

BILLIARDS.

(By "Pyramid.")

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

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TO BILLIARDROOM PROPRIETORS.

All Billiardroom Proprietors are invited to attend the Adjourned Meeting at the Waitemata Hotel at 3 p.m. on FRIDAY, October 26.

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It is probable that a big match may shortly eventuate between the N.S.W. champion Frank Smith and young Fred Lindrum, of Westralia, for £200 a-side. The latter has been doing great things in the West lately, making such breaks as 250 (unfinished), and 171 off the red. In a recent big game he averaged 28 per cue, so that it is very evident Smith will have no cake walk if the match comes off.

Mr Walter Heiron, of the well known Sydney firm of Heiron and Smith, who has just returned from a visit to England, will be in Wellington next week.

The amateur championships of Australasia will be played in Melbourne during Cup week. Herbert Rumball is spoken of as a likely winner.

Matters have been fairly quiet in the world of billiards lately, and there is very little of interest to report, although countless games have been played at the various rooms.

The meeting convened by Mr B. Ford to form an Association of Billiard Room Proprietors, lapsed for want of a quorum. It will take place to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 p.m. It appears to me that the scope of the proposed Association might be extended. The formation of an Auckland Billiard Association open to all players, the membership fee for which might be nominal, would be a big step in pushing along the best interests of the pastime.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

The yachting season in the Waitemata opens on the 9th prox.

A number of yachts have already been launched, and others are going down daily. Thelma was put afloat during the week, while others hauled up at North Shore will be at moorings before long.

The Royals are holding an impromptu cruising race to Kawau on the 10th. Quite a number of entries are expected.

Messrs W. Bloomfield and J. Moody have joined the committee of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron, and will represent the power launch section.

Mr Winkleman's 20ft. boat (2 h.p. Union) is completed and is a smart little packet. By her aid her popular owner should be able to secure some more yachting studies. "Snapshot" would be a suitable name.

The big three-masted scow Zingara was under weigh on Sunday for the first time and showed great speed down the wind.

There are rumours of a four-handed go between new launches just completed at Logan Bros. yards. The boats mentioned are Mr Gifford's 35ft. launch (12 h.p. Thorneycroft), Mr Heinrich's 38ft. launch (15 h.p. Union), Mr Woodhouse's 35ft. launch (10 h.p. Union), and Mr Worrall's 35ft. launch (16 h.p. Eagle). These four should make a good race.

The 10ft. dingy, built by Mr J. Reid, and engined by Messrs Ryan and Co. with a 1½ h.p. auto-marine engine, is on view at the Power Boat Association's rooms. There will be keen competition for its possession.

Commodore Whitley, of the N.Z.P.B.A., has placed an order with Messrs Ryan and Co. for a 20 h.p. three cylinder Union engine of the latest design. The boat itself, a larger one than Matareka, will shortly be commenced.

T. M. Lane and Sons have on hand a 22ft. boat for Mr Atkinson, which will have a 3 h.p. Zealandia motor, a 28ft. fishing boat (5 h.p. Zealandia), and a 22ft. launch for Mr Wymer, of Tamaki.

The s.s. Rakaia will bring down on her next trip a 25 h.p. four cylinder Thorneycroft marine motor of the latest design, this being the first of the new pattern to be imported to this colony by Messrs Ryan and Co.

A very handsome yachting picture was sent to the Christchurch Exhibition on Saturday by Mr R. Logan, junr. It is in the brush of Mr Steele, who has given a spirited study of Ariki, Rainbow, Thelma and Moana racing in the Rangitoto Channel. A beautiful model of the first named also went south at the same time, and it is safe to say both exhibits will be greatly admired.

Among the boats under construction at the Central Boating Company (Mr J. Reid) are a 25ft. launch (10 h.p. Regal) for Onehunga, a 28ft tunnel launch for Rotorua, and a 34ft launch (20 h.p. Regal) for an Auckland owner.

A visit to Charles Bailey, junr.'s, yard disclosed quite a fleet of launches in various stages of completion. Mr Hayr's Waitiri is hauled up for repairs.

Bailey and Lowe last week launched the Sunbeam, a handsome 24ft boat built for Mr F. H. Eaton of Remuera. A 22ft launch (2½ h.p. Hercules) has also gone afloat. Messrs Stewart and Smith's 28ft boat (8 h.p. Eagle) is ready for launching. Another of similar type is awaiting her engines, a 8 h.p. Hercules. On the

stocks are a 40ft. tunnel launch for Messrs Kusabs and Insley, of Rotorua; a 30ft. torpedo stern launch (7 h.p. Eagle) for Mr Brun, of Newton. Quite a number more orders have been booked.

Bailey and Lowe shipped away on Tuesday two pleasure boats for the Union Boat Club of Wanganui.

The West End Rowing Club will open the season on Saturday next.

The following are the season's fixtures of the New Zealand Power Boat Association:—November 9, opening day; November 17, race for motor dingy presented by Messrs Reid, Whitson, and Spinks; December 1, launch picnic; December 8, race for vice-commodore's cup; January 26, race for Standard engine cup and Messrs E. Porter and Co.'s trophy; February 2, launch picnic; February 16, race for Mr J. J. Craig's cup; February 23, race for commodore's cup; March 2, launch picnic; March 16, race for Union gas engine cup; March 30, general picnic.

The annual meeting of the Manukau Yacht Club was held on Friday evening in the Public Hall club room. Mr J. W. Whyte, president of the club, occupied the chair. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £7 9s 11d. The president was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and Mr Chas. Skinner was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Messrs Ryan and Co. have imported a 20 h.p. Minerva car of the latest pattern. It is a side entrance car to carry five, and an authority like Mr J. Moody has expressed the opinion that it is one of the very best which have come to the colony.

