, practically is on all items, to bring them into conformity with the Customs duties.

A deputation from the Christchurch Licensed Victuallers' Association waited on the Exhibition Executive last Thursday, to refute certain statements made in Wellington as to contemplated charges of hotelkeepers during the Exhibition. An assurance was given by the deputation that the charges would not be excessive.

It is reported by cable that the prospects of the British hop crops are very bad owing to the dry summer and the presence of blight.

The difficulty in regard to the new spirit duties so far as the regulation that spirit must have been two years in bond has been removed, suspension for the present being granted, and there is a rush to take spirit out of bond. The revenue is benefiting to the extent of £7400. The difference between the new duties as first fixed and afterwards reduced by Parliament is to be refunded as far as possible.

Sydney hotelkeepers are agitating against the new Commonwealth spirit duties and are arranging to pass them on to the public.

A shooting competition recently held at Matata resulted in the Whakatane team winning the Challenge Shield. The Tauranga team won the silver cup presented by Messrs Nathan and Co., and Hancock and Co., of Auckland.

Tenders have been called for the alteration of the premises lately the Eden Vine Hotel. It is intended to convert the premises into a block of shops.

Mr and Mrs J. W. H. Bright, who recently sold out of the Royal Hotel at Hamilton, to Messrs Raynes Bros., have been made the recipients of many presentations from the residents with whom they have been associated for many years.

A conference has been arranged between the deputation from the Licensed Victuallers' Industrial Union of Employers and the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, for the purpose of discussing the question of hotel tariffs in Christchurch during the progress of the Exhibition.

Mr Hanrahan, a hotel-keeper of North Fitzroy, Melbourne, was last Friday robbed of £400 in a most audacious manner. On the previous day he had received £400 for some property he had sold, and on retiring for the night placed the money under his pillow. During the night two men entered his room, and held Hanrahan down in the bed, while they abstracted the money. They both escaped with their booty.

Last Monday, Mr Horace Elliott, who has resigned from the Union S.S. Company's service, after many years as chief steward, to take over the proprietorship of the Star Hotel, Auckland, was presented by the staff of the s.s. Manuka with a handsome case, containing a solid silver cigar-holder, cigarette-holder, and matchbox, as a token of esteem.

WAIKATO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Last week a meeting of the Waikato Licensing Committee was held at Hamilton. There were present—Messrs H. W. Northcroft, S.M., J. D. Melville, G. Edgecumbe, and A. Young. Consideration of the Cambridge hotels was adjourned till next quarterly meeting. A license was granted to the Star Hotel, Kihikihi, on condition that the required work is carried out. It was said the committee had visited the hotel, and seeing that it was excellently conducted had determined to ask Mr Henwood not to leave it. The house was really well conducted, and a pattern to many houses of greater pretensions. Consideration of the Te Awamutu hotels was adjourned till the quarterly meeting, repairs to be completed in the meantime. The transfers of the license of the Hamilton Hotel from J. W. H. Bright to F. Raynes, and that of the Commercial Hotel, Hamilton from Joshua Smith to A. Raynes, were granted. A conditional license was granted to the Waikato Hunt Club.

SPORT AND NO-LICENSE.

Ashburton news on Saturday last informs us that since the carrying of no-license sport has been somewhat on the wane, as publicans were among the principal supporters. With the object of encouraging sport, and getting it on a better footing, the No-license Council has

offered to donate towards the expenses of the two meetings (New Year's day and Easter Monday) to be held by the Amateur Athletic Club a sum of twenty pounds. If either day is wet, and the club's funds suffer thereby, the Council will give another five pounds.

THE WINE INDUSTRY.

Last week Mr E. Clifton, head of the Auckland branch of the Agricultural Department, and Signor Bragato, Government viticulturist, were in Wellington, conferring with the new Minister for Agriculture (the Hon. R. McNab) in regard to various matters connected with their respective Departments. One of the matters brought under the notice of the Minister by Signor Bragato is that of having unfermented wine placed upon the New Zealand market, as he is convinced that it will find a ready sale at a remunerative rate. The wine is the pure juice of the grape, and, being sweet, is much sought after by people who do not care for dry wines. If the Department approves of his idea, the manufacture of unfermented wine will be started at the Government stations next season.

The vine cuttings received from Italy by Signor Bragato, the Government viticulturist, are to be grafted on to American stock at the viticultural station at Arataki, Hawke's Bay, with the object of distributing throughout the colony vines suitable for producing the finest table grapes. At the present time there is £2000 worth of wine in the cellar at Waerenga, Waikato, and an offer for the whole has been received from one firm.

A CASE DISMISSED.

At the sitting of the Thames Police Court last Monday, William Cullen, licensee of the Royal Hotel, was charged with having caused unnecessary delay in admitting the police into the Royal Hotel on the night of Saturday, the 4th inst. Sergeant Darby conducted the case for the police, and Mr Clendon appeared for the defendant.

Evidence was given by Sergeant Darby and Constable Berry to the effect that they visited the Royal Hotel on the night in question, and knocked for admission at ten minutes to eleven o'clock. The porter answered their knock by asking who was there, and on their replying "The police (Sergeant Darby)," the porter went away again up the passage, and was about two minutes before he returned and opened the door to admit them. Just previous to their admission they heard a number of footsteps inside coming from the direction of the bar towards the bottom of the stairs, and as Sergeant Darby was entering the front door he heard the office door at the foot of the stairs close. He demanded to have the office door opened. This the licensee refused to do, stating that Miss Pearce was inside with her young man, but on the sergeant still insisting on having the door opened the licensee knocked at it, and induced the persons inside to open it, when they found four men inside, two of whom were boarders.

For the defence, Mr Clendon contended that it had not been shown that the police were kept waiting for more than a reasonable time, considering that the porter had to go some distance to the other end of a long passage to obtain the permission of the licensee to open the door, his instructions having been not to open the doors after closing time to anyone without special permission. With regard to the other portion of the charge, relating to the office door being closed against the police, he contended this was no breach of the Act, as section 184 of the Act under which this charge was laid, provided merely for the police gaining admission into licensed premises, and did not give them authority to search private rooms. So long as they were admitted into the house within a reasonable time that was all the law provided for.

Evidence was given for the defence by the licensee, Miss Pearce, and the porter, upholding Mr Clendon's statement, and stating that no unnecessary delay had taken place in opening the door for the

police, and that no persons were in the vicinity of the bar except the licensee and Miss Pearce, who were occupied cleaning up and clearing out the cash register, as was usual after closing time.

The case was dismissed, His Worship upholding the contention of Mr Clendon that it was necessary for the porter to report to the licensee and get his permission before opening the door, seeing that such were his instructions, and they appeared reasonable, as he did not see how the licensee could successfully carry out the provisions of the Act if he allowed the porter to admit anyone he chose at his own discretion, and as the evidence showed the time taken by the porter to report to the licensee and then return and open the door to the police to have been not more than two minutes, he thought no unnecessary delay had taken place.

ALCOHOLIC PATENT MEDICINES.

In Wellington recently, Dr. Mason, Chief Health Officer for New Zealand, gave a lecture exposing the frauds and quacks who rob the public by means of patent medicines. Many of these, said the doctor, are composed of drugs and a large percentage of alcohol, victims of the drink or opium habit sometimes escape, but the confirmed imbibers of patent medicines hardly ever. A well known American physician says that he has come across quite recently four cases where people have drunk a certain patent medicine to intoxication, and this, without their knowing the nature of the mixture. At present, women and children are taught the alcohol habit secretly, and the drug shop is inflicting greater evils upon the populace than all the places openly licensed to retail alcoholic liquor. Not long since a Brisbane firm was prosecuted for selling liquor in the shape of a patent medicine. This precious decoction which was retailed at 4s 10d per bottle by grocers, drapers, and others who were in the habit of selling other patent medicines, was found to contain 42 per cent of proof spirit, and is called Peruna.

AN ALLIANCE INQUIRY.

In Gisborne lately the Revs. F. W. Isitt and Chatterton and Messrs C. Saunders (Napier) and Campbell Thomson (Gisborne) sat as a commission under the auspices of the New Zealand Alliance to conduct an enquiry in connection with the Waiapu licensing election, held last December. The commission sat at the request of Mr David Whyte, late organising agent for the Waiapu No-license League, who had asked that certain rumours in regard to his actions should be fully investigated. After a sitting extending over four hours the commission decided that Mr Whyte was entirely ex-

onerated from any serious allegation, but had committed an error of judgment in not having made the committee aware that he had changed his mind, and thought it inadvisable to proceed with the petition for the upsetting of the poll.

A SLY-GROG WITNESS.

The class of person who acts sometimes as witness in sly-grog selling prosecutions, was revealed at Invercargill last week when a man named Harry Leigh, with several aliases, was charged, before Mr McCarthy, S.M., with obtaining goods and money from three persons by false pretences. He pleaded guilty, and said he would return to England immediately if allowed to go free. He represented to one of his victims that he had a large sum of money in the hands of a firm of solicitors. He was sentenced to six months. He was also charged with supplying a woman, who was prohibited, with liquor at a hotel, four miles from Invercargill, and sentenced to a month, the sentences to be cumulative. He had been previously before the Court for false pretence, and was a witness in a recent sly-grog-selling case.

WHAT THE HON. R. McNAB SAYS.

At the banquet given in honour of the Hon. R. McNab at Gore last week, the licensing question was referred to by that gentleman in the course of his reply to the toast of the chairman, "Our Guest," he said that prophecies were made of the trouble that would eventuate as a result of the difference of views among the members of the Cabinet. No two men could be more opposed on the licensing question than Mr Millar and himself. When the Licensing Bill was brought down in a recent session Mr Millar and himself met together, and arranged a conference upon a working compromise, the result being that the Bill was evolved in an acceptable form, and passed through the House. There was an instance of legislation being effected by two men who were diametrically opposed on the subject, and he had no hesitation in saying that the proposals in that Bill were acceptable to the people of the colony as they were to the House. The result was that the licensing question was put away to a period eight or ten years ahead. That Bill effected an improvement in the licensing laws of the colony, and that improvement was brought about by two men whom the public would say had not one idea in common. When men holding opposite views on a question met together and came down to a working agreement, they could formulate a policy that would command the support of the House and the sympathy of the country, and that was the position that the Ward Administration would take up. He had heard of men who said that Mr McNab and Mr Fowlds would work against Mr Millar on the licensing question. Others said Mr Millar and Mr Fowlds would work against Mr McNab on the land question, others again said that Mr McNab and Mr Millar would combine against Mr Fowlds on the question of taxation, but that was imaginary.

TROUT AT HOTELS.

For some time past the council of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society have had under consideration whether steps should be taken to prosecute a resident of Rotorua who it is alleged had sent a quantity of trout to two hotels and a butchering firm in Auckland last season, thereby committing a breach of the law. The society had obtained the opinion of its local solicitors on the question, and at a meeting last week the opinion of Mr C. Skerrett, of Wellington, was read. Mr Skerrett said although it was tolerably plain that the resident had either bought fish as agent for the consignees, or had sold the fish to the consignees; still, as the buying and selling were separate and distinct functions, the evidence to support the information must establish one or the other offence. But it must not leave it in doubt which offence had been committed. The only possibility of succeeding under the information was by procuring evidence of sale, by giving them as far as possible an indemnity against proceedings under the regulations.

The President (Mr F. Earl) said the society's ranger had just brought the question before them. The ranger had found that a resident of Rotorua had sent to Auckland a very large quantity of trout, and on examining the consignee's notes he had found that 6½cwt of trout had been sent to two Auckland hotels and a butchering firm last season. The society's solicitors were in doubt as to whether a conviction could be secured. Unfortunately, they now had the opinion that the evidence was not sufficient to succeed in a prosecution.

Mr C. E. Whitney said such transac-

tions were not only carried on in Auckland hotels, but all over the colony. "If you are known to have anything to do with the society you cannot have trout at the hotel for dinner, but if you are not you can," declared Mr Whitney.

The President said that was so. The strong point was the large quantity sent to the Auckland hotels, and the regularity of the consignments. They were practically two a week.

In reply to a question, the President said he did not think there was much likelihood of their obtaining the necessary evidence for a prosecution. The question was not pursued further.

IMPORTANT HOTEL SALES.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel-brokers and land and estate agents, Willis-street, Wellington, report having made the following sales of hotel properties:—Mr J. H. Pagni's interest in the Oriental Hotel, Willis-street, Wellington, to Mr George Edwards, late of Blenheim; Mr Joseph Cody's interest in the Commonwealth Hotel, New Plymouth, to Mr Thomas Nicholas, late of Hastie's Hotel, Feilding; Mrs Caldwell's interest in the Pahautanui Hotel to Mr Matthew Moynihan, late of Dilmanstown Hotel, West Coast; Mr F. P. Ross's interest in the Ship Hotel, Port Nelson, to Mr William Fitzgerald, lately manager of the Stoke Industrial School; Mr R. J. Paul's interest in the Globe Hotel, Renwicktown, to Mrs Kimpton, late of Wellington; Mr Gleeson's interest in the Albion Hotel, Napier, to Mrs Caldwell, late of the Pahautanui Hotel; Mr J. H. Fairbairn's interest in the Railway Hotel, Johnsonville, to Mr J. J. Ahlers, contractor, Feilding district; Mr W. Hales's Hotel, Herberville, to Mr Thomas Proctor, late steward of the Working Men's Club, Petone; also the interest of Mrs Fuller in the lease of the Black Horse Hotel, Lincoln-road, Christchurch, to a local buyer.