Mr Whitson (of Ryan and Co.) is importing a 30 h.p. four-cylinder Oldsmobile for his own use. This fine car is due in about three weeks.

Mrs Donnelly, of Hawke's Bay, is an ardent motorist, and already has several cars. It is said she has given an order for a 60 h.p. Cadillac.

Nothing further has been heard of the talked of match between T. Larcombe (N.S.W.) and R. W. Morgan (Vic.) for £100. These two crack road riders started off scratch in the recent Dunlop Road Race from Warrnambool to Melbourne, but the result was inconclusive as regards proving which was the better man over the distance. The supporters of the New South Wales champion then offered to match Larcombe to beat Morgan for £100 in a long distance road match. Morgan and his supporters accepted the challenge, specifying the same course over which the recent Dunlop Road Race was held. It was proposed that the match should be unpaced, the men to leave Warrnambool an hour apart, the rider establishing fastest time to be the winner. Such a match would be of considerable interest, and as the two men are first class road riders and good stayers, a keen struggle would be assured.

Our old friend, T. Robl, who has played an important part towards raising the world's hour paced cycle record to its present high figures, has announced his intention of making an attempt at an early date to better the new figures established by Paul Guignard, viz., 59 miles 30½ yards. In reference to this wonderful ride, Guignard, whilst being interviewed recently, stated that before the close of the season he hoped to accomplish the long cherished ambition of the world's crack pace follower by cramming 100 kilometres, equivalent to 62 miles, into 60 minutes.

A recent inspection of the course selected for the 1000 Miles Dunlop Reliability Motor Contest to be held around Victoria next November, proved the route to be an ideal straight stretches of fine level and undulating roads, along which one can see for miles ahead, and being unbordered by hedges motorists can indulge in speed, travelling to their hearts' content on the open roads that are little used by other traffic. It is safe to say that over 900 miles of the route can be classed as good, and eminently suited for motor touring. Some of the best Western District roads, which comprises parts of the course, can be compared to the fine French roads on which such fast speeds have been accomplished in the great Continental speed contest.

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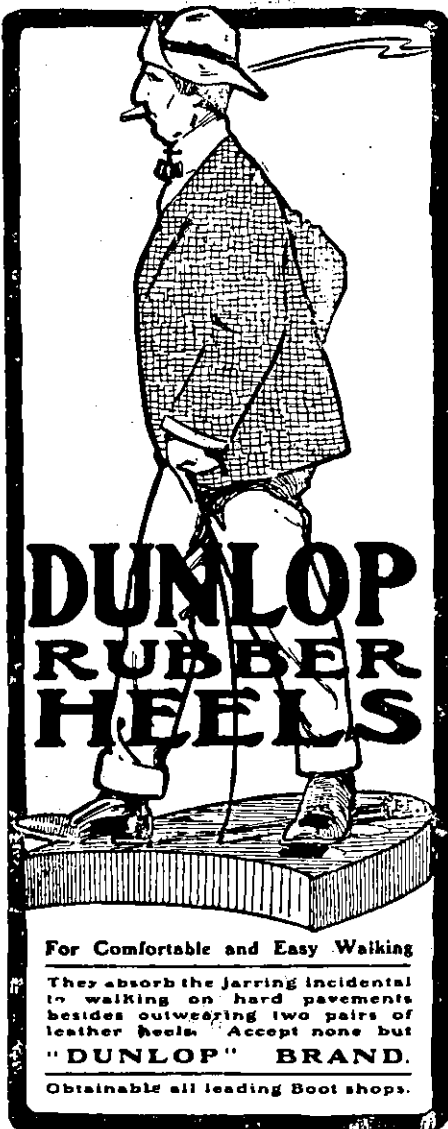
The "Scottish Cup" for the vehicle showing the lowest fuel consumption per ton-mile over the whole trial was gained by the 10 h.p. Darracq driven by Mr. Andrew Brown. This vehicle achieved the noteworthy performance of only burning .02395 gallon per ton-mile, or 41.7 ton-miles per gallon of fuel, but the car actually covered 38.1 miles per gallon, which, considering the country traversed, is truly remarkable. — "The World," Aug. 7, 1906.

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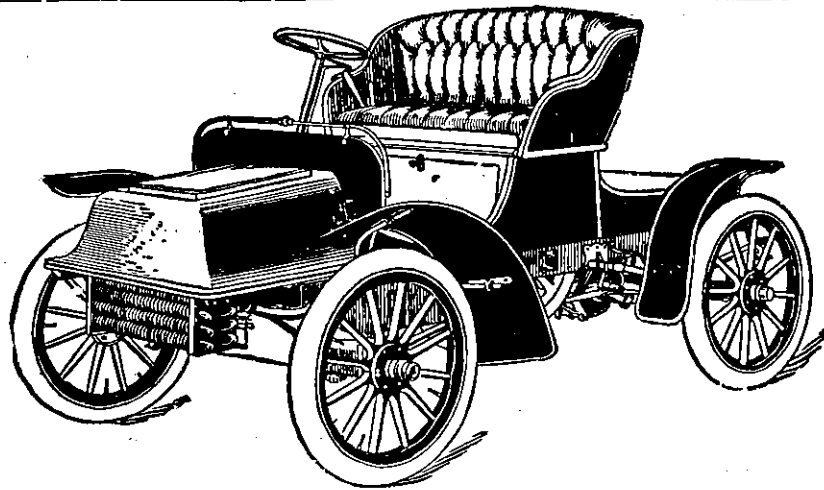


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