A HUNDRED TONS OF FOOD A MONTH.

Probably not one passenger in a hundred gives a thought to the magnitude of the catering done by the firms who keep the pantries and storerooms of ocean steamers stocked with foodstuffs. And yet the question of meals is always a vital one to travellers, and the quantity and quality of the food that is supplied while one is crossing the Atlantic interests ascetics as well as gourmets.

Recent inquiries brought to light the fact that the largest steamship afloat uses 100 tons of food every month. This enormous quantity is none too much for hungry passengers and for the crew, who alone number over 500 individuals. The ocean steamships contract with the caterers for a year's supplies, stipulating that the provision must be of the best quality procurable.

One of these caterers is of a statistical turn of mind, and has figured out that if it were incumbent upon him to fill the storerooms of a modern liner with foodstuffs sufficient for a whole year's voyages, it would require a procession of carts drawn by no less than 1000 horses to convey them to the ship, and that this procession would be about four miles long.

He says that the supply of meat for a twelvemonth would comprise 180 tons of beef, 3400 sheep, representing 90 tons of mutton, 120 tons of lamb, and 10,000 pounds each of pork and veal. This would mean an allowance of nearly 20 tons of meat for each voyage, assuming that the ship crossed the Atlantic 20 times (single voyage) during the year.

In addition to this, chickens, ducks, and other poultry and game to the number of 60,000 are used, and 45 tons of fish, fresh and dried, including lobsters and sardines, are needed to satisfy the appetites of the passengers. The morning rasher of bacon or ham condemns 600 innocent pigs to their last squeal, and represents an addition of 25 tons or over to the ship's refrigerator.

The manner in which this caterer added up figures proving the consumption of vegetables was too much for the overtaxed imagination of the reporter, but one fact was noted down, namely, that 600 tons of potatoes are eaten during the year by the ship's patrons.

A supply of flour for this same steamer makes 280 tons of bread, and the quantity of butter used to spread on the staff of life should make the average traveller ashamed to look a cow in the face. Eggs to the number of 300,000, turning the scale at the approximate weight of 13 tons, are also supplied, and 10,000 gallons of milk represent a light estimate of the quantities of lacteal fluid consumed.

The caterer produced bills and papers to prove that he was not exaggerating, and pointed out one document showing that 25 tons of coffee were used in a year on one liner.

He explained that the items mentioned represent only a few of the foodstuffs which he supplies, and he figured out on paper that the tea consumed during the year's voyage would fill a swimming-bath six feet deep and fifty feet long.

HE KEPT THE TREACLE.

A fashionably attired young gentleman dropped into the Gaiety Restaurant in London one afternoon, and, after calling for a glass of vermouth, turned to the company, and offered to bet on a variety of subjects, but found no takers. Glancing round contemptuously, he remarked:

"You don't seem to have much sport in you gentlemen, but I'm bound to make a bet on something. I don't care what it is, or how much it is. Anything you like from a shilling's worth of cigars to a hundred pounds. Who's on?"

Sipping a glass of beer in one corner of the bar-room, sat a plain old gentleman, who looked as though he might be a farmer. He put down his glass and said:—

"Well, sr, I am not in the habit of making bets, but as you so particularly wish it, I don't mind having a little one with you. I'll bet you half-a-crown's worth of cigars that I can your a quart of treacle into your hat, and turn it out a solid lump of candy in two minutes."

"Done!" said the masher, taking off his hat, and handing it to the farmer.

It was a Lincoln and Bennett, a splendid article, that might have been new the day before. The old gentleman took the hat, and requested the bar-keeper to send for a quart of treacle—"none of your golden syrup, but the cheap sort; that's the stuff for this experiment," said he, handing over sixpence to the waiter.

The treacle was brought, and the old gentleman, with a grave and mysterious countenance, poured it into the dandy's hat, while the owner took out his watch to note the time. Giving the hat two or three shakes with Bertram-like adroitness, the experimenter placed it on the table, and stared into it, as if watching the process of solidification.

"Time's up," said the dandy.

The old gentleman moved the hat. "Well, it don't seem to be hard yet," said he in a disappointed tone. "I've missed it, somehow or other, this time, so I suppose I've lost the bet. Barkeeper, let the gentleman have the cigars—half-a-crown's worth and here's your money."

"Confound your cigars!" roared the masher, "you've spoiled a new hat, and you must pay for it."

"That wasn't in the bargain," dryly answered the old gentleman, "but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll let you keep the treacle."

THE BUTCHER'S WARNING.

A young lad presented himself at the shop of a Smithdown-road butcher, and, when the burly proprietor appeared, gave a small order.

"You don't buy so much meat now as you did," remarked the butcher.

"No," responded the lad; "it's because father has become a vegetarian."

"Well, my lad," came the grave retort, "you give your father warning from me, that, as a rule, vegetarians come to a violent end. Take a bullock—'e's a vegetarian. Wot's the result? Why, 'e's cut off sudden, in his very prime."

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We have all heard of the poisoned spears, darts and arrows used by many tribes of savages. The most common mode of poisoning these articles is to thrust them into a dead human body and leave them there until the flesh is completely decomposed. Some tribes consider that there is a special virtue in the corpse of a chief, when used for this purpose, and that the greater the chief the more dangerous to their enemies will be the weapons thus prepared. Whether the body is that of a chief for that of a slave matters not at all. In either case a most malignant poison results from the decomposition, and the slightest scratch from spear, dart or arrow treated in this manner is fatal to a human being or any other living animal.

Dangerous as are the poisons created by the decomposition of animal matter, the poisons made by each of us every moment we live are equally deadly, and their evil work is wrought within ourselves. If all our organs are thoroughly healthy, the poisons which are being continuously made, are expelled, and we suffer no hurt. It should therefore be our first care to see that the organs, whose duty it is to remove these poisons, are kept in efficient working order.

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

The lungs are vigorous organs, and speedily advise us of anything which is impeding their action, whilst the skin will usually perform its duty if kept in a state of cleanliness. The kidneys and liver, on the other hand, are generally not able to directly call our attention to any weakness or disease in themselves, and it is only by studying symptoms produced by their irregularity that we become aware of their incapacity to do their work.

The kidneys filter and extract from the blood about three pints of urine every day. In this quantity of urine are dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten to twelve grains in weight, of uric acid, together with other animal and mineral matter varying from a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. When the kidneys are in health, all this solid matter is in solution and is invisible. Directly the kidneys, through either weakness or disease, become unfit to do their duty properly, a proportion of the solid matter remains in the blood, becomes actively poisonous and causes us to suffer from uric disorders such as Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Gravel, Stone, Bladder Troubles, and Bright's Disease. A simple test to make as to the condition of the kidneys is to place some urine, passed the first thing in the morning in a covered glass, and let it stand until next morning. If it is then cloudy, or there is a brick-dust like sediment, or if particles float about in it, or it is of an unnatural colour, the kidneys are not healthy, and no time must be lost in adopting remedial measures, or Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some less serious but more painful illness will result.

The Liver.—In the liver various substances are actually made from the blood. Two or three pounds of bile are thus made from the blood every day. The liver takes sugar from the blood, converts it into another form, and stores it up so as to be able to again supply it to the blood, gradually, as the latter requires enrichment. The liver changes uric acid, which is insoluble, and the liver also deals with blood corpuscles which have lived their life and are useful no longer. When the liver is inactive or diseased we suffer from Indigestion, Biliousness, Anaemia, Sick Headache, and Blood Disorders.

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THE "GLASS" OF FASHION.

An English paper says:—"Sherry little drunk, claret certainly not increasing, champagne as much as ever, but fewer private customers owing to dining out, and an increase in port, which till recently steadily decreased, are the 'fashions' in wine-drinking in London at the moment. In fact, nearly as remarkable as the decrease in the nation's drink bill dwelt upon by Mr Asquith in his Budget speech has been the change in the items of the bill. Even whisky is not so universal as it was, said the proprietor of one of the best-known brands. This is due to the increasing popularity of mineral waters and of lager beer. The decline of brandy is due not only to the change in popular taste, but also to the rise in price caused by the ravages of the phylloxera 20 years ago. Rum is still drunk by the working classes, it appears, but only in winter.

A GOOD JOB.

Mrs. Casey: "Sure, th' goat has ate all av Maggie's piano music."

Mr. Casey: "Thank hivin. Now, if he'd only ate th' pianny, Oi'd pension him for loife."

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Second Boy: "Of course. You didn't suppose she'd leave it hangin' out at night unless your father was in prison, did ye?"

SKIM MILK.

A farmer's wife found her new Scotch servant in the dairy before a milkpan, skimming the cream off with her finger and putting it into her mouth, "Oh, 'Lisbeth," she exclaimed, "I don't like that."

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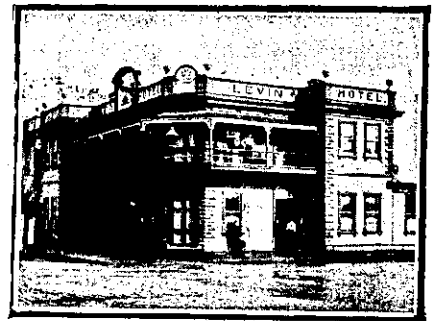
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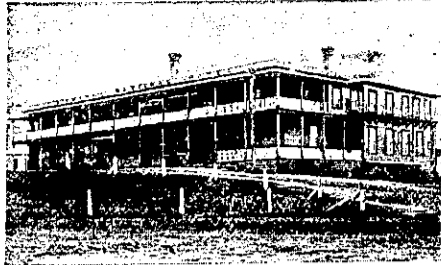
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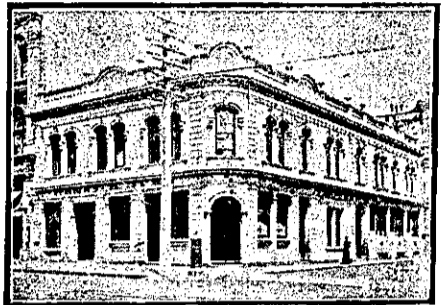
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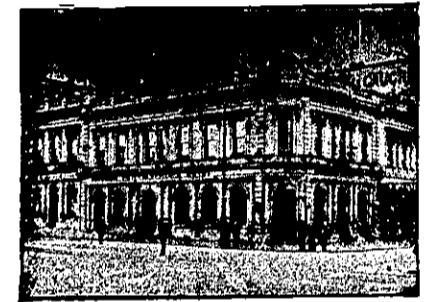
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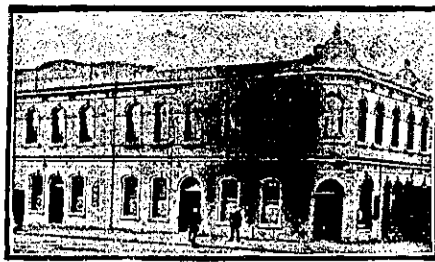
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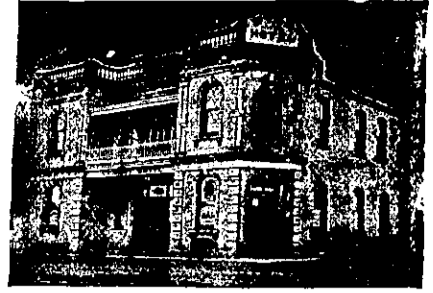
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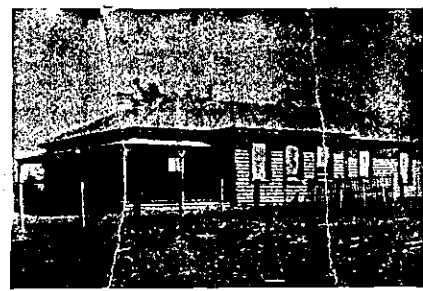
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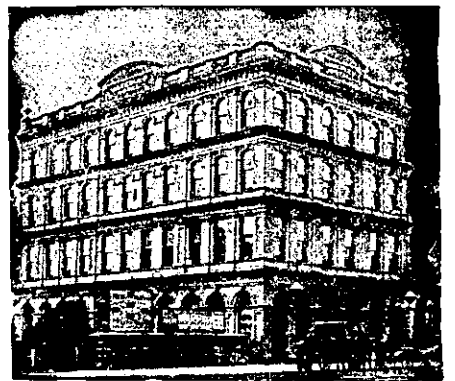
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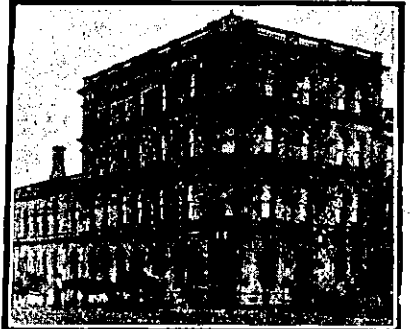
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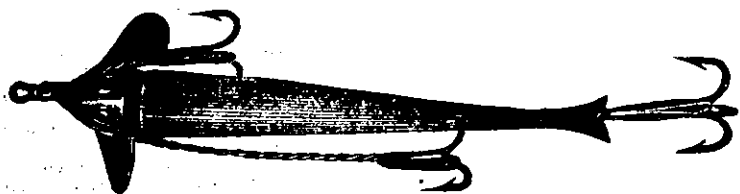
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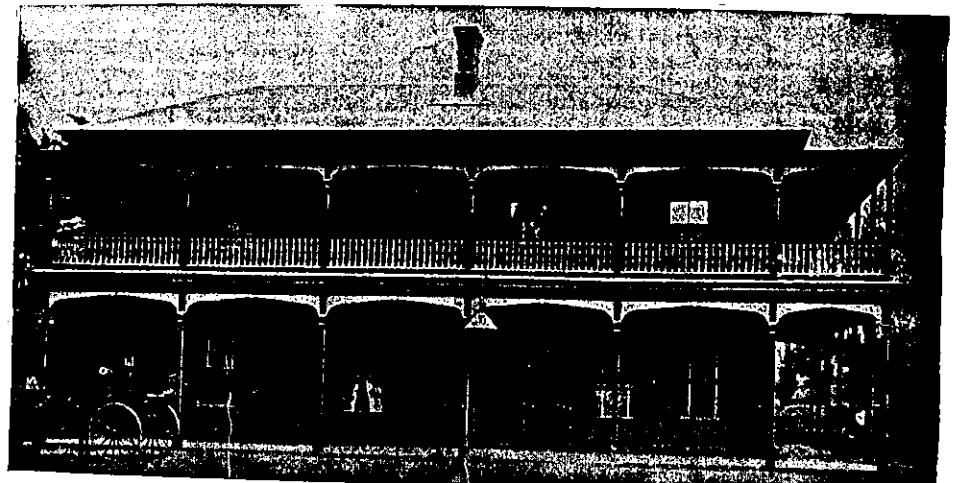
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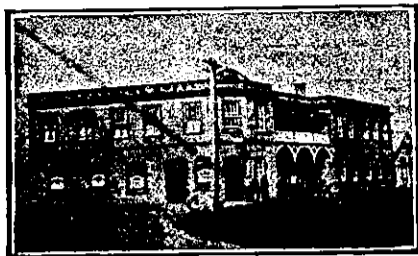
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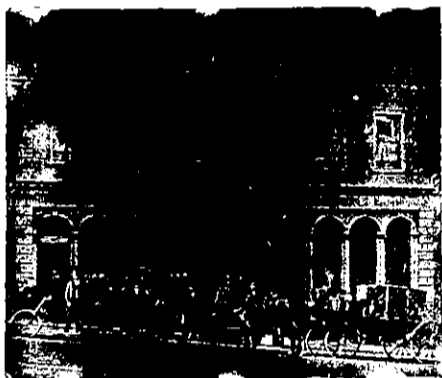
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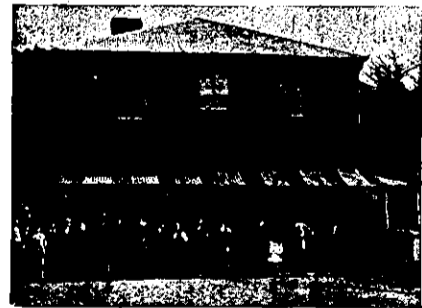
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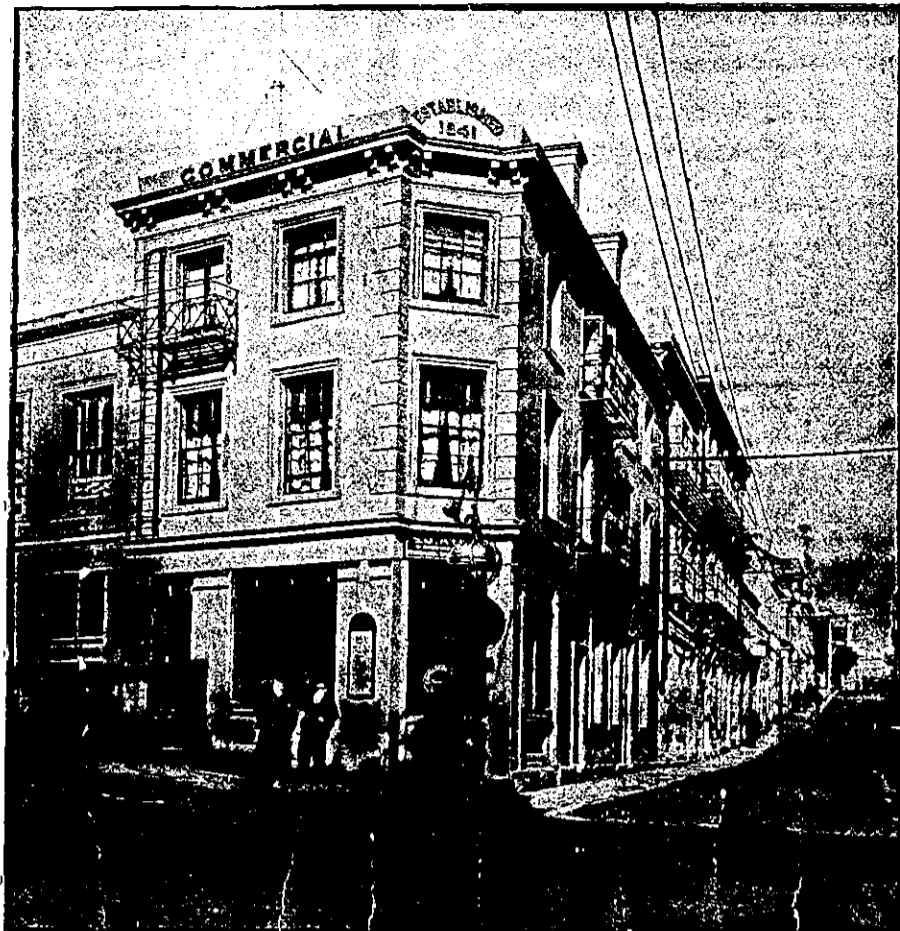
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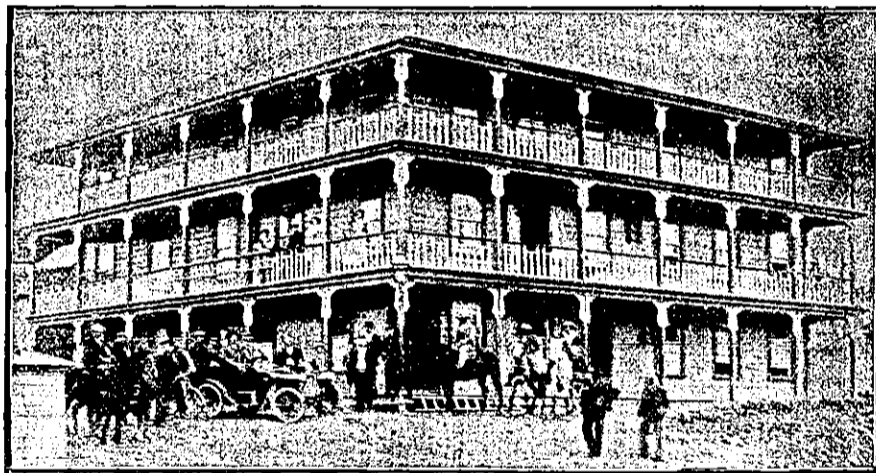
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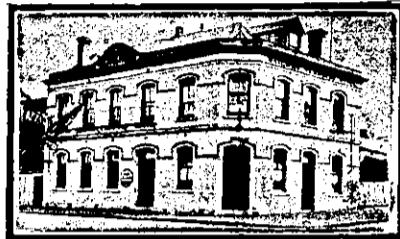
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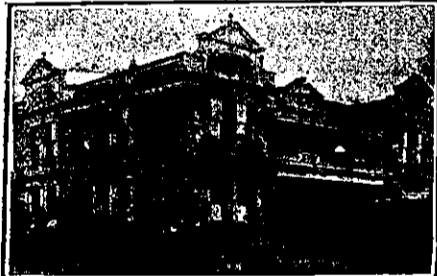
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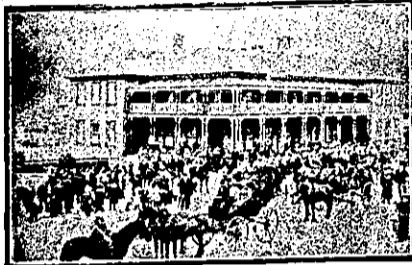
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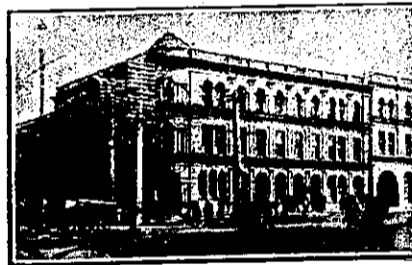
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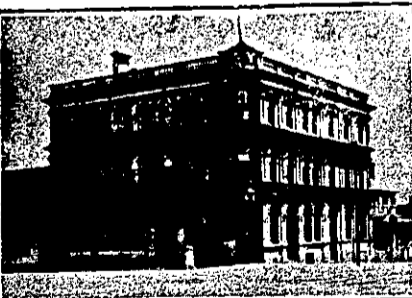


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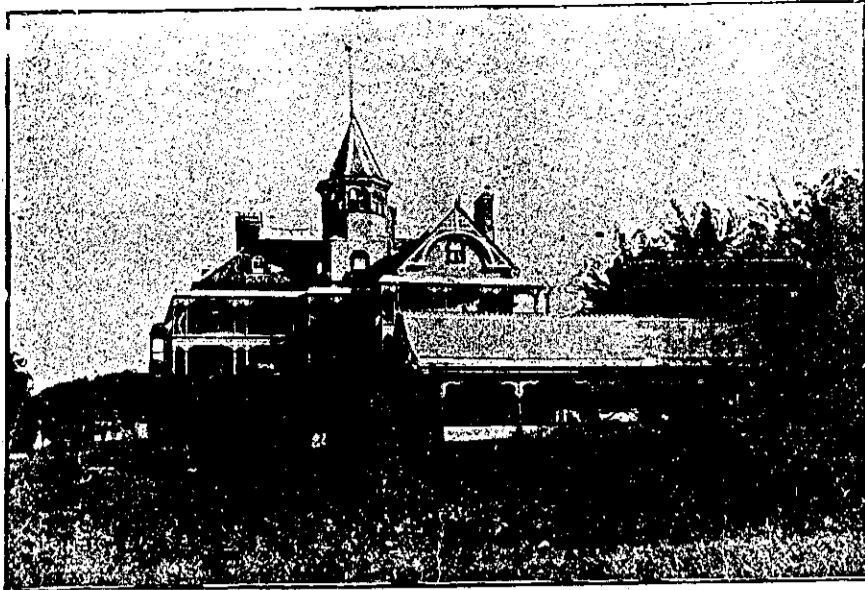
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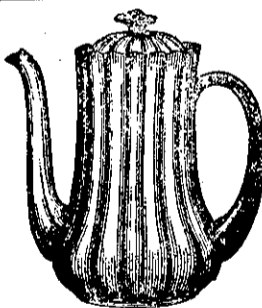


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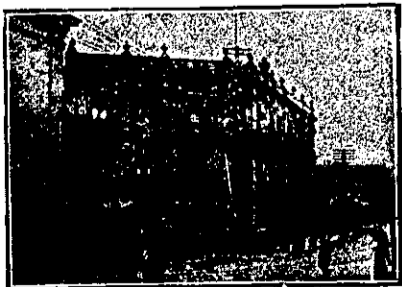
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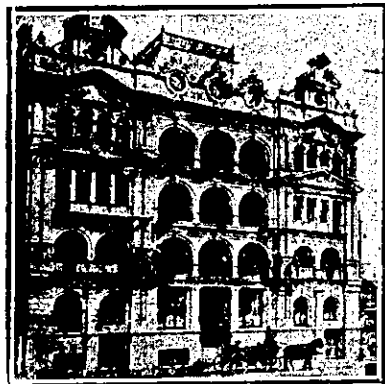
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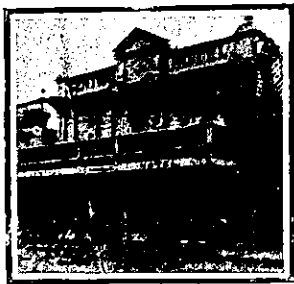
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Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public at a Moderate Tariff.
Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table.
Ample Stabling and Paddockings. Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.
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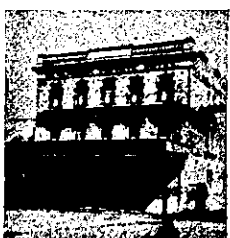
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Most Up-to-date Private Hotel in the Colonies. Smoking Rooms, Writing Rooms, Drawing Rooms and Lounge. Beautiful Roof Garden, reached by electric lift.
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Trams pass the Hotel every few minutes. One of the best-built Hotels in the Wellington District. First-class Table kept and Reasonable Tariff. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits Stocked. Only Speight's Best Draught Ales on Tap.
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MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished.
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First-class Accommodation for Boarders and the Travelling Public.
GOOD TABLE. MODERATE TARIFF.
Baths: Hot, Cold and Shower.
Trams to all parts of Town and Suburbs at corner.
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CUBA-STREET, WELLINGTON.
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Letters and Telegrams punctually attended to.
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LIBERAL CUISINE. TERMS MODERATE.

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METROPOLITAN HOTEL, WANGANUI.
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This Commodious and well-furnished Family and Commercial Hotel is only a half-minute's walk from the Railway Station and Wharves. The Cuisine is in charge of an Experienced Chef. Visitors may rely on receiving every attention. Night Porter. Best of Wines, Spirits, etc. P.O. Box 138. 'Phone 84. Tariff, 6s; weekly by arrangement.

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(Two Min. walk from Queen's Wharf.)
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ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT.
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THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.
T. CHILDS Proprietor.
The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

WAITOTARA HOTEL, WAITOTARA.
Has been brought thoroughly Up-to-date and offers First-class Accommodation to Travellers.
Best of Wines and Spirits. Speight's XXX Ales always on Tap.

GEO. McARTHUR Proprietor. (Late of Wellington).

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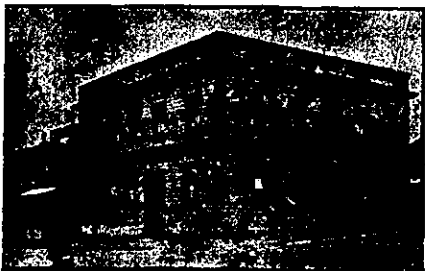
The EMPIRE is the appointed Hotel to the Wellington Commercial Travellers' Association and N.Z. Cyclists' Touring Club.

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PRINCESS THEATRE HOTEL, TORY-STREET, WELLINGTON.

First-class Accommodation at a Moderate Tariff.
Every Attention and all Home Comforts.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the Best Quality.

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ALBION HOTEL, WANGANUI. (Opposite the Courthouse and Public Library).
PETER HARTSHORN
Desires to intimate to friends and the public generally that he has had the premises thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout. The Best Wines and Spirits stocked. Speight's and Swan's Ales always on tap. Cuisine a Speciality. Luncheon from 12 to 2 o'clock. Excellent Accommodation for Boarders. Every convenience. Telephone.
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NEW CRITERION HOTEL, RIDGWAY-STREET, WANGANUI.
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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. EXCELLENT CUISINE.
DINNER. 12 TO 2.
Tariff, 6s per Day. 'Phone, 225. P.O. Box 147.
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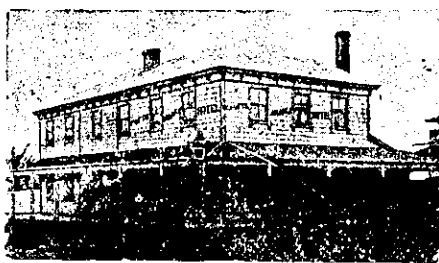
RAILWAY HOTEL (Opp. Railway Station), MARTON JUNCTION.
W. CLARKE Proprietor.

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

HOTELS FOR SALE.—Suburban 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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THE NEW "TROCADERO" TEMPERANCE HOTEL, EGMONT-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.
(One Minute from Railway Station).
Every convenience provided for the Travelling Public. Meals, 1s; Beds, 1s 6d. Meals served on arrival of trains and steamers. New Building with brick walls. Complete fire escapes. Commodious and airy bedrooms and sitting-rooms. Hot, cold, and shower baths. Terms: From 4s 6d per day; weekly as per arrangement.
HALE & CO., Proprietors.



A COMFORTABLE HOSTELRY.

CHARLES POTTS
BEGS to intimate that he has entered into possession of the
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Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs of the choicest quality. The Cuisine is under the management of an Experienced Chef. Hot Lunch Daily from 12.30. Saturday and Sale Days from 12. Tariff, 5s Per Day.

INGLEWOOD COFFEE PALACE (2 Min. from Railway Station).

F. C. BENNETT .. Proprietor.

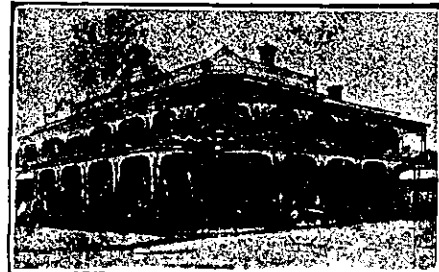
36 Bedrooms, Commercial, Smoking, and Sitting Rooms. Large Dining Hall, Hot and Cold Water Baths. Excellent Cuisine. Terms: 4s 6d Per Day. Boarders as per arrangement.

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.

When doing business with our Advertisers, kindly mention this paper.

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RED HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

EDWIN WHITTLE .. Proprietor.
Rebuilt and Refurnished, this well-known Hostelry now contains every comfort for guests. The liquors stocked are the Choicest to be bought in the Market.
PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

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CHAS. A. HARRISON .. Proprietor.
First-class Accommodation for Travellers. Moderate Tariff.
Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., best quality procurable.

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All Wines and Spirits stocked of the Best Quality. Twenty-year-old Guaranteed Liqueur Whisky a Specialty. Paul's XXXX Ales.

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

Situated three minutes' walk from the Wharf. Only the best of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. Excellent Accommodation and Good Fishing.
Telephone, 152.

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.

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MRS. TODD begs to announce that she has purchased Mr. McLennan's interest in the above hotel, and that she intends to run it on up-to-date lines. The house is being thoroughly renovated, and patrons may rely upon getting comfortable rooms. Only the best wines and spirits are kept in stock. A first-class table. Tariff: 4s 6d a day.
MRS. TODD (late of Railway Hotel, Palmerston), Proprietress

IMPERIAL HOTEL,

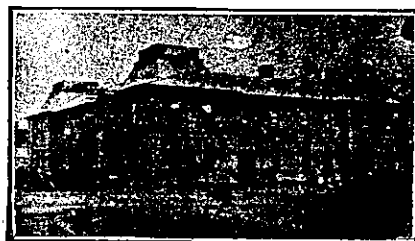
DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

JAMES SMITH Proprietor.

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

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

Terms, 6s 6d per day. Telephone 123. Box 83.



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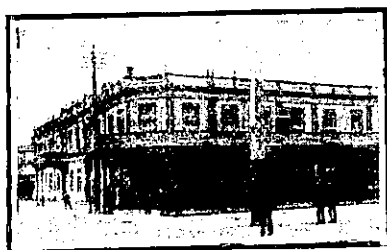
A. J. JURY Proprietor.
The Proprietor (lately of the Okalawa Hotel, and formerly of the Shamrock), begs to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken over the above popular Hotel, and trusts that, by strict attention to their comfort, and by keeping only the best of liquors, to retain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



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, NORMANBY.

FRED. W. BRUNETTE Proprietor.
The Proprietor begs to inform the public generally that he has taken over the above hotel, and by keeping the best of Liquors and Table hopes to merit a share of patronage. First-class accommodation paddocks. Stabling second to none.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.



CRITERION HOTEL, NAPIER.

First-class Accommodation for Tourists, Families and Commercial Men.

S. CHARLTON Proprietor.

TARADALE HOTEL, TARADALE (NEAR NAPIER).

This Hotel just rebuilt and refurnished in modern style, offers excellent Accommodation to the Travelling Public. Hot and Cold Baths. Liquors of the best brands procurable. Splendid and ample paddocking, stables and loose boxes.

A. FITZWILLIAM .. Proprietor.

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Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels),

HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which is now replete with every comfort and convenience, and he will be glad to see all friends, both new and old. First-class Accommodation for Boarders and Travellers. Terms Moderate. Luncheon 12 noon to 2 p.m. Robjohns' Prize Ale on draught. Ward's, Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

RAILWAY HOTEL, HASTINGS,

PERCY MARTIN .. Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation to the Travelling Public.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands. First-class Billiard Rooms.

PACIFIC HOTEL

HASTINGS.

A. ELLINGHAM

(Late of Stortford Lodge Hotel).

Is now Proprietor of this well-known Hostelery. The Hotel has been refurnished throughout and made thoroughly up-to-date as a Family and Commercial Hotel.

Splendid Loose-box Accommodation for Visiting Trainers.

Telephone Communication between Napier and Hastings.

All Telegrams carefully attended to.

ALF. ELLINGHAM Proprietor.

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CARLYLE-STREET, NAPIER

(Right opposite Recreation Ground).

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ANDREWS' HOTEL, DANNEVIRKE.

Patronised in London by H.M. King Edward VII.

The appointed House for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association. Large Sample Rooms.

W. E. ANDREWS, Owner.

CLUB HOTEL, DANNEVIRKE.

J. HALLIGAN Proprietor.

This Well-known Establishment, which adjoins Dannevirke Railway Station, offers unsurpassed Accommodation to Travellers and the General Public.

ONLY BEST QUALITIES OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

TAVISTOCK HOTEL,

WAIPIKURAU.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

Benzine and Naphtha stocked for the convenience of Motorists.

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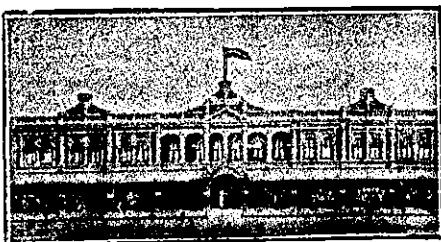
COMMERCIAL HOTEL WAIPAWA.

Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the Public.

WINES, SPIRITS and BEER OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. PELLOW Proprietor.

CANTERBURY PROVINCE.



TROCADERO PRIVATE HOTEL, MANCHESTER-STREET, CHRISTCHURCH. (One Min. Walk from Railway Station).

R. C. DAVID .. Proprietor. First-class Accommodation for Permanent and Travelling Public. Motor Buses Pass the Door Every Few Minutes. Luncheon from 12 to 2 p.m. Furnished in the Best Style. Hot and Cold Shower Baths. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention. Night Porter in Attendance. Phone 1591. MODERATE TARIFF.

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Close to Railway Station, and offering Excellent Accommodation to Travellers.

Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths. Best Brands of Liquors Stocked. Moderate Tariff.

E. WARD .. Proprietor.

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VISITORS to above Hotel will find a Comfortable HOME, with Moderate Tariff.

EDWARD POWER (late Dunedin), Proprietor.



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Visitors to this spacious Hotel receive every possible attention and modern comfort. Letters and telegrams are promptly attended to. Telephone 795.

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Recently Re-built. Superior Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. All Modern Conveniences. Splendidly Situated. D. COLLINS .. Proprietor.



MARINE HOTEL, SUMNER.

An Ideal Holiday Resort, offering excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public. BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS. BILLIARD TABLE. MRS. A. FIELDER .. Proprietress.

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Off Papanui Road, CHRISTCHURCH.

AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE.

Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and Great Variety. Manning's Ales on Draught.

H. PIPER .. Proprietor.

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Beautifully situated, facing Caroline Bay (the favourite seaside resort). MR. E. TASKER (late of Winchester) has taken over the above, which has been renovated and refurnished throughout, and now offers excellent Accommodation to the travelling public. The Ales, Wines, and Spirits are the best procurable, and there is good stabling.

E. TASKER .. Proprietor.

EXCELSIOR HOTEL (late Criterion), TIMARU.

Completely Re-built internally, and Re-furnished throughout. Special attention being given to ventilation, makes this one of the healthiest Hotels in New Zealand. Every room fire-proof.

Hot and Cold Baths.

Best of Wines and Spirits.

Speight's and Timaru Ale on Draught. Terms: 7s 6d per Diem. Special arrangement by the week.

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OTAGO PROVINCE.

METROPOLE PRIVATE HOTEL, 226, PRINCES-ST., DUNEDIN. (3 Minutes from Post Office).

Mrs. WATTS FOR FAMILIES, TOURISTS, VISITORS, AND COMMERCIALS.

TARIFF FROM 4s 6d PER DAY. Permanent Boarders special arrangement.

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Good Accommodation for Travelling Public. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits Kept.

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NELSON PROVINCE.

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This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson, for Tourists and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr. H. Baigent. The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated, and all the Rooms are being Refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

BUSH TAVERN, GROVE-STREET, NELSON.

One of the oldest established Houses in Nelson, offering Good Accommodation. Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits.

W. J. ARNOLD..... Proprietor.

SOUTHLAND PROVINCE.

THE NEW CLUB HOTEL, BLUFF.

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Lighted throughout with Electric Light.

A New Town Hall has lately been erected by the above Proprietor.

WESTLAND PROVINCE.



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PALMERSTON-STREET

WESTPORT.

DAVID LEECH Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4s 6d PER DIEM.

R. DUNPHY Proprietor.



EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT.

H. McMASTER .. Proprietor. (Late Chief Steward White Star Line and N.Z. Shipping Company).

Recently Re-furnished and Renovated throughout. This Hotel will be found to offer every Modern convenience to Commercial Travellers and Visitors. Night Porter kept. Cuisine a Speciality. Two Alcock's Billiard Tables. Six Sample Rooms. Good Stabling. Speight's Beer always on Draught.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, REVELL-STREET, HOKITIKA.

THOS. PALMER .. Proprietor. (Late Cameron's Hotel).

This Hotel is situated next to Cameron's Stables, and has been renovated throughout, and has every convenience for Travellers, Tourists, and the General Public. Hot and Cold Water Baths. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. Only the Very Best of Wines, Spirits, and Ales kept. Board and Lodging, Moderate Charge; Permanent Boarders by arrangement.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF ST., HOKITIKA.

Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the best accommodation at a moderate tariff. Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procurable. Cuisine excellent, under the personal supervision of Mrs. Woolhouse. Tariff, 5s per diem; £1 1s per week.

Mrs. N. W. WOOLHOUSE, Proprietress.